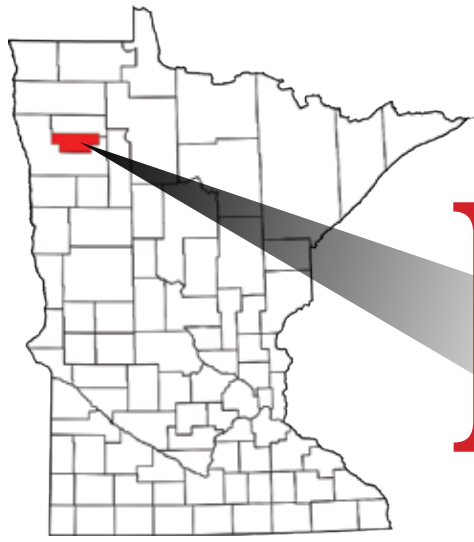




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Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Oklee gets a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus

On Saturday, December 2, 2023 the day started with the Salem WELCA holding their annual Christmas Cookie Sale at the Oklee Hall. There is always a wonderful selection of treats and they are always sold out before Santa arrives.

The families start arriving along with their children and many other people from the area gather to watch the children visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Miss Sydney Melby gathers the children to the stage and encourages them to sing Christmas songs. When Santa is near, they get excited.



Salem Church ladies were selling Christmas Cookies!



Sydney Melby did an awesome job singing Christmas songs for young and old!



Waylon Voeltz sitting on Santa's lap!



Santa, Mrs. Claus and a couple of "helper" Elves. Orin and Patrick Weber.



"Little" Luke Newton with Mr. and Mrs. Claus!



Conner and Jacob Hince with Santa.



Helping do the "hand jive" for one of Sydney's songs were Olivia Vettleson, Ava Kolstoe, and Vanessa Majeres.



Cooper and Jack Lee.

Santa is coming to local towns



In Brooks: Santa is coming to the Community Center on December 10th starting at 4:30 p.m. A meal will be served at 5 p.m., Door Prizes at 5:30 and Santa & Mrs. Clause

In Plummer: The Holiday Train is coming on December 14th. This yearly event is a must go to - for the entertainment on the train, Santa is there, Carolers are singing, the Tri River Pioneer Museum is open and there is food. This event usually starts around 4 p.m. and the train comes in at 6:00 p.m. with the show starting between 6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Plummer, Minn. Main railway crossing on Central Avenue.

In Red Lake Falls: Holly Dazzle/Santa at City Hall on December 16th starting at 3:00 p.m. Watch for more details later on the Holly Dazzle/Santa Day.



Holiday Train Rolls In Tuesday, December 14th in Plummer

All aboard! The Canadian Pacific Holiday Train will stop in 20 Minnesota towns on its annual ride (2023 is its 25th anniversary!) through the northern U.S., bringing live entertainment and Christmas cheer in exchange for donations to local food banks.

The Holiday Train is a great way to get into the festive spirit. It's about 1,000 feet in length with 14 brightly decorated rail cars. Each one is lit with hundreds of thousands of LEDs and holiday designs celebrating the spirit of the giving season.

Depending on the day, visitors can enjoy free musical performances by Dallas Smith and MacKenzie Porter. Any food or cash donations will also benefit the local community.

Please note: You don't actually get to ride the Holiday Train. It's more of a pop-up concert experience. Or as the railway says, "A typical Holiday Train event goes something like this: The train arrives and pulls to a safe stop in front of the crowd. The stage door lowers and the band opens with its first song, followed by a brief presentation with the local food bank officials and other dignitaries on stage. Once the presentation is done the band resumes the show, singing a mix of traditional and modern holiday-themed songs, and popular original songs. After the final song the boxcar door closes and the train is on its way to the next stop."

Local Schedule:
6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Plummer, Minn. Main railway crossing on Central Avenue.

The 2023 CPKC Holiday Train tours Canada and the United States Nov. 20 through Dec. 19, raising money, food and awareness for the important work that food banks do in their communities. Professional musicians play free concerts from the brightly decorated train's stage. CPKC makes a donation to the local food shelf at each stop and encourages attendees to also donate.

Since its inception in 1999, the CPKC Holiday Train has raised more than \$22.5 million and more than 5 million pounds of food for community food banks across North America.

"The Holiday Train program is close to the hearts of our CPKC family. Our railroaders take great joy in joining communities across our network as they come together in the giving spirit of the holidays," said CPKC President and CEO Keith Creel. "We are proud to support local food banks as we fight food insecurity by collecting food and raising money and awareness. I am grateful to all the railroaders and community members who have supported the Holiday Train over the past quarter century and made it such a success."

— Keith Creel, CPKC President and Chief Executive Officer



Dallas Smith

Born and raised in British Columbia, Dallas Smith grew up surrounded by music. After getting his start with a Platinum-selling rock band, Smith became one of the most successful Canadian country artists in history. Since making the transition, all 27 of his country singles have cracked the Top 10. He's a JUNO award winner, a three-time CCMA Entertainer of the Year and 2022's CCMA Male Artist of the Year and Fans Choice award winner. After 20-plus years of near-constant evolution, he's currently working on his first fully U.S.-based project, bringing the alt-rock and country fusion that has become his signature.

MacKenzie Porter

Raised on a cattle and bison ranch near Medicine Hat, Alberta, Nashville-based MacKenzie Porter is rising to international acclaim with her radiant country style. She recently scored a six-week #1 with Dustin Lynch's collaboration "Thinking 'Bout You," earning her first #1 in the U.S. Making her mark, Porter became the first female artist to have three consecutive #1 singles on Canadian country radio in 22 years. She has previously shared the stage with Jordan Davis, Kenny Chesney, Rascal Flatts, Chris Lane, Blake Shelton, Dallas Smith, and co-starred in the Netflix series, Travelers.

Weather Forecast

Wed.	43/27°	☁
Thur.	46/32°	☁
Fri.	37/22°	☁
Sat.	29/16°	☁
Sun.	28/15°	☁
Mon.	27/15°	☁
Tues.	23/14°	☁
Wed.	29/17°	☁

Church News

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Dec. 6: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation. 7:00 p.m. Zion WELCA. 7:00 p.m. Salem WELCA.
Sun, Dec. 10: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:30 a.m. Salem Worship. 10:30 a.m. SS at Zion.
Wed, Dec. 13: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Family Service. Sermons are on GVTel Channel 35 (10 am Sunday & 1 pm Wednesday), also on Facebook or YouTube.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Bryan Kujawa
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. St. Francis - Oklee. 10:15 a.m. - Grygla. 12:00 p.m. - Goodridge.
Go to: <http://www.oggcatholic.org/> for service times.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Saturday: St. Joseph RLF 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: Brooks Sunday 8:00 a.m. St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER-BETHANY RLF LUTHERAN PARISH
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Dec. 10: 9 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethany. 7:00 p.m. Worship at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Wed, Dec. 6: Advent Service @ Faith. 6:00 p.m. Meal. 7:00 p.m. Advent Service.
Sun, Dec. 10: Bethany: 8:00 a.m. Worship, 9:00 a.m. Bethany Council; Ekelund: 10:30 a.m. Ekelund SS Practice. Faith: 11:00 a.m. Worship. 4:00 p.m. Ekelund Ss Program (Worship Service).
Mon, Dec. 11: 10:30 a.m. Rachel Circle.
Tue, Dec. 12: 9:30 a.m. Shalom Circle.
Wed, Dec. 13: 5:30 p.m. Bethany Ladies packing Christmas boxes @ Bethany. Advent Services at Faith. 6:30 p.m. Meal, 7:00 p.m. Advent Service.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wed, Dec. 6: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 p.m. Vespers. 7:00 p.m. LYS.
Sat, Dec. 9: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, Dec. 10: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m. SS; Nazareth: 8:45 a.m. SS, 9:45 a.m. Worship. Oak Park: 10 a.m. SS, 11 a.m. Worship.
Wed, Dec. 13: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 p.m. Vespers. 7:00 p.m. LYS.
Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Jarred LeBon, Pastor
Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship.
Tuesdays: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Dec. 6: No Confirmation. 7 p.m. Advent Service at Bethany.
Sun, Dec. 10: 9:00 a.m. Services at Lund. 10:30 a.m. Services at Bethany. 2 p.m. Sand Valley Christmas Program.
Wed, Dec. 13: 2:00 p.m. Lund Ladies Aid, - No Confirmation. 7:00 p.m. Advent Service.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson,
Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.
Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m. Kids, High School & Adult programs.
Services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/bethelfosston>) as an alternative to attending in person.

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Red Lake Falls Library

Just a reminder to those patrons who have signed up for Mosaic Trees: class is on for this Saturday, December 9 beginning at 10:30 am. If you cannot attend, please call the library (218-253-2992) as soon as possible to free up a space for someone on the waiting list.
Storytime for young children continues each Thursday at 2:00 pm, with stories and crafts/activities based on a theme.

The next Kids Art Class is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13 at 10:30 am at the RLF Library. Alyssa Aune, elementary art instructor, will help the children create a holiday picture with oil pastels. This month's project is called "Christmas Cocoa." Children age 7 & up are welcome to join the free class; no need to register. All materials are provided.

Christmas Party



December 13th
9am - 2 PM

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Pennington & Red Lake County Public Health & Home Care

Monthly Dental Clinic are going to be held in the month of December and January. The Services are being provided by Children's Dental Services.
The first one is scheduled for December 19th at the Pennington County Government Center Public Health located at 101 Main Ave N. Thief River Falls. The time is set for 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
You need to call for an appointment and the numbers are: 612-746-1530 or 866-543-6009.
Children's Dental Services

offers hygiene services to children and adults regardless of income level. CDS accepts Medical Assistance, offers income-based, sliding scale for income eligible families.

The January Dental Clinic has been scheduled for January 10th, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the same location. You need to call for an appointment and the numbers are: 612-746-1530 or 866-543-6009.

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Red Lake County Commissioner's Minutes

Pursuant to adjournment of its last meeting, the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the Courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on November 14, 2023, at 10:00 am.
CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Remick called the meeting to order. Commissioners present were Al Remick, Eric Mickelson, Tony Gerardy, Chuck Flage, and Ron Weiss. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Commissioner Flage, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

CITY OF PLUMMER
Mayor Jim Duchamp and Margaret Peterson from the City of Plummer met with the board to discuss the Plummer street improvement project. Duchamp requested clarification regarding the liquidated damages from Davidson Construction. Duchamp also informed the board that pavement work had been completed on the north side of the Plummer school and felt that the city should not be responsible for payment. The board requested Commissioner Weiss contact the school to see if they would be willing to split the cost three ways with the county and the city.

ALEX HINRICHS RE: BUFFER STRIP PENALTIES

Alex Hinrichs met with the board to discuss the penalties he has accrued over the past 5 years due to noncompliance with the State's buffer law. Hinrichs provided the board with evidence to show that he has been trying to correct the situation, but due to drought and flooding has been unable. The board tabled the decision until a representative from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources could appear to provide additional insight. That meeting will be scheduled for a later date.

COUNTY FEEDLOT WORK-PLAN

Peter Curran with the Red Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District met with the board to receive approval of the 2024 and 2025 Delegated County Feedlot Work-plan. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Commissioner Flage, and carried unanimously to approve the plan.

VIRGIL BENOIT RE: STATUE REPAIR

Virgil Benoit met with the board to discuss damage that occurred to the Native American statue at Huot Park and sought advice on how to go

about repairing it. Benoit mentioned Charles Goodwin of Red Lake, Minnesota had offered his assistance in repairing the statue. The board advised Benoit to contact Goodwin to see if he has experience working with bronze and if he still has interest in assisting.

MINUTES
Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Mickelson, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on October 24, 2023.

EXPENDITURES
Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Commissioner Mickelson, and carried unanimously to approve expenditures totaling \$256,916.44. A detailed list is available in the auditor's office or on the county's website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
The following commissioner/committee reports were shared:

Commissioner Report
Gerardy: Red Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District
Mickelson: None
Flage: None
Weiss: Tri-County Corrections
Remick: Damage in County Treasurer's office, personnel committee
AUDITOR ANNOUNCEMENTS
Chief Deputy Auditor Kyle Thibert met with the board to request approval of the 2nd payment to Equity Builders for the courthouse roof project. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerardy, and carried unanimously to approve the payment.

Thibert presented the board with the County's preliminary 2024 budget. Thibert also informed the board that proposed property tax notices would be mailed out to residents on Wednesday, November 22 and the County's proposed property tax meeting is scheduled for December 7th at 6pm.

Thibert informed the board that issues have arisen at Huot Park with garbage and stressed that the board continues searching for new Park Board members so that problems can be resolved as they come up.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Weiss, seconded by Commissioner Flage, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:28 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Kelsey Gervais, County Auditor

Allen Remick, Chairman
Board of Commissioner O38C

Sen. Tina Smith challenges postmaster for answers on mail issues

Sen. Tina Smith, D-Minn., has called on Postmaster General Louis DeJoy to provide answers regarding the Postal Service's agreements with Amazon and the impact of those agreements on Minnesotans. Mail delays and delivery inconsistency have been widely reported.

The delays affect postal customers who use it to pay bills, receive prescriptions and conduct other essential business. Businesses, including newspapers, experience damaged customer relationships and revenue impacts when service is substandard.

Smith wrote: "As Postmaster General, you are responsible for ensuring that the Postal Service meets its service standards, and it is clear right

now that things are not working as they should ... Entering into contracts that your system cannot support is a breach of your responsibilities."

Recent reporting by the Bemidji Pioneer uncovered how harsh working conditions and the implementation of a USPS service agreement with Amazon have pushed mail carriers to the breaking point. Workers said they are forced to work 12-hour days, six days per week, with time off requests being cancelled.



Oklee Senior Site Dining

Oklee Senior Meals (LSS Meals) are available for Home Delivery, Monday-Friday. Please call Cathy or Carolyn at the RLF LSS Kitchen the day before, by 12 noon at 218-253-4454.

Tuesday's meal is an evening meal. If you want to go to RLF to eat, let them know.

December 11 - 15

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Mon: Dec. 11: Pepper Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Peas/Carrots, Bread/Butter, Low Fat Milk.

Tue: Dec. 12: BBQ Chicken, AuGratin Potatoes, Peas, Bread/Butter, Fresh Fruit, Low Fat Milk.

Wed: Dec. 13: Sausage/Biscuit w/Gravy, Roasted Potatoes, Cinnamon Apple Slices, Low Fat Milk.

Thu: Dec. 14: Ham/Scalloped Potatoes, Peas, Biscuit, Dessert, Low Fat Milk.

Fri: Dec. 15: Goulash, Corn, Spiced Pears, Bread/Butter, Low Fat Milk.

Sudoku Solution

3	8	9	6	7	2	4	1	5
2	7	5	8	4	1	3	6	9
4	1	6	5	9	3	7	2	8
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RLCC Menus

December 11 - 15

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Ham & Cheese Croissant, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Quesadilla, Lettuce Salad, Fresh Veggies, Fruit, and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancake on a Stick w/Syrup, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Subs (Cold), Fresh Veggies, Chips, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Bagel Bites, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Taco in a Bag or Soft Shell, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast Burritos, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Soup Day 3 kinds, Meat Sandwich, Fresh Veggies, Fruit, and Milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Hot Dog or Polish, Chips, Baked Beans, Fruit, and Milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Grilled Chicken w/Bun, Curley Fries, Baked Beans, Fruit, and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: French Toast, Bread, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Spaghetti, Garlic Toast, salad, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs and Ham, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Steamed Carrots, Buttered Bread, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: PB & J Toast, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Turkey & Cheese w/Bun, Sun Chips, Cucumbers w/Ranch, Fruit, and Milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Long John, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, Veggies w/ Ranch, Fruit, and Milk.

RLCC Sports Schedules

Schedules subject to changes - please check the school web site at <https://www.rlcc2906.org/>

RLCC Mustangs Girls Varsity BB

Fri, Dec 8: 7:30PM vs. Stephen-Argyle Central Storm @ Plummer

Mon, Dec 11: 7:30PM vs. Sacred Heart HS @ Plummer.

Thu, Dec 14: 7:30PM vs. East Grand Forks Green Wave @ EGF HS.

Mon, Dec 18: 7:30PM vs. Fosston @ Fosston HS.

Thu, Dec 21: 7:30PM vs. Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ WAO School

Tue, Jan 2: 7:30PM Fertile-Beltrami @ Plummer.

Thu, Jan 4: 7:30PM vs. Mahnomen @ Mahnomen High School.

Mon, Jan 8: 7:30PM vs. Goodridge-Grygla @ Goodridge High School

Tue, Jan 9: 7:30PM vs. Red Lake Falls @ Oklee

Thu, Jan 11: 7:30PM vs. Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ Plummer

RLC Rebel BBB

Thu, Dec 7: 7:30PM vs. BGMR @ Greenbush-Middle River HS.

Sat, Dec 9: 10:00AM vs. Sacred Heart HS @ UofM - Crookston.

Tue, Dec 12: 7:30PM vs. East Grand Forks Green Wave @ EGF HS.

Fri, Dec 15: 7:30PM vs. Stephen-Argyle Central Storm @ RLF HS.

Tue, Dec 19: 7:30PM vs. Cass Lake-Bena @ Oklee.

Thu, Jan 4: 7:30PM vs. Northern Freeze @ Plummer.

Mon, Jan 8: 7:30PM vs. Sacred Heart High School @ Plummer.

Fri, Jan 12: 7:30PM vs. Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ WAO

Tue, Jan 16: 7:30PM vs. Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears @ RLF HS

RLCC Students of the Month



Congratulations to Benji Bramer and Sydney Fougner,

Red Lake County Central High School Student of the Month

By Ruben Osborn, Eli Mag-nell, and Oliver Russillo

Red Lake County Central High School congratulates Sydney Fougner and Benji Bramer for October Student of the Month. Sydney Fougner is the daughter of Andy and Stacey Fougner and is a senior at RLCC. Sydney was nominated for Student of the Month because she always works hard and is willing to help without being asked. Sidney has held numerous positions at RLCC in the Minnesota Honor Society and Student Senate. Sydney is an outstanding academic performer. Teachers are always excited to see whatever insight she has about any subject. Sydney works at the Brooks Cenex and Latchkey. Sydney earned Academic All-State in Volleyball. Sydney plans on

becoming an elementary teacher. Congratulations to Sidney!

Benjamin Bramer is the Junior High Student of the Month. Benji is the son of Andy and Ana Bramer and is in the ninth grade. He has two brothers, Alex and Brady, and a sister, Aaliya. Benji was nominated for Student of the Month because he has a strong drive to be accurate and consistent in his work. Benji collaborates with other students well and is always respectful to other students and staff. Benji is active in football, basketball, and track. He enjoys Mr. Paul Nelson's class because of his great sense of humor. Benji would like to become a physical therapist in the future. Congratulations to Benji!



Jamie Flatgard at the tip off to Mustangs 23-24 Basketball season against Grygla-Goodridge Monday, November 27th in Plummer.



Jump Ball! Carly Vettleson and Quinn Graves don't give up the ball easily. Alexa Chervestad and Jennifer Johnson contemplate the next play.



Jamie Flatgard in the air for the rebound as Jennifer Johnson, McKaelyn Frizzle, and Carley Vettleson prepare for the next play.

Red Lake County Rebels hosted TRF Prowlers



On Friday, December 1st, 2023, the Red Lake County Rebels hosted the Thief River Falls Prowlers at the Robert Matzke Gym in Red Lake Falls. Pictured is the Tip-Off to the opener with Ethan Johnson at center and starters Connor Duden, Owen Chervestad, Will Gieseke, and John Powers ready to make their premier moves. The Rebels dominated with a 68-35 win over the Prowlers. The Mustang Stampede will report more on this game and the Grygla-Goodridge Game in next week's edition.

Red Lake County Central Mustangs Enter the Season with a 1-1 Record



Jamie Flatgard moves on to the next play as Jennifer Johnson and Quinn Graves take her lead in last weeks physical, season opener.

By Masen Pahlen and Kory Baril

On Monday, November 27th, the Red Lake County Central Mustangs played host to the Chargers of Goodridge-Grygla-Gatzke. Our JV Mustangs were in a close battle to start the game. About halfway into the first half, our Mustangs did not slow down and went into halftime with a 30 to 12 lead. The JV Mustangs continued to be strong into the 2nd half and came out on top

by a score of 53 to 25!

The Varsity Mustangs started a little timid that night for the first home game of the season and had a more challenging time getting their fast-break going. But the Mustangs would rally back in the second half to the fans' and players' amazement and come up short in the end. The final score was Chargers 48, Mustangs 42.

On Thursday, the Mustangs traveled to Clearbrook to take on the Clearbrook-Gonvick

Bears. Our JV Mustangs were in a tough contest at the start of the game and went into halftime up 22 to 13. In the second half, the young Mustangs came out firing on all cylinders and won the match by scoring 53 to 18!

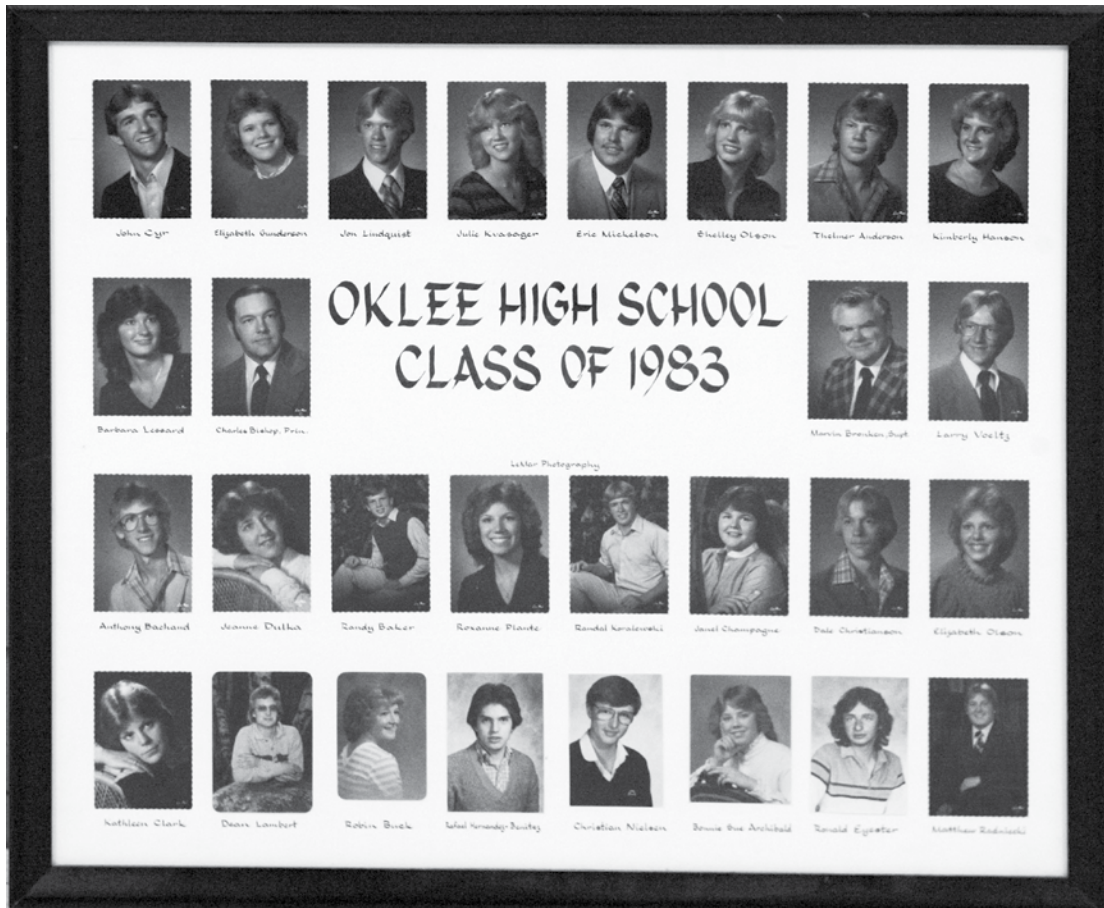
Our Varsity Mustangs were in a close battle at the start but fought to the lead heading into halftime. The Mustangs would continue to build their lead and came out on top by a score of 57 to 32! Our Mustangs retake the court this coming Monday as they travel to Bagley to take on the Flyers! The next home game for the Mustangs will be Friday, Dec 8, 2023 when the Mustangs will take on the Stephen-Argyle Storm in Plummer.



Photo Below:
Quinn Graves at the free throw line as Carly Vettleson and Jamie Flatgard wait to rebound.



Oklee School History



1980s in the Oklee School, Some Changes!

By Eric W. Mickelson

The 1980s came in with Reaganomics, I suppose it is a matter of opinion but I am sure many would tell you that the 80s produced some awesome music. Songs like Billie Jean by Michael Jackson, I Want to Dance with Somebody by Whitney Houston, Purple Rain by Prince, Islands in the Stream by Kenny and Dolly, yes the 80s is known for some great music. And don't forget the styles-big hair, fishnets, workout clothes, and leather to name a few. Those were the days, the days I remember pretty well! It turned 1980 my freshman year and I graduated Oklee High School in May of 1983! The 80s were a big time in my life. During that decade I got my driver's license, as I mentioned before-I graduated from Oklee High School, attended and graduated from college, met a beautiful, beautiful woman, got married, got my first teaching job, had my first child! So you see when I look back on the 80s I look back fondly and cherish all the memories made during that time!

The Oklee School in the eighties made some changes, let's take a look at the 80s. Trees were planted on the athletic field and the Oklee School was in support of the removal of the Old Community Hall and the acquisition of that property as well as the space between the hall and the Inter County Storage Building. This area later became the playground.

During the 1981-82 school year Plummer combined with Oklee in wrestling. Which reminds me of a story. I don't think this happened until the next year but after basketball practice one day when we finished we entered the locker room and the wrestling singlets were laid out on the bench (They must have had an upcoming match!). So Jon Lindquist and I entered the

wrestling room where practice was going on wearing a couple of the singlets. We must have broke some sacred code because Coach Bishop stopped practice and got us together with the appropriate weight classes and had us challenge the varsity wrestlers to a match. I don't remember who Jon squared up against but I was matched with Perry Duden. The whistle sounded and we were wrestling. I did have the advantage that in Oklee we did have a wrestling unit in PE, but I was not a match for the skills of the opposing varsity gladiator. After 3 or 4 minutes of grunting and rolling around.....I was pinned. A little bit of pride lost but also a fun memory of growing up at Oklee School. You can be assured if you had some interaction that involved Charlie Bishop it was usually something that taught you something or an event that was simply a good time. I would say this event was somewhere in between!

It was about this same time that the Red Lake County Fair was moved from RLF to Oklee. As it is today the school facilities were used for some of the exhibits and activities. During my senior year the gym was re-roofed with steel and the old glass block windows up high on the north wall of the gym were covered for energy savings. Also with a donation from LB Hartz a new scoreboard was put in the gym. The following year new lights were installed in the gym. Too bad it hadn't been one year earlier or I would have probably been able to score more points during basketball! Also that year a few Apple Computers were purchased and the old typewriter were finally sold and not used in the classroom. This brings up another story that some of you who had typing class will remember. Timings!! Remember typing for one minute counting mistakes and coming up with a certain number of words per minute you could type. First of all Mrs. Nelson would give you the ready, set, like any other contest and from the back row

(of manual typewriters-most of you don't even know what that is!), you would here a click, click before the work go had been uttered, Thelmer and Ronnie often tried to start a little early!

But one day as we started a timing my classmate Janel Champagne started complaining that her typewriter would not work. So we were allowed to stop and Janel began to check out her typewriter. Before Mrs. Nelson could get there Janel blurted out, "It's gum!" Here someone had stuck a chewed piece of gum in the typewriter where the keys lifted causing them to be unable to work! We all laughed, the gum was thrown away, and the timings resumed!

Another change, during the 1985-86 school year a No Smoking policy on school grounds was set. I was gone by then but I envisioned no more smoke rolling out of the teacher's lounge after lunch

period! Also that year came the resignation of long time administrator Marvin Bronken. The land where the hall was located was officially purchased by the school and \$5000 dollars of playground equipment were purchased. Today if you walk by you will see the Marv Bronken playground!

More changes on the athletic front in 1987-88 as the boys and girls basketball programs were now also cooperatively sponsored with Plummer. Rick Koivisto would be the girls head coach and Todd Fore the boys basketball coach. Anita Bachand and Susan Lee also developed the Early Childhood Family Education Program, in which my kids participated.

Closing out the decade during 1989-90 school year the football team was also cooperatively sponsored with Plummer and Gary Brantl was named the head coach. Track also followed suit with Mark Bagaason and Lawrence Vettleson coaching.

This summer my Class of 83 held our 40th reunion. Many memories were shared of good old Oklee High! Thinking of 40 years ago, I went to the Herald office and grabbed the binder of old papers going back 40 years to the area around December 1, 1983. I thought it would be fun to see what was happening at the school back then!

From the paper 40 years ago: First of all winning star ratings at the district vocal solo contest were: Carol Bergeron, Debbie Lambert, Kari Larson, Joanie O'Neill, Sue Olson, Doug Swenson, Brent Swenson, Brian Cyr, and T.J. Dulkan. Winning Star ratings at the instrumental solo contest were Jean Lindquist, Sandra Rustan, and Kristin Lambert. Also winning star ratings at the piano solo district contest were Sandra Rustan and Jennifer Cyr.

I could have written a book on this one since I grew up and graduated during this decade attending 7 Oklee Proms! I hope you enjoyed it too! Next week we will talk about the 90s! If



you have and great stories to share give my a shout out-I'd love to hear them!

Last week trivia winner was Deb DuChamp. Who coached football from 1971-1988. She will receive a five dollar prize!

This weeks question during the 1980s Oklee got its first Minnesota State Wrestling Champion, Who was it? This

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Senior Site News & Other Things

Senior Meals

Oklee Senior Meals (LSS Meals) are available for Home Delivery, Monday-Friday - Meals on Wheels (LSS) meals will be furnished from Red Lake Falls, and you need to order a day or two before the day you plan on having a meal.

Note: Please call Red Lake Falls LSS Site to order or cancel your meals from now on. Jo Lambert will no longer be taking the orders. Call Carolyn or Cathy at 218-263-4454 to order your meals.

SAIL Classes

SAIL exercise class are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am in the Oklee Hall. It is FREE to join. Sign up at the Senior Site or call Jo Lambert at 218-796-4527 or Carol

Kvasager at 218-201-0180.

Hours for Craft Shop

The Craft Shop is open with the help of volunteers. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday the craft shop will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. But if it is not open and Bonny is in the Oklee Office, she can help you.

Dates To Remember

Wednesday: Cards at 1:30 p.m. If you would like to come play cards, come on in and enjoy some fun game time visiting with your fellow seniors.

Game Day: On the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, plans are to have a game day. This could be Rummy-O, Checkers, or bring a game to the site.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Thanksgiving guests at Jim and Debbie DuChamps included Chris, Bobbie, Bryce, and Bret DuChamp, Marci and Steve Kloety, Shirley Vettleson, Brady Samuelson of Sarles, ND, Wayne & Debbie Vettleson, Sheila & Terry Horn, Talia Mitzner and family, John Murphy, Wyatt & Miranda Vettleson and family, DeDe, Jason and Brecken Oliver of Rapid City, SD, Jan Horn, David and Jodi Fedji family of Hoople, ND, Logan & Jackie Kalinowski family, Marcia and Jeff of Bemidji, Anna Bramer and family were morning guests.

On Sunday, November 26th, a birthday party was held for Harper Bernstrom who turned two years old. It was held at her home in Lancaster. Those attending were her mom and dad, Mallory and Charlie, sisters Briar and Blake, Also grandparents Eileen Bernstrom, Tony and Sheila Gerardy, great-grandma Wavell Soren-

son, Brett, Hannah, Sawyer and Jett Gerardy. Also Logan & Abby O'Neill and Layla, Evan, Savannah, Axel, Ruth and Henry Bernstrom, Russell Sorenson of Roseau, and Gerald Siebert of Wisconsin.

On December 9th, there will be burgers at the Plummer Legion.

Alice Jobe visited Bunny DuChamp on Thursday morning at Greenleaf apartments in Thief River Falls.

We can be thankful we have little or no snow. The east coast had heavy snowfall forecast for Friday and Saturday.

When I was in Thief River on Thursday, I saw an inflated Santa that was as tall as the house it was in front of. Now that is big!

Rosalyn Carter's funeral was held on Tuesday, November 28th, Garth Brooks and wife Trisha Yearwood sang for it. Both the Carter's were friends of Trisha & Garth.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

By Barb Novak 218-698-4296 novakbl@gvtel.com

The Brooks People have worked hard and fast to get Santa Days ready for December 10th. Everybody is so excited this year to have a party. It starts at 4:30 Food served at 5:00 Santa at 5:30. It is an exciting time of the year for all kids big and little. Make sure you join in.

Dianne Gagner and Sandy Greenwald went on a trip to Duluth last weekend. They toured the Glensheen Mansion and found that it was decorated with 23 Christmas trees. This trip was sponsored by the NELL (Northern Edge Lifetime Learning foundation. On the way back the tour stopped at Grand Rapids for lunch at the Timberlake Lodge.

Ryan Paradis was surprised for his birthday on Saturday. His birthday will be later this month but he will not be here for that, so he got surprised by many family and friends at the Cozy Saturday. He will turn one of those magic 0 numbers from what I heard. By the way not only Happy Birthday

Ryan, but Happy Birthday to Kelsey who also has celebrated her birthday by giving Ryan a party for his big day.

And lastly, I have gotten the cast off my arm now. Still in recovery for now as the bones are still kind of tender yet.

The weather has been cooperating for many doctor visits in the last few months, so that has been a plus. The people of Brooks and the area have been so good to us making sure we had food to eat that was warm up stuff that didn't need a chef to cook it. I also would like to thank those who sent notes to support my getting well, those notes really made a big difference. And especially the note I got from Pat Larson. and from Teresa Telle, both from the Warroad area. Thank you for your phone calls and visits to my messy home and for all of your support. I always have said that our corner of the world is the nicest one and you all have proved it once again.

That is it for this week enjoy whatever you encounter.

Who's Dat?



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This week's photo is of a group of people from the area.

I think last week's photo is of Vern Bergeron, but I could be wrong. Am I wrong?

Everyone has a photo or two that would be great for this column. Please share them with our readers as it is one of most popular columns of the Oklee Herald.

I am always in need of more photos - School days, church events, sports, etc. If you email a photo, please scan at 300 dpi (high quality) if you can. You can email to okleeherald@gmail.com.

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