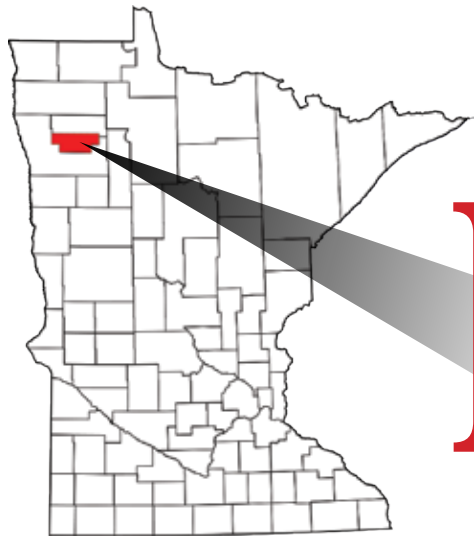




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Annual Moonlighter Safari to be held this Saturday!

The area doesn't have a lot of snow, but we finally did get enough to be out for a fun day on Saturday, January 20th. The Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Club will be hosting their 57th annual Safari Ride and Family Day. The event promises to be lots of fun for snowmobile enthusiasts and a great way to spend time with your family and friends.

The fun starts at noon when

all interested riders gather at TJ's Tavern in Oklee. The ride starts at 1:00 p.m. and the snowmobilers will return to Oklee and once again gather at TJ's Tavern in Oklee about 6:00 p.m.

There will be door prizes and music to follow the day's ride.

This is a fun day for all and many things have been planned.

Gander Announces Run for House District 01B

East Grand Forks, MN --- Dr. Steve Gander, Optometrist in East Grand Forks and Crookston, announced on Monday he will be seeking the Republican endorsement for House District 01B, currently represented by Rep. Deb Kiel who recently announced her plans not to run for reelection this fall.

"For over a decade, Representative Kiel dedicated herself to the cause of bringing our values and priorities to St. Paul. The work she has done and the progress she made for families, agriculture, fiscal accountability, education, and personal responsibility are worth preserving and building upon. If elected, it will be my goal to do exactly that, according to the preferences of the people I will serve".

Gander has served as Mayor of East Grand Forks for the past eight years. He previously served as Council Member at Large. Other past service includes Chair of the East Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce, President of the Minnesota Optometric Association, and service on his local church council. Gander attended school in East Grand Forks, the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, and the Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1987.

In the coming months, Gander looks forward to learning more about priorities and opportunities while meeting folks throughout the district. Gander believes the role of an elected official is serving people, not the other way around. His priorities are public health and safety, education, public infrastructure including roads and bridges, elimination of excessive regulation that stagnates business growth, elimination of wasteful spending and its associated excessive taxation, and strengthening public recreation areas.

Gander is a strong proponent of Second Amendment rights.

Gander believes that Minnesota's economic base of agriculture and ag-related businesses will continue to expand and provide excellent employment opportunities for our residents. Growth in manufacturing and engineering will continue to be strong. Education is a high priority in preparing our youth for the future, and our schools provide many excellent jobs today. Healthcare across our state is excellent and offers many great careers. And tourism, with our many lakes, rivers, trails, and wildlife areas, will see good growth in the years ahead. In some parts of our state, mining is a big part of what makes the economy strong. All these areas can be strengthened by good government policy, but all can be crippled by onerous government regulations and excessive taxation.

Gander lives in East Grand Forks. He and his wife Rosalyn have been married for 34 years. They have two grown sons, Tom and John, a daughter-in-law Bailey, and two grandchildren. In his free time, he enjoys running marathons, singing, hunting, fishing, kayaking, snowmobiling, scuba diving, woodworking, and riding motorcycle. Gander is a die-hard Vikings fan. He also enjoys other professional and amateur sports.

"In 1975, the group *Northern Light* recorded the song 'Minnesota'. If you want to recall what you love about our state, go back and listen to that song. It starts out, 'Minnesota—I can almost smell the air. I can feel her hand, and my feet in the sand, in the lakes under trees back home...' Let's make this the kind of place we can be proud of—with great opportunities for people of all ages."



Monday morning coming into town to go to work, I couldn't pass up this photo of the sun dogs over Oklee. They were so bright it was hard to look at them. You can see the new school gymnasium in the lower left side.

RLCC Elementary Spelling Bee Held



On January 10th, RLCC Elementary held our 2024 Spelling Bee. Olivia Vettleson, 5th Grade, was our winner and Ava Kolstoe, 5th Grade was our runner up. Olivia moves onto the Regional Spelling Bee at Northland College on February 7th.

A total of 11 5th and 6th grade students participated in the event. Participants: Olivia Vettleson, Ava Kolstoe, Victor Svendsen, Jarrett Hammer, Caelum Nelson, Lola Hendrickson, Emma Anderson, Cambrie Russell, Keaton Landrus, Aiden Anderson, and Davis Nelson.



The Plummer Lions Too gave the 1st place Winner \$50 and the runner up \$25.

It is that time again. The Blizzard Bonanza!

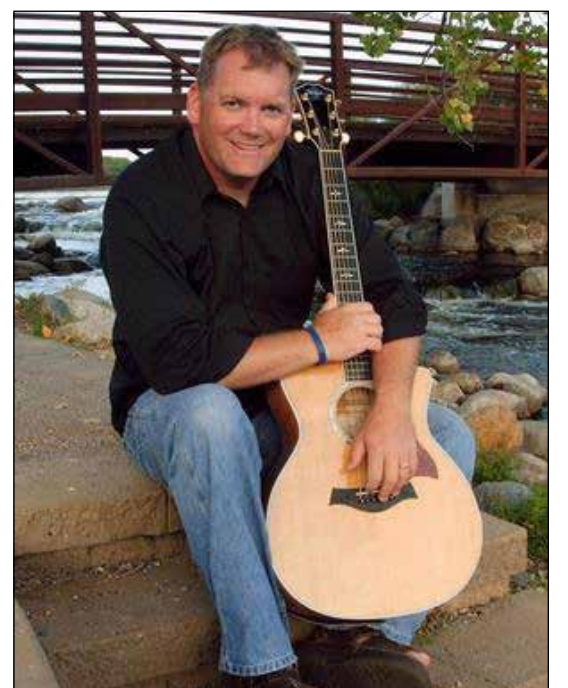
By Eric Mickelson

The 2024 Oklee Volunteer Fireman's Blizzard Bonanza and Fish Dinner is coming to the Oklee Community Hall, February 3, 2024. Fun is sure to abound again with the entertainment of Tim Eggebraaten.

Tim has entertained audiences for over two decades through his musical talent, adding his unique humorous improv style and creating an experience like no other.

The cost of the event is \$20 per ticket with 300 tickets available. See a fireman or check Oklee area businesses for the chance to buy one of the 300 tickets and enjoy a fish dinner and a chance to win some great prizes. 1st prize is a Folding Picnic Table, 10 X 10 Tent, an LP Patio Heater, and a gift card to Walter's Woodworking for a Corn Hole Set. 2nd Prize is a Hatfield over-under 410 engraved Shotgun. 3rd and 4th prizes are both \$250 Cash! Need not be present to win!

The night will include meat raffles, silent auction items, and door prizes! Get a ticket and enjoy another Oklee Volunteer Fireman's Blizzard Bonanza!



At the Jumpin' Jax Cafe: Alma Stenberg, Sharon Larson, Jeannie O'Neill, Shirley Cyr, Liz Follmann, Carol Bachand, LaVonne Brown, Barb Swenson, Anne Hammer, and Sue Beaudoin all gathered at the cafe to celebrate Liz Follmann's January birthday!

Church News

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
okleelutheran.org
Wed, Jan. 17: 6:00 p.m. Chime Choir, 7:00 p.m. Family Worship night.
Sun, Jan. 21: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:30 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Wed, Jan. 24: 6:00 p.m. Chime Choir, 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Bryan Kujawa
www.oggcatholic.org
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. St. Francis – Oklee. 10:15 a.m. – Grygla. 12:00 p.m. – Goodridge.

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. Jan. 21: 9 a.m. Worship @ Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship @ Bethany. 7 p.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany–Ekelund–Faith
Wed, Jan. 17: Release Time/Confirmation.
Sun, Jan. 21: Bethany: 8 a.m. Worship. 9 a.m. SS. Ekelund: 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. SS. Faith: 10 a.m. SS, 11 a.m. Worship.
Mon, Jan. 22: 9 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, Jan. 24: Release Time/Confirmation.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Facebook: clearwaterlutheranparish
Wed, Jan 17: 5 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 Vespers.
Sat, Jan. 20: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Jan. 21: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Nazareth: 8:45 a.m. SS, 9:45 a.m. Oak Park: 10 a.m. SS, 11 a.m. Worship.OP Annual Meeting following service
Wed, Jan 24: 5 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 Vespers.

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, Jan. 17: Confirmation: 5 p.m. 7th Grade; 6:30 p.m. 8th Grade.
Sun, Jan. 21: 10:30 a.m. Bethany Worship/Annual Meeting.
Wed, Jan. 24: Confirmation: 5 p.m. 7th Grade; 6:30 p.m. 8th Grade.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson,
www.facebook.com/bethel-fosston
Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.
Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m. Kids, High School & Adult programs.

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News in Oklee is that the Ice Skating Rink should be open any day now. It is finally cold enough to keep the ice frozen. Watch for future updates!

Oklee Centennial Cookbook ~~~

Popcorn Cake

Connie (Longtin) Strom & Connie (Jensen) Kriel

4 quarts yellow popcorn (popped and old maids removed)
1 lb gumdrops (don't use black ones)
1/2 lb salted peanuts or mixed nuts
1 lb marshmallows
1/2 cup margarine or butter
1/2 cup vegetable oil

Melt margarine, oil and marshmallows. Stir until smooth. Pour over remaining Ingredients in LARGE bowl. Mix well. Pack firmly into a well greased angel food pan. Chill. Remove from pan. Slice with serrated-blade knife.

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Caramel Puffcorn

Kari Hamm

1 cup butter
2 cups brown sugar
1/2 cup light Karo syrup
1 tsp vanilla
1/2 tsp soda
2 bags cheese puffs (use 1 bag for more caramel taste)

Boil first three ingredients for 5 minutes. Add vanilla and soda. Pour over cheese puffs. Bake for 1 hour at 250 degrees stirring every 15 minutes. Spread and cool on wax paper. Spray Pam on the wax paper, it helps from sticking.



The 5th Grade girls' played at half-time at the RLCC vs RLF Basketball game on January 9th. They are: Emma Anderson, Lola Hendrickson, Olivia Vetteson, Ava Kolstoe, Maci Magnell, Ellie Halverson, Vanessa Majeres, Kinsley Halvorson, Loryn Vetteson, and Malayna Hamm. The RLCC 5th grade Mustangs had the opportunity to stand with the Varsity and scrimmage the RLF Eagles at half time!! Fun night of girls basketball.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

January 22 - 26
Oklee Senior Meals (LSS Meals) are available for Home Delivery, Monday-Friday. Please call the Cathy or Carolyn at the RLF LSS Kitchen the day before, by 12 noon at 218-253-4454.
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Tue: Jan. 23: Chicken ala King, Biscuit, Mixed Vegetables, Six Layer Bar, Low Fat Milk.
Wed: Jan. 24: Chicken & Noodles, Peas & Carrots, Bread/Butter, Peach Crisp, Low Fat Milk.
Thu: Jan. 25: Pork Loin, Baked Yams, Broccoli, Bread/Butter, Hawaiian Delight Cafe, Low Fat Milk.
Fri: Jan. 26: Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, California Veggie Blend, Texas Toast/Butter, Low Fat Milk.

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RLCC Menus

January 22 - 26

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Monday: Breakfast: Biscuit w/Egg, Cheese & Sausage. **Lunch:** BBQ, Baked Beans, Chips, Fruit, and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Strips, Cheesy Hash Browns, Vegetable, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Muffins, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Soup (3 kinds), Meat Sandwich, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Toast w/Scrambled Eggs, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Patty, Fried Rice, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Taco in a Bag or Soft Shell, Potato Olé, Refried Beans, Fruit, and Milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Mini Bagel, Cream Cheese PB&J, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chili, Goldfish Crackers, Carrots, Fruit and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Chicken Noodle Hotdish, Broccoli, Dinner4 Roll, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Omelet, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Nuggets, Fries, Green Beans, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Yogurt, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger on a Bun, w/Cheese, Baked Beans, and Milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Pizza Salad, 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, Jan 19: 7:30PM vs. Sacred Heart High School @ Sacred Heart High School.

Mon, Jan, 22: 7:30PM vs. Blackduck Public @ Blackduck High School

Thu, Jan. 25: 7:30PM C a s s Lake-Bena @ Oklee.

Tue, Jan. 30: 7:30PM vs. Red Lake Falls @ Red Lake Falls High School.

Thu, Feb 1: 7:30PM Kittson Central @ Plummer.

Mon, Feb 5: 7:30PM Away vs. Northern Freeze @ Newfolden

Fri, Feb 9: 7:30PM vs. Climax-Fisher @ Fisher High School

RLC Rebel BBB

Thu, Jan 18: 7:30PM vs. Crookston @ Crookston High School

Fri, Jan 19: 7:30PM vs. Win-E-Mac @ Red Lake Falls High School

Tue, Jan. 23: 7:30PM vs. Kittson Central @ Lancaster School.

Thu, Jan. 25: 7:30PM vs. Roseau @ Red Lake Falls High School.

Fri, Jan. 26: 7:30PM vs. Climax-Fisher @ Plummer.

Tue, Jan. 30: 7:30PM vs. Stephen-Ar-gyle Central Storm @ Stephen-Ar-gyle Central High School

Thu, Feb 1: 7:30PM. Clearbrook-Gon- vick Bears @ Clearbrook-Gonvick High School

Fri, Feb 2: 7:30PM vs. Warren/Alvarado/ Oslo @ Red Lake Falls High School

Tue, Feb 6: 7:30PM vs. Mahnomen @ Red Lake Falls High School

Thu, Feb 8: 7:30PM vs. Fosston @ Oklee

Sat, Feb 10: TBD vs. Northern Freeze @ Sacred Heart High School

Red Lake County Mustangs Basketball

By Kathryn Srnsky

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs took on the Red Lake Falls Eagles on Tuesday, January 9th at the Red Lake County Central High School Gym.

It was quite the battle between the two Red Lake County teams. Both teams worked hard, and the game was close for most of the contest. Carly Vettleson got 20 points, and McKaelyn Frizzle and Quinn Graves got 12. McKaelyn Friz-

zle got 6 offensive rebounds against the Eagles and 4 defensive rebounds. For the Eagles, Shandi Nelson #22 got 32 points and 11 defensive rebounds against the Mustangs. And Jordan Wieland #25 got 25 points. It was a hard-fought game between the two teams, but Red Lake Falls ended up ahead, winning 74 to 65.

The Mustangs hosted the Warren-Alvarado-Olso Ponies on Thursday, Jan 11, 2024 in Plummer, MN and lost to the

Ponies with a 59-43 win.

The Mustangs have a busy week traveling to Win-E-Mac on Monday, January 15th to play the Patriots, hosting the Northern Freeze in Oklee on Tuesday, January 16th, and ending the week against the Sacred Heart Eagles in East Grand Forks on January 19th, 2024.

Mr. Mitch Bernstein, Mr. Kory Baril, and Mr. Paul Nelson coach the Mustangs.



Natalee Hendrickson greets Jennifer Johnson during the starting lineup before the January 9th Mustangs vs. Eagles Game in Oklee, MN



Carly Vettleson makes a shot while Jamie Flatgard, Keanna Landrus, and Emma Hendrickson protect the shot.

May All of Your Swishes Come True: Rebels 10-0

By Atley Vettleson and
Will Gieseke

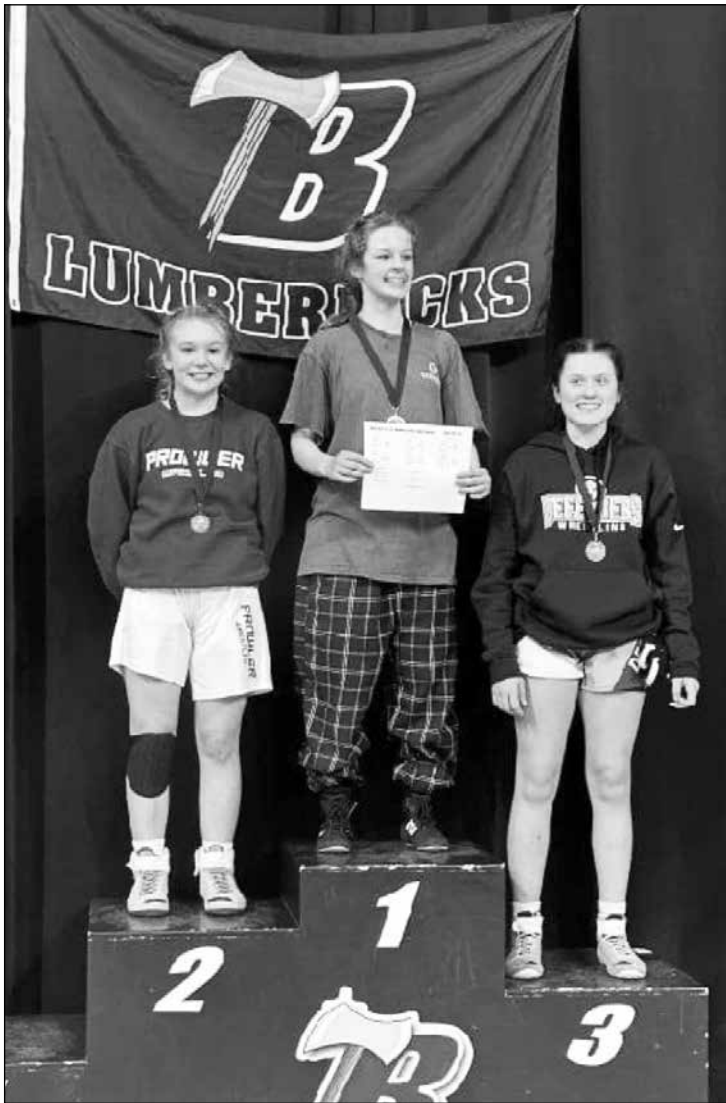
The Red Lake County Rebels faced off against the Sacred Heart Eagles for the second time this season at the Robert Matzke Gymnasium in Red Lake Falls On January 8th, 2024. The Rebels JV started a little on the slow end and were down at half-time. In the second half, the Rebels were also a little slow, and towards the end of the game, the Rebels' JV tried to come back, but they couldn't. They put up a very good fight and scored a few more points at the end. The Sacred Heart Eagles won against the Rebels JV. The Sacred Heart Eagles were coming off two straight losses and were trying to hand the Rebels their first loss of the season. This game was a back-and-forth affair, but the Rebels never lost the lead. The Eagles brought the game within 4 in

the second half but couldn't pull ahead. The Rebels won this game with a final score of 72-63, as they improved to 9-0 on the season. The Rebels were led by Owen Chervestad, who scored 26 points, and Will Gieskes, who scored 13 points and had 9 rebounds. The Eagles were led by Parker Erickson, who scored 22 points and 11 rebounds, and Greg Downs, who scored 16. On Friday, January 12th, the Rebels traveled to Warren-Alvarado-Olso to take on the Ponies and earn their tenth win of the season. The Rebels will host the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears in Red Lake Falls on Tuesday, January 16th, travel to Crookston to take on the Pirates on January 18th and return to Red Lake Falls to host the Win-E-Mac Patriots. Mr. Steve Philion and Mr. Randy Huie coach the Red Lake County Rebels.



Quinn Graves takes her unstoppable shot while Eagles Shandi Nelson, Rachel Weiland, and Daphne Harmoning work defense.

Wrestling News



Molly Ferguson on the podium with her 2nd place win at the Bemidji Lumberjack Invitational

OPEN GYM in Oklee on Saturdays from 1-3:00 for 7th grade and older (6th grade and under must be accompanied by an adult/guardian). Contact Kurt at 612-247-0812 with questions.



RLC Knights Free Throw Contest on January 21

The annual Red Lake County Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest Sunday, January 21 at RLF High School. Practice at 12:30, contest starts at 1:00. For girls and boys ages 9-14. Registration forms at the Plummer, Oklee, or RLF schools or from Steve Philion, 218-686-3608.



Molly Ferguson, second from the right in the front with the rest of the Prowler Women's Wrestling Team.



Molly Ferguson in one of her matches at Bemidji

Do You Remember?

By Eric W. Mickelson

Do you remember the Tri County Speedway?

By Eric Mickelson

On April 26, 1968, area stock car racers held a meeting at the Oklee Community Hall with intentions to operate a non-profit association with gate receipts to go mostly toward prizes. A 40 acre tract of land west of Oklee and North of the Lost River was secured and was being developed for the track. Plans are to also use the track for horse shows and snowmobile events. The land was purchased from Adeline Morrisette. The land was considered especially suited for such a site because it was well drained, protected by trees on 3 sides, and has a natural slope for spectator bleachers!

The track was located about a ½ mile or so east of the farm I grew up on. I can remember occasionally walking over to the track with mom and dad to watch. Occasionally we'd drive the 1967 Chevy pickup over and sit on the cab and watch! I was young but I knew our neighbors, the Andy Klasen family, so I cheered for John Klasen when he was on the track.



Mr. and Mrs. Rene Hofstad were a formidable team on the Oklee Speedway Sunday afternoon. Rene won the first heat, the trophy dash and the feature event while Mrs. Hofstad nearly took the Powder Puff event but was edged out by Mrs. John Loiland.

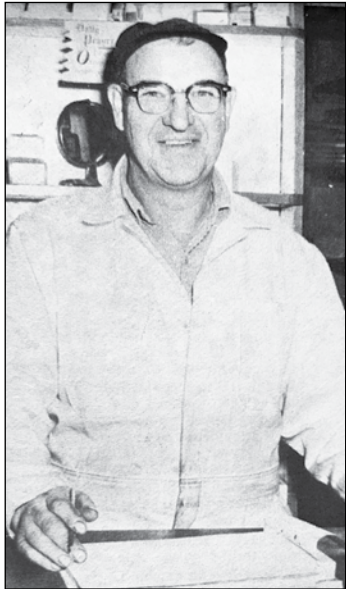
and construction of restrooms was underway!

The first roll over at the track came in the next week's race with a car owned by Norb's Mobile Service and Earl Wood's Construction with Michael Whalen of Bemidji driving. The June 20th, 1968 Oklee Herald mentioned a spectator from Milwaukee, WI, who commented that there was a better show at the Oklee track than in Milwaukee!

Listed in the results of another June race were names like Warren Torgerson, Bud Homme, John Lessard, John Loiland, and John Klasen. Other race results in the paper from that first year of racing included other local names like Leroy Torkleson, Darrel Schumacher Rene Hofstad.

When the Speedway held their first annual meeting the following officers were elected: Marv Johnson of Red Lake Falls, President, Don Nowacki of Warren, Vice President, and Dick Roue of Fosston, Secretary/Treasurer. The board was set to meet later to elect a track manager.

The track manager was later announced to be Norb Kaiser who operator Norb's Repair Service on Highway 222, a Mobil Service station.



Norb Kaiser is the Track Manager. He will operate the Oklee Speedway for the season opening on Memorial Day at 7 p.m.

The first race was scheduled for memorial day. It was estimated that 400 spectators watched the track's debut. The next race was on track for June 8th and more cars, 25 or more, were expected to come! Materials were ordered for bleachers to hold up to 1200 spectators! Many volunteers worked feverishly fencing the area and working on the grounds. A concession stand was opened for the first race



Donovan Stoneouse of Oklee will drive a car sponsored by Swenson Oil & Equipment which is expected to race on Tri County Speedway for the first time.

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Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote
Site number: 218-796-5149

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 218-253-4454 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 by appointment. If Bonny is in the Oklee Office, she can help you or call Jo Lambert at 218-796-4527.

Dates To Remember

Wednesday: Cards at 1:30 p.m. If you would like to come play cards, come on in and and enjoy some fun game time vis-

iting with your fellow seniors.

Monthly Meeting

The next meeting will be on January 18th the Oklee Senior Site will be holding their monthly meeting at 9:30 a.m. It is important for seniors to attend as we need a quorum to be able to vote on items discussed. If you want your input to be considered, please attend.

Hope you are all enjoying the nice weather without snow!

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Tri River Pioneers met on Monday the 8th of January. D.J. Hesse joined Tri River Pioneers. The tractor ride is set for June 24th. Dunkers and Clunkers is set for the 3rd of July. There will tractor raffle tickets sold this spring and summer with the drawing on September 20th. They also commented on the huge turnout for the Holiday Train and also the people visiting the museum, and coming to eat

that evening.

Wednesday, Anna DeHate, Anne Traxler, and Alice Jobe were afternoon coffee guests of Karen Tvedts. She had various cookies, fudge and other candy and a cheese ball & crackers and coffee, of course.

Thursday was a blustery morning with snow and westerly winds. It got better after lunch time.

I finished a 500 piece snowman family puzzle. It was fun.

Much better than the 1000 piece puzzle of Christmas in Paris.

I haven't been skiing yet this winter. There are a few inches on the ground, a far cry from last winter. Who knows what the next few weeks will bring. Some of the eastern states got many inches of snow.

I hope you are all staying well. Hopefully you don't get the flu or Covid.

Have a good week!

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Welcome back to Brooks Deb and Randy Versdahl. They spent the end of December in Arizona visiting their children and enjoying the grandchildren. Deb has some wonderful photos of the kids and their kids. Of course they missed the warm weather we had here, and came back to see the thermometer fall below zero, but the trip and fun with the kids was worth it.

Our sympathy to the Steve Morinville family. Steve had fought cancer for the past years. He was a well known man in the area grew up here and we all will miss him. God rest your soul in peace Steve..

Jean Plant has passed away recently. She was always one to volunteer to help and was a fun person to talk to. If you needed help Jean was there. Rest in Peace our condolences go out to your family.

Kurt Johnson passed away at the end of December too. He lost his wife just a few days

before to cancer and then he died unexpectedly. He grew up here in Brooks and lived at the time of his death in Missouri. Our sympathy and condolences go to you of the Johnson family and friends who knew Kurt. Rest in peace Kurt.

The weather has turned on us now that the holidays are over, but it will be short lived. It is supposed to bet better next week. The Iowa Republican caucus is tonight (Monday) and it will be counted

as the coldest one ever. There is a reason for that, because they moved their caucus to this early date after the election of 2020. They wanted to be the first in the nation I believe. There was some controversy about this move back then but my memory may be fuzzy on this though. I certainly hope their caucus is successful though.

Have a great week everyone.

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Who's Dat?



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This week's photo is of a family that lived in Oklee for many years.

Last week's photo is of a class of elementary students who would have graduated in 1980. It is from some photo from a teacher in Oklee, Grace McManus.

Back row: Barb Lundeen, Dean Christianson, Joel Hanson, Gail Morinville, Mitch Tofte, Nancy Gunderson, Mark Lindquist, Donna Stenberg.

Middle row: Barry Jensen, Val Good, Mike Kirkpatrick, Kevin Vetteslon, Jill Parenteau, Renae Peterson, Larry Sollie.

Front row: Connie Bergeron, Nancy Carriere, Steve Opdahl, Vickie Berberich, ???, Ernie Lee, Kathy Longtin.

Two week's ago photo was of a two young men were from

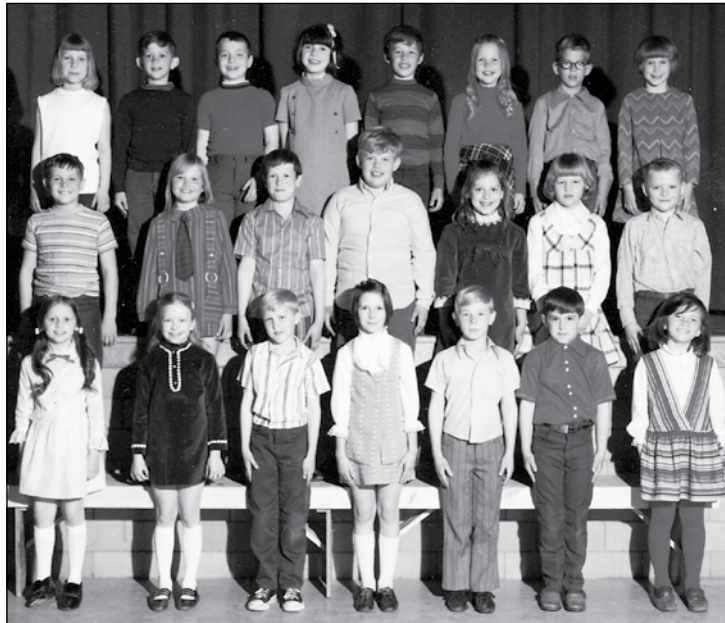
Oklee. Some of the names suggested for the person on the left were Jon Lindquist, Mark Kirkpatrick. And this week a suggestion of Nelson and Christopherson. And a second email came in from Kathi Larson Bauer (1987) saying they were her friends and they are: Tom Christopherson (1986) and Jeff Nelson (1987). Thank you to all who responded to my inquiry.

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 Red Lake County Herald. **I really am short on photos**

and have been diving into history books and other placed to find photos.

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.

If you mail a photo to the Oklee Herald office, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope so the photos can be returned. Mail them to: Red Lake County Herald, PO Box 9, Oklee MN 56742 Or stop by the office and I will scan your photo while you wait.



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