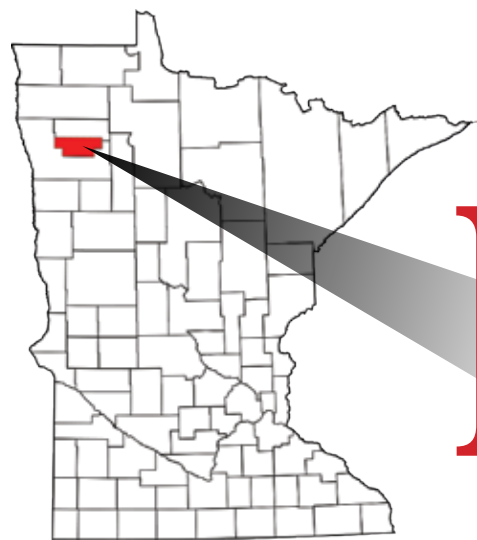




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Kayla Gilbertson is a new personal banker at Security State Bank in Oklee

New Employee at the Security State Bank

By Eric Mickelson
Welcome, Kayla Gilbertson, to the Security State Bank! Kayla graduated from Fosston High School and over the years has worked other jobs in our community and around the area. Kayla was employed at the Freedom Living Center as well as at TJ's Tavern. She also worked at Digi-Key Corp.

in Thief River Falls. Kayla is married to Casey Brekke and they reside north of Oklee. Five months ago the couple was blessed with a son, Arley, who was welcomed home by 10 year old Connor Brekke. Once again the community welcomes Kayla to her new position of Personal Banker at the Security State Bank in Oklee.

Caucus Locations Set By Polk/Red Lake County Democrats

Tuesday, February 27 has been selected for precinct caucuses all around Minnesota so local political parties have reserved locations for the biennial precinct caucus meeting. Polk/Red Lake County DFL Board Directors are inviting your participation in the process of identifying and electing political leaders, debating the party platform, choosing local party leaders, and be a part of something larger while learning how to be a better citizen. Locations tend to be spread throughout the counties so interested citizens will have a minimal distance to travel and are generally in the same location as the caucuses the previous biennium but look closely as some adjustments may have been made. Each local party selects their caucus meeting locations, each individual citizen chooses their party.

Caucus meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and will allow for discussion of candidates and issues and may introduce action resolutions to be included in the DFL party platform. You may be a delegate to the county convention where you can run for election to District, State, and National Convention levels if you wish. Dates of the conventions will be available at the caucus. A presidential-preference ballot will be cast at 8:00 p.m. just prior to adjournment.

Law requires that no public meetings or activities, such as school athletic games or county board meetings etc. take place on caucus evening to provide all citizens who will be 18 years of age by November 5, 2024 to participate. This year Minnesota's Primary election where party members narrows their field of candidates to run against the candidate selected by the other major party in the general election.

Polk/Red Lake County DFL Precinct Caucus Locations - February 27, 7:P. M.
East Grand Forks - East Grand Forks Senior High

School: Fisher, East Grand Forks - all wards, and townships of Bygland, Eden, Ester, Farley, Grand Forks, Higdem, Huntsville, Keystone, Nesbit, Northland, Rhinehart, Sandsville, Sullivan, and Tabor.

Crookston - Highland School: Crookston - all wards, Gentilly, Euclid, Angus, and townships of Andover, Angus, Belgium, Brandt, Brislet, Crookston, Euclid, Fairfax, Fanny, Gentilly, Hammond, Helgeland, Kertsonville, Lowell, Parnell, Russia.

Climax - Climax Public School: Climax, Nielsville, and surrounding areas including townships of Hubbard, Roome, Scandia, Tynsid, Vineland.

Fertile - Fertile-Beltrami High School Cafeteria: Fertile, Beltrami, Mentor, and townships of Garden, Garfield, Godfrey, Grove Park, Tilden, Liberty, Onstad, Reis, Woodside.

Erskine - Win-E-Mac School: Erskine, McIntosh, Mentor, Winger, including townships of Badger, King, Knute, Lessor, Sletten, Winger.

Fosston - Fosston Civic Center: Fosston, Gully, Trail, Lengby, and townships of Brandsvold, Chester, Columbia, Gully, Hill River, Johnson, Queen, Rosebud.

Red Lake County - J. A. Hughes Elementary School, Red Lake Falls: Oklee, Plummer, Brooks, Red Lake Falls, and all townships.

Voters in additional counties throughout Northwest Minnesota can identify caucus locations of both parties by contacting their County Auditor or the MN Secretary of State.

To create and maintain a civil society democracy requires an active, educated population. Minnesota's long history of being a state with one of the highest voter turnouts and most effective state governments in the nation is the result of just that. So please join the proud tradition; civics in action can be fun!

RLCC Black Team took 3rd Place at Knowledge Bowl Competition



The Red Lake County Central Black Team took 3rd place at their meet on January 30th. Members of the team included Caden Lee, Peyton O'Neill, Everett Svendsen, and Gavin Roisland. Mr. Bryan Paskvan coaches RLCC Knowledge Bowl. Congratulations!

Keep fire safety in mind when cooking and using candles this Valentine's Day

Keep fire safety in mind this Valentine's Day to safely maintain the spark of a romantic evening. According to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), that means keeping a close eye on what's cooking on the stove or in the oven and practicing caution when using candles.

"For anyone planning to celebrate Valentine's Day at home this year, there's a good chance those plans will include a special meal and glowing candles," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. "Our goal is to make sure these romantic gestures are done with fire safety in mind."

Cooking is by far the leading cause of U.S. home fires with nearly half (49 percent) of all home fires involving cooking equipment. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires and half of all cooking fire deaths.

"Keeping a close eye on what's cooking can be a challenge, particularly on special occasions like Valentine's Day when you're trying to get everything just right," said Carli. "But when you consider that unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires, it's clear that carefully monitoring what's on the stove and in the oven is critical to ensuring a fire-free evening."

Candles, which also represent a leading cause of home

fires, need to be used with caution. NFPA data shows that half of all candle fires started when a flammable object - such as furniture, bedding, curtains, home decorations, or clothing - was too close to a lit candle. In 21 percent of home candle fires, the candle was either left unattended, discarded, or otherwise misused. Over one-third of candle fires (36 percent) started in the bedroom.

Carli recommends using flameless or battery-operated candles, which provide a similar look and feel to open-flame candles while eliminating the risk of associated fires. If you do plan to use real candles, following are tips from NFPA to do so safely:

- Avoid using candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.

- Place candles on sturdy, uncluttered surfaces where they will not be knocked over.

- Use caution when lighting candles. Keep hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.

- Do not allow candles to burn down too close to the base of the holder or container.

- Never leave a child alone in the presence of a burning candle.

- Keep matches and lighters out of children's reach.

Candle Safety

Candles may be pretty to look at but they are a cause of home fires - and home fire

deaths. Remember, a candle is an open flame, which means that it can easily ignite anything that can burn.

During the five-year period of 2015-2019:

- Candles caused 2% of reported home fires, 3% of home fire deaths, 6% of home fire injuries, and 4% of the direct property damage in home fires.

- Roughly one-third (37%) of home candle fires started in bedrooms. These fires caused 35% of the associated deaths and 47% of the associated injuries.

- Falling asleep was a factor in 10% percent of the home candle fires and 12% of the associated deaths.

- On average, 20 home candle fires were reported per day.

- Three of every five (60%) of home candle fires occurred when some form of combustible material was left or came too close to the candle.

- Candle fires peak in December and January with 11 percent of candles fires in each of these months.

Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms save lives. Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. Fire spreads fast—working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

Statistics

- Roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes

with either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

- More than one-third (38 percent) of home fire deaths result from fires in which no smoke alarms are present.

- The risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half in homes with working smoke alarms.

SOURCE: "Smoke Alarms in U.S. Fires" Report, NFPA

Safety Tips

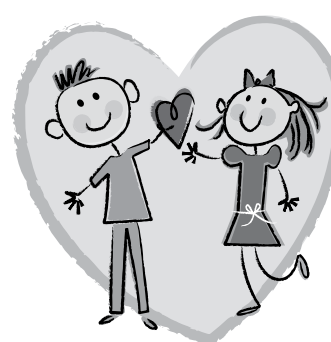
Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.

It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms so that when one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.

Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.

A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.

Working smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan.



Fireman's Blizzard Bonanza Well Attended!



The Oklee Community Hall was packed with people enjoying a delicious Fish Dinner which was served at 6 p.m.

Church News

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
okleelutheran.org
Wed, Feb. 7: 6:00 p.m.
Chime Choir, 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.
Sun, Feb. 11: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:30 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Tue, Feb. 13: 7:00 p.m. Salem Council meeting.
Wed, Feb. 14: 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday service.

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. Feb. 11: 9 a.m. Worship @ Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m. Worship @ Bethany. 7 p.m. Worship at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Wed, Feb. 7: Release Time/Confirmation.
Sun, Feb. 11: Faith: 8 a.m. Worship 9 a.m. SS. Bethany: 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. SS. Ekelund: 10 a.m. SS, 11 a.m. Worship.
Mon, Feb. 12: 9 a.m. Quilting. 1:30 p.m. Ekelund WELCA.
Wed, Feb. 14: 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service at Faith.

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

T.H.E. Bus is available for anyone. There are no age or income guidelines. However, children under the age of four must be accompanied by an adult and children under the age of one must be secured in an infant seat.

Curb-to-curb services is available. Allowing for a safe and convenient method of transportation. All of our buses are handicapped accessible and lift-equipped. All of our drivers are trained and certified.

To reserve a seat, please call one business day prior to the scheduled trip - 1-800-201-3432.

For Polk, Red Lake and Clearwater County stops:
Every Monday - Grand Forks.

Every 2nd Tuesday - Mahanomen.

Every 4th Tuesday - Thief River Falls

Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday - Fargo/Moorhead.

Every 2nd & 4th Friday - Bemidji.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Facebook:
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Wed. Feb 7: 5 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 Vespers. 7:00 p.m. LYS.
Sat, Feb. 10 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, Feb. 11: 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.

Wed. Feb 14: 5 p.m. Wednesday School. 6 p.m. meal. 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service at Nazareth.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Jarred LeBon, Pastor
Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor
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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, Feb 7: Confirmation: 6:30 p.m. 8th Grade at Lund.
Sun. Feb. 11: 9:00 a.m. Lund Worship/10:30 a.m. Sand Valley. 7th Grade Confirmation at 2 p.m.

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.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

February 12 - 16
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.

Mon: Feb. 12: Baked Chicken, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Bread/Butter, Pears, Low Fat Milk.

Tue: Feb. 13: Salisbury Steak/Peppers, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Wheat Dinner Roll/Butter, Fruit Crisp, Low Fat Milk.

Wed: Feb. 14: Amy's Beef Hotdish, Carrots, Bread/Butter, Spiced Apples, Low Fat Milk.

Thu: Feb 15: Smothered Pork Loin, Sweet Potatoes Green Beans, Bread/Butter, Choc. Pudding Cake, Low Fat Milk.

Fri: Feb. 16: Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Carrots, Dinner Roll/Butter, Apple Dessert, Low Fat Milk.

Jumpin' Jax Cafe

Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Grill off at 2 p.m. Dining room open til 3 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Without proper care for it we can have no community, because without proper care for it we can have no life. The ultimate goal of farming is not the growing of crops, but the cultivation and perfection of human beings.



FOR SALE ON BIDS CITY OF PLUMMER COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL CITY LOT

That part of the South Half of the Southeast Quarter (S½SE¼) of Section Nine (9), Township One Hundred Fifty-one (151), North of Range Forty-two (42), West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, contained within the following described boundaries:

Beginning at a point on the East line of Minnesota Street in the Village of Plummer extended Southerly 70 feet South of the Southwest corner of Block 1 in the First Addition to Plummer; from this point at right angles East parallel with the South line of said First Addition a distance of 407.00 feet; thence South 03°20'33" East 370.35 feet to a point; thence at right angles West, the trajectory being South 89°9'12" West a distance of approximately 423.13 feet to the East line of Minnesota Street; thence North along the East line of Minnesota Street to the point of beginning.

*City water & sewer hook up is available.
(This lot was formerly known as the baseball field)*

Bids will be accepted till noon March 11th at the Plummer City Clerk's office or mail them to City Clerk PO Box 128 Plummer MN 56748. Bids will be open Tuesday, March 12th at the regular City Council meeting. The Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Margaret Peterson
Clerk/Treasurer

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Only in Minnesota - Sudan Mine

Explore an old iron mine 2,341-feet below the surface on this train ride in Minnesota

There is no shortage of wonderful attractions in Minnesota. You'll find beautiful nature areas, interesting art displays, delicious restaurants, and - like the place we'd like to feature today - unique attractions. There's a train ride at northern Minnesota's Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park that is unlike anything else you'll find in the state. Hop on board, and you'll be taken more than 2,000 feet below ground into an old iron mine. Read on below to learn more about this fascinating attraction that goes almost 1/2

mile underground!

Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park is a park in northern Minnesota's Iron Range. It's about 225 miles north of the Twin Cities, or 90 miles north of Duluth. The park covers around 300 acres, offering lovely hiking trails with lake and forest views. But the most famous attraction is the Soudan Mine. Guests can take tours of the old mine's operating equipment. It's a great way to explore Minnesota's mining history.

There's also a tour that takes visitors underground to see the mine for themselves. Once you arrive, you'll strap on a hardhat, climb onto an old mine cart train and go

whizzing through the mines, just like a miner would have when the mine was in operation over 100 years ago!

The tour will take you down to the lowest level of the mine, where you'll be 2,341 feet below the surface of the earth. Your tour guide will help you understand how the mine worked, pointing out equipment that was really used and shedding insight on what it was like to be a miner here.

The train ride is 3/4 mile and lasts 90 minutes. You'll gain insight into this fascinating era of Minnesota's history, and you'll catch a glimpse of what it is like more than 2,000 feet underground!

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

Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - Pages 392

Special K Bars Ardis Hofstad

Mix:

1 cup white sugar
1 cup white corn syrup
4 Tbsp butter
1-1/2 cups peanut butter, chunky or smooth
7 cups Special K

Boil the sugar, syrup and butter for 1 minute. Remove from heat. Stir in the peanut butter. Stir in the Special K. Pour into a greased jelly roll size pan. (Hint) place a piece of waxed paper over the mixture to spread and flatten.

Frosting:

12 oz chocolate chips
12 oz butterscotch chips

Melt the chips for frosting



Identity Theft

Here are some helpful suggestions to prevent identity theft:

- Keep your drivers license in your wallet and leave your birth certificate and Social Security card at home in a safe place.
- Never give out your Social Security number, bank or credit card information over the phone unless you initiated the call.
- Put a pre-approved credit cards and loan applications through the shredder before you trash them.
 - Check your bank statements as soon as you received them.

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On the evening of 01/26/24, Red Lake County deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in Emardville Township. The involved parties stated it was just a verbal disagreement, the incident was mediated, and no further action was taken.

On the evening of 01/27/24, a Red Lake County deputy spoke with juveniles who were having issues with a sibling. The juveniles were counseled, and information was provided to Red Lake County Social Services.

On the morning of 01/29/24, a Red Lake County deputy and the Red Lake Falls Fire Chief responded to Hillcrest Senior Living in Red Lake Falls because a smoke alarm was activated. After checking the area, it was determined the alarm was faulty and there was no smoke or fire in the building.

On the evening of 01/29/24, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report that an individual drove into a farmyard in Lambert Township and struck a piece of farm equipment with their vehicle. A Red Lake County deputy responded and found that an inexperienced juvenile driver lost control of their vehicle and caused a minor collision. There were no injuries, the farm equipment was not damaged

and damage to the vehicle was minor.

On the afternoon of 01/30/24, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a man driving a vehicle in Red Lake Falls without a back tire. A Red Lake County deputy located the vehicle in the ditch on gravel road west of Red Lake Falls. The driver, Randy Ryan Hicks (68) of Red Lake Falls was cited for misdemeanor driving after suspension.

On the morning of 01/31/24, a Red Lake Falls resident reported they had been a victim of a scam. They claimed their cellphone was hacked and financial account information had been compromised. A Red Lake County deputy spoke with the victim and advice was given.

On the afternoon of 01/31/24, a Red Lake Falls resident reported they were being harassed by another individual. The report was documented, and advice was given.

On the evening of 01/31/24, Jeremy Aaron Tostrup (27) of Viking was cited for misdemeanor no current motor vehicle insurance and misdemeanor open package of cannabis in a motor vehicle on Hwy. #59 in Plummer.

Mitch Bernstein, Red Lake County Sheriff: 02/02/24



The Groundhog did not see his shadow this year so according to his prediction, spring will be early!



Oklee Office Hours

I am usually in the office most Fridays (call to check) and I will not be in the office on Monday, February 12th so please get your items to me by Friday, February 9th.

If you need to get a hold of me when I'm not in the office, please call 612-840-9401 or email me at: okleeherald@gmail.com.

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MUSTANG STAMPEDE

RLCC Menus

February 12 - 16

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Muffin, Parfait, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Pulled Pork or BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Chips, Fruit, and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Bagel w/Cream Cheese, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy Bread w/Dipping Sauce, Lettuce Salad, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Egg, Cheese, & Sausage Biscuit, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Pollock, Mashed Potatoes w/Butter, Corn, Ice Cream or Sherbert, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Donut, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Cold Subs, Chips, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk.

Friday: No School.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Pop Tart, Cheese Stick, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Noodle Hotdish, Dinner Roll, Green Beans, Fruit and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Riblet on a Bun, Baked Beans, Carrots, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Banana Bread, Boiled Egg, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Pizza Salad, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Sub Sandwich, Chips, Toppings, Celery, Fruit, and Milk.

Friday: No School.

RLCC Sports Schedules

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

RLCC Mustangs Girls Varsity BB

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

Mon, Feb 12: 7:30PM "Senior Night" vs. Win-E-Mac @ Oklee

Thu, Feb 15: 7:30PM vs. Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears @ C-G High School

Tue, Feb 20: 7:30PM Mahnomen @ Oklee

Fri, Feb 23: 7:30PM Climax-Fisher @ Plummer

Mon, Feb 26: 7:00 p.m. Section Pigtail

Thu, Feb 29: Section Play-in Round TBD

Sat, Mar 2: Section Quarters TBD Ralph Engelstad Arena - TRF

Wed, Mar 6: Section Semis TBD Ralph Engelstad Arena - TRF

Fri, Mar 8: Section Finals 7:00PM Ralph Engelstad Arena - TRF

RLC Rebel BBB

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

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

Tue, Feb 13: 7:30PM vs. Goodridge-Grygla @ Goodridge High School

Thu, Feb 15: 7:30PM vs. Norman County East/Ulen-Hitterdal @ U-H High School

Thu, Feb 22: 7:30PM vs. Fertile-Beltrami @ Oklee

Mon, Feb 26: 7:30PM vs. Win-E-Mac @ Win-E-Mac High School

Mon, Mar 4: Section Pigtail TBD vs. —

Thu, Mar 7: Section Play-in Round TBD vs. —

Sat, Mar 9: Section Quarters TBD Ralph Engelstad Arena - TRF

Wed, Mar 13: Section Semis 7:45PM Ralph Engelstad Arena - TRF

Fri, Mar 15: Section Finals 7:00PM Ralph Engelstad Arena - TRF

Ribbons in Speech



Congratulations to Ciara Mitzner and Peyton Williams who traveled to Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton to compete in their annual speech meet. Ciara received a superior ribbon after receiving a first place rank in her first round, and fourth place in both second and third rounds.

Ciara competes in Great Speeches where she analyzed Lou Gehrig's "Luckiest Man In the World" Speech. Peyton Williams received a 5th Place medal in Poetry. She received 2nd place in her first and second rounds, and earned 1st place in her last round. Many other members could not compete due to One-Act competition and preparation.

The Red Lake County Rebel Speech will host the Plummer Lions Annual Speech meet at RLCC High School on February 10th, 2024.

RLCCHS presents "The Bus Stop"



Back Row: Gavin Roisland, Ruben Osborn, Guy Bergeson, Oliver Russillo, and Lillie Lundeen Front Row: Nikolena Hofstad, Domnina Andreef, Hannah Dudycha, McKenzie Tofstad, Hailey Hanson, McKenzie Hamm, and Peyton Williams. Center Front: Mr. Tyrell Hamrum Not pictured Eli Grove.

By Roberta Aakhus and Oliver Russillo

On January 26th, 2024, The Red Lake County Central Mustang One-Act team presented our play, The Bus Stop. The team competed in Win-E-Mac for their subject and earned third place. The first-place team, Bagley, and

the second-place team, Win-E-Mac, advanced to the Section Competition in Bagley on February 3rd, 2024. Those who advance will compete on February 8th and 9th at St. Catherine's University.

The Bus Stop by Kendra Thomas takes on themes of parental addiction and foster

care. Displaced and distrustful, Ava has a hard time adjusting and fitting in after being separated from her dysfunctional parents and put into a foster home. And when Ava shows up one morning at a school bus stop, skeptical longtime friends Jillian and Chloe struggle to get to know the elusive newcomer, who comes off as distant and unfriendly. But Ava is fighting personal battles they cannot see: adjusting to her new foster home, enduring regular therapy and court appointments, and missing her parents. She especially longs to be back with her mother, who's locked in her own battle with drug addiction as she separates from Ava's deadbeat alcoholic dad, who eventually disappears altogether.

Cast members included: Peyton Williams as Ava, Hanna Dudycha as Ava's Mom, Gavin Roisland as Ava's Dad, Eli Grove as Ava's Mom's lawyer, McKenzie Hamm as Chloe, McKenzie Tofstad as Ava's Teacher, Lillie Lundeen as Ava's Therapist, Hailey Hanson as Jillian, Ruben Osborn as the judge, Oliver Russillo as the caseworker, and Nikolena Hofstad as Christa. Crew members included Guy Bergeson and Nick Andreef who ran the lights and sound. Mr. Tyrell Hamrum directed the talented crew.

When asked about competition, Russillo admitted to being nervous, "When the cast presents for competition, it can be nerve-wracking. I've been competing in one-act for a few years, and I still get nervous!" Oliver explained that after each team performs, three judges meet them in their green room to critique their play. They compliment their favorite moments or remind them to speak more clearly. Afterwards, they return to the auditorium where they watch the other performances.

The Bus Stop was performed for the public on January 29th, 2024 in the RLCC Gym. Many audience members agreed that they were impressed by the fine performance and were moved to learn more about foster care.

Oliver Russillo concluded, "The best part of our play is that we had a great time even though the play was serious. Mr. Hamrum is a lot of fun and plays a lot of theater games with us, but helped us focus on the serious message of The Bus Stop."

Congratulations to the One-Act team on a job well done!

Congratulations to both C Team tournament winners!



Congratulations to the RLC Rebels on winning the Crookston C-Team tournament on Saturday, January 27th. The Rebels defeated TRF, EGF, & Crookston! Back Row: Coach Steve Phillion, Masen Pahlen, Alex Renner, Benji Bramer, Logan Vettleson, and Thor Thompson, and Coach Randy Huie. Front Row: Atley Vettleson, Xavier Sams, Nick Suchy, and Nate Powers.



Congratulations to the Mustangs C Team as they were the C Team Tournament Champions on Saturday, February 3rd in Fosston, MN. The Mustangs beat NCE, BGMR, and Bagley. Back Row: Oliveah Stordahl, Keanna Landrus, Kathryn Srnsky, Esenyah Lundeen, Alexa Chervestad, Graceyn Kvsager, and Coach Kory Baril. Front Row: Natalee Hendrickson, Marissa Morinville, Aubree Halverson, Isabelle Paradis, and Jordan Johnson.



The Snowflake League

Red Lake County boys and Red Lake County Central girls elementary teams played last Saturday, January 27th, 2024, in Bagley, Minnesota. It was the conclusion of the “Snowflake League.” A few years ago The Snowflake League was formed. Each Saturday for about a month several teams involved with the league meet in a certain town and play 2 games for each team. Everyone is in one location and you get a couple of games in. It's a win win for everyone, instead of traveling with just one team to a neighboring town on Saturday and getting just one game for your team. It has been a successful run. Earlier this year the teams played in Red Lake Falls, Oklee-Plummer, Goodridge-Grygla, and most recently Bagley. Thanks to the coaches and teams for all the fun!

By Eric Mickelson



3rd Grade Boys: Back: Spencer Gerholdt, Tate Nelson, Tucker Kruchowski, Teagan Lee, Graham Vettleson, Trey Nelson, Orin Weber. Front: Jacob Schindler, Bryer Klasen, Calvin O'Neill, Ezra Fore, Gavin Ward.



3rd Grade Girls: Lyla Dodson, Stella Sherman, Brooklyn Morinville, Summer Bergeson, Kenzee Bergeson, Kennedy Halvorson, Gwenyth Nelson, and Harper Morinville. Not pictured Grace Kruchowski.



4th grade boys: L to R: Ben Lambert, Jeremy Schuh, Brady Bramer, Jesse Ellefson, Kingston Paradis, Aiden Hovland, Easton Vettleson, Bennet Beauchane, Eli Kringlen, Aiden Lambert, Zakk Holter, Isaac Schindler.



4th grade girls: Adeline Witcherman, Braylee Lundeen, Claire Whalen, Avaeya Vettleson, Fern Witcherman, Ruby Kruchowski, Front: Brooklyn Anderson, Ansley Brekke.



5th grade boys: Back: Colton Williams, Ty Dugstad, Levi Vettleson, Caelum Nelson, Davis Nelson. Front: Liam Adleman, Jacob Lee, Sam Cardinal, and Jackson Stephens



5th Grade Girls: Loryn Vettleson, Olivia Vettleson, Ava Kolstoe, Emma Anderson, Ellie Halvorson, Lola Hendrickson, Vanessa Majeres, Kinsley Halvorson, Maci Magnell, Malayna Hamm.



5th grade team 2: Back: Coach Carl Dugstad, Keaton Landrus, Walker Bergeson, Roanen Thronson, Able Jenkins, Aiden Anderson, Ben Cardinal. Front: Quentin O'Neill, Trenton Lovelace Miller, Jack Ingrahm, Shawn Landrus, Terry Sand.



6th grade boys: Back Row: Coach Kevin Phillion, Liam Kringlin, Clark Bergeson, Conner Nelson, Riley Beauchane, Reese Lambert, Front: Cheston Ringeisen, Evan Phillion, Logan Lee, and Landen Vettleson.

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Do You Remember?

By Eric W. Mickelson

Do you remember the...



Picture of Bi-Centennial button design.

By Eric Mickelson

I am an avid listener of Prairie Home Companion, by Garrison Kellihor. The show is no longer produced but you can find old episodes on the website, youtube, or I listen to them on Spotify.

One of the last episodes I listened to was discussing an upcoming 4th of July celebration in the fictional town of Lake Wobegon. It made me think back to Oklee celebrations and my mind went back



Bennet Larson displaying his beard growth. Registering for the Brother of the Brush contest was done by contacting Bennet at the Community Center or Larry Skalet at the Bank.

to the Bicentennial Celebration back 1976.

One of the fun things I remembered was the Brothers of the Brush. During the celebration men were fined if they were not growing a beard and did not have the correct permit. My dad, Winton Mickelson, is often remembered for his long beard. But, for nearly all of his life he did NOT have a beard. During the Bicentennial and later during the Diamond Jubilee celebrations dad decided to grow a beard and both times happened to leave if for a long time! Other than those two



Marge Stenberg in charge of the button contest.

occasions he was clean shaven! There is a lot of work that goes into a community celebration like these. Lots of planning and finding people to volunteer for a lot of important committees. I looked back into the Bicentennial year and found a few goodies. Of course one of things that has often happened at these celebrations is designing a button to be used during the activities. The

Bicentennial Committee had Marge Stenberg in charge of the button design contest. The winner would receive a \$25.00 prize for their winning button design. Ken Asselin, former Oklee resident and at the time living in Gilbert, MN, won the contest. In order to distribute buttons the committee, under the leadership of Marge Stenberg, Mrs. Karen Olson, and Miss Kay Marquis are having a contest involving the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students will be selling buttons for \$5 each. The top three sellers will receive a cash prize; 1st \$5, 2nd \$3, and \$2 for 3rd. Oklee Businesses will continue to sell buttons until the celebration itself. Button holders will be entitled to a free Bicentennial supper held on June 26th as well as reduced admission to the Queen pageant.



Elmer Hanson with Ken Asselin's winning button design.

We will talk more about the Bicentennial Celebration in future issues, but I really had fun going on a stroll down memory lane as the Oklee community began some of the plans for the big celebration, back in 1976!



Although not from the Bicentennial Celebration here are the beard contest winners from Oklee's 60th celebration in 1970. They were: Otto Johnson, shaggiest beard, Elmer Hanson, best trimmed beard, Harold Reindal, fullest beard, Norman Nelson, most colorful beard, and Willard Bergeron, poorest result for the greatest effort. Judges were Mrs. Orlando Chervestad, Mrs. Al Radniecki and William Keaveny.

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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.

Craft Shop by Appt only
The Craft Shop is open by appointment only. 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 enjoy some fun game time visiting with your fellow seniors.

January Meeting
The meeting was not held due to lack of participants. We need a quorum to do business. If you are interested in keeping the Senior Site open, more participation is needed.

The next meeting will be on February 8th at the Oklee Senior Site at 2:00 p.m.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

On Sunday, Anna DeHate, Alice Jobe, Lynn and Roger Gallant attended the Knights of Columbus breakfast at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Red Lake Falls. They served blueberry egg bake with ice cream and side of ham with coffee and juice and milk.

Brodie Traxler, Thief River Falls, came Wednesday evening to his grandma Anne Traxler's. He came for confirmation class at Immanuel

Lutheran Church.

On Saturday, January 27th, five snow mobilers came into town to get a run in before the snow disappeared.

I'm sure it was a big disappointment this winter for snowmobiling. The 500 race was canceled, I saw on TV.

It's crazy how the weather has been. They had flooding on the West Coast. The East Coast got heavy rain falls as well. On the radio and TV,

It is important for seniors to attend as we need a quorum to be able to vote on items discussed in January. Items discussed were changes to the Constitution, the Craft Shop and Valentine's Gathering.

According to the weather reports, the temperatures will be going down by the end of the week and there is a possibility of rain on Thursday with temps around 40 degrees and snow showers on Friday with temps around 31 degrees. Starting on Saturday the temps are predicted to be in the 20's so expect slippery conditions. Remember to be careful on the icy sidewalks and streets. Nobody wants to break a wrist or a leg.

Have a great week!

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Another day with fog in the forecast. How long have we heard this in the past few weeks. It is warm and humid and we have fog. It has been thick at times and tolerable other times. The temperatures are very warm for this time of year. It seems to hang around the 30 degree mark so we have to put up with the gloomy looking weather. We have to take it as it comes. Right now California is drowning in water. That will probably come our way in time.

Joanne Bradley said she was visited by her grandson and wife. She said they brought her a surprise, a new baby to love on. That means she is a great grandma now and she is so proud. Cayla and Luke Delage brought their little girl to meet her great grandma last week. The girl is named Findlay, and her Grandpa and Grandma is Brian and Kristi of Dent, Minnesota. Congratulations to all of the family what wonderful news.

Jenny Huotari and her son Grady of Moorhead Minnesota

came to visit Joyce and Perry Morinville over the weekend.

On Friday Ian Ellenson came to visit and stay overnight at Jerome and Barb Novak's home. He and the Novak's went to the play presentation at Bagley High School's competition for one act plays competing for state. Red Lake Falls was also in this competition. We saw the Bagley presentation. We were not sure what that one was all about, because the actors did not emote well enough to get the gist of what they were doing. The Warroad one was loud enough to hear the words and they did a great

job. We had to leave after the Warroad play, so we missed the Red Lake Falls presentation. My daughter called and let us know that Bagley won to go to state, and Red Lake Falls and Warroad tied for last. That was so unfair. It seems that Bagley hosts the competition every year and they have gone to state for eight straight years prior to this. I do know that the actors in all of the plays put their hearts into their performances. We enjoyed that what we could hear.

We hope you have a great week and that you enjoy your family and friends.

Bonny's Bits

It looked like the Firemen had a great turnout at the Blizzard Bonanza. I drove by and the streets were lined with cars & trucks in all directions. I'm sure everyone had a great time as Tim Eggebraaten puts on a great show and is a master emcee.

We are always looking for stories and photos for the paper. If you have story and/or photos you want to share, please send it to the RLC Herald at PO Box 9, Oklee, MN 56742 or email to: okleeherald@gmail.com.

And speaking of sharing, if you have received any fun emails, I used to use a lot of those items in my column. Please send them also. Just make sure they are family friendly.

The foggy weather has been

depressing to say the least. I'm thankful that I'm not affected by that kind of weather, but it still makes driving hard due to visibility, roads slippery in the mornings especially. And this year the frost is probably going down deeper than normal since we don't have our blanket of snow insulating the ground. Could be lots of broken pipes come spring and frost bumps that turn into holes. Yuk!

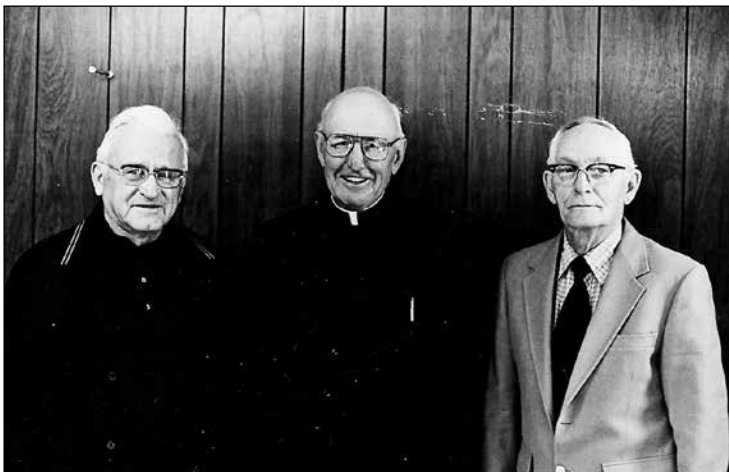
On a cheerier note, the days are getting longer, more light is good for everything. The Ground Hog has not seen his shadow so spring is on the way early if you believe him.

My two seasons I enjoy the most is Spring and Fall. The temperatures are moderated for the most part. Not to hot and not too cold. But I love Minnesota's four seasons!

Crossword Solution

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Who's Dat?

This week's photo is of three men that were good friends. Last week's photo was of Eric Mickelson and Thomas Erlandson. This picture was taken around 1985. Both still live and farm in the area.

Note: The photo with the group photo of children, one was not named. It is Mark Clark.

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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