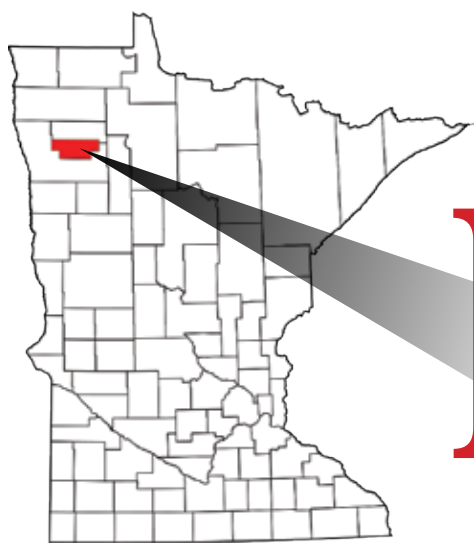




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RLCC received a \$5,000 grant from Garden Valley Education Foundation. Receiving the check is Ben Wattenphul, RLCC Elementary personnel, which was presented by Arlene Novak.

GVEF Awards \$5,000 Grants to Local Schools including RLCC

The Garden Valley Education Foundation (GVEF) has presented \$5,000 technology grants to nine local schools. The grants are intended to be used for the purchase of any technology related service or product the district feels would best suit their needs.

Each of the nine schools submitted a written request for grant funds which included what the grant would be used for and how it is related to a technology need. "We were excited to see how many schools wanted to take part in the grant process," explained Timothy Brinkman, CEO/General Manager of GVT. "Between these grants, our Esports sponsorship, and our Local Channel partnerships with the schools, it's a great opportunity to be involved in the educational experience of our local students."

The schools listed below

received technology grants for the following projects:

Bagley - (2) Epson Powerlite projectors, (2) Epson wall mounts, two 86" LG" Smart TVs, and a Bluetooth ceiling speaker kit

Clearbrook-Gonvick-School - Smart Deluxe Laminator, lamination materials, HP DesignJet large format printer, and replaced (2) Dell laptops.

Fertile-Beltrami - (6) iPad Pro 11 and (2) iPad 10 for Science, Art, and Woodshop/Metals classes.

Goodridge - VEX V5 Competition Super Kit, VEX GO Classroom Bundles robots, rolling tool drawer workbench.

Grygla - (3) Dell desktop computers, (3) Microsoft Office Professional licenses, and (3) installs.

Red Lake County Central - Renewal of technology licenses.

Red Lake Falls - Vitek camera, 16-Channel digital mixer,

mounted plywood shelf, (10) HP Chromebooks with extended services and Google Chrome licenses.

Thief River Falls - (200) MEKO Stylus, Logitech group video/audio conferencing system with stand and Logitech MeetUp and expansion microphone.

Warren-Alvarado-Oslo - (10) Apple iPads with MoKo cases.

Win-E-Mac - (6) ThinkBooks with warranty for their media production class.

The Garden Valley Education Foundation was established in late 1990, by Garden Valley Telephone Company (GVT), to promote rural economic development through the use of modern telecommunications technology for educational purposes. Garden Valley Technologies funds the Education Foundation with unclaimed capital credits.

Fosston City Council holds special meeting to update on the Essentia Health dispute

There was little room left in the Fosston City Council chambers as a crowd of more than 60 concerned citizens and Essentia Health employees crowded in to hear an update from the Council concerning the dispute the city has with the healthcare corporation who currently is under contract at the Fosston hospital.

Fosston City Attorney, Steven Larson spoke first about the questions that will be brought to the Arbitration board, the next step in this dispute.

The board will convene from July 8 - 11, 2024, when it will be decided if, in fact, the Essentia Health Corporation is in breach of their contract they have with the First Care Medical Services Foundation, which owns the hospital and is part of the City of Fosston.

Questions that will be raised include whether labor and delivery are part of Obstetrics services, whether Essentia gave proper notice of the discontinuation of labor and delivery, and if there is cause to "excuse" the corporation of providing labor and delivery services at the Fosston hospital.

Cassie Heide, Fosston City Administrator, then spoke about the legal process needing to run its' course before local control of the hospital is recovered. If and when the City chooses to terminate the contract with Essentia Health Corporation, there will be a 12-month, good-faith operating window prior to the hospital being managed by First Care Medical Services.

Evan Fonder, the President of the First Care Medical Services Foundation spoke about the evolution of discontinued services at Essentia Health Fosston, as there are no longer local dermatology, orthopedics or H1C testing, among other services previously offered at the Fosston location.

Callen Weisfennig, Essentia Health Fosston Hospital and Clinic Administrator was asked about employee numbers, in which he thought that there were approximately 160 - 170 current employees. The numbers are down from 5 years ago, when there were approximately 220 employed by Essentia Health Fosston.

The vision of the First Care

Medical Services Foundation and the Fosston Task Force is that all current Essentia Health Fosston employees will remain should First Care Medical Services regain control of the clinic and hospital. The hospital would be operated on a local level and run under a new board of directors. Callen Weisfennig would remain the Hospital and Clinic Administrator.

The Mayor of Fosston, Jim Offerdahl clearly stated that this is a matter being taken very seriously by the City Council and the City Administration. That the hospital will be run by the community and that there are many people who are involved in helping to obtain this goal for Fosston and the surrounding communities which are served by the hospital.

There will be an opportunity for updates to those who would like to stay up to date with the latest information on the dispute and resolution. If you have an interest, please email to information@fosston.com. You can request updates as they become available, leave a comment, or ask a question.

Music Artist in Residence to Visit Red Lake County Central



Fifth and sixth grade students at Red Lake County Central are song writing and creating music with Artist in Residence, Stefon "Bionik" Taylor, the week of March 18 - 22.

As a teaching artist and music producer, Stefon "Bionik" Taylor has discovered a commitment to guiding and inspiring students to express their creative voices using music and songwriting. Using modern tools and technology, Bionik helps participants tell their stories through the creation and recording of original music and lyrics.

Bionik's passion for music started at a young age, and led him to live performance, composing original music, working at world renowned recording studios, producing music for numerous artists, and finally passing on inspiration and guidance to others through teaching.

In the classroom, Bionik guides students through the song making process with lyric writing exercises, music software, and recording live instruments and lyrics. The final product is an original song created by the students working as a group. Bionik has worked with people of all ages and abilities at Urban Arts Academy, Chicago's The Happiness Club, and Slam Academy, where he is currently an instructor.

Bionik has composed, produced and collaborated on Hip-Hop, pop, R n' B, blues, reggae, soul and funk records with classic and contemporary artists ranging from Phil Collins to Lizzo. His original compositions and productions have been featured in Amazon's: Invincible, Grownish, the Fast and Furious series, Power Rangers Movie, NBA 2K video game series, and many more. Live performance of his original music has taken him to venues like Minneapolis' First Avenue, Los Angeles' Low End Theory, Chicago's Park West, and music festivals across the country. He is also a 2019 McKnight Composer Fellow, and a recipient of "The Happiness Club Legacy Award" for his work with Chicago youth.

In this one week residency, Bionik guides students through the process of creating and recording a group of original songs that represent their feelings and ideas, or a relevant subject in your curriculum. Working as a group, participants create concepts for songs, write and edit lyrics using songwriting techniques, and finally, arrange the lyrics to tell their stories. Once students have a group of stories ready, they create original music using modern software and equipment.

Bionik helps create a beat using group participation and

live instrumentation, such as hand claps, body sounds and live percussion instruments. Then they will add melodic and rhythmic elements to their beats and explore how it affects the emotional content of their stories. Finally, students learn to record their stories over these original compositions, arrange their songs, and reflect as a group on the work they have completed together. In this residency, students build self-confidence while learning to work together to accomplish creative goals.

The residency is arranged with COMPAS. COMPAS programs are made possible in part by a grant provided by the Minnesota State Arts Board, through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature. This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through grants from the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund. We look forward to this exciting learning opportunity.



Zion Lutheran Fish Fry a Success!



Some of the crowd enjoying a fish dinner on Saturday evening!

By Eric Mickelson

Zion Lutheran Church held a fish fry on Saturday, March 16th, at the Oklee Hall. Those of you who have worked for an organization that performs an event like a fish fry or other meal for many people know there is more that goes into it than serving fish. Everyone has to pitch in and pull their weight! It begins with planning, organizing, and of course simple logistics! Luckily most organizations have members who excel in areas like this! Preparations have to be made, food has to be secured and delivered and the venue set up! Next, the food must be prepared, which does not always happen simply on the day of the event! Finally the day arrives and yes there is cooking and serving and don't forget the cleanup!

Sounds like a lot of work to me, but well worth it! Often the meal brings in some money for your organization, but it is really much more. Many times it

is a bit of a community service. It can be a place for community members to congregate, have a meal, and just get out and see each other. I don't know how many times I have met a friend or neighbor at an event or an-

other town and said, "I guess I had to go "here" (wherever that is) to see my neighbor!"

I hope everyone had a little fun here in the great town of Oklee!



Conway Hamm fry'n and Chad Parsley & Logan O'Neill prepping the fish, which was very delicious!

Church News

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Okleelutheran.org
Wed, Mar. 20: 6:00 p.m.
Meal. 7:00 p.m. Lent Service at Zion.
Sun, Mar. 24: 9:00 a.m.
Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem
10:30 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30
a.m. Salem. YG Bingo at 4 p.m.
Thu, Mar. 28: 7:00 p.m.
Maundy Thurs Service at Zion.

**CATHOLIC PARISHES
OF OKLEE, GRYGLA &
GOODRIDGE**
Fr. Bryan Kujawa
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. St. Fran-
ces – Oklee; 10:15 a.m. – Gry-
gla. 12: p.m. – Goodridge.

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

**IMMANUEL–EBENEZER
LUTHERAN PARISH
ELCA**
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Wed, Mar. 20: 7pm Lenten
Service at Ebenezer.
Sun, Mar. 24: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Ebenezer. 10:30
a.m. Worship at Immanuel.(Pr.
Jonathan). 10:30 a.m. Worship
at Bethany (SAM Allen).
Thu, Mar. 28: 7pm Maundy
Thu Service at Ebenezer.

**GOODRIDGE AREA
LUTHERAN PARISH
ELCA**
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Wed, Mar. 20: 6pm Meal.
7 pm Lent Service at Ekelund.
Sun, Mar. 24: Ekelund:
8:00 a.m. Worship, 9:00 a.m.
SS. Faith: 9:30 a.m. Worship,
10:30 a.m. SS. Bethany: 10 a.m.
SS 11:00 p.m. Worship.
Mon, Mar. 25: 9am Quilting.
Thu, Mar. 28: 7 pm Maundy
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 –
Mahnomon.

Every 4th Tuesday – Thief
River Falls

Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednes-
day – Fargo/Moorhead.

Every 2nd & 4th Friday –
Bemidji.

**CLEARWATER
LUTHERAN PARISH**
Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Mar. 20: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday School. Oak Park:
6 pm Meal. 7 pm. Service.
Thu, Mar. 21: 6:30 p.m.
St. Petri.
Sat, Mar. 23: 9:00 a.m.
Mt. Olive.
Sun, Mar. 24: Nazareth:
8:45am, SS 9:45 a.m. Service.
Oak Park: 10 a.m. SS, 11:00
a.m. Service.
Wed, Mar. 27: No Wednes-
day School.

Thu, Mar. 28: Maundy
Thursday - 5:00 p.m. Mt. Ol-
ive. 7:00 p.m. Nazareth.
NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg,
Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday
School. 10 am Worship.
Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. Ladies
Bible Devotions.
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
Wed, Mar. 20: Lenten –
Bethany: 6 p.m. Parish Board.
7 p.m. Service.
Sun, Mar. 24: 9:00 p.m.
Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.
2 pm 7th Gr. Confirmation at
Lund. 3:30 p.m. 5th Grade First
Communion meeting at Lund.
Wed, Mar. 27: 6:30 p.m. 8th
Grade Confirmation at Lund.
Thu, Mar. 28: Maundy Thu
at Lund. 5 pm 7&8 grade confir-
mation. 6pm Soup&Sandwich,
7pm Worship.

**BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston**
Seth Johnson,
Interim Pastor
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday
School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

March 25 - 29
Oklee Senior Meals (LSS
Meals) are available for Home
Delivery. Monday-Friday.
Please call the Cathy or Car-
olyn at the RLF LSS Kitchen
the day before, by 12 noon at
218-253-4454.

Mon. 25: Honey Glazed
Chicken, Rice, Country Blend
Veggies, Bread/Butter, Fresh
Fruit, Low Fat Milk.

Tue. 26: Roast Turkey,
Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Peas
& Carrots, Wheat Dinner Roll/
Butter, Fruit Crisp, Low Fat
Milk.

Wed. 27: Pizza Pasta Casse-
role, Green Beans, Texas Toast/
Butter, Peaches, Low Fat Milk.

Thu. 28: Pot Roast, Mashed
Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans,
Bread/Butter, Baked Apple/
Raisin/Coconut, Low Fat Milk.

Fri. 22: Salmon Loaf, Rice
Pilaf, Peas, Bread/Butter, Pea-
nut Butter Bar, Low Fat Milk.

**The Easter Bunny
will be hopping into
town for an Easter Egg
Hunt and Pictures!**

**March 30th
at the
Oklee Pickleball
court**

**Ages 0 - 4th Grade
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Starting with
youngest age first.**

In case of bad weather, the event will be moved
to the Oklee Community Hall.
Funded by the Oklee Community Club
and Oklee Community Ed.

EQUIPMENT RENTAL – BIDS CLOSE

Tuesday, March 26th, 2024
**RED LAKE COUNTY
RED LAKE FALLS, MN 56750**

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS – Bids will be received until
10:00 AM, Tuesday, March 26th, 2024, by Kelsey Gervais,
County Auditor, at the Auditor's Office in the Red Lake
County Court House, 124 Langevin Ave, Red Lake Falls,
MN 56750, for establishing equipment rental rates. Bids
will be opened publicly by Erik Hove, County Engineer, or
a designated representative, on behalf of the Red Lake
County Board of Commissioners.

Proposals may be examined and obtained at the Red Lake
County Highway Department, 204 7th Street Southeast,
Red Lake Falls, MN 56750.

The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners reserves
the right to accept any bid or reject any or all bids, waive
irregularities or defects therein.

Kelsey Gervais – Red Lake County Auditor

Invitation for Sealed Bid

The City of Oklee is soliciting bids for the replacement of
the sidewalk outside the Essentia Health Clinic located at 401
Governor Street, Oklee, MN.

Work to include:
1. Removal of old Sidewalk. (The city can dispose of the old
concrete)
2. Make sure the foundation for the new sidewalk is up to
standard and compacted sufficiently to support the new sidewalk.
3. Replace Sidewalk.
4. Clean up the area on completion.
Work to commence early summer and must be completed
within 4 weeks.

Bids due by March 29th
Send your bids to:
Derek Cross, City Clerk
PO Box 190, Oklee MN 56742
Or cityofoklee@gvtel.com. Call 218-796-5183 or 218-277-
0131 if you have any questions.



Red Lake County SWCD is still taking Tree Orders for Spring 2024

Red Lake County Soil &
Water Conservation District
(SWCD) has been taking tree
orders for 2024 springs' tree
planting season since October
of 2023. Anyone interested in
purchasing trees from the Red
Lake County SWCD should
contact the SWCD office at
(218) 253-2593.

Due to a lack in tree
availability, here is a list of
trees the SWCD currently
has remaining for purchase.
These numbers will be
changing daily as tree orders
continue to come in.

Mountain Ash	25
Amur Maple	25
Siouxland Poplar	25
American Plum	50
Highbush Cranberry	25
Black Walnut	100
Chokecherry	100
Norway Poplar	25
Red Splendor Crab	75
Flame Willow	75
Redosier Dogwood	50
Sugar Maple	150
Red Maple	100
Silver Maple	75
Red Oak	50
Eastern Red Cedar	75
Red Pine	100
Scotch Pine	75
Colorado Blue Spruce	150
Black Hill Spruce	125

If you are interested in
placing a tree order, for
springs' tree planting
season, please call the
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Church Auction
Sunday, April 7th
Oklee Community Hall
Sale Starts 12 Noon**
Setup Saturday, April 6th ~ 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
**Looking for Donated items - Do a little Spring
Clean up - Items accepted up to start of sale**

Eric W. Mickelson, Auctioneer

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VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

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Email: kellefsoncvso@hotmail.com

**Oklee Centennial Cookbook
Recipe Corner - Pages 348**

**Pig Pickin Cake
Sharon (Lambert) Rhue**

1 yellow butter cake mix
1 can mandarin oranges
(undrained)
4 eggs
2/3 cup oil

Mix all ingredients. Bake at 350
degrees in greased pan.
Frosting: Drain 1 large can crushed pineapple. Pour
juice over cooked cake. Mix 1 small box vanilla
instant pudding in 1 large container of Cool Whip. Add
pineapple and put on top of cake. Enjoy!!

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.

Legal Notices

Notice and Order of Hearing
State of Minnesota
County of Red Lake
District Court
Probate Division
Court File No. 63-PR-21-164
Case Type: Guardianship/
Conservatorship

In Re: Guardianship of:
Hayz Fitzgerald Hanson,
A person subject
to Guardianship.

A Petition has been filed by
John Pendelton and Tammy
Pendelton requesting termination
of the Guardianship of Hayz
Fitzgerald Hanson. A copy of this
Petition is available at the Red
Lake County District Court,
124 Langevin Avenue, Red Lake
Falls, Minnesota 56750.

IT IS ORDERED and notice is
hereby given that a hearing on
this petition will be held on the
25th day of March, 2024, at 9:30
o'clock a.m., in the above-named
Court via Zoom (instructions
available upon request). Any
objections to the petition must
be raised at the hearing.

Dated this 1st day of March,
2024.

/s/ Heidi Davies _____
Referee of District Court
/s/ Corey Harbott _____
Judge of District Court

/s/ Michael L. Jorgenson _____
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2	6	8	9	7	1	5	3	4
4	7	1	3	5	2	6	9	8
1	5	4	7	2	9	8	6	3
6	3	9	8	4	5	1	7	2
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As a member of the Zion
Church I want to thank the
members of the congregation
and council that worked so
hard to put on this event! It
was awesome! Oh yes, and
a big thanks to those who
supported the event! Eric M

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I am in the office most
Fridays (call to check) and
I will be in the office on
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10 am until 4 pm.

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the paper is on Fridays
by Noon.

If you need to get a
hold of me when I'm not in
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Name: Cambrie Willett
Parents: Lacey
Siblings: Carter
What does your Mom do for a living: She sets her computer up and calls people.
What do you want to be when you grow up? Work at Digi-Key lim my mama.
Favorite Movie: I don't know what it's called. It's about a boy, fire and water.
Favorite Food: Ramen
Favorite School Activity: Phy-Ed.
Favorite Color: Pink.
Favorite Toy: The colorful bears in my class.
Favorite Sport: Football.
Anything else you'd like people to know about you? I like to face-time with people. I talk to them. I face-time Helen a lot. Helen is easy to write. She's my aunt.



Name: Mason Kimbro
Parents: Trapper and April.
Siblings: Robert & Izayah
What does your Mom do for a living: Cleans the house and takes care of my brother, Izayah.
What does your Dad do for a living: Packaging suervisor at MDU and he runs the road greader.
What do you want to be when you grow up? A police officer.
Favorite Movie: Super Hero movies.
Favorite Food: Macaroni & cheese.
Favorite School Activity: Learn & see my friends.
Favorite Color: Pink.
Favorite Toy: Airplane.
Favorite Sport: Soccer & Wrestling.
Anything else you'd like people to know about you? I love my family. Even if I'm mad at my brother. I still love him. No matter what, I love my brother. I want him to know that.



RLCC Menus

March 25 - 29

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Biscuit & Gravy, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Hot Dog or Polish, Baked Beans, Chip, Fruit, and Milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast: Parfait, Toast, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Quesadilla, Lettuce Salad, Cottage Cheese, Fresh Veggies, Fruit, and Milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast: Muffins, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Meatballs Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dinner Roll, Veggies, Fruit, and Milk.
Thursday: Breakfast: Donut, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Hot Subs, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk.
Friday: No School

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Yogurt, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Corn Dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Peas, Fruit, and Milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage, Egg Patty, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Sloppy Joe, Coleslaw, Goldfish Crackers, Fruit, and Milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast: Variety, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Wrap, Toppings, Corn, Cookie, Fruit, and Milk.
Thursday: Breakfast: Long John, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Calzone, Salad, Fruit, and Milk.
Friday: No School.



12th grade is learning about creating sculptures with plaster. They recreated their hands inspired by their personalities and hobbies.

RLCC Senior Choir attended "Hairspray" at the Ordway Theater in St. Paul, MN

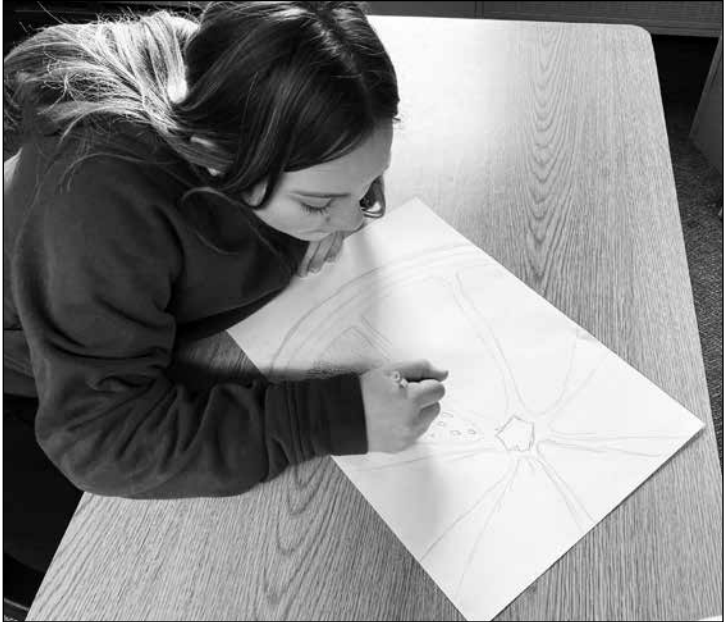


On Wednesday, March 13th, the Red Lake County Central Senior High Choir traveled to St. Paul where they attended the play, Hairspray, at the Ordway Theater. Back Row: Natalie Baker, Mckenzie Tofstad, Quinn Graves, Jamie Flatgard, Gavin Roisland, Ruben Osborn, and Evelyn Kamm. Front Row: Hailey Hanson, Hannah Dudycha, Lexus Waldal, Lillie Lundeen, McKenzie Hamm, and Peyton Williams. Not Pictured: Mrs. Krista Bernstein, Choir Director and Mr. Mitch Bernstein, Chaperone

RLCC Student Art



8th Graders Avery Nelson drawing a sliced Kiwi and Marissa Morinville drawing a sliced dragon fruit for their still drawing projects.



8th Grader Mya Arlt drawing an orange slice for her sliced fruit still.



8th Grade created paper mosaics! Avery Nelson created this mosaic of Elvis.



Speech Team Gone Quackers!

Mykayla Peterson, Ciara Mitzner, Lily Baker, Brady Lowell, Rae Martinson, Brody Hammer, and Hayden Shulstad posing with their Pringle Beaks after the Annual Drakes Invitational in Blackduck, Saturday, March 16.



Results from Speech Meet at Blackduck on Saturday, March 16th: Hayden Shulstad 6th Place, Discussion, Mykayla Peterson, 6th Place, Creative Expression, Ciara Mitzner 4th Place, Great Speeches, and Peyton Williams, 4th Place, Poetry. Not Pictured is Hannah Dudycha with her Superior Ribbon.

Speech Season Revs up to MSHSL Tournament Season

On Saturday, March 16th, the Red Lake County Rebel Speech Team traveled to the Drakes Annual Invitational Meet in Blackduck, MN, to participate among 200 other contestants throughout the day.

Competitors for the day were Brody Hammer, competing in Discussion was Hayden Shulstad, Humor, Ciara Mitzner in Great Speeches, Mykayla Peterson in Creative Writing, Hanah Dudycha in Informative, Rae Martinson

in Exempt Reading, Poetry, Peyton Williams in Poetry and Duo Performers, Lily Baker and Brady Lowell.

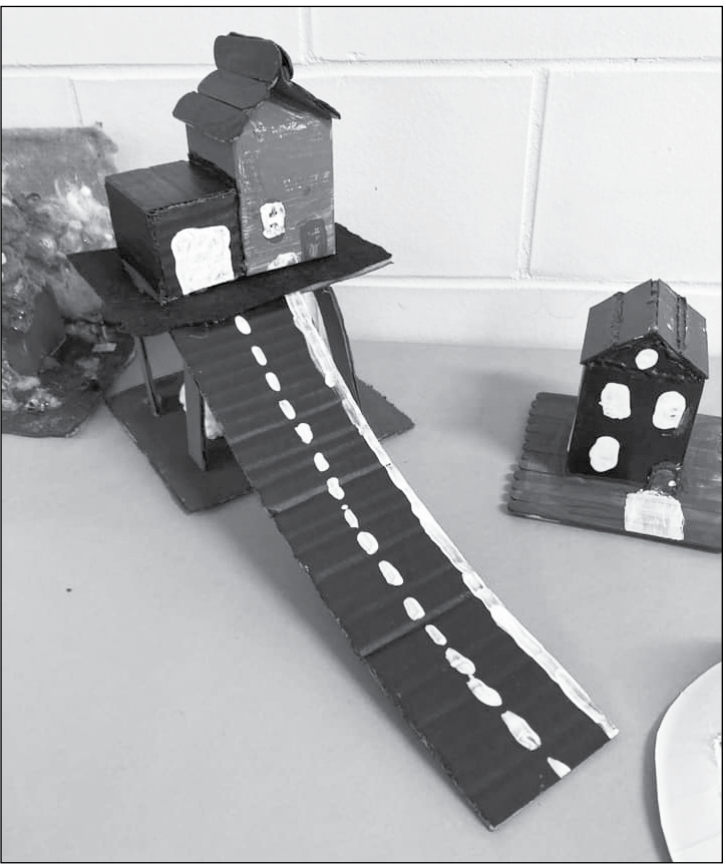
While students competed in rounds, Head Coach Jessie Hamrum and Assistant Coach Roberta Aakhus helped judge other competitors while Ms. Gina Brickford attended rounds to support our Rebel team members.

Next Saturday, Mar 23, 2024 will mark the last invitational of the season in Crookston, MN. The Rebels

will compete at Subsections in Thief River Falls on Saturday, April 6th, and Section 8a on Thursday, April 11th, in Foston, Minnesota.

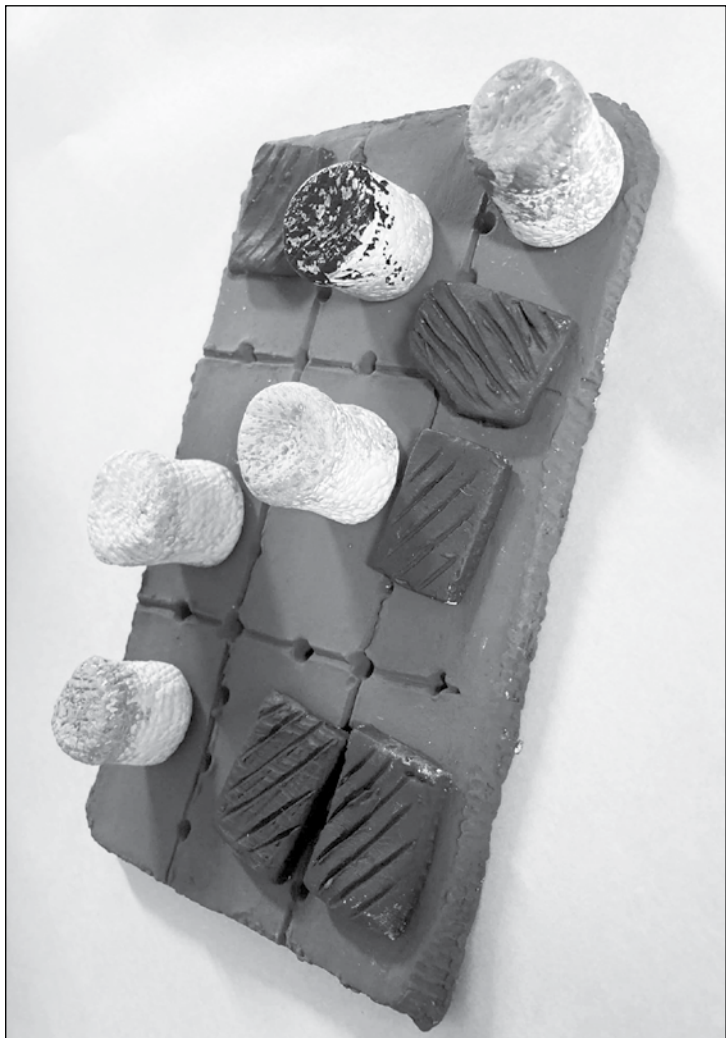
If students advance from Section 8a, they will compete in Shakopee on Friday, April 8th. Speech is a Minnesota High School League activity with fierce competition from the Subsection event to the State Finals.

Good luck to the team as their season continues to tournament season.



7th Grade created miniature milk carton houses.

Some art of the 9th graders' - tic tac toe boards!



Oklee Community Club met March 14th preparing for Easter events. They extend the invitation to those in the community and area to join! Pictured: Mike and Grace Dessellier, Jesse Dessellier, Sandra Tougas, Jenny O'Neill.

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On the afternoon of 03/08/24, a Red Lake County deputy responded to Brooks to assist a parent with an unruly child. The deputy spoke with the parent and child. Advice and counseling were given, and the situation was mediated.

On the evening of 03/08/24, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report that an intoxicated individual left an establishment in Plummer, and they were driving a vehicle. A Red Lake County deputy located the suspect vehicle on Hwy. #59. The vehicle was stopped on Hwy. #59 south of Brooks for unsafe driving conduct. The driver, David John Wilde (42) of Fosston, was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested, cited for misdemeanor or DWI, and was released from custody the following morning.

In the early morning hours of 03/09/24, a Red Lake County deputy responded to a domestic disturbance at a Louisville Township residence. It was discovered that no crimes had been committed and the situation was mediated.

On the evening of 03/09/24, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of some individuals trespassing at a vacant house in Plummer. Red Lake County deputies responded and found some juveniles in the area. The kids were counseled and sent home.

In the early morning hours of 03/10/24, a victim of a domestic assault came to the Sheriff's Office. Red Lake County deputies spoke with her and had the Red Lake Falls Ambulance respond to assess her

injuries. She was treated but refused transport to the ER. The deputies then went to a Red Lake Falls residence and arrested David Jesse Lucio Jr. (41) of Crookston. Mr. Lucio was taken to jail in Crookston, and he was booked for misdemeanor domestic assault.

On the afternoon of 03/10/24, a Red Lake County deputy spoke with a Red Lake Falls resident about some junk and refuse on their property. The homeowner agreed to get it cleaned up and removed soon.

On the afternoon of 03/12/24, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of individuals harassing each other in the city of Oklee. A Red Lake County deputy spoke with the involved parties and advice was given.

On the afternoon of 03/12/24, a Red Lake County Deputy attempted to stop a vehicle for a traffic violation in the city of Red Lake Falls. The vehicle refused to stop and fled from the deputy, leaving town on CR. #13. The deputy pursued the vehicle into Pennington County, but lost sight of the suspect vehicle. Officers from the Pennington County Sheriff's Office and the Thief River Falls Police Department also assisted, but they were all unable to locate the vehicle. This incident remains under investigation.

On the evening of 03/12/24, a Red Lake County deputy spoke with some young kids who were playing on a street in Red Lake Falls. The children agreed to move from that location.

On the evening of 03/12/24, a Red Lake County deputy responded to a report of a disturbance at an apartment complex in Red Lake Falls. An individual was counseled about their behavior and the situation was resolved.

On the evening of 03/12/24, a Red Lake County deputy stopped a vehicle on Hwy. #59 in Plummer. A passenger in the vehicle, Ernest Joseph Shimp (60) of Plummer, was cited for a misdemeanor cannabis open package law violation.

On the afternoon of 03/13/24, Red Lake County deputies responded to the Plummer School to assist school staff with a student who was acting unruly and appeared to be having a mental health crisis. The child's parent was also at the school trying to assist. A Red Lake County deputy transported the juvenile to the Sanford ER in Thief River Falls to be evaluated by a mental health professional.

On the evening of 03/13/24, Red Lake County deputies responded to Brooks because a juvenile female left her residence to get away from her sister who was causing her problems. A Red Lake County deputy spoke with the girl, mediated the situation, and returned her to her residence.

On the morning of 03/14/24, a Brooks resident reported getting harassed. A Red Lake

County deputy spoke with that individual and advice was given.

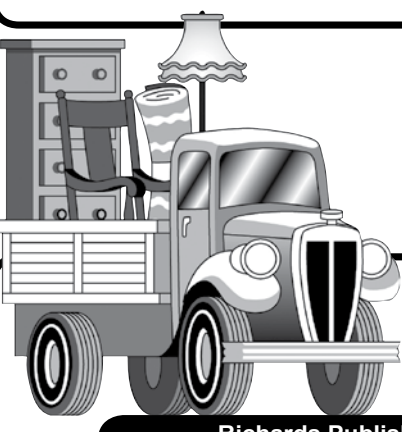
Red Lake County held an active felony warrant for Lane Allen Anderson (27) of Red Lake Falls. On the evening of 03/14/24, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received information that Mr. Anderson was at a Motel in Grand Forks, ND. The Grand Forks Police Department was contacted, and they were able to locate Mr. Anderson and arrest him. The Grand Forks Police Department also has criminal charges pending against him, so he remains in custody in Grand Forks at the time of this release.

On the evening of 03/14/24, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a domestic disturbance at an Oklee residence. Red Lake County deputies and a Minnesota State Trooper responded to the scene. It was discovered that Landon James Ales (26) of Thief River Falls had threatened and assaulted an individual at the residence. He was arrested, taken to jail in Crookston and was booked for felony threats of violence and misdemeanor domestic assault.

In the early morning hours of 03/15/24, a Red Lake County deputy arrested Randy Ryan Hicks (68) of Red Lake Falls for causing a disturbance at an apartment complex in Red Lake Falls. Mr. Hicks was taken to jail in Crookston and was booked for misdemeanor disorderly conduct.

Mitch Bernstein, Red Lake County Sheriff: 03/15/24

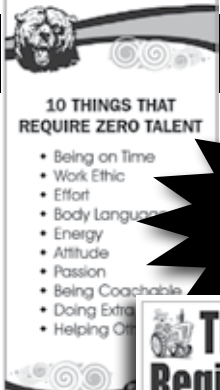
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Do You Remember?

By Eric W. Mickelson

Do you remember? The Easter Snowstorm of 1947?



The Easter blizzard of 1947 - Main Street Oklee.

By Eric Mickelson

People who live in Minnesota or in the Midwest region of the United States probably have a horrific snow storm they remember. The winter of 1996-97 was a year with much snow leading to the flood of '97 in Grand Forks and other places in the Red River Valley.

I know we have all probably heard people talk about the Armistice Day Storm of 1940. Throughout the Midwest the fall of 1940 temperatures were above normal. November 11, 1940, began with mild temperatures and blue skies. The arrival of a low pressure system made things change. The weather was so nice duck hunters had headed out in sleeveless shirts to enjoy a day of hunting. During the late morning and early afternoon temperatures plunged into the single digits. Rain turned to sleet and snow. Twelve duck hunters were trapped on an island near St. Paul on the Mississippi River. Rescue efforts were hampered by gale force winds and the hunters froze to death. Forty-nine duck hunters died in Minnesota as a result of the storm. There were 20 foot drifts in Wilmar, MN. Over a million turkeys were killed in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and other states. Snowfall in Duluth, MN, was over 28 inches.

One of the most severe blizzards on record was the March of 1966 blizzard. Some places received winds gusts of up to 70 mph and up to 38 inches of snow! In Minnesota at least 9 people were killed because of the storm and 5 lost their lives in North Dakota. Tens of thousands of livestock died across the Great Plains as a result of the storm. Transportation became impossible, when schools and businesses were shut down across the area, power and telephone service outages lasted for many days.

Different than many of the "killer blizzards" which had earlier occurred in the Northern Plains (Like the Schoolhouse Blizzard of 1888, Armistice Day Blizzard, Nov. 11, 1940) temperatures were relatively mild during much of this blizzard. At Fargo, temperatures held steady in the 20s during the start of the blizzard, then only fell to the teens during the height of the blizzard. By the time the blizzard was winding down, temperatures dropped into the single digits.

In Grand Forks, ND, 27.8 inches of snow fell, with the heaviest snow falling on March 4, when 17 inches came down. As for Grand Forks, the 17.0 inches on March 4 was a record for most snowfall during one calendar day, while the 27.8

inches for the entire blizzard still remains the heaviest snowfall event on record in Grand Forks!



Speaking to my neighbor, Arlan Fore, he remembered feeding cattle during the big storm. They had to use a Caterpillar. They hooked to the rack and loaded it with bales, then came back to the cattle yard and lowered the blade making a big trench. They threw the bales off and the cattle basically followed behind and ate the hay in the newly made trench.

My former school secretary remembers being stranded and

out, so he quit. I guess some good did come out of the big storm!!! Bob also told about his neighbors the Bendickson's coming to the rescue with their John Deere tractor with a Farmhand loader. Jimmy Bendickson remembered how good the old John Deere with the Farmhand was at removing snow, but with no live PTO it was a bit clumsy. But the big snow bucket could really move the snow! The bad thing was after cleaning out the driveways, two days later another storm filled them in again!!

I was only a few months old at the time but we have pictures of my dad moving snow with our G John Deere also with an F10 Farmhand loader. Mom must have brought out the camera and taken a few shots! I am glad she did!

Well, you are probably wondering why the title of the article is Easter Snowstorm and I have not at all mentioned Easter! I was lucky enough to get a message from probably the best Oklee historian around, Cliff Melby. Included in the letter were two pictures he had received from Scott Sundrud. The pictures showed a couple views of Oklee's main street after the Easter Snowstorm of 1947. Official snowfall readings by Otto Bakken indicate 15 inches of snow fell in Oklee. Power went out shortly after noon on Saturday and did not return until about noon



My dad and I in the bucket of the tractor with dog Lester cleaning out from the March of 1966 blizzard!

the neighbors having to dump their milk down the drain because they couldn't get the milk to town. When the storm subsided the neighbor came over on this new fangled invention, a snowmobile, to check and see if they needed anything. Also the kids went out after the storm and literally walked onto the roofs of several outbuildings. I also heard Orlo Melby had to tunnel into the store in Oklee to get to work.

At an Equality township meeting years ago the subject of the blizzard of '66 came up. Being Minnesotan's we must have gotten on the subject of weather. Bob Bluemke remembered the same, not being able to get the milk to town. He also couldn't get to town to get cigarettes as he had run

Monday! Snowplow drivers reported the snow was extremely heavy and hard to move. Dozens of cars were stranded but there was no one suffered any ill effects, other than the severe inconvenience. With no power there were no movies shown in Oklee, school in Oklee as well as surrounding communities were still closed on Monday! Some telephone service was interrupted and meetings and other gatherings were canceled or postponed!

Most of us I think we would say we enjoyed the mild winter, but be on the lookout! You never know what mother-nature has in store! Thanks for the pictures, Cliff, and for inspiring a stroll down memory lane..... even if it was just to remember some terrible snowstorms!



This is the iconic photo of North Dakota DOT employee, Bill Koch, standing next to a set of power lines. It was taken by fellow ND DOT employee Ernest Feland on 9 March 1966.

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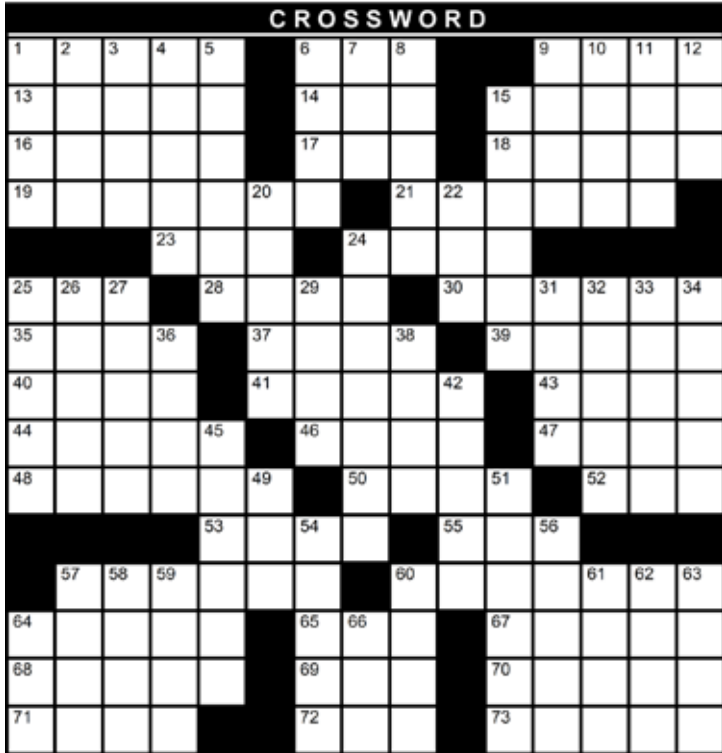
- Swell up
- Pendulum's path
- Type of salmon
- *Steve Miller Band: "I want to fly like an ____"
- Simon & Garfunkel, e.g.
- Popular winter boot brand
- Ohio city
- Lodge
- Squirrel away
- *Glenn Frey: "The pressure's high just to stay alive 'cause ____ is on"
- *John Travolta in "Grease": "I got ____, they're multiplyin'"
- Automated teller
- Clarified butter
- Bad-mouth, slangily
- Stag
- Tartans
- "I'm ____ you!"
- Commies
- Monocot's alternative
- Road's edge
- Living room centerpiece?
- Prefix meaning "left"
- Deadly snake
- Sasquatch's cousin
- Court petitioner
- Blood infection
- Indian flatbread
- Opposite of post-
- Sound of impact
- *Duran Duran: "Her name is ____, and she dances on the sand"
- *The Beatles: "Take a sad song and make it ____"
- *Elvis: "We're caught in a trap, I can't ____"
- Relating to a mode
- Scrooge's exclamation
- Memory failure
- Bouquet thrower
- Number of candles on a cake
- Musketeers' weapons
- Picnic invaders
- "Just kidding!"
- Did, archaic

DOWN

- *The Go-Go's: "They got the ____"
- 100,000, in India
- Cameron Diaz' Fiona, e.g.
- Hula dancer's hello
- These are held to be true
- Miners' passage
- *Tainted Love: "Once I ran to you, now I ____"
- "Lord of the Flies" shell

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- Like the other side of the pillow?
- Certain kind of exam
- Not his
- Antiquated
- Protection from a sword
- To death, in French (2 words)
- ____ B vaccine
- Manna from heaven
- *Bon Jovi: "Tommy used to work on the ____"
- Habituate
- Spaghetti ____
- *Don McLean: "Drove my chevy to the ____"
- Pains
- Frost over (2 words)
- Capital of Delaware
- *Tennessee Ernie Ford: "I owe my soul to the company ____"
- Geishas' sashes
- "____ good example"
- Royal topper
- ____-tattle
- Pronoun
- Refused to act, archaic
- City-related
- Giraffe's striped-legged cousin
- *Bruce Springsteen: "Tramps like us, baby we were ____ to run"
- Change a manuscript
- Small amounts
- Make sharper
- Newspaper piece
- Applications
- Midterm, e.g.
- Wharton degree, acr.
- Back then

Writers & Writing by Michael Tidemann

Tidemann started his journalism career at the Bismarck Tribune in 1978 and began college teaching career as a graduate teaching assistant at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion in 1977. He has worked at newspapers in Iowa and the Dakotas and his work has appeared in Overdrive, Writer's Journal, the San Diego Union-Tribune and Snowmobile. (Michael Tidemann writes from Estherville, Iowa. His author page is amazon.com/author/michaeltidemann.)

Original Sins a great crime thriller

Des Moines, Iowa, is the setting for Original Sins, a crime thriller by Erin Young, author of The Fields. Young lives in Brighton, England, and this is her second book. Both books are based in Iowa.

Young continues the story of Riley Fisher, now risen from Black Hawk County deputy sergeant to FBI agent. Besides facing the standard rigors testing a new agent, Riley finds herself immersed in an intrigue ranging from small-time misogynists to state government as she tries to unearth the identity of a man known only as the Sin Eater, who has been stalking and assaulting women, whom he leaves behind dead or physically and psychologically maimed.

Riley has demons of her own to fight, though, such as a sexual assault in her youth by her brother's best friend Hunter that leaves her dazed and fleeing to California to a lifestyle she would prefer to forget. Her grandfather, a legendary lawman, rescues her and returns her home to rebuild her life, even after her parents are killed in a car accident.

New on the job, Riley also must work through her relationship with her brother Ethan and niece Maddie, who has come to regard her as a substitute mother.

As she works with her uncooperative fellow agent Peter Altman, Riley begins to suspect

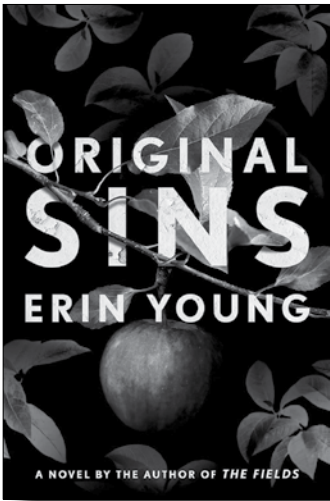
something amiss. While her superior wants them to work together, the more experienced agent makes it clear he would prefer working alone.

Riley finds better cooperation with an understanding state DCI agent nicknamed Fogg, who stands by her as they navigate twists and turns in their pursuit of the Sin Eater.

Young also blends in the story of Kody, an impressionable young man who finds himself an unwilling accomplice to Harlan, his mother's boyfriend and a participant in a plot to kidnap the female governor, Jess Cook, who has tackled the issue of disparity in women's wages.

Young's description and accuracy in describing Des Moines and law enforcement is spot on, quite remarkable for someone writing from England. She writes of Iowa as though she has lived there all her life. Her depiction of Riley as heroic but with real human flaws is equally impressive.

This is a great book and a great contribution to the crime genre.



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Oklee Herald Early Files

Ninety Years Ago March 22, 1934

Mrs. Ole Melby and son Thomas, accompanied by Miss Sarah Strande made a trip to Thief River Falls.

Workmen started to repair and remodel the old feed store building here which was recently bought by Walter Welte to house his machinery and Gamble Store agency in Oklee.

Nap Miller, Dan Rolla and Emil Sandeen, Ole Melby and Thomas Toulouse were business visitors in Red Lake Falls.

The Morrell building on main street here was recently sold to Adolph Gjernes who took possession at once.

Eighty Years Ago March 16, 1944

Residents of the Oklee community who are leaving soon to join the armed forces will be guests of honor at a party to be held at the Oklee Auditorium on March 18. Invitation to all who wish to honor these men.

Edgar J. Lerohl, son of Rev. and Mrs. J.K. Lerohl of this village, has been promoted to the rank of corporal, according to work received here. Corporal Lerohl is station in Kentucky at present.

Nap Hince, T-5th, arrived here Sunday from Camp Bowie, Texas. He has been given a medical discharge from the army because of burns sustained during the campaign in North Africa.

At Sovde and Son store, Folger's Coffee, vacuum packed 1 lb jar was .35 cents.

Seventy Years Ago March 25, 1954

The Junior Modern Woodmen of Plummer held a sham-rock party in the municipal hall with a large attendance.

A fire of undetermined origin virtually destroyed the upstairs of the residence on the E.T. Lande farm northeast of Oklee. The house has been occupied by Mrs. Anna Flatgard and her children.

George Frostlie of Johnson Township passed another milestone March 18, when he was 99 years young.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lessard at St. John's hospital in Red Lake Falls.

Sixty Years Ago March 19, 1964

The congregation of Zion Lutheran Church of Oklee at a special meeting Tuesday night voted in favor of a major remodeling and expansion job on the church building. The estimated cost is \$20,000.

Bergeron's Store notes their 50th anniversary last week. Peter Bergeron opened his general store after buying it from J.O. Tessier. Their son Vern is the manager.

Kindergarten at the Oklee Public School will be starting on April 20 and will last four weeks for all beginners.

Marine Private First Class Marlan E. Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ingvald J. Olson of Oklee recently participated in an extensive simulated desert warfare exercise called "Operation Winter Night" at the Marine Corps Base, Twentynine Palms, CA.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Gerardy left Wednesday for Minneapolis where he attended a meeting and they visited relatives.

Pamela Reinbold is a patient at the Fosston hospital.

Mrs. Thore Skomedahl spent last wee helping out at the Gerald Oberg home near Viking. The Obergs had a baby girl born to them on March 12th.

Sidney Nelson left Wednesday to enter the U.S. Army. He will report to Crookston to be assigned.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Bergerson and Bonny of Minneapolis spent the weekend at the Oklee Gunderson home.

Forty Years Ago March 14, 1974

A community "All Faiths Choir" has been formed in Plummer and an Easter Concert will be given in the spring. The choir is under the direction of Miss Judy Wilkenson, elementary music teacher and Miss Betty Hagge of Brooks is the accompanist.

A cradle shower was held for little Jeremy Dean Jensen, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Jensen on Sunday at the Oak Park dining room.

The DuChamps Grocery Store owned by Wallace DuChamp was recently bought by Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Karr of Fisher who will take over the store on March 27th.

Thirty Years Ago March 14, 1984

A baby shower is being planned for Mrs. David Bachand and son, Paul, for March 18th.

Coach Brad Borene and his freshmen and sophomore basketball team won the Goodridge Sophomore Tournament last week. Players were Kim Vetteson, Dale Lundeen, Jeff Nelson, Troy Mercil, Rich Hendrickson, Robbie Hanson and David Cote.

Navy Gunner's Mate Seaman Barry W. Jensen, son of Alvin & Bonnie Jensen, is currently deployed to the Mediterranean Sea as part of the U.S. Sixth Fleet.

The 5th grade octet that performed at the Oklee Senior Meal Site was Alison Lundeen, Danielle Stonehouse, Tiffany Whalen, Lisa Whyte, Sara Radniecki, Penny Asselin, Lisa Rindahl and Amy Haugen.

Thirty Years Ago March 16, 1994

The Junior Engineering team from Oklee High School won the competition at UND on March 2nd. The competition consisted of a written test covering science, math, technology, and engineering. The advisors of the team are Marge Toren and Karen Peterson.

The Knowledge Bowl team will compete in the sub-regional competition on March 23rd at UMC.

Oklee Seniors featured in the paper this week were Matthew Asselin and Darrin Hofstad.

Ruth Olson enjoyed a telephone visit with her daughter-in-law Leslie Olson from Cohasset on Monday.

Pictures of Plummer and

Oklee junior wrestlers filled full page in the paper this week. They were from first grade up to sixth grade. The event was sponsored by the Oklee Activity Club.

Twenty Years Ago March 18, 2004

The nationally celebrated Land of Lakes Boys Choir is scheduled to perform at the Oklee High School in April. The thirty-four member, all boy choirs is based out of Elk River. Twin boys, grandson's of Vincent and Shirley Dessellier are two of the members of the choir.

The RLCC Middle School officials for the SADD Chapter are Steven Morinville, Jill Rewertz and Tyler Larson.

RLCC Seniors featured this week were Derek Gagner, Jena Dessellier and Amber Westlake.

The class play at RLCC was "Miss Brooks" a comedy that takes place in a high school where Our Miss Brooks has been given the job to do the play.

After the unexpected death of Oklee Fire Chief, Jim Dessellier, assistant Fire Chief Scott Grove was appointed the new Fire Chief and George Burthwick was voted to the the Assistant Fire Chief.

Ten Years Ago March 19, 2014

The Board from Chester Township honored Elmer Hanson for his 17 years of service to the Township on March 11th.

On March 16th, there was a dance recital at the Elementary School featuring very talented dancers taught by Krista Bernstein. There was the Pre-school group, the Kindergarten-1st grade group, the 2nd & 3rd grade group and the 4th, 5th and 6th grade group.

RLCC Students of the Month at the High School were: Brian Roue and Tara Armstrong.

Red Lake County Central hosted the Youth Wrestling Tournament on March 6th. It was the 30th annual RLCC Youth Wrestling Tournament.

Cindy and Del Determan went to Phoenix to see the NASCAR races, camped in the desert with Daryl Beauchamp of Grand Forks, visited with Mark Parenteau and Yvonne, and many other while in Arizona.

ON Friday, March 7th, Myrtle Hamrum turned 90 years old. Kathy Juneau held a surprise birthday party for her in Brooks at the Cozy Bar & Grill.

Crossword Solution

BLOAT ARC COHO
EAGLE DUO SOREL
AKRON INN HOARD
THE HEAT CHILLS
ATM GHEE
DIS SOLO PLAIDS
ONTO REDS DICOT
CURB TVSET LEVO
KRAIT YETT SUER
SEPSIS NAAN PRE
THUD RIO
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Who's Dat?

This week's photo is of a three fellows from the area.

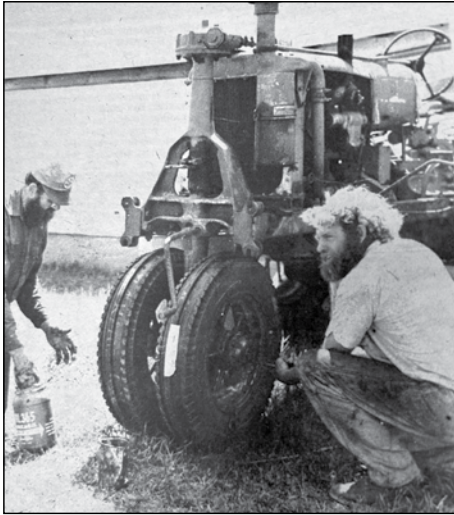
Last Week's photo was of Rupert Syverson on the left and on the right is his brother Norris Syverson.

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 places to find photos.

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



Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

Senior Site Meeting

The next Senior Site meeting will be March 21st at 2 p.m. at the Senior Site dining area. Remember it is important to attend so that business can be taken care of.

At our next meeting we will discuss the Potluck meals and decide if we are going to start them. All seniors are welcome to come to the meetings.

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.

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.

In the next few months there will be changes happening at the Senior Site and the Red Lake County Herald office. It has been decided to switch rooms since the craft shop is being closed. The craft shop room will be eventually given back to the City of Oklee once all the vendors have been contacted and the crafts have been removed. The Senior Site will moved into the office that the newspaper has been in and the RLC Herald will be moving into the senior dining area.

Change is sometimes good as it give you a chance to look over what you have and what you need. And then get rid of the stuff you no longer need. A clean start is always good. Spring is also the best time to do the house/office cleaning or senior site cleaning.

Sage advice from the archives of the Oklee Herald 1964

No knowledge we ever acquire is so important as a knowledge of what to say and

how to say it. Except, perhaps, a knowledge of what not to say and when not to say it.

It takes all kids to make a world, and every one has his special function - including the one who was born to demonstrate that a head full of information doesn't necessarily constitute wisdom.

Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today; by tomorrow there may be a law against it.

The hour of crisis finds the ought-to-be-a-law fraternity in full cry, as always. Cooler heads, however, refuse to second the emotion.

STORY TO SHARE!

If you have a story or photos you want to share, please send to: okleeherald@gmail.com

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

On March 8th, Friday night, Duck's Unlimited had their annual banquet at the Plummer Hall.

Wednesday was "Breakfast with Dad" day at RLCC Elementary in Plummer. They served scrambled eggs, ham, biscuits, and fruit juice. Sounds like they had a great time.

The weather has been really nice and roads and driveways have dried up nicely. Rain was in the forecast for Friday & Saturday.

Tuesday morning, I saw a large flock of geese flying northeast. There were over a hundred of them.

On Monday morning, I went to Badger and visited by brother Allan. Then I left for Roseau and met my sister Phyllis and daughter Kari for lunch at Nelson's Cafe. That was a good visit. When I got back to Badger, I visited my oldest brother Loren and went to Gerald's. My youngest brother Jack is still working so I

missed him. He is at Polaris and plans to retire in June. I also drove to my nephew Mike's. He is on the home farm. But was gone helping his brother with the calves.

On TV Thursday mornings, a couple from Houston, TX were on TV with their identical twin girls, that were born conjoined at the chest. They were in the hospital a long time. They're named Ella and Elijah. They had a 3 year-old sister. They were so cute.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

It always begins to change at Easter time so don't expect great weather in the next two weeks. I have a brother-in-law that says to plant potatoes on Good Friday. I wonder if he will this year. The forecast looks ominous lately. It could rain or snow buckets by Easter. In any case we have to grin and bear it till spring comes.

The Easter bunny can get here anyway. You have heard of snowshoe rabbits. They especially have the advantage in a storm. So the candy will still be distributed this year.

Welcome home Deb and Randy Versdahl who have returned from their sojourn in the south. Deb said they had a very nice time but I had the idea she was glad to have

come home. It is so good to see them again.

Prayers are asked for Cindy Determan who has been on chemo and has had some other issues as well. Her father died recently too so it is very hard to gather strength when one is heartbroken too. So pray for her for strength and healing.

I hear the fish fries are doing well. Last week Lawrence in Mentor had theirs and it was really good. This fry is rather unusual in that it is free. The

people of the parish work hard to make this a success.

Fishing will be in full swing soon. Some of the lakes are ice free already. I just heard on TV, that over half the lakes are ice free in Minnesota. That is record breaking data. Early ice out makes for a long fishing season. Don't over fish the lakes, or we will not have any fish at all soon.

I hope your week is full of surprises that are pleasant and fun.

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