



Red Lake County HERALD



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Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Gully Sportsman's Club makes donation to RLCC Trap Club



The Gully Sportsman's Club donated \$1500 to the RLCC Trap Club. President Tommy Lewis presented Eli Magnell and Oliver Melin, members of the trap club with a check. The Gully Sportsman's Club will be having their annual Smelt Fry on Saturday, April 27th from 2:00-7:00 pm.

Sunday fun in a small Community

By Eric Mickelson
I love looking back in the Oklee and Plummer History books. Many of you have probably seen the pictures of the "Community Band" or the "Town Baseball Team". People would probably have come out to listen to the band play or watch two neighboring towns baseball teams square off. When I was younger man, some of us young men would try to continue some of that tradition playing softball games with our friends or parents in the stands enjoying the day in our little town!

There were also town or township picnics with food and games and a time to drop hard work for a day and have some fun. In my lifetime Plummer and Trail have their 4th of July Celebrations, Oklee has Market Day, Brooks has the Blast! A few other fun days for people to get together and have fun. It takes a lot of work to put on some of these celebrations and the people behind the scenes are kind of unrecognized heroes!

Last Sunday Zion Lutheran Church put on its Annual Spring Cleaning Auction. I have been involved with this for many years and it is sort of one of those events that we hope benefit the community. Don't get me wrong, it is often a much needed fund raiser for our church! But when you are involved with a church you try to have your mind and heart into doing something for those around you, like our beloved community of Oklee. I looked

out into the crowd and watched people talking with their friend and neighbors, maybe some you hadn't visited with for a while. I also watched the ladies in the kitchen preparing and serving food and people returning from church or wherever they were and grabbing a hot dog, a ham sandwich, or maybe a cup of coffee and a donut! They gathered around the tables visiting and not having to prepare lunch

today, not a bad deal.

You see the members of Zion Lutheran Church thank those who donated items for the sale, those who came to support the lunch counter, and certainly those who purchased items and made the day a success for us. But, mostly we hope you were able to enjoy yourselves and time well spent visiting enjoying a Sunday afternoon with your friends in Oklee!



Every year is amazing - items range from furniture, housewares, outdoor items for gardens, suitcases, air conditioner, automotive, etc.



Sheryl and Arlen Fore getting their number for the Zion Church Auction. Patty Mickelson and Marcella Melby were manning the table.



Photo by Brad Goddard

Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 8 - 12, 2024

During this week, the Department of Public Safety and the National Weather Service will be promoting severe weather safety and emergency preparedness information.

This is the perfect time for families, communities, schools and local businesses to review and talk about their emergency plans and how they can prepare for the upcoming severe weather season.

Each year, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (in partnership with the National Weather Service and other state and local government agencies) sponsors Severe Weather Awareness Week. Each day of the week focuses on a different topic. The highlight are two statewide tornado drills on

Thursday.

Siren and NOAA Weather Radio Activation

During the afternoon and evening drills, local sirens and all NOAA Weather Radios in Minnesota and Wisconsin will sound with a simulated tornado warning. These drills give everyone the opportunity to review their emergency plans and procedures and practice emergency drills at work or at home.

Remember - counties and cities in Minnesota, own, operate and maintain all local warning sirens, and set their own policies on how and when they are activated.

Please check with your local public safety officials for details on when warning sirens are

sounded in your community. There is no such thing as an all-clear siren.

The Drills

The first drill occurs on Thursday, April 11 at 1:45 p.m., when jurisdictions across Minnesota sound their outdoor warning sirens. Schools, businesses and other facilities are encouraged to conduct a tornado drill at this time to practice their emergency tornado sheltering plans.

A second drill occurs on Thursday, April 11 at 6:45 p.m., when jurisdictions across Minnesota sound their outdoor warning sirens. This second drill allows second-shift workers, individuals and families the opportunity to practice their own emergency plans at home.

Taking Shelter from the Storm

- Be Weather-Ready: Check the forecast regularly to see if you're at risk for tornadoes. Listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio to stay informed about tornado watches and warnings. Check the Weather-Ready Nation for tips.

- Sign Up for Notifications: Know how your community sends warnings. Some communities have outdoor sirens. Others depend on media and smart phones to alert residents of severe storms capable of producing tornadoes.

- Create a Communications Plan: Have a family plan that

includes an emergency meeting place and related information. If you live in a mobile home or home without a basement, identify a nearby safe building you can get too quickly, such as a church or family member.

- Pick a safe room in your home, such as a basement, storm cellar, or an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows. Check more ideas for your family plan at: <https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>

- Practice Your Plan: Conduct a family severe thunderstorm drill regularly so everyone knows what to do

if a tornado is approaching. Make sure all members of your family know to go there when tornado warnings are issued. Don't forget pets if time allows.

- Prepare Your Home: Consider having your safe room reinforced. You can find plans for reinforcing an interior room to provide better protection on the Federal Emergency Management Agency website.

- Help Your Neighbor: Encourage your loved ones to prepare for the possibility of tornadoes. Take CPR training so you can help if someone is hurt.



The Zion Ladies Aid had a great lunch menu. Pictured working in the hall kitchen are Cheryl O'Neill, LaVonne Brown, Kaye Munt and Gin Berns.



Enjoying lunch at the Zion Lutheran Church Auction on Sunday, April 7th were Anne Hammer, Alma and Don Stenberg and Morris Hendrickson.

Church News

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Okleelutheran.org
Wed, Apr. 10: 7:00 p.m.
Confirmation Class at Zion.
Sun, Apr. 14: 9:00 a.m.
Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem
10:30 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30
a.m. Salem.
Wed, Apr. 17: 7:00 p.m.
Confirmation Class 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
Sun, Apr. 14: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Ebenezer. 10:30
a.m. Worship at Bethnay. 7:00
p.m. Worship at Immanuel.

**GOODRIDGE AREA
LUTHERAN PARISH**
ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Wed, Apr. 10: 6 p.m. Beth-
any-TRF Confirmation 7 & 8
grade

Sun, Apr. 14: Bethany:
8:00 a.m. Worship, 9am SS.
Ekelund: 8:30 a.m. Worship,
10:30 a.m. SS. Faith: 10:00 a.m.
SS, 11 a.m. Worship.
Mon, Apr. 15: 7 p.m. Parish
Board at Faith
Tue, Apr. 16: 9:30 a.m.
Shalom Circle.
Wed, Apr. 17: 11 a.m. Go-
odridge Confirmation. 6 p.m.
Bethany-TRF Confirmation 7
& 8 grade.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

April 15 - 19
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. 15: Chicken/Broccoli
& Rice Casserole, Carrot Coins,
Bread/Margarine, Lemon Bar,
1% Milk.
Tue. 16: Pork Cornitas, Rice
Pilaf, Green Peas, Applesauce
Swirl Cake, Dinner Roll/Mar-
garine, 1% Milk.
Wed. 17: Ginger Pot Roast,
Au Gratin Potatoes, Peas &
Carrots, Bread/Margarine,
Chilled peaches, 1% Milk.
Thu. 18: Meatloaf w/Brown
Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, But-
tered Corn, Fresh Fruit, Bread/
Margarine, 1% Milk.
Fri. 19: Tuna Noodle & Pea
Casserole, Broccoli Florets,
Fruited Gelatin Parfait, Dinner
Roll/Margarine, 1% Milk.

**CLEARWATER
LUTHERAN PARISH**
Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Apr. 10: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday School.
Sat, Apr. 13: 9:00 a.m. Mt.
Olive.

Sun, Apr. 14: 8 a.m. St.
Petri, 9:45 a.m. Nazareth. 8:45
a.m. SS. 11 a.m. Oak Park-
Confirmation.
Wed, Apr. 17: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday School.

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, Apr. 10: 6:30 p.m.
Confirmation at Lund.
Sun, Apr. 14: 9 a.m. Lund.
10:30 a.m. Bethany. 2 p.m. 7th
Grade confirmation at Lund.
Wed, Apr. 17: 6:30 p.m.
Confirmation at Lund.

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

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T.H.E. Bus is available for
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income guidelines. However,
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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 –
Mahomen.
Every 4th Tuesday – Thief
River Falls
Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednes-
day – Fargo/Moorhead.
Every 2nd & 4th Friday –
Bemidji.

KURTIS ELLEFSON

RED LAKE COUNTY
VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

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1-888-LINKVET

Email: kellefsoncvso@hotmail.com

046-48C

COUNTY PROJECT – BIDS CLOSE

Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024
RED LAKE COUNTY
RED LAKE FALLS, MN 56750

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS – Bids will be received until 10:00
AM, Tuesday, April 23rd, 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 the construction
of the project listed below. Bids will be opened publicly by Taylor
Amiot, County Engineer, or a designated representative, on behalf
of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners.

S.A.P. 063-601-024
Bituminous Overlay, Paved Shoulder Widening, Shoulder Base
Aggregate, and Milled Rumble Strips.

The Major quantities of work include TYPE SP 9.5 WEARING
COURSE MIXTURE (2,B) - TON 6,110; TYPE SP 9.5
BITUMINOUS MIX FOR TIGHT BLADE LEVELING (2,B) – TON
4,400; SHOULDER BASE AGGREGATE CLASS 1 – TON 900;
MILLED RUMBLE STRIPS – INTERMITTENT – L.F. 40,050.

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be
accessed free of charge at the Red Lake County website [https://
www.co.red-lake.mn.us/](https://www.co.red-lake.mn.us/). To proceed, you must navigate to the
highway department page and look for "Projects in Bidding".
Hard copy purchase is not required to bid as prime. Plans and
Proposals may also be procured by purchase from the Red Lake
County Highway Department, 204 7th Street Southeast, Red Lake
Falls, MN 56750.

Complete Plans, Bid Proposals and Specifications:
Counter Price: \$50.00 (includes tax)
Mailed: \$58.00 (includes tax)

Bids must be accompanied by a cashier's check or bidder's bond
made payable to the Red Lake County Treasurer in the amount of
at least 5% of the total bid.

The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners reserves the right
to accept any bid or reject any or all bids, waive irregularities, and
award the contract in the best interest of Red Lake County.
Kelsey Gervais – Red Lake County Auditor 02-4C

Red Lake County Herald Office Hours

Bonny is in the office most
Fridays (call to check) and she
will be in the office on Monday,
April 15 from 10 am until 4
pm. Deadlines for items in the
paper is on Fridays by Noon.
If you need to get a hold
of Bonny when she is not in
the office, please call 612-
840-9401 or email her at:
okleeherald@gmail.com.
Eric Mickelson is the
reporter for the RLC Herald.
If you have a story or idea to
share, call Eric @ 218-791-
9157. You can also email Eric
at okleeherald@gmail.com.

Quin County Meeting

The Quin County CHS
Board & Advisory Committee
will meet on Monday, April 15,
2024 at 1:00 pm at Northland
Community & Technical Col-
lege, Thief River Falls.

Oklee
American
Legion Post
159 would like
you to contact
Bryan Bjerklie at 218-689-
8944 if we have missed
placing flags on graves at
the Oklee Area cemeteries.
Proof of service preferred.

04-10P

Red Lake County SWCD will sponsor 2 students to attend Long Lake Conservation Camp

Long Lake Conservation
Center has provided summer
camp experience since 1965.
Long Lake Conservation Cen-
ter is located in the beautiful
northland of Minnesota forests
and bogs, and its campus build-
ings are situated overlooking
Long Lake. The Center is near
Palisade, MN.
The 2024 season offers one
Outdoor Explorer Camp Ses-
sion for ages 11-14. The Out-
door Explorers Camp will be
held July 21-25, 2024.
This five-day, four-night
camp is for youth interested in
having adventures in nature!
Every day campers will spend
time exploring hands-on activi-
ties to build skills in nature
and conservation, wilderness
meals, building survival shel-
ters, canoeing, camping, bog
exploration, astronomy and
more.

This camp also includes

NATIONAL
LIBRARY WEEK

APRIL 8-14

04-10P

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.

Oklee, Minnesota 56742 ... 218-796-5999

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.

04-41C (2xmo.)

ATTENTION

RED LAKE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS AND POTENTIAL STARTUP ENTERPRISES

The Red Lake County Economic Development Corporation
can help you start your own business or expand an existing
one. We are here to assist with a ten (10) year loan for an
amount up to \$30,000 at 2% APR. The business must be
located in Red Lake County.
For more information, please contact one of the Red Lake
County Economic Development Board Members: Allen Bertilrud
218-684-1315, Dave Ste. Marie 218-686-4019, Kelsey Gervais
218-686-5114 or email rlcedc@yahoo.com.

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Red Lake County Sheriff

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On the morning of 03/29/24,
a Red Lake County deputy
responded to a report of a
disturbance at an apartment
complex in Red Lake Falls.
The individual causing the
issues was counseled and the
situation was mediated.

On the afternoon of 03/29/24,
the Pennington County Sher-
iff's Office reported that Jessica
Lynn Nordby (45) of Thief River
Falls had posted \$100 cash bail
to satisfy a misdemeanor war-
rant that was outstanding in
Red Lake County. Ms. Nordby
was released from custody and
her next court appearance was
scheduled for 04/10/24.

On the evening of 03/20/24,

a Red Lake County deputy
responded to an apartment
complex in Red Lake Falls to
counsel an individual who was
causing a disturbance. The
matter was resolved.

On the afternoon of 03/31/24,
the Red Lake County Sheriff's
Office received a report of a
sewer or propane odor near
the Lafayette High School in
Red Lake Falls. The Red Lake
Falls Fire Chief and school
maintenance personnel were
contacted. It was discovered
the school was having an is-
sue with their boiler and the
situation was handled.

On the afternoon of 04/01/24,
Sunview Center reported a
theft of property. A Red Lake
County deputy responded,
and the matter remains under
investigation.

On the afternoon of 04/01/24,
the Red Lake County Sheriff's
Office received a report of a
nuisance yard in the city of
Oklee. A Red Lake County
deputy spoke with the property
owner and advised them the
nuisance needs to be remedied
or they will be cited for the
ordinance violation.

On the evening of 04/01/24,
a Plummer residence reported
damage to their property.
That report remains under
investigation.

On the afternoon of 04/04/24,
the Grand Forks County Sher-
iff's Office informed the Red
Lake County Sheriff's Office
that they were releasing Lane
Allen Anderson (27) of Thief
River Falls from their cus-
tody. Red Lake County held
an active felony warrant for
Mr. Anderson. A Red Lake
County deputy went to Grand
Forks and took custody of Mr.
Anderson and transported him
to jail in Crookston. He will
appear in court in Crookston,
to face these criminal charges
on 04/05/24.

Mitch Bernstein, Red Lake
County Sheriff: 04/05/24

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Sudoku Solution

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

Summer Rec (Oklee) Director Position Open

Job duties include setting
up summer schedule, t-ball,
softball/baseball, supervising
swimming lesson bus, etc.
Position runs from early
June to the end of July, with
student helpers. Contact San-
dra Tougas for an application.
04C

Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - Pages 15

Texas Caviar Connie (Longtin) Strom

2 cans black beans (rinsed) or
black and 1 navy
2 - 3 cans sheepeg corn (drained)
1 green pepper (chopped)
2 tsp chopped garlic
2 cans Rotel tomatoes
1/4 cup chopped onion
1 (16 oz) jar Zesty Italian dressing
Mix all together. Great dip with chips

Texas Caviar Deb (Champagne) Olson

Drain: 1 can white hominy, 1 can black eye peas,
and 1 can black beans
Add: 1 bunch green onion chopped, 1 green pepper
diced, 2 med tomatoes, chopped, and 1 small bottle
Zesty Italian Dressing. Serve with tortilla chips.





MUSTANG STAMPEDE

RLCC Menus

April 15 - 19

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Egg, Cheese, & Sausage Biscuit, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Fajita, Fried Beans, Spanish Rice, Fruit, and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Nuggets, Scalloped/Au Gratin Potatoes, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Donut, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Fresh Veggies, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Bagels w/Cream Cheese, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Ham Patty, Potato Wedges, Vegetable, Fruit, and Milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Pulled Pork or BBQ Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Beans, Fruit, and Milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Noodle Soup, Uncrustable, Carrots, Fruit, and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Toast, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger w/Bun, Cheese, Baked Beans, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Yogurt, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chili, Gold Fish Crackers, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: French Toast Bread, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Pizza Hotdish, Bread Stick, Corn, Fruit, and Milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Long John, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy Bread, Marinara Sauce, Cucumbers w/Ranch, Fruit, and Milk.

RLCC Sports Schedules

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

Baseball Schedule

Thu, Apr 11: 4:30PM

RLC Coop vs. Fosston @ L.E. Drechsel Field

Fri, Apr 12: 4:30PM

RLC Coop vs. Crookston @ L.E. Drechsel Field

Tue, Apr 16: 4:30PM

RLC Coop vs. BGMR @ L.E. Drechsel Field

Thu, Apr 18: 4:30PM

Red Lake County Coop vs. Northern Freeze @ Newfolden High School

Mon, Apr 22: 4:30PM

RLC Coop vs. Sacred Heart High School @ L.E. Drechsel Field

Tue, Apr 23: 4:30PM

RLC Coop vs. West Marshall @ Argyle Baseball Field

Fri, Apr 26: TBD

RLC Coop vs. Crookston @ Jim Karn Field.

Softball Schedule

Tue, Apr 16: 4:30PM

Fertile-Beltrami @ Fertile-Beltrami High

Fri, Apr 19: 4:30PM

Bagley @ Oklee

Thu, Apr 25: 4:30PM

NCE/UH @ Twin Valley High School

Tue, Apr 30: 4:30PM

Lake Park Audubon @ Oklee

Thu, May 2: 4:30PM

Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears @ C-G High School.

Track & Field Schedule

Fri, Apr 12: Boys & Girls Varsity Meet @

3:00PM RLC Coop vs. TBA @ UND

Thu, Apr 18: Boys & Girls Varsity Meet

3:30PM RLC Coop vs. Bagley @ Bagley High

Fri, Apr 19: Boys & Girls Varsity Meet

3:00PM RLC Coop vs. East Grand Forks Green Wave @ UND

Thu, Apr 25: Boys & Girls Varsity Meet

4:30PM RLC Coop vs. United Clay Becker @ Hawley HS Football Field and Track

~~~ Northern Air Adventure in Grand Forks ~~~



Avery Hagl shows off a daring flip after Isabelle Paradis lands.

On Tuesday, March 19th, Red Lake County Central High School's seventh and eighth-grade students went to Northern Air in Grand Forks for a day of fun.

Students were chaperoned by Mrs. Sandra Tougas, Ms. Lindsey Roisland, and Mr. Kory Baril. Busses left at 8:30 in the morning and returned by 3:00 in the afternoon.

The field trip is partially funded by the Oklee Community Club, Red Lake County Central Schools, and the remainder paid by the student.

Photo credit: Lindsey Roisland.



Aubrey Halverson shows off her flipping skills.



Trevor Lee and Ray Srnsky take a break from the arcade to take a buddy pic.



Owen O'Neill, Dalton Witcherman, Parker Klasen, Bronco Bergeson, and Dylan Lundeen Dalton Witcherman ready for a game of Basketball, Trampoline Style

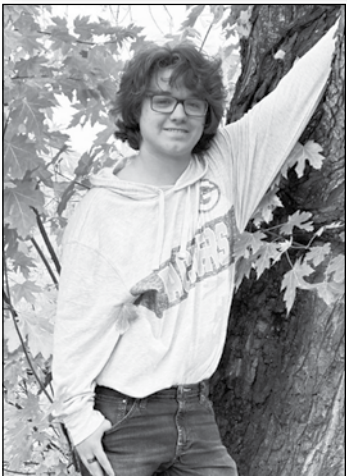


Oliveah Stordahl, Rae Martinson, Keanna Landrus, and Isabella Brekke taking a quick breather



Brielle Reinhold Jumps for Joy!

Meet the Class of 2024



Name: Arron Benoit
Who is your favorite Teacher/Coach? Mrs. Musker and Mr. Illies.

Family Members: Mom: Karen. Brothers: Bently & Afton. Grandma: Benedicta. Grandpa: Jim.

Best memory from School: Learning History.

Favorite Class: English & Robotics.

Favorite Movie: A Silent Voice.

What is your favorite song/band: Poison Tree by Grouper.

Most important person in your life: My mom.

Who or what is your spirit animal? Cat.

What's on your "bucket list"? To travel to Japan, South Korea, Germany and Poland.

Your plans for the future? Be an English teacher in either Japan or South Korea.

Favorite RLCC/RLC Sport or Activity? Robotics.



Name: Devin Davidson
Who is your favorite Teacher/Coach? Mrs. Muster

Family Members: Jody Taillon, Mark Booen, James Taillon, Corrie Taillon, Christa Davidson.

Best memory from School: Going on field trips with the class.

Favorite Class: Art.

Favorite Movie: Shrek.

What is your favorite song/band: One Republic.

Most important person in your life: My grandma.

Who or what is your spirit animal? Sloth.

What's on your "bucket list"? Travel the world and get closer to God.

Your plans for the future? Work, work and work more.



Name: Jamie Flatgard
Who is your favorite Teacher/Coach? Mitch Bernstein.

Family Members: Craig Shelly and Levi

Best memory from School: The state volleyball trip junior and senior year.

Favorite Class: Choir.

Favorite Movie: The Great Outdoors.

What is your favorite song/band: Cody Johnson.

Most important person in your life: My mom.

Who or what is your spirit animal? A Moose.

What's on your "bucket list"? Go to Hawaii someday..

Your plans for the future? Attend the Salon Professional Academy for Cosmetology.

Favorite RLCC/RLC Sport or Activity? Volleyball.

MEET THE KINDERGARTEN OF RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL



Name: InaMarie Martinson

Parents: Jeff & Jamie

Siblings: Rae and James

What does your Mom do for a living? Work. Just works. She works at a hotel.

What does your Dad do for a living? Does a lot of stuff at the house.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A police man

Favorite Movie: Elsa.

Favorite Food: Bananas.

Favorite School Activity: Playing with toys.

Favorite Color: Blue, pink and golden.

Favorite Toy: Baby dolls.

Favorite Sport: Basketball.

Anything else you'd like people to know about you? I like going to the hotel. I like to play at the waterpark. All the slides are my favorite. There's a lot to think about but they are my favorite.



Name: Raquel Cote

Parents: Thomas & Jenny

Cousins: Trenton & Eli.

What does your Mom do for a living? I really don't know her job actually. She goes to Digi-Key.

What does your Dad do for a living? His job is to count numbers at his desk. He goes to Digi-Key too.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A nurse.

Favorite Movie: The Grinch.

Favorite Food: Gummy Bears.

Favorite School Activity: Art.

Favorite Color: Purple.

Favorite Toy: Unicorn Teddy.

Favorite Sport: Football.

Anything else you'd like people to know about you? I like everyone. I watch football on TV with my mom and dad. We watch the Chiefs. I like Mrs. Hendrickson.

Girls Basketball Awards - April 2, 2024



Back Row: Alexa Chervestad, Evelynnn Klamm, McKaelyn Frizzle, Quinn Graves, Jamie Flatgard, Jennifer Johnson, Carly Vettleson, Kathryn Srnsky, Emma Hendrickson, and Keanna Landruss. Front Row: Gracyn Kvsager, Marissa Morinville, Natalee Hendrickson, Aubrey Halverson, Isabelle Paradis, and Jordan Johnson



Varsity Award Winners: Most Improved - Quinn Graves; Best Defense - Jamie Flatgard Super Sub Award - Mc-Kaelyn Frizzle; Free Throw Award (77.7%) and MVP - Jennifer Johnson, and Mustang Pride Award - Carly Vettleson.



Junior Varsity Award Winners: Best Offensive Player - Aubrey Halverson; Best Defensive Player - Marissa Morinville.



Seniors: Carly Vettleson (Mustang Pride and All-Conference Honorable Mention, Jennifer Johnson (MVP), and Jamie Flatgard (Best Defense).



Coach Mitch Bernstein talking about the three seniors (Jamie, Jennifer and Carly) at the Girls Basketball Awards program held at Oklee High School Gymnasium on April 2nd.

RLCC High School sends Rebel Speech Members to Subsections



Assistant Coach Roberta Aakhus & Head Coach Jessie Hamrum announcing that the RLCC HS Rebel Speech members are going to Subsection are: Lily Baker, Rae Martinson, Peyton Williams, Ciara Mitzner, Hannah Dudycha, and Brady Lowell. Not Pictured: Brody Hammer, Mykayla Pederson, and Hayden Shulstad.



Speech Participants earning medals from Subsections 31 A: Back Row: Ciara Mitzner 2nd Place in Great Speeches, Hayden Shulstad, 2nd Place in Discussion, Brady Lowell and Lily Baker 4th Place in Duo. Front Row: Rae Martinson 3rd place in Extemp Reading, Mykayla Peterson 5th Place in Creative Writing, Peyton Williams 1st place in Poetry, and Hannah Dudycha 1st place in Informative Speeches. Medalist advancing to Section 8a Include: Mitzner, Shulstad, Lowell and Baker, Martinson, Williams, and Dudycha

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On Sunday there was an auction for Zion Lutheran Church as a fund raiser. This is an annual event and this year they were successful again raising for the general fund. There was a great variety of items to bid on and the Ladies Aid serves a nice lunch. This year is no different. I was told this year, there was more stuff than past years.

This week in Plummer, on Saturday, April 14th, there will be a Pancakes for Pavement fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Plummer Community Hall. Immanuel and Redeemer Lutheran Churches are holding the event to raise funds for financing concrete and installation of new sidewalks outside the churches.

Also have been told that there is no more open gym at the High School and I'm going to also assume, that that is the same at the Elementary. The weather is now nice enough to walk or play outside. And it won't be long before Graduation is here.

Due to the construction at the High School in Oklee, I have been informed that the gymnasium will not be available for community events this summer as there are changes happening. Not sure about graduation, but there will be no American Legion program

for sure. And I would assume that Market Day and the Fair would also not have access to the gymnasium.

Here is something from my email from 10 or more years ago. John Brandt I think sent it to me. He was always sending me emails with fun stuff or silly stuff.

Here is one of them. Enjoy
Retarded Grandparents
After Christmas, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school. One child wrote the following.

We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live in a big brick house but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Florida. Now they live in a tin box and have rocks painted green to look like grass.

They ride around on their bicycles and wear name tags because they don't know who they are anymore. They go to a building called a wreck center, but they must have got it fixed because it is all okay now. They do exercises there, but they don't do them very well. There is a swimming pool too, but all they do is jump up and down in it...with hats on.

At their gate, there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out and go cruising in their golf carts.

Nobody there cooks, they just eat out. And, they eat the same thing every night – early birds. Some of the people can't

get out past the man in the doll house. The ones who do get out, bring food back to the wreck center for pot luck.

My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too. When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the doll house. Then I will let people out, so they can visit their grandchildren.

Well, another week has come and gone, but at least the weather is getting nicer every day. Our cats are enjoying being outside. They go out at dusk and knock on the door in the morning. I'll show you the video if you don't believe me.

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Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

Potluck Starting in April
The first Potluck meal will be April 16th at 5:00 p.m. at the Oklee Cafe.

April Meeting
Our April council meeting is April 18th at 2:00 p.m. in the cafe. Please attend.

Spring Has Sprung
The Senior Site will be having a "Spring has Sprung" get together on April 23rd. All Seniors are invited to come and share some Strawberry Shortcake dessert and coffee that day. The event starts at 2 p.m. on April 23rd at the Oklee Cafe.

Senior Meals
Oklee Senior Meals (LSS Meals) are available for **Home Delivery Only**, Monday-Friday. Meals on Wheels (LSS) meals will be furnished from

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Spring Safety

Spring weather can be unpredictable. When severe weather hits unexpectedly, the risk of injury and weather-related death increases, so planning makes sense. Prepare for storms, floods, and tornadoes as if you know in advance they are coming, because in the spring, they very likely will.

Thunderstorms cause most of the severe spring weather. They can bring **lightning, tornadoes**, and **flooding**. Whenever warm, moist air collides with cool, dry air, thunderstorms can occur. For much of the world, this usually happens in spring and summer.

Here are some ways you can prepare:

- Keep an emergency kit with battery operated flashlights, weather radio, and extra batteries.
 - Create an emergency evacuation or shelter plan.
 - Keep a list of important personal information including phone numbers, insurance information, and medical information.
 - Have a first aid kit on hand.
- <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/features/springweather/index.html>

Earth Day

Earth Day is Monday, April 22nd! These days not only is Earth Day meant to increase awareness of environmental problems, but it is also becom-

ing a popular time for many communities to gather together to clean up litter, plant trees, or simply reflect on the beauty of nature.

Here are some activities you can participate in:

- Support pollinators by planting flowers and plants that will attract butterflies, hummingbirds, and bees.
- Clean up your community. Take a walk through your neighborhood or local park with a trash bag and collect any trash or plastics.
- Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle! Limit your single-use plastics, use sustainable items, and repurpose old items.
- Decrease pesticide and chemical products used in gardens and yards. By doing so, you can see plants thrive and save money!
- Get the whole family involved! Teach kids how to plant flowers, vegetables, berries, or grow their own garden.

<https://www.almanac.com/content/earth-day-date-activities-history>

Autism Awareness Month

April is Autism Acceptance Month. The recognition raises awareness about autism acceptance and promotes inclusion and connectedness for people with autism. Social and community support can help people with autism achieve optimal health and reach their full

potential.

Act Early

If you think your child might have an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) or you think there could be a problem with the way your child plays, learns, speaks, or acts, contact your child's doctor as soon as possible, and share your concerns.

Screening & Diagnosis

Diagnosing autism spectrum disorder (ASD) can be difficult because there is no medical test. ASD can sometimes be detected at 18 months of age or younger. By age 2, a diagnosis by an experienced professional can be considered reliable. Diagnosing children with ASD as early as possible is important to make sure children receive the services and supports, they need to reach their full potential.

Treatments

Current treatments for autism spectrum disorder (ASD) seek to reduce symptoms that interfere with daily functioning and quality of life. Treatments can be given in education, health, community, or home settings, or a combination of settings. There are many types of treatments available such as, behavioral, developmental, educational, social-relational, pharmacological, psychological, complementary and alternative.

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/features/autism-acceptance-month.html>

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Who's Dat?

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This week's photo of five people that participated in a tournament. I'm fairly sure anyone who has lived in Oklee for many years, will recognized most of these fellows.

Last Week's photo was of Jacob Knutson, Bob Solien, Duane Cantwell and "Junior" Johnson.

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 email a photo, please

scan at 300 dpi (high quality) if you can. You can email to okleeherald@gmail.com.

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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.)

Iowa's Changing Wildlife chronicles evolving diversity

If you think you've seen changes in the wildlife in Iowa and the Upper Midwest over the past several decades, you have some pretty good company.

Iowa's Changing Wildlife: Three Decades of Change and Loss by James J. Dinsmore and Stephen J. Dinsmore tells the story of how various species have come and gone from Iowa's landscape, with a special focus on the past 30 years.

James Dinsmore is professor emeritus of animal ecology and management at Iowa State University and previously authored A Country so Full of Game: The Story of Wildlife in Iowa. His son Stephen, professor of wildlife ecology and chair of the Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management at Iowa State University, has also published on the subject, with the book Iowa Wildlife Viewing Guide.

The Dinsmores draw upon a vast continuity of personal observations and experiences to illustrate the challenges and successes of Iowa's wildlife diversity. They aptly note habitat loss, invasive species, climate change, wildlife disease and pesticides as continuing challenges to Iowa's biodiversity.

However, that diversity is not limited to Iowa. The impact of species such as mountain lions and black bear entering Iowa from adjoining states highlights the fact that state boundaries are no limitation for wildlife migration.

In their preface, the Dinsmores present an overview of the history of the impact of Iowa's settlement on wildlife diversity.

Iowa's Changing Wildlife
James J. Dinsmore and Stephen J. Dinsmore
University of Iowa Press
ISBN 978-1-60938-925-3
\$30

"By the late 1800s some species, including passenger pigeons, elk, bison, gray wolves, mountain lions, and black bear, were gone from Iowa, and by the early 1900s others, including white-tailed deer, beavers, wild turkeys, and sandhill cranes, had also disappeared."

Hunting and habitat loss led to these changes. However, that loss seems to have found a balance. While more Iowa land goes toward crop production, leaving just 2.2 percent of state acres for public conservation land, the Conservation Reserve Program and similar incentives to set aside marginal farmland have improved the outlook for Iowa's wildlife.

Modern genetics is stepping forward too, with DNA research. The authors tell us, "The plan is to use this material to alter the genome of the closely related band-tailed pigeon and re-create the passenger pigeon genome."

What seemed fantasy a few short decades ago could now become reality.

This is a great book for sportsmen and wildlife ecologists as well as anyone interested in viewing wildlife and all its wonders.

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

THE OKLEE HERALD 5

Oklee Herald Early Files

One Hundred Years Ago April 10, 1924

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sletvold accompanied by Angie Roisland drove to Thief River Falls to visit with relatives who were planning to move to Grand Forks.

B.I. Froiland of the First State Bank here returned from Plummer where he had spent a few days visiting with his brother who was on the sick list for a while.

Ole Krostue, J.O. Melby and O.O. Melby made a trip to Gully in the interest of the local lodge of the Sons of Norway.

Ninety Years Ago April 12, 1934

A number of friends gathered at the home of E. O. Erickson to celebrate the birthday anniversaries of Mrs. E.O. Erickson and Mrs. I Sordahl.

The Oklee Herald completed the 20th years of its existence with its founder Nils Haugen.

At a well attended meeting held here, the first step was taken toward starting a co-operative gas filling station in the village.

Mrs. Owen O'Neill and little Larry spent Easter Week at Bemidji with her sister.

Eighty Years Ago April 6, 1944

Sgt. Bennie Rustan, T-3d, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rustan of Oklee, has been stationed in India for the past year. He was stationed near Calcutta for a time, but has since been transferred.

Private First Class Olaf E. Person has been awarded with a good conduct Medal for his exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity.

The Oklee Boy Scout Troop, No. 61 will make a house to house canvass for old paper in Oklee next Saturday.

Miss Ruby Distad won second place in the division of extemporaneous speaking at a declamation contest in Fertile on March 27th.

Ration Reminder this week for Meats, Fats, Processed Foods, Sugar, Gasoline, Tire Inspections, Fuel Oil, Shoes, Stoves, and a reminder that estimated income taxes were due April 15th.

Seventy Years Ago

April 15, 1954

A new American Legion post was organized at Brooks when more than 30 prospective members met to sign the application for a charter from the national organization.

R.E. Nadeau of Terrebonne purchased a residence and garage owned by the Oklee Lutheran Parish and used as a parsonage. The parish was working on plans to construct a new parsonage on the same lots.

Mrs. Ben Sordahl and Mrs. Edwin Walhaug attended the fifteenth Group Health meeting in the cities.

Sixty Years Ago April 9, 1964

Henry Falardeau, former Oklee Postmaster and long prominent in local affairs, died Tuesday. He was 76 years old.

On the Dean's List at Bemidji State College were Orrin Bendickson (Oklee), Duane Howard (Goodridge), Willis Mattison, Patricia Wright & Joe Pluth (Plummer).

Clarence Gagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gagner and Mike Riendeau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Reindeau left Thursday for Fort Leonard Wood, MO where they will serve with the Army.

Callers at the Lewie Bjerklie home were Raymond Halvorson, George Hendrum and Galen, Mrs. Orben Good and children and Mr. and Mrs. Jorgen Oftelie.

Allen and Olin Flatland of Brainerd spent the Easter vacation with their parents, the Knute Flatlands.

Forty Years Ago April 1974

No Oklee Herald's for this date.

Thirty Years Ago March 21, 1984

Fritz Thorpe and Mrs. Harold Cyr will share the hog that was won though guessing the hogs weight at LePier's of Oklee Open House.

Gary Parenteau and Kevin Enerson are part of Project 120, a non-partisan political educational program where MN high school juniors and seniors spend one week in St. Paul studying our state government.

Sandra Rustan will perform a piano solo at the Honor

Band and Chorus concert in Mahnomen.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sveningson of Mentor, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Cyr of Grafton, ND announce the engagement of their children, Lori Colleen and David Allen.

Malinda, Linette and Tony Lundeen are happy to announce the birth of their brother Matthew who was born on March 12th. Proud parents are Tony and Dee Lundeen of Oklee.

Thirty Years Ago April 6, 1994

Dana McGeary, Kelli Hofstad, Lars Schue, Derick Vettleson, Michelle Trontvedt and Angie Camp will be attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Atlanta, Georgia on July 20th.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Oklee Community Club was held on Saturday and was a huge success.

Puttin' on the Hits lip sync contest was held at Oklee Elementary. Emma Rustan won first place in the 4th grade, 6th grade winners were Skip Bergeson and Doug Moen, and 5th grade winners were Cindy Lambert and Amber Agnes.

Meet the Kindergarten featured Clara Rustan and Dale Rystad.

Ardelle Olson and Suzanne Smith spent a couple of days in Fargo to celebrate Elizabeth Deraney's birthday on April Fool's Day.

Twenty Years Ago April 8, 2004

Minnesota State University Assistant Professor Regene Radniecki has received a National Geographic Society Fellowship for 2004. Regene is the daughter of Roman and Elaine Radniecki.

The Internationally renowned Land of Lakes Choirboys to perform in Oklee. The thirty-four member will perform one night at the Oklee High School gymnasium. Two of the boys are the grand children of Vincent & Shirley Dessellier of Oklee.

Meet the RLCC Seniors featured Matt Olson and Chelsey Paradis.

Paul Peterson, a 1996 graduate of Oklee High School, returned to the high school on

March 9th to tell of his experiences in Bosnia. He also spent some time with the elementary and he thanked them for the valentines that they sent to the soldiers serving there.

Angela Paquin earned 1st Alternate in the category of of Informative Speaking and Jessica Hamrum placed 2nd Alternate in Humorous at the Subsection Speech meet.

Megan Demarais received 1st Alternate at the Subsection meet and Junior Andy Swenson had a very successful year in Speech. He placed 2nd in the drama piece and received 3rd Alternatr and the Subsection competition.

Ten Years Ago April 9, 2014

Taking care of over 100,000 square feet! That is what the custodian's of RLCC High & Elementary school do. Jeff Matson, Arlen Brekke, Mike Greenwald, and Dean Koskela do an awesome job. And Lori Voeltz is an evening custodian at the High School.

March 24th was the evening when the Mustang Girls Basketball and the Wrestling awards were handed out. The event was held at the Oklee Community Center.

The weather is getting warmer and the water if flowing in many places. Thankfully the huge piles of snow are melting and spring is here.

Pam Paradis and Arne Paradis hosted a beautiful wedding for their daughter Chelsea and the reception was held at the Shooting Star convention Center ballroom.

Ivan Hess celebrated his 83rd birthday at the home of Melvin and Peggy Hess on Thursday, March 27th.

Jim DuChamp's retirement party was held in Red Lake Falls the previous Friday evening.

The Red Hats went to the Cozy Bar & Grill in Brooks for the lunch with 10 members attending.

Eric Bergeson, weekly columnist, has announced he is seeking the DFL nomination for the Minnesota House of Representatives District 1-B.

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Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

On Wednesday, RLCC School had Breakfast with Mom. They served cinnamon rolls, yogurt, fruit, cereal, juice and coffee. They had a good turnout.

Becky Opatz, of Western Montana, came for a few days visit over Easter to visit her mom, siblings and others. She stayed at Karen Tvedt's.

Easter visitors at Sandy & Mike Greenwald's were Sheena and Adam Buckhouse and family of Aberdeen, SD, and Patte and Dave Gelnnon and kids for Casselton, ND.

Easter visitors at Barb and Arnie Schmitz's over Easter were: Amanda and Sean Roff

and family of Delano, MN. Also Tait and Ashley Sorvig and kids of St. Hilaire.

Tri River Pioneers met at the museum Monday evening. Kelly Larson is the new treasurer and Jared treated everyone to bars, cookies and coffee.

Anne Traxler had Easter dinner at her daughter Nancy & Al Olson's home by Goodridge. Bob Traxler, Brodie and Brielle were also guests.

Alice Jobe went to :hyllis and Joe Unruh's for Easter. Also there were Loren, Allan and Jack Kukowski of Badger, Kari and Greg Pulczynski of Roseau and boys, Jared and Al Unruh also came.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Lots of birthdays this month. Dianne Gagner just celebrated her birthday in Phoenix Arizona on the 6th. We miss her and miss helping her celebrate.

Letty Haire of Brooks also is celebrating her birthday in the 13th, and she has plans for her celebration.

Deb Champagne Versdahl also is planning a trip to Chanhassen for her birthday and she has her golf friends going along to a dinner theater to reprise a five year attendance of a play they saw at New York when they attended the same play there. Keni Evje, Joyce Morinville, Carley Kvasager, Linda Hemly, Dana Berberich, and of course, Deb are planning the trip. It sounds like a great time. So Happy Birthday to all this month. Spring has sprung.

On Sunday the Novaks got together in Warren at Marilyn and Leonard Novak's home to get together once again and to celebrate two April birthdays. Madonna (Donna) Johnson was an April Baby and Leonard will be 82 April 13th. Jerome and Barb Novak of Brooks, Anita and Jack Mattson, of Bismarck ND, Madonna Johnson of Ames, IA, Walter Novak of Brooks Reinette and Ray Walter of Plummer, Renae and

Dan Lindgren of Argyle, and Jenny Yutrezenska of Argyle, attended the dinner and ended the day playing cards.

On the way home from Warren Jerome Walt and I saw a few deer. The ones jumping across the road thankfully were successful in beating us across. Night driving is not my best thought or experience.

Our sadness has been great when we heard the news that Matt Proulx lost his fight for life to pancreatic cancer. He died the day after Easter. His arrangements for burial are not complete at this time but will be done in June. Matt was an abundantly talented young man who played piano at St Joseph's in Brooks , St Lawrence in Mentor and St. Peter's in Gentilly. At the time of his death he was the Music director at the Cathedral in Crookston. He will be missed by hundreds of us who enjoyed the talent he displayed. Our sympathy goes out to the family and remember our hearts are broken with his passing.

That is all I have this week, I hope you have a great week with the solar eclipse today. The sun is trying to peak out but our view of the eclipse isn't going to be great anyway.

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60 Years Ago!

By Eric Mickelson

When I stopped by the Herald office this week the 1964 Oklee Herald book was out. I started to page through thinking of what was going on it our town 60 years in the past. Back in the day we even had a movie theater. I never got to attend a movie there but I often whimsically look back wishing I could have. Yes, the Oak Theater!

Oklee actually started having movies in about 1927. They were shown once a week in the Oklee Hall. On May 1, 1933, Joe Dufault took over the movie "business" using the hall to show movies on Saturday night. The hall was used until 1941 when Mr. Dufault built the theater building. Then show started to offered 2 days a week with admission of 15 cents for adults and 5 cents for children. Eventually Joe ran the theater and also operated Dufaults TV and Appliance also doing TV repair.

The town of Oklee, or any of our neighboring towns sure looked different back in the 60s. I was born in 1965 but I always say I was born about 20 years too late. Being a citizen of Oklee 60 or so years ago I think I would have fit right in. Here is some of the fun I could have had.....

I could have went to Watch HOOTENANNY HOOT at the Oak Theater!

If I didn't like that one I could have went to the Cozy Theater in McIntosh and see "Make Way for Lila"

I could have could have talked to THE MAN ON THE GO WITH THE KNOW, Elmer Hanson for my fuel needs.



If I didn't feel like cooking I could have Sunday Dinner at Cyr's Cafe, Swiss Steak or Roast Beef!!

If I was in need of a new milk pail or good wool twine I would have stopped at Cyr's Hardware!

Shipping Livestock? I would have called Cyr Truck Line!

Need a little spring and summer recreation? Go Golfing at the Oklee Golf Course.



Since I am an Auctioneer these ads caught my attention. If you needed an auction sale call Orlien B. Sollie or Everill Mercil! Actually when I started auctioning I bought my first speaker system from Everill

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This is just a few of the things happening around Oklee back in the day. I don't know about you but sounds pretty fun to be in Oklee in 1964!

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