





# Church News

**OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH**  
Zion and Salem  
Okleelutheran.org  
Wed, Dec. 4: 7pm Confirmation at Salem.  
Sun, Dec. 8: 9:00 a.m. Zion Worship. 9am Salem SS. 10am Zion SS. 10:30 a.m. Salem Worship.  
Tue, Dec. 10: 6:30 p.m. Salem Board meeting.  
Wed, Dec. 11: 7:00 p.m. Zion Board meeting.

**CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE**  
Fr. Bryan Kujawa  
Sunday: 8am St. Frances – Oklee; 10:15am – Grygla. 12pm – Goodridge.

**BROOKS – RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH**  
Fr. Bob Schreiner  
Saturday: 5:30pm St. Joseph – RLF.  
Sunday: 8am – Brooks. 10 am St. Joseph – RLF.

**IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA**  
Pastor Jonathan Dodson  
Sun, Dec. 8: 9am Worship at Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethany. 6pm Worship at Immanuel.

**GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA**  
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith  
Wed. Dec. 4: Release Time. 7pm Advent Eklund.  
Sun, Dec. 8: Ekelund: 8am Worship. 9:30am Sunday School. Faith: 9:30am Worship, 10:30am Sunday School. Bethany: 10am Sunday School, 11am Worship. 12pm Confirmation at Bethany.  
Mon, Dec. 9: 9am Rachel Circle. 1:30pm Ekelund WELCA.  
Wed. Dec. 11: Release Time. 7pm Advent at Bethany.

## Red Lake County Central Bus for Sale by bid

#2 Plummer - 2006 IC School Bus 65 Passenger, 365 IC Diesel engine, Automatic Transmission, Air Brakes, 208,207 miles.  
Sealed bids must be received no later than 2:00pm on December 6th, 2024  
Send to:  
Red Lake County  
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c/o Bus Bid  
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Oklee, MN 56742  
Any questions please call Marlan at 218-796-5196.

## Red Lake County Herald Office Hours

Bonny is in the office on Mondays from 10 am until 4 pm. Deadlines for items in the paper is on Fridays by Noon. Bonny is in the office some Fridays, but please call to check before coming in. 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.



Lisa (Lisa Molstad), a member of a squadron deployed to the Middle East, tries to console Benjamin (Ben Saylor, Jr.) whose buddy lost his life while on deployment. Molstad and Saylor are two of the actors who will be appearing in Searching for the King, a dramatic Christmas musical which features a soldier struggling to come to terms with the difficult issues of life and death and God's sovereignty. Searching for the King will be performed Friday, Dec. 13, 7:00p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 14, 7:00 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 15, 3:00 pm at Open Arms Christian Fellowship, 401 St. Paul Ave. South, Thief River Falls. There is no admission charge; a freewill offering will be accepted.

# 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.

**CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH**  
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri  
Pastor Jeffrey Merseth  
Wed, Dec. 4: 5pm Wednesday School. 6:30pm Vespers.  
Sat, Dec. 7: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive w/communion.  
Sun, Dec. 8: 8:45am Oak Park SS. 9:45am Oak Park w/communion. 9:45am St. Petri & Nazareth Livestream.  
Wed, Dec. 11: 5pm Wednesday School. 6:30pm Vespers.

**GULLY-TRAIL PARISH**  
Bethany \* Lund Sand Valley  
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister  
Wed, Dec. 4: Advent at Lund: 6pm Dinner, 7pm Service.  
Sun, Dec. 8: 9am Worship at Lund. 10:30am Bethany  
Wed, Dec. 11: 7pm Advent at Sand Valley.

**NEW JOURNEY CHURCH**  
Jarred LaBon, Pastor  
Tyler Stynsberg, YPastor  
www.newjourneyfosston.com  
Sunday: 9am Sunday School. 10 am Worship.  
Tuesday: 9:30am Ladies Bible Devotions.  
Wednesday: 6:30pm Youth Group.

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

*Christmas Cookie Sale*

IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL  
**Salem Church Christmas Cookie Sale Fundraiser**

Cookies, lefse, doughnuts & other treats are available

Sat., December 7<sup>th</sup>  
9 a.m. until Gone

Oklee Community Hall during Santa Claus Day

## Sudoku Solution

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

*Santa & Mrs. Claus are coming to the Oklee Community Hall*

**Saturday, December 7th**

9:00 a.m. Salem WELCA Cookie Sale  
10:00 a.m. Sing-a-Long with Sydney Melby  
10:30-11:15 a.m. Santa & Mrs. Claus

•Treat Bags •Crafts •Story Time  
•Coloring Contest for kids-prizes given for 1st & 2nd Place in 4 different age groups.

Coffee, apple cider, hot chocolate & goodies.

## Red Lake County SWCD is taking Tree Orders for Spring 2025

Red Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is trying something new this year. Red Lake County SWCD is going to start taking tree orders from landowners starting now for FY2025. Anyone interested in purchasing trees from the Red Lake County SWCD should contact the SWCD office at (218) 253-2593.

| Trees                    | Quantities Remaining | Size   |            | FY 2024 Prices per Bundle (25) |
|--------------------------|----------------------|--------|------------|--------------------------------|
| BLACK CHERRY             | 75                   | 2-3'   |            | \$52.50                        |
| MOUNTAIN ASH             | 50                   | 2-3'   |            | \$52.50                        |
| COMMON CHOKECHERRY       | 50                   | 2-3'   |            | \$52.50                        |
| RED SPLENDOR CRAB        | 75                   | 2-3'   |            | \$52.50                        |
| HIGHBUSH CRANBERRY       | 75                   | 2-3'   |            | \$52.50                        |
| RODOSIER DOGWOOD         | 100                  | 2-3'   |            | \$52.50                        |
| COMMON LILAC             | 75                   | 2-3'   |            | \$52.50                        |
| RED MAPLE                | 0                    | 2-3'   |            | \$52.50                        |
| SILVER MAPLE             | 25                   | 2-3'   |            | \$52.50                        |
| SUGAR MAPLE              | 50                   | 2-3'   |            | \$52.50                        |
| RED OAK                  | 25                   | 2-3'   |            | \$65.00                        |
| AMERICAN PLUM            | 25                   | 3-4'   |            | \$52.50                        |
| NORWAY POPLAR            | 75                   | 3-4'   |            | \$52.50                        |
| SIOUXLAND POPLAR         | 25                   | 3-4'   |            | \$52.50                        |
| SERVICEBERRY (Juneberry) | 75                   | 2-3'   |            | \$52.50                        |
| BLACK WALNUT             | 0                    | 2-3'   |            | \$52.50                        |
| FLAME WILLOW             | 25                   | 2-3'   |            | \$52.50                        |
| EASTER RED CEDAR         | 225                  | 15-18" | TR 2-2     | \$55.00                        |
| RED PINE                 | 100                  | 15-18" | TR 2-2     | \$55.00                        |
| SCOTCH PINE              | 75                   | 15-18" | TR 2-2     | \$55.00                        |
| BLACK HILL SPRUCE        | 100                  | 15-18" | TR 2-2     | \$55.00                        |
| COLORADO SPRUCE          | 50                   | 15-18" | TR 2-2     | \$55.00                        |
| POTTED                   |                      |        |            |                                |
| BLACK HILL SPRUCE        | 17                   | 30-36" | 5 Gal. Pot | \$33.00 per pot                |
| BLACK HILL SPRUCE        | 50                   | 24-30" | 2 Gal. Pot | \$20.00 per pot                |
| BLACK HILL SPRUCE        | 40                   | 18-24" | 1 Gal. Pot | \$17.50 per pot                |

If you are interested in placing a tree order, for 2025 springs' tree planting season, please call the RLC SWCD office at (218) 253-2593.

## Legal Notices

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That default has occurred in conditions of the following-described mortgage.  
DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 13, 2020  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$186,500.00  
MORTGAGOR(S): Brandon E. Lee and Lynsey N. Morris, each a single person  
MORTGAGEE: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation  
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: April 15, 2020, as Document No. 137375, Red Lake County Recorder, Red Lake County, Minnesota  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 4, Block 3, of C & E Kankel Addition to the City of Red Lake Falls  
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Red Lake  
Property Address: 106 Evergreen Ave., Red Lake Falls, MN 56750  
Tax Parcel ID No.: 17-2849-055  
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$175,808.29  
That all preforeclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;  
PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:  
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: January 2, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.  
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Red Lake County Courthouse, 124 N Main, Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, to pay the debt secured by said Mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the Mortgagors, their personal represen-

tatives or assigns. If the mortgage is not reinstated under Section 580.30 or the property redeemed under Section 580.23, the time to vacate is 11:59 p.m. on that date.  
MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None  
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.  
THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.  
Dated: October 29, 2024.  
Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation  
Mortgagee  
PEMBERTON LAW, P.L.L.P.  
By: Chad R. Felstul  
Attorneys for Mortgagee  
110 North Mill Street  
Fergus Falls, MN 56537  
Telephone: 218-736-5493  
Loan No. XXXXXX5299  
Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale Foreclosure Data  
Transaction Agent; residential mortgage servicer; and lender or broker: N/A  
Transaction Agent's mortgage ID number (MERS number): N/A  
Name of mortgage originator: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation  
034-39C

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**Red Lake County Sheriff**  
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On the afternoon of 11/22/24, Trevor Blake Vandam (18) of Thief River Falls was cited for illegal window tint on a motor vehicle on CR. #5 in Oklee.  
On the afternoon of 11/22/24, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report that some mailboxes were damaged near Main Ave. in Red Lake Falls. That report remains under investigation.  
On the afternoon of 11/24/24, Red Lake County deputies responded to a report of a possible domestic disturbance at a Red Lake Falls apartment. The deputies spoke with the parties involved and determined no crimes have been committed.  
On the afternoon of 11/25/24, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a possible No Contact Order violation in Plummer. A Red Lake County deputy spoke with the reporting party and investigated the matter. It was revealed that the order had not been violated.  
On the evening of 11/25/24, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report that

someone may have violated a No Contact Order in the city of Red Lake Falls. A Red Lake County deputy investigated that report and found no evidence to support the claim.  
On the evening of 11/26/24, Michael Joseph Engels (53) of Oklee was arrested for violating the terms of his supervised probation. He was taken to jail in Crookston.  
On the evening of 11/26/24, a Red Lake Falls resident reported being harassed by an ex. A Red Lake County deputy spoke with the parties involved, determined no crimes had been committed and they were counseled and advised.  
On the morning of 11/27/24, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report about possible child maltreatment in Red Lake Falls. That report is still under investigation.  
Mitch Bernstein, Red Lake County Sheriff: 11/29/24

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – Mahanomen.  
Every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Thief River Falls  
Every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Fargo/Moorhead.  
Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday – Bemidji.

## Veteran's Wanted to represent their branch of service

Searching for the King, a dramatic Christian Christmas musical, is the story of two journeys separated by two millennia with universal similarities. Although the way is difficult and filled with the unknown, both eras see 'that' star in the sky represents Hope.  
Open Arms Christian Fellowship welcomes all veterans to join in this ecumenical search and may choose to represent their branch of the military or American Legion/VFW however best fits (uniform, fatigues, hat, etc...). Several responding interested individuals may choose to assist in the procession. Please contact Cindy Arlt at (218) 686-4681 with any questions or to help in this rewarding aspect.  
This event is free and open to the public with an optional free will donation. There will be desserts and goodies following each performance. The building does have an elevator. We look forward to meeting each of you!  
The event takes place at Open Arms Christian Fellowship, 401 St. Paul Ave. S. Thief River Falls, MN. Show times are: Friday, December 13 at 7pm; Saturday, December 14 at 7pm and Sunday, December 15 at 3pm.  
Thank you for serving your country!



**Christmas Party**

9am-2pm  
Stop in for  
Christmas Treats  
Coffee, Homemade  
Goodies, Hot Cider, Gifts.

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## RLCC Menus

December 9 - 13

### Oklee

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

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

**Wednesday: Breakfast:** French Toast w/Syrup, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Chicken Penne Hotdish, Yogurt, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk.

**Thursday: Breakfast:** Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes, Rice Crispy Bar, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk.

**Friday: Breakfast:** Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Quesadilla, Lettuce Salad, Fresh Vegetable, Fruit, and Milk.

### Plummer

**Monday: Breakfast:** Pop Tarts, Cereal, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger w/Bun, Cheese, Pickles, Fries, Baked Beans, Fruit, and Milk.

**Tuesday: Breakfast:** Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Noodle Soup, PB Sandwich, Lettuce Salad, Fruit, and Milk.

**Wednesday: Breakfast:** Omelet, Toast w/PP&J, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Super Nachos, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Corn, Fruit, and Milk.

**Thursday: Breakfast:** Waffles, Sausage Patty, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Mini Corn Dogs, Broccoli/Cauliflower, Fruit, and Milk.

**Friday: Breakfast:** Long John, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Grilled Chicken w/ Bun, Tri-Tators, Green Beans, Fruit and Milk.

## RLCC Sports Schedules

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

### RLCC Mustang Girls Basketball

Thu, Dec. 5:

Girls JH 4:00PM Away vs. Bagley @ Bagley High School

Fri, Dec. 6:

Girls JH 4:30PM Away vs. C-G Bears @ Clearbrook Community Center

Girls JV 6:00PM Away vs. C-G Bears @ Clearbrook-Gonvick HS

Girls Varsity 7:30PM Away vs. C-G Bears Clearbrook-Gonvick HS

Mon, Dec. 9:

JH Game 4:30PM Fertile-Beltrami @ RLCC High School

JV Game 6:00PM Varsity Game 7:30PM Away vs. Stephen-Argyle Central Storm

Fri, Dec 13:

JH Game 4:30PM Away vs. Win-E-Mac

Win-E-Mac High School

JV Game 6:00PM Varsity 7:30PM

Red Lake Falls @ Red Lake County Central HS

### Boys Basketball Schedule

Thu, Dec. 5:

Boys JH 4:30PM RLC vs. WEM @ WEM High School

Boys C 5:00PM JV Game 6:00PM

Varsity 7:30PM RLC vs. BGMR (Badger/Greenbush/Middle River) @ RLCC HS

Tue, Dec 10:

JH Game 4:30PM RLC Basketball vs. Foston @ Magelssen Elementary School.

C Game 5:00PM JV Game 6:00PM

Varsity 7:30PM RLC Basketball vs. East Grand Forks Green Wave @ Red Lake Falls High School.

Tue, Dec 17:

JH Game 4:30PM RLC Basketball vs. Bagley @ RLF Elementary

C Game 5:00PM JV Game 6:00PM

Varsity 7:30PM RLC vs. Ada-Borup-West @ RLCC HS

## Volleyball Awards Night at Red Lake County Central



Junior Varsity Coached by Sara Rosendahl. Left to Right: Avery Nelson, Taylor Moen, Isabelle Paradis, Jordan Johnson, Leah Pahlen, Keira Baker, Keanna Landrus, Marissa Morinville, Aubrey Halverson, Abigail Morinville, and Ava Arlt.



Coach Angie Lundeen commending the Varsity Letter award winners at the RLCC Volleyball Awards night. Not in order: Alexa Chervestad, Hannah Dudycha, Evelynnn Klamm, Quinn Graves, Kendra Christianson, McKaelyn Frizzle, Emma Hendrickson, Grayson Kvsager, Natalie Hendrickson, Shelby Sherman, and Keeana Landrus



Senior Team Members: Hannah Dudycha, Evelynnn Klamm, Shelby Sherman, Kendra Christianson, and Quinn Graves.

## MEET THE KINDERGARTEN OF RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL



**Hattie Lee**

**Parents:** Brandon & Lynsey  
**Siblings:** Brynn and Scarlett

**What does your Mom do for a living?** She works in the Oklee school. She helps people work.

**What does your Dad do for a living?** He works at Digi-Key. He works all day.

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

**Favorite Show:** Starburst.

**Favorite Food:** Mac & cheese.

**Favorite School Activity:** Playtime.

**Favorite Color:** Red.

**Favorite Toy:** Dolls.

**Favorite Sport:** Basketball. Mason plays basketball.

**Anything else you'd like people to know about you?** I like my stuffies. My favorite is my monkey. I like to sleep with it at sleepytme. I got it a Walmart. It feels good.

### Autograph Night

Come cheer on the Rebels in their first home game ever in the new gym at RLCC High School in Oklee.

Elementary students get in free! Rebels will sign a varsity team photo which will be provided! Lets pack the gym on December 5th! Go Rebels!



**Adelyn Good**

**Parents:** Brittany and Alex, Mike Good.

**Siblings:** Blake, Wyatt, Phoebe, Ashton and Leon.

**What does your Mom do for a living?** She's a nurse or a doctor. She also works in Oklee at the bar. It's by our house.

**What does your Dad do for a living?** He fixes cars and he hunts for deer. He's a good fixer.

**What do you want to be when you grow up?** A You-tuber, painter and a pot maker.

**Favorite Show:** Netflix, the Ball thing..

**Favorite Food:** Corndogs and lettuce.

**Favorite School Activity:** Do homework.

**Favorite Color:** Rainbow.

**Favorite Toy:** The Kitchen toys.

**Favorite Sport:** Soccer.

**Anything else you'd like people to know about you?** I'm nice. I help other people. I help my Grandma put stuff in her car. I also help my Grandma unpack stuff.

## STORY TO SHARE!

If you have a story or photos you want to share, please send to: [okleeherald@gmail.com](mailto:okleeherald@gmail.com)



## Do You Remember Larson Farm Supply?

By Eric W. Mickelson

I recently had the opportunity to talk to Bennet Larson. I had a few questions to ask. I knew of a couple of stories I had heard from him and wanted to refresh my memory. I knew his brother sold Oliver tractors in town but didn't know the details. Bennet confirmed my memory, yes, when his brother Goodwin came back from the war he started Larson Farm Supply in 1946. His business was east of Swenson Equipment. Another brother Alvin and Goodwin were involved with the New Day Seed company. Around this time there was a market for seed. The stripper was a cylinder with spikes sticking out of it. It was ground driven so a chain rotated that drum a little faster than ground speed. Under the drum was a sort of cutter bar. The rotating drum would force the bluegrass plants against the cutter bar, cutting off the heads and throwing them into the "box" behind the cutter bar. After it was harvested the seed went through quite a curing process. According to Bennet the seed was hauled and piled 'where the golf course' was. People were hired to come in and "stir" the seed around with

pitchforks as the seed dried and was cured.

Back to Larson Farm Supply, another item they sold was Custom Tractors. This is one of the things I wanted to talk to Bennet about.

One of those Custom tractors was sold to Clifford Hegge, Bennet's brother-in-law. Bennet was able to miss school one spring day and work for Clifford on the Custom. He was busy cultivating at Clifford's farm north of Oklee and finished up and was heading for another field north and east of the home place. About that time the Oklee school bus was stopping after school at Hegge's (possibly to drop off Gene and Sharon). You must remember the roads back then were not as good as they are now. The bus was having a hard time getting up to speed as Bennet came up behind with the Custom tractor and cultivator. Remember Bennet was sort of skipping school to work in the field! The students in the back of the bus began to signal Bennet, "Pass the bus!" So you know what Bennet did was pass the bus with the speedy Custom in road gear with a cultivator behind. I wish I could have been

on the bus and watch Bennet come speeding by! Bennet said he thought the bus driver was Ed Gibeau. Skipping school and passing the bus...with a Custom tractor....man I love this story!

Of course many of us have a connection with Bennet since he and his wife, Virginia, ran Oklee Recreation, probably more commonly known as the Bowling Alley. In 1968, Oklee Recreation was purchased by Bennet and Virginia Larson and his sister Leona Sletto. The six lane bowling alley not only included the restaurant but also a "game" room in the back for kids. When I frequented the Bowling Alley there were a variety of pinball games, a pool table, and a jukebox.

So thanks Goodwin for memories of Larson Farm Supply. Also a big thanks to Bennet for sharing some memories and also for all the hours spent at the Bowling Alley so many of us could enjoy a game of bowling, a meal, maybe a game in the backroom, or a daredevil from the Whopper Tackle Shop. As of right now my mouth is watering.....I would kind of like a Benny Burger Deluxe!

## Senior Site News & Other Things

Bonny Cote, Treasurer - Acting Secretary

### You are invited to a Christmas Gathering

A December gathering has been set for Friday, December 6th at 2 p.m. The Christmas gathering will be held in the Jumpin' Jax Cafe. All seniors are encouraged to attend and enjoy Christmas Treats. The members of the Seniors Site had a planning meeting Monday morning and the variety sounds delightful. Krumkaka, variety of cookies, chocolate covered pretzels, rommegrot and many other treats. These are all brought in by the members of the Senior Site. Coffee and Cocoa (donated by Jumpin'Jax) are available. All goodies are provided by the Senior Site.

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#### SAIL Classes

Ever wonder what SAIL stands for? It is "Stay Active and Independent for Life."

Jo Lambert or Carol Kvasager

er do a wonderful job of leading the group on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Oklee Community Center at 10 a.m.

SAIL is an evidence based strength, balance and fitness program. Performing exercises that improve strength, balance and fitness are the single most important activity that adults can do to stay active.

The entire curriculum of activities in the SAIL program can help improve your strength and balance if done regularly.

There is no charge for the classes. SAIL exercise class are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am in the Oklee Hall. Contact Jo Lambert at 218-796-4527 or Carol Kvasager at 218-201-0180.

Or stop at the Hall on Tuesday or Thursday to see what the exercises are about and to try some to see if they can help you in any way.

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**Dates To Remember**  
**Wednesday:** Cards at 1:30 p.m.

Presently Hand and Foot is being played. Hand & Foot is a 1 deck per person game that is played with a hand and foot and it played by teams of 2 or 3 people. The object of the game is to be first to get rid of all your cards.

If you are interested in seeing who the game is played, stop by on Wednesday afternoon.

Presently the card crew is looking for subs. They will assist in teaching you how to play.

It is an afternoon filled with laughter and fun.

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#### Senior Site Meeting

The next Senior Site meeting will be on Tuesday, December 17th and it will be held at the Senior Site at 2 p.m.

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Have a great week!

## Oklee Senior Meals on Wheels LSS Menu

### December 9 - 13

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

**Mon:** Baked Pork Chop/Gravy, Parslied New Potato, Mixed Veggie, Bread/Margarine, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie, 1% Milk.

**Tue:** Chicken Brocc Rice Casserole, Sliced Carrots, Dinner Roll/Margarine, Apple Crisp, 1% Milk.

**Wed:** Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Broccoli & Cauliflower, Brownie, 1% Milk.

**Thu:** Lasagna Casserole, Whole Kernal Corn, Bread/Margarine, Fruit Sauce, 1% Milk.

**Fri:** Baked Fish, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Country Vegetable Blend, Dinner Roll/Butter, Peanut Butter Cookie, 1% Milk.



## Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Cindy and Lowell Arlt and Mike and Sandy Greenwald attended the concert at Lincoln High School on November 22nd. Jeremy Stolle was the star performer singing with Satoni Hofman. Arri Lawton from Samoa, accompanied them on the piano. Alice Jobe also attended the concert.

Anna DeHate went to Steve and Marlene Haugen's in Thief River Falls on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day. The whole gang was there.

The Holiday Train will be in Plummer on Sunday, December 15th around 6:15 p.m. Come early for a good

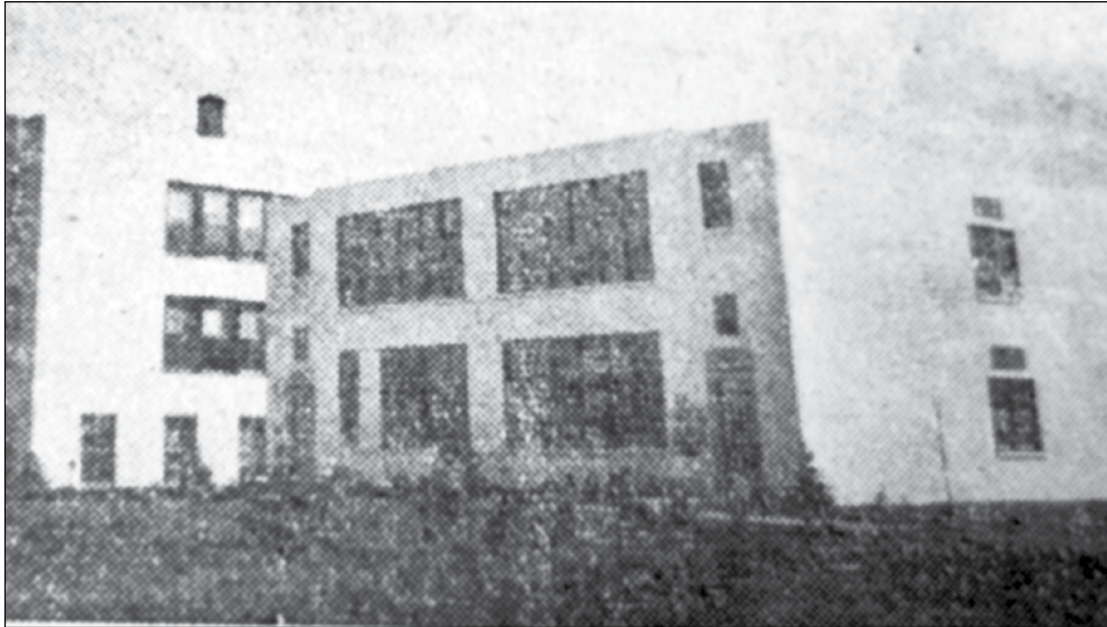
parking place.

Alice Jobe had Thanksgiving dinner at her youngest brother Jack's home with his wife Sherrie, making the fantastic dinner. All of the family attended as well as a nephew, Mike, niece Kari and Greg Pulczynski and sone Noah. Also niece Jana, Dereck and little Ellie, who was so fun to watch. She's two years old. They are from Williams.

On Friday, Diane DeHate of Coon Rapids MN came to Anna DeHate's for the weekend. Her friend Steph Nelson also came to visit her mom.

It's been cold, but very little snow.

## Historical Tidbit - Oklee Public School



Here is a picture of the 1939 addition that was torn down to build the new addition to our school. The picture is from the dedication from Thursday, October 17, 1940.



Everyone gets a gift at Brook's Santa night. The kids got to go first as their names were drawn.

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## Who's Dat?



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This week's photo is of two ladies visiting at the Senior Site in Oklee.

Last Week's photo was of Carolyn Rystad, Anita Vettleson and getting made up is Val Myhre. People were greeted by these three for Halloween Hysteria in October. They were vade upwith various colors of makeup and hair. Visitors were treated to many delicious food items.

This is one of most popular columns of the Red Lake County Herald. Remember that photos from the 80s are now 40+ years old.

I am always in need of more photos - School days, church events, sports, etc. From anywhere in the area - Brooks, Plummer, Red Lake Falls, Oklee, send or email in a photo

and description.

If you email a photo, please scan at 300 dpi (high quality) if you can. You can email to [okleeherald@gmail.com](mailto:okleeherald@gmail.com).

If you mail a photo to the Oklee Herald office, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope so the photos can be returned. Mail them to: Red Lake County Herald, PO Box 9, Oklee MN 56742.

Or stop by the office and I will scan your photo(s) while you wait.



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