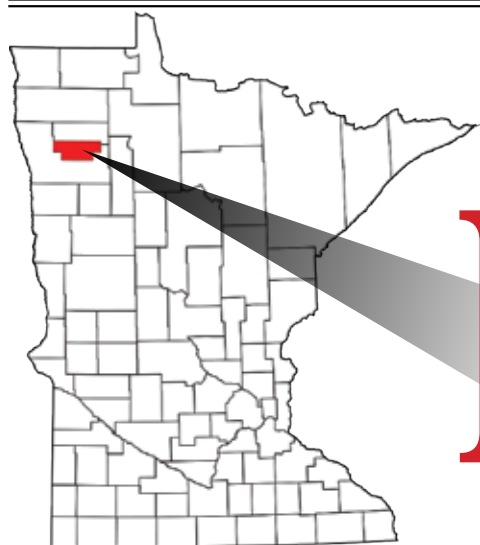




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Candles, Cooking, and Caution: Fire safety tips to keep your Valentine's Day safe

This Valentine's Day, make sure your romantic gestures stay memorable for the right reasons. When lighting candles and cooking a special meal, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) says to closely monitor food cooking on the stove or in the oven, and to use candles with caution.

"If you're celebrating Valentine's Day at home this year, your plans likely include a special meal and candles," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. "Our goal is to help ensure that everyone enjoys the holiday with fire safety in mind."

According to NFPA, cooking is the leading cause of reported home fires and home fire injuries year-round. Unattended cooking is a factor in over one-quarter (29 percent) of reported home cooking fires and half of the associated deaths.

Simple cooking safety tips include the following:

- Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, or broiling food.
- Have a "kid and pet-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 meter) around the stove.
- Keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.
- Set a timer to remind you that you are cooking.

Candles are also a leading cause of home fires and must be used with caution and supervision. NFPA data shows that half of all candle fires started when a flammable object—such as furniture, bedding, curtains, home décor, or clothing—was too close to a lit candle. In 21 percent of home candle fires, the candle was either left unattended, discarded, or otherwise misused. More than one-third of candle fires (36 percent) started in the bedroom.

Consider using batter-operated flameless candles, which proved a similar look and feel to real candles while eliminating the risk of fire.

If you do plan to use real candles, NFPA recommends the following:

- Don't use lit candles in bedrooms, bathrooms, and sleeping areas.
- Use stable candle holders and place candles where they can't be easily knocked over.
- Keep candles at least one foot away from anything that can burn.
- Keep hair and loose clothing away from the flame.
- Don't burn a candle all the way down --- put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.
- Store matches and lighters up high, out of children's reach, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave a burning candle unattended.
- Blow out candles when you leave the room or go to bed.

For more information about cooking and candle safety, visit our cooking safety and candle safety pages.

In addition, NFPA encourages the public to make sure they have working smoke alarms and develop and practice a home escape plan.

For this release and other announcements about NFPA initiatives, research, and resources, please visit the NFPA press room.

About the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®)

Founded in 1896, NFPA® is a global self-funded nonprofit organization devoted to eliminating death, injury, property, and economic loss due to fire, electrical, and related hazards. The association delivers information and knowledge through more than 300 consensus codes and standards, research, training, education, outreach, and advocacy; and by partnering with others who share an interest in furthering the NFPA mission. For more information, visit nfpa.org. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed online for free at nfpa.org/freeaccess.

Operation Round Up® Grant Applications due Friday, February 21st

Organizations involved in community projects and charities are encouraged to apply for funds from Operation Round Up at this time. Completed grant applications are due in the Red Lake Electric Cooperative (RLEC) office by Friday, February 21, 2025.

Operation Round Up is a program adopted by RLEC headquartered in Red Lake Falls. Members choosing to "round up" their monthly electric bill payment provide funds for this effort. Today 98% of RLEC members now choose to contribute pennies each month to enhance their communities.

Funds will be donated primarily to nonprofit organizations to help fund specific projects or programs. Since the program began in 1993, \$684,171 has been granted to community organizations and charities. Money is donated for the betterment of the community within the outside service area boundaries of RLEC.

The Red Lake Electric Trust Board of Directors determines grants. Board members are Stacy Bierman, Thief River Falls, Pamela Vetteson, Plummer; Laura Kasprovicz, Thief River Falls; Stephanie Johnson, Gatzke and Bonnie Christians, Crookston.

To apply for Operation Round Up grant, organizations should contact the RLEC office in Red Lake Falls at 218-253-2168 or 800-245-6068. A short application must be completed and submitted along with a financial statement from the organization.

Grant application forms are available on the Cooperative's website: www.redlakeelectric.com

For more information contact Stephanie Johnson, General Manager of RLEC, at 218-253-2168 or 800-245-6068.

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A New Location for the Oklee Senior Site



All Seniors are welcome to come to the Valentine/Open House party on February 14th.



The Senior Site has a nice mini kitchen and tables & chairs for events.



The Senior Site has a hardcover book lending library.



Senior Site Birthday picture from 1979. Back: Marie Collette, Wallace Champagne, Inger Hanson. Front: Rose Beaudoin, Dore Boucher, Anna Hegland, Isabelle Erickson.

By Eric Mickelson

Thank you to Sue Beaudoin who submitted most of the following information about the history of the senior site!

If you have been a reader of the Oklee Herald over the years you have probably seen the news from the senior site. Or maybe you have seen pictures of birthday and other celebrations from the Senior Site. The Senior Site has a long history in the Oklee Community!

Sue Beaudoin shared a quote: "When our loved ones are gone, we must learn not to live without them, but to live with the love they left behind!" Coming across this quote also made Sue reflect on the history of the Senior Site.

On August 15, 1979, The Senior Site was opened in the Oklee Municipal Center. The Site served 30 meals per day 5 days a week. The only surviving member of the Board and the cooking crew at that time is Joyce Tougas who is now a resident at Poplar Meadows in McIntosh. Originally the Senior Citizen Center was located where Jumpin' Jax Cafe is now.

Eileen Olson was the last "on site" cook for the Senior Site. When the community no longer had a cafe for the regulars to go to, Eileen served coffee and toast in the morning in addition to the site's noon meals. The site had 3-4 volunteers everyday to set tables, wash dishes, and count money.

When the cafe opened its doors the Senior Site and dining area became located in the recently closed craft shop area. When Sue retired in 2006 Joan Bronken approached her to become a volunteer and wouldn't accept no for an answer. From that time on Sue said, "I worked with many wonderful people!" She became a board member serving as President and Secretary.

In 2007 more changes came. Myrtle Woods was no longer able to continue working at the craft shop. The Oklee Herald then moved to the craft shop location and the craft shop was moved down the hall to the recently closed craft shop location and the Sr. dining room and activities area to where the Oklee Herald was located. Bonnie Cote became Treasurer and overall manager of the craft shop.

Volunteers continued in the sale of craft items, collecting meal donations, and setting up the dining room. The cafe served the meals and the volunteers cleaned up. Bingo was played every Thursday. Bridge Club was moved from homes to the Senior Site on Wednesdays. Eventually there were not enough bridge players so the game changed to Hand and Foot, which was much easier to learn and is still played today. Afternoon parties were often held especially at the Holidays.

When Teresa, at the cafe, was no longer able to serve evening meals an evening pot luck was started and continues from approximately April thru October. A lending library was also started with a large donation of books from Elmer and Doris Hanson. The lending library continues within the site. Books will continue to be sold from the hallway and money can be put in the Oklee Herald drop box.

Then....along came COVID in 2019 and all activities had to be canceled. The site struggled and was unable to reopen with volunteers and enough activities and board members. About 2 years ago the site was able to get enough board members and officers to have regular meetings, which are well attended today!

The seniors moved to the new location in the former Oklee Herald office in January. There will be more room for activities.

There is a "Grand Reopening" on February 14th at the new location. All seniors are encouraged to attend and celebrate the re-opening of the Oklee Senior Center. The Grand Reopening and Valentine party will start at 2 p.m. on Friday, February 14th.

Church News

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Okleelutheran.org
Wed, Feb. 12: 7:00 p.m.
Confirmation at Salem & Zion.
Sun, Feb. 16: No Sunday School at both churches. 10:30 a.m. Joint Service at Zion.
Wed, Feb. 19: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation at Salem.

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. 10am St. Joseph – RLF.

IMMANUEL–EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Feb. 16: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethany.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Wed. Feb. 12: Release Time/Confirmation Classes.
Sun, Feb. 16: Bethany: 8 a.m. Worship, 9 a.m. Sunday School. Ekelund: 9:30 a.m. Worship No Sunday School. Faith: No Sunday School. 11:00 a.m. Worship.
Mon, Feb. 17: 9 a.m. Faith Mission-Quilting.
Tue, Feb. 18: 9:30 a. m. Shalom Circle..
Wed. Feb. 19: Release Time/Confirmation Classes.



RLC Social Services Representative Schedule
Red Lake County Social Services has a representative available on Thursdays from 9 am to 3:30 pm at the Zion Lutheran Church in Oklee.
Documents that need to be sent to/returned to social services may be given to them, information regarding programs is available, and referrals for inquiries about assistance or services can be made. Stop by if you have any questions or call our main office number at (218)253-4131.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeffrey Merseeth
Wed, Feb. 12: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 Vespers.
Sat. Feb: 15: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Feb. 16: Oak Park: 8:45 am. SS. 9:45 a.m. Worship. St. Petri: 9:45 a.m. Livestream. Nazareth: 9:45 a.m. Livestream
Wed, Feb. 19: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 Vespers.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Feb. 16: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Lund; 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethany.

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.

Tri-Valley Public Transportation
T.H.E. Bus is available for anyone. There are no age or income guidelines. However, children under the age of four must be accompanied by an adult and children under the age of one must be secured in an infant seat.
Curb-to-curb services is available. Allowing for a safe and convenient method of transportation. All of our buses are handicapped accessible and lift-equipped. All of our drivers are trained and certified.
To reserve a seat, please call one business day prior to the scheduled trip - 1-800-201-3432.
For Polk, Red Lake and Clearwater County stops:
Every Monday – Grand Forks.
Every 2nd Tuesday – Mahanomen.
Every 4th Tuesday – Thief River Falls
Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday – Fargo/Moorhead.
Every 2nd & 4th Friday – Bemidji.

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Red Lake County Herald subscribers: Please check the address label in the upper right corner of the front page. Be sure all the information is correct. If not, call the Red Lake County Herald office at 218-796-5181 or email: okleeherald@gmail.com as soon as possible.
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Honoring America's Presidents

Following the assassination of President William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt became the 26th President of the United States. He served from 1901 to 1909.

President Roosevelt once said, “a thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education.” One of Mr. Roosevelt’s most important accomplishments was the building of the Panama Canal. Each February, on Presidents Day, we honor all of America’s Presidents.

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This project is made possible in part, under the Federal Older American's Act through a grant with the NWRDC under an area plan approved by the Minnesota Board on Aging.
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2025 Fridays with a Forester – Zoom series

Join the University of Minnesota Extension foresters to discuss some of the key issues and questions around forest and woodlands facing Minnesota landowners.
These online sessions will be very informal, open to the public and free of charge. Each session will start with a brief presentation, followed by a discussion framed around participants’ questions on the topic. Each zoom will be from 9 to 10 a.m.
• February 14: Minnesota ash woodlands and emerald ash borer - Eli Sagor and Josh Donatell
• February 21: Trail Design: Structures to cross obstacles - Mel Baughman
• February 28: Eco-anxiety: Nurturing resilient people to steward resilient ecosystems - Angela Gupta
• March 14: Climate-ready woodlands: Promoting the resilience of your backyard woodlands - Anna Stockstad
• March 21: Expanding agroforestry grants and practices - Gary Wyatt, Tyler Carlson and Caleb Langworthy
• March 28: ACORNS: Access, Collection, Organization, and Redistribution of Nuts and Seeds - Kira Pollack
• April 11: Finding and working with a local woodland service provider - Eli and service provider panel.
• April 18: 2025 Participatory Science projects - Angela Gupta
• April 25: Forestry for Minnesota birds– What can the birds tell us? - Jayme Strange
To learn more about each topic and sign up for these zoom sessions, register at z.umn.edu/Fridays2025.
Recordings from all webinars in the series will be made available on our YouTube page at z.umn.edu/Fridays.
If you have questions regarding this Zoom series please contact Gary Wyatt, wyatt@umn.edu.

Minnesota Farmers Union members gathered for Lobby Day

ST. PAUL – More than 70 Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) members traveled to St. Paul on Feb. 4 for MFU’s Lobby Day.
Members met with nearly 40 policymakers, including Gov. Tim Walz, Attorney General Keith Ellison, Secretary of State Steve Simon, Senate Agriculture Committee Chair Aric Putnam, Senate Agriculture Committee Ranking Member Torrey Westrom, Senate Majority Leader Erin Murphy, Senate Minority Leader Mark Johnson and agency leaders from the Minnesota Departments of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Revenue.
Members advocated for a stable budget for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Despite driving as much as a fifth of the state’s economy, the agriculture department’s budget makes up less than a half percent of the state budget. Members also discussed the need to make healthcare and childcare more affordable and accessible in rural Minnesota, ways to improve access to land for beginning farmers and why it’s important to pass agricultural Right to Repair.
“It was great to see so many members turn out to take part in the legislative process,” said MFU President Gary Wertish. “We had a great mix of first-time and experienced members come to Lobby Day. MFU looks forward to continuing to advocate for family farmers throughout the legislative session.”
“With uncertainty going into spring, it was important that MFU came to St. Paul to ensure that state lawmakers are doing what they can to provide support and stability,” said MFU Vice President Anne Schwagerl. “Policymakers need to hear from people who are impacted by their decisions. By showing up, we are doing our part to make sure our state works well for family farmers.”

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 ricedc@yahoo.com.

Red Lake County SWCD is taking Tree Orders for Spring 2025
Red Lake County SWCD is continuing to take tree orders from landowners for Spring FY2025 planting. Anyone interested in purchasing trees from the Red Lake County SWCD should contact the SWCD office at (218) 253-2593.

2025 Tree Order - Schumacher's Nursery				
Red Lake County SWCD				
Trees	Quantities	Size		FY 2024 Prices per Bundle (25)
BLACK CHERRY	25	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
REDOSIER DOGWOOD	75	2-3'		\$52.50
COMMON LILAC	75	2-3'		\$52.50
RED OAK	25	2-3'		\$65.00
AMERICAN PLUM	25	3-4'		\$52.50
NORWAY POPLAR	25	3-4'		\$52.50
SIOUXLAND POPLAR	25	3-4'		\$52.50
SERVICEBERRY (JUNEBERRY)	50	2-3'		\$52.50
FLAME WILLOW	25	2-3'		\$52.50
EASTERN RED CEDAR	200	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	15	30-36"	5 GALLON POT	\$33.00 per pot
BLACK HILL SPRUCE	22	24-30"	2 GALLON POT	\$20.00 per pot
BLACK HILL SPRUCE	40	18-24"	1 GALLON POT	\$17.50 per pot

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On the afternoon of 01/31/25, a Red Lake Falls resident reported a theft of property. That report is still under investigation.
On the morning of 02/01/25, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a suspicious vehicle and some suspicious activity going on at the park in Plummer. A Red Lake County deputy responded to the scene and found a vehicle occupied by several people. They claimed they were homeless, and they were looking for a place to stay. They were given information on homeless shelters to contact, and they left the area.
On the afternoon of 02/02/25, a Red Lake County deputy assisted with a property exchange in Red Lake Falls.
On the morning of 02/03/25, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report that a vehicle has struck a gas pump at the Red Lake County Co-op in Red Lake Falls some time over the weekend. A Red Lake County deputy assisted and found the individual who had struck the pump with their vehicle. The damage was not intentional, and the matter will be handled civilly between the parties involved.
On the evening of 02/03/25, a Gervais Township resident requested assistance in dealing with an unruly teenage child. A Red Lake County deputy spoke with the reporting party and advice was given.
Around midnight on 02/04/25, Red Lake County deputies responded to a report of a disturbance at an Oklee residence. When they arrived, one of the parties involved had left, and the remaining party was not cooperative with the investigation. The deputies counseled the reporting party, and it appeared the matter sorted itself out, so no further action was taken.
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MUSTANG STAMPEDE

RLCC Menus

February 17 - 21

Oklee

Monday: No School.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Biscuit & Gravy, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Fajita, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffle w/Syrup, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Hot Dog or Polish, Baked Beans, Chips, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Omelet, Toast, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Patty, Hash Brown Patty, Vegetable, Fruit, and Milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Subs (cold), Fresh Vegetables, Chips, Fruit, and Milk.

Plummer

Monday: No School.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Banana Bread, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Sloppy Joes, Baked Beans, Carrots, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Pop Tart, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Sub Sandwich, Toppings, Chips, Fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Waffles, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Nuggets, Oven Fries, Green Beans, Fruit and Milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Long John, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, Salad, Corn, Fruit, and Milk.

Looking for ways to spend your free time?

SKATING RINK OPEN
Saturday & Sunday from 10:00pm & weekday afternoons from 4-8:00pm (closed if there is a home game at the high school)

OPEN GYM in Oklee on Saturdays from 1-3:00 pm, children 6th grade and under must have adult supervision. Contact Kurt with questions at 612-247-0812

RLCC Sports Schedules

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

RLCC Mustang Girls Basketball

Thu, Feb 13:

Girls JV 6:00PM

Varsity 7:30PM

Away vs. Mahnomen

Mahnomen High School

Sat, Feb 15:

Girls JV 12:00PM

(Rescheduled 1-17-25)

Girls Varsity 1:00PM

Climax-Fisher@ RLCC

High School

Tue, Feb 18:

Seniors Night

Girls JV 6:00PM

Girls Varsity 7:30PM

Fertile-Beltrami @ Red

Lake County Central High School

Fri, Feb 21:

Girls JV 6:00PM

Girls Varsity 7:30PM

Away vs. Climax-Fisher @ Climax High School

Boys Basketball Schedule

Thu, Feb 13:

Parents Night

Boys C 5:00PM

Boys JV 6:00PM

Varsity 7:30PM

RLC vs. Norman County

East/Ulen-Hitterdal @

RLF High School

Fri, Feb 14:

Boys Varsity 7:00PM

RLC Basketball vs. Cherry @ Bemidji State University

Tue, Feb 18:

Boys C 5:00PM

Boys JV 6:00PM

Varsity 7:30PM

RLC Basketball vs. Mahnomen-Waubun @ Mahnomen High School

Thu, Feb 20:

Boys C 5:00PM

JV Game 6:00PM

Varsity 7:30PM

RLC Basketball vs. Fertile-Beltrami @ RLCC High School

Tue, Feb 25:

Boys C 5:00PM

Boys JV 6:00PM

Varsity 7:30PM

RLC Basketball vs. Win-E-Mac @ RLCC HS

Catch Mustang February Fever

By Esenyah Lundeen

The Mustang Girls Basketball program has come a long way, the Girls Varsity Mustangs are 10-9 and are on a February win streak starting with beating the Northern Freeze on Monday February 3rd. The Mustangs went into overtime but still came out with the nail biting victory 76-65. Fans were hopping out of their seats with excitement as the Mustangs had come up from a twenty point deficit. The Mustang Girls made their parents (and all fans) proud for Parents' Night.

The next night, Tuesday February 4, they played Blackduck and they also took the victory 79-59. The Mustangs would end the week with another win against the Bagley Flyers Friday with a 68-49 score. At this time, the Mustangs enjoy a 10-9 record and look to improve their record on Monday, February 10th in Erskine against the Win-E-Mac Patriots and on Tuesday February 11th when they play Warren-Alvarado-Oslo along with a double header with the Rebels who will play the Goodridge-Grygla-Gatzke Chargers.

On Thursday, February 13th, the Girls will travel to Mahnomen-Waubun to take the Thunderbirds and will host the Climax-Fisher Knights on Saturday afternoon with a ½ JV game starting at noon and Varsity starting at 1:00pm. Be sure to come and cheer on the Girls on February 18th in Oklee for Senior Night for the last regular season match against the Fertile-Beltrami Falcons.

This season has been exciting watching each team member improve their abilities

to contribute to the team. A little more about the Mustangs is that each person plays an important role on the team. Quinn Graves has the most important role. She is the one that leads the team and tries to help everyone in every situation. She is an amazing post player as well. She tries to shoot and score when she can.

Evelynn Klam is also an important leader even though she's hurt she still finds a way to be there for the team and brings fun and variety on and off the court.

Mckaelyn Frizzle is an amazing post player as well. She's also an amazing three point shooter and is always scoring.

Keanna Landrus, a ninth grader, is another one of the Mustangs post players. She is an amazing sub, who adds to the team as soon as she enters the court.

Kathryn Srnsky also is a post. She plays a huge role when she goes in for Quinn or when someone is having foul trouble; she's been playing on varsity since her sophomore year.

Emma, Alexa, and Natalee are the main 3 point shooters for the Mustangs. Aubrey and Isabelle are the best people to handle the ball when coming down the court. They are also amazing scorers as well for the Mustangs.

Gracyn Kvsager plays an amazing press and is apt to steal the ball when the opponent least expects it.

The Mustang Coaches, Mitch Bernstein, Kaleb Sjulstad, and Paul Nelson have kept the Mustangs on their toes and in practice. Keep up the good work Mustangs!



Emma Hendrickson makes a pass with a Blackduck Drake unsuccessfully going for a steal.

Rebels Rolling Out an 18-1 Record

By Jackson Moriniville and Ethan Lee

Red Lake County Rebels traveled to Warren to play the Ponies. The first half started off with the Rebels leading 33-25, Connor Duden led the Rebels with 24 points. Leading the score for the Ponies was Kayden Kotrba with 13 points. The Rebels had a 100% free throw average, and the Ponies had a 50% free throw average. The Rebels field goal percentage was 50%, they also 37.5% from the 3-point line. In the second half the Rebels out scored the Ponies 46-17 making the final score 79- 42 in a dominant win.

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears traveled to Red Lake Falls to take on the Rebels. In the first half the Rebels scored 51 while the Bears scored 30, making the score 51-30. The leaders in scoring for the Rebels was Connor Duden with 15 points and Owen Chervestad with 14 points, the Bears leading scorer was Ryan Gerlofs with 12 points. The Rebels went 50% from the free throw line with three of the six attempts, and the Bears went 16.7% with one for six free throws. The Rebels made 37% from the three-point line

the Bears went 17.4% from the three point line. In the second half the Rebels outscored the Bears 42-2, making the final score 93-51.

The Rebels ended their week with a 77-54 win over the Northern Freeze playing in the Super Saturday Tournament in Stephen Argyle. The Rebels will take on the Chargers on Tuesday the 11th in Oklee with a double header as the Mustangs take on the Ponies, and will host Norman County East-Ulen-Hitterdal in Red Lake Falls the 13th in Red Lake Falls. Friday night the QRF #3 seat Rebels will travel to Bemidji State University to take on the QRF #1 Seat Cherry Tygers at 7:00pm tip off time! The Rebels are enjoying a 18-1 record and hope to see you at all of their games



The Freeze could not stop the Mustangs despite double teaming the girls on offense.



Big Smiles from the Mustangs with their big win against the Freeze.



Mckaelyn Frizzle Shooting a 3 pointer!



That Drake can't get past Mustang Aubrey Halverson.

RLCC High School Students of the Month



Congratulations to Peyton Williams who earned a Superior Ribbon in Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton for her Poetry Presentation.



Congratulations to Leah Pahlen Junior High December Student of the Month and to Owen Chervestad Senior High December Student of the Month

This Week's Oklee Herald Early Files

90 Years Ago
February 14, 1935

Miss Bernetta Seeger left here Sunday for Thief River Falls where she will be employed.

Leo Falardeau, George Lerohl, Lyle Peters, Willard Lindquist, Jerome Johnson, and Iver Gjernes attended the Fosston Plummer basketball game at Plummer last Monday.

80 Years Ago
February 15, 1945

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Omer Gibeau, on Thursday, February 8th.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Toulouse and daughter Janice, accompanied by Mrs. Louis Toulouse of Plummer, left here last Friday for Hudson Bay, Sask., Canada, where they will visit at the Albert Bernier home and with other relatives and friends that locality.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lovaas were named as winners of the "Valley Farmer and Homemaker" award for Red Lake County at the Northwest Shows at Crookston last week.

70 Years Ago
February 17, 1955

Miss Bernice Sorenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sorenson of Plummer, became the bride of Marilyn Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Johnson of Brooks, at the Immanuel Church in Plummer, on January 29th. Rev. O.M. Simundson performed the ceremony.

Lou Horstman, Jr. and Oren Syrtveit left Tuesday for the Fargo Induction center where they will be inducted into the army.

Phyllis Mykelby of Plummer, member of the Busy Bees 4-H Club, was named champion

of the 4-H public speaking contest. Evelyn Eskeli, also of Plummer and the Busy Bees was named Reserve Champion. Among those receiving honorable mention was Glynce Eskeli, also of Plummer and the Busy Bees. Among the entries were Billy Peterson of the Happy-Go-Lucky club of Plummer, and two members of the Merry Lassies from Oklee, Irene Barsness and Margaret Gjernes. Last years winner in the county was Irene Barsness of Oklee.

60 Years Ago
February 11, 1965

A pink and blue shower will be held for Mrs. Jerry Melby and Lisa Linall at the Oak Park Church on Sunday afternoon.

The Oklee High School Marching Band will perform a Valentine half-time show for the Plummer vs Oklee game on February 16th.

Glenn Tasa, member of the highway committee of the Minnesota Association of Counties for the past five years has been reappointed to the committee for 1965.

50 Years Ago
February 6, 1975

Oscar Flateland of Oklee celebrated his birthday with guests Maggie Van Tassel, Mr. and Mrs. Knute Flateland, and Mr. and Mrs. Norris Brekke.

The Sophomore Class of Plummer is raffling off a large 16 pound Lollipop to be drawn on February 14th during the game between Plummer and Climax.

Ardith Lerohl, who has been the Oklee Coop Oil Association manager and bookkeeper, retired and will

spending more time with her husband.

Mrs. Agnes Schweback, of Egan, announced the engagement of her daughter, Donna, to Mark Robidoux, son of Mr. and Mrs. Xavier Robidoux.

40 Years Ago
February 6, 1985

New postage rates go into effect on February 17th. (It did not say but according to my research stamps were 22 cents)

Twila Fore of Oklee and Dianne Gagner of Brooks were elected President and Vice President at a recent Extension Committee meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Nelson and family brought birthday greetings to Grandpa Richard Nelson of rural Goodridge on Sunday.

30 Years Ago
February 10 , 1995

There was plenty of snow, and the sun was shining brightly and very little wind, but the temperature was -20F, a little chilly for Oklee Sleigh Day.

Three Oklee women, Beth Skallet, Dee Dee Stenberg, and Anita Vettleson, loaded their sleds and luggage and headed to Grand Rapids for a weekend of snowmobiling fun for a state wide women's only event.

20 Years Ago
February 11, 2005

Velma Oakland and Olga Peterson, both retired teachers and graduates of Bemidji State University were inducted into the BSU Hall of Fame.

Senator Stumpf and Representative Lieder held a town hall meeting at the ICCC meeting room.

The Mustang boys basketball team beat the Red Lake Falls Eagles by a score of 51-27.

Red Lake County Summary Operating Budget for 2024

The following is a summary of the operating budget for the 2024 fiscal year for Red Lake County. This summary is published in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 375.169. The detail of the county budget is on file in the County Auditor's office at Red Lake County Courthouse, 124 Langevin Avenue, Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

	2024 Adopted Budget	2025 Adopted Budget
REVENUES:		
County Portion of Tax Levy	\$3,800,534	\$4,072,914
State Paid Portion of Tax Levy	615,942	748,441
Other Taxes	30,900	4,050
Total Tax Levy	4,447,376	4,825,405
Licenses and Permits	640	1,340
Intergovernmental Revenues:		
Federal	669,896	718,568
State	6,983,317	8,318,851
Other	0	0
Charges for Services	688,354	945,765
Fines and Forfeitures	18,000	14,500
Investment Earnings	187,500	160,000
Rent and Miscellaneous	334,021	213,798
Total Revenues	13,329,104	15,198,227
OTHER SOURCES:		
Bonds and Other Debt Issued	0	0
Budgeted Use of Available Fund Balances	480,000	0
Transfers In	38,196	416,206
Total Other Sources	518,196	416,206
Total Revenues and Other Sources	\$13,847,300	\$15,614,433
EXPENDITURES:		
General Government	\$1,509,825	\$1,507,737
Public Safety	1,861,702	1,986,237
Highway and Streets	7,169,185	8,525,245
Sanitation	336,796	200,084
Human Services/Welfare	1,743,184	1,775,864
Health	25,938	39,038
Culture and Recreation	98,716	98,795
Conservation of Natural Resources	205,654	333,114
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Economic Development	0	34,753
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Transfers Out	0	0
Other Financing Uses	0	0
Total Other Uses	0	0
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	\$13,847,300	\$15,614,433

40 Years Ago - Pictures - Remembering the Diamond Jubilee Miss Oklee Contest
Many events were beginning 40 years ago in preparation for Oklee's Diamond Jubilee. One of those events was the Miss Oklee Pageant. This week we will look back at 3 of those candidates!



Shelly Hammer

Shelly is the daughter of Marlin and Hammer. She is a 17 year old senior at Oklee High School. Her sponsor is Carolyn's Clipper. She has 2 sisters Jeanine, and Lynn, and one brother , Chad. Shelly participates in chorus and band where she has also competed in solo and ensemble contests. Playing guitar and singing are two of her interests. Her plan is to go to the University of North Dakota and Major in Elementary Education.



Jean Lindquist

Jean is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harold T. Lindquist. Her siblings include Rick, Mark, Jon, Karen, and Chris. Jean is an 18 year old senior and is sponsored by Oklee Recreation. Jean is involved in Student Council, Band, Chorus, Basketball, and Volleyball. Jeans plays organ for St. Francis Xavier Church. She enjoys all kinds of sports, playing the piano, trumpet, and saxophone. Jean is a waitress at Oklee Recreation



Tracy Bergerson

Tracy is the daughter of Ilene and Melvyn Bergerson. Her sponsor is LePier's of Oklee. Tracy is a sophomore and 15 years old . Her family includes brother Wade 17, and twin sister, Tamara. She enjoys reading and horseback riding.



30 Years Ago Picture

Ron Hamm was the winner of the Hoop shoot in Oklee, Tuesday, January 31,1995. Ron made the lay-up, free throw, and half court shot. His winnings include a liter of pop for the lay-up, a slice of pizza for the FT, and \$200 cash for the half court shot. Ron is a a 1990 graduate of Oklee High School!

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Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Well another super bowl has gone by and some people are using their crying towels and others are swinging them over their heads. Congrats to the Eagles and their fans. I had no skin in the game, but I still feel that it is a major event in the American culture.

This past week I have been staying home due to a cough that just about chokes me, going to the doctor today. My brother-in-law Ray Walter ended up in the hospital over the weekend with RSV. So if you don't have your shots and want to get them do it right away don't put it off.

The weather has turned to winter freeze for us. We are in it for the long haul now. There was a good snowfall in southern North Dakota in the past week so Mike Greenwald went to Dakota to snowmobile. Our snowmobile will not get worn out the few times it has been used. Without snow we just leave it in the shed.

It is time to plan for those dreaded taxes, and some of us put it off till the last minute.

Maybe in these cold days it might be the time to gather all the information and get it to the government for that big check they have promised.

That is all I have for this week, so keep on being the wonderful folks you are and smile.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

On Monday, February 3rd, Tri River Pioneer members met at the museum at 7 p.m. T-Shirts will be made special to sell at \$8.00 each. They may have a tractor on them. Brent Hemly bought a couple of rifles that could be used for a raffle. This year the Ruger rifles have 76th Anniversary - long time. There will also be cash prizes on the tickets.

The previous Friday evening, Brodie and Brielle Traxler, of Thief River Falls, stayed overnight at Anne Traxler's, their grandma.

Wednesday night and

Thursday morning, we got a few inches of snow, strong winds and poor visibility.

Tuesday was Mail Carrier Day. That was February 4th. They sometimes have a tough time delivering mail.

Thursday Anna DeHate, Anne Traxler and Alice Jobe went to Brooks, to Carol's Cozy for potato klub and side pork. For dessert, they had bread pudding and ice cream. They had a good turnout.

Stay warm and healthy. Be good, also.



Mitch Bernstein along with Paul Nelson and Kaleb Sjulstad and Mustang Girls are greeted by their Biggest Fan and House DJ Krista Bernstein after the exciting win against the Freeze.

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“A” Honor Roll

Blake Good
Ryleigh Sherman
“B” Honor Roll
Brett Anderson
Misty Anderson
Aaliyah Bramer
Brett Bushelle
Caleb Jensen
Brynley Kvasager
Reese Lambert
Joshua Landrus
Dakota Mostrom
Conner Nelson
Fayth Stordahl

8th Grade

“A” Honor Roll

Keira Baker
Savannah Brekke
Cameron Castaneda
Brennen Christianson
Adrienne Goldsmith
Aubrey Halverson
Jordan Johnson
Alyssa Morinville
Easton Morinville
Isabelle Paradis
Dylan Sogla
Naomi Stordahl
“B” Honor Roll
Amelia Benson
Isabella Brekke
Molly Ferguson
Marshall Gagner
Parker Lundeen
Emmitt Melin

Brielle Reinbold

9th Grade

“A” Honor Roll

Mya Arlt
Keanna Landrus
Isabella Mitzner
“B” Honor Roll
Lynessa Castaneda
Eli Grove
Willa Klamm
Taylor Moen
Marissa Morinville
Avery Nelson
Leah Pahlen
Oliveah Stordahl
Dalton Wichterman
Mason Williams

10th Grade

“A” Honor Roll

Alexa Chervestad
Natalee Hendrickson
Gavin Roisland
Violet Tvedt
“B” Honor Roll
Benjamin Bramer
Kyndal Corlew
Olin Eskeli
Graceyn Kvasager
Esenyah Lundeen
Jackson Morinville

11th Grade

“A” Honor Roll

Jacob Cater
Connor Duden
Hailey Hanson

Emma Hendrickson

Lillie Lundeen

Kendra Morinville

Nickolas Suchy

“B” Honor Roll

Will Gieseke
Gunnar Halverson
McKenzie Hamm
Leif Hofstad
Ethan Johnson
Nolan Lundeen
Abigail Morinville
Kathryn Srnsky
Colin Taggart
Kassidy Torgerson
Atley Vettleson
Logan Vettleson
Dylan Wichterman
Peyton Williams

12th Grade

“A” Honor Roll

Guy Bergeson
Kendra Christianson
Hannah Dudycha
Luke Peterson
“B” Honor Roll
Owen Chervestad
Quinn Graves
Evelynn Klamm
Ethan Majeres
Daniel May
Ciara Mitzner
Kane Nelson
Ruben Osborn
Oliver Russillo
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100 Years ago
February 5, 1925
The Oklee Commercial Club held its annual meeting and banquet at the Club Hall Monday night of this week. The meeting elected officers as follows: Nils Hagen, Pres. J.A.C. Torgerson, V. Pres. Frank Cyr, Secretary, Peter Bergeron, Treasurer.
Ole Myrum of Mayfield left Tuesday night for Thief River Falls where he will do Jury Service in district court which is in session there this week.

90 Years Ago
February 7, 1935
In a game preliminary to the Oklee-Fosston game last Sunday, the married men of Oklee lost to the single men, 5-3. It was a battle royal all the way with the single men leading but the married men a constant threat. Each side took 2 shots at the basket, bachelors making 2, the benedicts, one. Orlo Melby and Swede Lindquist scored field goals for the single men while Nap Miller counted a free throw. For the married men Happy Hince scored on from the field and Nettie Nettelund once from the free throw line. Those playing for the single men were Orrin Melby, V. Lindquist, Orlo Melby, Carl Lerohl, Nap Hince, W. Flaradeau. For the married men were Willard Soland, Robert Riel, Elmer Hince, Nap Nettelund, Otto Bakken, Lloyd Hanson. The Referee was W. Melby and Umpire was Heggerston.

80 Years Ago
February 8, 1945
Mrs. O.E. Sovde and Mrs. Lowell Sovde returned here last week from the army air base at Malden, MO, where they visited with Lowell Sovde.
A few friends and neighbors gathered at the Ted Reindal home recently to honor Harold Reindal before he leaves to be inducted into the Naval Reserve.
Ernest Bergeron, U.S. Navy, returned home here January to spend a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bergeron, after serving for two years with the Pacific Fleet.

70 Years Ago
February 10, 1955
A group of neighbors former a working bee at the Oscar Swanson home. Mr. Swanson is ill. Participating in the working bee were Marlyn Haugen, Marvin Rodman, Ben Bendickson, Benjamin, Olaf, and Arlen Stolaas, Juell & Orlando Chervestad, Art Gustafson, Mal Stucy, Herbert Vetteleson, Charles and Jim Prigge, Fred and Darrow Lundeen, Ole Gunderson, Milan Rustan, Virgil Radniecki, Oliver Hofstad, Engvald Christopherson, Louis Mandt, Tenny Myrum. The ladies served dinner.
Wallace Duchamp was elected President of the Plummer Commercial Club which had their annual meeting January 31st. Severein L. Gauthier, vice president, A.E. Heupel secretary-treasurer, and directors, Gust Craft, Theo LaCoursiere, Henry Weiss, Swande J. Kela,

and Roger Piehl.
60 Years Ago
February 4, 1965
Army PFC Ronald R. Laufman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Laufman, of Plummer, is participating in exercise Compass Road, a 43 day field training exercise on the Island of Hawaii.
Airman Apprentice Ronald G. Fournier USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul O. Fournier of Brooks graduated January 15th from the Aviation Mechanical Fundamentals School at the Naval Air Technical Training Center in Memphis, TN.

Debbie Radniecki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Radniecki, and a member of the Deer Park 4-H Club, was named reserve champion in the Pennington County 4-H radio speaking contest held in Thief River Falls.
Arnold Stenberg, of Oklee, was elected to the directorship formerly held by George A. Beito for the Sun Plant Products Inc.

50 Years Ago
January 30, 1975
Jean Rustan has been named Oklee High School's 1974-75 Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow.
Cathay Lineberry is the Plummer High School 1975, "Leader of Tomorrow."
Randy Radniecki, Oklee High School Graduate, is wrestling for the Itasca Community College Vikings in Grand Rapids. He is wrestling the 177 pound class.

40 Years Ago
February 2, 1985
The Diamond Jubilee Kick off Program was held February 2, 1985, at the Oklee High School Auditorium.
See the photos to the right ➡➡➡
30 years ago
January 29,1995
The Second Annual Oklee Sleigh Day will be held this Saturday.
Ron Hamm was the winner of the Hoop Shoot contest in Oklee on Tuesday.
Winning prizes for the largest Fish at the Gonvick Lion's Fishing Contest were Les O'Neill \$100 winner and Art Klasen \$25.

The Fosston School was evacuated after receiving a Bomb Threat.
20 Years Ago
February 3, 2005
Sheriff Arlt presented a bid for a new squad car for \$20,000 from Kleven Ford.
Senator Stumpf and Rep. Lieder held a town hall meeting at the ICCC meeting room.

10 Years Ago
February 5, 2015
Holly Vetteleson, a junior at RLCC will participate in the Minnesota House of Representatives High School Page Program during the first week of March, at the Capital in St. Paul.
Mustang wrestlers Tristan Larson and Cameron Lundeen placed first at the Northwest Wrestling Tournament. Cody Gagner was able two place second.



Emcees for the Jubilee Kickoff Program were Bob Melby, Joan Bronken, and Vern Cyr.



Three sets of sisters did "Me and My Shadow" L to R: Sue and Cici Olson, Trini and Deb Lambert, and Karen and Jean Lindquist.

Red Lake County Gathering in Arizona!

Red Lake County gathering Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. American Legion #27, 1018 South Meridian, Apache Junction, Arizona.
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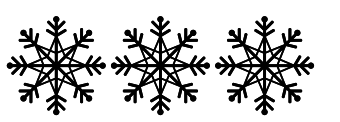
Oklee Senior Meals on Wheels NSI Menu

February 16 -21
Oklee Meals on Wheels Nutrition Services Inc (NSI) is the new service offering Senior Meals/Meals on Wheels. They are available for Home Delivery, Monday-Friday. Please call Carolyn at the RLF NSI Kitchen the day before, by 12 noon at 218-253-4454.

NSI provides this service in part under the Federal Older Americans Act through a contract with NWRDC under an area plan approved by the MN Board on Aging.
Mon: Polish Sausage, Oven Fried Potatoes, Creamed Corn, Pudding w/topping, 1% Milk.
Tue: Pepper Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Harvard Beets, Fruit Crisp, 1% Milk.
Wed: Corn Chowder, Egg Salad Sandwich, Fruit Cup, Cookie, 1% Milk.
Thu: Chicken Alfredo, Egg Noodles, Carrots, Mandarin Oranges, 1% Milk.
Fri: Baked Fish, Au Gratin Potato, Baked Squash, Lemon Bar, 1% Milk.



Sharon Lundeen Larson and her accordian was featured in the 1930's era Sing-a-long in 1985.



Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

On Saturday evening, the 25th, the Sportsmen's Club had their meeting. Agound 55 guys attended. Mark Wright won for the Biggest Buck! Bryce DuChamp had the Biggest Doe. Biggest Horns measurement went to Isabelle Paradis.
Anne Traxler and Anna DeHate enjoyed having breakfast in Thief River Falls on Thursday.

The weather sure has been very beautiful for about a week. The snow is kind of disappearing. Both TRF and Brooks seemed to have more snow depth than at Plummer. It's definitely easier on the heating bill.

Wednesday evening at Bingo, Claudia treated everyone to butterscotch bars. It was her birthday on Thursday. She is the sister of Steve and David

Haugen.
I'm still plugging away on the puzzle I got at Christmas time. I wish this had been only 500, instead of 1,000. Maybe I'd be done.
So sad about the plane and helicopter crash out east. They were investigating it on Thursday.
Have a good week.

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Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

It cooled down again and it sounds like February will stay cooler than before this. We will have to bundle up a bit more and turn up the heat I think.
Becky, my daughter, emailed me that in Mankato this Monday morning is bleak and cloudy so we all have a face to the window in the morning.
We ladies at church gather after Mass and have coffee and rolls, and visit for a while. During this time we have our chuckles and talk about the business of the day. This past Sunday we found out different ways of making potatoes for our meals. Now I never heard of making potatoes in the crock pot, but one of the ladies does it this way and I was intrigued in their crafty way of making them. Another said she put a raw hamburger patty in a tin-

foil, top it with a potato and onions and wrap it up and bake it in the oven. What a meal. If anyone has any other ideas send them to me or call me. I will pass it along. Nothing like an easier way to make supper.
I will be going in for surgery tomorrow for light surgery on my hand. This has been hanging in the future for a while, but now it is bad enough to be done. I will still be up and about but it will slow me down a bit.
My sympathy goes out to Bonny and Lonny Cote and the Cote family in the loss of Violet Cote, Lonny's mother. She was known as a friendly and smiling ambassador of the Oklee community. I liked seeing her and always smiling face. God rest her soul in peace, and please know that she is thought of as a wonderful lady.

Senior Site News & Other Things

Bonny Cote, Treasurer - Acting Secretary

Senior Site Grand Opening & Valentines Party

On February 14th at 2 p.m. please come and join in for a fun Valentine's Party and the Grand Reopening of the Oklee Senior Site. Coffee and treats will be served.

SAIL Classes

Ever wonder what SAIL stands for? It is "Stay Active and Independent for Life."
Jo Lambert or Carol Kvasager do a wonderful job of leading the group on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Oklee Community Center at 10 a.m. There is always room for more.

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

Potlucks to Start

At the last meeting, it was decided to start up the potlucks again starting March 11th at 5 p.m. in the new Senior Site.

To Give Away

The old Senior Craft Shop is just about empty. There are a few things left to go through and a few things to give away.
There is a piano and to the right is a picture of some shelving that needs to go. If anyone is interested, please call Bonny at 612-840-9401.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

This week's photo a Valentine celebration at the Oklee Senior Site. They used to have a Queen and King by your name picked out of a basket. Do you remember these two Valentines?
The photo of the 6 ladies are: Dora Rouland, Addie Prevost, Dore Boucher, Unknown, Vi Radniecki and Eva Asselin. It was taken in June 1986.
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.
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6th grade girls ended their run in the Snowflake league 1st of February.



Inspire Dance Academy dancers performing one of the dance routines at Red Lake County High School.



The Inspire Dance group from Inspire Dance Academy in Thief River Falls, performed for RLCC students recently. Dancers were: McKenna Fawcett, Caliah Dyrud, Adelle Paulson, Anna Simoneau, Sarah Vettleson, Lilly Bregier, Jaelynn Artmann, and Kora Fuhrer/

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.)

The Waters a novel of healing and redemption

Every once in a great while, a novel comes along that draws you into a different world you don't want to leave.

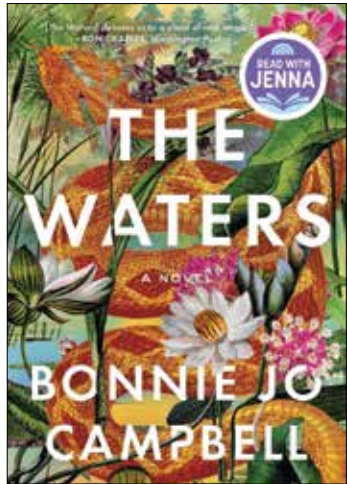
That's the case of The Waters by Bonnie Jo Campbell. Campbell's deftly woven Michigan backcountry saga of a family of women who are natural healers carries us to a time and a place where nearly anything is possible.

Hermine "Herself" Zook is the daughter of Baba Rose, also a healer. Herself raised her three daughters in Rose Cottage, situated on an island accessible only by the bridge that can only be lowered on the island side, virtually and symbolically limiting access to men whom the women seem as destructive and incapable of understanding Herself's healing arts.

Herself's daughters all take on healing roles in one way or another – Prim, an attorney who aggressively defends indigent clients; Molly, a nurse practitioner who has chosen modern medicine over her mother's herbal remedies; and Rose Thorn, who "was able to ease an endemic self-loathing"

and whose beauty is both a blessing and a curse.

Much of the story is told through the eyes of Rose Thorn's daughter Dorothy, more commonly known as Donkey, a mathematically brilliant home-schooled child who reaches nearly six feet at age 11.



The Waters
Bonnie Jo Campbell
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While Herself dedicates herself to healing, her healing arts are the subject of ire of some of the men in the surrounding town of Whiteheart, with the exception of Titus Clay, who loves Rose Thorn with all his heart, and with the hearty endorsement of the rest of Whiteheart.

However, insidious forces threaten Herself and her daughters and their way of life. Who is Prim's real father? Who is Donkey's real father? The answers to those questions would be spoilers, so let's leave it at that.

In the end, the men of Whiteheart find redemption in a fashion when they come to the island to help Rose Thorn with the birth of her second daughter, named Rose Moon by Donkey. And while Titus is tragically separated from Rose Thorn by his untimely match with Lorena, in the end he also finds redemption in a ritual snake dance when he becomes one with the island and the woman who have inhabited it.

This is a meticulously researched novel, and impossible to put down.

Inspire Dance performed at RLCC

Red Lake County staff member and Inspire Dance coach made arrangements for the girls to perform at the the RLCC Mustang vs. Blackduck basketball game got an extra dose of excitement last night, thanks to a dazzling halftime performance by Inspire Dance Academy. The Thief River Falls-based dance group energized the crowd with a dynamic jazz routine that showcased their talent and passion. Red

Lake County staff member and Inspire Dance coach made arrangements for the girls to perform.

Inspire Dance Academy has become a familiar and welcome presence at community events throughout the area. Their halftime show was another example of the dedication and artistry they bring to their performances.

"We love sharing our passion for dance with others,"

said Lacey Simoneau, Coach/Director of Inspire Dance Academy. "It's always rewarding to see the audience enjoying our performances."

The academy is a valuable asset to the local arts community, and their performance last night was a true testament to their commitment. With their talent and energy, Inspire Dance Academy is sure to continue captivating audiences for years to come.

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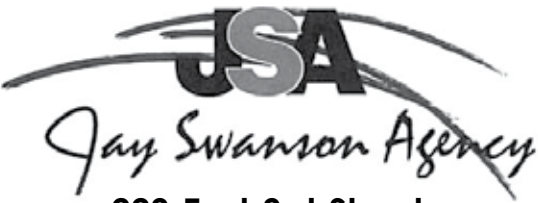
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