

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Dec. 4		2.00
Dec. 6		Trace
Total in.	0.00	2.00
Total Snow in Oct & Nov: 12.25 in.		

Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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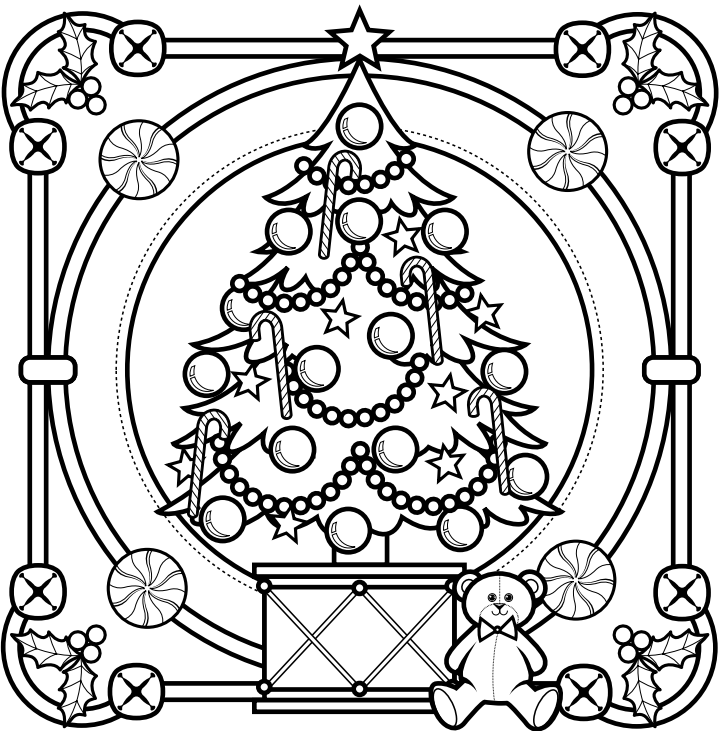
Santa came to Brooks and Oklee



Santa and Mrs. Claus came to Brooks on Sunday, December 3rd and most of the children were happy to see them both, however, there is always one or two that don't think Santa is wonderful. See more photos inside for both Oklee & Brooks.



Calendar of Events
Wed, Dec. 13:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Dec. 14:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Dec. 15:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Dec. 16:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, Dec. 17:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Dec. 18:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Dec. 19:
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
-LSS Sr. Evening Meal 5:00 p.m.
Wed, Dec. 20:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Dec. 21:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
Fri, Dec. 22:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Dec. 23:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, Dec. 24:
-Worship at the church of your choice.
Mon, Dec. 25:
Oklee Cafe Closed - No Senior Meals
Tue, Dec. 26:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
Wed, Dec. 27:
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.



Ideas for making holiday memories

Counting down to Christmas Day means many different things to people across the globe. Although families likely have several different traditions they anticipate each year, it can be fun to incorporate some new merrymakers into the festivities. Here are some festive ideas to include in the days leading up to Christmas - a special family calendar of fun finds.

1. Annual memento: Have the kids or adults make one new handmade ornament each year. This way the tree is always evolving, and everyone can track milestones.
2. Cookie day: Devote one day to making Christmas cookies. Invite friends or family members over. Distribute some cookies to elderly neighbors.
3. Holiday classic: Spend a

night in and watch a classic Christmas flick you've never seen before. Streaming movie services often put classics and obscure titles into rotation during the holiday season.

4. Christmas concert: Host a gathering of children where they can sing or perform their favorite tunes for an audience. Take it on the road to a nearby nursing home.
5. Dine out: Take a break from cooking, shopping and hosting and stop into a restaurant you've been meaning to try. Keep it local to support nearby businesses.
6. Adopt a child/family: Volunteer with a charitable organization that provides for less fortunate families. Answer the Christmas desires of a needy child or family by purchasing an item on their wish lists.

7. See the sights: Pack the children into the family car to tour nearby areas and look at Christmas lights displays. Bring along cookies and hot chocolate.
8. Trim a tree: Get together with adult friends at a tree-trimming party. Rotate the hosting house each year.
9. Play dress-up: A gentleman can dress up as the man in red and pop into a friend's holiday gathering.
10. Wilderness walk: Enjoy the crisp air and snow and see a local park from a winter perspective.
11. Acts of kindness: Choose any act of kindness and make it happen this Christmas. It can include feeding the hungry or helping a disabled person shop for the season.
12. Kids' Secret Santa: Spread the joy of giving by having the kids choose a sibling or friend's name from a hat and purchasing or making a gift for that person.
13. Hand out hot chocolate: Make a big thermos of hot chocolate and give it out to shoppers or workers who have been out in the cold.
14. Read religious stories: Understand the true meaning of the season by reading Biblical passages.
15. Camp-in: The first night the tree is decorated, allow the kids to sleep beside it under the glow of Christmas lights.
16. Scavenger hunt: Plan holiday-themed trivia questions and hide small trinkets for children to find.
17. Surprise box: Put a gender and age nonspecific gift into a box. On Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, the person who finds a hidden gift tag under their chair at dinner gets to open the box.
18. Family portrait: Wear your holiday finery and pose for a portrait that actually will be printed and framed.

Oklee Santa Day gifts for the children this year!



Harley Bernier was a lucky winner of a sled this year at Santa Day. The sleds were provided by the Community Club.



Malayna Hamm was a lucky winner of a special breakfast bowl this year at Santa Day. The bowls were provided by D & R Grocery.



These three Lambert children all received gifts. The two bigger brothers got cereal bowls and the little guy was the winner of the sled. I think the big brothers will have to tow the little guy around this year in his sled.



Little Miss Parsley was the winner of a sled at this year's Santa Day in Oklee.

Mittens were also given away at Santa Day and they were donated by Sandra Tougas.



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Interim SAM Christy Klemz

Wed, Dec. 13: 6:00 p.m. Chime Choir. 7:00 p.m. Confirmation at Zion.

Sun, Dec. 17: 9:00 a.m. Zion Sunday school Program. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 4:00 p.m. Salem Sunday school Program.

Tue, Dec. 19: 6:30 p.m. Salem Council meeting.

Wed, Dec. 20: 6:00 p.m. Chime Choir. 7:00 p.m. Confirmation at Zion.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hammes
Sun, Dec. 17: 7:30 a.m. Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier, Oklee; 10:00 a.m. St. Ann Parish, Goodridge; 11:45 a.m. St. Clement Parish, Grygla.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Sat, Dec. 16: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Dec. 17: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

****IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA**
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Nov. 5: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:15 a.m. Sunday school at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Thu, Dec. 14: Pastors meeting at Faith, 9:30 a.m.
Sat, Dec. 16: Shalom circle, 8 a.m. at Goodridge Café.
Sun, Dec. 17: 8:30 a.m. Bethany; 9:45 a.m. Ekelund, 11:00 a.m. SS; 11:00 a.m. Faith. %:00 p.m. Ekelund Sunday school Christmas Program.
Wed, Dec. 20: Release Time. 6:00 p.m. Advent services at Bethany, 7:00 p.m.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, Dec. 16: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive, Oak Park Sunday school practice 9:00-12:00, Nazareth Sunday school practice 9:00 a.m.

Sun, Dec. 17: Oak Park Sunday School program 3:30 p.m. meal to follow. Nazareth/ Mt. Olive/St. Petri Sunday School program 5:30 p.m.

Wed, Dec. 20: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. Semester exam.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Thu, Dec. 14: 12:00 p.m. Rotary.

Fri, Dec. 15: 8:30 a.m. Friday school-Jr. High, 8:40 a.m. Friday School-Elem., 9:30 a.m. Friday School Sen. High, 2:00 p.m. Nursing Home Service, 6:00 p.m. Holy Yoga.

Sat, Dec. 16: 9:00 a.m. Holy Yoga.
Sun, Dec. 17: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:40 p.m. Sunday -+school.

Tue, Dec. 19: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible study. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 11:00 a.m. Church Staff meeting, 5:00 p.m. Pickle Ball, 6:30p.m. Bible Study.

Wed, Dec. 20: Community Caroling, 12:30p.m.-3:00p.m. Food Shelf, 6:00p.m. Alpha. 6:30 p.m. Awana.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Thu, Dec. 14: Bethany WELCA 6:30 Christmas Party/ Potluck.

Sat, Dec. 16: Sand Valley Bake Sale 9:00- 11:00 a.m.

Sun, Dec. 17: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany.

Wed, Dec. 20: 2:00 p.m. Lund WELCA Christmas Party/ Potluck, Advent Service Sand Valley 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Dec. 17: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

NOTICE OF FILING FOR GARNES TOWNSHIP ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to qualified voters of Garnes Township, Red Lake County, State of Minnesota, that filing for town office will be held for a two week period beginning January 2, 2018.

Affidavits of Candidacy shall be filed with the Town Clerk at Clerk's home at any reasonable hour from January 2, 2018, to January 16, 2018.

Filing will close on January 16, 2018, at 5:00p.m.

Filing fee-\$2.00

Offices to be filled at the March Annual Election are:

1- Supervisor for a Three Year term

1- Clerk for a Two Year Term

Diane Kolstoe, Clerk, Town of Garnes

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NOTICE OF FILING FOR CHESTER TOWNSHIP ELECTION

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Offices to be filled at the March Annual Election are:

1-Supervisor for a Three Year Term

1-Clerk for a Two Year Term

Pam O'Neill, Clerk, Town of Chester

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Little Master Fore was working on a project with his mother Dawn Fore at the Santa Day in Oklee on December 2nd at the Oklee Hall.

ATTENTION

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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 five (5) year loan for an amount up to \$20,000 at 2% APR. The business must be located in Red Lake County.

For more information, contact the Red Lake County Economic Development home office at 1-218-253-2897.

Or call David Ste. Marie, Red Lake Falls, 218-698-4279; Mike Spurgin, Red Lake Falls, 218-465-4648 or Leo Olson, Oklee, 218-796-5656.

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Sealed bids will be received by Robert Schmitz, Red Lake County Auditor, 124 Langevin Ave., Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, on behalf of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners, until 10:00 a.m. on January 2, 2018, for the following publication:

FIRST PUBLICATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 375.17 IN 2018.

The bidders must comply with the legal requirements of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 331A, and the legal requirements for publication of this material, and the bidders should make themselves familiar with these requirements.

Bids must be submitted on the form provided by the County Auditor's Office, and all bids must comply with the additional specifications on the bid form.

The words **"Bid for Publishing"** must be written on the outside of the bid envelope.

The Red Lake County Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities in the bidding process.

Dated at Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, this 4th day of December, 2017.

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Robert Schmitz
Red Lake County Auditor

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Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial

A recent donation to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial was received from Carol Bachand, Brooks, in memory of Leonard Boucher, Brooks, who served in the Navy from 1945 until his honorable discharge in 1947. Mr. Boucher served in the Marshall Islands as a Fireman First Class.

The volunteer committee for the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial is appreciative of all the support for the Memorial. Currently there is very little snow, but the public is respectfully asked to avoid crossing the walkways at the Veterans' Memorial on snowmobiles.

Donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial may be sent to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742, Attn: Lori Melby. All questions should be directed to Mary Lynn Bachand at marylbachand@gmail.com.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

December 18 - 22
Call 796-5666 to order a meal.

If you are over the age of 60 and would like to eat with other seniors at the Senior Site, please call the Café at 796-5666 to reserve your meal. A \$4.00 per meal donation is suggested.

Monday: Drummys, hash browns, vegetables, and dessert.

Tuesday: Evening meal: Baked ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, vegetable, and dessert.

Wednesday: Chili, corn bread, coleslaw, and dessert.

Thursday: Lasagna, green beans, toast, and dessert.

Friday: Hamburger on a bun, broccoli & cheese soup, and dessert.

Sudoku Solution

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

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**Thursday,
December
14, 2017**
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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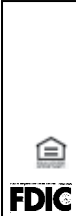
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RLCC Menus

December 18 - 22

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Ham & cheese croissant and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken legs, baked potatoes, cranberries, vegetable, fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit and milk. **Lunch:** Taco in a bag or soft shell, Spanish rice, refried beans, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, fruit and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken burger without breading on a bun, scallop potatoes, vegetables, fruit and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Bakery rolls, cereal, fruit and milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy bread w/ pizza sauce, lettuce salad, fresh vegetables, fruit and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, cereal, fruit and milk. **Lunch:** Hotdogs or polish, bake beans, chips, fruit and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Egg-Sausage, biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza Burger-bun, oven fries, yogurt, fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cereals, yogurt, nutria-grain bar, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nugget augratin potatoes, peas and carrots, dinner roll fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Tater tot hot dish, veggies-ranch, fruit, Christmas cookie and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast-PG-jelly, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Fish sticks, mashed potatoes-country, gravy, broccoli Normandy, butter bread, fruit and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Hot Ham Patty-bun, cheese-pickles, smiles potatoes, baked beans, fruit and milk.

RLCC Sports Schedules

Rebel Boys Basketball

Thu, Dec. 14: BGMR at Oklee 6:00 p.m.

Fri, Dec. 15: Stephen-Argyle at Red Lake Falls 6:00 p.m.

Tue, Dec. 19: Climax-Fisher at Fisher 6:00 p.m.

Thu, Dec. 21: Waubun at Mahnomen 6:00 p.m.

Fri, Dec. 29: Goodridge-Grygla at Plummer 6:00 p.m.

Tue, Jan. 2: East Grand Forks at EGF 6:00 p.m.

Lady Mustang Basketball

Thu, Dec. 14: TBD at NCTC - TRF - TBD.

Fri, Dec. 15: TBD at NCTC - TRF - TBD.

Mon, Dec. 18: Fosston at Oklee 6:00 p.m.

Thu, Dec. 21: Mahnomen at Plummer 6:00 p.m.

Tue, Jan. 2: Goodridge-Grygla at Goodridge 6:00 p.m.

Thu, Jan. 4: Red Lake at Oklee 6:00 p.m.

Sat, Jan. 6: Stephen-Argyle at Stephen 1:00 p.m.

Mustang Wrestling

Mon, Dec. 18: Crookston JV Tourney at Crookston 5:30 p.m.

Tue, Dec. 19: Crookston/Fosston Triangular at Crookston 5:00 p.m.

Thu, Jan. 4: Mayport/Roseau Tri at Roseau 5 p.m.

Fri, Jan. 5: Mahnomen/Waubun Dual Team at Mahnomen 4:00 p.m.

Tue, Jan. 16: Mahnomen LP Tri (Parents Night) at Oklee 5:00 p.m.

Fri, Jan. 19: Park Rapids/PHPPV at Oklee 2:00 p.m.

Sat, Jan. 20: TRF Tournament at TRF 9:30 a.m.

Sat, Jan. 27: Grafton Tourney at Grafton TBA.

Tue, Jan. 30: BGMR at BGMR 6:30 p.m.

Sat, Feb. 3: Northwest Tourney at Fertile 11:00 a.m.

Tue, Feb. 6: Fosston at Fosston 6:30 p.m.

Fri, Feb. 9: Fertile/Beltrami at Fertile 6:30 p.m.

Sat, Feb. 17: Team Section at TRF TBD.



RLCC's Robotics class with their main robot: (back) Billie Gryskiewicz, Tasha Manning, Zoe Russillo, Christian Baker, Rosie Christianson, (front) Lacey Pendelton, Jayden Fore, and Sydney Melby.

RLCC Students Design Robots to Take into Competition

By: Derek Peterson and Chris Longtin

Robotics is a class where students learn how robotic engineering changes the world, they build robots for competitions, and they take notes to design these robots. This is the second year that the class has been available at Red Lake County Central High school. Mr. Mike Illies is the teacher of the class.

This year there are eight students taking the class: Christian Baker, Rosalie Christianson, Jayden Fore, Billie Gryskiewicz, Tasha Manning, Sydney Melby, Lacey Pendelton, and Zoe Russillo.

They are split up into two teams of four. Each team has started making their separate robots to take into the competitions. The robots are made with Vex kits that contain a large variety of different bolts and parts. They are motorized. There are certain restrictions or guidelines to follow when creating them, like the size or how many battery-powered motors they have. The robots are designed to pick up cones and place them on the goals. In order to win all the cones need to be placed on the goals.

The first competition is in Red Lake Falls on January 20th.



RLCC Robotics team members Christian Baker, Jayden Fore, and Sydney Melby by their robot.

Rebels play in NCTC Tournament



Ethan Vettleson passing the ball to Isiah Olson during the Rebels game at NCTC on December 5.

By Lily Guillemette and Hannah Riendeau

Red Lake County Rebels boys' basketball team was one of eight teams playing in a three day tournament at Northland Community Technical College in Thief River Falls. Due to weather the games were rescheduled for December 5, 7, and 9.

The Red Lake County Rebels lost 40-78 against the Cass Lake Bena Panthers on Tuesday, December 5 at Northland in Round 1 of NCTC Boys Basketball Tournament. RLC's Ethan Vettleson made 14 points and got six rebounds, Derek Peterson totaled 13 points, got four rebounds, and two steals, Adrian Verbout got five points, and Matt Vettleson with four.

Cass Lake Bena's Noah DeLapaz made 18 points, Arnold Kingbird got 14, Jarell Jacobs made eight points along with six rebounds, two blocked shots, and two steals.

In the second game in

the NCTC Boys' Basketball Tournament the Rebels played Red Lake Warriors on Thursday, December 7. The Rebels were leading in the first half 31-29. Warriors outscored the Rebels in the second half 42-31. Warriors won 71-62.

Derek Peterson was the leading scorer for the Rebels with 17 points, 12 rebounds, and five assists. Isiah Olson had 13 points and eight rebounds. Ethan Vettleson scored 11 points and had two steals. Brandon Wiskow scored 10 points. Connor Lambert had eight rebounds and one point. John Renner scored one point.

The leading scorer for the Warriors was Kendall Whitefeather with 21 points. Justin Barrett had 15 points, six assists, and three steals. Jalen Kelly had 10 rebounds.

Round 3 will be played Saturday, December 9. The Rebels will take on Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears.

Oklee Open Gym

By Madison Carlson

Open gym started on Saturday, December 9th at the RLCC High School gym in Oklee. It will take place Saturdays from 1 to 3 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Kids in sixth grade or below must come with an adult or guardian. If you have any questions call Kurt Halvorsen. (612-247-0812)

Rebels December 14th game will be played Oklee

The Red Lake County Rebels boys' basketball game with Badger-Greenbush-Middle River scheduled for Thursday, December 14 at Plummer will instead be played in Oklee. The change of location is due to a scheduling issue.

Game times remain the same with the C-team starting at 4:45 pm, the JV at 6:00 pm and the varsity game to follow. All games will be played in Oklee. There are NO games in Plummer that night. Our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

RLCC Mustangs vs BGMR Gators

By: Aiydin Lancto

At the Mustangs girls' basketball game Thursday, December 7 in Greenbush Jenna Pahlen was the lead scorer for the Mustangs with 20 points followed by Kia Bachand with seven, Calyssa Eskeli and Julia Burnstein with six, and Zoe Russillo with two. The Red Lake County Central Mustangs were defeated by Badger-Greenbush-Middle River by 41 to 77.

The top two scorers for the Gators were Maddi Janicke with 17 points and Carly Mekash with 16.

RLCC Wrestles at Alfred Olson Memorial

Tournament

By: Grace Gieseke

Red Lake County Central went to Fosston for the Alfred Olson Memorial Wrestling Tournament. It was held Saturday, December 2. Ottertail Central took first place, Detroit Lakes took second place, and third place went to Blackduck-Cass Lake-Bena with RLCC taking eighth place.

Wrestling for RLCC was senior Nick Pahlen coming in second place at the 220 lb weight class. He was pinned by Ramon Lopez-Moen from Ottertail Central in 3:11. Damon Ferguson wrestling at 113 lbs placed third in an 8-7 decision over Christian Schmidt from Fosston-Bagley. Tristyn Ferguson lost by injury default to Sawyer Klatt from Roseau giving him fourth at 170 lbs.

Red Lake Falls Library News

The library is open on Tuesday from Noon until 7:00 pm, Wednesday from Noon until 7:00 pm, Thursday from Noon to 5:00 p.m.; Friday from Noon until 5:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On-line patrons are reminded that they can visit www.nwrlib.org/rlf.htm at any time, where they can create their own patron accounts to browse, request and renew materials all from their home computers.

For holiday viewing, these DVD movies, among others, are available at the library: "The Bishop's Wife" (1947), "Broadcasting Christmas" (2016), "A Christmas Carol" (1999), "The Christmas Choir" (2008), "Christmas in Connecticut" (1945), "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989), "Defending Santa" (2013), "Holiday Inn" (1942), "It Happened on 5th Avenue" (1947), "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946), "Joseph & Mary" (2016), "Miracle on 34th Street" (1947), "The Santa Clause" (1994), "The Santa Clause 2" (2002), ("A Song for the Season" (1999), "The Shop Around the Corner" (1940), "The Star of Bethlehem" (2009), and "White Christmas" (1954).

December 2017 Health Points

Big Tobacco Guilty As Charged

Starting on November 26, 2017, the major U.S. tobacco companies must begin running court-ordered ads on television and in newspapers that tell the American public the truth about the dangers of smoking and secondhand smoke, as well as the companies' intentional design of cigarettes to make them more addictive.

These ads – called “corrective statements” – are the culmination of a long-running lawsuit the U.S. Department of Justice filed against the tobacco companies in 1999. The case resulted in a landmark 2006 judgment and opinion by U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler, who found the tobacco companies have violated civil racketeering laws (RICO) and engaged in a decades-long conspiracy to deceive the American public about the health effects of smoking and their marketing to children.

www.tobaccofreekids.org/what-we-do/industry-watch/doj

How long do you spend sitting down?

We all know we need to be more active, but there is increasing evidence that we also need to spend less time sitting down.

Studies have linked excessive sitting with being overweight and obese, type 2 diabetes, some types of cancer, and early death.

Sitting for long periods is thought to slow the metabolism, which affects the body's ability to regulate blood sugar, blood pressure and break down body fat.

Parenting Tips

As a parent, you can help shape your child's attitudes and behaviors toward physical activity, and knowing these guidelines is a great place to start. Throughout their lives, encourage young people to be physically active for one hour or more each day, with activities ranging from informal, active play to organized sports. Here are some ways you can do this:

Set a positive example by leading an active lifestyle yourself.

Make physical activity part of your family's daily routine by taking family walks or playing active games together.

Give your children equipment that encourages physical activity.

Take young people to places where they can be active, such as public parks, community baseball fields or basketball courts.

Be positive about the physical activities in which your child participates and encourage them to be interested in new activities.

Make physical activity fun. Fun activities can be anything your child enjoys, either structured or non-structured. Activities can range from team sports or individual sports to recreational activities such as walking, running, skating, bicycling, swimming, playground activities or free-time play.

Instead of watching television after dinner, encourage your child to find fun activities to do on their own or with friends and family, such as walking, playing chase or riding bikes.

Be safe! Always provide protective equipment such as helmets, wrist pads or knee pads and ensure that activity is age-appropriate.

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.



LaDuke echoes anger, resilience of Native people

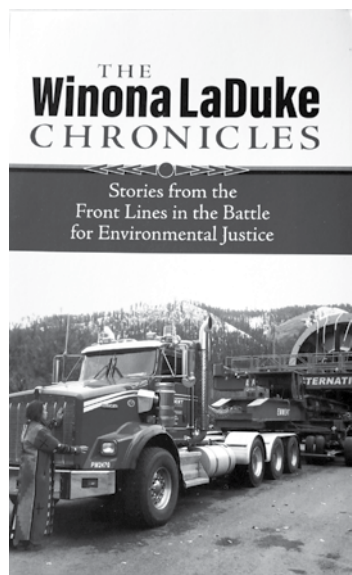
The Winona LaDuke Chronicles makes a strong case for the preservation of the environment, particularly on Native American lands.

Written by Winona LaDuke, Native American activist and two-time Green Party vice presidential candidate, the collection of essays holds nothing back as LaDuke picks up the torch for environmental justice and challenges us all to re-examine the toll “progress” has taken on our environment.

The reason for LaDuke's confrontation of the mining and oil industries and other development is embedded in Native American collective memory. Most poignant is the role that Wind Cave National Park plays in Lakota culture.

“As the wind breathes out of Wind Cave, I am reminded of the creation of humans and my own small place in this magnificent world. Wind Cave National Park in the Black Hills is named for the cave itself, called Washun Niya, (“the breathing Hole of Mother Earth”) by the Lakota People. In the Lakota creation story it is from here that they emerged to this world.”

If a people are a part of the earth, then, LaDuke reasons,



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any attack on the earth is an attack on the people. And when Native lands are threatened, LaDuke's anger rises to its highest level.

“One third of all uranium, two thirds of all western coal,

four of the ten largest coal strip mines in the country, vast dam projects and land seizures are all gouged out of Indian lands.”

Particularly heartbreaking is the story LaDuke tells of the death of one Lakota woman.

“Debbie Dogskin, for example, a Lakota woman living on the Standing Rock reservation, froze to death in February because she couldn't pay her skyrocketing propane bills and her propane ran out. Ironically, she lived only about 100 miles from the Bakken oil fields where they flare off so much gas that they light the night sky, they can afford to waste so much.”

Such poverty, such tragedy, in the midst of great mineral wealth is a constant refrain for LaDuke. Yet she often manages to maintain an ironic sense of humor above it all.

One can only wonder how LaDuke would have treated the Standing Rock Sioux protest against the Dakota Access Pipeline last winter, an event that followed the release of her book.

(Michael Tidemann writes from Estherville, Iowa. His author page is amazon.com/author/michaeltidemann)

Avoiding eye strain by remembering the 20-20-20 rule

Whether you're posting on social media or searching the computer for cyber deals this holiday season, remember to give your eye muscles a break. Eye strain is a common problem, according to Essentia Health

Optometrist Erin Barrett. “I often recommend my patients follow the ‘20-20-20 rule’, which is to take a 20 second break looking 20 feet away after focusing on the computer or after 20 minutes focusing

up close,” she says.

The focusing muscle inside the eye is just like any other muscle of the body, so it can get tired with extended use. “If this is the case things far away may be blurry when first looking up and away from the computer,” says Barrett. “The muscles need to stretch and relax after working so hard.”

New studies are showing that computer screens, as well as phones and other electronic devices, emit harmful wavelengths of blue light that may be damaging the retina inside the eyes. Essentia Health's optical shops offer blue blocking lenses and or coatings that can reduce your exposure to these harmful wavelengths of light.

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