

Oklee Precipitation  
By Einar Kvasager

|           | Rain | Snow |
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| Feb. 18   |      | 2.00 |
| Feb. 19   |      | 2.00 |
| Feb. 20   |      | 2.00 |
| Feb. 21   |      | 0.50 |
| Feb. 23   |      | 1.50 |
| Total in. | 0.00 | 8.00 |

# Oklee Herald

...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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## Year in Review

September 6, 2017

This year, one of the improvements at Red Lake County Central High School, was the installation of two new water fountains for drinking and for filling your reusable water bottles. They have filters purifying the water and you can see how much water has been run through the filters on the top of the fountain.

Ten town hall meetings have been scheduled in communities across Minnesota. These town hall meetings are free to attend and open to the public. The discussion is about water quality in Minnesota.

The Red Lake County Rebels moved to 2-0 on the season with a 40-8 win over Cass Lake-Bena on August 31st. All of the Rebels dressed for the game got action as the team performed well in many areas.

The second trip for R & B Travels - The Next Generation took a road trip Saturday. Our destination was Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Florian. I'd heard a lot about this church and my hope was to get inside to see the sanctuary. We were so excited that we would maybe get inside to look around. Well, when we got there everyone else in the area was getting there at the same time as us. Everyone was all dressed up for what appeared to be a wedding. We weren't dressed to take in the wedding, so we just admired the beauty of the outside of the church.

The Chautauqua French Canadian/Metis Festival was held at Huot Park on the 25th, 26th & 27th. There was a broom maker, bread baking,

bead work for kids, an ox cart, tow wigwams and French meat pies for sale in the food tent. The Ashom Stompers from Winnipeg performed again.

September 13, 2017

The Red Lake County Environmental Office and the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office have teamed up to provide a pharmaceutical waste collection site at the Courthouse in Red Lake Falls. The waste receptacle is located on the ground floor of the Courthouse, in the hallway across from the Sheriff's Office entrance. Residents can now bring in pharmaceutical waste and dispose of it there.

46th Annual Blast To Brooks was held this past weekend. Grand Marshals for the Blast to Brooks parade were Cindy and Del Determan who have been very active in the City of Brooks for many, many years. Kick'N Up Kountry had a unique float that blew bubbles and shot out flames to advertise their 2018 event. There were several rounds of pig races that drew a large crowd of spectators cheering on their favorite piglets. Between races there were games for children and adults which kept the crowd involved during the entire pig racing event. Of course there was the great car show for everyone to enjoy.

Red Lake County Central Principal Randy Pederson started the first morning back to school speaking to the high school students in the gymnasium. Peterson talked about the new RLCC High School rules. He encouraged the students to have a good year.

A 50 year class reunion was held at the Plummer Legion on Saturday evening. For supper they served smoked chicken and smoked ribs. Jane Kolstoe organized it. There were 26 in this class.

September 20, 2017

Irene Rosten, of Oklee, was announced as one of the winners of the Mary Magdalene Award at the NWMN Synodical Convention held at Fair Hills Resort on Sept 14 & 15. One winner was announced for each conference in the NW MN Synod. Irene, who was nominated for the award by the Salem WELCA, was the winner for Conference Two.

Red Lake County Central King and Queen candidates: (back) Noah Bakken, Seth Paradis, Gunner Anderson, Ethan Vettleson, and Matt Vettleson, (front) Jayden Fore, Sydney Melby, Linsey Thompson, Katie Olson, and Hannah Kolstoe.

The "Class of 67" held their 50th Class reunion during the weekend of September 9th in Oklee. Attending were: Lyla Parsley Dobson, Ardis LaJambe Hofstad, Elaine Hofstad Broker, Emily Nadeau Bernier, Mary Melby Rindahl, Suzanne Grove St Michel, Allen Bluemke, Wayne Olson, Gary Halvorson, Peggy Person Schumacher, Susan Peterson James, Debbie Radniecki Perreault, Susan Solheim Jeuch, Carol Lerohl Sanders, Jack Sundrud, Vernon Berg, Cliff Melby, Daryl Schumacher, Don Rindahl, and Mike Sletto.

A Magnell Reunion was held on Saturday, July 29, 2017, at the Oklee Community Center. The last reunion was held in 2012. Wes Magnell, Sr., was the emcee for the day. Family history books and genealogy were available for viewing and reminiscing.

Jerome and Barb Novak celebrated their 55th anniversary on Friday. They went to dinner at Lakeview in Mentor.

September 27, 2017

On 09/20/17, a Red Lake County Sheriff's Deputy was doing a welfare check on a person in Oklee. At approximately 7:50pm, Red Lake County officers found Mr. Hamlin deceased in an upstairs bedroom, from injuries resulting from a single, selfinflicted, gunshot wound.

The 2017-2018 school year at Red Lake County Central High School began Tuesday, September 5. Two additional students were enrolled. They are Danny Guillemette and Marissa Schiebe.

The weather has changed from drought to almost too much water for the season. We had 3 and three-quarter inches this past week.

## Spin-Tacular Basketball Show at RLCC



Bruce, Tori, Tessa, Nathan, Zach, Micah, Ben, and Diane Crevier came to RLCC on January 22 to show us their Spin-tacular basketball Show. The family has competed as a finalist on America's Got Talent and performed at halftime during NBA finals.



Ben, Micah, and Zach Crevier juggling while riding giraffe unicycles at the Spin-tacular show.



Ben Crevier teaches basketball 'tricks' to Mr. Pederson, Ethan Vettleson, Aaron Nelson, and Jodi Bachand during the show.

By: Calyssa Eskeli

Red Lake County Central High School hosted the Spin-Tacular Basketball Show in their gymnasium on Thursday, February 22. The Spin-Tacular Basketball Show is an act put on by Bruce and Diane Crevier and six of their 12 kids.

The Crevier family with their act has performed in 40 countries, in the finals of Americas Got Talent, and during half-time of the 2016 game six NBA Finals. During their show at RLCC they demonstrated spinning a ball on their finger in many ways, including on a 10 ft. tall unicycle as well as, juggling basketballs and bowling pins on these 10 ft. tall unicycles. They also demonstrated dribbling drills including one where four members of the family went around in a circle and continuously switched dribbling two of the eight balls that were used.

The family also spoke about being the Champion of the G.A.M.E. The G in G.A.M.E stands for Goals; they shared that without setting goals, motivation can be hard to find. The 'A' stands for Attitude; they explained that the attitude you carry can have an impact on your life. The 'M' stands for morals; morals was about making the right choices and helping others. The 'E' stands for Excellence; they encouraged you to lead an excellent life and go above and beyond to achieve your goals and doing things for others.

The Spin-Tacular Basketball Show invited many students and staff, including RLCC's principal Randy Pederson, to participate in the show. The show was entertaining and had a great motivational message.



Crevier family getting audience involved by spinning basketballs on their fingers. Pictured is Levi Flatgard.

The Spin-tacular group had eight people from the audience try to perform the 'Greatest Catch,' tossing a basketball over the head and catching it between the legs.

### Calendar of Events

**Wed, Feb. 28:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.  
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.  
**Thu, Mar. 1:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.  
**Fri, Mar. 2:**  
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.  
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.  
**Sat, Mar. 3:**  
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!  
**Sun, Mar. 4:**  
-Worship at the church of your choice.  
**Mon, Mar. 5:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
**Tue, Mar. 6:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.  
**Wed, Mar. 7:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.  
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.  
**Thu, Mar. 8:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.  
**Fri, Mar. 9:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.  
**Sat, Mar. 10:**  
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!  
**Sun, Mar. 11:**  
-Daylight saving time begins  
-Worship at the church of your choice.  
**Mon, Mar. 12:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
**Tue, Mar. 13:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards  
**Wed, Mar. 14:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.  
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.  
**Thu, Mar. 15:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.  
**Fri, Mar. 16:**  
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.  
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.



# Church news

## OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem  
Interim SAM Christy Klemz

**Wed, Feb. 28:** Lenten – 6:30 p.m. Lent Supper. 7:30 p.m. Service at Salem.

**Sun, Mar. 4:** 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:15 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.

**Mon, Mar. 5:** 9:00 a.m. Quilting at Zion.

**Wed, Mar. 7:** Lenten – 6:30 p.m. Lent Supper. 7:30 p.m. Service at Zion.

## CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Adam Hamness

**Sun, Mar. 4:** 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, Mar. 3:** 5:30 p.m. RLF  
**Sun, Mar. 4:** 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

## IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Pastor Jonathan Dodson

**Wed, Feb. 28:** 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Ebenezer.

**Sun, Mar. 4:** 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

**Wed, Feb. 28:** Release Time. 7:00 p.m. Ekelund Lenten Service. 9<sup>th</sup> grade group session following worship.

**Sun, Mar. 4:** 8:30 a.m. Ekelund, 9:45 a.m. SS; 9:45 a.m. Faith, 10:45 a.m. SS; 11:00 a.m. Bethany, 9:45 a.m. SS.

**Mon, Mar. 5:** 1:30 p.m. Ekelund Ladies Aid.

**Wed, Mar. 7:** Release Time. 5:00 p.m. Faith WELCA. 6:30 p.m. Meal at Faith. 7:00 p.m. Faith Lenten Service.

## Oklee Senior Site Dining

### March 5 - 9

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:** Baked chicken, hash browns, mixed vegetables, and dessert.

**Tuesday:** Liver & onions, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, and dessert.

**Wednesday:** Ham & Swiss melt, potato soup, and dessert.

**Thursday:** Tator tot hotdish, coleslaw, toast, and dessert.

**Friday:** ½ Patty melt, French fries, green beans, and dessert.

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## CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive – Nazareth  
Oak Park – St. Petri  
Pastor Jeff Merseeth

**Wed, Feb. 28:** 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation. Nazareth: 6:00 p.m. Soup/Sandwich supper.

7:00 p.m. Lent Service – Bible Study to follow.

**Sat, Mar. 3:** 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

**Sun, Mar. 4:** 8:00 a.m. St. Petri; 9:45 a.m. Nazareth, 8:30 a.m. SS; 11:00 a.m. Oak Park, 9:45 SS.

**Tue, Mar. 6:** 6:30 p.m. Mt. Petri. Bible Study to follow.

**Wed, Mar. 7:** 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation. Oak Park: 6:00 p.m. Soup/Sandwich supper. 7:00 p.m. Lent Service – Bible Study to follow.

## NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Josiah Hoagland, Pastor

Tyler Stynberg,  
Youth Pastor

www.newjourneyfosston.com

**Wed, Feb. 28:** 6:30 p.m. Awana. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study.

**Sun, Mar. 4:** 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:40 p.m. Sunday School.

**Tue, Mar. 6:** 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Hebrews Bible Study.

**Wed, Mar. 7:** 6:30 p.m. Awana. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study.

## GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany \* Lund  
Sand Valley  
Dawn Hanson,  
Lay Minister

**Sun, Mar. 4:** 9:00 a.m. Lund. 9:00 a.m. Sunday School at Sand Valley. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley. Youth Ski Trip leaves Lund at 12:30 p.m.

**Wed, Mar. 7:** Lent Service at Lund – 6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich supper, 7:00 p.m. Services.

## BETHEL ASSEMBLY

Fosston  
Seth Johnson,  
Interim Pastor

**Sun, Mar. 4:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

## Notice of Chester Township Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Chester Township, County of Polk, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Township meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

The Election Poll Hours will be open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at which time the voters will elect:

One Supervisor for a 3 year term.

One Clerk for a 2 year term.

The Annual Meeting will commence at 4:00 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Election and Meeting will be held at the following location: Chester Town Hall.

In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed to March 20, 2018 times remaining the same.

The Board of Canvass will meet on March 13, 2018 after the polls close to certify the election results.

Pam O'Neill, Clerk of Chester Township

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## Notice of Garnes Township Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Board of Canvass Meeting

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Garnes Township, County of Red Lake, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Township Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

The Election Poll Hours will be open from 5:00p.m. to 8:00p.m., at which time the voters will elect:

One-Supervisor for a three year term

One-Clerk for a two year term

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:00p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Election and Meeting will be held at the following location: Garnes Townhall

The Board of Canvass will meet on March 13, 2018, after the Annual Meeting to certify the election results.

–Diane Kolstoe, Clerk of Garnes

Garnes Township Board of Re-Organization will meet after the Board of Canvass on March 13, 2018.

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## Notice: Equality Township

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Equality Township, County of Red Lake, State of Minnesota that the Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be postponed until the third Tuesday in March (20th). The meeting will commence at 7:00 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

Janet Halvorson  
Equality Township Clerk

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## Red Lake Falls Library News

Last week's winner of ceramic coffee mug during the Hot Reads for Cold Nights winter reading program was Shirley Johnson.

It was great to see everyone who attended the Irish & Scottish music event last Thursday, part of the Hot Tunes for Cold Nights winter concert series.

New adult fiction: "Fifty fifty" by James Patterson, "In Places Hidden," Golden Gates Secrets book 1, by Tracie Peterson, "Mind Game" by Iris Johansen, "Enchantress of Numbers" by Jennifer Chiavarini, "Hardcore Twenty-Four" by Janet Evanovich, "The Glass Forrest" by Cynthia Swanson, and "Blood Fury" by J. R. Ward.

Next event at the Red Lake Falls Library is a poetry reading by former RLF resident Scott Cameron, on Tuesday, March 6 at 6:00 pm. Scott will also appear in the Thief River Falls library on Monday, March 5 at 6:30 pm, in the Karlstad library on Wednesday, March 7 at 4:00 pm, in the Roseau library on Thursday, March 8 at 4:00 pm and later that same day in the Warroad library at 6:30 pm. He will read selections

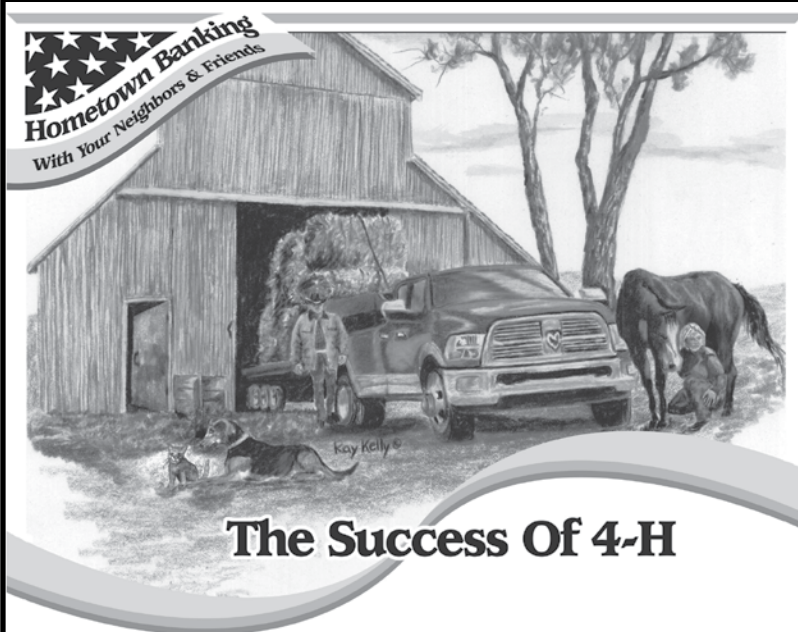
from his newly-published book of poetry "In Absentia." His book is available for checkout in branches of Northwest Regional Library. All proceeds from Scott's book tour will be donated to Northwest Regional Library.

## RLCC EFCE holds Infant/Toddler Class on March 1<sup>st</sup>

By: Grace Gieseke

Red Lake County Central Early Childhood Family Education is holding an Infant/Toddler Class #5 "Reading Fun!" at the Oklee site from 6:00-7:00 pm Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Have some soup and sandwiches before you begin to make your own book! Please bring six pictures of your child's favorite things or family. A hand-out on the importance of reading will be available and board books will be given away.

EFCE's next event is Nascar Night Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00-7:00 pm at the Plummer site. Bring your own box to decorate and ECFE will supply all the markers, stickers, tape, etc. We will drive your car to the preschool room where we will enjoy a short movie.



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animal sciences to rocketry, robotics, environmental protection and computer science.

We proudly salute our local 4-H members and leaders.

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## NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF POPLAR RIVER TOWNSHIP

### ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Poplar River Township, County of Red Lake, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Elections of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Poplar River Town Hall located in the city of Brooks. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

The Annual Meeting will commence at 4:00 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The election poll hours will be open from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at which time the voters will elect: One Supervisor for a three year term and one Clerk for a two year term. The town board will meet directly after the votes are counted to canvass the election.

Pam Gieseke, Clerk, Poplar River Township

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## Notice of Annual Meeting and Election of Officers of Lambert Township

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of LAMBERT Township, County of Red Lake, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

The election polls will be open from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm, at which time the voters will elect:

One Clerk for a 2 year term.

One Supervisor for a 3 year term.

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:15 pm, following the closing of the polls, to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the following location: Lambert Town Hall

The Board of Canvas will meet, following the close of the Annual Meeting to certify the election results.

Carol Chaput, Clerk, Town of Lambert

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# RED LAKE COUNTY BUS SERVICE

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## Transportation Programs

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## T.H.E. Bus Takes the Chill Out of Winter Travel

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# MUSTANG STAMPED

## RLCC Menus

March 5 - 9

### Oklee

**Monday: Breakfast:** Ham & cheese croissant, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Taco in a bag or soft shell taco, refried beans, rice, fruit, and milk.

**Tuesday: Breakfast:** Toast, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Corn dog, macaroni & cheese, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

**Wednesday: Breakfast:** Coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** BBQ's, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

**Thursday: Breakfast:** Toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, dinner roll, vegetables, fruit, cranberries, and milk.

**Friday: Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheese pizza, lettuce salad, carrots and celery, fruit, and milk.

### Plummer

**Monday: Breakfast:** Cook's Choice, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger w/bun, oven fries, baked beans, fruit, and milk.

**Tuesday: Breakfast:** Pancakes, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, baked potato, coleslaw, fruit, bread, and milk.

**Wednesday: Breakfast:** Egg wrap, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Turkey roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit, dinner roll, and milk.

**Thursday: Breakfast:** French toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Macaroni hamburger hotdish, veggies w/ ranch, yogurt, croissant, fruit, and milk.

**Friday: Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Tomato soup, crackers, salad, PB sandwich or grilled cheese, fruit, cinnamon churro, and milk.



Courtney Nordby becomes the ninth head coach in the history of the program.

## Courtney Nordby named NCTC head volleyball coach

THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN, Feb. 22, 2018 — Northland Community & Technical College (NCTC) alumna, Courtney Nordby, has been named the new Northland Pioneers head volleyball coach. Nordby becomes the ninth head coach in the history of the program.

Nordby, an Oklee, MN, native, was a five year starter for Red Lake County Central High School and as a senior was selected to the all-state team. From 2007 to 2010, Nordby attended the University of North Dakota where she earned a degree in Psychology and had an illustrious career as a member of the women's volleyball team. Following UND, Nordby continued her education at NCTC earning her Occupational Therapy Assistant degree. It was during this time at NCTC that Nordby started her coaching career working as the assistant coach for the Pioneers volleyball

program from 2011-2015.

In addition to her success on the court, NCTC athletic director Mike Curfman also points to Nordby's keen ability to connect with her players and develop them as student-athletes.

"While Courtney was here as an assistant coach, she made quite an impression on our student athletes with her volleyball knowledge and communication skills. We are very excited that she will be our next head coach and look for her to build on the strong volleyball tradition that NCTC has enjoyed," said Curfman.

Nordby succeeds Abdul Chamma, who resigned after nine seasons and two national tournament appearances as the Pioneers' head coach, and is excited to continue the strong tradition of the Northland volleyball program.

"I am excited for the future of this program and to build on the foundation and tradition

already established by coach Chamma," said Nordby. "Right now my expectations are just getting to know the team as well as the incoming class. Opening that line of communication and starting to develop that team bond that can play such a crucial role in the success of a team. Communication and competitiveness are the two key ideals I hope to help our athletes to achieve growth with. These ideals can be utilized on the court and in the classroom."

Nordby will take over the Pioneers volleyball team coaching duties for the upcoming 2018 season. In addition to coaching, Nordby also works at Sanford Health as a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA).

For more information on Northland athletics, follow the Pioneers on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. You can also watch games streamed live online at nctctv.com.

### Girls Basketball against the Chargers

*By: Sophia Linder*  
The Red Lake County Central Girls Basketball lost to the Goodridge-Grygla Chargers on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. It was a close game with a score of 44-45. With 14 points Kia Bachand was the top scorer. Jenna Pahlen had a double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds.



Jenna Pahlen shooting a three point shot at the Mustang-Chargers game.

Photo below:  
RLCC junior Julia Bernstein shooting at the left sided elbow.



### Mustangs win over the Thunderbirds

*By: Hannah Riendeau*  
Red Lake County Central girls' basketball went to Mahnomen Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. The Mustangs came home with a win. The overall score for the game was 57-45.

The leading scorer for the Mustangs was Jenna Pahlen with 23 points, 14 rebounds, and seven blocked shots. Julia Bernstein had 12 points and 10 rebounds. Kia Bachand had 11 points and seven rebounds. Calyssa Eskeli had 10 rebounds.

### Knowledge Bowl

*By: Derek Peterson*  
The Red Lake County High School brought three teams to the Knowledge Bowl meet Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> in Thief River Falls. There were 41 teams and the top three teams were Roseau-Green, Fisher, and Crookston Blue. The RLCC Red team, consisting of Sydney Melby, Hannah Kolstoe, and Katie Olson got 30<sup>th</sup> place. The second RLCC team was RLCC Blue, which got 37<sup>th</sup> with Christopher Longtin and Phillip Sorenson. The RLCC Black team placed 41<sup>st</sup> with Daphney Koralewski and Lily Gillimette.

The next week RLCC brought four teams to the meet on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> also in Thief River Falls. There were only 34 teams this week, and Tri/County Blue came in first place, then following was Thief River Falls White and Kittson County Central Gold. The best placing team for RLCC was RLCC Silver, which got 13<sup>th</sup> place with Andrew Fish, Chris Longtin, and Phillip Sorenson. Following was RLCC Red with Sydney Melby, Hannah Kolstoe, and Katie Olson with 20<sup>th</sup> place. Next was RLCC Black which had Sydnie Gunderson, Derek

## February is Career and Technical Education Month

*By: Aiydin Lancto*

Governor Mark Dayton has declared February 2018 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month. CTE prepares both youth and adults for a wide range of careers and further educational opportunities. CTE is offered in middle schools, high schools, area career, and further educational opportunities. There were 246,464 high school and college students enrolled in CTE courses in 2017. CTE prepares students to be college and career ready by providing core academic skills, employability skills and technical, job-specific skills.

WHEREAS: February 2018 has been designated Career and Technical Education Month by the Association for Career and Technical Education and the Minnesota Association for Career and Technical Education; and

WHEREAS: Profound economic and technological changes in our society are reflected in the structure and nature of work, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

WHEREAS: Career and technical education helps Americans become college and career ready and is the

backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, which fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to America's leadership in the international marketplace; and

WHEREAS: Career and technical education gives students practical, meaningful experience by offering integrated programs of study, thus improving the quality of their education and giving students leadership opportunities; and

WHEREAS: Career and technical education offers individuals opportunities to learn new skills providing them with career choices and potential job satisfaction; and

WHEREAS: The increasing cooperative efforts of career and technical educators, at the secondary and postsecondary level, along with business and industry, are stimulating the growth and vitality of the entire nation by preparing graduates for career fields that are forecasted to experience significant growth in the next decade.

Now, therefore, I, Mark Dayton, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2018, as: Career and Technical Education Month in the State of Minnesota.

Peterson, Julia Bernstein, and Lily Gillimette were 26<sup>th</sup> place, and RLCC Blue placed 31<sup>st</sup> with Jade Person, Jayden Fore, and Daphney Koralewski.

### Rebels fall to the Falcons

*By Chris Longtin*

The Red Lake County Boys Basketball team played Fertile-Beltrami on Tuesday, February 20 in the Red Lake Falls gymnasium. The Falcons were up 28-14 in the first half and won the game 69-33.

The scorers for RLC were: Ethan Vettleson with 15 points and five steals, Isiah Olson with six, Derek Peterson with five, Matt Vettleson with three, Brandon Wiskow with three, and Jordan Johnson with one.

Leading scorers for the Falcons: Dylan VanDenEnde with 18 points, Athan McCollum with 10, and Jordan VanDenEnde with 10.

### Rebels lose to Sacred Heart

*By Holly Johnsrud*

The Red Lake County Rebels loses to Sacred Heart on Friday, February 16 with the score of 45-84. Rebels were behind after the first quarter 27-47.

The Rebels were led by Ethan Vettleson with 14 points and two steals, Derek Peterson with 11 points, Isiah Olson with six points, Matt Vettleson scored five points, Conner Lambert with four points and two steals, Austin Jensen with three points, and Dawson Rystad with two points.

Sacred Heart WAS led by Jack Gerber with 19 points seven rebounds, and two blocks, Jorden Tomkinson with 14 points, Oscar Ortiz with 14 points, and Brenden Bethke with 13 points.

### Red Lake County Rebels play at Super Saturday game

*By David Clifton*

The Red Lake County Rebels won against Kittson County Central at the Super Saturday game at Northland Community Technical College in Thief River Falls on Saturday, February 17. The score was Rebels 60 - KCC 53. Rebels who scored were Ethan Vettleson with 26 points, Derek Peterson had 10 points, Matt Vettleson and Isiah Olson

### Boys Basketball

*By: Jenna Pahlen*

The Red Lake County Rebels lost 42-55 against Win-E-Mac on Thursday, February 15. The Rebels' top leading scorers were Ethan Vettleson with a double-double. He had 18 points and 10 rebounds. Followed was Derek Peterson with 14 points. Isiah Olson six, Austin Jensen three, and Conner Lambert one.

The top leading scorer for Win-E-Mac was Brekken Lindenberg with 16 points and eight rebounds. Following was Micah Olson with nine, Emelian Kaya eight, and Blake Glass seven. Bryce Neubert and Gavin Walker both had six. Bryer Strom had two and Mason Spry had one.

## RLCC Sports Schedules

### Rebel Boys Basketball

**Mon, Mar. 5:** Section 8A Pig Tail – High Seed 7:00 p.m.

**Thu, Mar. 8:** Section 8A Play-in at NCTC/UMC TBD.

**Sat, Mar. 10:** Section 8A Quarter Final at REA in TRF TBD

**Tue, Mar. 13:** Section 8A Semi Final at REA in TRF TBD

**Sat, Mar. 16:** Section 8A Final at REA in TRF TBD

**March 21 – 24:** State Tournaments

### Lady Mustang Basketball

**Tue, Mar. 1:** Play-In Game at UMC/NCTC 6:00 p.m.

**Sat, Mar. 3:** Section 8A Quarter Finals at REA in TRF TBD.

**Tue, Mar. 6:** Section 8A Semi Finals at REA in TRF TBD.

**Fri, Mar. 9:** Section 8A Finals at REA in TRF TBD.

**March 13 – 17:** State Tournaments

### Mustang Wrestling

**March 1-3:** State Tournaments



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RLCC Girls Basketball held a Gratitude Night where players and coach's each honored one person who had impacted their life and they were thankful for.

## RLCC's Girls Basketball Gratitude Night



Hannah Kolstoe and Billie Jo Gryskiewicz get praise from their coach Mark Bagaason as the seniors on the team.

*By Calyssa Eskeli*  
Red Lake County Central's Girls Basketball team and their coaches Mark Bagaason and Mitch Bernstein hosted a Gratitude Night at their game against the Goodridge-Grygla Chargers on Friday, February 16.

Gratitude Night is a way for players and their coaches to recognize someone in their life who has positively had an impact on them. Each player and coach chose one non-family member to

recognize after the game. Each player and coach had to contact their person a few weeks before and explain how they have impacted them. After the game the players and their guest of honor were called out onto the floor. Each player gave their guest a card explaining their gratitude and thanks for their support.

The coaches, players and manager chose the following individuals as their guest of honor.

Coach Mark Bagaason chose Jim Goudge and Mitch Bernstein selected Alan Lunsetter.

Seniors: Hannah Kolstoe honored Tom Kays and Billie Jo Gryskiewicz selected Kristen Norland.

Juniors: Julia Bernstein selected Jamie Aune, Sarah Christensen chose Sheila Gerardy, Marie Johnson honored Patty Mickelson and Zoe Russillo chose Lacey Pendleton.

Sophomores: Jenna Pahlen chose Ashley Longtin, Tanisha Srnsky

selected Miranda Opdahl, Brandie DeHate chose Tony Reece, Calyssa Eskeli honored Nancy Bray, Sidney Olson selected Krista Bernstein, and Jayden Iverson chose Mike Swenson.

Freshmen: Kia Bachand selected Laurie Duden, Katelyn Suchy honored Phil Fore, and Bella Russillo chose Richard Culkins.

Eighth grade: Cari Bachand chose Angel Bergeson.

Manager: Emily Kolstoe selected Bev Rupprecht.



Mustang's Jenna Pahlen shooting a lay-up on February 16 game.

## RLCC announces Students of the Month



Mr. Kory Baril nominated senior Matthew Vettleson for the RLCC's January Student of the Month. Ms. Jessie Hamrum nominated Shawna Majeres for Junior High Student of the Month.

*By Erin Jones and Adrienne Jones*  
Red Lake County Central High School recently honored the Students of the Month for

the month of January. The recipients included Matthew Vettleson and Shawna Majeres. The January Senior High Student of the Month was

awarded to Matthew Vettleson. He was nominated by Mr. Kory Baril for his hard work and leadership qualities. Baril also mentioned that he has had the pleasure to coach Vettleson in both football and basketball over the past few years. In addition, Baril listed that Vettleson "exceeds in the classroom and on the field/court, and he's a great role model for younger students/athletes."

Vettleson is currently a senior at RLCC. He is the son of Alan and Chris Vettleson. Vettleson is 18 years old has one sister, Holly Vettleson. He is involved in the student government and is a member of Minnesota Honor Society. Vettleson also plays football, baseball, and basketball. In addition, he enjoys hunting, fishing, and hanging out with friends during his free time.

RLCC's seven through ninth grade Student of the Month for January was Shawna Majeres. Majeres is 13 years old and in seventh grade. Her parents are Greg and Sylvia Majeres, and her siblings are Ethan, Vanessa, and Nickolas. She is very active in volleyball, basketball, and softball, and enjoys lounging around and the outdoors.

Ms. Hamrum, one of RLCC's teachers, awarded Majeres with this honor. She stated that "the main reason I nominated Shawna Majeres for Student of the Month was because she is kind and sticks up for other students and always tries to do the right thing. Additionally, she is a great student academically, and participates in a variety of sports."



Ben, Micah, Zach, Nathan, and Tessa all riding their giraffe unicycles.

Rebels boys' basketball Parents Night



Sophomore Rebels and Parents Night: Manager Lily Guillemette (Shasta Pahlen-Guillemette and Marc), Zach Benson (Dean Benson), Trent Goulet (Ramiro and Kari Alvarado), Chris Longtin (Lonnie and Michele Longtin), Derek Peterson (Jamie and Wendy Peterson), Tyler Hanson (Naomi and Dean Hanson), Hayden Cardinal (Bridget and Chris Cardinal)



Rebels Parents Night with the junior basketball players: Alex Peterson (Letty and Brian Peterson), Dawson Rystad (Justin and Cindy Rystad), Adrien Verbout (Michael and Rozella Verbout, not pictured), Austin Jensen (Jason Jensen and Carrie Jensen), Ben Cardinal (Chris and Bridget Cardinal), Connor Lambert (Shannon and Scott Lambert), Brandon Wiskow (Darrell and Janet Wiskow)



Rebels boys basketball Parents Night and the freshman: Isiah Olson, son of Jerod and Wanda Olson ; Brody Moen, son of Jason and Shannon Moen; Jordan Kasproicz, son of Renae Lehrer; Andrew Gryskiewicz, son of Angie Klasen and Ryan Gryskiewicz; Bailey Hince, son of Shawn Hince and Karen Swendra; Brady Leuthner, son of Thomas Leuthner and Lisa Plante; Eric Gieseke, son of Randy and Pam Gieseke; Jake Duden, son of Perry and Laurie Duden; Wakley Bryl, son of Steve Bryl and Joey Johnson; Isaiah Aquino, son of Ruben Aquino and Sandra Reynoso; Brock Tvedt, son of Tiffany and Kevin Tvedt; Carter Williams, son of Chad Williams and Michelle Williams; Jeremy Kruchowski, son of Pat Kruchowski.



Parent's Night boys' basketball Seniors: Matt Vettleson, son of Chris and Alan Vettleson; Ethan Vettleson, son of Amanda and Shane Vettleson; Johnathan Renner, son of Jeff and Nyssa Renner; Jordan Johnson, son of Eric and Kandee Johnson.

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CHS Harvest for Hunger runs March 1-20th. This year CHS Ag Services and CHS Northland Grain have partnered up to Strike out Hunger. We will have bowling at 5 locations throughout the area and \$5 Raffle tickets for a chance to win one of the following: KitchenAid Stand Mixer, \$200 voucher for Sportsman's Lodge, RTIC Cooler, \$200 gift card to Revive Salon & Spa, DeWalt Tool Kit or a Patio cooler.

STRIKE OUT  
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We will have teams of 4 people, each person paying \$25 for the Entry Fee, with proceeds going to Harvest for Hunger. Deadline for registration is March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Bowling locations and times are as follows:  
Family Bowl, TRF – March 13<sup>th</sup> 3-7pm – Legion Lanes, Larimore – March 16<sup>th</sup> 4-9pm  
Spartime Bowl & Arcade, Roseau – March 14<sup>th</sup> 11am-4pm – Shamrock Lanes & Grill, Hallock – March 13<sup>th</sup> 4-8  
East Grand Lanes, East Grand Forks – March 14<sup>th</sup> 10am – 6pm

Stop at your local office for information on how to donate, buy a raffle ticket or join in on a fun afternoon/evening of bowling.  
Or please call Denise or Emily for more information  
218-528-3205 (Denise) CHS Northland Grain  
701-636-5060 (Emily) CHS Ag Services

Last year CHS raised over \$725,000 and 610,000 pounds of food  
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All funds will be donated to the North Country Food Bank in Crookston, MN

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MARCH 1-20, 2018



## Oklee Herald Early Files

### Seventy Years Ago February 26, 1947

Otter Tail Power Company this week announces the end of the voluntary electric peak load curtailment program which was instituted last fall when delayed construction schedules kept approximately 20,000 KW of additional generating equipment from being available for the heavy load periods of the fall and winter season.

Miss Gladyce Stander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Strande of Gully, became the bride of Morris Ballingrud, son of Mrs. Norah Ballingrud of Thief River Falls in a ceremony performed at Trinity Lutheran church on Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Bernadine Nesland of Oklee was recently elected as treasurer of Alpha Kappa Chi, literary society at Concordia College, Moorhead.

### Sixty Years Ago February 27, 1958

Army Pvt. Carl G. Quist, Jr., 19, of Oklee recently was assigned to Battery B of the 25<sup>th</sup> Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion in German.

Arlene Malwitz celebrated her 10<sup>th</sup> birthday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Malwitz on Sunday afternoon.

Ruth Ann Laniel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Laniel exchanged nuptial vows with Linus Carriere, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Carriere, all of Brooks.

On Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Mrs. Gunhild Knutson celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at Andy's Hotel. About 150 people came to wish her a happy birthday.

### Fifty Years Ago February 22, 1988

A Bible Vigil will be held at St. Francis Xavier's Church on February 25<sup>th</sup> – the Bible Vigil will consist in the Enthronement of the Sacred Book, the reading of a few brief

passages...

The Brooks School District, which lost its school building in a fire last Halloween, has received a verbal approval for construction of a new plant to be phased into a special education center in two to three years.

There will be a bridal shower on Sunday afternoon for Sue Ostgard and Milton Reck. No cards are being sent.

February 28 is the last day fishing and spearing shelters may be left over night on Minnesota lakes and streams.

### Forty Years Ago February 23, 1978

Liniment in large doses will be the call for some hearty local residents when Bob Crosby brings his real live donkeys to town for a Donkey Basketball show.

Bobcats advance three to State Wrestling Tournament – Joe Cyr, Randy Bergeron and Brent Strand.

Dawn Chervestad from Oklee is an art major at Moorhead State University is student teaching in Vienna, Austria during spring quarter. Dawn is a 1974 graduate of Oklee High School.

Two burglars, a male and a female, were apprehended in the Jack and Jill Grocery Store in Erskine on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Aanenson, Jason and Jamie are happy to announce the arrival of Jill Dal Rae, who was born in Seoul, Korea on September 26, 1977. She arrived in Minneapolis on February 16, 1978. On Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup> she was baptized at Zion Lutheran Church in Oklee.

### Thirty Years Ago February 24, 1988

The Red Lake County Central 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball team wins tournament and remains unbeaten. The team consists of Lisa Howard, Kristy

Koralewski, Jill Radniecki, Bobbi Berberich, Sheila Riendeau, Julie Svaren, Lisa Larson, Dawn Bachand and Carrie Fallon.

Meet the Kindergarten Class this week was Katie Lynn Halvorson and Travis Mark Nelson.

February 14<sup>th</sup> was Derek Vettleson's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. A party was held at the home of Annette Vettleson.

An Open House was held at Oak Park Church in honor of Adolph Peterson's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Lottie Lundeen of Oakland Park Nursing home celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Twenty Years Ago February 25, 1998

The Red Lake County Valley Farmer and Homemaker Award recipients are Don and Kathleen Amiot.

Three Red Lake County Central Wrestlers are going to the State Tournament: Troy Magnell, T.J. Larson and Kyle Jensen.

Kindergarten students highlighted this week were: James Wright and Kasey Mack.

Senior Meal Site Participants for February birthday were Oscar Flateland, Harold Riendal and Dennis Bachand.

### Ten Years Ago February 27, 2008

Mike Wicks, Letty Peterson, Stacy Brown, and Krista Bernstein, traveled to New York last weekend to see Charity Wicks perform on Broadway.

Kyle and Sara Delage were the new owners of the Cozy Bar in Brooks.

A few folks from the area volunteered to be arrested and held for five hours at the new Tri County Corrections Center in Crookston.

Jennifer Johnson would like you to meet her new little brother, Ethan Otto Johnson.

## Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Two Sundays in a row of snow coming down in buckets. I'm happy that February is coming to an end this week. Luckily I have someone who snowplows my driveway. I do a little shoveling myself so I don't get an ice pileup from backing up in the snow.

We had another funeral in Oklee on Thursday. Lloyd Opdahl passed away. It was nice to visit with Ardell and the boys. There were many of his friends and relatives from Hill River there.

Bingo was canceled on Thursday as many of the regular Bingo players attended the funeral. This week there

will be Bingo as usual so come and enjoy the fun.

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### Dates to Remember

**March 1:** Bingo at the Site.  
**March 11:** Daylight Saving begins.

**March 15:** 10 a.m. Site Council meeting.

**March 16:** Birthday Meal.

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### Words of Wisdom

As you climb the ladder of success, remember, someone made the ladder.

After a misunderstanding, be the first to say, "I'm sorry you're upset. What can I do to make you feel better?"

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### Joke Time

During a simulated attack, the troops have to defend themselves. Against an imaginary enemy, as the sergeant calls it. Bawling out orders, he notices that the recruit shows little response. "You there," the sergeant shouts, "the imaginary enemy is advancing, and you're caught in the crossfire. Action!"

The recruit takes two steps to one side.

"What are you doing man?" yells the sergeant, purple with fury.

"I'm taking shelter behind an imaginary tree, Sergeant." answers the recruit calmly.

## Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Well, the weather finally decided to give us a break. Those above zero temps are so welcome. We managed to get some snow over the weekend. We got about 6 inches in the two snow falls on Friday and Saturday evenings. It was a bit dicey trying to drive to church on Sunday on the country roads, because everything was white with no land marks. You just aim and hope you are on the road. It promises to be warmer this week. Only a month of winter left, we hope it gets warmer.

Cindy and Del Determan came home this past week, and she said that she and Del returned by air to Flagstaff to retrieve their motorcycles and decided to roam the mountains around that area in Arizona. They had a ball. Then they loaded the cycles up in the pickup and drove home. Del has been feeling good so they are building lots of memories. Welcome home to you both and we are so glad to see you and your smiles.

Congratulations to Ryan and Kelsey Paradis who will be celebrating their 5th anniversary on March 2. They are building such a cute family and their kids are great. Keep

up the good work.

The Red Hats met at Cozy and had a sumptuous meal. There were 13 of us this time. We also had a guest that came with her Grandma. Kat DeHate came with Anna DeHate and we enjoyed her visit. She goes to school in Devils Lake North Dakota. Those attending were Karen Tvedt, Anne Traxler, Mickey Duden, Letty Haire, Wilma Arlt, Alice Jobe, Anna

DeHate, Kat DeHate, Bunny DuChamp, Barb Novak, Mary Schindler, Elinor Olson and Joanne Bradley. The next meeting will be on March 14th. We will meet at Cozy barring a snowstorm. March can surprise you so better be safe than sorry.

Have a great day all you folks. Enjoy the warmer weather while you can, and be safe on the melting ice that will be inevitable this year.



Kat DeHate and her Grandma Anna DeHate enjoying the day at Red Hats in Brooks on Wednesday.

## Plummer News

By Alice Jobe  
218-465-4402

On Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, was the 21<sup>st</sup> Snowmobile Safari. They went thirty-eight miles. There were 90 sleds. Jody Duden guessed the correct number. They had the raw egg in the jacket contest. It is in a baggie and if it isn't broken at the end of the run, you are the winner. A guy won that. They had a beautiful day, around 26 degrees above zero. They came into town to the Legion for hamburgers & fries afterwards. There were door prizes also at the Legion.

Mindy Juhl and Tracy Peterson, of Bismarck, ND came for the weekend to visit their dad, Chuck Simpson.

Brody Traxler celebrated his 9<sup>th</sup> birthday the previous weekend at the Grand Stay Motel – pool party. They went swimming, had pizza, cake and ice cream. Those attending were Bob and Anne Traxler, Haylee and Brilee, and Grandma Linda Larson and

Grandpa Eric and Laura and Brielle. They had a great time.

Between Sunday and Tuesday, we got about seven inches of snow.

Alice Jobe visited Jean Carpenter on Monday in Thief River Falls. Also her son Russ Carpenter was there.

Jim and Debbie DuChamp and Wyatte and Miranda Vettleson went on a trip to Nashville, Tennessee. They saw the Grand Ole Opry and the Ryman Auditorium and the Jack Daniels Distillery and did a lot of walking. They had a good time. It rained one day. They were gone for five days. The weather ranged from 49 to 75 degrees – pretty nice!

On Wednesday, Kat DeHate of Devil's Lake, ND came for a visit to her family, Bernie DeHate's. Kat goes to college at Devil's Lake and is taking business management. She went with Anna DeHate, Buny DuChamp, Wilma Arlt and

Alice Jobe for the Red Hats dinner in Brooks at Carol's Cozy. There were 13 ladies in all. Swedish meatballs was the menu item with mashed potatoes, corn, roll and brownie and mint chocolate chip ice cream – delicious. Micki Duden won the quarter pot. It was a fun outing.

The Olympics continued this week in Pyeongchang, South Korea. IT sure has been fun watching the different events. I was happy for the one and only American mom to have a bid and win a medal in cross country skiing. They work so hard.

One more thing, there was only one inch of snow out in Devil's Lake, ND, Kat DeHate told us. We may be getting more.

Thursday, I went to the school and gave eleven talks about "Respect for the Flag" to the kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The kids know their stuff.

## Who's Dat?



### Who's Dat

This week's photo is of a Sunday School class.

Last week's photo was of Lorraine Brown & Dorine Bakke (both deceased), having a good time at the Oklee Hall.

Everyone has a photo or two that would be great for

this column. Please share them with our readers as it is one of most popular columns of the Oklee Herald.

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

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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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## Essentia Health-Fosston will hold forum on opioid abuse

Opioids claim the lives of too many people in our country and community. Their harsh, deadly reality can affect families, friends and neighbors. Next month, Essentia Health-Fosston will bring together experts in the community to try and combat the deadly opioid epidemic.

A forum, "Don't Close Your Eyes," will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 8, at New Journey Church, 505 Ninth St. NW, Fosston. It's open to residents, community leaders, law enforcement, health officials and faith

groups. A light supper will be provided free of charge. RSVP to Lynae Finseth at 218-435-7660 or Carrie Danielson at 218-435-7661.

"This forum could save lives," says Dr. Cynthia Omokaro, a family medicine physician at Essentia Health-Fosston. "Opioid abuse is still very real and very deadly. We now know the true addiction opioids have and we are feeling its terrible effects."

The forum will feature health care professionals, including an Essentia physician, a massage

therapist and a chiropractor/acupuncturist. Also participating are members of the Polk County Drug Task Force, Northwest Mental Health, Polk County Public Health and Clearwater Life services. There will be information on Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous for people to take home.

"This is an opportunity for people to come together and get a clear look at this ugly truth," says Dr. Omokaro. "Solving this crisis will take all of us."



Essentia Health-Fosston presents:

## Don't Close Your Eyes

### OPIOID ABUSE FORUM

## Thursday, March 8th

5:30pm-7:30pm

### New Journey Church

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### Join the discussion.

Opioid Abuse Forum will feature:

- Health care professionals
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- Northwest Mental Health
- Polk County Public Health
- Clearwater Life Services

For questions or additional information, call Lynae Finseth 218.435.7660 or Carrie Danielson 218.435.7661.



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