

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Feb. 24		Trace
Feb. 25		5.00
Feb. 26		Trace
Total in.	0.00	5.00

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...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Year in Review

October 4, 2017

Three people have joined the Red Lake County Central High School staff. Two individuals, Jodi Bachand and Vicki Duden, were recently hired as para-professionals to work with students at the high school. Both have substituted as paras prior to their full time employment. One new teacher, Craig Swanson, was also hired.

The Red Lake County Commissioners met on September 26, 2017, Jennifer Maleitzke, community relations consultant, and John Feely, both from Enbridge came before the commissioners with information on the Line 3 project. The last round of public hearings start on September 26th in Thief River to collect public input from 18 hearings in 9 different areas. A judge will be presiding over the hearings and will give their opinion if the permit for Certificate of Need and Route Permit of the Line 3 replacement at the end to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), who makes the final decision sometime in April of 2018.

Falcons nip Rebels: Fertile-Beltrami came to Red Lake Falls on Monday, September 25th to take on the Rebels in Junior Varsity football action. Both teams would start of homecoming week with a hard fought football game.

Rain, rain go away. Sunday was a dreary day with mist and rain all day. Some of the bean harvesters got done with a lot of acreage on Saturday, but now that it rained again it will be a while before they can finish more harvesting. Early

this Monday morning it poured rain for quite a while.

October 11, 2017

The Minnesota Red River Valley Development Association has sponsored a \$100 Youth Leadership Award to be given to a Red Lake County 4-H Member. This year, the 2017 Youth Leadership Award is presented to Shelby Gunderson, Trail, Mn. Shelby is the daughter of Jamey and Suzan Gunderson.

Red Lake County Board on Aging members served 80 delicious BBQ lunch to the seniors that attended the annual picnic. Serving were: Sandy Bertilrud, Joanne Bradley, Shirley Dessellier, Marion Bjorgan and Sandy Greenwald.

Due to retirements last spring, Red Lake County Central Elementary School has seen a significant change in their teaching staff. This fall six individuals excitedly arrived to begin their teaching assignment at the elementary. They are Britta Glass, Natalie Hamrum, Tyrell Hamrum, Taylor Kujava, Cole Larson, and Bernie Rosten.

The past couple of days we have had some warmer and nice sunny weather. It is welcome after all those rainy days and foggy damp days. Keep it coming Mother Nature, we have beans to combine yet. The farmers have been busy trying to finish up those beans too.

October 25, 2017

Darren Laesch, Planning Director for District 2 - MNDOT presented two options for turning over MN Hwy 222 to the county in the near future. The proposal is for transferring the jurisdiction of MN 222 from MN 92 to CSAH 5 in Oklee to Red Lake County. The proposed improvements are that MN 222 would receive a bituminous reclaim with 4-1/2" bituminous surfacing (24" wide), shoulders would be widened to 6' with 4:1 slopes, shoulders would be paved full width within the City of Oklee and 2' in rural areas and existing culverts would be replaced.

Cassandra (Knutson) Leseman from Duluth came home to head up a pillow case project funded by Thrivent. She works at Essential Hospital in Duluth as a rehabilitation scheduler. The Children's Hospital there receives an average of 200 children per month and each child gets to pick out a pillow case made by volunteers. They are very low on their supply so this past Saturday this group gathered at Oklee Quilting and sewed up 74 pillow cases. Participating were: Loretta Syrtveit, Shirley Dessellier, Sue Beaudoin, Grace Dessellier, Sylvia Cole from Middle River, Jess Knutson, Margaret Delude, Kassidy Torgerson, and Cassandra Leseman, Duluth.

Red Lake County Central High School's induction ceremony into the Minnesota Association of Honor Societies was held Friday, October 13 in the high school gym. The six students who were inducted included Andrew Fish, Calyssa Eskeli, Lilly Guillemette, Jayden Iverson, Adrienne Jones, and Sophia Linder.

The Plummer Senior Citizens met. They sang Happy Birthday to Inga, who was 103 on the 21st, Saturday. She said grace in Norwegian before they ate. Kim Wolff, from Lutheran Social Services, a great speaker, spoke about the need for volunteers to help relieve those who are caregivers for a love one and the shortage of help in nursing homes. They all enjoyed a potluck lunch.

Annual Town Meeting March 13, 2018: Democracy in Action

Circle Tuesday, March 13 on your calendars! It is the date of the Annual Town Meeting. Unlike voting, the Annual Town Meeting is a true form of direct democracy - allowing residents of the township to meet, voice their opinions and vote on their tax levy. It is also a good way to gauge the sentiments of township residents - what do they want in their community?

As with most American political ideas, town meetings have their roots in colonial America. New England town meetings gave citizens a way to exercise local authority. These meetings



Debbie Aune's painting of the Gully Elevator which is on display at the NWMAC Gallery at 211 DeMers Ave, GF.

Gatzke Resident Exhibits Her Grain Elevator Paintings

The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council (NWMAC) is excited to exhibit Midwest Grain, a collection of watercolor paintings by Debbie Aune, which feature familiar landmarks to all of us living in northwest Minnesota: grain elevators. A longtime artist of Gatzke, Minnesota, Debbie grew up on a small farm in northern Minnesota, and recalls her early fascination with these historical structures.

"As a small child a trip in the old, crusty, dirty truck to the local elevator was quite the trip. In my early teens I would most likely be found in the dusty combine riding with Mom, and then at age seventeen—it was my job to turn all the fields upside down in preparation for the next year. Dirt was fun!"

Debbie's art, primarily watercolor paintings, often depicts scenes of daily life in our communities—and our region's history. "With no surprise, farming, farming equipment and storage buildings have again made their way into my latest watercolor exhibit, Midwest Grain. Elevators, tracks and trains swarm with history, stories and memories good and bad. Every town big or small has (or had) a grain elevator. Good thing I like the color gray!"

Debbie's exhibition is now open through March 31, 2018, at the NWMAC Gallery in East Grand Forks. People could swing in and meet her last Saturday, February 24th, when Debbie was at the gallery discussing her works during the Art & Wine Walk.

"My hope in painting these grain elevators of Northwest Minnesota, besides the obvious farming flashbacks and sense of nostalgia, is to show the charm and curious attraction of these big gray monuments. Their form, the perspective, the subtle changes of gray, their rust, the interlacing spouting and conveyors—it's all a kick to paint! I have a connection with this dirt we call earth and the galvanized steel, iron and wood that rises from it. Paris, Melbourne and Rome will have to wait."

To view Debbie's art, visit the NWMAC Gallery at 211 DeMers Avenue in East Grand Forks (located within the Riverwalk Artists Gallery)

Many townships hold elections the same day, outside the meeting, for a supervisor, clerk, or treasurer. Remember to vote! Townships are often referred to as "grassroots government." This reference stems from the community-based nature of how town government is structured. Most townships have small populations, but a big sense of community. Being small, township officials must be creative in delivering quality services with the least possible burden to taxpayers. Township officers must be responsive to the needs of their residents, since most are friends and neighbors.

Be part of the "grassroots" movement and attend your town meeting on Tuesday, March 13 be a part of direct democracy.

Typically, residents hear reports from the board of audit on

now through March 31, 2018. The gallery is open Thursday–Saturday, 2:00–8:00pm and Sunday, 2:00–5:00pm. All of Debbie's art featured at the gallery is for sale and can be

purchased by contacting the artist at (218) 689-2363. For more information about Debbie's exhibit, or if you are an artist interested in exhibiting a body of work with NWMAC, please

contact Kat Allen at (701) 360-0805 or email NWArtsCouncil@gmail.com.

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Middle River Elevator.



Thief River Falls Elevator.

the town's finances and a roads report. Residents are required to vote on the tax levy. A range of topics - from a new town hall, vacating a road, or giving the board authority to pass an ordinance - can be on the agenda.

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Essentia Health - Fosston will hold forum on opioid abuse on March 8th

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."



Calendar of Events

- 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:**
-CHS Northland Grain Fight Against Hunger Free Will Luncheon starting at 11 a.m.
-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.
- Sat, Mar. 17:**
-St. Patrick's Day
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
- Sun, Mar. 18:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon, Mar. 19:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
- Tue, Mar. 20:**
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards
- Wed, Mar. 21:**
-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH Zion and Salem Interim SAM Christy Klemz

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

Sun, Mar. 11: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:15 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.

Wed, Mar. 14: Lenten – 6:30 p.m. Lent Supper. 7:30 p.m. Service at Salem.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Adam Hamness

Sun, Mar. 11: 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. 10: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Mar. 11: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL–EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Pastor Jonathan Dodson

Wed, Mar. 7: 6:30 p.m. Lenten Supper. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Immanuel.

Sun, Mar. 11: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.

Wed, Mar. 14: 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Bethany–Ekelund–Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp

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

Sun, Mar. 11: 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. 7:00 p.m. Bethany 7 & 8 grade confirmation.

Mon, Mar. 12: 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle.

Tue, Mar. 13: 6:00 p.m. Shalom Circle.

Wed, Mar. 14: Release Time. 6:30 p.m. Meal at Bethany. 7:00 p.m. Bethany Lenten Service.

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

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.

Thu, Mar. 8: 5:00 p.m. Mt. Olive. Bible Study to follow.

Sat, Mar. 10: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, Mar. 11: 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. 2:00 p.m. LYS Bowling in TRF.

Tue, Mar. 13: 5:30 p.m. St. Petri. Bible Study to follow.

Wed, Mar. 14: 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.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor

www.newjourneyfosston.com

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

Sun, Mar. 11: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:40 p.m. Sunday School.

Tue, Mar. 13: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Hebrews Bible Study.

Wed, Mar. 14: 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

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

Sun, Mar. 11: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany, 9:00 a.m. SS at Sand Valley & Bethany. 2:00 p.m. grade Confirmation.

Wed, Mar. 14: Lent at Sand Valley – 6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich supper, 7:00 p.m. Services.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY

Fosston Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor

Sun, Mar. 11: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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 13th, 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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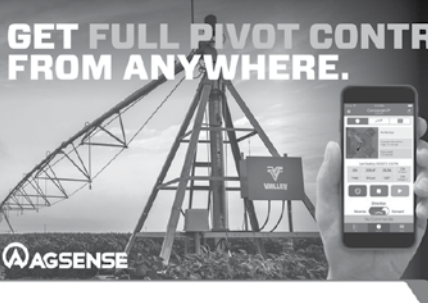


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ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Brooks Community Homes will be held on Monday, March 19, 2018, at 7:00 PM at the Community Hall in Brooks. The purpose of the meeting is to present financial reports, and elect two Directors. Prize drawings will be held and a light lunch will be served.

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ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Plummer Community Homes will be held on Monday, March 19, 2018, at 4:00 PM, at the Emardville Hall in Plummer. The purpose of the meeting is to present financial reports and elect One Director. Prize drawings will be held and a light lunch will be served.

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Sudoku Solution

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Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Board Reorganization Meeting Held January 2, 2018

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in reorganizational session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 357.07 at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on January 2, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Members present were: Commissioners Anthony Flage, Dave Sorensen, Chuck Simpson, John Lerohl, and Ron Weiss. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

County Auditor Robert Schmitz called the meeting to order and asked for nominations for the position of County Board Chairperson for 2018. Commissioner Weiss nominated Commissioner Sorensen. Auditor Schmitz called for additional nominations three times, and hearing none called for a motion to cease nominations. Commissioner Lerohl moved and seconded by Simpson that nominations cease and the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Sorensen as the 2018 Chairperson of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried.

Commissioner Sorensen assumed the chair and called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson for 2018. Commissioner Simpson nominated Commissioner Weiss. Chairman Sorensen called for additional nominations three times, and hearing none called for a motion to cease nominations. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Lerohl that nominations cease and the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Weiss as Vice-Chairperson of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners for 2018. Motion carried.

Bid opening was then conducted for the legal county newspaper for 2018. The Oklee Herald and the Red Lake Falls Gazette submitted the following bids per column inch:

Gazette	Herald
1) First Publication-Financial Statement	\$ 0.00 \$ 3.00
2) Second Publication-Financial Statement	\$ 0.00 \$ 3.00
3) Board Proceedings and Miscellaneous	\$ 2.45 \$ 3.00
4) Two Publications of Delinquent Taxes	\$ 3.50 \$ 3.00

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Commissioner Simpson to accept the bid from the Oklee Herald as the official county newspaper of record for 2018 to publish bid items (1), (3), and (4). Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Weiss to approve the Red Lake Falls Gazette as the 2018 secondary publication to publish bid item (2), the second publication of the financial statement at a rate not to exceed \$3.00 per column inch as the Gazette submitted no dollar amount for the specified bid item. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Flage and duly adopted to establish the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. as the 2018 regular board meeting dates and times.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Weiss and carried by unanimous vote to establish the 2018 commissioner per diem rates at \$70.00 per day for assigned committee meetings attended.

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Simpson and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following county appropriations for 2018, with any appropriation over \$20,000.00 to be made in quarterly installments: \$8,435.00 Committee on Aging; \$107.00 Red River Basin Commission; \$10,000.00 Red Lake County Fair Board; \$85.00 each to the Plummer, Oklee, and Red Lake Falls American Legions; \$6,835.00 Friends of the Library; \$800.00 Red River Valley Development Association; \$21,388.00 Inter-County Nursing Services; \$11,500.00 Oklee Ambulance; \$29,000.00 Red Lake Falls Ambulance; \$26,732.00 NW Regional Library; and \$7,000.00 Red Lake County Parks.

Auditor Schmitz informed of the requirement that minimum salaries for elected officials must be set in January of an election year before the first date of filing for offices. Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Weiss, and carried by unanimous vote to establish the minimum salaries for the following elected county positions as required according to MN Statutes: \$35,000.00 for Sheriff, \$27,500.00 for Attorney, and \$25,000.00 each for Auditor, Recorder, and Treasurer.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Simpson and unanimously carried to approve the expenditures for the period as follows:

Vendor	Amount
Garden Valley Telephone	\$2,901.81
Ottertail Power	3,682.15
4 Vendors Less	
Than \$2,000.	598.68
TOTAL	\$7,182.64

The motion includes the following added bills: \$2,216.00 to Computer Professionals; \$71.00 to MCIT; \$130.18 to Quill.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve

reimbursement of \$4,867.19 to the Huot Park Board for annual operating expenses for the county park.

County Board members discussed the 2018 SWCD Local Matching Funds for the local Red Lake County SWCD. The board decided to increase the county allocation to the Red Lake County SWCD by \$30,000.00 which will allow the local SWCD to receive matching funds in the same amount (\$30,000.00) from the MN Board of Water & Soil Resources. Commissioner Weiss moved to increase the county allocation from \$50,000.00 in 2017 to \$80,000.00 in 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Flage and unanimously adopted.

Auditor Schmitz explained that the large Christmas Candles that are currently displayed by the courthouse are available for purchase. The lights are owned Frame Lighting, Inc. of Red Lake Falls. Frame Lighting will store the lights in the offseason, including to install/remove each year. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Weiss and unanimously carried to approve purchase in amount of \$1,500.00 from Frame Lighting, Inc.

Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Flage and duly adopted to approve the legally constituted annual county board assignments for 2018, including appointment of employee representatives to the various committees:

County Board Assignments:
Board of Health, County Law Enforcement, County Zoning and Ordinance, Ditch, Finance, Job Evaluation, Road & Bridge, Solid Waste, Union Negotiations - County Board.

Advisory Board to Red Lake Watershed District - Lerohl (delegate) and Weiss (alternate).

Area Agency on Aging - Weiss (delegate) and Lerohl (alternate).

Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) - County Board.

AMC Policy Committees:

Environment/Natural Resources - Flage; General Government - Weiss; Health & Human Services - Lerohl; Public Safety - Simpson; Transportation - Sorensen.

Citizen Advisory Committee (RLWD) - Weiss.

County Economic Development Board - Simpson and Sorensen.

County Extension - Flage and Lerohl.

County Fair Board - Lerohl and Simpson.

County Parks - Sorensen.

County Safety Committee - Flage.

County Tourism & Trails Committee - Sorensen.

County Water Res. Advisory Committee (SWCD) - Flage.

County Weed Advisory Committee - Weiss.

Courthouse Purchasing and Planning Committee - Sorensen.

Emergency 911 Committee - Flage.

Household Hazardous Waste - Simpson (delegate) and Lerohl (alternate).

Inter County Community Council - Lerohl.

Inter County Nursing Service - Sorensen.

Joint Counties Watershed Board - Lerohl and Sorensen.

Joint Ditch Board - Flage, Simpson, and Weiss.

Law Library - Sorensen.

Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus - Sorensen (delegate) and Simpson (alternate).

NW Mental Health - Flage.

NW Apartments Board - Sorensen.

NW HRA - Lerohl.

NW Regional Development Board of Directors - Lerohl (delegate), Weiss (alternate).

NW Regional Development - Lerohl (Enterprise Fund), Sorensen (Transportation Advisory).

NW Regional Radio Board - Flage (delegate) and Simpson (alternate).

Personnel Policy Statement Committee - Flage and Sorensen.

Quin County Board of Health (CHS) - Weiss (delegate) and Simpson (alternate).

Red Lake County Affordable Housing Committee - Flage.

Regional Corrections - Sorensen and Weiss.

Red Lake River Corridor Workgroup - Flage (delegate) and Sorensen (alternate).

Red River Basin (Int. Coalition) - Flage.

River Safety Committee - Lerohl and Sorensen.

RLWD One Watershed/One Plan (1W1P) - Weiss (delegate) and Flage (alternate).

There were no committee reports by County Commissioners.

The County Board reviewed a list of (10) priority issues approved by the MRC (Minnesota Rural Counties) board. MRC is asking member counties to review and prioritize the issues. MRC will compile the information and present these issues/concerns during the 2018 state legislative session.

The board concurred to cancel the regular board meeting to be held on January 9, 2018. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until January 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Dave Sorensen, Chair,
Board of Commissioners

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If you have a story or photos you want to share, please send to: okleeherald@gmail.com

Interested in learning about hobby beekeeping?

A informational meeting will be held on March 12th at the Oklee Cafe at 1:30 p.m.

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Oklee Senior Site Dining

March 12 - 16

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: 1/2 Grilled cheese, 2 bean hotdish, carrots, and dessert.

Tuesday: Grilled chicken breast, hash browns, medley vegetables, and dessert.

Wednesday:



MUSTANG STAMPEDE

RLCC Menus

March 12 - 16

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Biscuit with gravy, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cold subs, chips, fresh vegetables, fresh fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger patty, baked beans, curly fries, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken pot pie over biscuits, string cheese, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, fruit, dipping sauce, Gold Fish, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy bread w/pizza sauce, lettuce salad, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Toastie dogs, smiles potatoes, salad & tomatoes, yogurt, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Apple turnover, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza Hot Pocket, salad bar, garlic toast, jello, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Egg omelet, cereal, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Salisbury steak patty, potatoes, gravy, corn, bread, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Eggs, toast, PB/Jelly, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Riblet w/bun, curly fries, veggie & ranch, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Mission Nutrition sack lunch (meets USDA guidelines) and milk.

RLCC Sports Schedules

Rebel Boys

Basketball

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

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

March 13 - 17: State Tournaments

RLCC Legal

ISD 2906 Red Lake County Central Minutes-January 2018

The ISD 2906 Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018 at RLCC Elementary School in Plummer.

Kolstoe, Hamrum, Paradis, Duden, Majeres were present. Person absent.

Motions were carried to approve January minutes, financials, regular board meeting dates for 2018 as the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., board compensation rates the same for 2018, Special Education funding resolutions for both the State and Federal Governments, hiring Jim Lessard as substitute bus driver, amend bus driver pay rates, resolution directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions, appoint Hamrum to the Pine to Prairie Governing Board. (Complete minutes may be seen in the district office at 260 Minnesota Street, Plummer, MN or on our school website at www.rlcc2906.org.) O50C



The Riverwatch team placed fifth in the Riverwatch Forum Competition. The students had to create a service project and a video explaining what they accomplished. RLCC members of Riverwatch: (Front) Erin Jones, Advisor Ms. Shelley Steva, Sidney Olson; (Back) Britain Arlt, Tanisha Srsnsky, Brandie DeHate, Kaitlyn Morris, Courtney Rude, and Garrett Qualley.

Rebels beat the Patriots in last regular season game

By Chris Longtin

The Red Lake County Rebels won their last regular season game against Win-E-Mac in Plummer on February 26, 2018. The Rebels were down 27-21 at halftime. The Patriots came out the second half to increase their lead to 16 points with three minutes left. RLC then came back to win the game 46-44. The Rebels would finish their regular season 9-17.

The scorers for the Rebels were: Ethan Vettleson with 23 points, 11 rebounds and three steals; Derek Peterson with 10 points; Isiah Olson with seven points, 10 rebounds, and three steals; Brandon Wiskow with three points; and John Renner with three points.

The top scorers for the Patriots were: Micah Olson with 14 points and four steals, Bryce Neubert with 10 points,

and Brekken Lindberg with nine points and seven rebounds.

The RLC Rebels Junior Varsity team was defeated by the Patriots 45-26. The JV ended their season 12-10 and tied for the North Tri-county JV Conference Championship with a 5-1 record.

The RLC Rebels C-team beat the Patriots 43-21 and ended their season with a record of 13-5.



RLCC Rebels Ethan Vettleson making a shot at the Win-E-Mac game in Plummer on Monday.

Mustangs play in pigtail game

By: Hannah Riendeau

The Red Lake County Central girls' basketball team went to Fertile-Beltrami Tuesday, February 27 for the pigtail game. The final score was 61-54 with Fertile-Beltrami winning.

Jenna Pahlen led the Mustangs with 22 points, 11 rebounds, and four blocked shots. Julia Bernstein had 16 points and six rebounds.

This game brought the girls season to an end. The Mustangs ended the season with a 7-20 record.

Speech Meet in Bemidji

By Jenna Pahlen

Red Lake County Speech Team attended the Bemidji Meet on Saturday, February 24. Three members placed at the meet. Lily Guillemette placed first place in Poetry. Other placements in Poetry were Danny Guillemette with a Blue Ribbon and Jayden Iverson with a Red Ribbon.

March events at RLCC

By Holly Johnsrud

March is going to be busy for Red Lake County Central High School. Some upcoming events in March for RLCC High School include the following:

Young Authors Conference on Thursday, March 8th; Softball and track practice begin Monday, March 12; Spring Fling Days Wednesday through Friday, March 14th through March 16th; Early Out and End of Quarter on Friday, March 16th; French Trip Friday through Tuesday, March 16th through March 20th; Baseball and golf practice begin Monday, March 19; Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences on Monday, March 26th; High School Parent Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, March 27th; No School due to Easter Break Friday through Monday, March 30th through April 2nd.

RLCC ECFE events in March

By: Grace Gieseke

Red Lake County Central Early Childhood Family Education classes are for children from birth to five years old and their parents or other adult. Grandparents are always welcome! Classes will be held on Thursday evenings either at the Oklee site preschool, the Plummer site preschool or the Brooks Community Center.

ECFE's Nascar Night will be **Thursday, March 8th** 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. Children will drive their cars to the preschool room where we will enjoy a short movie.

ECFE's Family "Memory Making Night" will be held on **Thursday, March 22nd** at the Oklee site at 6:00-7:00 p.m. We will be designing a plate to keep. Cost will be determined later. We might have time to play in the gym or go outside on the playground. Soup and bread will be served.

Monday, March 26th: Plummer site Parent/Teacher Conferences from 4:00-8:00 pm.

Tuesday, March 27th: Oklee site Parent/Teacher Conferences from 4:00-8:00 pm.

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is a program for all Minnesota families with children between the ages of birth to kindergarten entrance. The program is offered through Minnesota public school districts. ECFE is based on the idea that the family provides a child's first and most significant learning environment and parents are a child's first and most important teachers. ECFE works to strengthen families. ECFE's goal is to enhance the ability of all parents and other family members to provide the best possible environment for their child's learning and growth.



RLCC Rebels boys' basketball getting ready for the game on Monday, February 26 against the Patriots

RLC Boys Basketball defeat Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears

By Adrienne Jones

The Red Lake County's Rebels Boys' Basketball won 66 to 48 against the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears February 23, 2018 in Clearbrook. The Rebels put up 37 percent and the Bears shot 28 percent throughout the game. On the free throw line, RLC shot 62 percent and Clearbrook-Gonvick shot 25 percent.

The Rebels scoring the most points were Derek Peterson and Ethan Vettleson both scoring 19 points. Matthew Vettleson had 11 points, Brandon Wiskow had seven points, Isiah Olson scored five points, Ben Cardinal had three points, and Alex Peterson made two points. D. Peterson grabbed 11 rebounds and E. Vettleson stole the ball five times.

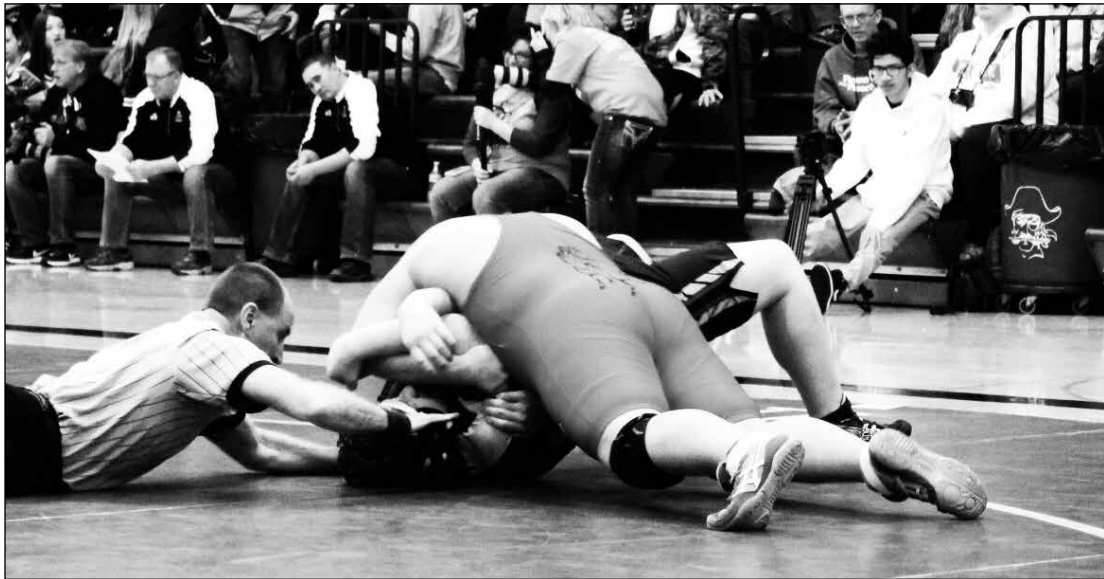
Scoring the highest for the Bears was Ethan Dorman with 17 points and three steals. Erick Bergman had 11 points also grabbing nine rebounds, Jonny Hamnes scored eight points, Levi Nelson had five points along with Obadiah Hammer. Hunter Ehlers and Bobbie Olson both scored a free throw.



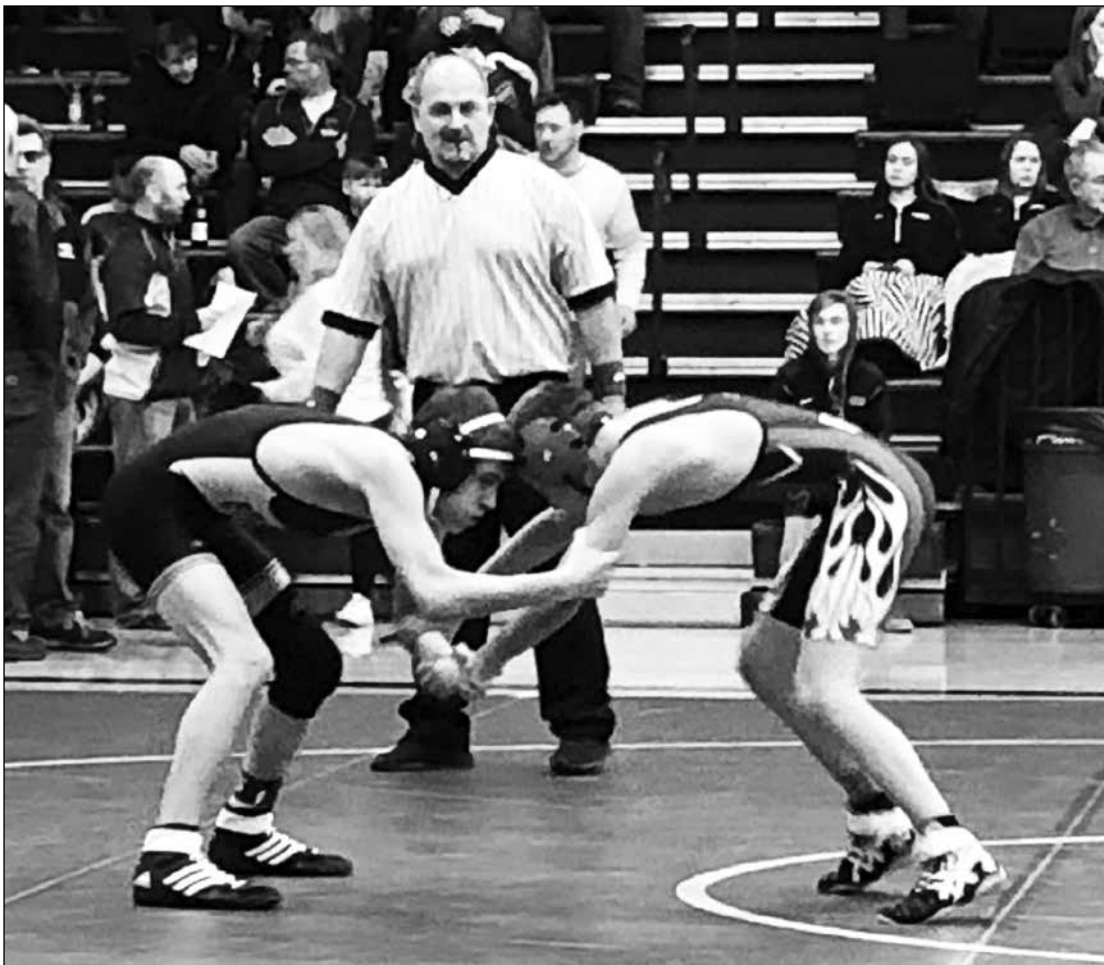
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George Duden wrestling at the Section 8A Individual Wrestling Tournament at Dilworth.



Paul DeHate competed at the tournament Friday, February 23rd and Saturday, February 24th.



These Mustang wrestlers all placed at the Section 8A Wrestling Tournament: Nick Pahlen-3rd, George Duden-5th, Tristyn Ferguson-6th, and Damon Ferguson-4th.

Red Lake County Rebel’s 4th Grade take 2nd Place



Back row (l to r): Coach JJ Johnson, Conner Duden, Rylan Lundeen, Alexander Renner, Atley Vettleson, Logan Vettleson, Ethan Johnson, and Ben Gullingsrud. Front row (l to r) Abel Booth, Gunner Halvorson, Will Gieseke, Nick Souchy, and Colin Taggart



RLCC Pep Band played the school song and several other numbers before the game against Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears.

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.

Thank you to all those who attended Scott Cameron’s poetry reading this week, as well as thanks to Scott himself for making this event possible and donating his time, copies of his book and all proceeds from sales to Northwest Regional Library.

Last week’s winner of the Hot Reads for Cold Nights coffee mug was Darold Johnston. HRCN wraps up on March 15, so stop in to register for the last of the prizes.

Have you ever considered what a great resource the regional library system is in our communities? Not only does it provide borrowing from all Minnesota public regional libraries as well as university & private collections around the state. This means that there is almost no title that you cannot obtain! The technology piece is valuable also: public internet computers provide endless resources for patrons, from social media to shopping, test-taking to taxes; not to mention all the offline services that computers provide. And so much more.

There are five fundamental traits shared by public libraries: they are generally supported by taxes (usually local, though any level of government may contribute;) they are governed by a board to serve the public interest; they are open to all, and every community member can access the collection; they are voluntary in that no one is forced to use the services provided; and they provide basic services without charge.

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Nick Pahlen received an Academic Award at Section 8A Wrestling Tournament for placing at Sections and maintaining an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher.

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The Red Lake County Rebel 4th Grade Boys Basketball Team took 2nd place in the Thief River Falls Tournament held on Saturday, February 24th and Sunday, February 25th. The Rebels began the tournament by defeating Thief River Falls in their first round. Then, the Red Lake County Rebels defeated the Stephen-Argyle Storm to earn a berth into the Championship game. The RLC Rebels faced a tough East Grand Forks team and fell to EGF for a 2nd place finish in the TRF 4th grade boys basketball tournament. Great job to the Red Lake County Rebels!!

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RLCC 7th grader Aaron Jarvie on his way down one of the slopes at Bemidji.

5th-8th grade Ski Trip

By David Clifton
The fifth through eighth grade ski trip for Red Lake County Central took place on Friday, February 23, 2018 at the Buena Vista Ski Resort near Bemidji. Some of the students skied and some stayed in lodge and played games. The weather was great that day for skiing and a lot of people enjoyed the day. Those who chaperoned from Oklee were Mrs. Sandra Tougas, Ms. Jessie Hamrum and Mr. Kory Baril. Chaperones from Plummer were Mr. Alex Carlson, Mrs. Andrea Eskeli, Mrs. Laura Conneran and Mr. Tyrell Hamrum.

Essentia Health offers tips to ward off the winter blues

It's dark in the morning when you go to work, and it's dark in the evening when you return. It's cold, and often, snowing. The weather this time of year wreaks havoc on our roads, our homes, our cars, and even our minds. "Winter depression is very common in the United States, with a documented 3 percent of people actually seeking treatment," says Essentia Health Psychologist Nicole Fleming. "In Minnesota, that number is upped to 11 percent." Many people want to go home after work, change into pajamas and curl up with a good book. But a lack of physical activity, combined with cravings for comfort foods, can actually perpetuate depression. "We get a lot of nutrients from the foods we eat, as well as sunlight, so when it's cold and dark we crave pastas and sugars, then we put on weight and feel more depressed," Fleming says. Fleming suggests people take advantage of frozen fruits and whip up healthy smoothies to beat the blahs. Switch out a worknight casserole for a healthy salad. Physicians also suggests taking a vitamin B and D supplement. "Ideally, we'd all love to take a tropical vacation this time of year, but many of us depleted our checking accounts in January paying off holiday bills, which makes us even more depressed," adds Fleming. She

suggests shopping around for great hotel deals this time of year, when rates are low. "One night in a hotel hot tub or pool, even experiencing maid service can really make a difference." If a night away is not an option, Fleming suggests having your neighbors over for dinner. "We often isolate ourselves in the wintertime, and over time, that can also lead to a deeper depression," she adds. Physical exercise can do wonders to lift your spirits, but when it's 25 below zero, not a lot of us want to leave the house. Fleming says walking indoors, at the mall for example, is a good way to get your steps in. She also stresses exercise doesn't have to always mean heading to the gym. "Park farther away from the grocery store. Take the stairs instead of the elevator. Just get your body moving." If you can hold yourself accountable by having a workout partner or friend, that helps as well. I also tell my clients to check out free events in their community," says Fleming. "Look into a community education class. Many are just \$15 and you can learn a new hobby in one night." So, when do the winter blahs require professional attention? Fleming says when the blues interfere with doing the regular routine things in your life, you likely need to see a professional. "Know you are not alone and many people need to have

help to get them through the darker months of the year," Fleming says. One in ten people suffer from SAD, seasonal affective disorder. Know the symptoms so you can seek help, if needed: Common symptoms of SAD include fatigue, even with too much sleep, and weight gain associated with overeating and carbohydrate cravings. SAD symptoms can vary from mild to severe and can include many symptoms similar to major depression, such as:

- o Feeling of sadness or depressed mood
- o Marked loss of interest or pleasure in activities once enjoyed
- o Changes in appetite; usually eating more, craving carbohydrates
- o Change in sleep; usually sleeping too much
- o Loss of energy or increased fatigue despite increased sleep hours
- o Increase in restless activity (e.g., hand-wringing or pacing) or slowed movements and speech
- o Feeling worthless or guilty
- o Trouble concentrating or making decisions
- o Thoughts of death or suicide or attempts at suicide

SAD may begin at any age, but it typically starts when a person is between ages 18 and 30.



RLCC students getting ready to go down the bunny hill at Buena Vista Ski Resort. Pictured (left to right) Jennifer Johnson, Peyton Fish, Peyton O'Neill, Carson Lambert, Orin Hofstad, Paul Malwitz, Madison Nelson, and Ciara Mitzner.



Waiting to go onto the ski lift, Marin Peterson and Luci Svendsen, during RLCC's 5th-8th grade ski trip at Buena Vista.

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.



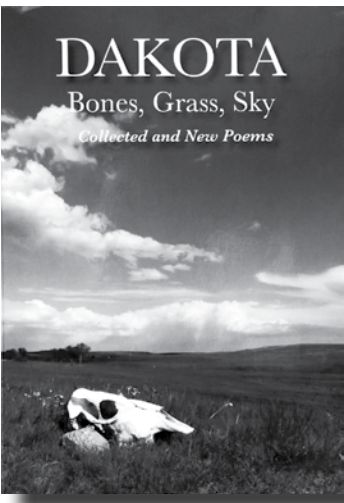
Hasselstrom poetry collection honors people and the land

Dakota: Bones, Grass, Sky, by Hermosa, S.D., writer Linda M. Hasselstrom, is a celebration of people, the land and everything in between. The collection is an update of the 1993 edition with 50 more poems. Known widely for her sense of place and rootedness, Hasselstrom pays homage to her grandmother in the poem entitled, appropriately, "Grandmother".

I always see her hands first, turning
The handle of the Foley food mill.
The veins are knotted over old bones;
Spicy tomato steam rises around her white hair.

Hasselstrom's razor-sharp description takes us beyond mere poetic rhythm and imagery. Her images rise before us like granite monoliths, as solid as the Black Hills she calls her home. The vision we receive of her grandmother again in "Digging Potatoes" borders the transcendental:

Wearing her shoes, I'm digging potatoes.
The sweet, rotten earth smell reaches up;
Soil clings to my fingers, to the red
Potatoes I drop in the bucket. I expect
To see her face at the bottom of each hole,
Hear her voice answering the question
I've barely begun to ask.



Dakota: Bones, Grass, Sky
By Linda M. Hasselstrom
Spoon River Poetry Press
ISBN 978-0944024-72-0

In "Why I'm Wearing Red Lipstick", Hasselstrom deals with the issue of infidelity.

When you went to Europe alone
I ran away, through the desert,
To the ocean.
My body went back to you.
My mind remained,
Listening to the chattering pebbles
Stirred by the sea.

Hasselstrom continues her homage to mature women in "Alice Johnson: Matriarch":

See these fine white lines carved into my belly?

I won that decoration learning how to bear a child.

It's poems like these that honor the seldom honored. In the same poem Hasselstrom addresses today's women, asking them to see the true value of womanhood:

Young women, listen!
You're praying to the wrong gods;
Sacrificing only hairspray and face paint.
The Goddess calls for blood and pain.

Hasselstrom takes us as far away as Scotland in "Standing Stones: Loch Stemster" with its haunting evocation of primordial Celts:

Fog swirls within my skirt
As I pace the circle, stone by stone.
Each faceless pillar
Stares straight back;
Behind me each becomes
A towering woman in a hooded robe
Gazing out of time.

I first became aware of Linda when we both wrote for Black Hills Monthly Magazine in 1980. Her essays and poetry have evolved enormously since then, showing her to be a truly great poet and inspiration to other writers.

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

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Seventy Years Ago March 4, 1948

State Income Tax return must be ready by March 15th, along with the Federal Income Tax.

Math Barzen Company, a grain firm, has announced that Clarence Barsness will be the new manager of the local station in Oklee.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Malwitz are the parents of a daughter born Tuesday at a Thief River Falls hospital.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Westerlund Saturday February 28 at a Thief River Falls Hospital and was named Larry Wayne.

Sixty Years Ago March 6, 1958

Permission to remove its Oklee stockyards has been granted by the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railroad Company (Soo Line), due to lack of use.

Fire destroys Maurice Lillo farm home on Thursday forenoon last week. There was no one home when the blaze broke out.

Judy Laniel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Laniel of Brooks, was named Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow in a competition at the St. Joseph's Academy in Crookston, where she is a senior.

Fifty Years Ago February 29, 1968

Not one, but two major Scandinavian conventions will be held in Oklee this year. Confirmation was received this week that the Telelag will be held June 21 & 22, one week after the Setesdals Laget which

will be June 14 & 15.

Faye Study, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Stucy of Oklee and a graduate student at the University of Nebraska, has been named to the faculty at the university as an instructor in foods courses.

Mary Schjeldrup, a senior at Plummer High School, was recently named 1968 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for the school.

Forty Years Ago March 2, 1978

The Bobcat Wrestling team finished a record setting year with two wrestlers placing 2nd in their weight classes at the State Wrestling Tournament – Joe Cyr and Brent Strand.

Clarence Gagner, a lifetime resident of Brooks has taken over the position of Post Master at the Oklee Post office.

A Pink and Blue Shower was held Thursday evening at St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church in honor of Mrs. Mark Bjerknes and infant daughter Mindy Rae.

Keith A. Barsness, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Barsness of Oklee, has enlisted in the Navy's Delayed Enlistment Program. He will leave for Recruit Training on the 21st of March.

Thirty Years Ago March 2, 1988

Matt George will be representing the Red Lake County Central Mustangs on March 3rd at the State Wrestling Tournament. Jona Bernier placed fourth in the Regional Wrestling Tournament.

The Oklee Elementary School Spelling Bee winners were Dawn Bachand – 1st place;

Lee Vettleson – 2nd place; and Tera Marquis – 3rd place.

An Open House was held for Willie Grimm for his 100th birthday.

Twenty Years Ago March 4, 1998

Three young men are headed to the State Wrestling Tournament this year. Troy Magnell, T.J. Larson and Kyle Jensen.

The Oklee Elementary school is saving Tabs for Ronald McDonald House. The school started saving last year for Jesse Brekke who was diagnosed with cancer in the lining of his brain.

Lots of Kindergarteners in this week's paper: Teagan Nelson, Cody Olson, Michael Finn, Courtney Gustafson, Hope Lundeen, Cassandra Vettleson, Zachary Buckta and Andrea Larson.

Ten Years Ago March 5, 2008

Marc Parenteau had a close call with fire on Monday morning. An electrical short in the attic had started a fire, but got it out before it spread.

Senior Ethan Paradis finished his high school wrestling career by earning 3rd place in the Section 8A Individual Tournaments. Kyle Willett took 1st at Sections and moves on to the State Tournament.

Sunday morning was fairly nice until it started to snow and then the wind came up howling like a banshee. It is March coming in like a lion.

Dennis Bachand celebrated his 88th birthday with family and friends at the First Care Nursing Home in Fosston.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Today began with the sun shining, but it didn't last. The prediction is for rain followed by snow. I hope we don't have what the weatherman has said will come tomorrow and Tuesday.

We are sad to hear Larry O'Neill had passed away. Larry has been housebound for quite awhile. Sympathy to Jeannie and her family.

It has been quiet at the Site during the last month. I hope March will be a turn around with nice weather. I always think March should be warm with snow disappearing. It is kind of an iffy month with lots of changes of weather.

We will be having a St. Patrick's party at the Site on March 15th. Everyone is invited. There will be games to take part in and a lunch afterwards. Come at 12:30 and take part in Bingo.

I'm going to give a few brain teasers for you to answer. The answers will be at the end of this column.

1. Slick Sam tried to enter the night club but was turned away because it was full of people. Yet Slick Sam could tell there wasn't a single pearaon in

there. How is this possible?

2. What three letters can be arranged to describe a dirty substance, a dirty animal, and an activity that can lead to dirty hands?

3. How well do you know the U.S. Presidents? Who was the oldest? Who was the fattest? Who was the shortest?

Dates to Remember

March 11: Daylight Saving Time begins.

March 15: 10:00 a.m. Site Council meeting.

March 15: St. Patrick's Day party 12:30 Bingo - followed by party.

March 16: Birthday meal.

March 17: St. Patrick's Day.

Words of Wisdom

When a guest, don't be the first to arrive or the last to leave.

Live well by choosing wisely.

Joke Time

A woman wanted to know whether she could take her new dog on board an airplane. The customer services accountant said it would be fine as long as she paid \$50 and provided her own kennel. The kennel,

he added needed to be large enough for the dog to stand up, sit down, turn around and roll over.

The woman said, "Oh, I'll never be able to teach him all that by tomorrow.

Question Answers:
1. It was full of married people.

2. tar - rat - art

3. Oldest: Ronald Reagan age 78.

Fattest: William Howard Taft, weight - 340 lbs.

Shortest: James Madison, height - 5', 4".

STORY TO SHARE!

If you have a story or photos you want to share, please send to: okleeherald@gmail.com

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

We started getting rain about 6:15 on Sunday and who knows what we will have before it is over with on Tuesday. I was in Larimore, North Dakota for my first blizzard of my life in 1966. The memories of that storm with three little kids in an old time house really come back vividly. That storm crippled the entire state of North Dakota and South Dakota and Minnesota for a while with up to 48 inches of snow and huge drifts with winds up to 70 mph in places. I have photos of 8 and 10 foot drifts in Larimore and many cars under drifts making plowing a chore. The kids had fun sliding down their houses from the roof. It was very new to me and it was a wonder.

On Tuesday Bonny Cote stopped at my house to help with a problem I had on my computer and we visited for a while. I was baking kolache that day. We caught up on family news again.

On Friday, Matt Ellenson came to pick Jerome Novak up to go to the robotics exposition at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks. Ian and Phillip Ellenson were a part of this exposition for the Warroad team (FRED) and they were so excited that they were able to help in the games that these robots do. On Saturday they left early in the morning to go to Walker to a Speech meet. Phillip is double entered and Ian is informative speech again this year.

Don't forget that Red Hats are meeting at Carol's Cozy in Brooks on March 14th. Everyone is welcome to come have a bite to eat and visit for a while. It seems that we enjoy the company more and more every month. No more cabin fever on Red Hats Day. Come one come all.

I would bet that there are many people who are looking from window to window going to see what is out there, or just plain coized up to the fire to keep warm and trying to ignore the storm today. I am a mix between the two scenarios. I guess I get a bit antsy when there is a storm.

We hope you have a great week

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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As I write this Thursday morning, it's a beautiful, sunny and very frosty sparkly day. It was cool, six above.

The Olympics are over and our American athletes are something to be proud of. Tokyo will host the 2020 Summer Olympics. The last time they hosted was in 1964. They had gone way over their budget.

On Saturday night, the 24th, Alice Jobe and Anne Traxler attended the concert at Lincoln High School. The name of the band was "Hot Club of Cowtown" based out of Austin, Texas. It was two guys and a gal, guitar, violin and viola. They were excellent. They did many great songs, such as "Cotton Eyed Joe", from the 30's, "160 Acres That I Love", "I Can't Believe You're In Love With Me", "Star Dust", and many others. The crowd was

smaller. Tim & Bev Pahlen also attended.

Roger Skjervén and son Jimmie left Thursday, March 1st for California for the 80th birthday of his brother Don. Jerry Skjervén flew out Friday. I should be fun for all of them.

Recently Tri River Pioneer museum got a display case with a beautiful Nativity set up. It was donated by Jolene and Kyle Qualley. They Nativity set came from St. Vincents Church in Plummer which closed in 1999. It has been from the other Catholic church in Red Lake Falls that closed years ago. Anyways, its really special. They did a great job.

Alice Jobe visited Jean Carpenter at Greenleaf Apartments on Wednesday. Later, she also went to Esther Evenson's and had coffee.

Tiffanie Dugstad and Devyn and Tammy Malwitz had lunch and visited at Karen Tvedt's on Wednesday. Later, Mason and Leah Pahlen came after school to Karen's.

The weather has been gorgeous this week, with highs in the mid 30's, lots of thawing going on and beautiful sunshine. Also pretty hoar frost on the trees in the morning.

It will be interesting to see what the weather brings over the weekend and into Monday. But other parts of the country are having or will be getting some nasty weather. I hope we don't get an ice storm.

I went skiing both Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. The snow was so nice. I go over the snowmobile trails.

Have a good week and be careful outside. The ice has been bad this winter.



Debbie Aune paintings - above: Newfolden -- below: Warren



Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

Recently contributions have been received at the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial in memory of Bjarne Kvasager, Oklee, who served in the Army in Korea from 1951-1953. Donations honoring Bjarne's military service came from Arlen and Sheryl Fore, Ambrose and Sue Beaudoin, Goodwin and Lucille Kvasager, and Don and LaVonne Brown, and will be used for perpetual care at the Veterans' Memorial, and for updates and improvements. In addition, donations in memory of Gaylen Sordahl were gifted to the Veterans' Memorial. Iona Berry made a contribution in memory of Gaylen Sordahl, as did the Halvorson family, who are relatives of Mr. Sordahl. The family of Ted Hamm, Gonvick, also made a contribution in his memory to the Veterans' Memorial. Ted served in the U. S. Army from 1962-1964. Those donations as well will be used for ongoing projects at the Veterans' Memorial.

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

Legal Notice

The following is a summary of the operating budget for the 2018 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.

	2017 Adopted Budget	2018 Adopted Budget
REVENUES:		
County Portion of Tax Levy.....	\$2,793,869	\$2,909,437
State Paid Portion of Tax Levy	138,854	418,427
Other Taxes	55,800	59,085
Total Tax Levy.....	<u>2,988,523</u>	<u>3,386,949</u>
Licenses and Permits.....	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues:		
Federal	463,710	547,801
State	1,642,915	1,899,616
Other	94,719	122,619
Charges for Services	539,348	559,287
Fines and Forfeitures	5,500	5,500
Investment Earnings	130,000	150,000
Rent and Miscellaneous.....	<u>398,619</u>	<u>661,340</u>
Total Revenues	<u>3,274,811</u>	<u>3,946,163</u>
OTHER SOURCES:		
Bonds and Other Debt Issued	0	0
Budgeted Use of Available Fund Balances	790,625	0
Transfers In	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Other Sources	<u>790,625</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Revenues and Other Sources	<u>\$7,053,959</u>	<u>\$7,333,112</u>
EXPENDITURES:		
General Government.....	\$1,188,546	\$1,269,390
Public Safety	1,356,355	1,404,064
Highway and Streets.....	1,725,000	1,551,700
Sanitation.....	307,153	295,024
Human Services/Welfare.....	1,501,168	1,570,799
Health	21,388	21,388
Culture and Recreation	90,032	90,567
Conservation of Natural Resources.....	190,317	197,885
Miscellaneous Expenditures	159,000	177,796
Economic Development	0	0
Capital Outlay	<u>310,000</u>	<u>734,000</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>6,848,959</u>	<u>7,312,613</u>
OTHER USES:		
Budgeted Increase of Fund Balances	0	0
Transfers Out	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Other Financing Uses	<u>205,000</u>	<u>20,499</u>
Total Other Uses	<u>205,000</u>	<u>20,499</u>
Total Expenditures and Other Uses.....	<u>\$7,053,959</u>	<u>\$7,333,112</u>

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