

Oklee Precipitation
By Einar Kvasager

	Rain	Snow
Jan. 7	trace	trace
Jan. 8		0.50
Jan. 9		0.25
Total in.	0.00	0.75

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...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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Year in Review....

February 14: Red Lake County Central High School's ninth grade Physical Science Class raced their CO2 cars February 3, 2018 and February 5, 2018. The racing track was set up in the high school gymnasium. The students were taught by Mr. Steven Strutz, who required many constraints for the CO2 cars. These constraints included the weight, length, axel height, drill holes, the grid paper design of the car, how smooth the car was, the paint, and the shaping of the car.

RLC speech members who placed in the Blackduck meet: Sydney Melby, Phillip Sorenson, Jade Person, and Jonathan Roue.

There was a surprise 40th birthday party on Friday evening for Pastor Jonathan Dodson at Immanuel Lutheran Church. A good crowd came and enjoyed taco's with several toppings, cake and ice cream.

The Red Lake County Central Junior High Knowledge Bowl team competed in Karlstad on February 5th. Out of 10 teams, this team took third place at the event. Under the direction of Knowledge Bowl coach Bryan Paskvan, the team included Danny Guillemette, Brody Moen, Elijah Rathsack, and Aurora Mitzner. This was the first Junior High meet of the year for the team.

February 21: Matthew Vettleson and Hannah Kolstoe from Red Lake County Central High School are seniors select-

ed to represent RLCC in the Academics, Arts, and Athletics Award Program. Established in 1988, the Academics, Arts, and Athletics Award (Triple "A" Award) is sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League. The award goes to high school seniors who have a "B" or better grade point average and who participate in League sponsored athletic and fine arts activities. Students must also comply with MSHSL Student Code of Conduct.

The Red Lake County Central Riverwatch team traveled to Grand Forks Wednesday, February 7th to attend the Riverwatch Spring Forum. Out of 17 teams, the schools who ranked the highest were Minto in first place, Norman County West in second, and Larimore in third. The RLCC Riverwatch team was informed they had received fifth place out of 17 teams. Attending the forum from RLCC's Riverwatch team were Erin Jones, Garrett Qualley, Britain Arlt, Tanisha Snsky, Brandi DeHate, Courtney Rude, Sidney Olson, and Kaitlyn Morris. RLCC science teacher Ms. Shelley Steva is the advisor for RLCC's team.

The I-500 Snowmobile races were this past Friday and Saturday in our area. By the Casino, Plummer, Oklee and onto Bemidji. One driver had bad luck and broke both his wrists in an accident. It did get to 10 above Saturday but the wind was a factor for the races. It blew up snow between

the riders and their sleds.

February 28: 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.

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.

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.

Watch for more Year in Review next week...

Brooks Community Federal & North Star complete merger

Brooks Community Federal Credit Union and North Star Credit Union have completed the merger of the two credit unions effective in late 2018. The combination will provide members of Brooks Community FCU access to new products and services that weren't previously available. Some of the new products include a mobile app, remote deposit capture, business loans, mortgages and enhanced online banking.

The friendly faces and convenient location will remain the same for the Brooks branch. "I feel that our two institutions are an excellent match! They care about their members and their community and are dedicated to treating us the same," says Brooks' manager, Joyce Morinville. In addition to new products and services, Brooks members will now have three additional locations to bank at across northern Minnesota.

"Adding the Brooks branch to North Star helps our members with another location to transact business and strengthens our credit union by adding

500 members who now have access to our full array of products and services. We see a lot of potential growth in the Brooks area and anticipate strong support from the community, this truly is a win-win for all our members. As we grow stronger and stronger, we can do more for our members and our communities", says North Star CEO, Rich Crettol. "We have a lot of work to do in the short run, but the long term benefits will make it all worthwhile."

Brooks Community FCU has served the Brooks area for 71 years, and with a strong partner like North Star, will continue to serve the area for many years to come. The new Brooks Branch of North Star Credit Union is located at 200 Main Street, Brooks, MN 56715.

North Star CU, headquartered in Cook, MN, has been serving the Cook and surrounding area for nearly 80 years. The combined credit unions will serve approximately 5,500 members with \$56 million in assets and 4 locations.

Clearwater County Sheriff asking for information

On January 8, 2019, the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office received a report at approximately 6:00 am of a house that had been broken into south of Bagley along MN Hwy 92 and a 1991 Ford F150 and a 1997 Polaris 440 were missing from the scene, shown to the right. A second vehicle had been taken, but was stuck at the end of the driveway.

Deputies responded to the scene and after an extensive search of the area, the 1991 Ford F150 was recovered along with a flat screen TV and two chainsaws that had been taken from the residence.

Later this day at approximately 1:05 pm, another report of a vehicle theft came in from 266th Street south of Bagley

reporting that they had a 1992 Chevrolet Blazer taken from their residence.

Again, a second vehicle had been taken, but was stuck in the driveway. The 1992 Blazer was located in Bagley a short time later. At approximately 5:30 pm, a report came into the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office of a stolen Ski-doo snowmobile from a residence on 131st Ave. northwest of Bagley.

Photo to the left is of the stolen Ski-doo. Deputies were able to obtain fingerprints and took DNA swabs as evidence. It is believed that all of these thefts are possibly related.

No suspects have been named yet, however, we are following up on all possible leads. If anyone has information on the two missing snowmobiles, you are encouraged to contact the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office at 218-694-6226.



Goodridge-Grygla 500 USXC Snowmobile Race Feb. 9-10th



Photo courtesy of USXC Racing.

The weekend of February 9th-10th will be a busy and action-packed weekend that many have been busy planning and gearing up for and YOU can be a part of it all! The United States X-Country (USXC) Snowmobile Racing presents the Goodridge-Grygla 500 taking place February 9-10, 2019. With 500 miles of ditch, river, woods and cross-country, the winner will be named the best cross-country racer in the world, and it's all happening right here!

With 17 specific classes, multiple age groups, all skill levels and over 50 entries so far, all USXC classes will run plus new additional classes for the first time racer. There will be many more entries to come as racers have until the night before to sign up.

USXC now has the detailed map for the routes of the race. The Saturday (Day 1) loop is a 125 miles that the racers will do twice; a fuel stop will be east of the Smiley Bridge this day. The Sunday (Day 2) loop is also 125 miles that will be completed twice and runs north to Grygla with a fuel stop at Grande Corner; this stop also provides a lot of space for spectators!

There are lots of activities being planned by local sportsman's clubs, including an autograph session with the racers on Friday, February 8th, at the Goodridge Municipal Liquor

Store from 6-7pm.

Nicole Kiesow, coordinator of the big event, said there will be open pits so folks can see the racers work and check out their impressive trailers. The pits are located south of the old DW's in the field, which is also where the start and finish line will be.

Race Check-in will be at the Goodridge Liquor Store (218-378-4113) on Friday, February 8th, from 3-7pm with the autograph session being held from 6-7pm. Racers on site will include local Junior Class racers: Cooper Kangas, Hunter Kiesow, Taylor Netland, Derek Kloety and Abe Olson. Pro racers will include Chad Lian, Wes Selby and Dalton Fredrickson.

Saturday's race begins at 9am in Goodridge. The GHS Close-Up students will be serving breakfast and lunch at the Goodridge Lion's Hall all day. (This is a fundraiser for their trip to Washington, D.C., in April.) After the race is completed, there will be a band Saturday night at the Goodridge Municipal Liquor Store.

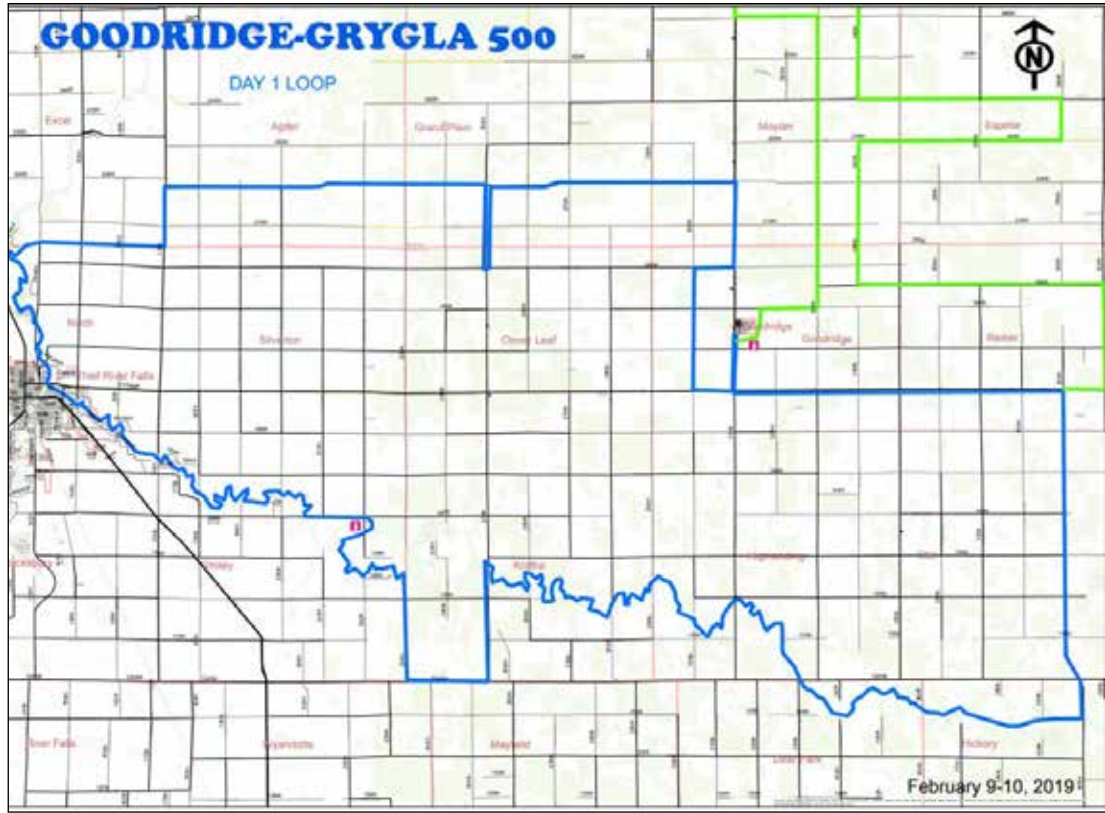
Sunday's race also begins at 9am in Goodridge. GHS Close-Up will be serving food again this day and there will be an awards ceremony at the end of the day at the Goodridge Lion's Hall. All are welcome to attend; the Goodridge Municipal Liquor Store will be open this day, as well.

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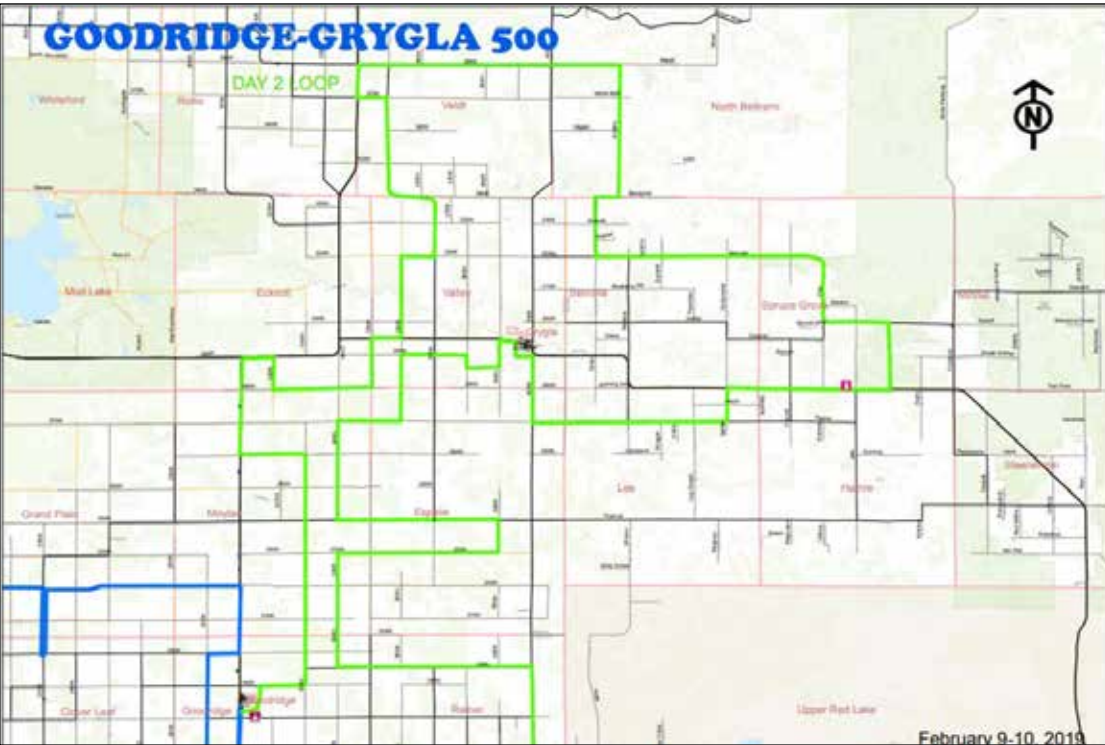
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Spotters and other volunteers for this big event are still needed. Please contact Nicole Kiesow at 218-686-7642 if you are willing to help. There will be a volunteer trailer at the start/finish line for anyone who has questions during the race. Volunteer duties include, but are not limited to, spotting on the track, monitoring fuel stops, helping at the starting/finish line, and marking/sweeping the trails for the safety of the riders. The Goodridge and Grygla Fire Departments will also be assisting at the fuel stops for the safety of the racers, along with local EMT's and First Responders there for any medical emergencies should one arise.

The Goodridge-Grygla 500 USXC Snowmobile Race will be broadcast live each day on KTRF for those who'd like to tune in! Clothing and hats will also be for sale the weekend of the event.

Register online at www.usxcracing.com. Contact Kyrsten Zimpel at 218-779-5268 or kyrsten@usxcracing.com.



Map of Day 1 Loop



Map of Day 2 Loop

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Jan. 16: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.

Sun, Jan. 20: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. Salem SS. 10:15 a.m. Zion SS. 10:30 a.m. Salem. Annual meeting at Salem after service. Potluck to follow.

Tue, Jan. 22: 9:00 a.m. Quilting at Zion.

Wed, Jan. 23: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Jan. 20: 7:30 a.m. Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier, Oklee; 10:15 a.m. St. Clement Parish, Grygla; 12:00 p.m. St. Ann Parish, Goodridge.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Sat, Jan. 19: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Jan. 20: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Jan. 20: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:15 a.m. SS at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. Ebenezer Annual meeting after service.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp

Wed, Jan. 16: Wednesday School at 12:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Bethany Confirmation class.

Sun, Jan. 20: 8:30 a.m. Ekelund. 9:30 a.m. SS; 9:45 a.m. Faith, 11:00 a.m. SS; 11:00 a.m. Bethany, 9:45 a.m. SS.

Mon, Jan. 21: 9:00 a.m. Faith Quilting.

Wed, Jan. 23: Wednesday

Oklee Senior Site Dining

January 21 - 25
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: Hamburger w/ bun, beef vegetable soup, and dessert.

Tuesday: Drummies, hash browns, peas, toast, and dessert.

Wednesday: Goulash hot-dish, corn, toast, and dessert.

Thursday: Fried ham & cheese sandwich, broccoli soup, and dessert.

Friday: French toast, sausage patty, 1 egg, and dessert.

School at 12:30 p.m.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Jan. 16: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.

Sat, Jan. 19: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, Jan. 20: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:15 a.m. SS; 8:30 a.m. SS Oak Park, 9:45 a.m. Oak Park. OP Annual meeting & potluck. 10:00 a.m. SS at Nazareth, 11:00 a.m. Nazareth.

Wed, Jan. 23: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com

Wed, Jan. 16: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Fri, Jan. 18: 8:30 a.m. Friday School.

Sun, Jan. 20: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.

Tue, Jan. 22: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotion. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 Bible Study.

Wed, Jan. 23: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister

Sun, Jan. 20: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Lund. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Sand Valley.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson,
Interim Pastor

Sun, Jan. 20: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

T.H.E. Bus is available for anyone. There are no age or income guidelines. However, children under the age of four must be accompanied by an adult and children under the age of one must be secured in an infant seat.

Curb-to-curb services is available, allowing those with special needs with more convenient method of transportation. All buses are handicapped accessible and lift-equipped and drivers certified.

To reserve a seat, please call one business day prior to the scheduled trip - 1-800-201-3432.

The new schedule started December 2016.

For Polk, Red Lake and Clearwater county stops:

Every Monday - Grand Forks.

Every 2nd Tuesday - Mahanomen.

Every 4th Tuesday - Thief River Falls

Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday - Fargo/Moorhead.

Every 2nd & 4th Friday - Bemidji.

Security State Bank Promotes Vettleson, Melby



Wyatt Vettleson has been named Executive Vice President at Security State Bank in Oklee. He has served the past 13 years as an Insurance Agent and Consumer Lender. Wyatt was born and raised on his family farm in rural Oklee and continues to be very active in the farming community.

Lori Melby is expanding her role at Security State Bank to include the officer position of Cashier. She will also continue in her role as Insurance Agent. Lori has been with Security State Bank and Insurance Agency for over 40 years.



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Quin County Board Members retire after 26 Years of Service

Betty Younggren, Kittson County Commissioner and Mark Foldesi, Roseau County Commissioner, were recognized for their years serving on the Quin County Community Health Board. Quin CHS is a five county joint powers serving the counties of Kittson, Marshall, Pennington, Red Lake and Roseau. The Quin Board oversees the public health funding for the five

county area.

Betty Younggren served on the Board in several capacities over her 15 year tenure, most notably her active involvement in the State Community Health Services Advisory Committee.

Mark Foldesi served for 11 years and was a dedicated advocate to the importance of county involvement in the health needs of the public.



Long Time WIC Staff Honored For Her Years Of Service

Bernie Wilebski was honored recently by friends, family and co-workers at an open house surprise retirement party. She served families in the five county area for over 40 years of caring and devoted service. Bernie has made an indelible impact on generations of families and her presence and energy will not soon be forgotten. Staff and community wish her the best in her future adventures.



Crossword Solution

ECRU	BUD	IRA
GLEN	FUND	BASED
GEAR	ILIA	ATLAS
GREENBAY	YLEM	
EXIST	MOA	
EAGLES	ROUNDED	
ALL	CHIPIN	TEAR
SLOBS	ROC	SALSA
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STYGIAN	JODIDE	
GAR	GAMMA	
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Sudoku Solution

8	9	2	5	6	1	7	3	4
7	5	4	9	2	3	1	8	6
1	6	3	8	4	7	2	9	5
9	3	8	4	5	2	6	7	1
5	4	7	1	3	6	8	2	9
6	2	1	7	8	9	4	5	3
3	8	6	2	1	5	9	4	7
4	1	9	3	7	8	5	6	2
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52nd Oklee Moonlighters Annual Safari this weekend

This Saturday, January 19, 2019, the Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Club will be hosting their 52nd annual Safari Ride and Family Day.

This is an annual event that promises to be lots of fun for snowmobile enthusiasts and a great way to spend time with your family and friends.

The fun starts at noon when all interested riders gather at TJ's Tavern in Oklee. The ride starts at 1:00 p.m. and has plans for a family fun ride with Hot Dogs & S'mores at their Warming Shed west of Oklee.

Later after the ride, the snowmobilers will return to Oklee and once again gather at TJ's Tavern in Oklee about 6:00 p.m.

There will be door prizes and music to follow the day's ride.

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. Online patrons are reminded that they can visit www.nwrlib.org/rfl.htm at any time, where they can create their own patron accounts to browse, request and renew materials all from their home computers.

Winners of Book Blizzard ceramic coffee mugs for the first two weeks of the Winter Reading Program are Kathy Herdt, Marnie Renwick, and Lana Violette.

New DVDs include "Hangman" with Al Pacino, "Hereditary," and "The 12th Man," based on a true story; and in series television, "Blue Bloods" season 8, "NCIS" season 15, "Preacher" season 3, and "When Calls the Heart" season 5, movie 6.

New adult nonfiction: "5 Ingredients: Quick & Easy Food" by Jamie Oliver, and "Sally's Candy Addiction: Tasty Truffles, Fudges & Treats for Your Sweet-Tooth Fix" by Sally McKenney.

Next musical event at the RLF Library is set for Tuesday, February 5 at 6:00 pm when percussionist Mike Arturi will perform a concert. Mike Arturi is a lifelong professional drummer, educator and member of Rock & Roll Hall of Fame band "The Lovin' Spoonful." Join us for a combination of performance, discussion of his career and interactive drumming. This event is free of charge and open to the public as part of the ongoing MN Legacy Library funding for the promotion of arts & cultural heritage in our state.

Deadline: Friday's at noon!

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RLCC Menus

January 21 - 25
Oklee

Monday: No School.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Apple turnover, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy bread w/pizza sauce, lettuce salad, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice and milk. **Lunch:** Pork fritter, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, Gold Fish crackers, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Waffles w/syrup, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** BBQ's, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken legs, baked potatoe, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: No School.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Eggs, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Nachos (hamburger, cheese sauce, lettuce, tomatoes, sour cream, salsa), refried beans, rice, PBJ, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Coffee cake, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Grilled chicken patty w/bun, Sun Chips, baked beans, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Pancake sausage wrap, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** fruit, Meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, tea roll, cinnamon baked apples, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Long John roll, cereal, fruit, and milk. **Lunch:** Lasagna, garlic toast, salad, tomatoes, fruit, and milk.

Mustang Sports Schedule

Girls Basketball

Varsity - Jr

Varsity

Fri, Jan. 18: Warren/Alvarado/Oslo at WAO 6:00PM

Tue, Jan. 22: Godridge/Grygla-Gatzke at Oklee at 6:00PM

Thu, Jan. 24: Cass Lake-Bena at Oklee 6:00PM

Girls Junior

High Basketball

Fri, Jan. 18: Warren/Alvarado/Oslo at Plummer 4:30PM

Tue, Jan. 22: Win-E-Mac at Win-E-Mac High 4:30PM

Mon, Jan. 28: Climax Shelly at Plummer 4:30PM

Mustang Wrestling

Fri, Jan. 18: Triangular - Bertha-Hewitt-Park Rapids at Oklee 2:00 p.m.

Sat, Jan. 19: Tournament - at Ralph Englestad Area - TRF 10:00 a.m.

Tue, Jan. 29: Triangular - BGMR, Fosston at Oklee 5:00 p.m.

Sat, Feb. 2: Fertile-Beltrami at Fertile-Beltrami 9:00 a.m.

Rebel Sports Schedule

Boys Varsity - JV

Basketball

Tue, Jan. 22: Kittson County Central at Plummer 6:00PM

Thu, Jan. 24: Roseau at Red Lake Falls 6:00PM

Tue, Jan. 29: Northern Freeze at Red Lake Falls 6:00PM

Thu, Jan. 31: Clearbrook-Gonvick at Oklee 6:00PM

Basketball Boys Junior High

Fri, Jan. 18: RLC vs. Fertile-Beltrami at Fertile-Beltrami 4:30PM

Tue, Jan. 29: Northern Freeze at Red Lake Falls Comm. Hall 5:00PM

Fri, Feb. 1: Warren/Alvarado/Oslo at Red Lake Falls Community Hall 5:00PM

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Parents Night for Mustang Wrestling



Red Lake County Central Mustangs senior high wrestlers at Parents Night: (Left to Right) Paul DeHate, son of Bernie and Jill DeHate; Tristyn Ferguson, son of Troy and Nicole Ferguson; George Duden, son of Brad (not pictured) and Vicki Duden; Zach Howard, son of Kippy Thomas and Don Howard; and Zoe Russillo, daughter of Rob and Kelli Russillo and Magen Anderson.



Eighth Grade wrestlers at Parents Night: (Left to Right) Bobby Aakhus, son of Jeff Aakhus; Damon Ferguson, son of Nicole and Troy Ferguson; Oscar Duden, son of Brad (not pictured) and Vicki Duden; Gunnar Sandeen, son of Mandy Roisland and Darrell Sandeen; and Clowie Magnell, daughter of Emily and Isaac Magnell.



2018-2019 Red Lake County Central Mustangs Wrestling coaches: Assistant Cameron Lundeen and Head Coach Nick Cervantes.

Rebels Basketball Falls to Patriots

By Lily Guillemette

Red Lake County's Rebels varsity basketball team lost an Oklee home game to the Win-E-Mac Patriots on December 8, 2019. The Rebels stayed within five points of the Patriots in the first half, making 18 points to the Patriot's 23. The Rebels were then able to add 21 points, but fell short to the Patriot's second half tally of 31. The Rebels lost to the Patriots with a score of 39-54.

Red Lake County's Derek Peterson had two steals, made six of his eight free throw attempts, and scored an overall total of 18 points. Rebel Eric Gieseke scored 11 points and had two steals, Isaiah Olson

scored five points and had four steals, Brandon Wiscow scored three points and had three steals, and Dawson Rystad scored two points.

Win-E-Mac's Brekken Lindberg had nine rebounds and scored 12 points, Gavin Walker had five assists and scored 12 points, Mason Spry scored eight points, Bryer Strom scored seven points, Zach Simonson scored six points, Kobe Hamre had five points, and Joey Revier scored four points.



George Duden and Tristyn Ferguson are the co-captains for the RLCC Mustang wrestlers.

RLCC takes on the Fertile-Beltrami Falcons

By: Tanisha Srnsky

Red Lake County Central wrestlers took on the Fertile-Beltrami Falcons in Oklee on Thursday, January 3, 2019. The Mustangs lost the match 29 to 42.

In the 120 lb weight class Gunnar Sandeen was pinned by Wesley Ramerg in 3:55. At 126 lbs Oscar Duden was pinned by Levi Qualley in 1:14. Damon Ferguson, in the 138 lb class, pinned Ivan Nephew in 3:23. In the 170 lb class Tristyn Ferguson won over Gabe Horgeshimer in a 17-2 major decision. Zachary Howard, wrestling at 226 lbs, was pinned by Jasper Olson in 1:15. In the heavy weight class George Duden pinned Jude Olson in 2:34.



RLC Rebels Lose

Against Sacred Heart

By Abigail Walton

Monday, January 7th, the Red Lake County Rebels Varsity Boys Basketball team lost 57 to 63 against the Sacred Heart Eagles team. The Rebels lead the first half 34 to 31 and trailed the second half 23 to 32. RLC shot 43% and Sacred Heart shot 35%. RLC got 34 rebounds and Sacred Heart got 40.

On the Rebels team, Isaiah Olson grabbed 13 rebounds, had three blocks, and scored 18 points; Derek Peterson had four steals and scored 12 points; Ben Cardinal scored 10 points; Eric Gieseke scored seven points; Zach Benson scored four points; Brandon Wiscow scored three points; and Adrien Verbout scored three points.

On the Eagles team, Brenden Bethke scored 16 points; Jack Fontaine scored 14 points and had eight rebounds; Sam Gapp had two steals and scored nine points; Evan Szczepanski scored eight points; Oscar Ortiz had two steals and eight points; John Bergman scored four points; and Ian Evavold scored four points.

KC Free Throw

Contest is January 20th

By Madison Carlson

The annual Knights of Columbus free throw contest will be held at the Red Lake Falls High School on Sunday, January 20th at 1:00 p.m. Participants will be able to come at 12:30 p.m. to practice. Boys and girls between the age of nine and 14 are eligible to join.

The winners of the contest will receive a trophy and will also advance to the district level. The district winners will advance to regions. The regional winners will advance to state and international competitions.

Registration forms can be picked up at the office, from Steve Philion or will be available the day of the contest.

Mustangs Basketball

By Kia Bachand and

Jeremy Kruchowski

Saturday, January 5th, the Red Lake County Central Mustangs played the Stephan-Argyle Storm in Plummer. With a two-point lead at halftime, the Mustangs lost 45-36. Highlights for the Mustangs were Jenna Pahlen with 11 points and 8 rebounds, Kia Bachand with 8 points, six rebounds, and four assists, Calyssa Eskeli with seven points and 9 rebounds, Cari Bachand with five points, Sarah Christensen with four points, and Brandie DeHate with one point.

The Mustangs played the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Ponies in Oklee on Thursday, January 10. The WAO Ponies defeated the Mustangs 61-42. Jenna Pahlen had 13 points and nine rebounds and Cari Bachand had 11 points and six steals.

End of the

Quarter at RLCC

By: Isaiah Aquino

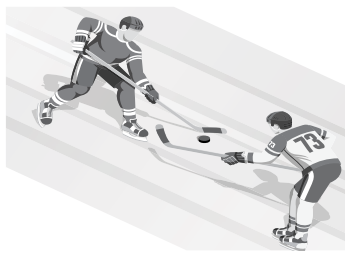
Red Lake County Central's second quarter is ending Friday, January 18th for both the Elementary and the High School. January 18 will also be an early out day and buses will be running three hours earlier.

The high school students will receive their report cards on Thursday, January 24th.

Mustangs soar over the Eagles

By: Phillip Sorenson

The Red Lake County Mustangs played the Red Lake Falls Eagles in Plummer on December 8th. The Mustangs would beat the Eagles by nine with the score being 56 to 47. The top scorers for the Mustangs were Kia Bachand with 18 points and eight rebounds; Jenna Pahlen with 12 points, 10 rebounds, and three blocks; and Calyssa Eskeli eight points and 11 rebounds.



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Spotlight on Scholarship Awards Given to RLCC Students

By Abigail Walton
The Minnesota State High School League recently awarded 35 Spotlight on Scholarship certificates to Red Lake County Central High School students in grades 9-12 for their achievements in the classroom and their participation in fine arts and athletics during the 2018-

2019 fall season. Spotlight on Scholarship is a year-round recognition program sponsored by the Minnesota High School League since 1995. The Spotlight on Scholarship certificates are given to students who participate in varsity fine arts and athletic activities and achieve

a grade-point average of 3.0 or higher. Receiving Spotlight on Scholarship certificates from the RLCC volleyball team were: Kia Bachand, Calyssa Eskeli, Katelyn Suchy, Sydnie Gunderson, Tanisha Srnsky, Sidney Olson, Jenna Pahlen, Cari Bachand, Kjerstin Nelson,

Julia Bernstein, Lacey Pendelton, Leah Peterson, Jayden Iverson, Lillian Hanson, Karena Melby, Natalia Whalen, Marissa Schiebe, Brandie DeHate, Emily Kolstoe, Janae Olson, Bailey Sherman, Sophia Linder, Leilah VanDam, and Taya Morinville.

The following students were given Spotlight on Scholarship certificates for football: Derek Peterson, Connor Lambert, Adrien Verbout, Zach Benson, Austin Jensen, Chris Longtin, Tyler Eskeli, Trent Goulet, Jed Duden, George Duden, and Gunnar Thompson.



Spotlight on Scholarship awards were presented to Rebel football players: (top, left to right) Trent Goulet, Austin Jensen, Adrien Verbout, (bottom) Zach Benson, Derek Peterson, Jed Duden, and Tyler Eskeli. Award winners not photographed include Connor Lambert, Chris Longtin, George Duden, and Gunnar Thompson.



RLCC juniors Jenna Pahlen and Calyssa Eskeli were presented their R & J Broadcasting Star of the Game certificates from the fall volleyball season.



Many Red Lake County Central volleyball players received a Spotlight on Scholarship Award for the hard work they put in both in the classroom and on the court. Players who received this award were (front row) Lillian Hanson, Kjerstin Nelson, Taya Morinville, Marissa Schiebe, Bailey Sherman, Leah Peterson; (middle row) Katelyn Suchy, Sophia Linder, Natalia Whalen, Sydnie Gunderson, Emily Kolstoe, Karena Melby; (back row) Janae Olson, Lacey Pendelton, Jenna Pahlen, Calyssa Eskeli, and Jayden Iverson. Award winners not pictured are Kia Bachand, Sidney Olson, Tanisha Srnsky, Cari Bachand, Julia Bernstein, Brandie DeHate, and Leilah VanDam.

RLCC School Legal

ISD 2906 Red Lake County Central Minutes-December 2018

The ISD 2906 Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at Red Lake County Central Elementary in Plummer. Duden, Hamrum, Majeres, Paradise, Person were present. Kolstoe was absent. Motions were carried to approve November minutes, Financials, additional elementary basketball coaches, Levy 18 payable 19, resolution of combined polling places as the Brooks Community Hall, hiring Cameron Lundeen as Assistant Wrestling Coach, ISD 2906's Section 403B plan language with Thrivent and American Funds as reviewed. (Complete minutes may be seen in the district office at 260 Minnesota Street, Plummer, MN or on our school website at www.rlcc2906.org.)

Jody Duden
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Who's Dat?



Who's Dat
This week's photo is of a family from the area. Some of the members still live in the area. Last week's photo was of Richard Lambert and one of his girls in his arms. Everyone has a photo or two that would be great for this column. Please share

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Tadman is new Polk County Sheriff



The Polk County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce that Jim Tadman was sworn in January 2, 2019 as the new Sheriff of Polk County. Jim was elected to be the Sheriff in November 2018, and he previously served the Polk County Sheriff Department as Chief Deputy under Retiring Sheriff Barb Erdman. He has been with the Sheriff's Office since 1988. Sheriff Jim Tadman has selected Sergeant Michael Norland to be his Chief Deputy. Chief Deputy Norland is an 18-year veteran with Polk County and is originally from rural Fertile, MN. Norland graduated from Bemidji State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. Chief Deputy Norland was hired by the Polk County Sheriff's Office in 2000 as a Contract Deputy serving the City of Fosston. In 2002, he was assigned to a Deputy Patrol position. In 2008, Deputy Norland moved to Investigations and in 2013, he was promoted to Sergeant by Sheriff Barb Erdman to be the supervisor of Investigations.

Retired Polk County Sheriff, Barb Erdman (center) with the new Polk County Sheriff, Jim Tadman (left) and his Chief Deputy Michael Norland (right) during a retirement celebration for Barb held at the Sheriff's Office Community Room last Friday.

Erdman's official retirement was January 2, 2019. There was a retirement celebration held for her on Friday, January 4, 2019 at the Polk County Sheriff Office Community Room in Crookston. She was presented with a plaque from the Polk County Commissioner's as well as a framed Sheriff's Office memorabilia from the Polk County Sheriff's Association for her 31 years of service to the County and its citizens. The Polk County Sheriff's Office is located in Crookston.

Red Lake County
Financial Statement
For the year Ending December 31, 2016

SUMMARY OF RED LAKE COUNTY'S STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2016

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 4,756,298
Cash with fiscal agent	57,829
Investments	808,446
Taxes receivable - prior	55,546
Special assessments receivable - current	89,500
Special assessments receivable - prior	1,683
Accounts receivable	35,185
Accrued interest receivable	8,135
Due from other governments	6,331,336
Inventories	230,661
Special assessments - noncurrent	37,754
Capital assets	
Non-depreciable	997,274
Depreciable - net of accumulated depreciation	35,933,892
Total Assets	\$ 49,343,539
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Related to pensions	\$ 2,495,022
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 45,478
Salaries payable	115,084
Contracts payable	23,479
Due to other governments	11,096
Long-term liabilities	
Due within one year	105,566
Due in more than one year	4,926,796
Total Liabilities	\$ 5,227,499
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Related to pensions	\$ 499,212
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 36,931,166
Amounts restricted for	
General government	124,330
Public safety	10
Highways and streets	6,556,864
Conservation of natural resources	710,787
Economic development	170,392
Unrestricted amounts	1,618,301
Total Net Position	\$ 46,111,850

RED LAKE COUNTY
RED LAKE FALLS, MINNESOTA

A SUMMARY OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2016

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Agency (Statement 3)</u>
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 144,644
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 3,953
Due to other governments	140,691
Total Liabilities	\$ 144,644

SUMMARY OF RED LAKE COUNTY'S STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>				<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Fees, Charges, Fines and Other</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	
Governmental activities					
General government	\$ 1,233,118	\$ 197,060	\$ 54,503	\$ -	\$ (981,555)
Public safety	1,633,614	109,246	178,138	-	(1,346,230)
Highways and streets	2,612,222	204,866	1,283,465	2,763,067	1,639,176
Sanitation	127,112	581	76,923	-	(49,608)
Human services	1,595,808	402,787	662,662	-	(530,359)
Health	60,388	-	-	-	(60,388)
Culture and recreation	87,146	-	23,814	-	(63,332)
Conservation of natural resources	442,428	72,388	235,723	14,225	(120,092)
Economic development	78,656	83	-	-	(78,573)
Total governmental activities	\$ 7,870,492	\$ 987,011	\$ 2,515,228	\$ 2,777,292	\$ (1,590,961)
General revenues					
Property taxes					\$ 2,498,185
Gravel tax					1,149
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					349,043
Payments in lieu of taxes					10,043
Investment earnings					76,238
Insurance dividends					44,314
Total general revenues					\$ 2,978,972
Change in net position					\$ 1,388,011
Net position - January 1, as previously reported					\$ 47,554,029
Prior period adjustment					(2,830,190)
Net position - January 1, as restated					\$ 44,723,839
Net position - December 31					\$ 46,111,850

RED LAKE COUNTY
RED LAKE FALLS, MINNESOTA
Organization Schedule
December 31, 2016

Office	Name	Term Expires
Commissioners		
1st District	David Sorensen	January 2019
2nd District	Ron Weiss	January 2017
3rd District	John Lerohl	January 2019
4th District	Anthony Flage	January 2019
5th District	Charles Simpson, Chair	January 2017

Officers Elected:		
Attorney	Mike Lacoursiere	January 2019
Auditor	Robert Schmitz	January 2019
Recorder	Joyce Paquin	January 2019
Sheriff	Mitch Bernstein	January 2019
Treasurer	Nick Knott	January 2019

Appointed:		
Assessor	Nancy Amberson	December 2016
Medical Examiner	Dr. Mary Ann Sens	June 2018
Highway Engineer	Courtney Kleven	May 2018
Veterans Service Officer	Kurtis Ellefson	December 2019
Environmental Services Officer	Kurt Casavan	Indefinite

Social Services Board		
Chair	David Sorensen	January 2019
Vice Chair	Charles Simpson	January 2017
Secretary	Ron Weiss	January 2017
Member	Gayle Flateland	July 2017
Member	Patricia Purath	July 2018
Member	John Lerohl	January 2019
Member	Anthony Flage	January 2019
Director	Kristi Nelson	Indefinite

Where it comes from . . .
Fees, charges, fines, other 1,108,712
Intergovernmental 5,641,563
Property Taxes 2,508,228
9,258,503

Where it goes . . .
General government 1,233,118
Public safety 1,633,614
Highways/streets 2,612,222
Sanitation 127,112
Human services 1,595,808
Conservation of natural resources 442,428
Other 226,190
7,870,492

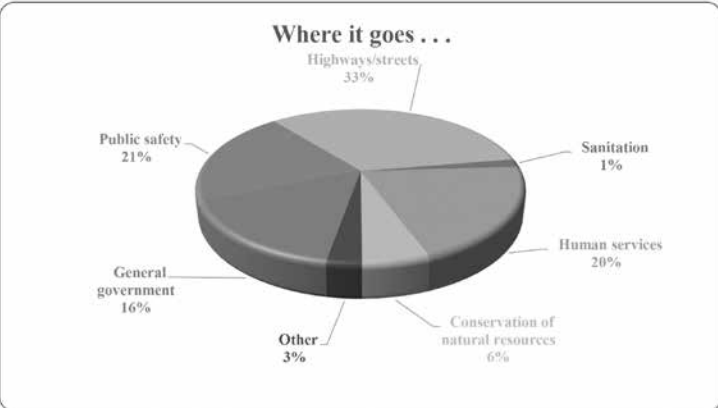
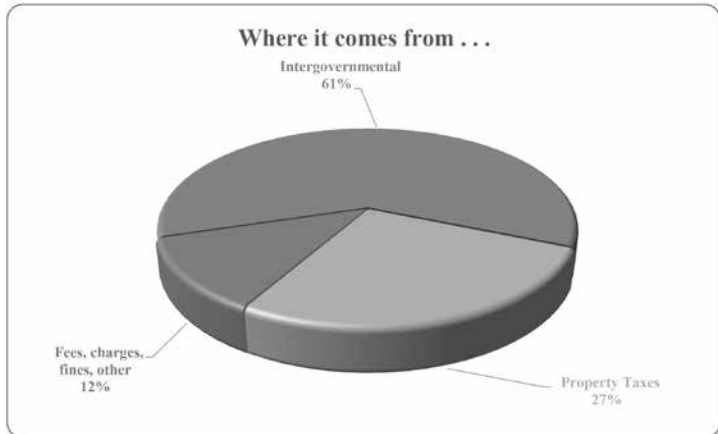
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A SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2016

<u>Assets</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Road and Bridge Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Social Services Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds (Statement 1)</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 2,038,322	\$ 786,677	\$ 1,269,093	\$ 662,206	\$ 4,756,298
Cash with fiscal agent	57,829	-	-	-	57,829
Investments	80,141	728,305	-	-	808,446
Taxes receivable - prior	35,838	11,375	8,333	-	55,546
Special assessments receivable - current	-	-	-	89,500	89,500
Special assessments receivable - prior	51	-	-	1,632	1,683
Accounts receivable	22	18,455	16,708	-	35,185
Accrued interest receivable	7,067	1,068	-	-	8,135
Due from other funds	4,926	790	-	-	5,716
Due from other governments	31,169	6,189,097	108,292	2,778	6,331,336
Inventories	-	230,661	-	-	230,661
Special assessments - noncurrent	37,754	-	-	-	37,754
Total Assets	\$ 2,293,119	\$ 7,966,428	\$ 1,402,426	\$ 756,116	\$ 12,418,089
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances					
Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$ 13,387	\$ 23,255	\$ 8,836	\$ -	\$ 45,478
Salaries payable	59,370	27,944	27,770	-	115,084
Due to other funds	790	-	51	4,875	5,716
Due to other governments	1,599	1,325	360	7,812	11,096
Contracts payable	-	23,479	-	-	23,479
Total Liabilities	\$ 75,146	\$ 76,003	\$ 37,017	\$ 12,687	\$ 200,853
Deferred Inflows of Resources					
Taxes	\$ 19,215	\$ 6,099	\$ 4,468	\$ -	\$ 29,782
Special assessments	37,805	-	-	91,132	128,937
County State Aid Highway Allotment	-	6,556,864	-	-	6,556,864
Total Deferred Inflows	\$ 57,020	\$ 6,562,963	\$ 4,468	\$ 91,132	\$ 6,715,583
Fund Balances					
Non-spendable	-	230,661	-	-	230,661
Inventories	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted for					
Attorney's forfeiture	334	-	-	-	334
Conservation of natural resources	-	-	-	652,297	652,297
Gravel pit restoration	58,490	-	-	-	58,490
Housing rehabilitation	57,829	-	-	-	57,829
Landslide acquisition	112,563	-	-	-	112,563
Recorder's equipment	51,444	-	-	-	51,444
Recorder's technology	14,723	-	-	-	-
Sheriff's forfeited property	10	-	-	-	10
Committed to					
Ambulance	51,834	-	-	-	51,834
Building improvements - Social Services	-	-	-	-	-
Contracts	-	90,824	-	-	90,824
Road and bridge equipment	-	990,147	-	-	990,147
House arrest	2,396	-	-	-	2,396
Sheriff's contingent fund	3,194	-	-	-	3,194
Assigned to					
General government	368,516	-	-	-	368,516
Highways and streets	-	15,830	-	-	15,830
Social services	-	-	1,360,941	-	1,360,941
Conservation of natural resources	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
Public safety	1,000,000	-	-	-	1,000,000
Sanitation	436,620	-	-	-	436,620
Total Fund Balances	\$ 2,160,953	\$ 1,327,462	\$ 1,360,941	\$ 652,297	\$ 5,501,653
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	\$ 2,293,119	\$ 7,966,428	\$ 1,402,426	\$ 756,116	\$ 12,418,089

A SUMMARY OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Road and Bridge Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Social Services Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds (Statement 2)</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues					
Taxes	\$ 1,633,261	\$ 510,421	\$ 365,039	\$ -	\$ 2,508,721
Special assessments	14,225	-	-	93,514	107,739
Licenses and permits	20	-	-	-	20
Intergovernmental	638,039	1,401,754	712,606	-	2,752,399
Charges for services	208,039	169,426	204,290	1,843	583,598
Investment earnings	66,655	9,583	-	-	76,238
Land and timber sales	-	-	-	4,991	4,991
Miscellaneous	198,677	35,440	198,497	-	432,614
Total Revenues	\$ 2,758,916	\$ 2,126,624	\$ 1,480,432	\$ 100,348	\$ 6,466,320
Expenditures					
Current					
General government	\$ 1,130,052	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,130,052
Public safety	1,303,244	-	-	-	1,303,244
Highways and streets	-	1,757,103	-	-	1,757,103
Sanitation	115,359	-	-	-	115,359
Human services	29,644	-	1,464,367	-	1,494,011
Health	60,388	-	-	-	60,388
Culture and recreation	87,146	-	-	-	87,146
Conservation of natural resources	386,438	-	-	45,516	431,954
Economic development	78,656	-	-	-	78,656
Capital outlay					
General government	13,255	-	-	-	13,255
Public safety	224,199	-	-	-	224,199
Highways and streets	-	163,849	-	-	163,849
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,428,381	\$ 1,920,952	\$ 1,464,367	\$ 45,516	\$ 6,859,216
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (669,465)	\$ 205,672	\$ 16,065	\$ 54,832	\$ (392,896)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Transfers in	\$ 2,732	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,732
Transfers out	-	-	-	(2,732)	(2,732)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ 2,732	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,732)	\$ -
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (666,733)	\$ 205,672	\$ 16,065	\$ 52,100	\$ (392,896)
Fund Balance - January 1	\$ 2,827,686	\$ 1,131,192	\$ 1,344,876	\$ 600,197	\$ 5,903,951
Increase (decrease) in inventories	-	(9,402)	-	-	(9,402)
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 2,160,953	\$ 1,327,462	\$ 1,360,941	\$ 652,297	\$ 5,501,653





Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Club sponsored a Snowmobile Safety Class. This kids coompleted the class. Pictured front row left to right are: Maddie Nelson, Gretta Grzadzilewski, Brock Knott, Emma Hendrickson, Dylan Wichterman, Nolan Lundeen, Trey Fletcher, Hailey Violette. Back row: Natalie Vettleson, Karen Edburg, Cooper Svaleson, Cooper Walton, Autumn Houghtaling, Paul Dehate. *Photo courtesy of Oklee Moonlighers Snowmobile Club.*

Back Breaker’s Vintage Snowmobile Show and Ride marks its 9th year

The 9th Annual Back Breaker’s Vintage Snowmobile Show and Ride will be held on Saturday, January 26th, in Grygla.

The show will be held at YoHawn’s Bar & Grill, starting at 10am with the ride leaving Grygla at 12pm sharp. There is an entry fee of \$5 per person, which will go towards the cost of door prizes and food.

As mentioned, the ride departs Yo-Hawn’s at 12pm and is approximately 30 miles long (snow conditions pending). Riders can plan on returning to the bar at or before dark. Everyone is welcome to ride along with any year sled they have.

Plan on going early to register and show of your prized

machine! Trophies will be given in three different categories: Best Unrestored/Original, Best Restored and Most Unique/Custom. Only 1979 and older chassis snowmobiles may be eligible for trophies.

A meal will be served at Yo-Hawn’s when the ride returns and many door prizes will be given out after supper.

Coordinators of the event are Dayle Larson, Hunter McMillin, Drew Monson and Lucas Miller.



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Amid Youth Nicotine Epidemic, Minnesotans for a Smoke-Free Generation Readies for 2019 Session

Coalition Will Advocate for Lifesaving Tobacco Prevention, Cessation Bills

As communities nationwide face a growing youth nicotine addiction epidemic, Minnesotans for a Smoke-Free Generation is preparing for the 2019 Minnesota Legislative Session. At the state level, the coalition will advocate for urgently needed prevention and cessation policies that prevent youth tobacco use and help Minnesotans quit smoking. Minnesotans for a Smoke-Free Generation, a coalition of more than 60 organizations, supports measures that will reduce youth smoking and help end tobacco-related death and disease for good.

“Minnesota is at a crossroads when it comes to preventing tobacco use,” said Molly Moilanen, Vice President at ClearWay MinnesotaSM and Co-Chair of Minnesotans for a Smoke-Free Generation. “Youth tobacco use is up for the first time in a generation, while resources for prevention and quit-smoking services are coming to an end. Minnesota legislators must stand up for Minnesotans’ health and rebuild our national leadership in addressing tobacco’s harm.”

In recent years, youth tobacco use has increased dramatically throughout the nation. The U.S. Surgeon General has issued an alarming advisory following two national studies showing youth e-cigarette use has reached epidemic levels. In Minnesota last year, youth tobacco use rose for the first time in 17 years, mostly due to a nearly 50 percent increase in use of e-cigarettes like JUUL. The FDA and the Minnesota Department of Health have also raised concerns about this disturbing spike in tobacco use by kids.

Rising tobacco use rates spurred by e-cigarettes threaten decades of progress at lowering youth tobacco use. Nicotine in any form harms the developing adolescent brain and may prime the brain for addiction to cigarettes and other substances. At the same time, tobacco use remains the leading cause of preventable death and disease, killing more than 6,300 Minnesotans and costing the state more than \$7 billion in health care costs and lost productivity every year.

The coalition will be working toward several key policy goals to address these challenges:

Keeping Indoor Air Clean

The coalition will work to ensure Minnesota’s smoke-free indoor air law covers the use of e-cigarettes wherever smoking is prohibited. Minnesotans expect and deserve clean indoor air. Several local Minnesota communities have passed these policies, but Minnesota does not have a statewide law.

Quit-Tobacco Funding

QUITPLAN Services, the state’s free quit-smoking helpline, is ending in 2020. The coalition will again urge legislators to fund quit-smoking resources so there is no gap in help for Minnesotans who are trying to quit tobacco. If Minnesota does not fund a statewide service, it will become the only state in the nation not providing one.

Tobacco 21

Raising the tobacco sale age to 21 will help reduce youth smoking and save lives. To

date, 21 Minnesota cities and counties have adopted Tobacco 21 policies. Passing a statewide bill would have a profound effect on health, reducing smoking among 15- to-17-year-olds by an estimated 25 percent.

Other Priorities

The coalition will also work to advance more robust funding for prevention, which is especially critical as the non-profit organization ClearWay Minnesota sunsets. ClearWay Minnesota currently funds two thirds of the state’s tobacco prevention efforts. As a life-limited organization that will end its work by 2022, ClearWay Minnesota is ready to pass the baton to the state to continue efforts to prevent youth use and help adults quit.

Minnesotans for a Smoke-Free Generation will work to advance policies that restrict the sale of flavored tobacco products, which appeal to youth and contribute to health disparities. The coalition will also uphold its commitment to raising the price of tobacco products, which is the top driver of quitting and preventing kids from starting.

“Minnesotans for a Smoke-Free Generation looks forward to working with lawmakers on both sides of the aisle to prevent youth addiction and help smokers quit,” Moilanen added. “Let’s make 2019 the year where we put health ahead of tobacco industry profits. Investing in tobacco prevention and cessation programs and common-sense policies is not only the right thing to do, it saves money and lives.”



Background Information

& Key Facts: Spending on Tobacco Prevention

In 2017, Minnesota received over \$840 million in tobacco taxes and ongoing tobacco settlement payments. Less than 1 percent of these funds was spent by the state on tobacco prevention, and none was dedicated to funding quit-smoking services.

Minnesota currently spends an estimated \$17.3 million of the CDC’s recommended \$52.9 million annually, but much of that funding (about two-thirds) is from ClearWay Minnesota, which will soon end.

Quit-Smoking Services

ClearWay Minnesota is a nonprofit foundation created with 3 percent of the state’s 1998 tobacco settlement and tasked with reducing tobacco’s harm over a 25-year period. QUITPLAN Services, which is operated by ClearWay Minnesota, will end in March of 2020 and ClearWay Minnesota will end by 2022.

If Minnesota lawmakers do not take action and dedicate funding in 2019, Minnesota will become the only state in the country that does not provide services to help people quit tobacco use.

Nearly 600,000 Minnesota adults still smoke and the majority want to quit.

Youth Nicotine Addiction

Nicotine is addictive and can harm the adolescent brain. Source: U.S. Surgeon General

Nearly 95 percent of addicted adult smokers started before age 21. Source: Institute of Medicine

More than \$100 million/year: how much the tobacco industry spends every year marketing and advertising their products in Minnesota. This figure doesn’t include marketing for e-cigarette products, which have soared in popularity among youth. Source: Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids

Minnesota Youth Tobacco Trends – Source: 2017 Minnesota Youth Tobacco Survey

Almost 40 percent of high-school students have tried e-cigarettes, which come in kid-friendly flavors like gummy bear and cotton candy.

Nearly one in five high-school students reporting using e-cigarettes in the past month – a nearly 50 percent surge in high-school use from 13 percent in 2014.

88 percent of high-school and middle-school students reported they have seen advertisements promoting e-cigarettes.

Health Officials Alarmed by Surging Youth Nicotine Use

In a health advisory, the Minnesota Department of Health called youth nicotine addiction a “major health concern” because nicotine in e-cigarettes can prime youth for future addiction.

FDA Commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb has stated that “e-cigarette use among youth has hit epidemic proportions.”

Surgeon General’s Advisory on E-Cigarette Use Among Youth states: “The recent surge in e-cigarette use among youth, which has been fueled by new types of e-cigarettes that have recently entered the market, is a cause for great concern. We must take action now to protect the health of our nation’s young people.”

Tobacco 21 Communities:

To date, 19 Minnesota cities and two counties have passed Tobacco 21 policies.

Once all the policies are implemented, nearly one in five Minnesotans will be covered by Tobacco 21.

Nationwide, six states and more than 375 cities and counties have passed Tobacco 21 policies.

About Minnesotans for a Smoke-Free Generation

Minnesotans for a Smoke-Free Generation supports policies that reduce youth smoking and help end the death and disease associated with tobacco use, including raising the tobacco age to 21, limiting youth access to menthol-, candy- and fruit-flavored tobacco, keeping tobacco prices high and funding future tobacco prevention and cessation efforts.

Candace Coulter new Mayor of Gonvick has ties to Oklee



The out going and in coming mayors for the City of Gonvick were treated to a cake at the monthly meeting. From left to right: Devin Aakre, Ken Thomas, Lila Coulter, Stacy Halvorson, Sue Sims, Candace Coulter, Lauris Krogstad, Jason Bakke, Corrine Richards and Eileen Lien.

Lauris Krogstad and Candace Coulter were honored at the last Gonvick City Council meeting. It was the last meeting for Lauris as Mayor as he is retiring and the first for newly elected Candace who will take over in January.

Cake and coffee were served before the meeting began.

Lauris has been on the city

council for 20 years after Todd Budish moved away in 1998. He has served as council member and mayor for the city. His plans are to move to a more central location to be closer to their children.

Lauris worked many years for Lakehead Pipeline and then with their new name Enbridge.

Candace works for the Clearwater County Sheriff’s Office. She is a former Marine who spent two tours in Iraq. Her first meeting as mayor will be January 11 starting at 4:45 p.m.

Candace is the granddaughter of Allen & the late Dorothy Barsness.

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.

Walking Point intense and gripping

This is one, amazing book. Walking Point by Minnesota author Robert Kunkel is a soldier’s-eye view of the horrors of war and how one year forever changed the life of a Minnesota farm boy.

Robert Kunkel grew up on a farm on Pearl Lake in central Minnesota. Far away from the jungles and heat and war in South Vietnam, little did he know how the war would change him. But it did.

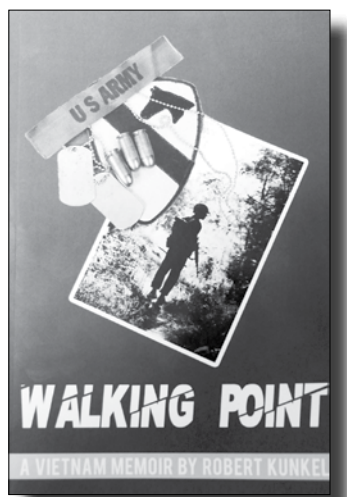
This is not a book for the squeamish. The difference between Kunkel’s book and other classic Vietnam War memoirs, such as A Rumor of War, is that Kunkel saw more direct action in one tour than did probably many soldiers who went to Vietnam.

“This is a view of the common soldier who saw and lived a short portion of the Vietnam War,” Kunkel said in vast understatement at the beginning of his memoir. “I do not believe there is ever a good war. If one has to label a war as being bad, Vietnam falls deeply within the criteria of a bad war.”

Kunkel nearly died in Vietnam and took some lives him-

self, events he admits will be “forever etched in my mind.”

After being severely wounded himself, something in Kunkel changed. After a long recuperation in the hospital from injuries, Kunkel’s captain said should have sent him back to the States, Kunkel found himself in another firefight.



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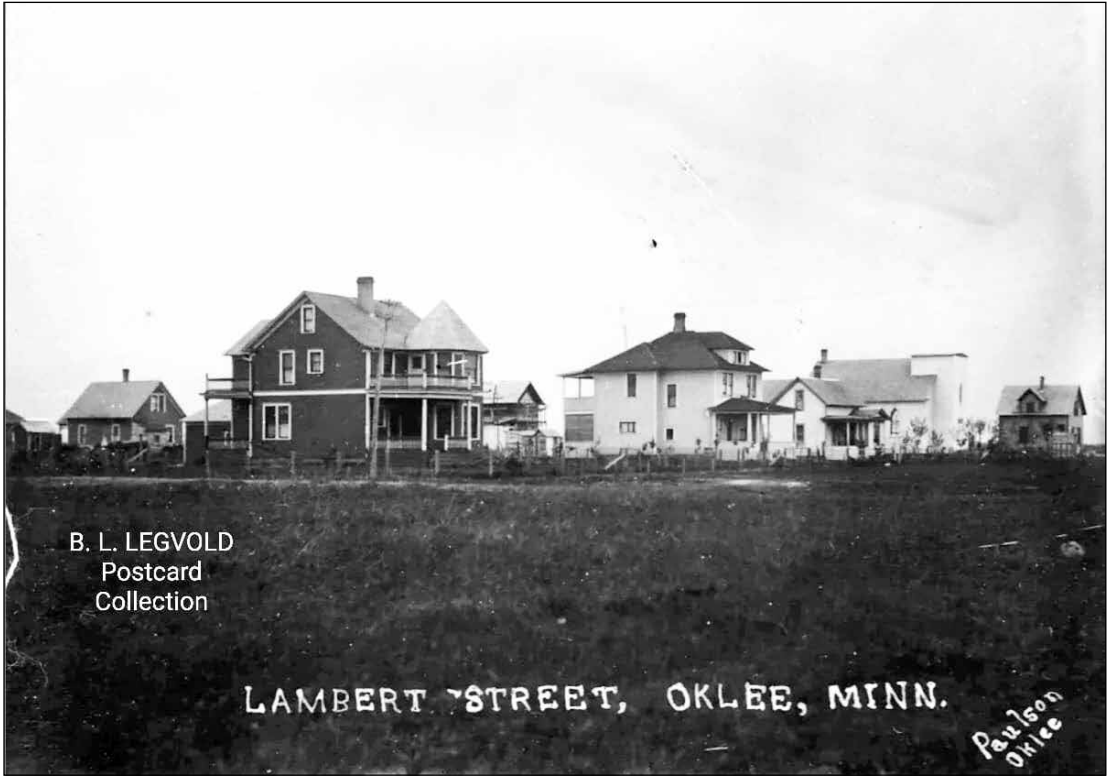
“I knelt on one knee, pulled up to shoot but pulled my gun down. Kloemken ran up beside me and was aiming his rifle at them as they fled. I grabbed his rifle and pulled it down. He yelled at me, ‘Why the hell did you do that?’ I knelt there, dumbfounded. I didn’t have a clue why I didn’t shoot, or why I pulled his rifle down. My actions were impulsive and puzzling.”

Like many who had seen action, Kunkel returned home, feeling out of place. For a time, he even considered reenlisting. Years later, diagnosed with PTSD, he finally began to come to terms with the war in which he had fought and which had aged him 20 years in one.

This is the ultimate Vietnam War memoir, written by someone who fought in it and was lucky enough to return. Kunkel’s gripping prose has the intensity and focus that only one who has seen war can convey.

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

Oklee Herald Early File Photos



Here was an interesting photo sent to me from Larry LaCoursiere from Arizona. It will be added to the Oklee Historical Society files. This photo shows the corner of 2nd and Lambert looking south toward Zion Lutheran Church. It doesn't have a year but Zion Lutheran was remodeled in 1940 so the photo is pre-1940. And there are very small trees planted which places the photo possibly in the 1920's.

If you have any old photos you would like to share, please email the Oklee Herald office at okleeherald@gmail.com.



Here is an old photo of Red Lake Falls. I received no information on this photo so if anyone has information to share on this, please contact the Oklee Herald office at 218-796-5181 or email: okleeherald@gmail.com.



Here is another from Oklee, the old Depot station located across the tracks from CHS Northland Grain elevator, originally called Oklee Elevator Association. You can see Mayernick's building across Main Street in the background.

The Oklee Historical Society is looking for photos to put up on display in the hallway of the City Building. The ones on the wall have been here since 2010 and it is time to change some of them out. If you have photos and history stories, please let the Oklee Historical Society know. Contact Bonny at the Oklee Herald office at 218-796-5181 or email: okleeherald@gmail.com. Thank you

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Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

I just looked out my window and I have had a little snow showing on my driveway. I don't like to see that, but I also noticed the sky is brightening up and it looks like the sun will shine. The prediction is supposed to be nice weather through Wednesday and then winter will show its cold temperatures. So far, January has been quite nice.

Don's California employee, Julian, has been here helping him. I have had him over several times for meals. He is fun to visit with as he has so many stories to tell. He loves to tell stories about his work and family.

The Oklee Senior Site Craft Shop has many great items for sale. Looking for a one of a kind gift. Come check out our store. We are open from 10:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Items include record bowls, microwave hot-bowl holders, oven towels, quilts, scarfs, book markers, aprons, table runners, baby blankets, books by local authors, casserole carriers, embroidered towels, doilies, wooden shelves, pillows, purses, and much more.

The Senior Craft Shop is a consignment store for seniors (60+). If you make items that you would like to sell, contact the Oklee Senior Craft Shop.

All items are consignment. The Craft Shop keeps 20% which goes to supporting the Senior Site.

This week at the Site we have the Site Council meeting at 10:00 a.m. If you have something you would like to bring up about the Site, come to the meeting. It is always good to hear something of interest that could take place.

Dates to Remember

Jan. 16: Cards at 1:30 p.m.

Jan. 17: Senior Site Council meeting at 10 a.m.

Jan. 18: Birthday Meal. Remember there is always a chance you might win a free meal.

Words of Wisdom

Spoil your spouse, not your children.

When approaching a sales clerk, smile before you speak. It could be the only smile they see all day.

Joke Time

One night a wife found her husband standing over their baby's crib. Silently she watched him. As he stood looking down at the sleeping infant, she saw on his face a mixture of emotions: disbelief, doubt,

delight, amazement, enchantment, skepticism. Touched by this unusual display and the deep emotions it aroused, with eyes glistening she slipped her arm around her husband. "A penny for your thoughts," she said.

"It's amazing!" he replied. "I just can't see how anybody can make a crib like that for only \$46.50."



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Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

The prediction for the week is that it will not be snowy but it will be colder. Get your snuggles out and keep warm. It will be fun to sit near the fire and read. The Red Hats of course are going to be meeting at Cozy on Wednesday though so beware of the fallout from that.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Vern Gagnon of the Terrebonne-Red Lake Falls area. Vern succumbed to leukemia on Saturday. His funeral is on Tuesday of this week, January 15. Vern was a farmer and lived here his entire life, and he worked at Ken's Electric for many years. He leaves his wife, Val, and

three children Tim, Tony, and Lynette. Vern was an outdoors man who liked working in the yard and on the farm. He lived on his family farm. He will be missed, and we will miss him.

A big birthday bash for the Morinville family was held on Sunday. Brooklyn and Harper celebrated their fourth birthday on Sunday. Can it be four years already? These two were born seven minutes apart. Grandma Joyce is so proud of her grandkids. Because their birthdays are so close Keira Morinville also celebrated her birthday on the same day as the twins. Perry and Joyce Morinville are the grandparents of these beautiful children. What

a fun day they had.

New Year guests at the Clarence and Dianne Gagner home were Trent and Ally Gagner of Chandler, Arizona. Time and Brenda Gagner of Fergus Falls, MN also visited at the Gagner home. They were overnight guests New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Mary Schindler and Barb Novak went to Thief River Falls on Thursday for dinner at Da Roos. The food was great and the Wild Rice and Chicken Pizza was wonderful. They also did some shopping.

We hope you have a great week and that your time this week is well spent. Get out and get some exercise.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

There was a benefit for Lorie Duden at the RLCC Elementary School in Plummer on Tuesday evening. Bread soup bowls were served in the cafeteria. They also had a silent auction and t-shirt were sold. There was a girls basketball game that evening.

Paul DeHate won a wrestling match down at Walker on Tuesday night. He is the son of Jill & Bernie DeHate and Anna's grandson.

Alice Jobe visited Jean Carpenter at her apartment at Greenleaf in Thief River Falls on Thursday morning. She is doing well.

Pat and Joni Simpson recently went to visit Pat's sister, Trace Peterson at Bismarck, ND.

Saturday before last, several snowmobilers came to town. The weather was nice about thirty degrees.

Fortunately, we got some new snow from time to time to

keep a good base for skiing or snowmobiling. Tuesday we got one inch; they had originally said three to six inches.

Earlier in the week, I saw on TV how a moose wandered into a hospital in Alaska, through a motion activated door and ate plants and left about ten minutes later. Imagine that happening here!

It reminded me about when I read about Sarah Palin from Alaska (former candidate for president) said she makes moose stew. You would think the meat would be tough.

Monday night, Tri River Pioneers met. They discussed plans for the 4th, food vendors, getting a band, advertising, etc.

On January 6th, Sunday, I watched the Division 1 Championship NDSU Bison played

the Washington Eagles in Frisco, Texas. The final score was 38-24. It was Bison's over the Eagles. It was very exciting. I'm not really a football fan, but I did watch the last half of this one. Also, on Saturday, I watched the last of the game with the Philadelphia Eagles beat the Chicago Bears sixteen to fifteen. It was very exciting last few minutes because the Bears had been ahead. The Eagles went on to New Orleans for the next play off.

Since I wrote last weeks news, I skied three times. There's plenty of snow yet, but more warm temperatures coming.

On Wednesday morning I saw a piliated woodpecker on both the ash and the popple trees.

Oklee Centennial Cookbook

Recipe Corner - From page 477

Focaccia Bread Barbara (Stenberg) Skjonsby

- 2 cups lukewarm water
- 2 tsp active dry yeast
- 4 cups unbleached bread flour
- 1-1/2 tsp salt
- 2 to 3 tsp olive oil
- 2 Tbsp chopped fresh or dried rosemary (optional)
- 1 tsp kosher or sea salt



Pour water into a large bowl. Sprinkle yeast over water and stir until dissolved. Stir in 2 cups of the flour and the salt and mix briskly until smooth, about 2 minutes. I do this in the mixer using the paddle attachment all the way through, but you can mix by hand. Stir in remaining flour and mix for about 2 minutes longer, just until dough pulls away from the sides of the bowl. The dough will be quite wet and tacky. Scrape the dough off the paddle or spoon and cover with greased plastic wrap. Let dough rise in a warm place until doubled in volume, 30 - 40 minutes. DO NOT punch down. Preheat oven to 500 degrees. Pour the dough into a greased 10" cast iron frying pan, carefully scraping it from the sides of the bowl with a rubber spatula. Brush the dough with olive oil. To make the traditional focaccia with indentations, dip your fingers into olive oil and insert them straight down into the dough. Pull the hole at random to form little craters all over. Sprinkle with rosemary and sea salt. Let rise for about 20 minutes. Place the bread in the oven and immediately reduce the oven temperature to 400 degrees. Bake for 25 - 35 minutes or until nicely browned and the loaf sounds hollow when tapped with your finger. Remove loaf from pan and cool on a wire rack.



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