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With the help of Mrs. Claus, the Plummer Lions distributed Holiday Treat Bags to the entire RLCC Elementary. Mrs. Claus (Debbie DuChamp) is pictured with Mrs. Hendrickson's Kindergarten class.



The Larry & Rose Skallet home had a large display of Holiday lights.



Norman & Ione Nelson's home was nicely decorated for the Christmas season.



The Tyrone Benson's, in the former Champagne house in Oklee, was quite the fun site with all the blowups.



And as you come into to Oklee, the Santas and Snowmen are having a pool party at the Kyle Dudycha's.

How Christmas Traditions Got Their Start

Christmas Trees

Decorated trees date back to Germany in the Middle Ages, with German and other European settlers popularizing Christmas trees in America by the early 19th century. A New York woodsman named Mark Carr is credited with opening the first U.S. Christmas tree lot in 1851.

Christmas Pickle

The Christmas pickle is designed to be hard to find.

Christmas Pickles - If there's a pickle among your snowman, angel and reindeer ornaments, you're likely taking part in the American tradition of hiding the green ornament on the tree, so that the first child to find it wins a gift, or gets to open the first present Christmas morning. The practice's origins are a bit murky (or should that be briny?), but, it's likely it grew from a Woolworth's marketing gimmick from the late 1800s, when the retailer received imported German ornaments shaped like a pickle and needed a sales pitch.

Elf on the Shelf

Elf on the Shelf - Love it or loathe it, since 2005, moms and dads have either joyously or begrudgingly been hiding a toy elf each night from Thanksgiving to Christmas. More than 13 million elves have been "adopted" since 2005 when Carol Aebersold and her daughter, Chanda Bell, published the book *Elf on the Shelf: A Christmas Tradition* that comes with the toy.

Advent Calendar

Early versions of this tradition, started in Germany in 1903 by publisher Gerhard Land, offered a way for children to count down to Christmas by opening one "door" or "window" a day to reveal a Bible passage, poem or small gift. Since gaining mass popularity by 1920, the calendars have evolved to

secular calendars that include daily gifts from mini bottles of wine to nail polish to chocolates to action figures.

Gingerbread Houses

Although Queen Elizabeth I gets credit for the early decorating of gingerbread cookies, once again, it's the Germans who lay claim to starting the gingerbread house tradition. And when the German Brothers Grimm wrote "Hansel and Gretel" a new holiday tradition was born.

Ugly Christmas Sweaters

You can blame our neighbors to the north for this silly, ironic tradition that really gained steam in the 1980s. According to the *Ugly Christmas Sweater Party Book*, the sweaters became a party trend in Vancouver, Canada in 2001. And the trend is seemingly here to stay.

Cookies for Santa

While leaving treats for Santa and his reindeer dates back to ancient Norse mythology, Americans began to sweeten up to the tradition during the Great Depression in the 1930s, as a sign of showing gratitude during a time of struggle.

Candy Canes

Whether devoured as a treat or hung on the tree as decoration, candy canes are the No. 1-selling non-chocolate candy during December, and date back to 1670 Germany. The red and white peppermint sticks arrived stateside in 1847, when a German-Swedish immigrant in Wooster, Ohio placed them on a tree.

Door Wreaths

Wreaths have been around since the ancient Greek and Roman times, but the ever-green Christmas wreath, often adorned with boughs of holly, eventually took on Christian meaning, with the circular shape representing eternal life and the holly leaves and berries symbolic of Christ's crown of

thorns and blood, according to the *New York Times*.

Christmas Cards

The first official Christmas card debuted in 1843 England with the simple message, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You." The idea of a mailed winter holiday greeting gradually caught on in both Britain and the U.S., with the Kansas City-based Hall Brothers (now Hallmark) creating a folded card sold with an envelope in 1915.

Christmas Lights

Thomas Edison may be famous for the light bulb, but it was his partner and friend, Edward Hibberd Johnson, who had the bright idea of stringing bulbs around a Christmas tree in New York in 1882. By 1914, the lights were being mass produced and now some 150 million sets of lights are sold in the U.S. each year.

Department Store Santa

Lining up at the mall to snap a photo of the kids on Santa's lap may seem like a modern Christmas tradition, but it dates back to 1890, when James Edgar of Brockton, Massachusetts had a Santa suit made for him and dressed as the jolly fellow at his dry goods store. The gimmick caught on and a year later Santas could be found in many stores.

Making Fun of Fruitcake

A favorite of the Brits (both Princess Diana and Kate Middleton served it at their weddings), fruitcake—that much-maligned mix of dried fruit, nuts and brandy—has been the subject of long-running American holiday jokes. Truman Capote wrote a short story about "fruitcake weather" in 1956, the small town of Manitou Springs, Colorado holds an annual Fruitcake Toss Day on January 3, and the dessert has become fodder for many a comedian.

*** Notice *** Oklee Herald Deadline

The Oklee Herald's deadline will be Thursday at noon for the next two weeks due to Christmas & New Years holidays.

Calendar of Events

Wed, Dec. 23:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, Dec. 24:
-Christmas Eve!
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news

Fri, Dec. 25:
-Christmas Day!

Sat, Dec. 26:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Dec. 27:
-Worship Schedule – check inside for church times and places.

Mon, Dec. 28:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

Tue, Dec. 29:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

Wed, Dec. 30:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

First Day of
Winter
December 21

Canadian Pacific virtual concert online available for the month of December - Don't Miss It!

Every holiday season since 1999, the Canadian Pacific Train makes its annual stop in the area, bringing the 14 brightly decorated rail cars to a stop in Thief River Falls on the tracks by the City Hall. Each year, the event brings cheer to 164 communities along CP's network. Each event is free to the public, with attendees asked only to bring a canned food donation for the local food bank, with reps onsite collecting donations.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Canadian Pacific (CP) will donate to food banks in communities along its network and host a virtual concert in lieu of its regular Holiday Train program. The spirit of the Holiday Train program and the Christmas spirit will carry on this year through our virtual concert. We will have the Holiday Train rolling again spreading Christmas cheer as soon as it's

safe to do so!"

The Canadian Pacific Railroad donated \$4,500 to the Food Shelves in Red Lake County. The Inter-County Community Council Food Shelf and the Red Lake Falls Food Shelf each received a \$2,250 donation.

Live music has always been part of the CP Holiday Train tradition. To maintain that tradition, CP performed a virtual concert on December 12, 2020. This concert is available through the entire month of December to anyone by access of the following internet link: www.facebook.com/canadian.pacific/. If you have an opportunity to view the Canadian Pacific Virtual Concert, it is very entertaining. Don't miss it!!

This year, being able to continue providing those services has been even more important. We're thankful to CP for their continued support and donations again this year."



CP Holiday Train coming into Plummer in 2017.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Dec. 23: 7:00 p.m.
Online Confirmation.
Thu, Dec. 24: Online Christmas Service at 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
Sun, Dec. 27: Online Services.
Wed, Dec. 30: No Confirmation this week.
Sermons are on GVTel Channel 35 (10 am Sunday & 2 pm Tuesday), also on Facebook or YouTube.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. St. Francis - Oklee, 10:15 a.m. - Grygla, 12:00 p.m. - Goodridge.
Go to: <http://www.oggcatholic.org/> for service times.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Brooks - Red Lake Falls Catholic Parish
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Saturday: St. Joseph RLF 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: Brooks Sunday 8:00 a.m. St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Dec. 27: Services are available on GVTel Channel 2 11 a.m. on Sundays, and 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Also check out their Facebook page.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Dec. 23: 9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Worship on GVTel Channel 36.
Thu, Dec. 24: Worship online: We Are Those Who Dream. 5 p.m. Christmas Gospel & Prayer (outdoors) at Ekelund.
Fri, Dec. 25: 9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Worship on GVTel Channel 36.
Sun, Dec. 27: Worship online: Those Who Dream Will Not Keep Silent.
Wed, Dec. 30: 9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Worship on GVTel Channel 36.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Thu, Dec. 24: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive, 7:00 p.m. Oak Park.
Fri, Dec. 25: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:45 a.m. Nazareth.
Sat, Dec. 26: Mt. Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, Dec. 27: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship; Oak Park: 9:45 a.m. Worship; Nazareth: 11:00 a.m. Worship.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Dec. 23: 6:30 Youth Group (Online).
Sun, Dec. 27: 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Dec. 29: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions, 10:00 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, Dec. 30: 6:30 Youth Group (Online).

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Dec. 27th: 9:00 a.m. at Lund, 10:30 a.m. Bethany.
CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Radio service continues on 96.7FM 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service. And on Facebook Live as well, Sunday at 10AM.

Sudoku Solution

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



City of Oklee Notice
The City of Oklee is requesting that if there is significant snowfall, that all persons remove their vehicles off the streets as soon as possible for snow removal.

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Oklee Senior Site Dining

December 28 to January 1
No congregate meals served.
If you are over the age of 60 and you want a meal delivered to your home, call Jo Lambert at 796-4527 or Erskine LSS at 687-2262 to order a meal. A \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.
Mon: BBQ chicken breast, squash, Brussel sprouts, roll, ice cream and milk.
Tue: Taco burger on bun, Spanish rice, black beans & corn, pear jello, and milk.
Wed: Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, cookie and milk.
Thu: Sausage gravy over biscuits, peas & carrots, cinnamon apples, cookie bar, and milk.
Fri: Closed - Happy New Year.

Legal Notice
STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF RED LAKE IN DISTRICT COURT NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT CASE TYPE: QUIET TITLE Grace M. Reck, Plaintiff, vs.
Robert S. Dupont, his heirs, successors, and assigns, Marshall Dupont, Angie Dupont, and Tara Dupont, and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest, or lien in the real property described in the complaint herein, Defendants.
Civil No.63-CV-20-168
SUMMONS

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:
1. You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the Complaint in this action, which is herewith served upon you, by serving upon the undersigned an Answer or other proper response within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
2. THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY located in Red Lake County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows: **Lots 8, 9, and 10, Block 21, Champagne & Dow's Addition to the City of Red Lake Falls, Red Lake County, Minnesota**
The object of this action is quiet title of real property.
Dated this 4th day of December, 2020.
/s/ Timothy G. Richard
Timothy G. Richard (MN #028371X)
SERKLAND LAW FIRM
10 Roberts St N | PO Box 6017
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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF
ACKNOWLEDGMENT
The undersigned hereby acknowledge that sanctions may be imposed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 549.211, subdivision 2, upon a determination that this pleading violates the provision.
Dated this 4th day of December, 2020.
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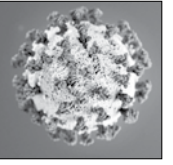
Numbers are dropping - Polk, Pennington & Red Lake

Daily Inter-County Nursing Service Covid-19 updates:

December 20th:
There is 1 new case to report in Pennington County, the individual is their 60's.
There are 3 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the individuals are in their teens and 50's.
December 19th:
There are 8 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals ages range from a child to 90's. The total case number has been adjusted due to cases being reassigned to a different county.
There are 3 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the individuals are in their 20's and 80's
December 18th:
There are 15 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals ages range from 18 - 90's.
There is 1 new case to report in Red Lake County, the individual is in their teens.
December 17th:
There are 2 new cases to report in Pennington County, one child and one in their 30's.
There are 3 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the individuals are in their teens, 20's and 50's.
It is with sadness we report another death in Pennington County, the individual was in their 70's. Our

hearts go out to their family and friends at this time.
December 16th:
There are 7 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals age range from teens - 60's.
There are 6 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the individuals age range from 5 - 60's.
It is with sadness we report another death in Pennington County, the individual was in their 90's. Our hearts go out to their family and friends at this time.
December 15th:
There are 10 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals age range from 20's - 90's. One has been hospitalized.
There is 1 new case to report in Red Lake County, the individual is in their 60's.
December 14th:
There are 2 new cases to report in Pennington County, the individuals are in their 30's.
There are 2 new cases to report in Red Lake County, the individuals are in their 50's.
There continues to be a discrepancy in with our numbers and the numbers on the Minnesota Department of Health website and will look into the situation further.

We are reminding people to take extra precautions during this time and avoid large gatherings, practice social distancing, wear a mask when out in public, stay home if you are sick, and practice good hand hygiene. Stay safe everyone!



Statistics (12-21-20)
399,311 Positive Tests
• 5,232,347 Complete Tests
• 2,870,337 People tested
373,301 Patients Who No Longer Need Isolation
• 4,872 Total Deaths
• 20,629 Total Hospitalized
As of this printing - Total Confirmed Cases in surrounding Counties:
• Pennington County: 866 830 recovered cases 24 active case
9 current hospitalization 12 death
• Red Lake County: 292 275 recovered cases 14 active case
3 current hospitalization 3 death
• Marshall County: 630
• Clearwater County: 611
• Beltrami County: 2,627
• Polk County 3,100 (as of 12-17-2020)
188 active cases
4 current hospitalizations
43 deaths



Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held November 24, 2020

Pursuant to adjournment of its last meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the Courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on November 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Remick called the meeting to order. Commissioner Dudycha was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
County Engineer Erik Hove met with the board regarding the following agenda items:
Approval of Final Payment for Gravel Stockpile Project (CP 63-04-20):
This project involved removing gravel from the water at the Oklee pit. The material is now ready to be crushed under a separate contract in year 2021. The final quantity measured with GPS survey was 57,368 Cubic Yards @ \$1.78/CY. This stockpile will provide for County graveling needs for several years. The Contractor was Triple D from Plummer, MN.

Original Estimate	Final to be approved
(\$50,000 CY)	(\$7,368 CY)
\$89,000	\$102,115.04

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the final payment of \$102,115.04 to Triple D Construction as recommended by Engineer Hove.
Approval of Final Payment for 10-ton Overlays (SAP 063-603-011 & SAP 063-618-010):
The project consisted of a 10-ton bituminous overlay with shoulder paving on CSAH 3 and CSAH 18 on the west side of the County. The existing shoulders were low in some areas which required additional material resulting in higher quantities than originally estimated. The Contractor was Anderson Brothers from Brainerd, MN.

Original Contract	Final Contract to be approved
\$2,242,791.14	\$2,317,113.70

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve final contract payment to Anderson Brothers Construction as recommended by Engineer Hove.
Hove presented the 2019 Annual Report of the County Highway Department. Hove noted that the state is projecting approximately a 15% reduction of state gas tax dollars due to the decrease in gasoline sales because of less travel during the COVID pandemic.
Hove informed that he is gathering data from other area counties regarding hourly county equipment rates used for invoicing out county grading and snowplowing services. Hove will compile the information and discuss at the next meeting.
Environmental Officer Kurt Casavan met with the board regarding the County Floodplain Ordinance Amendment. The change to the floodplain maps must be sent to the Minnesota DNR for initial review and the county must then conduct a public hearing, adopt the ordinance amendment, and publish it before it becomes effective. The required effective date is March 9, 2021 as per state regulations. Casavan recommended that the amendment be sent to the DNR for review to

allow sufficient time to implement by the statutory deadline. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to submit the Floodplain Ordinance Amendment to the MN DNR for initial review.
Extension Regional Director Lisa Loegering met with the board by phone conference to discuss options moving forward for the 4H Extension Coordinator position. Sharon Weiss is the current 4H Coordinator and has announced her retirement effective January 2021. The current MOA with University Extension Services is for four (4) days per week (80% fte) as a state employee. The county provides for one (1) day per week (20% fte) as a county employee. The county had considered continuing only with the 80% state position in the MOA for Sharon's replacement. Loegering suggested the county consider a 100% fte with the University rather than under the current arrangement as it would be easier to fill the position at five (5) days per week rather than at four (4) days. And, since the one day per week county position pays a lower rate that could also be a hindrance to someone seeking the position. The current University Extension MOA package includes salary/benefits at 80%, training, mileage, meeting expenses, supplies and supervision. The board discussed to continue with the 80% fte MOA, but would also consider offering the additional one day paid by the county if it could lead to an individual accepting the position or not if offered to them. The board decided to discuss in more detail at the county budget meeting later in the day.
Commissioner Simpson moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve the following expenditures for the period:

Vendor	Amount
Anderson Brothers Construction	\$23,171.14
Galls, LLC	2,309.05
Garden Valley Telephone	11,127.25
Premier Signs	2,820.00
Roger's Two-Way Radio, Inc.	7,543.01
Ryan's Backhoe Service	21,070.00
Triple D Construction	102,115.04
Truenorth Steel, Inc.	4,591.88
18 Vendors less than \$2,000	5,833.22
FINAL TOTAL	\$180,580.59

The motion included the following additional bills: \$153.40 Creative Forms; \$368.88 Dacotah Paper; \$24.00 Don's Vacuum; \$554.50 Midwest Advertising; \$57.79 Quill; \$34.50 expenses and \$410.00 per diem to Chuck Flage; \$11.50 expenses and \$240.00 per diem to Al Remick.
Commissioner Weiss moved and seconded by Flage to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on November 10, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.
The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:
Commissioner Meeting/Report
Simpson -None.
Weiss -None.
Flage -Inter County Nursing and County Canvass Board.
Remick -County Canvass Board, HRA Affordable Housing, CARES Grant Committee, and the SWCD Committee discussing the

several projects being completed.
Auditor Schmitz provided an update on the CARES Grant Program. All grant dollars were expended by the November 30, 2020 deadline. Funding was disbursed to businesses, non-profit organizations, and for allowable county expenses due to COVID. The county must file a final CARES report and submit to the state by December 8, 2020. Schmitz mentioned that the annual Truth-in-Taxation Hearing for the county is scheduled for December 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Courthouse.
There being no further business the regular board meeting adjourned to December 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Allen Remick, Chair,
Board of Commissioner
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Deadline: Thursday's at noon!

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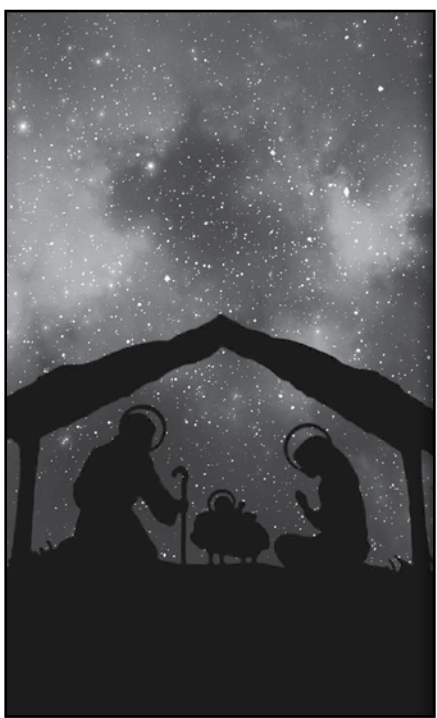
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Merry Christmas!

In spite of everything, we Americans are still uniquely blessed, not only with the rich bounty of our land but by a bounty of the spirit - a kind of year-round Christmas spirit that still makes our country a beacon of hope in a troubled world and that makes this Christmas and every Christmas even more special for all of us who number among our gifts the birthright of being an American."
- President Ronald Reagan

We will be Open December 24th til noon
and Closed Dec. 25th We will be Open Dec 31st til noon and closed Jan 1st all day.
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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RLCC Menus

**December 28
to January 1**

Oklee & Plummer

Monday: No School -

Christmas Vacation

Tuesday: No School -

Christmas Vacation

Wednesday: No School -

Christmas Vacation

Thursday: No School -

Christmas Vacation

Friday: No School -

Christmas Vacation



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

Basketball:

Girls Varsity

Tue, Jan 5: 6:00PM

Red Lake Falls @ Oklee School

Thu, Jan 7: 6:00PM

Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ Oklee School

Tue, Jan 12: 6:00PM

Bagley @ Oklee School

Fri, Jan 15: 6:00PM

Away vs. Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ W-A-O High School

Tue, Jan 19: TBD

Away vs. Win-E-Mac @ Win-E-Mac High School

Basketball:

Boys Varsity

Thu, Jan 7: 6:00PM

RLC vs. Fosston @ Fosston High School

Tue, Jan 12: 6:00PM

RLC vs. Climax Shelly @ Red Lake Falls High School

Mon, Jan 18: 6:00PM

RLC Basketball vs. Goodridge-Grygla @ Goodridge.

Tue, Jan 19: 6:00PM

RLC Basketball vs. Kittson County Central

Red Lake Falls High School

Thu, Jan 28: 6:00PM

RLC Basketball vs. Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears

Clearbrook-Gonvick High School

Wrestling: Varsity

Tue, Jan 5: Tri

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Welcoming Ms. Kristal Kozicki to RLCC Elementary

By Leilah VanDam

Ms. Kristal Kozicki is new to our staff at the RLCC Elementary as a fourth grade teacher! She grew up in a very large family and misses them dearly as they all still live near the Twin Cities. She grew up in the suburbs of the Twin Cities. She currently lives in

Thief River Falls with her boyfriend Johnnie and their two cats, Fish and Chips! She is very crafty. She enjoys crocheting, sewing masks, and doing Paint with Diamonds. She also enjoys playing music with her boyfriend Johnnie. She attended Wartburg College in Waverly, IA for her first two years of college before transferring to the University of North Dakota and graduated in December of 2019.

She wanted to become a teacher because of the lasting impact many of her teachers have had on her life growing up. She said "I grew up in the suburbs of the Twin Cities, many of my fellow students had no consistency in their lives, and I always wanted to be that constant for students who may not have one." This is her first year of teaching. She

was student teaching in Grand Forks last fall and was able to be a long term sub at Challenger Elementary in Thief River Falls during the spring.

She says that the RLCC Elementary is a wonderful place to work at, it is such a warm and welcoming environment! She says "Everyone is so friendly

and dedicated to their work and students. RLCC is definitely where I was meant to end up! I feel so grateful to be part of such an amazing team."

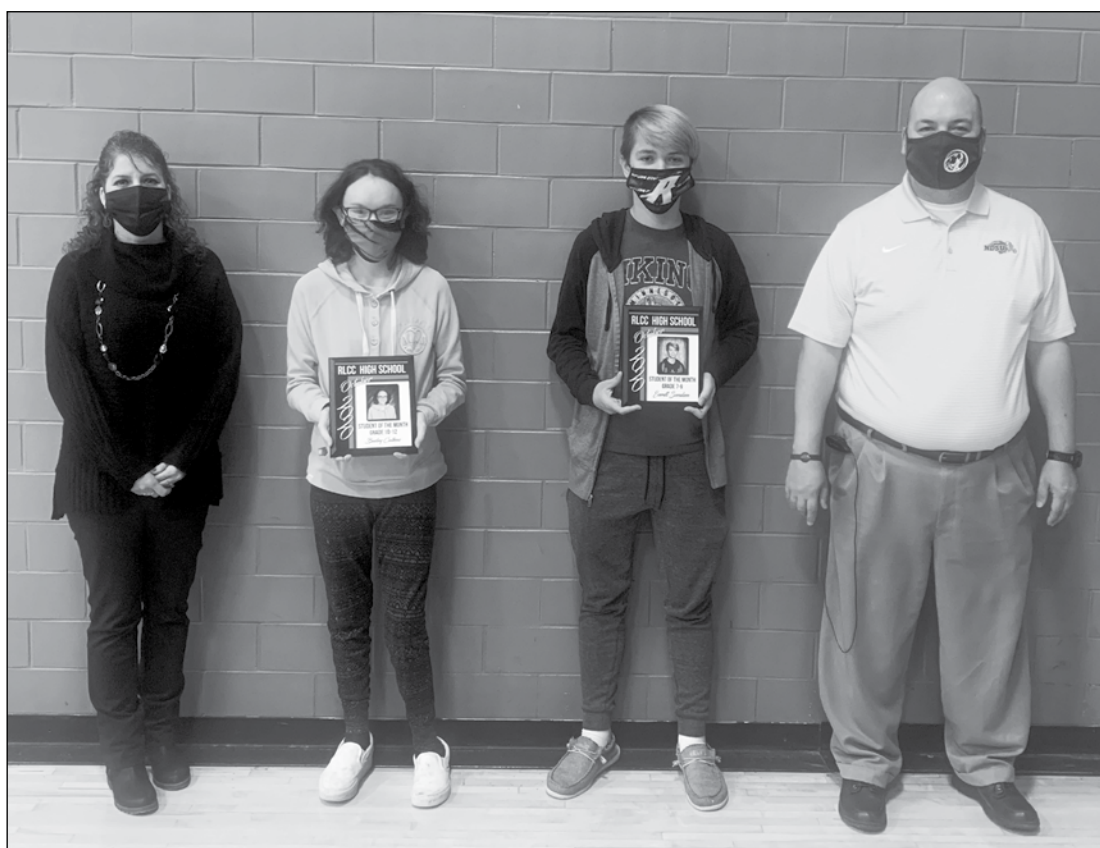
She says that her students are motivated to learn and grow! They are doing very well during this hard year and have been flexible during all of the tran-

sitions! They love to laugh, be silly, and have fun! She says her students can succeed in her class by staying positive, working hard, asking for help, and always doing their best!

As she wants to be a constant for the students who may not have one. She says "I support my students in everything they do. I am always excited to hear about their weekends, video games, friends and anything they have to share! My students know I care for them and am always there if they need help!"



Miss Kozicki
4th Grade



Mrs. Tvedt nominated Bailey Culkins and Everett Svendsen was nominated by Mr. Huie.

RLCC High School Students of the Month

Written by Lauren Jones

The 7th-9th grade student of the month winner was Everett Svendsen.

Mr Huie, his history teacher, says Everett is a strong student and does a great job answering questions. Everett was also on the "A" Honor Roll in the 1st quarter of school and he was voted "Most Improved" on the Cross Country team.

And, like Mr.Huie, Everett is a big Star Wars fan. Everett Svendsen's parents are Lori Gulseth and David Svendsen. Svendsen's siblings

are siblings: Luci, Arlo, Victor, Oliver, Walter, and Charlotte. Everett is active in media club, knowledge bowl, golf, as well as Cross Country.

The 10th-12th grade student of the month winner was Bailey Culkins, a senior who was in Golf and 4-H.

Currently she is not in any activities, but her hobbies include going out with friends, social media, and pets. Bailey has a dog, a goat, 4 cats, chickens, and 2 rabbits.

When asked about how she felt about winning student of

the month she says, "I was very surprised." Mrs.Tvedt says, "Bailey is a very conscientious student who always strives to do her best. She turns her work in on time and works up to her potential in everything she does."

Bailey has shown great maturity this year, and is very helpful to others when needed. Bailey is an all-around great student to have in class! Bailey lives with her adopted parents Richard and Carol Culkins. She has 4 brothers and 3 sisters.

RLCC Elementary Students of the Month



Red Lake County Central Elementary students of the month were: 5th & 6th-Natalee Hendrickson and 3rd & 4th-Logan Lee. Congratulations!



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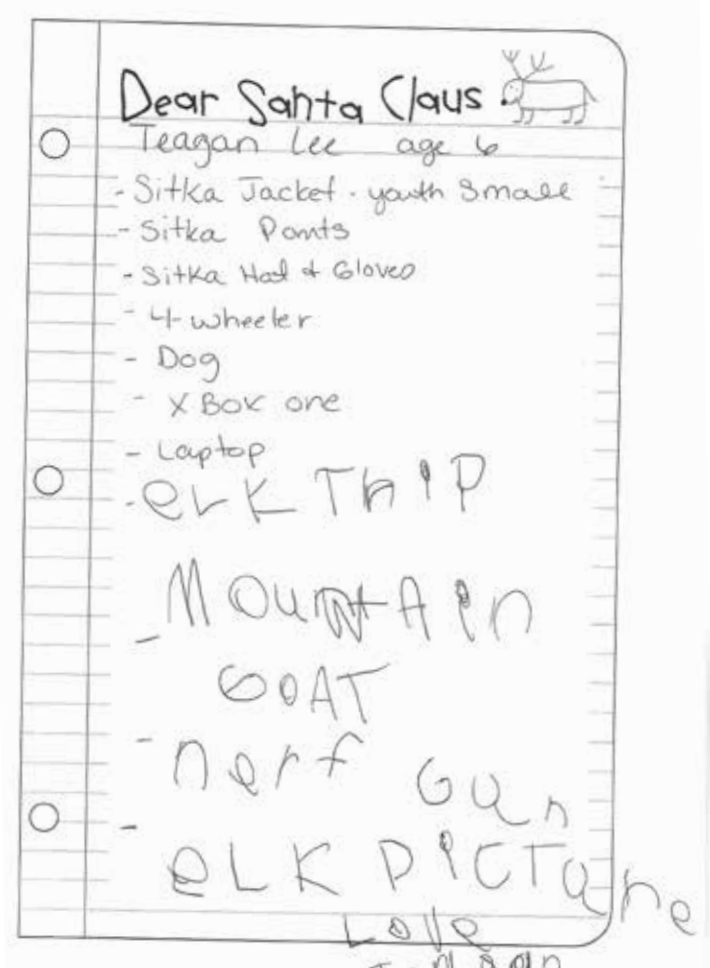
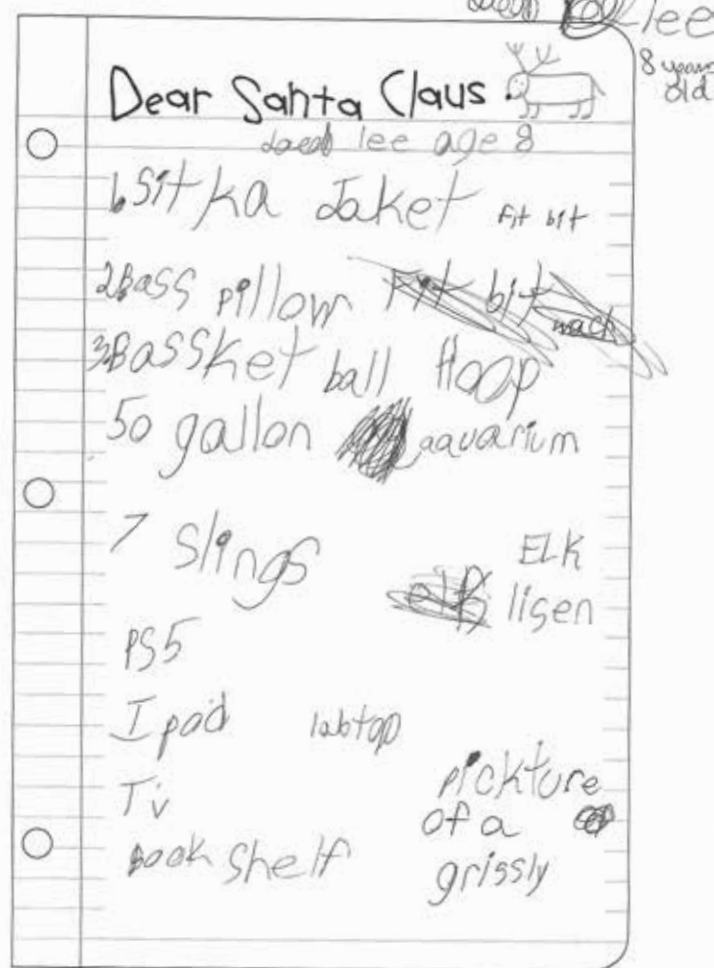
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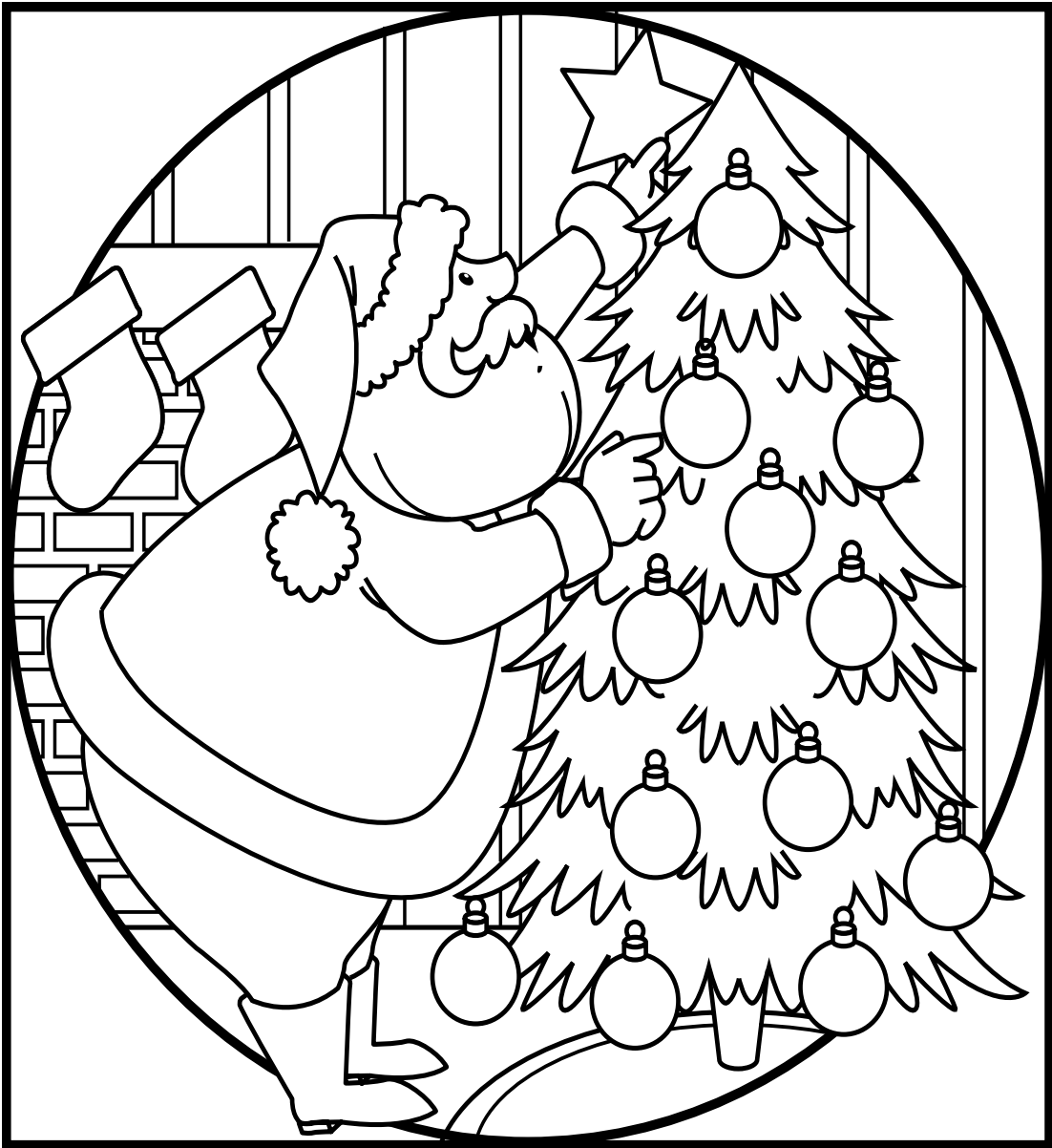
Red Lake Falls Library

The Red Lake Falls Library and all branches of Northwest Regional Library will be closed on Thursday & Friday, December 24 and 25 in observance of the Christmas holidays. Regular hours will resume on Saturday, December 26. The NWRL branch libraries will also be closed on Friday, January 1 for the New Year holiday. Regular Saturday hours for January 2, then on Tuesday, January 4 the new hours schedule will take effect: Tuesday through

Friday noon to 6 and Saturday 10 am to 2 pm.

New adult titles include "The Fragile Earth" - writing from the New Yorker on Climate Change, edited by David Remnick and Henry Finder; "Mozart: the Reign of Love" by Jan Swafford; and "Olive, Mabel & Me: Life and Adventures with Two Very Good Dogs" by Andrew Cotter. New dvd movies include "Blackbird," "Come Away," "Deep Blue Sea 3," and "Proxima."

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Christmas tree tips and tricks

Christmas trees are an iconic symbol of the holiday season.

Whether they are personal trees nestled in the corner of a living room for families to enjoy or towering evergreens serving as the focal point of a town square, Christmas trees are a wonder to behold.

Many people have fond memories of time spent around the Christmas tree sharing gifts and family traditions. Live trees and their pinelike aroma can be especially nostalgic trees to include in holiday plans.

The National Christmas Tree Association says that approximately 25 to 30 million real Christmas trees are sold in the United States every year. North American trees hail from all 50 states and areas of Canada.

While freshly cut trees can be particularly beautiful and aromatic additions to the season,

they require a bit more work than artificial trees in order to remain beautiful and thrive throughout the holiday season.

Maintenance can help keep Christmas trees as perfect as possible.

- Even though it is tempting to buy a real tree as early as possible, their shelf life is limited even with the best care. Dural Christmas Tree Farm advises that, under the best conditions, a real tree should last up to four weeks before drying out.

- Consider the needles when looking for a real tree. Pull your hand toward your body along the branches. If many needles fall off, the tree is past its peak.

- Think about the room in which the tree will be located. Leave at least 6 inches between the tip of the tree and the ceiling, accounting for the height of the tree stand as well.

- If needle retention is a goal, the Scotch pine

variety has the best needle retention and a high survival rate, lending to its popularity, offers Precision Tree and Landscape. Douglas fir and balsam fir are other durable trees.

- If possible, buy a freshly cut tree from a reputable nursery or tree farm, advises The Old Farmer's Almanac. Many pre-cut trees sold elsewhere were likely cut weeks before and may not be fresh.

- Cut the bottom of the tree trunk before bringing it home to facilitate the uptake of fresh water daily. Trees can absorb as much as a gallon of water in a day, so make sure the tree gets fresh water every day.

- Keep trees away from as many heat sources as possible and away from direct sunlight to prolong longevity.

- According to Karabin Farms in Connecticut, to make a Christmas tree last longer, boil a gallon of water and then dissolve one cup of sugar in the water. Allow to cool. After freshly cutting the trunk, pour in the warm sugar water. Continue to add fresh, cool, plain water to the tree stand afterward.

Once needles begin to fall off with frequency, the tree is reaching its prime. Remove it so it does not become a fire hazard.

“Modern Family”

48. Allergic reaction to bee sting
50. Amusing
52. *Word game
55. Don McLean: “Drove my chevy to the ____”
56. Joie de vivre
57. Charlie Parker's nickname
59. Bake an egg
60. Knocks on the door, e.g.
61. 1970s hairdo
62. Milk ____, candy
63. Swallowed
64. Reason to cram

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1. Tube in old TV
2. Paper unit
3. “He’s Just Not That ____ You”
4. Herzegovina’s partner
5. Excessive sternness
6. Convex molding
7. *Candy Land difficulty level
8. *Napoleon-themed game of strategy
9. Niels Bohr’s study object
10. Autry or Wilder
11. Simon’s former partner
13. Performed comprehensively or in ____, pl.
14. Butcher’s refuse
19. Beginning of sickness
22. TV classic “Hee ____”
23. *Board game island ready for settlers
24. True inner self
25. Linear particle accelerator, for short
26. Take-out handout
27. Half-human-half goat, pl.
28. February “People,” e.g.
29. *Game with rooks
32. *Game involving Mr. Boddy’s murderer
33. Chewbacca’s sidekick
36. *a.k.a. draughts
38. Type of parallelogram
40. Liberty Tree, e.g.
41. Vacuums, e.g.
44. Extra shirt, e.g.
46. Sabbath, alt. sp.
48. Audience’s approval
49. Window treatment
50. Bloody king of Israel
51. “Metamorphoses” poet
52. Serum, pl.
53. *The Game of ____
54. Makes mistakes
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1. Dealer’s hand, in cribbage
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 8. Galsworthy’s “The Forsyte ____”
 12. Nevada city
 13. Prima donna
 14. Weasel’s cousin
 15. Makes collar for RBG
 16. Between the id and super-ego, pl.
 17. Can be hot or cold, meteorologically speaking
 18. *Real estate-related board game
 20. Elvis Presley’s “____ and Fortune”
 21. Preface, e.g.
 22. *A top one is a game

- piece in #18 Across
23. Open carriage
 26. Having a malignant influence
 30. “Wheel of Fortune” request
 31. Stay clear of
 34. Knife wound
 35. Touch of color
 37. Computer network acronym
 38. Awaken
 39. Wet nurse
 40. Castrated man
 42. Yale-____ College, Singapore
 43. Aircraft’s additional equipment holder
 45. They’re denoted in red
 47. Eric Stonestreet on

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

by Clement Clarke Moore

’Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her ‘kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled down for a long winter’s nap,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;
“Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on Cupid! on, Dunder and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!”

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my hand, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes -- how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook, when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
“Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night.”

Writers & Writing by Michael Tidemann



Tidemann started his journalism career at the Bismarck Tribune in 1978 and began college teaching career as a graduate teaching assistant at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion in 1977. He has worked at newspapers in Iowa and the Dakotas and his work has appeared in Overdrive, Writer's Journal, the San Diego Union-Tribune and Snowmobile. (Michael Tidemann writes from Estherville, Iowa. His author page is [amazon.com/author/michaeltidemann](https://www.amazon.com/author/michaeltidemann).)

Freedom Flight embraces the traditional Western

Have you read a good Western lately?

The traditional Western, a genre that saw its height from the 1940s to the 1960s, seemed to go out of disfavor for various reasons. Regionalism, a trademark of many Westerns, somehow took on a bad name. Modern society also seemed to forget the Western, deeming it colloquial. While Louis L'Amour seemed to weather the storm, even well past his passing, many other Western authors seem to have struggled to place their books on bestseller lists.

That's why it was refreshing to read Alan Van Ormer's *Freedom Flight*, the story of Rye Tyler, who was sent away as a young boy, and due to his heroic exploits, became a spy in the Confederate army and was later confined to a Union prison in Murfreesboro, Tenn., condemned to hang. It was there that two of his companions were murdered by a man posing as a Union sergeant.

Freed by troops led by Nathan Bedford Forrest, Tyler deserted and went to Minnesota to take revenge for the deaths of his companions, only to find himself in the midst of

the Great Sioux Uprising as he came to Fort Ridgeley.

Tyler rescued three children, at first thought orphaned but later proven to have been abandoned by their parents. Tyler continues to save others as he makes his way west.

Tyler still holds his childhood sweetheart, Libbie Davis, close to his heart as he searches

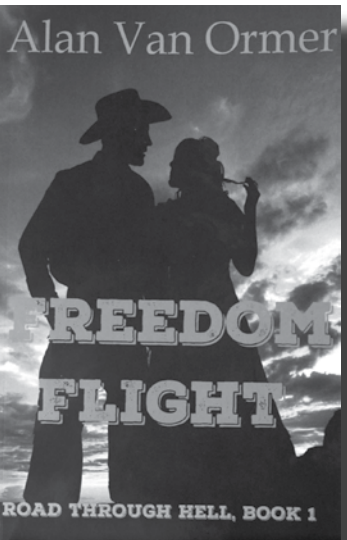
for her. However, when Libbie's sister, Blanche, enters his life, Rye's life becomes more confused than ever as he's pursued by not just Confederate and Union soldiers but also Sioux and Shoshone warriors. Even worse, members of Libbie and Blanche's and even his own family want him dead.

Rye finds unusual allies – most notably the feared and respected Cheyenne dog soldiers who hold him in honor for his bravery.

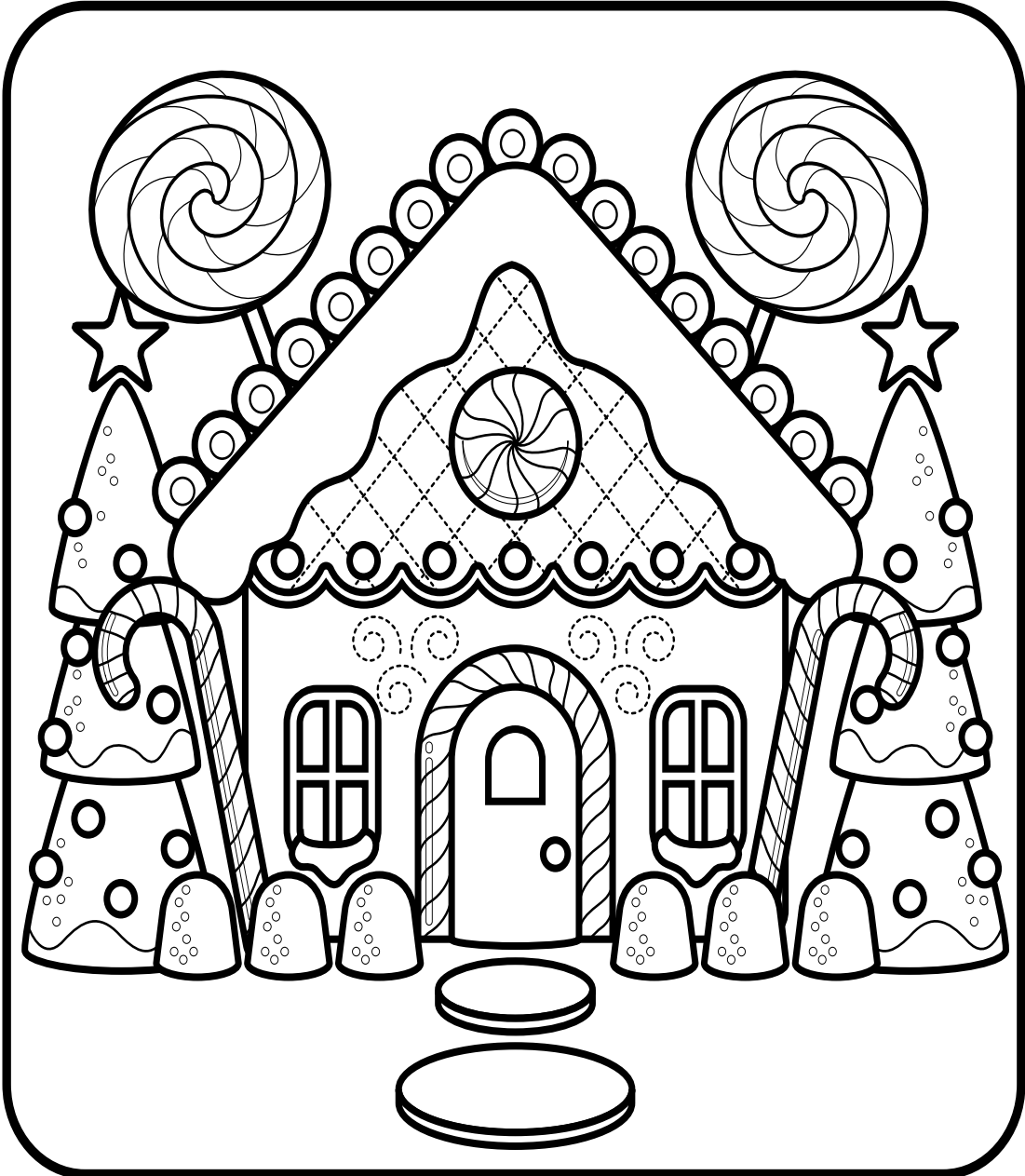
Van Ormer does a great job of creating a sense of place and characters whose motivations are real and compelling. *Freedom Flight* is the first in Van Ormer's *Road Through Hell* series.

Van Ormer, editor of the Kossuth County Advance in Algona, Iowa, and a former Marine, is originally from Sioux Falls, S.D. Interestingly, I recognized his name and after touching bases with him realized that I had worked with him at the Lawrence County Centennial in the Black Hills about 30 years ago.

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Color the pictures on this page and send to a special someone to cheer up their day!

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago December 19, 1940

Fire burned a hole in the roof of the Valle Lutheran Church east of town on Thursday afternoon. It would appear that the sparks had caught in the shingles on the south part of the roof.

Fire of undertermined origin completely destroyed the garage building of Dennis Bergeron Thursday evening of last week. The garage was located at the highway end of 2nd Avenue. Dennis's car was in the garage and was also completely destroyed.

The Oklee High School basketball team defeated Plummer 26-19 on the local floor last Friday evening.

A daughter was born to Rev. and Mrs. C.J. Field Thursday, December 12th.

Seventy Years Ago December 21, 1950

Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 19th, the Oklee squad fought all the way as they came out on top of McIntosh by a margin of two points, final score 46-44.

Two trains derailed during week. A locomotive and three cars of a southbound Soo Line train derailed early Friday morning about four miles north of Plummer. The other was a Soo Line freight which wrecked about a mile north of Waubun at 2 a.m. on Monday and held up train and mail service on the line for two days last week.

Two Oklee young men have enlisted for service in the U.S. Air Forces and will leave for San Antonio, TX on Jan. 3rd. They are Richard Bachand, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bachand, and Richard Sordahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sordahl.

Sixty Years Ago December 22, 1960

A large crowd attended the Christmas program presented by the Sunday School children at the Nazareth Church on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Lundeen and family attended the Christmas program at the First Lutheran Church in Goodridge Saturday evening.

Aurel Parenteau of Brooks and Congressman Odin Langen called at the home of Miss Bernice Orr Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Asselin and daughter of Oklee visited with relatives here Friday afternoon and also attended an auction sale held by Mrs. L.J. Hesse.

Bobcats lost a very close game to the Erskine Comets here Friday night with the final score 59-51.

Fifty Years Ago December 24, 1970

The Reverend Carl R. Wosje is expected to arrive in Oklee with his family early in January to become the pastor of the Oklee-Trail Lutheran Parish. He is succeeding the Rev. David Lillegard who moved last month to Sutton's Bay, Michigan.

Errol W. Rustan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rustan, Oklee. Completed his work toward a Bachelor of Arts degree at Bemidji State College at the end of the fall quarter, 1970. He obtained a major in accounting and a minor in data processing.

The Oklee Bobcats smelled success and tasted defeat during the past week. On Friday the Bobcats smashed Erskine 56-31 on the home floor. The taste of defeat meanwhile was a 56-33 thumping at the hands of Waubun Tuesday in Oklee.

Snowcat mishaps, injure three Oklee men. Goodwin Olson has 18 stitches in his nose from cuts received when he struck a wire fence, Darrel Grimm suffered facial cuts requiring 21 stitches when his machine flipped and ran over him. And Korydon Chervestad has a broken wrist and fractured cheek bone from a mishap with a snowmobile.

Forty Years Ago December 25, 1980

Verna Melby was pictured in the paper with the children of Tom and Marcy Sedler, Walt and Julie Aanenson, Ardis and Rene Hofstad, Becky and Dale Svaren and Bob and Phyllis Melby. All the children just love her.

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Larson are happy to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Grace to Mike Dessellier, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Dessellier. A March 21st wedding in Oklee is being planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Wiseth of Wishek, ND are the parents of a baby girl born December 17th. Mis. Wiseth is the sister of Mrs. Bernard Fallon.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Gunderson and mother Birdie attended the Zion Sunday School program where Jamie participated in the program.

Thirty Years Ago December 26, 1990

A yearly event – a project sponsored by the Oklee Lions and Community clubs - making and distributing 100 Christmas fruit baskets to some of the residents in and around Oklee. Those who packed the baskets were Tim Munt, Dick Marquis, Cindy Stoneouse, Janet Halvorson, Debbie Sherman, Donna Cantwell, and Marvin Bronken.

Santa came to skate with the kids on December 22nd.

Recycling bins are located behind the Oklee Municipal building and they are clearly marked.

St. Vincent de Paul church had their Christmas program on Sunday evening. Children in grades 1-12 took part with the high school students forming the choir.

Tech. Sgt. Dale G. Mattison has graduated from an Air Force major command non-commissioned officer academy. Mattison is the son of Jan and Jerry Freitag of Plum-

mer. Dale is a 1978 graduate of Pershing High School in Plummer.

Twenty Years Ago December 21, 2000

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church had their Sunday School program on Saturday, December 9th. Pictured in the paper were Zach Grove, Mikayla Paradis, Amy Paquin and Ethan Klasen.

The Lions Club of Plummer sponsored their annual Santa Claus Day on Saturday. Despite the "coolish" weather, approximately 75 youngsters came to visit with Santa's helper, Heath Rosten and to enjoy the wagon ride.

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs took part in the NCTC Tourney. They took on the Stephen Argyle team and won 50-24.

RLCC Mustang Wrestlers improved their record to 2-0 on the season with a 67-6 win over East Grand Forks.

Ten Years Ago December 22, 2010

On Thursday, December 16, the Oklee Senior Site & Craft Shop held an Open House for all to attend and it was well attended.

The Red Lake County 4-Her's held a Pancake Fund-raiser on December 12th at the Red Lake Falls Community Center.

Joe McMullen was recognized and honored for his 16 years of service working with the Red Lake County Schools as a board member.

Michelle Olson, Brianna Spong, Haylie Malwitz, Lisa Bergeson and Mcaulli Berns were award winners at the RLCC Volleyball Awards Banquet held Dec. 6th.

Mariah Sipper and Stephanie Smith entertained the residents at the Freedom Living Center, performing many holiday songs on the piano.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Today, December 21st, is the shortest day of the year. It is snowing right now and we did get an inch or two over night. It is the first day of winter. The days will slowly become longer after today. Mother Nature was good to us though as she shortened the winter by not giving us too much snow up to now. Maybe she has been saving it up for January. Needless to say it is Christmas week and any extra shopping you have to do has to go through whatever snow we have and will get this week. We are promised snow on Wednesday.

Sad news comes from North Dakota. Ray Capp, a former resident of Brooks, has passed away. He lived at a Larimore nursing home until his death. Our sympathy and good wishes go out to his family and friends. Rest in peace Ray.

I saw my neighbor and asked him what he was doing now with the quarantine we are experiencing. He said "Barb, I'm happy and doing what I always wanted to do when I was working. In the morning I get up and eat breakfast

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote



Reminder: The Oklee Cafe is closed for a couple of weeks. Teresa is taking a vacation and the meals for our Senior Site will be coming out of Erskine's LSS kitchen. If you want to order a meal, you will have to call Jo Lambert at 796-4527 or LSS Erskine at 687-2262. Remember you have to call the day before in order to get a meal. And you have to call

on Friday for Monday's meal.

If you have questions, please call the Senior Site at 796-5149 or Jo Lambert at 796-4527.

This year the weather for November and December have been very nice. From the sounds of it, we will be having a fairly brown Christmas, which is fine with me as long as the temperatures don't get too cold. Eventually we will get snow to cover the fields and make everything white.

Since we are still in this pandemic situation, I hope everyone will be able to at least visit with their loved ones whether it is by phone or online using Zoom, Facebook, etc.

Unfortunately we have lost a few of our friends and family

due to complications of Covid, and will never be the same as before. So, we should all be looking forward to getting the vaccine shots so we can get back to something closer to normal.

Dates to Remember

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve
Dec. 25: Christmas Day
Dec. 28: National Call a Friend Day
Dec. 30: National Bacon Day
Dec. 31: New Year's Eve

Words of Wisdom

Laughter is like changing a baby's diaper. It doesn't solve any problems permanently, but it makes thing more acceptable for awhile.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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p.m. They had brought at 2018 Chevrolet Silverado pickup. It sure was a nice surprise.

We can be thankful we're not on the east coast. They were getting a nor'easter on the 17th, 50mph winds and a foot or more of snow. Power outages expected.

A 107-year-old lady from Detroit Lakes was on TV. She had the flu in 1918 when she wasn't quite 5. She was in a nursing home now and had the COVID-19 and tested positive, but had no symptoms, just slept a lot!

As you may have heard, the vaccine has been distributed to health care workers first, the elderly second. It's good to hear there are little or no side effects from it.

Tuesday was a day of giving throughout the U.S. Large food boxes were distributed and the lines were long. In one area they could do sixteen cars a

minute.

Thousands of American's are struggling to put food on their tables for their families. It got much worse this year.

On Sunday, the 13th, Charlie Pride passed away from complications of corona virus at the age of 86. He was the son of a Mississippi sharecropper. He played baseball at age 16 for the minor leagues. Later, Chet Atkins got him a record deal. From the beginning the fans loved him. Earlier this year, I think, he received the "Lifetime Achievement Award" in Nashville.

A Christmas memory: It was 1954, I was in 4th grade. Mom had shopped and put away presents in the attic. One day when she was out, I got on a stool and looked in the attic and there were 2 dolls, one for me and one for my sister. She picked the one with the blue dress. Mine has a pink one. I named my doll Cinderella and she named her's Darlene. We made them cry and then put them back up in the attic. The next year we got metal doll house which we really loved.

Have a blessed and joyful Christmas!

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This weeks photo is of a couple from the area southwest of Oklee.

Last week's photo was of some of Andrew Dessellier's children. The photo was taken around 1944/45. Pictured is George, Alex, Eugene, Vincent, Louis, Ernest and David.

Everyone has a photo or two that would be great for this column. Please share them with our readers as it is one of most popular columns of the Oklee Herald.

I am always in need of more photos - please send or bring some more of your great old photos. School days, church events, sports, etc. If you email a photo, please scan at 300 dpi (high quality) if you can. You can email to okleeherald@

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