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Red Lake County Central's 4th grade students have been busy making blankets with the help of their teachers, Miss Kozicki and Mrs. Hamrum. These blankets have been donated to VIP (Violence Intervention Project) in Thief River Falls. – GREAT JOB, 4TH GRADE!!! –



FEMA Awards Nation's First Grant from New Resilience Program to State of Minnesota

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced today that the Minnesota Department of Public Safety has been awarded the nation's first Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program grant award. FEMA will provide \$171,700 in BRIC program funding to update hazard mitigation plans for the Minnesota counties of Jackson, Kittson, Marshall, Pope and Red Lake.

"FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities or BRIC program seeks to shift the focus from reactive disaster spending toward proactive investment in community resilience," said Moises Dugan,

acting regional administrator, FEMA Region 5. "As the first project to ever be funded under this program, we're proud to support the state of Minnesota and their efforts to take action against future disaster risks, making their communities safer and stronger as a result."

Through BRIC, FEMA will pay \$171,700 which is 75% of the \$222,200 eligible project cost and includes an additional \$20,200 in management costs to help the recipient manage this grant. The remaining 25% of the project cost will be provided by the state or local community.

BRIC is FEMA's new pre-disaster mitigation grant program providing funds to states, local communities, tribes and

territories for eligible mitigation activities to strengthen our nation's ability to build a culture of preparedness. This program funds activities and projects that invest in a more resilient nation, reduce disaster suffering and avoid future disaster costs.

In the BRIC program's second year, a total of \$1 billion in mitigation funding is being made available. The funding will help to meet the ongoing demand for hazard mitigation across the nation and will enhance FEMA's efforts to deliver benefits to historically underserved communities. To learn more about FEMA's BRIC grant program, visit www.fema.gov/bric.

RLCC UNITED Our Students - Our Future

On Wednesday, December 22nd, Red Lake County Central (RLCC) schools launched a website, rlccunited.org. The purpose of this online site is to answer any questions about the upcoming election on Tuesday, February 8th.

The website opens with: *Together, we are RLCC United.*

At RLCC Schools, "students acquire knowledge, skills, and attitudes to enable them to lead productive lives while contributing to society." This is our district's mission and we're committed to helping our students prepare for their future. We pride ourselves on being a close-knit community that focuses on hands-on and collaborative learning opportunities for our kids.

On Tuesday, February 8, 2022, district residents will vote on a single question bond referendum to provide more space for classrooms, learning, and activities, update our science classrooms for hands-on learning, and address safety, accessibility, and other district needs including parking.

Both schools, Plummer and Oklee, are in need of improvements and they encourage all residents to explore the website to learn more about the needs of the students and schools and the proposed plan to address them.

You can access the site two ways. One is if you are on the RLCC2906.org website already, just click on the link RLCC UNITED that is on their menu bar at the top of their page, or type in directly on your search page, rlccunited.org.

From the main page of RLCC United, you will find links that explain the Process, the Need, the Plan, the Impact, the Cost, information about the upcoming vote, and other information.

Based on community input, research, and planning, the ISD 2906 school board is asking voters to consider a single-question bond referendum on Tuesday, February 8. If approved, it would:

- Provide more space for classrooms, learning, and activities.
- Update our science classrooms for hands-on learning.

• Address safety, accessibility, and other district needs including parking.

For people that don't have internet, some of the information will be in the Oklee Herald, but for the full scope, please attend one of the public meetings that have been scheduled in January. If you have questions on the projects being proposed, these meetings are set up to answer them.

The RLCC public meetings are for everyone in our school district and you are invited to attend one of the upcoming meetings. The meetings will provide information about the referendum and answer your questions.

Plan on attending on one of the following days.

Monday, January 10th in Brooks at the Community Hall at 7:00 pm.

Thursday, January 13th in Plummer at the school at 7:00 pm.

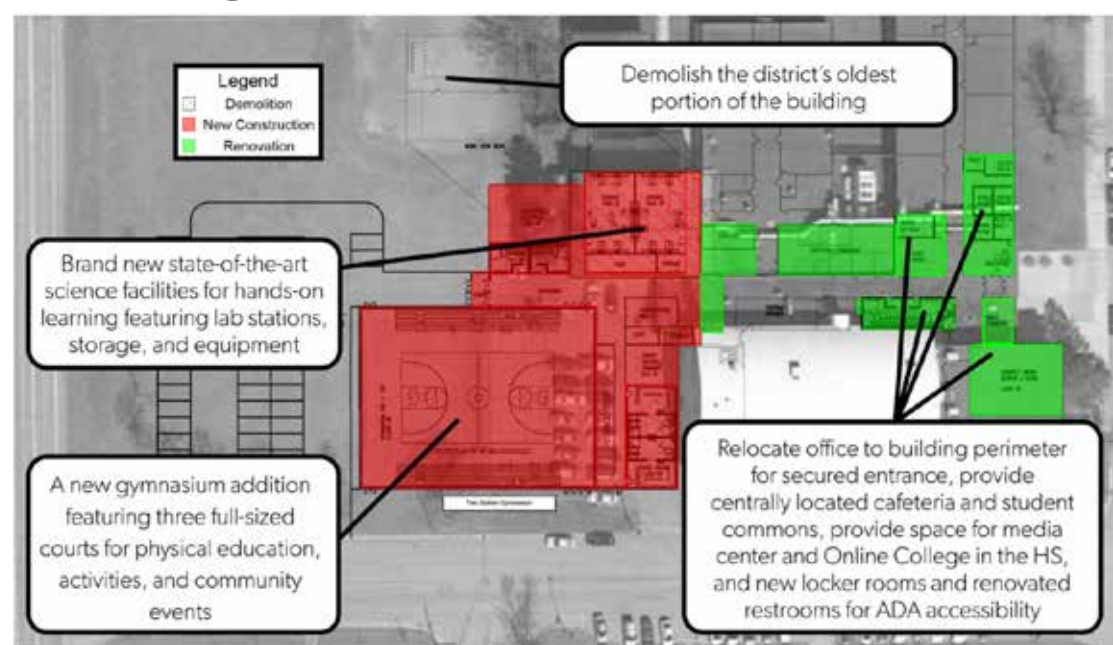
Wednesday, January 19th in Oklee at the school at 7:00 pm.

Next week in the Herald: What's included in the plan.

RLCC Elementary School - Plummer



RLCC High School School - Oklee



Inter-County Nursing Service Visit us on Facebook

December 23rd: There are 7 new reported cases for Pennington County, 2 children under 10, 40's, 50's & 70's.

There are no new reported cases for Red Lake County.

December 22nd: There are 2 new reported cases for Pennington County, in their 20's & 70's. 1 additional case has been hospitalized, they are in their 40's.

There is 1 new reported case for Red Lake County, they are in their 40's.

December 21st: There are 3 new reported cases for Pennington County, in their 30's, 60's & 70's.

There is 1 new reported case for Red Lake County, they are in their 30's.

December 18th - 20th: There are 3 new reported cases for Pennington County, 1 child under 10, and 30's.

There are no new reported cases for Red Lake County.

December 17th: There are 7 new reported cases for Pennington County, 1 teen, 20's - 50's.

There is 1 new reported case for Red Lake County, 1 teen.

These are stressful times, if you or someone you know is dealing with a mental health crisis, there is help. The Crisis Text Line is a free mental health text-based service available to all Minnesota residents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. People who text "MN" to 741741 are connected to a trained counselor/volunteer who will help defuse the crisis and connect the texter to local resources.

Vaccines are thoroughly tested for safety before they're made available to the public.

Vaccines go through extensive trials before they can be introduced in a country. Expert doctors and scientists follow strict international standards while deciding to make a vaccine available to the public. Like all medicines, vaccines may cause side effects that are usually minor and temporary. More serious side effects are extremely rare. A person is far more likely to be seriously harmed by a disease than by its vaccine.

Source: World Health Organization

Please take precautions whether you are vaccinated or not. Wear a mask in indoor public spaces, social distance, stay away from crowds, stay home if you are sick, wash your hands frequently and get vaccinated.

	Pennington	Red Lake
• Total # of confirmed cases	2653	731
• Total # of Hospitalizations	129	37
• # Currently in Hospital	1	0
• # of Active Cases in Isolation	37	8
• Deaths	31	12



Calendar of Events

Wed, Dec. 29:

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

Thu, Dec. 30:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news

Fri, Dec. 31: Oklee Herald Office Closed.

Sat, Jan. 1:

- Happy New Year

Sun, Jan. 2:

-Worship at the church – check inside for church times and places.

Mon, Jan. 3:

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

Tue, Jan. 4:

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

Wed, Jan. 5:

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

-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Sun, Jan. 2: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:00 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
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, Jan. 2: No Services.
Mon, Jan. 3: 7:00 p.m. Worship at Immanuel w/communion.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Sun, Jan. 2: No Sunday School. 8:00 a.m. Ekelund Worship. 9:30 a.m. Faith Worship. 11:00 a.m. Bethany Worship.
Mon, Jan. 3: 9:00 a.m. Rachel Circle.
Wed, Jan. 5: 7 p.m. Confirmation meeting at Faith.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, Jan 1: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, Jan. 2: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship. Nazareth: 9:45 Worship. Oak Park: 11:00 a.m. Worship.
Jan. 5: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m. LYS.
Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Jarred LeBon, Pastor
Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Dec. 29: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, Jan. 2: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Jan. 4: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, Jan. 5: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
No Sunday services January 2.
CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sundays: 10:00 a.m.
Services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/bethelfosston>) as an alternative to attending in person.

GLAUCOMA AWARENESS MONTH



Sheriff Bernstein awarding Alex Peterson.

Alex Peterson receives scholarship from MN Sheriff's Association

On December 23, 2021, Sheriff Bernstein presented Alex Peterson with a \$2,000 scholarship from the Minnesota Sheriff's Association. This award was one of only a handful presented to 2nd year law enforcement students throughout the state.

Alex is a 2019 graduate of Red Lake County Central High School and his parents are Brian and Alette Peterson of Oklee. Alex attends Northland College in Thief River Falls and he will graduate with a law enforcement degree this coming spring. He also works full-time as a correctional officer for the Pennington County Sheriff's Office in Thief River Falls. Congratulations Alex!

The Key to a Happy New Year:
Don't Drink & Drive

Oklee Senior Site Dining

January 3 - 7

No congregate meals served.
If you are over the age of 60 and you want a meal delivered to your home, call the Oklee Cafe 796-5666. Please call by Friday to order your meals from the menu below. If the cafe runs short, it will be Cook's Choice. A \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.

Mon: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, bread, milk, and dessert.

Tue: Egg salad sandwich, chicken vegetable soup, milk, and dessert.

Wed: Baked ham, mashed potatoes, vegetables, bread, milk, and dessert.

Thu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, milk, and dessert.

Fri: Tator tot hotdish, tossed salad, bread, milk, and dessert.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS RED LAKE COUNTY AND CITY OF PLUMMER PLUMMER, MINNESOTA COUNTY ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS & CITY OF PLUMMER SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS MOORE PROJECT NO. 20233A S.A.P 063-624-001, S.A.P. 063-652-006, S.A.P 063-594-003

General Notice
Owner is requesting Bids for the construction of the project listed above.

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received and accepted via electronic bid (vBid) through QuestCDN until January 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. local time. Bids will be viewed and read via video/phone conference at 11:00 a.m. Mailed or hand delivered bids will not be opened or considered. Link for the video/phone conference is provided at www.mooreengineeringinc.com by clicking the Bid Information tab, or at www.questcdn.com.

The Project includes the following Work: Bituminous Paving, ADA Improvements, Grading, Storm Sewer Replacement, Sanitary Sewer Replacement, Watermain Replacement, and Lighting. Located on Minnesota Street, Central Avenue, Ash Street, Red Lake Avenue, and Poplar Street in Plummer, MN.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

Complete Digital project documents are available at www.mooreengineeringinc.com by clicking on the Bid Information tab and/or www.questcdn.com. Input the QuestCDN Project No. 8089110 on the website's project search page to download the digital documents for \$20.00. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading digital project information, and vBid online bid submittal questions. Project bid documents must be downloaded from QuestCDN which will add your company to the Planholder List and allow access to vBid online bidding for the submittal of your bid (which is required for this project). **Bidders will be charged a fee of \$20.00 to submit a bid electronically. For this project, bids will Only be received and accepted via the online electronic bid service through QuestCDN.com.**

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Moore Engineering, Inc. 208 4th Street NW, Bemidji, MN 56601
Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

All Bids shall be accompanied with a signed statement under oath by the Bidder's owner or officer verifying compliance with Minn. Stat. 16C.285 meeting the "Responsible Contractor" requirements. Also included will be a list of all of its first-tier subcontractors that it intends to retain for work on the project.
1. Any prime contractor or subcontractor that does not meet the minimum criteria established for a responsible contractor as defined by Minn. Stat. 16C.285 Subd. 3 or fails to verify that it meets those criteria is not a "Responsible Contractor" and is not eligible to be awarded a construction contract for the project or to perform work on the project.

2. A false statement under oath verifying compliance with any of the minimum criteria shall make the prime contractor or subcontractor that makes the false statement ineligible to be awarded a construction project and may result in termination of a contract awarded to a prime contractor or subcontractor that submits a false statement.

3. A prime contractor shall submit to the contracting authority, upon request, copies of the signed verifications of compliance from all subcontractors.

Instructions to Bidders.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept any bid or reject any or all bids, waive irregularities, and award the contract in the best interest of Red Lake County.

RLCC PUBLIC MEETINGS

Everyone in our school district is invited to attend one of the upcoming meetings. The school will provide information about the referendum, answer community questions and visit with residents on the following days.

Monday, January 10th in Brooks at the Community Hall at 7:00 pm
Thursday, January 13th in Plummer at the school at 7:00 pm
Wednesday, January 19th in Oklee at the school at 7:00 pm

Notice To Residents of Terrebonne Township

The dates of filing affidavits of candidacy for township offices are December 28, 2021 - January 11, 2022.

Offices open are:
1 Supervisor-three year term
1 Clerk-two year term

Filing may be done at the Clerk's office at any reasonable time during the two week period by calling 698-4615. The Town Clerks Office will be open on January 11th from 1-5 p.m. Filing closes at 5:00 p.m. on January 11, 2022. Filing fee is \$2.00.

Josie Myhre,
Terrebonne Township Clerk

Get Organized Month

Red Lake County Truth-In-Taxation Meeting Held December 2, 2021

Pursuant to M.S. 275.065 the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners met in special session in the courtroom at the Red Lake County Courthouse on December 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct the county Truth-In-Taxation hearing for taxes payable in year 2022. Present were County Commissioners Flage, Gerardy and Remick. Also present was County Auditor Robert Schmitz. Absent were Commissioners Dudycha and Weiss. Three citizens were present.

Chairman Flage called the meeting to order. Auditor Schmitz explained the requirements of the budget and levy hearing process. Schmitz provided comment on the Enbridge Energy court litigation and its resulting effect on county values and tax rate; it was also noted that special assessments are not included in the tax amounts on the notices.

Auditor Schmitz also provided a review of the proposed County

Legal Notices

CALL FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by Robert Schmitz, Red Lake County Auditor, 124 Langevin Ave., P.O. Box 367, Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, on behalf of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners, with bids to be received until 10:00 a.m. on January 4, 2022 for the following publication:

FIRST PUBLICATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 375.17 IN 2022.

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

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

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

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

Dated at Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, this 8th day of December, 2021.

Robert Schmitz
Red Lake County Auditor

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TWO PUBLICATIONS OF THE LIST OF DELINQUENT TAXES PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 279.05, 279.06, 279.07, 279.08 AND 279.09 IN 2022.

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Social Services, County Highway Department, and County Revenue Fund budgets, and an overall summary of the proposed county budget and tax levy for 2022. Additional information was provided comparing 2022 proposed levies and percentage increases from the surrounding counties. Questions were addressed from the public.

Auditor Schmitz mentioned that the County Board would be adopting the tax levy and budget at the regular board meeting scheduled for December 28, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

There, being no further business, the TNT hearing was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Chuck Flage, Chairman,
Board of Commissioners O41C

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PUBLICATION OF THE COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 375.12, AND THE PUBLICATION OF ALL LEGAL NOTICES OF THE COUNTY, INCLUDING BID NOTICES, SAMPLE BALLOTS, AND ALL OTHER PUBLISHING REQUESTS OR NEEDS OR REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, DURING 2022.

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Sudoku Solution

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

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Wishing You A Happy New Year

"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and the first chapter is New Years Day."

- Edith Lovejoy Pierce

We wish all of our customers and friends a safe and prosperous New Year.

Closing at 3 p.m. on Friday, December 31st for New Years Eve!

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Oklee Herald Office Hours

This weeks hours:

Dec. 27 - 31 On Vacation. Call Gonvick.
Mon, Jan. 3 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tue, Jan. 4 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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RLCC Menus

NOTICE: Food shortages are nationwide, and our school district is also experiencing unavailable items or last-minute food replacements from our food distributors. Menus are subject to change, but we will do our best to notify you via social media/bulletin if/when there are menu changes. We appreciate your patience and understanding! We look forward to serving all of our students nutritious meals.

RLCC School District.

**January 3 - 7
Oklee**

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken strips, scalloped/au gratin potatoes, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: French toast w/syrup, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pulled pork or BBQ chicken, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce or Alfredo sauce, bread sticks, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Ham & cheese croissant, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, lettuce salad, fresh vegetables, cottage cheese, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Variety of soups, meat sandwich, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, smiley fries, green beans, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Rib on a bun, baked beans, baby carrots, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli Normandy, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

RLCC Sports Schedules

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

RLCC Girls

Basketball

Tue, Jan 4:
Girls JH 4:30PM
Red Lake Falls @ Plummer.

Thu, Jan 6:
JV Game 6:00PM
Varsity 7:15PM

Mahnomen/Waubun @ Mahnomen High School.

Fri, Jan 7:
JH Game 4:30PM

Fosston @ Magelssen Elementary School.

Girls JV 6:00PM
Varsity 7:15PM

Climax Shelly @ Fisher High School.

Tue, Jan 11:
Girls JV 6:00PM
Varsity 7:15PM

Red Lake Falls @ Oklee

RLC Rebel Boys

Basketball

Tue, Jan. 4:
Boys C 4:30PM
Boys JV 6:00PM

Varsity 7:30PM RLC Basketball vs. Crookston @ Crookston High School.

Thu, Jan. 6:
JV Game 6:00PM
Varsity 7:30PM

Northern Freeze @ Red Lake Falls High School

Mon, Jan. 10:
Boys JH 4:30PM

Sacred Heart High @ Sacred Heart High School.

Boys C 5:00PM
Boys JV 6:00PM
Varsity 7:30PM

Sacred Heart High School @ Red Lake Falls High School.

Tue, Jan 11:
Boys JH 4:30PM

Win-E-Mac @ Win-E-Mac High School

Boys C 5:00PM
JV Game 6:00PM
Varsity 7:30PM

Win-E-Mac @ Plummer.



Back row: Marissa Schiebe, Peyton Fish, and Leah Peterson, Front Row: Cari Bachand, Bailey Sherman, and Taya Morinville.



A tough loss on 12-20-21 for the Mustangs against the Fosston Greyhounds 24-63!

But a great group of girls showing their support for fellow Greyhound basketball player Brooklyn Ostenna and her mom April who is battling cancer! The Mustangs joined the Greyhounds wearing teal hair ribbons and t-shirts showing their support!!!!

Stats

Cari Bachand: 11pts, 6 Rebounds, 1 assist, 6 steals, 2 blocks.

Quinn Graves: 7pts.
Shawna Majers: 7pts, 4 rebounds, 1 steal.

Carlee Whalen: 6pts, 2 rebounds, 2 steals.

Paige Olson: 3 pts, 4 rebounds.



Above: Paige Olson with a jump shot.



Right: Cari Bachand with a jump shot.



Christmas at RLCC High School

Red Lake County Central Raises Money for Area Families

On December 22, 2021 Red Lake County Central High School raised close to \$350 in combined efforts with the Student Senate Candy Cane Gram campaign and their annual Ugly Christmas Sweater contest. Student Senate had students and staff sign up to send Candy Cane Grams to fellow students for \$1.00. The Student Senate raised close to \$350.

Students and Staff also held a ticket raffle to win prizes at the cost of \$1 with proceeds to go to the Wichterman/Gullingsrud families to help defray medical and travel expenses for cancer treatments. This year, \$200.00 was raised as a result of this effort, to be split and shared equally with Wichterman/Gullingsrud Close to \$550 was raised in combination in efforts by both fundraisers. Mr. Pederson announced to staff later that day, "We are so proud of students and their generosity. Our kids know how to step up and help our Red Lake County Family." Mr. Pederson, Mrs. Suzie Gunderson, and Mrs. Kim Olson helped organize the Ugly Sweater contest. Student Senate is advised by Mr. Randy Huie.

RL Cty Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held November 23, 2021

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 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Flage called the meeting to order. All Commissioners were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Gerardy and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

County Engineer Hove met with the board to review the update to the 5-year construction plan for years 2022 through 2026. The plan is for highway construction projects and is used as a planning tool to help with budgeting. The plan is subject to change if needed. Hove recommended approval of the plan. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried by unanimous vote to approve the update to the 5-year highway construction plan as presented.

Hove requested approval of the County Board to waive Municipal and Regular State Aid Construction dollars. A county resolution is needed to show that Red Lake County will utilize the accumulated Municipal and Regular State Aid Construction fund balance to fully fund the 2022-2026 construction program within the county. Hove mentioned that it is important to show that we have a plan to utilize the accumulated funds otherwise MN Dot could reduce our annual funding allotment's. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve **Resolution No. 11-01-21 "Waive Municipal and Regular State Aid Construction Allotment Requirement in 2022"**. The Board Chair was authorized to sign. A complete document is on file at the County Auditor's Office or the County Highway Department.

Hove informed the Minnesota DNR would like to install a water level observation well on a County owned parcel (#02-9007-000) known as the old Gilbertson Pit. The well would be used by the State to monitor aquifer water levels going forward. Hove was informed if the well in any way interferes with the County's ability to use or sell the property the agreement can be terminated with a 60-day notice and the DNR would be required to remove and seal the well at no cost to the County. Board members felt that the DNR has several parcels of state land available that the monitoring well could be installed on. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried by unanimous vote to deny the DNR request to install the observation monitoring well on county owned property.

Commissioner Remick moved and seconded by Weiss to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held November 9, 2021 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Gerardy and carried unanimously to approve the following expenditures for the period:

Vendor	Amount
M&R Signs Company, Inc.	\$ 2,884.55
22 Vendors less than \$2,000.	7,188.26
Final Total	\$10,072.81

The motion included the following added expenses: \$1,375.00 to Ehlers; \$108.85 to RLF Hardware Hank; \$14.56 expenses and \$320.00 per diem to Al Remick; \$20.16 expenses and \$220.00 per diem to Ron Weiss.

HR Director Lundeen met with the board regarding follow-up information on the NEOGOV e-forms software. The cost for set-up and training is \$10,519.00 for a 2-year contract that can be paid with American Rescue Plan Act dollars. Lundeen felt that the program will be beneficial for both Human Resources and employees. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried by unanimous vote

to approve the 2-year agreement. Chair Flage was authorized to sign the agreement.

Lundeen reported that four applicants were interviewed for the Social Services Director position and it has been narrowed down to two applicants. The two will be interviewed a second time on December 14th at 1:00 p.m.

The Following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:

Commissioner Meeting/Report
Dudycha: Inter County Community Council discussing COVID, Head Start, and a Refugee family moving to area.

Weiss: Social Service Director interviews and NW Regional Development interviews for Director position. Gerardy: None.

Remick: SWCD monthly meeting-the Hanson/Demarais project shut down for year and other projects are being finished up. Participated in interviews for the Social Service Director position, a Red Lake Falls Affordable Housing Pool meeting, and met with City of Red Lake Falls regarding a business expansion proposal.

Flage: Attended a NW Regional Development RTCC meeting and an Inter County Nursing meeting discussing COVID employee policy, children's vaccinations, and audit report.

Commissioner Gerardy moved and seconded by Dudycha to allow Commissioner Remick to receive a per diem payment when meeting with Red Lake Falls City officials regarding business development and expansion tax issues. Voting aye: Commissioners Gerardy, Dudycha, Flage and Weiss. Abstain: Commissioner Remick. Motion was carried.

Auditor Schmitz explained the agreement for professional services between Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative and Trim Systems, Inc for maintenance and support for IFS (Integrated Financial System), the financial software utilized by a majority of counties throughout the state. The agreement is from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2024. The county is being asked to approve the mutual agreement. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the Board Ratification Statement as presented. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to sign the document.

The County Board discussed the MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) for County Extension services offered through the University of Minnesota Extension. The county currently utilizes the 4-H Youth Development Educator position at .80 FTE. The agreement would be for a 3-year period. There was discussion of moving to a 1.00 FTE State Extension position. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried by unanimous vote to approve the MOA with University Minnesota Extension Service at the .80 FTE status for the 4H Youth Development Educator for the term January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2024. The Board Chair and County Attorney signed off on the agreement.

Auditor Schmitz reported on the Minnesota Attorney Generals proposed negotiation agreement for distributing Minnesota's allocation of the National Opioid Settlement funds. The county must approve a County Resolution and complete the federal settlement documents before January 2, 2022 to receive any settlement dollars. The Association of MN Counties is recommending that the county not approve at this time until the agreement has been finalized by the Attorney General Office in early December.

There being no further business the regular board meeting adjourned to the TNT Hearing scheduled on December 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Anthony Flage,
Board of Commissioners Chair
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Red Lake Falls Library

The RLF Library will be closed on Friday, December 31 and Saturday, January 1. Regular hours resume on January 4.

New adult fiction includes "Field Notes for Food Adventure" by Brad Leone, recipes and stories from the woods to the ocean, "come along with Brad as he explores forests, fields, rivers, and the ocean in the hunt for great food and good times. These are Brad's field notes from a year of adventures in the Northeast, getting out into nature to discover its bounty, and capturing ideas for making delicious magic at home anytime;" "Underwater Wild: My Octopus Teacher's Extraordinary World" by Craig Foster and Ross Frylinck, from the creators of the Academy Award-winning documentary My Octopus Teacher, an immersive journey into the underwater world that inspired it; "We swim alongside Ross as he grows from skeptic to student of the underwater wild.

And in the revelatory marine science behind the stunning photos, we learn how to track sea hares, cuttlefish, and limpets, and we witness strange new behaviors never before documented in marine biology;" and "On Assignment: Memoir of a National Geographic Filmmaker" by James R. Larison, Jim and Elaine Larison spent years studying, exploring, and living in wild places, making more than thirty environmental films, most for the National Geographic Society. "While shooting film in Alaska, Jim Larison narrowly survived a devastating airplane crash in the Bering Sea. Later, while filming on the Great Barrier Reef, the Larisons fought off an aggressive twelve-foot tiger shark. Midway through their careers, the Larisons were nearly swept to their deaths by an icefall while filming on Mount Robson. A thrilling adventure story, full of risk and personal conflict."



Above: Brady Lowell in a Ugly Sweater.

Left: Santa hands out candy to Hunder Dudycha, Owen Christianson, and Guy Bergeson (hiding behind Santa)

