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Year In Review...

February 3, 2021

Every year the Moonlighters Snowmobile Club offers Snowmobile training and certification. This year's class was large. Attending were: Logan Vettleson, Atley Vettleson, Isaac Palecek, Oscar Duden, Kendra Christianson, Brody Rystad, Hank Jones, Abbie Morinville, Kendra Morinville, Jackson Morinville, Dylan Lundeen, Garret Halvorson, Hayden Wilde, Andrew Austin, and Matthew Tofstad.

Covid numbers were down.

The Triple A is a Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Award and this year we had three qualifiers for The Triple A Award, Emily Kolstoe, Kately Suchy, and Karena Melby. This year's winner of the award was Emily Kolstoe.

Easton Morinville (3rd/ 4th) and Leah Pahlen (5th/6th) were the RLCC Elementary Students of the Month.

The paraprofessionals at RLCC High School were: Kristie Olson, Lisa Gagner Sorenson, Kristina Nelson, Kelly Melin, Lindsey Roisland, Sue Smith, Lori Voeltz, Tracy Lee, Nancy Gunderson, Sandra Tougas, and Stephanie Halland.

This morning a masterful frosting to all the trees and anything outside. They are thick and absolutely beautiful.

February 10, 2021

Joanne Bradley was the employee of the month at North Star Credit Union.

Junior High Student of the Month was Lily Hager.

RLC Speech Team attended Virtual Meet - Winning a first place medal was Mariah Peterson, winning a Superior ribbon was Danny Guillemette, and earning a Excellent ribbon was Halle Thompson.

It is 17 below and the sun is shining. We have had a wicked taste of winter this past week between the snow, its blowing so that the visibility was almost nil, making travel hard, and the extremely cold temperatures. It hasn't been picnic weather by any means. Spring is scheduled to come. We just have to be patient.

February 17, 2021

City of Oklee appointed Dan Sandoval as the new council person for Kelly Brekke's vacated position.

Covid numbers are starting to go up fast especially in Pennington County.

R.E.D Friday was created to remind people of our heroes overseas and show that we are thinking of them. People across the country wear red every Friday to serve as a reminder and spread the message of how important it is that we keep

our troops in our thoughts. In the Red Lake County Central High School, Mr. Steven Strutz likes to promote the Day of Red. He's been wearing red every Friday since around 2011. He believes that it is important that students, teachers, and other communities all wear red on Friday to remember the soldiers overseas.

We endured the past week. The coldest part of this winter so far, and it was bone chilling cold for at least 5 days below zero. The sun was shining though and it made it look like it was such a nice day outside but stick your nose out of the door and burrrrr!

February 24, 2021

Pennington ranked #1 County for positive covid-19 cases this week.

December's Student of the Month at Red Lake County Central High School was Morgan Plante who was nominated by Mrs. Aakhus and Ruben Osborn who was nominated by Ms. Hamrum.

The weather is getting warmer and it almost feels like a heat wave after the below zero temperatures we have experienced for the last week or so.

The pipeline workers continued working during the cold temperatures. Red River Ag C-Store has been very busy with pipeliners coming in for food.



The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners recognized employees at the December 28, 2021 Red Lake County Commissioners board meeting. Back row: Sue Lehrer, Custodian, 5 years of service; Kurt Casavan, Environmental Services Officer, 25 years; and Kurt Ellefson, 10 years, Veteran's Service Officer. Front row: Sarah Kollin, Social Worker, 5 years; Carmen Harmoning, Chief Deputy Treasurer, 5 years; and Peggy Nord, Financial Assistance Supervisor, 15 years. Others recognized but were not present were: Matthew Dokken, Eligibility Worker, 5 years; Brady Grove, Deputy & Dispatcher, 5 years; Tom Braaten, Heavy Equipment Operator, 10 years; Rodney Duden, Sign Technician, 15 years; Joe DeHaan, Janitor, 15 years.

Red Lake County Organization meeting held on January 4th

County Auditor opened the meeting & called for nominations for the 2022 Board Chairperson. The newly elected Board Chair is Ron Weiss who then conducted the meeting and called for nominations for the 2022 Vice-Chair. The new vice chair is Al Remick.

Next was the bid opening for the 2022 official county newspaper - Oklee Herald is the only paper to send in bids and received the approval of the board. The Gazette will have the 2nd printing of the Financial Statement.

The Board established the 2022 board meeting dates & times as Tuesdays on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 10 a.m.

The board approved the 2022 county appropriations as

budgeted.

The minutes from last meeting were approved.

Erik Hove, County Engineer brought the final contract payment on SAP 063-599-030.

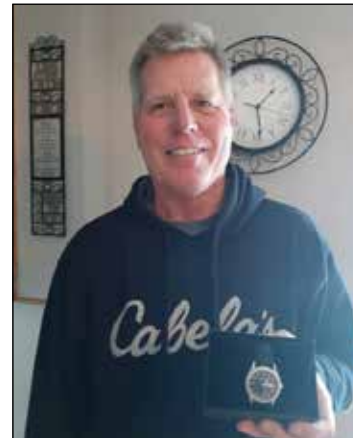
- Expenditures for the period were approved with a roll call vote.
- Committee reports were given.

- Review/approve the 2022 Committee Assignments & appointments of any county representatives to public interest positions.

Auditor brought to the board a couple of items

- Financial Audit Engagement letter.
- Correspondence he has received.

The next meeting is set for January 25th.



Jon Anderson, Seasonal Tar Crew Supervisor, was recognized at the December 28, 2021 Red Lake County Commissioners board meeting for his 30 years of service with an engraved watch.

More photos from Oklee Quilting Quilting Retreat November 12-14



Wanda Nelson from Leonard and Theresa Kappedal from Fosston were enjoying their time at the Oklee Quilting Retreat in Oklee in November.



Val Brekke from Fosston and Lana Nelson from Oklee also attended the Quilter Retreat in Oklee.



Helga Nissen from Hitterdal, Grace Dessellier from Oklee and Loree Hanson from Waubun also attended the Quilter Retreat in Oklee.

RLCC UNITED Our Students - Our Future

This week the focus will be on the voting options for RLCC upcoming referendum.

There are three ways to vote. 1. **Vote early at home via the mail-in ballot. The ballot is expected to be mailed out to all registered voters in the school district.**

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes 204B.46, ballots will be sent by non-forwardable mail to all registered voters in the district by the 21st day (approximately January 18) before Election Day (February 8). Using the instructions included, complete and send your ballot in the pre-addressed and pre-stamped envelope back to the district office.

All completed mail-in ballots must be received at the district office no later than 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8. All ballots will be counted at 8:00 p.m.

2. **Vote early via absentee ballot either in person or at home.**

Alternatively, district residents may vote early via absentee ballot in person at the district office at 201 Governor Street, Oklee, MN 56742 on regular school days Mondays through Fridays from 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. District residents may also vote early

via absentee ballot at home available now through Monday, February 7. NOTE: Registered voters will not need to apply for an absentee ballot when voting early in person.

Step 1: Request and complete an application to vote early in one of the following ways:

Complete your application in person at the district office when you come in to vote early.

Download, complete, and bring in your completed application that you can get online following the link.

Step 2: Once your application is complete, you will be issued an absentee ballot.

You can complete absentee ballot in person at the same time you complete your application. Once completed, you will seal your marked ballot in the provided envelope and return it to Suzie Gunderson to be processed at a later day by election judges.

You can take your ballot with you, complete it on your own, and return it in the sealed envelope to the district office via mail or in person. If you return your ballot via mail, please send it to PO Box 100, Oklee, MN 56742.

All hand-delivered absentee

ballots must be received at the district office no later than 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8.

Or 3: **Vote on Election Day in person on Tuesday, February 8.**

Alternatively, district residents may vote in person on Election Day (Tuesday, February 8) at the district office (201 Governor Street, Oklee, MN 56742) from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

You can register to vote before February 8 and save time on Election Day. If you forget to register before Election Day, Minnesota allows same-day voter registration.

NOTE: proper COVID-19 protocols will be followed on Election Day.

Elections are an important way to show your approval or disapproval. Your voice counts when you vote. So make sure you take the time to make your voice heard.

If you have question on the proposed referendum, please attend one of the two remaining meetings.

Thursday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m. at RLCC Elementary School, Plummer or Wednesday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m. at RLCC High School, Oklee.

Inter-County Nursing Service Visit us on Facebook

January 7th:

There are 10 new reported cases for Pennington County, 20's - 50's, & 70's. 1 additional case has been hospitalized, they are in their 50's.

There are 2 new reported cases for Red Lake County, 1 child under 2 & 20's.

January 6th:

There are 7 new reported cases for Pennington County, 1 teen, 20's, 30's & 50's. 1 additional COVID related death has been reported, they were in their 70's.

There are no new reported cases for Red Lake County.

January 5th:

There are 18 new reported cases for Pennington County, 5 teens & 20's - 60's. 1 additional case has been hospitalized, they are in their 30's.

There are 5 new reported cases for Red Lake County, 1 child under 10, 20's, 30's & 60's.

December 31st-January 4th:

There are 29 new reported cases for Pennington County, 1 child under 5, 4 teens & 20's - 70's. 1 additional case has been hospitalized, they are in their 60's.

There are 4 new reported cases for Red Lake County, 1 child under 10, 20's, 30's & 60's.

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	2739	747
• Total # of Hospitalizations	134	37
• # Currently in Hospital	3	0
• # of Active Cases in Isolation	66	11
• Deaths	33	12

CAST YOUR VOTE ON OR BEFORE TUESDAY, FEB. 8

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Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Jan. 12: 10:00 a.m.
Grief Support Group. 7:00 p.m.
Confirmation at Zion.
Sun, Jan. 16: 9:00 a.m.
Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem.
10:00 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Wed, Jan. 19: 7:00 p.m.
Confirmation at Zion.
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.
Goto: <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 16: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. Ebenezer annual meeting.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany–Ekelund–Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Jan. 12: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation at Faith.
Sun, Jan. 16: 8:00 a.m. Ekelund Worship, 9: a.m. SS. 9:30 a.m. Faith Worship, 10:30 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Bethany Worship, 10:00 a.m. SS.
Mon, Jan. 17: 9 a.m. Faith Quilting.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Jarred LeBon, Pastor
Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Jan. 12: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, Jan. 16: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Jan. 18: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, Jan. 19: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

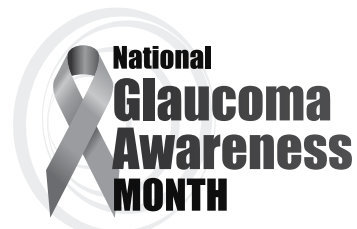
CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Jan. 12: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.
Sat, Jan. 15: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, Jan. 16: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship. Nazareth: 9:45 Worship. Oak Park: 11:00 a.m. Worship. Meal & Voter's Meeting.
Wed, Jan. 19: 5 p.m. Wednesday School.
Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Jan. 16: 9:00 a.m. Lund. Annual meeting to follow.
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.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

January 17 - 21
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: Ham & Swiss on a bun, macaroni salad, milk and dessert.
Tue: Lasagna, vegetable, milk, and dessert.
Wed: Fried bread taco w/ fixings, milk, and dessert.
Thu: Beef roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, milk, and dessert.
Fri: Beef stew, dinner roll, milk, and dessert.



LSS Meals is offering healthy meals at a Pop-Up Event near you!

On January 19th LSS is offering healthy meals to anyone eligible. The Pop-UP events will be in Plummer at the Community Hall at 11 a.m. and at the St. Hilaire Community Center at 1 p.m.

Who is Eligible
Any seniors 60+ in Minnesota in need of nutrition can receive meals in bundles of 10 at each pop-up event. You need to reserve by January 14th. A quick, easy form will need to be filled out for anyone who would like to pick up meals, with the assistance of an LSS

volunteer or worker.

About the Meals
The homestyle meals are produced at local LSS kitchens and are individually sealed and portioned with a balance of proteins, carbohydrates and spices to taste great.

There is no Cost. Donation are accepted.

Call to Reserve
Please call Shannon Olson for more information at 218-681-2793 or email her at heritage.c@hotmail.com.

YOU HAVE TO CALL AHEAD - Shannon Olson at 218-681-2793 to reserve their meals. You can't just show up, you need to register for the meals.



Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

The flags at the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial were lowered to half staff on Saturday, January 8th in respect for Harry Reid, US Senator.

The proclamation states: From humble roots in Searchlight, Nevada, Harry Reid rose to become one of the great Senate Majority Leaders in American history. He was a man of action, and a man of his word—guided by faith, loyalty, and unshakable resolve.

Throughout his long career of public service, Harry Reid was instrumental in passing landmark legislation that made a positive difference in the lives of countless Americans and made our Nation stronger and safer. His devoted service to our Nation was not about power for power's sake. It was about the power to do right by the American people.

A recent donation received at the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial has been made as

Kevin Dahlen, Thief River Falls, is remembered by good friends, John and Lori Melby, Oklee. Kevin proudly served in the US Navy from 1977-1978. In addition, Bill and Meloni Rasmussen, Crookston, purchased a granite block honoring the service of Bill Rasmussen, US Army 1978-2014, as well as a block honoring the service of Bill's father, Melvin Rasmussen. Melvin Rasmussen was born in the Plummer area, and he and 5 brothers all served in the military. Melvin served in the US Army in Korea and Vietnam from 1949 - 1969. Bill Rasmussen is also known in the Oklee area for his participation in the Oklee Market Day Car Show.

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

Sudoku Solution

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

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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.

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

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

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Cashew Cookies Mrs. Harold Cyr

1/2 cup butter
1 cup brown sugar
1 egg
1/2 tsp vanilla
2 cups flour
3/4 tsp baking powder
3/4 tsp soda
1/4 tsp salt
1/2 cup sour cream
1-3/4 cups salted cashews

Cream the butter and brown sugar. Beat in the egg and vanilla. Mix the dry ingredients together and add to the mixture. Add the sour cream and fold in the cashews. Drop by tsp on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes.

Frosting:
1/2 cup butter, lightly browned
3 Tbsp half & half
1/4 tsp vanilla
2 cups powdered sugar

Mix all together and frost the cookies. Can be topped with a cashew.



Red Lake Falls Library

The adult winter reading program is underway at the RLF branch of NWRL. Within the context of the "Book Blizzard" theme, we've tied in a fun slogan: "Let it snow. I have books to read." Adults are encouraged to make greater use of the library in their community and while there, register for prizes. Ceramic coffee mugs will be given away weekly, and grand prizes of "Let It Snow..." long-sleeved t-shirts will be given at the end of February, when the program concludes.

New adult nonfiction: "The Red Menace: How Listick Changed the Face of American History" by Ilse S. Carter, "The Sleep Fix: Practical, Proven, and Surprising Solutions for Insomnia, Snoring, Shift Work, and More" by Diane Macedo - ABC news anchor and correspondent, and "The Tiny Kitchen Cookbook: Strategies and Recipes for Creating Amazing Meals in Small Spaces" by Annie Mahle.



Red Lake County Notice

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COUNTY OF RED LAKE, MINNESOTA

PUBLIC NOTICE OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners is considering the issue of changing County offices of Auditor, Treasurer and Recorder from elected positions to appointed positions. The County board will entertain public comments regarding a Proposed Resolution to change three County Offices at a regular Board meeting on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 10:30 A.M.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO CHANGE COUNTY OFFICES FROM ELECTED TO APPOINTED, SUBJECT TO REVERSE REFERENDUM:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute section 375A.1205, subdivision 1(2) provides a process for making certain county offices appointed subject to reverse referendum; and

WHEREAS, the process of making certain county offices is available to the Red Lake County Board if the elected office holder agrees to appointment or confirms in writing that he or she will not run for election again; and

WHEREAS, an elected county officer must notify the County Board in writing at least one-hundred-four (104) days before the filing date confirming that he or she will not run for election again; and

WHEREAS, the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners desires to change the offices of County Auditor, County Treasurer, and County Recorder to positions that are appointed by County Board rather than elected.

BE IT RESOLVED, Red Lake County Board of Commissioners can adopt this proposed resolution with a vote of eighty (80) percent of the board in favor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this proposed resolution will take effect thirty (30) days after it is adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if a sufficient petition requesting a referendum is filed within thirty (30) days after the adoption of the resolution, the resolution is rescinded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Red Lake County may adopt a resolution to provide for the election of an office that was made an appointed position, but not until at least three years after the offices was made an appointed position.

Passed and adopted by the County Board on this _____ day of _____, 2022.

COUNTY OF RED LAKE

By: Ronald Weiss, Its Board Chair

ATTEST:

By: Robert Schmitz, Its County Board Clerk

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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 more comfortable, safe and convenient method of transportation. All of our buses are handicapped accessible and lift-equipped. All of our drivers are trained and certified.

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

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.

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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 17 - 21
Oklee
Monday: No School. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancakes w/syrup, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fajita, Spanish rice, refried beans, fruit, and milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger or pizza patty w/bun, baked beans, macaroni salad, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Apple turnover, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Subs (cold), chips, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Corn dog, macaroni & cheese, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Plummer
Monday: No School. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot dog w/bun, baked chips, baked beans, baby carrots, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Alfredo, noodles, bread stick, broccoli, cucumbers, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Pop-Tart, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Uncrustables, yogurt cup, celery & carrots, fruit, and milk.



RLCC Sports Schedules

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

RLCC Girls

Basketball

Thu, Jan 13:
Girls JH 4:30PM
Warren/Alvarado/Oslo Oklee
Girls JV 6:00PM
Girls Varsity 7:15PM
Warren/Alvarado/Oslo Plummer

Mon, Jan. 17:
Girls JH 4:30PM
Goodridge-Grygla Plummer

Tue, Jan 18:
Girls JV 6:00PM
Girls Varsity 7:15PM
Fosston @ Oklee

Thu, Jan 20:
Girls JV 6:00PM
Varsity 7:15PM
Sacred Heart High School @ Plummer

RLC Rebel Boys

Basketball

Fri, Jan 14:
Boys JH 4:30PM
Boys C 5:00PM
Boys JV 6:00PM
Boys Varsity 7:30PM

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

Tue, Jan 18:
Boys JH 4:30PM
Boys JV 6:00PM
Boys Varsity 7:30PM
RLC Basketball vs. Climax Shelly @ Fisher High School.

Thu, Jan 20:
Boys JH 4:30PM
RLC Basketball vs. Fertile-Beltrami @ Red Lake Falls High School.

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Mustangs lost 59-62 against Mahnomen/Waubun Thunderbirds

Girls Stats

Cari Bachand: 16pts, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 8 steals, 2 blocks
Shawna Majers: 12 pts, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals
Marissa Thomas: 11 pts, 8 rebounds, 1 assist
Carlee Whalen: 11 pts, 3 rebounds, 3 steals
Carly Vetteson: 5 pts
Quinn Graves: 4 pts
Maddy Inda~Valdez: 1 pt



Carlee Whalen with a 3-pointer.



Cari Bachand with a one handed jump shot.



Marissa Thomas with a jump shot in the lane!!

RLC Rebel Boys Basketball

By Tyler Eskeli

The Red Lake County Rebels hosted the Sacred Heart Eagles on December 17th, 2021 in the Oklee Gym winning with a score of 64-45. The Rebels led the Eagles at halftime with 35 points to their 28. In the second half, the Rebels would score 29 points to the Eagles' 17 points. For the Rebels, Gerald Melin led the time with twenty points including 8 field goals, one three-pointer, and a free throw. Owen Chervestad scored 16 points with 5 field goals, one three-pointer, and 5 free throws. Both Chase Nelson and Tyler Eskeli would make 9 points for the night.

On Tuesday, December, 21st. The Rebels would Cass Lake-Bena in the Oklee Gym losing with a score of 56-88.



Gerald Melin dunks an impressive 34 foot 3 pointer against the Storm.

The Commissioner of the Department of Education Review and Comment on the School Construction Proposal of Red Lake County Central Public Schools, ISD #2906-01

A review and comment must be provided on a school district construction project proposal before the district conducts a referendum, solicits bids, or issues bonds for the project. A project proposal has been submitted for review and comment according to requirements set forth in Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.71, subdivisions 9 and 10, and Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.72. The district provides the following information:

- The geographic area and population to be served:
 - preschool through grade 12 student enrollment for the past five years, and
 - student enrollment projections for the next five years.
- A list of existing school facilities:
 - by year constructed,
 - their uses, and
 - an assessment of the extent to which alternate facilities are available within school district boundaries and in adjacent school districts.
- A list of specific deficiencies of the facility:
 - demonstrating the need for a new or renovated facility to be provided,
 - the process used to determine the deficiencies,
 - a list of those deficiencies that will and will not be addressed by the proposed projects,
 - a list of specific benefits that the new or renovated facility will provide to students, teachers, and community users served by the facility.
- A description of the project, including:
 - specifications of site and outdoor space acreage,
 - square footage allocations for classrooms, laboratories and support spaces,
 - estimated expenditures for major portions of the project,
 - estimated changes in facility operating costs, and
 - dates the project will begin and be completed.
- A specification of the source of project financing, including:
 - applicable statutory citations,
 - the scheduled date for a bond issue or school board action,
 - a schedule of payments, including debt service equalization aid, and
 - the effect of a bond issue on local property taxes by property class and valuation.
- Documentation obligating the school district and contractors to comply with the following items:
 - Minnesota Statutes, section 471.345 governing municipal contracts,
 - sustainable design,
 - school facility commissioning under Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.72, certifying the plans and designs for heating, ventilating, air conditioning and air filtration for an extensively renovated or new facility meet or exceed current code standards, including ASHRAE air filtration Standard 52.1,
 - American National Standards Institute (ANSI) acoustical performance criteria, design requirements and guidelines for schools on maximum background noise levels and reverberation times,
 - state fire code,
 - chapter 326B governing building codes, and
 - consultation with affected government units about the impact of the project on utilities, roads, sewers, sidewalks, retention ponds, school bus and automobile traffic, access to mass transit and safe access for pedestrians and cyclists.

Description of Proposed School Construction Project

Red Lake County Central Public Schools, ISD #2906-01, is proposing a single-question bond referendum on February 8, 2022, that would authorize \$14.12 million in bonding authority to finance building additions/facility upgrades to their existing elementary school in Plummer and secondary school in Oklee. Most of the proposed projects will occur at the Oklee facility with a gymnasium/ancillary space addition making up the greatest share of project costs.

Proposed would be scheduled for completion in the 2023-2024 calendar years. Cost estimates by location and project type are as follows:

Secondary School - Oklee		Elementary School - Plummer	
Gymnasium Addition	\$2,925,000	Classroom Addition	\$262,500
Commons Area Addition	\$1,575,000	Restroom Addition	\$130,000
Boiler / Mechanical Area Additions	\$794,000	Existing Restroom Renovation	\$58,500
Locker / Restroom Addition	\$723,000	Bleacher ADA Upgrades	\$130,600
Science Classroom Addition	\$762,500	Fees, Permits & Testing	\$160,700
Site Improvements	\$322,000	Contingencies	\$64,000
Renovations	\$2,064,459		\$806,300
FF&E	\$100,000	Districtwide	
Demolition - 1939 Portion / Existing Boiler Room	\$356,500	Capitalized Interest	\$327,859
Fees, Permits & Testing	\$2,639,850	Bond Issuance	\$223,674
Contingencies	\$1,050,750		\$551,533
	\$18,313,059		
		Total - Project Cost Estimates	\$14,670,892

If the bond referendum is successful and bonds are sold, the debt service on the bonds will be eligible for debt service equalization under Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.53, subdivision 3, if the bond schedule is approved. The amount of debt service equalization aid, if any, the district receives is determined annually and is dependent upon property wealth, student population, and other statutory requirements.

Review and Comment Statement

Based on the department's analysis of the school district's required documentation and other pertinent information from sources of the Minnesota Department of Education, the Commissioner of Education provides a positive review and comment.

Additional Information is Available

Persons desiring additional information regarding this proposal should contact the school district superintendent's office.

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The Rebels had a strong first half of the game while just trailing the Panthers by 4 points at halftime. During the second half, the Panthers would break away from the Rebels during the second half with scoring 52 more points compared to the Rebel's 24. The top scorer of the game would be Kaydin Lee of the Panthers with 33 total points during the game with Dominic Fairbanks scoring 21 points.

Gerald Meling led the Rebels with 17 points and Clancy Hanson scored 15 points.

On Thursday, January 6th, The Red Lake County Rebels faced off against the Northern Freeze in Red Lake Falls. The Rebels would be able to take charge in the half, thanks to a good first half effort. The Rebels would take a 7 point first half lead, expanding it 12 by the end of the game. The Rebels had a convincing victory

with Gerald Melin scoring 27, and Owen Chervestad scoring 23. The final score was 76-64 with a Rebels victory. This game was one of the better games in terms of turnovers for the Rebels, only suffering 5 in the entire contest. The Rebels cautious ability to control the ball propelled them to victory

Rebels are coached by Head Coach Steve Phillion and Assistant Coach Randy Huie.



Connor Duden, 24, Gerald Melin, 23, Tyler Eskeli 20 and Owen Chervestad 11 set up an Impressive Defense play against the Panthers.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago January 15, 1942

We have been informed that Ole Slettevold left last week by plane from San Francisco for Panama where he will be employed as a steel worker.

Weekly News Analysis: US Forces will go to British Isles; Unified High Command in Pacific, Headed by British Veteran, Wavell, plans strategy of War against Axis. A recent blackout in San Francisco, when unidentified planes were heard approximately 80 miles west of the Golden Gate – a 44 minute alert was sounded, served to stress the strides civilian defense was making.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fossum, a boy, Friday, January 2nd in a hospital in Duluth.

Friends and neighbors gathered at the A.O. Person home Monday evening for a farewell party on Elmer Person who left Tuesday morning for induction into the Army.

Seventy Years Ago January 10, 1952

The local Bobcats started the New Year's basketball season with a bang by winning both games played so far.

Pfc. Paul Nistler drove to Fort Benning, GA, where his is stationed, last Wednesday morning after spending the holidays at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Tasa and family were dinner guests at the Ole Gunderson home in Deer Park Sunday.

Oscar Halvorson left for Oregon Thursday of last week to visit at the home of this sister, Marie (Mrs. Axelson).

Mr. and Mrs. George Fossum and children and Mr. and Mrs. Reier Fossum left for Duluth for a visit with relatives.

Sixty Years Ago January 11, 1962

A doe makes her home at the Albert Thorson farm two miles east of Highland. Folks describe this three year old doe as tamer than an old cow. Last Sunday afternoon someone opened the door at the Highland store and she walked right in. The doe wears a red scarf so identify her as a pet.

Schools in Oklee and many surrounding communities were closed Tuesday this week in the wake of blizzard conditions and temperatures in the low -20s.

Rodney Bjerklie spent part of this Christmas vacation with the Jorgen Bjerklie's in Gonvick.

Pvt. Jerry Brown left Friday evening for Camp Pendleton, CA where his is stationed with the Marines after spending a 20 day furlough at the home of his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Gunder S. Gunderson of Oklee, announced the engagement of their daughter, Carol to Jerry Maas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Maas,

of Hoven, SD.

The Bagley Flyers had their usual tough time beating Oklee here Tuesday night. The Bobcats held their own for most of the game but lost with a score 52-46.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vettleson was baptized at the Clearwater Church Sunday, January 7th. They named him Kevin Leigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Chervestad and Lana visited at the Knute Evenson home at Solway Sunday.

Fifty Years Ago 1972

There are no loose copies or bound books for this year. If you have saved 1972 papers and are looking for a new home for them, bring them in to the Oklee Herald office. Thanks

Forty Years Ago January 14, 1982

The Oklee City Council held their first meeting of 1982 and approved several things, including off-sale remodeling to be done.

Mr. Bronken, Superintendent of Oklee School requests that all students riding the buses during this bitter cold weather be dressed appropriately.

Lana and Brad Nelson were recently honored by being named Pennington County's Conservation Couple of 1981.

Visitors during New Year's week at the Oscar Flatland home were Mr. and Mrs. Byron Flatland and Kirsten of Denver, Colorado.

Thirty Years Ago January 8, 1992

Barry Jensen, who had just returned from Russia on a two month missionary trip shared his thoughts on the now deceased Soviet Union.

Deloris Longtin lost her shed to a fire on Thursday, January 2nd. In the shed were a motorcycle, a 4-wheeler, boat motor and a couple of snowcats.

Charity Wicks, a sixth-grade student, is the high school choral accompanist. She plays piano for all vocal soloists as well as chorus numbers.

Sister Claret of Grand Forks arrived on Saturday to visit her mother, Mrs. Nettie Perreault, on Monday.

Doris LaJambe bought two full-sized Minnesota Twins Homer Hanky quilt made by Esther Simonson of Plummer for Christmas gifts.

Meet the Kindergarten featured Betsy Halvorson and Ashley Koralewski.

Twenty Years Ago January 10, 2002

Two City buildings get minor upgrades. The small brick building near the water town is now in the hands of the City and will be used as additional storage got a new metal roof and the old county building is now the Oklee Ambulance

garage and a few things were fixed up for them. New exterior lights and a sign are also planned for the future.

Meet the Kindergarten featured: Andrew Lundeen, Brooke Gustafson, and Alexi Olson.

The Oklee High School is rehearsing the one act play, "The Wall, A Pilgrimage" by Jan Stuckey.

Edwin Halvorson visited with hie brother Raymond. They also went uptown to shop on Wednesday.

Alice Jobe was a supper guest of her mother, Sylvia Kukowski at Badger on Christmas Eve.

Christmas evening Helen Chervestad hosted a family gathering. Lana and Brad Nelson, Kory and Carol Chervestad, Aaron and Jill Chervestad, Abby and Tom Stuenes, Mariah, Angie, Shannon Kyle, Ryan and Lesa, Brent, Chris and Tyler.

Ten Years Ago January 11, 2011

The annual Oklee Moonlighters Sno Safari has been postponed due to lack of snow.

The second annual Talent Show was held at Red Lake County Central and judges were Toni Johnson, Marcella Melby and John Kimball. Winners were – 1st place: Brady Gove, 2nd place: Sammy Walton & Alysa Krueger, and 3rd place: Nathan Magnell and Kayla Olson.

The National Elementary Honor Society at RLCC Elementary School held a food drive for the food shelf. Members are Conner Lambert, Matthew Vettleson, Faith Bruggeman, Hannah Kolstoe, Jarisa Bailey, Adam Cater, Sydney Melby, Clara Abrahamson, Jocelyn Castaneda, and Aries Qualey.

Senior Site Birthdays were Leona Brekke and Marion Marquis.

Oklee Community Club Meeting

Community Club January meeting on Thursday, January 20th at 6:30 pm at TJ's tavern. If you have any agenda topics you would like to discuss, please notify Sandra Tougas, sandratougas@hotmail.com by January 18th.

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Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

Senior Meals:

If you want to order a Senior Meal call the Oklee Cafe at 796-5666.

Congregate Meals: If you want to eat in (congregate meal), please call the Cafe and arrange for your meal to be served in the cafe. We still do not have enough volunteers for dining in our site.

Activities: The regular activities have started up this week. Most of the seniors in our area have been vaccinated and feel they want to come back to the site for activities. Just remember, if you don't feel good to stay home.

Tuesdays: Rummikub will be held at 2 p.m. Fun tile game. Need 2 to four players.

Wednesdays: 1:30 p.m. the Card Players will be back and any card game is welcome.

Thursdays: Bingo at 2:00 p.m. Come play, visit and win some prizes.

Senior Site meeting this month will be held on January 13th. Note the date change.

Here are the January birthdays. If you see them, let them know you are thinking of them.

January Birthdays

3: Einar Kvasager
12: JoAnn Hamm
13: Kathleen Juneau
22: Lorraine Cote

25: Shirley Vettleson
31: Annette LaCoursiere

Jokes

A wife was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her husband. Suddenly, her husband burst into the kitchen. 'Careful,' he said, 'CAREFUL! Put in some more butter! Oh my gosh! You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW! We need more butter. Oh my gosh! WHERE are we going to get MORE BUTTER? They're going to STICK! Careful. CAREFUL! I said be CAREFUL! You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY? Have you LOST your mind? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the salt. USE THE SALT! THE SALT!'

The wife stared at him. 'What in the world is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?' The husband calmly replied, 'I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving.'

An out-of-towner drove his car into a ditch in a desolated area. Luckily, a local farmer came to help with his big strong horse named Buddy. He hitched Buddy up to the car and yelled, "Pull, Nellie, pull!"

Buddy didn't move. Then the farmer hollered, "Pull, Buster, pull!" Buddy didn't respond.

Once more the farmer commanded, "Pull, Coco, pull!" Nothing. Then the farmer nonchalantly said, "Pull, Buddy, pull!" And the horse easily dragged the car out of the ditch. The motorist was most appreciative and very curious. He asked the farmer why he called his horse by the wrong name three times. The farmer said, "Oh, Buddy is blind and if he thought he was the only one pulling, he wouldn't even try!"

Well, as everyone knows the weather has been very cold. Some night down into the -20 or -30's. But this week it is supposed to get a little better, only in the 20 above's!! Yeah!. Love the fact also that every day it is staying lighter longer. Spring is a bit far away yet, but we know it is on its way.

Time to start thinking about gardens and what to plant this summer. I think I am going to try a few new things this year. Haven't decided what yet, but the catalogs are going to start showing up soon. Let the planning begin!

So stay warm and stay safe. And come on down for some games and fun. Plans for a Valentines something will be discussed at the meeting.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

The holidays are over but it doesn't seem that long of time, and I am still wishing everybody I see Happy New Year. Old habits die hard. I am still basking in the holiday spirit.

It has been bone chilling cold and we are bundling up to go in the cold outdoors. The wind chills are really cold lately and I think last year we didn't even notice the cold like this year. Of course we were being careful of where we went last year because of the virus. This year I wonder if it matters anymore, because with a new variant we are tired of being careful. The vaccinations do matter of course, because if we have vaccinations we won't get as sick as we would if we were not vaccinated.

Many people are memorialized after their death these days, one being the iconic actor Sidney Poitier. I especially like seeing his movies. He was very

entertaining and was a front runner for the civil rights of all people. Another actress that we lost in the last two weeks was Betty White. She was a proponent of animal rights. Both of these people had worked until their 90's and Betty died just short of her 100th birthday. Lives long and well lived. May they rest in peace. They just don't make them like that anymore.

Locally, Clarence and Diane Gagner hosted Christmas at their home on the weekend. Tim and Brenda Gagner, Stephanie Koralewski, of Maple Plain, Tyler and Lynn Gagner, Kalen Nolan, and Bennet, of Battle Lake, Trent and Allyson Gagner and Ryker of Alexandria Britney and Mitch Grunig and Kendall, of Fargo, all gathered for the weekend to enjoy family for their Christmas. What a fun

time for the family.

On Saturday, Tim and Brenda Gagner, Stephanie Gagner Tyler and Lynn Gagner, Kaylyn, Nolan, and Bennet, Trent and Allyson Gagner and Mitch and Brittney Grunig and Kendall, Kim and Martin Anderson and daughter Danni of Battle Lake also gathered at the Joyce and Leroy Christianson home for dinner. Joyce said there were 19 family gathered to celebrate with family for Christmas. Danni is a student at Northland college in East Grand Forks.

This week we are supposed to expect some warmer weather. The below zero stuff is getting tiresome. I hope you get out this week and enjoy some of the people and things you are used to without having to bundle up in too many layers.

Have a great week and smile and be kind.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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Monday evening, Tri River Pioneers met at 7 p.m. They welcomed new member, Greg Duray, of Viking. He's really interested in tractors. The tractor coloring contest is coming up at Goodridge, Plummer and Red Lake Falls schools.

The funeral for Duane Myrhe was held Thursday, the 6th at St. John's Church in Red Lake Falls. Duane was long time member of Tri River Pioneers.

New Years eve was bitterly cold and a few hearty souls were out to bring in the new year. A few snowmobilers also came to town that evening.

Monday afternoon, Anna DeHate, Anne Traxler and Alice Jobe enjoyed an after New Year's gathering at Karen Tvedt's. She served various Christmas cookies, candies, cheese ball and crackers. It was decorated yet from Christmas and looked real nice in the house.

On New Year's weekend, Friday and Saturday, those coming to Sheila & Tony Gerardy were Mallory and Charlie Bernstrom and kids, Brett and Hannah Gerardy and family and Logan and Abby O'Neill and family. They celebrated their Christmas then.

Earlier in the week, there was a awful traffic snarl on the east coast after freezing rain, then snow had fallen. It was backed up for about 4 miles. The were stuck in that mess

for something like 18 hours - no food, bathroom, etc. I can't imagine how horrible that was. Then, there were those who trying to get home by flying, wit their flights delayed or canceled all together.

While it has been way to cold to go skiing, I do enjoy watching the birds at the feeder. They go through a lot, chickadees, blue jays and sparrows. I really sympathize with the wild life and cattle. It's a tough time for them to go through.

Today, the 6th was the one year anniversary of the insurrection at the Capitol. President Biden addressed the nation in the morning. He did not spare words when he spoke of Trump. It's rather scary that something could happen again.

Wishing all of you a blessed and happy 2022!

Who's Dat?



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This week's photo is a nice lady reading to two children.

Last weeks photos was of Charles Lessard (deceased) who raised his large family in Lambert Township. His grandson, Jim, still resides on the Century Farm. Granddaughter Annette (Lessard) Dunning attended K-12 at OHS and now lives in Perham.

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.

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