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THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS
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From the staff of the Oklee Herald

Bellisio Foods, Inc. Recalls Boneless Pork Rib Frozen Entree Products

Bellisio Foods, Inc., a Jackson, Ohio establishment, is recalling approximately 285,264 pounds of boneless pork rib shaped patty frozen entree products that may be adulterated with extraneous materials, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today.

The Boston Market Boneless Pork Rib Shaped Patty with BBQ Sauce and Mashed Potatoes frozen entree items were produced on various dates between Sept. 09, 2015, and Dec. 14, 2015. The following products are subject to recall:

14-oz. boxed packages containing "Boston Market Home Style Meals Boneless Pork Rib Shaped Patty with BBQ Sauce and Mashed Potatoes" with Use By dates 09/09/2016; 09/22/2016; 10/08/2016; 10/30/2016; and 12/14/2016.

The products subject to

recall bear establishment number "EST. 18297" on the end panel of the package. These items were shipped to retail locations nationwide.

The problem was discovered after the firm received consumer complaints of possible glass or hard plastic pieces being found in the frozen entree.

There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions or injuries due to consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about an injury or illness should contact a healthcare provider.

Consumers who have purchased these products are urged not to consume them. These products should be thrown away or returned to the place of purchase.

FSIS routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify recalling firms notify their customers of the recall and that steps are taken to make certain that the product is no

longer available to consumers.

Consumers with questions about the recall can contact Consumer Relations at 1-855-871-9977. Media with questions about the recall can contact Tom Lindell, Public Relations, at (612) 305-6149.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov or via smartphone at m.askkaren.gov. The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day. The online Electronic Consumer Complaint Monitoring System can be accessed 24 hours a day at: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/reportproblem>.

Red Lake County Commissioners held Truth and Taxation meeting

On December 10, 2015, the Red Lake County Commissioners met at 4:30 p.m. instead of their regular day and time due to the Truth and Taxation meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. on December 10th.

Commissioners attending were Dave Sorensen, John Lerohl, Ron Weiss, Chuck Simpson and Anthony Flage.

The pledge of allegiance was said by the members present and the meeting started with the agenda, which had to changes or additions. It was approved and carried.

Tanya Hanson from the Red Lake County SWCD was first on the agenda and was bringing a request from Enbridge Energy for a Shoreland Permit for some work needed to be completed. A motion was made and permit was approved.

Hanson also needed a motion for a Feed Lot Program for 2016/2017 which was also approved. She also spoke to the commissioners about three grants she has applied for and it looks like they will be approved by the state bringing in approx. \$300,000 in grants. Before leaving she introduced Matt Anderson to the board. He is a new employee at the Red Lake County Soil, Water and Conservation District.

Three people were put forward to the board to choose from for a position on the Red Lake Watershed District. Lerohl made a motion for Al Page for the position, Sorensen seconded and Weiss abstained from voting. The motion was carried.

The agenda was moving fast, and next on the agenda was Social Services Director Kristi Nelson, who wasn't at the meeting yet, so Environmental Officer Kurt Casavan, was brought to the table to report on the annual renewal of the license for garbage services. Only one applied, Sanitary Service, and a motion was made to renew the license for Sanitary Service.

Casavan also talked about the 2016 Ditch Assessments and reported that it would be the same as last year, as nothing has changed. A motion was made and was approved.

Les Sanitation is the company that takes care of the recycling, but wasn't there yet, either, due to things moving fast at the meeting. Casavan mentioned that in the past Cal Eckstein said he would like the option of participating, but

when contacted, they indicated they would pass at this time. Les Sanitation and Casavan have been negotiating and a price has been set for the contract, but need to wait for Les Sanitation to come, and at this time, Nelson from Social Services came, so Casavan was put on hold, so Nelson could present what the Social Services needed.

Nelson needed a resolution for a contract and signatures. The County Attorney has looked over everything and a motion was made and the resolution was passed.

Minutes were looked at and one change was found and the change of an incorrect time will be fixed, and was approved.

Korky Kleven, County Engineer was on the agenda and withdrew his place on the agenda.

The bills were gone over and the board approved with a roll call vote, paying the bills.

Needing to get business done before the Truth and Taxation meeting, the board moved onto Committee Reports.

Flage had attended the Extension meeting and a land rent seminary had been held. He reported there are 3 webinars in January, February and March also. Sharon Weiss and Curtis Nyegaard were evaluated.

Les Sanitation was next on the agenda at the set time and the discussion started by Casavan and the board along with Les Sanitation was continued. Sorensen asked about the bins and Les Sanitation said that people are pretty good with not leaving garbage mixed in, but on the few occasions it has happened, people don't realize the evidence they leave in the garbage, be it an envelope with an address or a paid bill. Les Sanitation has only called Casavan twice and both feel they have a good working relationship. A five year contract is what they would like to set up at \$39,500 a year, and discussion on possibly looking at additional items such as magazines or cardboard can be discussed at a later date. A motion to accept the bid of \$39,500 was accepted and carried.

Committee Reports continued at this point and Sorensen had attended a Department Head meeting with the Union Reps. Insurance is one of the items being discussed and has not been

resolved. Lundeen said that the employees could take it to a vote, but she hadn't heard if they have decided yet.

AMC/MRCC was also one of the meetings Sorensen attended. Discussion was about broadband and a map of the state was displayed showing who had broadband coverage. The Garden Valley area is 99.9% completed, where much of the state is not. At Monday's meeting discussed was the language changes needed to make the organization legal. A speaker from the Minnesota Pollution Control (MPC) discussed burning of wood. Sorensen gave his opinion and the speaker didn't agree.

A Tri County Corrections meeting was also held and statistics were given, such as 1 in 6 children have a parent in prison. Children, when they go to visit their parent are visiting them either through glass or an ITV system. And if your child needs to go to the bathroom, your visit is over.

Tuesday's AMC meeting was about the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the Cadillac tax will slowly go away by 2018 and the Federal employee's don't have to use ACA.

Lerohl reported on the Regional Development Corporation meeting he attended. Not much was discussed, bills were paid. On November 18th, Lerohl attended the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) and reported that the Sale of the Foxtail Apartment in TRF is going good. Findings in the audit were about the section 8 area, and that East Grand Forks area is now part of the Red Lake County HRA offices.

Lerohl also attended a meeting on December 5th for the Board on Aging. There are 21 counties in the group. Other meetings attended were the Extension, Public Health and AMC.

Weiss had attended the Department Heads meeting and the other Commissioners attending had already reported on it.

Angie Lundeen, HR Director, reported that a Full Time Deputy/Dispatcher had been hired and a Full Time Deputy/Dispatcher had quit. She also asked the Commissioners if it would be ok to get quotes on carpet cleaning for the Courthouse and the Highway Department buildings.

At 6:05 p.m. the Board meeting was adjourned and the Truth In Taxation meeting began. This meeting is required by law to talk public comments.

Assessor Nancy Ambertson reported the biggest increase was on agricultural land, at 15%. She has been working with historic values and is getting caught up, but is taking a conservative approach, so she doesn't have to lower the values later. Enbridge and construction in Plummer was discussed briefly.

The Truth in Taxation meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.



Ella Moen played the part of Mary and Tyler Parsley played the part of Joseph in "A Christmas to Believe In."



Lillian Hanson, Marin Peterson, and Karena Melby sang "Silent Night" as part of the program at Zion.



Zion Lutheran's Sunday School held their Christmas Program on December 20th. The children did an excellent job telling the story of Jesus' birth.

Calendar of Events

- Wed, Dec. 30:**
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, Dec. 31:**
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Fri, Jan. 1:**
-NO LSS Sr. Meal
- Sat, Jan. 2:**
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
- Sun, Jan. 3:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon, Jan. 4:**
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
- Tue, Jan. 5:**
-LSS Sr. Evening Meal 5:00 p.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Cards.
- Wed, Jan. 6:**
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. – Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
- Thu, Jan. 7:**
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. – Bingo.
-Deadline for Oklee Herald news.
- Fri, Jan. 8:**
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.
- Sat, Jan. 9:**
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
- Sun, Jan. 10:**
-Worship at the church of your choice.
- Mon, Jan. 11:**
-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Wed, Dec. 30: No Confirmation.
Sun, Jan. 3: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:15 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Wed, Jan. 6: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH OKLEE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Jan. 3: 7:30 a.m. Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass.

BROOKS – RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bill DeCrans
Sat, Jan. 2: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph - RLF
Sun, Jan. 3: 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph – Brooks. 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph - RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Jan. 3: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel (Communion). 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer (Communion).

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Robert W. Dahlen, Pastor
Sun, Jan. 3: No Sunday School. 8:30 a.m. Ekelund. 9:45 a.m. Faith. 11:00 a.m. Bethany.
Mon, Jan. 4: 9:30 a.m. Faith Quilting.
Wed, Jan. 6: Release Time. 6:30 p.m. Faith WELCA meeting.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Dec. 30: No Wednesday School/Confirmation.
Sat, Jan. 2: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School.
Sun, Jan. 3: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:15 a.m. St. Petri SS. 9:45 a.m. Nazareth. 8:30 a.m. Nazareth SS. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park SS 11:00 a.m. Oak Park.
Wed, Jan. 6: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Thu, Dec. 31: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.
Sun, Jan. 3: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Jan. 5: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, Jan. 6: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Jan. 3: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston Jon Marx, Lead Pastor Seth Johnson, Assist. Pastor
Sun, Jan. 3: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship.

NOTICE OF FILING FOR CHESTER TOWNSHIP ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to qualified voters of Chester Township, Polk County, State of Minnesota, that filing for town office will be held for a two week period beginning December 29, 2015.

Affidavits of Candidacy shall be filed with the Town Clerk at Clerk's home at any reasonable hour from December 29, 2015, to January 12, 2016.

Filing will close on January 12, 2016, @ 5:00p.m. Filing fee--\$2.00

Offices to be filled at the March Annual Election are:

1-Supervisor for a Three Year Term
1-Clerk for a Two Year Term

Pam O'Neill
Clerk, Town of Chester

Oklee Senior Site Dining

January 4 - 8

If you are over the age of 60 and would like to eat with other seniors at the Senior Site, please call the Café at 796-5666 to reserve your meal.

Monday: Cheeseburger w/ bun, hash browns, vegetable, dessert, and milk.

Tuesday: Evening meal: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, mushroom gravy, vegetables, dessert and milk.

Wednesday: 2 pc. French toast, sausage patty, 1 egg, dessert and milk.

Thursday: Tator tot hotdish, salad, toast, dessert and milk.

Friday: Meat loaf, boiled potatoes, vegetables, dessert and milk.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Jim and Debbie DuChamp hosted an early Christmas dinner on Saturday, the 19th for Chris, Bobbie, Bryce and Bret DuChamp Marci and Steve Kloety, Mike Rachel and Derek Kloety.

Jenny and Logan Wallace and family of Killdeer, ND came Wednesday for Christmas to Roger and Lynn Gallant's.

Eric Eskeli of Illinois came earlier for a few days visit to see his dad Melvin and the Eskeli siblings.

The American Legion Auxiliary Christmas supper

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To reserve a seat, please call by 3:00 p.m. the day before - 1-800-951-9363. All routes need at least five persons signed up.

Mon, Jan. 4: *Fargo/Moorhead* – Crookston.

Tue, Jan. 5: *Grand Forks* – Fosston, McIntosh, Erskine, Mentor, Crookston.

was held Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. Chicken breasts, roast beef, green beans, mashed potatoes, and gravy, and dinner roll. Dessert was brownie, chocolate syrup and ice cream.

Billy Traxler of Truman, came for Christmas to Ann Traxler's.

Matt Schmitz was home for Christmas vacation, visiting his parents Arnie and Barb Schmitz. He'll return to St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana on January 4th.

Mindy Juhl came the week before Christmas to visit Chuck and Jolayne Simpson. Alea is coming after Christmas. Tracy and Ryan Peterson, Faith and Rylee of Bismarck, North Dakota came Wednesday for Christmas to Chuck and Jolayne's.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Bishop, Trinity, Greg Jr., and Azy of Tucson, Arizona were guests

of Charles and Connie Bishop. They enjoyed a tour of the museum on Monday and also ate dinner with the Tri River members and guests. Chili, salads, pickles, cookies, bars, Bundt cake and bread was served. The last 1st grade Challenger kids came earlier to tour and make butter, They had a great time.

Alice Jobe had Christmas dinner at her brother Allan Kukowski's at Wannaska. After presents were opened they enjoyed a wagon ride pulled by the Percheron horses, Snip and Snap. It was bit cold but plenty of snow and a good ride.

I went skiing the previous Saturday and also Wednesday. The snow is nice. At least there is some depth to it.

Hop you had a blessed and joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year, Too!

Red Lake Falls Library News

The library is open on Monday from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm, Wednesday from Noon until 8:00 pm, Friday from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. On-line patrons are reminded that they can visit www.nwrlib.org/r/f.htm at anytime, where they can create their own patron accounts to browse, request and renew materials all from their home computers.

The Red Lake Falls Library will be closed this Friday, January 1 in observation of the New Year's Day holiday. Regular Saturday hours of 10 to 3 will be available the following day.

The months of January

and February will feature the "Hot Reads for Cold Nights" winter reading program, when adult patrons are encouraged to make greater use of the library by visiting more often, checking out materials, using services, attending programs, in addition to registering for prizes while there. Each week two names will be drawn to win a ceramic hot-beverage mug with the Hot Reads logo. Music programs are being planned for January and March dates; watch for more details in coming weeks.

Thank you to all our adult patrons for your dedication, interest and support of our local branch of Northwest Regional Library.

Red Lake County Extension Educator

Curtis W. Nyegaard - 218-253-2895

Wheat Varieties for 2016

Successful wheat production depends on numerous factors, including selecting the right variety for a particular area. The following information should help hard red spring wheat farmers select a variety or group of varieties for the coming crop season. Characteristics to consider in selecting a variety may include

1. yield,
2. protein content (when grown with proper fertility),
3. straw strength,
4. plant height,
5. reaction to problematic pests(diseases, insects, diseases, etc.), and
6. maturity.

Every growing season differs; therefore, when selecting a variety, it is recommended to use data that summarizes several years, and locations. Choose the variety that, on average, performs the best at multiple locations near your farm during several years.

Selecting varieties with good milling and baking quality also is important to maintain market recognition and avoid discounts. Hard Red Spring Wheat from the northern "Great Plains" is known around the world for its excellent end use quality. Millers and bakers consider many factors in determining the quality and value of wheat they purchase. Several key parameters are: high test weight (for optimum milling yield and flour color), high falling number (greater than 300 seconds indicates minimal sprout damage), high protein content, (the majority of HRS

wheat export markets want at least 14 percent protein) and excellent protein (for superior bread making quality as indicated by traditional strong gluten proteins, high baking absorption and large bread loaf volume).

Detailed information for HRS varieties for Northwest Minnesota was obtained from trail plots in plots in Crookston, Roseau, Hallock, Oklee, Perley, Stephen, and Strathcona. For detailed information on these plots go the U M website at www.extension.umn.edu and do a search for "2015 Hard Red Spring Wheat Field crop Trials Results". It is also important to check information from North Dakota HRS wheat trails which can be found at www.ag.ndsu.edu by doing a search for bulletin A574-15, "Variety Trail Results for 2015".

In Minnesota the most popular variety grown in 2015 was Prosper, which was grown on 16.6% of the acres, the second most popular variety was WB-Mayville at 13.6% and 3rd was Linkert at 13.5 % and 4th was Faller at 13.5 %. In North Dakota the most popular variety was Barlow at 12.6%, 2nd was SY-Soren at 12.1%, 3rd was Elgin at 10.8% and 4th was Prosper at 10.5%. For detailed information on varieties to grow in 2016, you can e mail Jochum Wiersma . U M Extension Small Grain Specialist at, wiersm002@umn.edu or Joel Ransom, NDSU Extension Agronomist at, joel.ransom@ndsu.edu.

Source: U M 2015 Hard Red Spring Wheat Field Crop Trials Results and NDSU Hard Red Spring Wheat Variety Trial Results for 2015.

Centennial Recipe Corner

Special Delivery Chicken Sue Beaudoin

2 cups (16 oz) sour cream
1 can (10 3/4 oz) condensed cream of chicken soup, undiluted
2-1/2 cups cubed cooked chicken
1-3/4 cups butter flavored cracker crumbs (about 36 crackers)
1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted.
1 can water chestnuts (optional)

In a bowl combine the sour cream, soup, water chestnuts. Stir in chicken. Pour into a greased 11 x 7 x 2 in baking dish. Combine cracker crumbs and butter, sprinkle over top. Bake, uncovered at 350 degrees for 25 – 30 minutes or until heated through. 4 servings.



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RLCC Menus

January 4 - 8

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Mon: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy bread, pizza sauce, lettuce salad, carrots & celery, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, rice pilaf, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Egg wrap, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Country fried steak, Char's cheesy hash browns, , vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger patty, French fries, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Potato soup, wild rice soup, or cheesy broccoli soup, meat sandwich, fruit, vegetable, and milk.

Plummer

Mon: Breakfast: Egg wrap, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Chicken quesadilla, salad, fruit choice, sherbet, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Oatmeal or cold cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Subs (ham, cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickles), Sun Chips, corn, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Macaroni hamburger hotdish, beets, biscuit, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, strawberry shortcake, and milk.

Fri: Breakfast: Cook's Choice, cereal, fruit, juice & milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, salad or salad bar, cucumbers, croutons, Nutri Grain bar, fruit, and milk.



Mrs. Patty Mickelson's Junior High Band gave a short performance for the student body at RLCC before Christmas break.

RLCC Junior High Band presentation

By Ana Almeida

The Junior High Band of the Red Lake County Central High School made a presentation for the students

Tuesday, December 22. Some of the songs were "Sweet Caroline," "Smoke on the Water," "Barbara Ann" and RLCC School Song "Minnesota

Rouser."

Guided by Mrs. Patty Mickelson, the band members presenting included Allison Aakhus, Kia Bachand, Adriel

Bakken, Dominica Bernstein, Madison Carlson, George Duden, Calyssa Eskeli, Tristyn Ferguson, Levi Flatgard, AnaRosa Gibbs-Martinez, Eric Gieseke, Lillyan Guillemette, Faith Hanson, Tyler Hanson,

Jayden Iverson, Adrienne Jones, Emily Kolstoe, Sophia Linder, Karena Melby, Brody Moen, Janae Olson, Sidney Olson, Jenna Pahlen, Katelyn Suchy and Brock Tvedt.



RLCC Senior High Band played a variety of songs for high school students on December 22.

RLCC Senior High Band

Red Lake County Central High School's senior high band performed a few songs for the student body on December 22, 2015. They played songs

such as "Christmas Wishes," "We Will Rock You," "We Didn't Start the Fire," "Sweet Caroline," "Barbara Ann," "Walkin' and Talkin'," "Holly

Wreath Medley," and "Paint it Black."

Those in RLCC High School's senior high band are Natalie Aakhus, Christian Baker, Bryce Bergerson, Isaac

Eskeli, Austin Jensen, Marie Johnson, Erin Jones, Hannah Kolstoe, Nicholas Lill, Miranda Magnell, Austin Manning, Sydney Melby, Thomas Nelson,

Katie Olson, Lacey Pendelton, Tera Qualley, Adrien Verbout, Holly Vettleson, Mathew Vettleson, Deidra Walton and Kjersten Walton.

Sports Schedules

RLC Rebels

Boy Basketball

Sat, Jan. 2: Grygla/ Goodridge at Oklee 2:00 p.m.

Tue, Jan. 5: EGF at EGF 5:00 p.m.

Fri, Jan. 8: Climax Fisher at Fisher 5:00 p.m.

Mon, Jan. 11: Sacred Heart at Sacred Heart 5:00 p.m.

Tue, Jan. 12: WEM at Oklee 5:00 p.m.

Fri, Jan. 15: Warren Alvarado Oslo at RLF 5:00 p.m.

Tue, Jan. 19: BGMR at RLF 5:00 p.m.

Thu, Jan. 21: Fosston at Fosston 6:00 p.m.

Tue, Jan. 26: Roseau at Roseau 6:00 p.m.

RLCC Mustang

Wrestling

Sat, Jan. 2: Pine to Prairie Tournament at Fertile TBD

Tue, Jan. 5: Mayport/ Roseau Tri at Oklee 5:00 p.m.

Fri, Jan. 8: Mahnomen/Waubun team at Mahnomen 4:00 p.m.

Tue, Jan. 12: Mahnomen/LPA Tri at Lake Park 5:00 p.m.

Fri, Jan. 15: Park Rapids/Prairie Valley at Oklee 2:00 p.m.

Sat, Jan. 16: TRF Tournament at TRF 9:30 a.m.

Thu, Jan. 21: WHAN at Oklee 6:30 p.m.

Tue, Jan. 26: BGMR Tri at Greenbush TBD

Girls Basketball

Mon, Jan. 4: Clearbrook/Gonvick at Oklee 6:00 p.m.

Tue, Jan. 5: Grygla/ Goodridge at Goodridge 6:00 p.m.

Thu, Jan. 7: Red Lake at Oklee 6:00 p.m.

Tue, Jan. 12: Red Lake Falls at RLF 6:00 p.m.

Fri, Jan. 15: Fosston at Plummer 6:00 p.m.

Thu, Jan. 21: Laporte at Laporte 6:00 p.m.

Fri, Jan. 22: WAO at Plummer 6:00 p.m.

Rebels v. Stephen-Argyle Storm

By Taylor Klasen

Friday, December 18th the Red Lake County Rebels lost a close game against Stephen-Argyle with the final score at 57-59. At the half time the Rebels were leading 32-30. The Rebels had 36 rebounds and Stephen-Argyle had 45 rebounds. The Rebels made a school record with one turnover the whole game and Stephen-Argyle had 14. Shooting percentage for the Rebels was 31% and Stephen-Argyle had 45%.

Rebels scoring included Austin Waliser 22 points, Drake Engelstad 18, Will Duden 11, and both Austin May and Ethan Vettleson three points. Engelstad had 10 rebounds, Waliser seven, and Austin May six. Talon Porter had six assists.

For Stephen-Argyle scoring, Chris McGlynn scored 28 points, Justin Yutrzecka 15, Isaac Mills six, Stoen Spilde five, Hunter Yutrzecka and Max Yutrzecka both two, and Zach Fincher one. For rebounds, the Storm was led by Mills with 10 and McGlynn nine who also blocked three shots.

RLC Rebels Fall to Warroad Warriors

By Wyatt Waldal

The Red Lake County Rebels played the Warroad Warriors on December 21. The Warriors came out on top of the Rebels at the end of the night.

Leading scorers for the Rebels were Drake Engelstad 24, and Will Duden 23, then Ethan Vettleson six, Austin Waliser three, Justin Nemec three, and Talon Porter two. Some other key stats for the Rebels were Engelstad pulling down 13 rebounds for a double-double, and Waliser with six. Austin May also recorded four assists.

Key stats for the Warriors

were Kobe Ratsavongsy with 31 points and four assists, Tommy Vilayphone with 26 points and two steals, Caleb Fast with 12 points, two blocks, and two steals. Lucas Garbe also pulled in 11 rebounds and scored six points.

The Rebels lost in the end 61-79. The team has been struggling with shooting all year and against the Warriors it really showed.

Big Bear Tournament

By: Nick Plante

Red Lake Country Central wrestling team went to the Big Bear Tournament in Cass Lake on December 18 and 19. The top placing teams were Hutchinson 214.6 points, Bemidji 176.5, and West Central Area 159.5. Red Lake Country Central came in 36th place.

RLCC wrestlers that made the first day of the tournament were Bryce Bergerson 1-2, Tyler Sandahl 0-2, Kyle Gagner 0-2, and Nick Pahlen 0-2. Wrestlers who make the second day of the tournament were Dylan Gustafson 2-2, Tristan Larson 1-2. At the tournament, none of the RLCC wrestlers placed.

Snowmobile Safety Training in Oklee

By: Katie Pendelton

There will be an online-based Snowmobile Safety Training Saturday, January 16, 2016. It will be held at the Red Lake County Central High School Library in Oklee at 1:00 p.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m. The snowmobile safety training is sponsored by the Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Club.

The course will meet one day for classroom review and field training. The class length is determined by the number of registered students and class time is approximate. The Youth Snowmobile Safety Course is available to youth 11 years and older. The certificate is

not valid until the age of 12. Students must have a parent or guardian present to register them the day of class.

Students need to bring their certificate to class. The online test certificate can be printed after completion of chapters at either of these websites: snowmobilecourse.com (Fee \$29.95) and snowmobile-ed.com (Fee \$29.50). Students will need proper riding gear for the riding test (helmet, coat, facemask, gloves, snow pants and snow boots).

Contact Shelly Flatgard at csflatgard@gmail.com or 218-796-4994 (leave a message) if you have questions or to register.

RLCC ECFE

January Events

By: Nicole Rienneau

Early Childhood Family Education is a program available to all children ages birth up to kindergarten age together with their parents. Its goals are to strengthen families and to help children develop to their full potential. A variety of sessions and activities are offered Thursday evenings. Three upcoming events in January include the following.

January 14, 2016: **Infant/Toddler Class #4** will be held in Oklee at 6:00-7:00 p.m. They will be reading the story "The Mitten" and playing with puppets, and finding an oversized mitten to crawl into. There will be soup and sandwiches this evening, too.

January 21, 2016: **Family Fun Gym Night** will be held in Plummer at 6:00-7:30 p.m. for the ages 0-5. They will be having soup and sandwiches and have a lot of activities in the gym.

January 28, 2016: **Family Fun Gym Night** will be held in Oklee at 6:00-7:30 pm. Start the evening with soup and sandwiches and then enjoy some activities in the gym.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

By Barb Novak

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Diane and Clarence Gagner went to Fergus Falls on Christmas to join with Brenda and Tim Gagner and their family to celebrate Christmas.

On Sunday Diane and Clarence hosted Poncho and Char Gagner, Rolland and Nancy Gagner of Mentor for the afternoon and evening. A visit from Cody Gagner who stopped by before he leaves on the 1st for Fort Leonardwood Missouri.

On Christmas Eve Clarence and Diane went to visit and spend the evening with Arleen Berry, Diane's sister.

On Tuesday evening Karen and Dick Delage, Carol and Jim Chaput, and Wes Myhre and Jan Johnson spent the evening at Clarence and Diane Gagner's home.

Myrtle Hamrum spent Christmas Eve at Margaret and Lowell Hamrum's home and enjoyed family time with them and the grandchildren.

Pam Paradis had Christmas Eve with Ryan and Kelsey Paradis, Chelsey, and Dane Kjono, Ethan and Kali Scherschlit, Carol and Leland Saga, Lonnie and Kenya Paradis and Charlie, Spenser ,Olivia, and Amanda and Tyler Schow.

Pam Paradis went to Crookston to Val Walker's home in Crookston joining with her was her mother Joyce Rock where they enjoyed dinner.

Elaine Radniecki had guests for Christmas Day. The guests were Bonnie and Alvin Jensen, and son Allen. On Sunday Elaine hosted her son Charlie Radniecki and his daughter Melissa Pearson for dinner.

Inez and Harvey Rienneau went to dinner in Lancaster on Christmas day to her son John Lenhart's home.

On Christmas Eve Inez and Harvey Rienneau went to supper at the Jean Lenhart

and Toni Fling home.

Kelsey and Ryan Paradis went to Pam Paradis home for Christmas Eve, and on Christmas Day went to Roseau for dinner at the Terri and Denny Kjos home.

On Saturday Ryan and Kelsey went to Arnie Paradis home on Union Lake to supper and spend the evening with his dad.

Jerome and Barb Novak hosted the Christmas weekend for their daughter Rebecca Novak of Mankato and Matt and Nancy Ellenson of Warroad and their children Ian, Phillip, Daphne, and Margaret.

It was a nice Christmas day no storms and though a bit cold (seasonal) it could have been so much worse as history is remembered. Dinner was in the oven and everybody was awaiting the kids from the north to arrive. This was going to be a great dinner. Then the lights went out. We called the neighbor to see if they had lights, and they did it was just us who had no lights. I called the electric company they had to call someone out. So not only our dinner was postponed, but those guys had a late dinner as well. I knew Troy Schmitz who came out to fix the transformer so when I saw them we made up a goody bag for each of the men. Our dinner was about an hour and a half later than I expected, but we had a good dinner and enjoyed each other's company. As in all families, we played games, did some outdoor activities over the weekend, and played cards. We hope you had a Merry Christmas and will have a Happy New Year.

People of the week: Thanks to our service people who got called out & served and protected us over the holiday. Police, fire, and emt's. Happy new year.

Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

Our weather has turned to cold with the ending of December. We can't complain it has been a nice month.

I celebrated (late) my birthday by going to St. Augustine, Fl. for a few days. All of my family (10) came from near and far to meet me there. It is a wonderful place and the weather was perfect 70 and 80. The first morning I was up early and went for a walk and visited the "Fountain of Youth". When I returned to the hotel, I asked the desk clerk if I looked younger than when I

left since I had put my fingers in the water. They agreed I looked 10 years younger. You can walk almost to everything. It's a good thing, as parking is tight with all the tourists. There is so much history to absorb as this is the first city in the USA. It dates back to the l500's.

At the Site we did not have meals On Christmas Day or the Friday following.

We are not having meals on Friday, January 1st of this week.

Dates To Remember

Jan. 5 - Evening meal
Jan. 19 - Potluck meal
Jan. 15 - Birthday meal
Jan. 21 - Site Council Meets

WORDS OF WISDOM

Never buy a couch too short for Sunday afternoon naps.

Children's good manners are a reflection of their parent's good manners.

JOKE TIME

On his first day in the office, a young trainee picked up the phone and said, "Get me a coffee"

The voice on the other end boomed, "You idiot, you've dialed the wrong extension! Do you know who you're talking to, you fool!"

"No", said the trainee.

"This is the managing director!"

"And do you know who you're talking too," responded the trainee.

"No."

"Good". And the trainee put down the phone.

A lawyer e-mailed a client:

"Dear Jennifer:

Thought I saw you on the street the other day. Crossed over to say hello, but it wasn't you, so I went back. One tenth of an hour: \$30.

Who's Dat?

Who's Dat?
This week's photo is of a young man from the Oklee area.

Last week's is of the Klasen Family.



Red Lake County Financial Statement

— RED LAKE FALLS, MINNESOTA —

SUMMARY OF RED LAKE COUNTY'S STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
	Expenses	Fees, Charges, Fines and Other	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Governmental activities					
General government	\$ 1,124,513	\$ 188,331	\$ 57,354	\$ -	\$ (878,828)
Public safety	1,342,708	102,582	170,520	-	(1,069,606)
Highways and streets	3,569,374	200,226	1,139,225	1,717,738	(512,185)
Sanitation	118,023	25,761	63,803	-	(28,459)
Human services	1,345,645	362,989	547,748	-	(434,908)
Health	63,888	-	-	-	(63,888)
Culture and recreation	104,871	-	52,070	-	(52,801)
Conservation of natural resources	383,378	39,661	152,956	-	(190,761)
Economic development	800	-	-	-	(800)
Total governmental activities	\$ 8,053,200	\$ 919,550	\$ 2,183,676	\$ 1,717,738	\$ (3,232,236)
General revenues					
Property taxes					\$ 2,198,536
Gravel tax					473
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					463,268
Payments in lieu of taxes					9,966
Investment earnings					305,163
Total general revenues					\$ 2,977,406
Change in net position					\$ (254,830)
Net position - January 1					\$ 48,019,356
Net position - December 31					\$ 47,764,526

A SUMMARY OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	General Fund	Road and Bridge Special Revenue Fund	Social Services Special Revenue Fund	Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds (Statement 2)	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues					
Taxes	\$ 1,418,571	\$ 439,878	\$ 341,586	\$ -	\$ 2,200,035
Special assessments	-	-	-	92,361	92,361
Licenses and permits	1,370	-	-	-	1,370
Intergovernmental	724,871	2,883,145	617,834	-	4,225,850
Charges for services	151,700	182,718	169,315	8,241	511,974
Investment earnings	296,986	8,177	-	-	305,163
Miscellaneous	198,554	17,508	193,674	250	409,986
Total Revenues	\$ 2,792,052	\$ 3,531,426	\$ 1,322,409	\$ 100,852	\$ 7,746,739
Expenditures					
Current					
General government	\$ 1,113,504	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,113,504
Public safety	1,272,509	-	-	-	1,272,509
Highways and streets	-	3,365,118	-	-	3,365,118
Sanitation	106,732	-	-	-	106,732
Human services	25,812	-	1,301,402	-	1,327,214
Health	63,888	-	-	-	63,888
Culture and recreation	104,871	-	-	-	104,871
Conservation of natural resources	342,890	-	-	40,488	383,378
Economic development	800	-	-	-	800
Capital outlay					
Public safety	29,050	-	-	-	29,050
Highways and streets	-	148,026	-	-	148,026
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,060,056	\$ 3,513,144	\$ 1,301,402	\$ 40,488	\$ 7,915,090
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (268,004)	\$ 18,282	\$ 21,007	\$ 60,364	\$ (168,351)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Transfers in	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 96	\$ 96
Transfers out	(96)	-	-	-	(96)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ (96)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 96	\$ -
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (268,100)	\$ 18,282	\$ 21,007	\$ 60,460	\$ (168,351)
Fund Balance - January 1	\$ 3,446,982	\$ 1,570,143	\$ 1,176,639	\$ 531,146	\$ 6,724,910
Increase (decrease) in inventories	-	(50,665)	-	-	(50,665)
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 3,178,882	\$ 1,537,760	\$ 1,197,646	\$ 591,606	\$ 6,505,894

A SUMMARY OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2014

Assets	Agency (Statement 3)	Liabilities
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 100,486	Accounts payable..... \$ 3,270
Due from other funds	722	Due to other funds..... 722
Total Assets	\$ 101,208	Total Liabilities..... \$ 97,216

RED LAKE COUNTY • RED LAKE FALLS, MN
ORGANIZATIONAL SCHEDULE – DECEMBER 31, 2014

Office	Name	Term Expires
Commissioners		
1 st District	David K. Sorensen	January 2019
2 nd District	Ron Weiss	January 2017
3 rd District	John B. Lerohl, Chair	January 2019
4 th District	Velma Oakland *	January 2015
5 th District	Charles Simpson	January 2017
Officers:		
Elected:		
Attorney	Michael LaCoursiere	January 2019
Auditor	Robert Schmitz	January 2019
Recorder	Joyce Paquin	January 2019
Sheriff	Mitch Bernstein	January 2019
Treasurer	Nick Knott	January 2019
Appointed:		
Assessor	Nancy Amberson	December 2016
Medical Examiner	Dr. Mary Ann Sens	June 2015
Highway Engineer	Courtney Kleven	May 2018
Veterans Service Officer	Kurtis Ellefson	December 2015
Environmental Services Director	Kurt Casavan	Indefinite
Social Services Board		
Chair	David K. Sorensen	January 2019
Secretary	Gayle Flateland	July 2015
Member	Ron Weiss	January 2017
Member	John Lerohl	January 2019
Member	Patricia Purath	July 2016
Member	Charles Simpson	January 2017
Member	Velma Oakland *	January 2015
Director	Kristi Nelson	Indefinite

* Replaced by Charles Flage, January 2015

SUMMARY OF RED LAKE
COUNTY'S STATEMENT OF NET
POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2014

Assets	Governmental Activities
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 5,550,241
Cash with fiscal agent	70,958
Investments	799,906
Taxes receivable - prior	49,577
Special assessments receivable - prior	2,997
Accounts receivable	5,156
Accrued interest receivable	7,379
Due from other governments	2,791,647
Loans receivable	2,343
Inventories	264,423
Special assessments - noncurrent	56,630
Capital assets	
Non-depreciable	1,828,086
Depreciable - net of accumulated depreciation	36,963,752
Total Assets	\$48,393,095
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 47,263
Salaries payable	79,160
Contracts payable	143,986
Due to other governments	8,995
Long-term liabilities	
Due within one year	164,387
Due in more than one year	184,778
Total Liabilities	\$ 628,569
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	\$38,791,838
Amounts restricted for	
General government	45,782

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
Affiliated Computer Services	5,212.57
AFAC (American Fam Life Assurance Co.)	16,384.29
Association Of MN Counties	5,829.00
Astleford Internationals	95,758.00
AT&T Mobility	7,682.86
Auto Value Parts Store	5,121.21
Berts Truck Equipment	52,847.38
Blucross Blueshield Of Minnesota	281,768.65
Cardmember Service	17,453.53
Central Pension Fund	21,868.88
Christian Motors, Inc.	5,983.25
Clerk City Of Brooks	34,779.30
Clerk City Of Oklee	181,268.05
Clerk City Of Plummer	154,780.97
Clerk City Of Red Lake Falls	744,637.75
Comm Of Finance, Treas Div.	931,275.29
Computer Information Systems Inc.	16,000.00
Computer Professionals Unlimited, Inc.	24,589.00
Deed, Fiscal Services	21,032.79
DHS Swift	103,647.25
Dick's Backhoe Service	16,970.25
Eide Bailly Employee Association	22,216.32
Election Systems & Software Inc.	16,932.70
Kurt Ryan Ellefson	7,076.93
Evergreen Implement Company	8,436.74
Friends Of The Library	5,500.00
Galls LLC	5,162.75
Garden Valley Telephone	43,026.66
GCR Tire Center	9,351.82
Geo-Comm Corporation	5,150.00
H & L Mesabi	31,711.36

Public safety	16,422	Heppner Consulting Inc.	9,487.05
Highways and streets	2,771,251	Hoffman, Dale & Swenson, PLLC	29,500.00
Conservation of natural resources	651,233	Independent Emergency Services LLC	22,139.68
Culture and recreation	5,666	Ing Sponsor Connect	29,783.85
Economic development	141,550	Insight Technologies	73,248.67
Unrestricted amounts	5,340,784	Integrated Solutions Consulting	13,024.32
Total Net Position	\$ 47,764,526	Inter-County Nursing Service	23,432.80
		Internal Revenue Service	516,786.59
		IUOE Local No.49 Health & Welfare Fund	116,842.00
		Lafayette High School	30,807.00
		Les' Sanitation	40,702.50
		Mactek Systems Inc	13,775.00
		Madison National Life Ins Co., Inc.	6,964.54
		Marco, Inc.	5,783.39
		Midstates Equipment & Supply	21,256.00
		Minncor Industries	5,835.00
		Minnesota Counties Computer Coop	8,652.81
		Minnesota Counties Inter-government Trust	117,922.00
		Minnesota Life	6,982.02
		Minnesota Unemployment Insurance	15,101.00
		MN Commissioner Of Revenue	97,401.00
		MN Department Of Revenue	54,234.90
		Nationwide Retire Solutions Serv Center	36,312.20
		Next Chapter Technology, Inc.	13,685.75
		North Country Business Products	5,816.20
		North Homes, Inc.	46,677.40
		Northwest Regional Development Commission	10,924.64
		Northwest Regional Library	26,732.00
		NW Mental Health Center	37,542.97
		NW MN Household Hazardous Waste Mng	5,223.55
		NW MN HRA	21,949.68
		O'day Equipment Inc	5,128.30
		Office Of Enterprise Technology	10,800.00
		Oklee Moonlighters	10,454.20
		Ottertail Power Company	40,306.85
		Pathfinders	63,890.60
		Pennington County Treasurer	53,265.05
		Plummer Co-Op Creamery	55,762.13
		Polk County Highway Department	3,018,715.59
		Postmaster	16,731.00
		Prowest & Associates Inc	16,000.00
		Public Employees Retirement Association	373,612.19
		Quill	6,332.66
		Red Lake Co. Soil & Water Conserv Dist	90,150.00
		Red Lake County Auditor	56,238.30
		Red Lake County Central - Plummer Site	20,000.00
		Family Collab Red Lake County Child Init	20,402.00
		Red Lake County Co-op	170,558.50
		Red Lake County Fair Board	10,000.00

Red Lake County Insurance Fund	476,192.96
Red Lake County Park Board	11,574.69
Red Lake County Social Welfare Fund	10,935.00
Red Lake County Treasurer	15,201.67
Red Lake Electric	39,022.50
Red Lake Falls Ambulance	30,000.00
Red Lake Falls Utilities Dept	5,771.22
Red Lake Watershed District	254,901.11
Reliable Radon Mitigation	6,100.00
Roger's Two Way Radio Inc.	12,602.77
Rural Transportation Collaborative	8,677.47
Sanford Medical Center	11,533.65
Schafer Electric	5,578.70
Seachange Marketing & Printing	7,513.53
Select Account	48,879.17
Select Account Fsa	8,722.89
Select Account-Veba	21,820.50
St. Cloud Childrens Home	13,104.50
Td Ameritrade Trust Company	7,505.26
Thibert Chev-Buick	38,397.42
Thief River Ford	6,759.02
TR Excavation	5,040.00
Treasurer Brown's Creek Township	17,259.88
Treasurer Emardville Township	68,747.52
Treasurer Equality Township	45,695.51
Treasurer Gernes Township	64,095.35
Treasurer Gervais Township	56,559.99
Treasurer Lake Pleasant Township	36,261.65
Treasurer Lambert Township	36,546.17
Treasurer Louisville Township	38,185.19
Treasurer Poplar River Township	39,221.94
Treasurer Red Lake Falls Township	40,829.94
Treasurer River Township	9,925.32
Treasurer School District #2906	998,222.02
Treasurer School District 2609	27,320.64
Treasurer School District 564	18,046.82
Treasurer School District 627	12,621.22
Treasurer School District 628	9,798.91
Treasurer School District 630	788,947.08
Treasurer Terrebonne Township	62,209.51
Treasurer Wylie Township	15,005.07
Tri County Community Corrections	292,438.00
Triangle Tire Sales	7,447.39
Triple D Construction & Leasing Co	26,780.00
Truonorth Steel	46,838.84
United Healthcare Insurance Company	14,309.59
University Of Minnesota (Exten Serv)	70,323.96
University Of North Dakota	8,193.00
Vatthauer Farm Supply	11,619.24
Ziegler Cat	5,422.15
477 Vendors Less Than \$5000	382,853.01
139 Vendors	
Cutoff Total	12,317,035.36
Final Total	12,699,888.37

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