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Year In Review...

March 3, 2021

Sandra Tougas was interviewed by RLCC Newspaper staff. She is a volunteer First Responder with the Oklee ambulance. Since Sandra is a volunteer, she does not get paid but she says, "Being a First Responder has been a rewarding experience."

February 19th, the RLC Rebels boys' basketball team hosted at Oklee and played up against the Bears, the varsity team coming out on top with a score of 83-53.

Northwest Regional Library is adding 11 new Chromebook Laptops into circulation! These laptops run on Google's Chrome Operating System.

St. Bernard's Church in Thief River Falls had their 1st Lenten Fish Fry after Ash Wednesday, on Friday evening. They had drive-through only.

March 10, 2021

"Skip to Serve", formally known as "Jump Rope for Heart", is a fundraiser the students of RLCC Elementary take part in to raise money for our local emergency services (Plummer Fire & Rescue, as well as Oklee Fire & Oklee Ambulance).

Northwest Regional Library has begun to offer Mobile Wi-Fi Hotspots for Checkout! Mobile Hotspots allow internet connections anywhere they can get a

signal on the Sprint Network.

What nice weather we have today. It is supposed to get up into the high 50's. Enjoy it get out and walk around in this abundance of warmth.

March 17, 2021

Gov. Tim Walz announce on Friday that his is pulling back on some of Minnesota's remaining Covid-19 restrictions, almost a year after Covid-19 restrictions first were implemented to stem the spread of the coronavirus.

Dominica Bernstein, daughter of Mitch and Krista Bernstein of Oklee, MN has committed to run for the St. Thomas track and field team.

The weather has been good. We missed the bullet last week, the storm went south of us. We do need rain but snow is not what we want for moisture right now. Let's hope that we get some rain but not buckets of it, though we are behind in sub soil moisture.

March 24, 2021

A year ago, Red Lake County Central Schools was anticipating three residencies with artists in the schools teaching them about writing, painting and music, then COVID became our reality. Now, a year later, the residencies are happening. They look different than first anticipated. Students will now

meet the artists through in person Zoom meetings and recorded lessons. The Zoom meetings will help the artists provide instruction and students to experience interaction. Creativity is happening!

Well, Spring has sprung and most of us are happy for that. The snow is almost all gone except way back in tree lines. Wow, that is almost unheard of here. But be aware April isn't gone yet and we have had some tough April snows, as well as a few in May.

Some around town have started yard work. The weather is nice, maybe a cool some days, but not bad.

March 31, 2021

Tyrell and Natalie Hamrum, Brooks, are Red Lake County's representatives in the 2021 Red River Valley Emerging Leadership Program. This dedicated couple stepped up to learn and develop leadership skills in a new way, as the program transitioned to an online and hybrid model of learning during the pandemic.

Red Lake County Central Mustangs hosted the Sacred Hearts Eagles in Oklee. The varsity team won with the score of 46 to 31.

Wow, the weather is getting warmer fast this year. I can't remember when a spring jacket was used until late in April. This year the spring jacket is getting a workout. Whoopee.

New Teacher at RLCC Theresa Champagne



Theresa Champagne is the new Special Ed Teacher at RLCC.

it's not like in the soaps. You don't just all of a sudden wake-up! There are several stages of consciousness."

When Champagne woke up she was completely paralyzed in the left hemisphere of her body, was unable to speak, and was unable to remember things for more than a few minutes. She thought that she was in a dream while in the hospital, and only wanted to wake up from it. After being in the hospital for a while now, she started rehabilitation. She went to speech once a day and OT and PT twice a day. After a little bit of time doing speech, OT, and PT, she started learning how to walk again. She said though that it was not long before she was able to walk again. After two months, two weeks, and two days of being admitted to the hospital, she was finally being released after all the hard work she did to get better.

When Mrs. Champagne got home she started out with half days at school, but that only lasted about a week for her, then she went to full days. She graduated with her class in 1990, then she took a semester off, and went to one semester of college in the spring of 1991. She met her former husband then, in May of 1991 and got married in March of 1993. They had three sons total. She worked as a certified nurse's assistant from 1993-2004 with no modification to her duties. In 2004 though, she began to have severe back pain and discovered that she has arthritis in

her back and knees. She then had to find a new occupation. Mrs. Champagne's first love was always nursing, so she was going to school for that at NDSCS. She made it almost halfway through the program before she finally admitted to herself that she couldn't do it physically. This really disappointed her because this was the one thing she loved to do. After crying and being sad for two days her mom said to her "For every dream that's shattered another will come true." Champagne's mom helped her find what else she was capable of and loved to do. When Mrs. Champagne started to look at a special education teacher, her mom was excited because she was also a special education teacher, so her mom pointed out all the pros and cons. She is now a special education teacher today at RLCC.

Some things that Mrs. Champagne says she cannot do are put up her own hair, take-down light fixtures to wash them, win a foot race with her boys, or cannot do any heavy lifting. However, she is still involved with her boys in wrestling and cub scouts and has earned their respect by helping them with their problems in school, life, and staying involved in their lives. She does become fatigued more easily now and her boys can tell when she is in pain and always sympathize and offer help. All students and staff agree that Theresa Champagne is a great para at RLCC.

More photos from Oklee Quilting Quilting Retreat November 12-14



Teresa Kappedal from Fosston, Wanda Nelson from Leonard and Linda Roisland from Oklee enjoyed the Quilting Retreat in Oklee last November at the Oklee Inn.



Courtney Clark from Thief River Falls showing off the quilt she was working on at the Oklee Quilting Retreat.



Plummer Lions Club donated \$1,500.00 dollars each to Immanuel Lutheran Church (Plummer), Redeemer Lutheran Church (Plummer), and St Joseph's Catholic Church (Brooks) to help with winter heating bills.

Pictured (L to R): Jim DuChamp (Plummer Lion), Ross Arlt (Plummer Lions President), Pastor Jonathan Dodson, Don Hagen (Immanuel Church President), and Dean Koskela (Immanuel Church Council) at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Calendar of Events

Wed, Jan. 19:

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

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

Thu, Jan. 20:

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

Fri, Jan. 21:

-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news

Sat, Jan. 22:

-Support your local business - Shop Locally!

Sun, Jan. 23:

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

Mon, Jan. 24:

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

Tue, Jan. 25:

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

Wed, Jan. 26:

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

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

Inter-County Nursing strongly recommends that you stay up-to-date with your COVID vaccinations, and that means getting your booster. They are seeing many vaccinated people getting sick and people who have already had COVID getting sick again. Your immune system has memory cells from your initial vaccines and/or from previous infection, but as we see with variants, we need a boost so that our bodies can create more antibodies to

Inter-County Nursing Service Visit us on Facebook

January 14th: There are 12 new reported cases for Pennington County, 1 teen, 20's - 60's.

There are 4 new reported cases for Red Lake County, 1 child under 5, 1 child under 12, 1 teen & 40's.

January 13th: There are 11 new reported cases for Pennington County, 1 child under 10, 1 teen, 30's - 50's, & 80's.

There are no new reported cases for Red Lake County.

January 12th: There are 11 new reported cases for Pennington County, 20's - 60's, & 80's. 2 additional cases have been hospitalized, they are in their 50's & 60's. 1 additional COVID related death has been reported, they were in their 60's.

There are 4 new reported cases

for Red Lake County, 2 teens, 20's, & 30's.

January 11th: There are 14 new reported cases for Pennington County, 20's - 60's. 1 additional case has been hospitalized, they are in their 40's.

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

January 8th - 10th: There are 36 new reported cases for Pennington County, 1 child under 2 & 20's - 70's. 1 additional case has been hospitalized, they are in their 50's.

There are 14 new reported cases for Red Lake County, 1 child under 13 & 20's - 70'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 you hands frequently and get vaccinated.

	Pennington	Red Lake
• Total # of confirmed cases	2821	774
• Total # of Hospitalizations	138	37
• # Currently in Hospital	1	0
• # of Active Cases in Isolation	89	28
• Deaths	34	12

Do I qualify for a COVID-19 vaccine booster and which one?

Which primary vaccine series did you complete?	Pfizer-BioNTech	Moderna	Janssen (J&J)
You can get a booster if:	It's been at least 5 months since completing a primary series AND you are:	It's been at least 5 months since completing a primary series AND you are:	It's been at least 2 months since completing a primary vaccination AND you are:
	Age 12+	Age 18+	Age 18+
If eligible, you can get a booster of:	Pfizer-BioNTech Moderna Janssen (J&J) *Only Pfizer-BioNTech can be used as a booster in those ages 12-17	Moderna Pfizer-BioNTech Janssen (J&J)	Janssen (J&J) Pfizer-BioNTech Moderna

fight the virus. Staying up-to-date with your vaccines will lessen the severity of the the illness, hospitalizations or deaths.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Jan. 19: 7:00 p.m.
Confirmation at Zion.
Sun, Jan. 23: 9:00 a.m.
Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem.
10:00 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30
a.m. Salem. Salem Annual
meeting.
Wed, Jan. 26: 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. Fran-
cis – Oklee. 10:15 a.m. – Gry-
gla. 12:00 p.m. – Goodridge.
Go to: <http://www.oggcatholic.org/> for service times.

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

**IMMANUEL–EBENEZER
LUTHERAN PARISH
ELCA**
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Jan 23: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Immanuel. 10:15
a.m. Sunday School at Im-
manuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship
at Ebenezer.

**GOODRIDGE AREA
LUTHERAN PARISH**
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Jan. 19: No confir-
mation
Sun, Jan. 23: 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. 24: 9 a.m. Faith
Quilting.
Wed, Jan. 26: 7:00 p.m.
Confirmation at Faith.

**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.

TRF Quilters Guild
“The TRF Quilters Guild will
meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday,
January 25th at the Evangeli-
cal Free Church at 211 Arnold
Ave. N, Thief River Falls. Use
the back or west entrance. A
short business meeting will
be held followed by a program
to show a new pattern or
technique. Sew and Tell will
follow the program. Guests
are welcome and membership
is only \$15 per year. Email
trfquiltguild@gmail.com with
any questions.”



It Just Makes Sense To Rent A Safe Deposit Box

More than half of all U.S. households store
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Letter to Editor

To our RLCC district
members,

As most of you know by
now, our district is at the point
where we will be voting on
a \$14.12 million referendum
on February 8th. Aspects of
the referendum include ADA
compliant bathrooms, a new
handicap elevator in Plum-
mer, state of the art-hands
on science labs, a new larger
lunchroom so our kids don't
have to eat on the bleachers
or on the hallway floors, new
offices, closer to the front
of the building to help with
security, new commons area/
entrance, new multi media/
OCHS area(40 kids are cur-
rently stacked upon each other
in the library as it is)updated
boilers, new gym with new
locker rooms and concessions
area, & some new classrooms
as well as demolition of the
outdated portion of the school
that was built in 1939.

Our district has not put
any substantial amount of
funds into our buildings since
1977-45 years ago! Paint, and
quick fixes that are basically
band aids aren't cutting it
anymore. Our children deserve
to have a school that's compa-
rable to our neighbors schools.
We shouldn't be hearing from
people from other schools how
bad our school is. We are proud

of what we have and of RLCC,
but we could do better. If you
haven't checked out the RLCC-
United webpage yet, please
do so. It's FULL of information
and even has a tax calculator
that computes what the tax
impact will be for you. Right
now, interest rates are histor-
ically low and that in itself is
a huge deal. There's also an
Ag2School Credit in place that
pays 70% of ag land taxes so
our farmers aren't stuck with
a huge tax burden, also a huge
benefit to our area. Taxes on our
80 acres of land will go up \$63
for the year. I realize that it's
not 1000s of acres like some of
our farmers have, but wanted
to include that as a sample of
what the taxes will be.

PLEASE if you have any
questions or concerns, come to
our last community information
meeting in Oklee at the school
on January 19th at 7pm.

I ask that you not listen
to the inaccurate info that's
being spread and come to the
meeting and learn firsthand
what's going on. I also know
Mr. Guetter or any of the
school board members are
readily available to you at any
time and would love to chat.
Please be informed before you
cast your ballot.

Thanks
Shannon Moen

**Oklee
MOONLIGHTERS
SNOWMOBILE CLUB**
55th SAFARI RIDE / FAMILY DAY
~ SATURDAY ~
January 22, 2022 Meet at Noon;
Leave at 1:00 pm
at **T.J.'s Tavern, Oklee, MN**
Join us for a Ride Return to Oklee by 6:00 pm ~ Music to follow ~

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2906
(RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL) MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been
called and will be held in and for Independent School District
No. 2906 (Red Lake County Central), Minnesota (the "School
District"), on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, for the purpose of
voting on the following question:

SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION 1 APPROVAL OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS

Shall the School Board of Independent School District No.
2906 (Red Lake County Central), Minnesota, be authorized to
issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount
not to exceed \$14,120,000, for the purpose of providing funds
for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities?

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

This special election shall be conducted as a mail election with
no polling place other than Red Lake County Central School
District Office located at 201 Governor St., Oklee, Minnesota
56742. No earlier than forty-six (46) days nor later than
fourteen (14) days before the election, mail ballots will be sent
by nonforwardable mail to all voters registered in the School
District as of the 21st day before the election.

All qualified electors residing in said School District may cast
their ballot by completing the ballot in accordance with the
directions thereon and mailing the ballot in the pre-addressed
and stamped envelope provided with the ballot so that the ballot
is received by the last regular mail delivery by the United States
postal service on election day or by returning the ballot in such
envelope to the office of the School District Clerk located at the
school district office, not later than 8:00 p.m. on election day.

Ballots will be counted at 8:00 p.m. on February 8, 2022, at
the School District Office.

Dated: January 12, 2022
BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
/s/ Jody Duden, School District Clerk
Independent School District No. 2906
(Red Lake County Central), State of Minnesota

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Fluffy Pineapple Torte Grace Dessellier

1-1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
2 Tbsp sugar

Filling

1 can (12 oz) evaporated milk
1 pkg (3 oz) lemon gelatin
1 cup boiling water
8 oz pkg cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup sugar
8 oz can crushed pineapple, drained
1 cup chopped walnuts, divided

Combine crumbs, butter and sugar; press into the
bottom of 13 x 9 x 2 baking dish. Bake at 325 degrees
for 10 minutes, cool. Pour evaporated milk into a metal
mixing bowl; add the beaters. Cover and chill for at least
2 hours. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, dissolve gelatin
in water; chill until syrupy, about 1-1/2 hours. Remove
milk from refrigerator and beat until stiff peaks form. In
a large mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar until
smooth. Add gelatin; mix well. Stir in pineapple and 3/4
cups walnuts. Fold in milk. Pour over crust. Chill for at
least 3 hours or overnight. Sprinkle remaining walnuts
over the top before filling is completely firm. 12 servings.



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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NOTICE OF TESTING OF OPTICAL SCAN VOTING SYSTEM

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2906
(RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL)
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Independent School District
No. 2906 (Red Lake County Central) shall perform a public
accuracy test of the optical scan voting system to be used
in the District's February 8, 2022, special election. The test
shall be conducted at Red Lake County Central High School
on Thursday, January 27th at four o'clock p.m. Interested
individuals are authorized to attend and observe. If you have any
questions, please contact Suzan Gunderson at 218-796-5136.
Dated January 12, 2022

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
/s/ Jody Duden, School District Clerk

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**Deadline:
Friday's at
noon!**

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ter.
Plummer: Red River Ag -
Convenience Store.
Red Lake Falls: Eagle
Square.
Gully: Gully Gas Station
And Online! Go to www.TriCoCanary.com.

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

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Monday: Breakfast: Biscuit w/gravy, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chili, corn muffins, corn chips, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy bread, pizza sauce, lettuce, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Taco in a bag or soft shell taco, refried beans, Spanish rice, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Apple frudel, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken patty w/bun, cheesy hash browns, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Pancakes, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken strips, oven fries, carrots, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Sloppy Joe on bun, baked beans, corn, pickles, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Pop Tarts, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken noodle soup, cheese sandwich, broccoli & cauliflower, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Yogurt, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Tater tot hot-dish, green beans, baby carrots, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Sub sandwich, Sunchips, lettuce/tomato, corn, pickles, 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. 20:
Girls JV 6:00PM
Varsity 7:15PM
Sacred Heart High School @ Plummer

Fri, Jan. 21:
Girls JH 4:30PM
Girls JV 6:00PM
Girls Varsity 7:15PM
Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ W-A-O High School.

Tue, Jan. 25:
Girls JH 4:30PM
Girls JV 6:00PM
Girls Varsity 7:15PM
Win-E-Mac @ WWM High School.

RLC Rebel Boys

Basketball

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

Mon, Jan. 24:
Boys JH - TBD
Boys C 5:00PM
Boys JV 6:00PM
Boys Varsity 7:30PM
Goodridge-Grygla @ Goodridge High School.

Tue, Jan. 25:
Boys JV 6:00PM
Boys Varsity 7:30PM
Kittson Central @ Lancaster School.

Thu, Jan 27:
Boys JH 4:30PM
Northern Freeze @ Northern Freeze High School.

Boys JV 6:00PM
Boys Varsity 7:30PM
Roseau @ Plummer.

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Red Lake County Central Elementary Spelling Bee



CONGRATULATIONS to Addisyn Jensen our 2022 Spelling Bee Champion and to Mya Arlt who placed 2nd.



Spelling Bee Participants: Back Row (L-R) Lily Baker, Brielle Reinbold, Willa Klammer, Addisyn Jensen, Aubrey Halverson, and Avery Nelson. Front Row (L-R) Rhessa Wattenphul, Jordan Johnson, Rae Martinson, Isabella Paradis, and Mya Arlt.

~~~~ RLCC Girls Basketball ~~~~



Paige Olson attempting a 3-pointer.

Mustangs Basketball

By Lily Hager

On January 11th, the Mustangs Girls Basketball team hosted the Red Lake Falls Eagles at the Oklee Gym. These girls took action after being down by many points in the beginning. The girls worked as a team and stole the lead in the second half. They won with a score of 61-50. Cari Bachand had a score of 22 points, 5 rebounds, and 6 assists. Carlee Whalen had 15 points and 9 rebounds and Marissa Thomashad ten points for the night.

On January 10th, the Mustangs traveled to Goodridge to play against the Grygla/Goodridge Chargers. The team played hard but lost with a score of 37-52. Leading stats for the night were Cari Bachand with twelve points and six steals, Shawna Majeres with 14 points and 5 rebounds, and Marissa Thomas with 8 points and six rebounds.

Last week the Mustangs played Climax/Fisher on the 7th. The girls did very well and won 57-32. Car Bachand had 20 pts, 5 rebounds and 5

steals. Shawna Majeres had 11pts and 6 rebounds. Carle Whalen had 13 points and 9 rebounds.

On the 6th they played Mahnomen/Waubun. It was a close game but our Mustangs didn't get the win, losing just by two with a score of 60-62. Cari Bachand had 16pts and 8 steals. Shawna Majeres had 12 pts and 5 rebounds. Carlee Whalen had 11pts and 4 rebounds. Marissa Thomas had 11 pts. and 9 rebounds.

The Mustangs lost on Thursday to the Warren-Oslo Ponies on January 13th in Plummer with a tight score of 45-55. As of now, the team has a record of 4-8 as they look to take on the Fosston Greyhounds on Tuesday January 18th in the Oklee Gym, the Sacred Heart Eagles in Plummer on Thursday January 20th, and travel to Warren on Friday to once again take on the Ponies. Tuesday's and Thursday's games will be aired on GVTV Channel 35.

The Mustangs are Coached by Head Coach Mitch Bernstein and assisted by Mr. Kory Baril and Mr. Paul Nelson.

Mustangs Win 57-32 over the Knights

Stats

Cari Bachand: 20pts, 6 rebounds, 5 steals
Carlee Whalen: 13 pts, 8 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals
Shawna Majeres: 10 pts, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals
Marissa Thomas: 5 pts
Carly Vetteson: 4 pts
Quinn Graves: 4 pts

Mustangs with a loss to the Chargers 37-52

Stats

Shawna Majeres: 15 pts, 5 rebounds, 2 assists
Cari Bachand: 12 pts, 1 Rebound, 2 assists, 6 steals, 1 block
Marissa Thomas: 8 pts, 5 rebounds, 2 steals
Maddie Inda-Valdez: 1 pt
Carlee Whalen: 1 pt



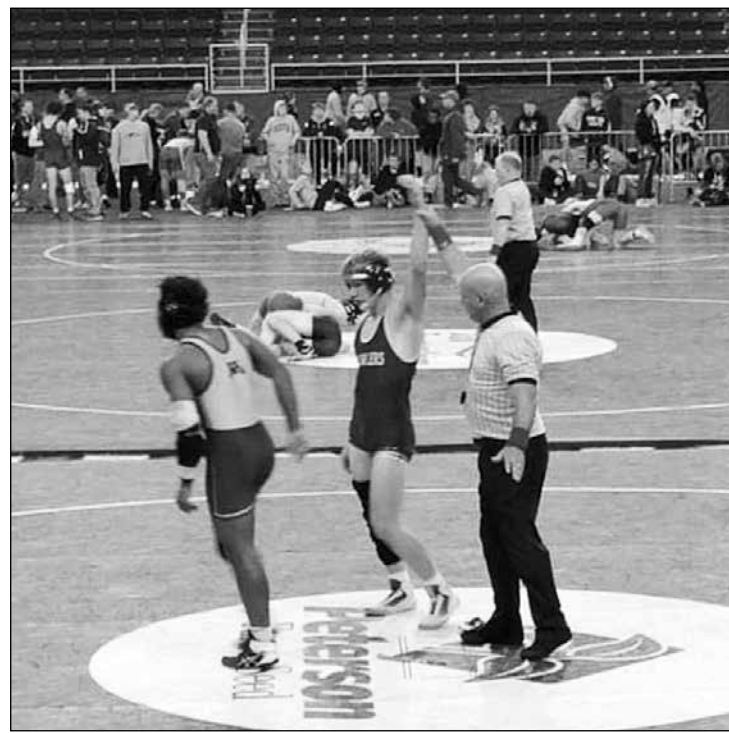
Cari Bachand bringing the ball down the court.

~~~~ RLC Wrestling News ~~~~

This year the Red Lake County Central Mustang Wrestling Team has been combined with the Lincoln Prowlers in Thief River Falls. Wrestling from RLCC includes Senior, Paul DeHate, Junior, Damon

Ferguson, and 8th grader Eli Magnell. Nick Cervantes is also coaching within the Prowler staff. When asked about joining the Prowler team, Damon Ferguson commented, "I think it's a good thing because there

are more opportunities for a small school to be combined with a larger school. They have more people to practice with to help me improve. It's more exciting to go because they are more competitive and have more teammates to cheer each other on!" Eli agreed, "I have more competition and teammates and get to go to more matches. I have other kids in my weight to wrestle!" Paul DeHate agrees, "It's fun to get to know the other guys and be part of a bigger team." The Prowlers are coached by Head Coach Kenny Geiser Assistant Coaches: Mark Davis, Dale Rystad, Brian Kasprick, Andrew Youngblom, Ben Poissant, Josh Bernier, Jake Davis, Kevin Fynboh, Scott DCamp, Tyler Hennings, and Nick Cervantes.



Damon Ferguson won his 75th win at the Rumble On the Red on December 29th in Fargo.



Parents Night: Troy and Nicole Ferguson with Damon Ferguson, Bernie and Jill DeHate with Paul DeHate, and Emily and Issac Magnell with Eli Magnell.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago January 22, 1942

A defense stamps sales campaign was begun in the local schools Tuesday of this week with the grades and high school participating. Students that take part are expected to buy at least one stamp every week.

Ad in paper: Don't Take This Lying Down – When men are fighting and dying, you must do your part. Be sure you enlist your DOLLARS for DEFENSE...

The Oklee High School High School Basketball team (Orioles) were defeated by Plummer last Friday night with a score of 38-15.

The U.S. Army is now accepting enlistments on men between the ages of 18 and 20.

Non-Citizens of German, Italian or Japanese nationality residing in Minnesota are required to apply for a certificate of identification at a first or second class post office or at the county seat, between February 9 and 28.

Weekly News Analysis: Seep up of US War Productions and reports of Russian Victories cheer Allied Nations, although Axis Gains in Malaya and Philippines.

Seventy Years Ago January 17, 1952

Virgil Nelson new man on Board of Oil Association – Virgil Nelson became a new member of the board of directors on the Oklee Cooperative Oil Association at the annual meeting.

Only four states received more money than Minnesota from the National March of Dimes organization, according to Mrs. Lorman Halverson, RLC March of Dimes campaign chairman.

Sgt. Erling Lundeen left Friday morning for Calumet, Mich., after spending a two week furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lundeen.

Ole Egeland's and George Lerohl families were entertained for supper at the Edgar Lerohl home in Oklee Saturday evening.

Bobby Erlandson, Orville Peterson and Buddy Bjornaraa went to Trail hills Sunday and did some skiing and sliding with a few tumbles. A good time was reported.

Sixty Years Ago January 18, 1962

A record breaking 2,470,716 pounds of cheese was manufactured by the Brooks Cheese Factory, Inc. in 1961, according to a summary of the plant's activities this week.

Pvt. Allen Lambert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Lambert of Brooks, is stationed at Fort Carson, CO.

Faye Stucy attended a slumber party at the Lois Benson home at Grygla Monday night.

Mrs. Floyd Hesse entertained Thursday afternoon in

honor of her son Scott's ninth birthday.

A Pink and Blue Shower in honor of Mrs. Don Stenberg and infant daughter Donna was held Friday afternoon at the Andrew Fore home.

On the Dean's list at Bemidji State College was Eugene Dessellier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dessellier of Oklee.

Specials at Melby's in January: a 3 lb. bag of red Delicious apples for .39 cents. Schweigert Ring Bologna, 3 rings for .99 cents. Or Creamette Frozen Macaroni & cheese dinner – 8 oz. pkg for .13 cents.

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 21, 1982

Grim determination shows on the faces of both wrestlers as Jim Bergeron works toward his pin of Fosston's Dean Murphy.

Many questions have come up about the proposed Oklee Municipal Liquor Store remodeling project since the City is short of money and what is being done. It was explained that the project was discussed over 6 months ago, and the Liquor store has also been putting \$1500 per month for the past six months to cover the expenses.

The Oklee Moonlighter Sno Safari was successful and the participants had lots of fun and won lots of prizes.

Oklee's One Act Play cast includes: Karen Fournier, Erick Mickelson, Carol Bergeron, Jean Lindquist, Pam Parenteau, Shelly O'Neill and Brenda Olson. Mike Swenson is the director of the play, called "Good-buy to the Clown."

Mark Nelson, an employee of Oklee Farmers Coop Elevator was one of 95 people who attended the GTA Management Training Seminar in St. Paul.

A surprise birthday party was held for Patty Radniecki on her 30th birthday at her brother's home, Greg and Donna near TRF.

Debbie Koskela, a 1981 graduate of Plummer High School is a forward on Northwomen Northland Community College team. She is the daughter of Arlan and Gerda Koskela, of Plummer.

Thirty Years Ago January 15, 1992

A fire shower was held for Ray and Maryann Lessard in the Oklee hall on January 12th. They lost many of their personal belongings in a house fire on December 23rd.

Countywide school resolution was discussed at a meeting of school boards from Oklee, Plummer, RLF and Win-E-

Mac. The purpose of the this meeting was to discuss and possibly accept a resolution declaring they were interested in being considered for a \$608 million grand for building a county-wide high school.

Otto and Ethel Johnson returned Friday, January 3rd after a three-week vacation. They visited various in California, went to Portland, Oregon and then headed home.

Meet the Kindergarten feathered: Matthew Stenberg, Jesse Kruchowski, and Kelly Brekke.

Guests at the Bernice Kjordvestad home south of Grand Forks Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Juell Chervestad, Helen Chervestad and Celestia Stalmoe of Grand Forks.

Twenty Years Ago January 17, 2002

The Red River Valley Emerging Leadership Program participants for 2002 met for the first time in Moorhead. From Red Lake County were Ron and Sharon Weiss.

The top three essay winners at Oklee School were Kayla Bachand - 1st place, Courtney Halvorson - 2nd place and Tawnya Swenson - 3rd place.

Proud Oklee parents, Conway and Kim Olson are showing off their little baby girl, Sidney Jean Olson.

Student of the Month for RLCC was Devin Clark, age 17, and the son of Evelyn Red Eagle.

Sophie Ray Linder, daughter of Ted and Jennifer are baptized on January 6th at Salem Church.

In what Mick Mickelson called "a belated Christmas fit," the impromptu group, "The Weme Wannabe's" performed Thursday afternoon at the Oklee Cafe. Mick & Cole Mickelson and Donny Larson ambled into the dining area and set up their instruments and started playing.

Ten Years Ago January 18, 2011

A new Veterans Service Officer, Kurtis Ellefson, was appointed December 18th by the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners, a post left vacant by Chuck Simpson when he ran for the 5th District Commissioners position and won.

RLCC Students attended a Student Creative Festival at Bemidji State University. They were Lynsey Morris, Kelsie Sirjord, Syndey Melby, Hogan Lundeen, Deidra Walton, Clara Abrahamson, Katie Olson, Faith Bruggeman, Adam Carter, Katherine DeHate, Brandi Jensen Heaven Heard, and Parker Anderson.

Senior Michaela Casavan from RLCC High School has reached a milestone in girl's basketball. She has achieved 2,000 points in her basketball career.

A big welcome home to Willie Katschke who went on a winter trip to Indiana to visit with relatives and friends.

Four moms – 2 doctors and – four babies – All in the span of a little over four hours. It was a busy afternoon for hospital staff at Essentia Health in Fosston on December 30th.

Leif and Jill Kolstoe, of Oklee, are Red Lake County's representatives in the Red River Valley Emerging Leadership program.

Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote
Site number: 218-796-5149

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.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Senior Site, please stop in and visit with one of the volunteers for more details.

Activities: The regular activities are happening. 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 was held on January

13th. Some of the items discussed were the planning of a Valentines Day party. We will be serving cake, ice cream and coffee and it is for anyone that wants to get out for treats and visiting. You don't have to be a Senior Citizen.

We also would like ideas on what kinds of activities you would like to see at the Senior Site. Please call with your suggestions or stop by.

Have a good week and stay healthy!

Writers & Writing by Michael Tidemann

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

Powers novel inspiring and enlightening

If you were on the operating table and flatlined, what would you see?

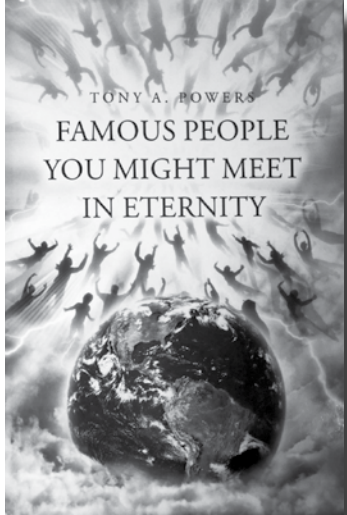
That's the question Tony A. Powers, former sportscaster at WHO Radio and Television in Des Moines, Iowa, tried to answer in his moving novel, Famous People You Might Meet in Eternity.

Powers recounts what he can only describe as a dream, a vision, perhaps even a real experience as he lay under sedation for what he thought was routine knee surgery. What he experienced was far more.

Powers' profession as a sportscaster had an obvious impact on many of the historic figures he met. In addition to Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Washington, Powers spoke with Nile Kinnick, Johnny Orr, Johnny Bright and Harry Caray, themselves immortals in the sports world. Sometimes humorous, always moving, Powers brings all his characters again to life.

This is what coach Jim Valvano had to say about his life:

"I only hope that my life served as a role model for our future athletes and coaches. I'll say it again: don't give up, don't ever give up in everything you do."



Famous People You Might Meet in Eternity
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Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

It is Martin Luther King Day today. A federal holiday so declared by congress many years ago. It is a surprise to me almost every year, because I always forget about it until it hits me in the face. I expect mail, or the one place to do business that is closed because of the holiday. So I hope you enjoy the holiday, though I wish it were in June not January. I'd go fishing then.

I saw an ad on television for a retreat held at Nisswa Grandview Lodge sponsored by Ladyboss. It sounds like a grand time getting relaxing spa treatments or life care seminars, or relaxing weekend things for ladies who are burned out anyway no matter what age they are. It sounded so good I listened carefully for more information. I even thought it might be something I might like to do, but that abruptly came

to an end. The cost of the two days was \$600. I can imagine if I asked for that kind of money all at once. The Hydrogen bomb would blow in seconds. After hearing the price of this burn out weekend, I started to realize, that this was for women who are in their thirties to fifties. Not someone who is 80 and ready for the long sleep. Such as this dreams are made.

A volcano underwater in the Pacific Ocean near the island of Tonga exploded on Saturday. It blew a really big ash cloud and will cover huge sections of the earth. We may have weather changes because of this ash cloud as many other countries will. We have had 3 foot tsunami waves up and down the west coast from Alaska to South America. It remains to be seen as to what other place will be triggered by this huge blow up. That remains to be seen.

World Tennis star Novak Djokovic, (Pronounced Jokovich) the Serbian tennis star who is unvaccinated for Covid 19 has been deported from Australia after a nearly

week long court case stopping him from going into the tournament he was to play in. Without any vaccinations he is being held up in his quest for world fame. Australia has strict protocols against non vaccinated people and they have used it to stop him from being in the country. Today it was reported that he must go back to his home country and is not welcome in Australia until he is vaccinated.

Jerome Novak went to the funeral of Norval Meagher in GF on Saturday. Norval was a fellow Branch Manager in the Fuller Brush Company in the 1960's. Between Norval and Jerome, they were the two top managers in the country in many successive months with Fuller Brush. Norval was the father of 5 children and a wonderful husband to his wife Marge who passed away in 2017. We will miss him and our sympathy goes to his family, God rest his soul.

I think everyone is having fun in the snow this week. That is the news for this week.

Who's Dat?



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This week's photo is two brothers. I think this is their first day of school since they had what looks like old fashioned school bags. They were both raised in Oklee.

Last weeks photos was of Shirley Vettleson reading to two of her family members, Kim Vettleson and Chris DuChamp.

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

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



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