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Oklee Moonlighters snowmobile safety training held January 15th



Oklee Moonlighters certified 15 students in snowmobile safety training January 15th. Back row: Violet Tvedt, Olin Eskeli, Thor Thompson, Gavin Roisland, Tallon Vorderbruggen, Chase Kalt, and Samantha Zoller. Middle row: Natalia Zoller, Jacob Wermers, Natalee Hendrickson, Leah Pahlen, Willa Klamm, Taylor Moen, and Gabrielle Anderson. Front row: Charlie Paradis.

Year In Review...

April 7, 2021
Saturday morning was a beautiful day for an Easter Egg Hunt in the town of Oklee. Many family's were gathering with their children. The Easter Egg Hunt is usually held in the Oklee Hall due to weather, so this was a blessing to have nice weather and have it outside.

Minnesota Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 12 through April 16. Severe Weather Awareness materials are available online and Tornado Drill Day is April 15th this year.

RLC 5th Grade Basketball team finished an excellent 2021 season. The boys learned important basketball fundamentals, how to play together as a team, represented RLC very well, worked hard, had great attitudes, and improved each day!

January's student of the month at Red Lake County Central was Elijah Rathasack who was nominated by Mr. Pakavan and Benjamin Lee who was nominated by Ms. Hamrum.

There was a bad grass fire on Monday afternoon that burned several acres and some equipment destroyed. There were six different fire depts fighting it. It was not out yet by Wednesday evening. There is a burn ban on for North Dakota and much of Minnesota. It was mostly in the Glacial Ridge area.

April 14, 2021
Inter-County Nursing Service have scheduled first-dose COVID-19 vaccine clinics around the area that are scheduled from Tuesday, April 13 to Wednesday, April 21 in Oklee, Brooks, and Pummer in addition to TRF.

On Saturday evening just east of Red Lake County Road 10, there was a large grass fire. Looked like it was near the rice paddies. It appeared to be a controlled burn.

We had a very nice rain last week, it came nice and slow and the ground was able to suck up the wonderful moisture. We have been on the dry side, it is would have been a tough spring without the rainfall.

RLCC Elementary March Student of the Month Winners, Gracey Kvasager (5th & 6th) and Lucas Kippely (3rd & 4th)!!

The farmers were beginning to go the fields and picking

rocks or tilling a bit around their fields last week. The tulips are coming up, but not quite ready to bloom.

April 21, 2021
In early April, FEMA will begin providing financial assistance for funeral expenses incurred after Jan. 20, 2020 for deaths related to coronavirus (COVID-19) to help ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the pandemic.

As fire season deepens and expands, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has added more counties to the burn restriction list. The state will not issue burning permits for brush or yard waste in 33 of 87 counties until the restrictions are lifted.

February Students of the month at Red Lake County Central High was Madeline Inda-Valdez and Jamie Flatgard, who Mr. Baril nominated.

Jessie Hamrum was Speech Coach of the Year for Subsection 31A and Section 8A. The JO girls got 3rd place in the MSF State Championship, April 17th, tourney was located in Becker, MN. They are an 11/12 traveling JO volleyball team. It's girls from Oklee/Plummer, team is named the Lady Rebels.

Temps have been about 20° below normal. Hopefully, the farmers will have warmer weather for seeding. That northwest wind coming from our friendly neighbors in Canada is more than refreshing. It is downright uncomfortable.

April 28, 2021
The RLCC High School presented the play CLUE - High School Edition. Seating was limited due to Covid regulations. Cast members were: Director Tyrell Hamrum, Danny Guillemette, Rubon Osborn, Emily Kolstoe, Karena Melby, Oliver Russillo, Luci Svendsen, Anne Dolan, Lillie Lundeen, Hannah Dudycha, Hunter Dudycha, Jonathan Roue, Guy Bergeson, Peyton Williams, and McKenzie Hamm.

Brooklyn Bakke, daughter of Joanie and the late Dennis Bakke and a sophomore at Lincoln High School, recently danced her Senior Solo Free Dance to become a three time US Figure Skating Gold Medalist.

Dee Kjuava from Tri-County EMS donated a new Stair chair to the Oklee Ambulance

Service. This stair chair will be used to help assist a patient for transporting a patient from their location at time of need, to the ambulance.

Caught Being Good at RLCC Elementary were: Jack Dodson, Jeremy Schuh, Brooklyn Anderson, Brynley Kvasager, Natalee Hendrickson and Addisyn Jensen.

There seems to be a warming trend up coming. They predict 60's and 70's in the next two weeks. Those predictions are nice to look forward to but we have been fooled before.

May 5, 2021
RLCC Elementary had two winners in the VFW Auxiliary Youth Art Contest. Harper Morinville received Honorable Mention (\$10 prize). Violet Tvedt 1st Place Winner! Her drawing has been sent on to the District VFW Auxiliary for judging at that level.

On Monday, May 3rd, work began on the Oklee Street project. The County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 53 (1st Ave, Main Street and 2nd Ave (CSAH 22) in Oklee were reconstructed 20 years ago and are in need of reconditioning.

Caught Being Good winners for April were: Brielle Reinbold, Emily Rathasack, William Mostrom, Chayton Lamb & Marvin Stauffacher, and Brooklyn Anderson.

Congratulations to the Red Lake County Rebels Boys Basketball team and coaches on a great year with an overall record of 11-5.

State Speech was held on April 24th virtually in the RLCC High school classrooms. At the start of the season, each speaker would be in their own classroom where they would compete. Because of Covid, there was no traveling involved this season. There were 24 speakers from all over the state.

Correction: Last week's story about Mrs. Champagne, her first name is spelled Teresa, not Theresa. And she is employed as a valuable paraprofessional as all paraprofessionals are. Our apologies - RLCC Stampede.

Calendar of Events
Wed, Jan. 26:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Jan. 27:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
Fri, Jan. 28:
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news
Sat, Jan. 29:
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!
Sun, Jan. 30:
-Worship at the church - check inside for church times and places.
Mon, Jan. 31:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
Tue, Feb. 1:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
Wed, Feb. 2:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

4-H Gives Back to Community in Meaningful Ways - "I pledge... my hands to larger service."

Red Lake County 4-H youth and volunteers teamed up to make a meaningful impact in their communities this fall. Minnesota winters are notoriously harsh, and many families are left struggling to find affordable warm clothing that will last them throughout the entire snow season.

This is where a local Red Lake County Girl Scout troop stepped in, founding the Community Coat Closet. A group of young girls and their leader collected gently used clothing to provide free of charge to families in need. The closet can outfit almost anyone of any

age or size.

Now that these young leaders have grown up and moved on, the closet is in the hands of hard working volunteers and Red Lake County Social Services. After hearing about this closet and better understanding the situation many families face each year, the Red Lake County 4-H youth and volunteers jumped into action. Collection boxes were placed at nine local businesses across the county where community members could donate gently used winter clothing including hats, scarves, jackets, and mittens.

All of these donations were

collected, sorted, and placed in the Community Coat Closet for distribution. Youth were already making plans about hosting this clothing drive again next year!

Do you want to teach your children the importance of community involvement and leadership? Visit extension.umn.edu/4H to learn more about 4-H and how it impacts families across the country. You can also contact your local 4-H Extension Educator to get more information about 4-H and why it is the right fit for your family.



This great group of kids collected and distributed warm coats, boots, mittens and scarves to anyone in need.



Inter-County Nursing Service Visit us on Facebook

January 15th - 21st: There has been a significant increase in COVID-19 cases over the past 2 weeks.

See below for the updated case data for this week. Pennington County has 4 additional cases hospitalized, ages 40's, 60's, 70's & 90'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
• New confirmed cases since last report	100	27
• Total # of confirmed cases	2921	801
• Total # of Hospitalizations	142	37
• # Currently in Hospital	4	0
• # of Active Cases in Isolation	93	21
• Deaths	34	12

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Jan. 26: 7:00 p.m.
Confirmation at Zion.
Sun, Jan. 30: Note time change: 9:00 a.m. Salem. 9:00 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:30 a.m. Zion. Zion Annual meeting following the service.
Wed, Feb. 2: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation at Zion.
Sermons are on GVTEL Channel 35 (10 am Sunday & 2 pm Tuesday), also on Facebook or YouTube.

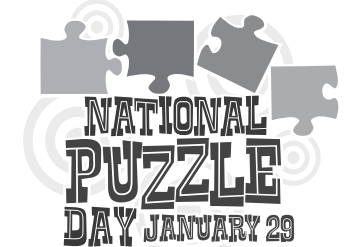
CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. St. Francis – Oklee. 10:15 a.m. – Grygla. 12:00 p.m. – Goodridge.
Go to: <http://www.oggcatholic.org/> for service times.

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. 30: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 9:15 a.m. SS at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. Immanuel Annual meeting.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Jan. 26: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation at Faith.
Sun, Jan. 30: 8:00 a.m. Ekelund Worship, SS Sings. 8:45 a.m. Ekelund Annual meeting. 9:30 a.m. Faith Worship. 10:30 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Bethany Worship. 10:00 a.m. SS. 11:45 a.m. Bethany Annual meeting.
Mon, Jan. 31: 9 a.m. Faith Quilting.
Wed, Feb. 2: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation at Faith.

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CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Jan. 26: 5:00 p.m.
Wed. School. 7:00 p.m. LYS.
Sat, Jan. 29: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, Jan. 30: Oak Park: 8:00 a.m. Worship, 9:15 a.m. SS. Nazareth: 8:30 a.m. SS. 9:15 a.m. Worship. St. Petri: 9:45 a.m. SS, 11:00 a.m. Worship. Meal & Voter's Meeting.
Wed, Feb. 2: 5 p.m. Wednesday School.
Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Jarred LeBon, Pastor
Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor
www.newjourneyfossston.com
Wed, Jan. 26: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, Jan. 30: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Feb. 1: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, Feb. 2: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Jan. 30: 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley. Annual meeting to follow.
CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

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

Oklee Senior Site Dining

January 31 – February 4
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: Spaghetti dinner, fruit salad, garlic toast, milk, and dessert.
Tue: Scalloped potatoes w/ polish sausage, corn, milk, and dessert.
Wed: Ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, milk, and dessert.
Thu: BLT, potato salad, vegetables, milk, and dessert.
Fri: Chili, grilled cheese sandwich, milk, and dessert.



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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Letter to the Editor

What's on February's ballot? Cast your vote on or before Tuesday, Feb. 8

Oklee, Minn. — Over the last seven years, we've done our best to address needed improvements in our schools. As a public school district, we value transparent communication with our community. We've worked hard to communicate referendum information in a variety of ways. Informational meetings about the referendum were held in Brooks, Plummer, and Oklee. We've gathered feedback from those meetings and would like to highlight a few things below, with other questions and answers at RLCCUnited.org/FAQ

• **Over the last several years, we've done our best to address needed improvements in both our schools.**

From new paint in various classrooms and technology improvements to boiler replacements and bathroom remodels, we've managed our annual maintenance dollars to improve our facilities. However, those dollars can only go so far, and what we're asking for exceeds those budgets. A full list of improvements we've done can be found at RLCCUnited.org/process.

• **Asking for additional gymnasium space impacts students across all grade levels.**

The additional gymnasium space at our high school

ultimately frees up space for elementary practices and activities. The new gymnasium would provide an additional 34% of space to use for physical education, athletics, theater, and other activities. The new gymnasium would provide space for two full-sized courts and offers space for multiple teams to practice at the same time – something we're currently not able to provide.

• **We're fully prepared to stay within the project budget if the referendum is approved.**

We understand times are uncertain but feel confident in our planning, financial, and construction partners to assist our district through this process. Our district has included a safety factor if the federal rates were to increase and have a contingency built into the project budget.

Early voting via absentee ballot is available now through Monday, February 7. Polls will be open on Election Day from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. We encourage everyone to visit our dedicated referendum website, RLCCUnited.org, which has everything you need to know before going to the polls. A full list of frequently asked questions can be found at RLCCUnited.org/faqs. If you have any additional questions, please visit RLCCUnited.org/connect. Don't forget to vote!

Jim Guetter, Superintendent

Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - Page 308

Ritz Mock Apple Pie Sharon (Lambert) Rhue

36 Ritz crackers
2 cups sugar
2 tsp cream of tartar
grated peel of 1 lemon
2 Tbsp lemon juice
1 Tbsp butter
1/2 tsp cinnamon
2- 9" pastry shells



Place 1 pastry shell in a 9" pie pan. Place cracker crumbs in crust and set aside. Mix sugar and cream of tartar in medium saucepan. Gradually stir in 1-3/4 cup water until well blended. Bring to a boil on high heat. Reduce to low. Simmer for 15 minutes. Add lemon peel and juice. Cool. Pour syrup over cracker crumbs. Dot with butter and sprinkle with cinnamon. Place other pastry shell over all. Seal and flute edges. Slit top crust to allow steam to escape. Bake 30-35 minutes at 425 degrees or until crust is crisp and golden. Cool completely.

Red Lake Falls Library

New DVD movies include "Blithe Spirit" with Dan Stevens and Judi Dench, "Fast Vengeance," "The Green Knight," "Hard Luck Love Song," "Infinitum: Subject Unknown" with Liam McKel, "The Last Shootout" with Bruce Dern, "Lat-er Days," "Locked In," "The Protege" with Michael Keaton and Maggie Q, and "Trigger Point."

Book Blizzard continues into February, with mugs being given away weekly, and long-sleeved "Let It Snow: I Have Books to Read" t-shirts for grand prizes at conclusion of program. Stop by to register.

The book sale has resumed with all "new" titles added. Fill a bag for your free will offering donation.

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Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held December 28, 2021

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on December 28, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Flage called the meeting to order. Commissioner Dudycha was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Penny Grove, Social Services Administrative Assistant met with the board. Grove requested approval to change the cell phone plan utilized by SS employees to Verizon, as it has unlimited minute usage and is \$75.00 cheaper per month than AT&T the current plan. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented.

Twelve (12) employees were recognized for years of service to the county. Chairman Flage presented awards on behalf of the county to the following: 5-years to Brady Grove, Carmen Harmoning, Matt Dokken, Sara Kollin, Sue Leher; 10-years to Kurt Ellefson, Tom Braaten; 15-years to Peggy Nord, Joe DeHaan, Rod Duden; 25-years to Kurt Casavan; 30-years to Jon Anderson.

Social Service Director Kristi Nelson was present to seek authorization to advertise for a Social Service Supervisor position. The position has been vacant for some time and since Nelson is working reduced hours, she recommended to fill the Supervisor position at this time. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Remick and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented.

Nelson requested that she be allowed holiday pay based on her work schedule as a part-time employee. The board discussed several options. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Gerardy and carried unanimously amongst board members present, to allow a Department Head that is scheduled to work over 500 hours per year to be granted holiday pay based on a pro-rated basis.

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve the expenditures for the period as follows:

Vendor Name	Amount
RJ Zavoral & Sons	\$66,411.78
15 Vendors less than \$2,000.	5,618.46
TOTAL	\$72,030.24

The motion includes the following additional bills: \$185.98 to Quill Office Products; \$96.88 expenses and \$320.00 per diem to Chuck Flage; \$179.20 expenses and \$240.00 per diem to Tony Gerardy; \$10.08 expenses and \$340.00 per diem to Allen Remick; \$58.24 expenses and \$365.00 per diem to Ron Weiss.

The following commissioner/committee reports were shared:
Commissioner Meeting/Report
Flage: -None
Gerardy: -None
Remick: -Meetings of Aluma (NW Mental Health); NW Emergency Communications; Red Lake County Affordable Housing Loan Pool, and interviews for SS Director.

Weiss: -Tri County Corrections; Clearwater River 1W1P, and SS Director interviews.

Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Remick and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2021 regular board meeting as presented.

The County Board continued discussion on the Opioid Litigation Settlement Agreement that was tabled from the last meeting. The Mn State Attorney General is recommending that all counties adopt a resolution in support of the agreement, and thereby authorize designated county staff to sign all settlement documents. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Remick and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 12-03-21 "Opioid

Sudoku Solution

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

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Settlement". A complete document is available at the Auditor's office.

Auditor Schmitz reviewed the funding to be set aside for designated purposes by the County Board annually as "Committed Funds" for financial reporting purposes. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to commit county funds in the financials for year 2022 in the following amounts: \$54,000 for Solid Waste Cell; \$40,000 for Landfill Monitoring Wells; \$7,000 for Courthouse Office Equipment-Copier Fund, and \$54,000 for Ambulance Fund.

The board reviewed a list of annual items for approval for the next budget year. On a motion by Commissioner Weiss, seconded by Remick and carried by unanimous vote to approve the salary grade table for 2022 reflecting a 3% COLA (cost of living) increase for employees.

Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to approve the 2022 Elected Official salaries as follows:

Commissioners:	\$18,847.00 each
Recorder:	\$72,155.20
Attorney:	\$109,907.20
Treasurer:	\$71,281.60
Auditor:	\$78,873.60
Sheriff:	\$92,580.80

The motion also includes to establish the 2022 County Commissioner per diem rates at \$80.00 per day for assigned committee meetings attended with all other employee salaries and benefits as approved per individual department budgets.

Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Gerardy and carried by unanimous vote that the following county levies be adopted and ordered certified to the County Auditor for collection in 2022 as follows:

Revenue:	\$2,578,062.00
Road and Bridge	\$695,700.00
Welfare:	\$412,030.00
Total	\$3,685,792.00
Less State Tax Aids:	\$474,585.00

Net Certified Levy \$3,211,207.00

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Gerardy and carried by unanimous vote to approve the 2022 county budget as follows:

Revenue:	\$ 3,936,254.00
Road & Bridge:	\$10,006,700.00
Social Services:	\$ 1,623,891.00
Total	\$15,566,845.00

Motion by Commissioner Gerardy, seconded by Remick and carried by unanimous vote to approve the designated cash flow for 2022 in the following amounts:

Revenue:	\$1,574,502.00
Road and Bridge:	\$4,002,680.00
Social Services:	\$649,556.00
Total	\$6,226,738.00

There being no further business the regular meeting was adjourned until January 4, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Chuck Flage
Board of Commissioners Chair
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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 31 –
February 4
Oklee**

Monday: Breakfast: Donut, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Quesadilla, lettuce salad, fresh vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: French toast w/syrup, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken strips, au gratin potatoes, vegetables, donut holes, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Ham & cheese croissant, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Coffee cake, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hot dog or polish w/bun, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Teriyaki chicken, fried rice, vegetables, fortune cookie, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Mon.: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Lasagna rolls, lettuce, garlic bread sticks, cucumbers, fruit, and milk.

Tue.: Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger macaroni hotdish, corn, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Wed.: Breakfast: Toast w/ PBJ, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** To Go bags: Ham & cheese w/bun, chips, carrots w/chicken, fruit, and milk.

Thu.: Breakfast: Pop Tart, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken fajita, lettuce, tomato, cucumber cup, cookie, fruit, and milk.

Fri.: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, bread stick, salad, 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. 27:
Girls JV 6:00PM
Girls Varsity 7:15PM
Cass Lake-Bena @ Oklee

Fri, Jan. 28:
Girls JH 4:30PM
Clearbrook-Gonvick
Bears @ Oklee.

Mon, Jan. 31:
Girls JH 4:30PM
Climax Shelly @ Fisher
High School.

Thu, Feb. 3:
Girls JH 3:30PM
Girls JV 6:00PM
Varsity 7:15PM
Red Lake Falls @ Red
Lake Falls 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.

RLCC Mustang Girls BB News

**Tough game with Mustangs
losing 45-55 to the WAO Ponies**

Stats
Carlee Whalen: 11pts, 6 RBs, 1 assist,
4 steals, 1 block
Shawna Majers: 9 pts, 9 RBs, 1assist
Cari Bachand: 8 pts, 5 RBs, 2 assists,
5 steals, 2 blocks
Quinn Graves: 8pts, 1 RB
Maddie Inda-Valdez: 5 pts
Marissa Thomas: 5 pts



Cari Bachand with a block against the Ponies.

Great win for the RLCC Mustangs over the Eagles with final score of 47-42!!!

This game was played on January 20th.
#40 Carlee Whalen: 14pts, 2 Rebounds,
1 assist, 4 steals
#3 Cari Bachand: 13 pts, 2 Rebounds,
2 assists, 5 steals
#42 Marissa Thomas: 1 pts, 4 Rebounds
#25 Quinn Graves: 5 pts, 5 Rebounds
#35 Shawna Majers: 4 pts, 10 Rebounds,
assists, 4 steals
#32 Maddie Inda-Valdez: 1 Rebound
#4 Paige Olson: 1 rebound, 2 seals, 1 assist
#14 Carly Vettleson: 5 Rebounds



Quinn Graves at the free throw line.



Cari Bachand driving to the basket against the Eagles.



Carlee Whalen with a jump shot in the lane.



Maddie Inda-Valdez passing out of a double team to Carlee Whalen.



Shawna Majores defending the ball against the Eagles.



Maddie Inda-Valdez playing defense



Paige Olson bringing down the ball with teammate Cari Bachand

MEET THE KINDERGARTEN OF RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL



Name: Henry Melvie
Parents: Shayne and Alison Melvie.
Siblings: Ruben, Jordyn, and Brendan.

What does your Mom do for a living? She helps people to make sure they aren't sick.

What does your Dad do for a living? He works at Digi-Key. I don't know what he does.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A Dad because I am a boy.

Favorite movie: Paw Patrol.

Favorite food: Cotton Candy.

Favorite school activity: Playtime.

Favorite color: Blue, green, black, white. I mean all the colors except for white. White is clear.

Favorite toy: All the pups on Paw Patrol.



Name: Mira Harstad
Parents: Greg and Kris Harstad.

Siblings: Iver, Mason, Madison.

What does your Mom do for a living? She works at her normal work at Digi-Key but she also has school to learn to do her new work.

What does your Dad do for a living? He works and sometimes gets the snow off the road.

What do you want to be when you grow up? Be like my Dad.

Favorite movie: A Sonic one.

Favorite food: Mac & Cheese.

Favorite school activity: Sounding sight words.

Favorite color: Pink.

Favorite toy: My doll house.

~~~ Boys Basketball News ~~~

On Tuesday, January 11th, Rebels Boys Basketball matched up against Win-E-Mac Patriots in Plummer. The Rebels would be without 3 players in this match-up and lost the varsity contest 80-50. The Rebels record dropped to 4-5 in this game. Win-E-Mac would catch fire shooting the ball, shooting over 50 percent from 2 and 40 percent from 3. The Rebels would struggle with 19 turnovers in this game.

On Friday, January 14th, the Rebels would again play at Warren High School against the Ponies. The Rebels and Ponies would go back and forth in the first half with Warren stealing a 10 point lead at the half. The ponies would come out shooting hot and would

take an advantage over the Rebels. Along with a strong inside game by the ponies, they would take the second half leading to a 51-75 loss for the Rebels.

The Rebels are at 4-6 and are looking to bounce back Friday in Crookston against the Crookston Pirates. Next week the Rebels take on the Kittson County Central Bear Cats on Tuesday, January 25, the Roseau Rams in Plummer on January 27, and The Fertile Beltrami Falcons on Friday, January 28. GVTV will air the game against Fertile on Friday night starting at 7:15 on Channel 32. The Rebels are coached by Head Coach Steve Phillion and Assistant Coach Randy Huie.

~~~ Youth Wrestling News ~~~

The Mustang Youth Wrestling Program is excited to be up and running this year. Kids and coaches have been running practices since December 14th. This year Travis Larson, Cameron Lundeen, and Jesse Kruchowski are coaching along with many other parent and community volunteers. Wrestlers will usually practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays meeting at the high school at

3:45-5:00. Travis Larson is excited to keep the legacy of the Mustangs continuing and wanted to make practices more accessible to families by having practice right away at 3:45. If interested contact Travis Larson at 218-791-3368 or Cameron Lundeen at 218-689-9176 or check out their wrestling Facebook page RLCC Mustang Youth Wrestling Club.

January 2022 Health Points

Embracing gratitude: A long-term approach

What is gratitude?

- A deep appreciation for someone or something that creates long lasting positivity
- Being thankful for what you receive either tangible or intangible

- Gratitude allows you to focus on what you have instead of what you wish you had
- Acknowledgment, appreciation, responsiveness, gratefulness

Why is gratitude important?

- During stressful or challenging times, we have the tendency to forget the positive aspects of our lives
- When we activate thoughts and actions of gratitude, we can strengthen our personal resilience to manage the stressors

- Negativity can be draining and focusing on gratitude can help you escape the cycle of negativity Benefits of practicing gratitude
- More happiness in one's life

- Improved relationships
- More resilience
- Improved physical health
- Higher self-esteem

How to practice gratitude

- Make it a habit and be intentional
- Write down or think about what you are grateful for in that moment
- Perhaps start a journal
- Think about the people you are grateful for and tell them
- Reflection: start with one or two minutes and focus on the present
- There are many different styles of activities
- Read an article
- Meditation
- Share a thought
- Leave a visual reminder
- Give yourself grace and have the "courage to be imperfect"

Which of these practices can you begin? Have you experienced the difference gratitude makes?

<https://wellnessmn.org/>

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago January 29, 1942

We have been informed that thieves broke into the Sorenson Beer Parlor Sunday night. The loot taken amounted to about \$10 in currency, and the thieves were scared away as they left other currency and change and took no merchandise.

Olai Langei and Esther Vake were married at the Lutheran parsonage here Saturday, January 24th. The newlyweds will make their home on the groom's farm in the town of Mayfield.

The Oklee High School basketball team lost two games during the past week. They were defeated 37-8 by St. Hilaire last Wednesday and lost to Goodridge on Tuesday 20-8.

President's Birthday Ball on January 30th. Help fight Infantile Paralysis.

Weekly News Analysis: Submarine activity highlights action of United States and enemy Navies; Russian troops use Nazi technique in important victory of Germans.

Seventy Years Ago January 24, 1952

This area was given a weather menu similar to that of the rest of Minnesota and the Dakotas on Monday and Tuesday when blizzard conditions slowed transportation to a crawl.

The Plummer Cardinals traveled there to Oklee with high hopes of adding another win to their credit but this hope soon vanished when the Cats went on a shooting spree and won the game 52-39.

Members of the Oklee fire department went to the Eugene Asselin home near this village Sunday night to extinguish a chimney fire. Damage was confined to slightly scorched walls in the area of the chimney.

Pfc. Olyln E. Anderson of Oklee has completed his Air Forces basic indoctrination course at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX and is now stationed at Camp Cook, CA for technical training and assignment in specialized work.

Pfc. Stanley Hofstad, who is home for a few days on furlough, called at the Alvin Fore home last Tuesday evening.

Sixty Years Ago January 25, 1962

C.F. (Charlie) Seeger, who built a harness shop in Oklee in 1910 that developed into the present Seeger's Hardware & Furniture store, died unexpectedly Thursday. He was 74.

Plans have been made with Dr. Wendt of the Falls Clinic at TRF for the immunization of the students of Oklee schools against diphtheria, tetanus and smallpox during the week of January 29th.

Pvt. Ronald Juneau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alcime Juneau of Plummer, is attending an engineering school at Fort Leonard

Wood, MN.

Marine Pvt. Raymond A. Hofstad, son of Mr. and Mrs. Osmund Hofstad of Oklee, completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot. In San Diego, CA. His brother, Pvt. Leslie D. Hofstad recently achieved recognition as a top Army marksman by qualifying for the expert marksmanship badge firing range firing with the Army's new M-14 rifle in Germany.

Mrs. Ferdie Mandt treated the first and second grade pupils and their teacher, to birthday cake and ice cream Friday in honor of her son Roger's eighth birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Peterson of Trail announce the engagement of their daughter, Charlene to Stanley Cwikla, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cwikla of Middle River. A June 9th wedding was being planned.

The Oklee Bobcats fought bravely beating rival Plummer 38-36. It was a great win for the Bobcats because they were the first team to defeat Plummer this year.

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 28, 1982

Electricity members of Red Lake Electric Cooperative, Inc. use after January 20th, will be subject to higher rates.

Pam Parenteau and Shelly O'Neill were awarded the "best-actress" award at the pre-district one-act play contest.

The cold stormy weather and heavy snowfall will soon be forgotten, as we enter into the last week of January. With the "ground hog" just around the corner and longer days, just the thought makes the weather feel warmer.

A birthday party was given in honor of Mrs. Jerry Skjerven last Tuesday afternoon at the Homeplate Café.

Thirty Years Ago January 22, 1992

School district members concerned over county wide school proposal "C & C Secondary Grant" there was a lot of audience participation. The subject was whether or not to pursue a grant of 6-8 million by the state for a county wide school. It was noted that this money could be used for not only a new school, but for the addition or renovation of an existing school should the state deem it feasible once they investigated the situation.

Raymond Halvorson, 70, of Oklee, was saved by a couple returning from Minneapolis

when they saw flames leaping from his garage and alerted him.

One hundred and ninety snowmobiles lined u Sunday for the 2 p.m. departure of the 25th annual Sno Safari sponsored by the Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Club.

It turned colder all-day Thursday, at 6 am. On Friday it was -10 below zero, and Saturday it was -25 degrees below zero.

A baby shower was held for Vicky and Chelsey Jo Olson at the Catholic Church dining room in Plummer.

Twenty Years Ago January 24, 2002

The Plummer American Legion is under new management. When Don Konickson took over the position, it was decided to spruce up the place and with a little help from volunteers.

The One-Act Play "The Wall - A Pilgrimage" from Oklee High school competed with Red Lake Falls and Newfolden on January 19th.

Physics projects created this year at RLCC High School were based on amusement park rides.

Ardis and Rene Hofstad and Doris LaJambe spent the weekend in the Cities visiting relatives.

Congrats to Joseph and Mary Abrahamson on the birth of Sophia Irene, born January 20th. She is welcomed by two brothers and 3 sisters. Joseph is the new pastor at Clearwater Lutheran Parish.

Ten Years Ago January 25, 2012

Denise Kramer is the new TRIO Talent Search program representative for Red Lake County Central schools.

RLCC One-Act Play, "One of Our Clowns is Missing" featured Elsie Abrahamson, Miranda Magnell, Kjersten Walton, Louisa Abrahamson, Dede Walton, Shelby Phalen, Shania Haugen, Tyrell Hamrum, Nathan Magnell, Brady Grove, Amy Paquin, Sammy Walton and Alyssa Krueger.

Cody Gagner, from RLCC has advanced to the State Wrestling Tournament for the Minnesota 9th grade and under Wrestling League. His record in the Regional was 4-0 at the 126 lb weight class in the ninth grade league.

Joanne Bradley went to the youth hockey game on Sunday at Red Lake Falls. Her grandson Zachary Delage was playing. They lost to Grand Forks, 2-1.

Ethan and Ben Lee announce the birth of their baby brother, Logan. He is the son of Jeremy and Sarah Lee of Milford, IA.

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 is planning 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.

Seniors - we also would like ideas on what kinds of activities you would like to see at the Senior Site or what kind of day trips would interest you. There are plays and concerts in TRF, and many other interesting sites to see. Please call with your suggestions or stop by and visit with one of the seniors working at the desk.

RSVP Handyman Program is available to help seniors, age 60 and older, remain safely and independently in their homes. Volunteers will perform minor home maintenance such as installing grab bars and smoke alarms, fix leaky faucets, replace light bulbs, etc. For more information, call 218-281-8288.

Another program for seniors is **Senior LinkAge Line**. It is a program designed to connect you to the services you need. Transportation, Housing, Home Health Care, House-keeping (Chore) Help, Hospice, Home Delivered Meals, Snow/Lawn Care, Minor Home Re-

pairs, Senior Drug Program, Senior Assisted Living. Call 1-800-333-2433 –Call us! It's free!!

Weekly Funny!!

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said,

"Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly."

The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?"

The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know...the one that's red and has thorns."

"Do you mean a rose?"

"Yes, that's the one," replied the man.

He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

Stay warm - Have a good week and stay healthy! Keep thinking Spring is Coming!

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
218-465-4402

Sunday afternoon, it was warm out and sixteen snowmobilers enjoyed driving into town.

The groomer went by late Wednesday afternoon, he came from the north.

A belated 100th birthday to Bunny DuChamp. Her birthday was Sunday, the 23rd. Greetings from your family and friends.

On Monday, Scott Larson took down the Christmas decorations around town.

On Wednesday, there were sundogs because of the cold temperatures.

I recently finished a beautiful puzzle of the Grand Canyon. It was 500 pieces. It was way

easier than the one I did about a year ago, which was 1000 pieces. That was a toughie.

Sunday and Monday, I went skiing for a short time. I'm glad I went because the warm days are scarce.

I've been feeding the birds for years. They are fun to watch ad eat a lot when it is so cold. I get chickadees, sparrows, and blue jays. The blue jays think the seed are only theirs and chase the other birds away. Sometimes deer have come by too, or an occasional rabbit too.

Have a good week and be careful when you go out, or drive in the brutal temperatures.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

It is Monday the start of a new week, and the temp on my digital thermometer is 10 above zero. Wow, that is a change from the winds snow, and below zero temps we had all last week. Especially the wind. It blew everyday last week and a package that was supposed to be delivered last week has still not arrived but with the closing of Highway

2 for so many days made it impossible to deliver anything even mail I suppose. To see anything was almost impossible I am sure. Living in the open country is not conducive to travel. I learned my lesson many years ago when I worked in Moorhead, to not travel in storms. I stay home when it is storming.

The Covid virus is doing damage to almost every state. Ours is not immune to the fallout of those who are not vaccinated. Many of those contracting covid now are not immunized and they are filling the hospitals. My daughter works in a hospital in Utah and she tells us that they are so busy that it is not a question of going home on time, it is a question if you will go home at all at the end of the shift. They are so over worked that they are dragging. Many of their beds are in hallways too, especially those on ventilators. She says that too many people are dying needlessly. It is the patients call, take the shot or get really sick. Some make it but have really long term effects of the Covid. It is a toss up on how it affects you, and what conditions you have that may be affected.

I was disappointed that my team lost on Saturday. Their super bowl dreams are over for this year. But the Pack will be back in the future. Good luck to the teams that do get to the Super Bowl. It is always exciting but it is nice to have your chosen team in play.

I am sure the cleaning of the driveway and yard is getting tiresome for you fellows out there. It seems everyday or so it has to be cleaned up so that it doesn't build up. I know the daily running of the tractor is going here everyday or so. The wind is worse than the cold. It also makes it colder when it blows. Keep up the good work guys, and that also goes for our highway maintenance men too. We salute you for keeping us on the road. The country roads are hard to follow when the ditches are full and everything looks like it is road. Thanks to their good work for getting out and helping us get out.

We are into the last full week of January already. Have you noticed that the days are longer now? It is a great time of the year because we are so looking forward to spring.

That is all there is for this week, so I wish you a warmer week, and good travels.

Who's Dat?



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This week's photo is a birthday party!! Looks like they are having lots of fun. So who was the celebrant and who are the guests. The answer will be in next week's paper.

Last weeks photos was two of the Hruby boys. The taller boy is LeRoy Hruby. Not sure of the other one, but the next in line looks to be Gary. They lived in a house behind the Oklee Bank.

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.

If you mail a photo to the Oklee Herald office, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope so the photos can be returned. Mail them to: Oklee Herald, PO Box 9, Oklee MN 56742. Or stop by the office and I will scan your photo while you wait.



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