



Paul Peterson inducted into BSU's Athletic Hall of Fame

Bemidji State University Alumni & Foundation and Beavers Athletics welcomed eight individuals and one outstanding team into the Bemidji State University Athletics Hall of Fame in Beaux Arts Ballroom on January 22.

Over 200 attended the ceremony and brunch, which recognizes alumni athletes, former coaches, administrators and others who have excelled brought acclaim to the university through their accomplishments as a Bemidji State athlete and following their time at the university.

2021 BSU Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

Individual Inductees

Mike Alexander - 1982-86 (Men's Hockey)
Amber Fryklund - 2000-03 (Women's Hockey)
Joel Olander - 1977-81 (Men's Swimming and Diving)
Cristy Risberg - 1993-96 (Women's Track & Field)
Matt Wellumson - 1981,

1983, 1985-86 (Football)
Alumni Coaching Achievement Award

Jerry Lano '74
BSU Coaches Hall of Fame Inductee

Craig Hougen (1978-78, 1989-2015)

BSU Athlete Team Inductee
2000 Men's Indoor Track & Field Team

In a look through the most successful teams in Bemidji State athletic history, the 2000 men's indoor track and field team certainly makes the list. Led by NSIC event champions Andy Eggerth (55-meter hurdles and 400-meter dash), Jesse Miller (600-meter dash), Aaron Feia (800-meter run and Mile run) and Joe Ferraro (shot put), the 29-man roster became the first and only Bemidji State track and field team to win a conference championship in the 77-year history of the program. In addition to six individual event championships, BSU also claimed the 3,200-meter

relay title en route to edging Northern State University for the NSIC Championship. Under the direction of 2000 NSIC Coach of the Year Craig Hougen, Eggerth, who set a 55-meter hurdle record that still stands today (7.61), was selected as the league's indoor athlete of the year, four men earned All-NSIC honors, while four more were tabbed for All-NSIC Honorable mention awards. Eggerth went on to compete at the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships and claim fourth place in the 400-meter dash to become an All-American.

Paul Peterson was part of the 2000 Men's Indoor Track & Field Team. He was a long and triple jumper on the team.

Paul is the son of Andy and Karen (Jensen) Peterson, Oklee, MN.

Paul is a loan officer at Security State Bank in Oklee. Congratulations, Paul.



Altru Nurse Kaytlin Trontvedt Honored with The Daisy Award

Kaytlin Trontvedt, RN, a nurse at Altru Health System, is being honored with The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses ®. The award is part of the DAISY Foundation's mission to recognize the extraordinary, compassionate nursing care nurses provide patients and families every day.

Kaytlin is a 2015 graduate of Red Lake County Central High School in Oklee. She graduated from Northland Community and Technical College in 2020. She is the daughter of Darby and Gene Trontvedt, Oklee, MN and is working on her bachelor's degree in nursing at Mayville State University.

A patient of Kaytlin's from

summer 2021 nominated her for the DAISY award. Her impact and care made a lasting impression on him. At a time when he felt the most alone, Kaytlin's patient felt her love and compassion.

"I received my diagnosis of inoperative lung cancer. I was sitting on the edge of my bed in a very dark place. Kaytlin came in my room and asked me what was wrong. I told her of my diagnosis," the patient revealed. "She sat next to me and put her arm around my shoulder and said, 'I'm so sorry. You're a good guy. You can fight this.' I looked at her and there was a tear on her cheek. This nurse cared about me."



Paul Peterson (second from the right back row) was recently inducted into the Bemidji Hall of Fame as a member of the 2000 Indoor Track & Field Team. Paul said, "My experience at Bemidji State track was a good one. This team had some really good athletes on it. I was a jumper on the team and could jump 22 feet for long jump and 44 feet for triple jump. I was happy to be able to get points for the team in those events. Coach Hougen was an awesome coach. He was always someone you could go to for advice on anything." Congratulations to Paul and all the members of his team.

Coach Craig Hougen

Written by Martha Miltich '03, this summary of Craig Hougen's career as the head track & field coach at BSU tells the impact he had on many of the athletes he coached during his career.

It was my privilege to have Craig Hougen as a coach during my time running on Bemidji State University Women's Cross Country and Track teams. His mentorship not only made me a better college athlete but has had an ongoing, incredibly positive impact on the person that I've become and am still becoming. I felt compelled to seek out and celebrate a true story about someone dedicated to doing good for others: Coach Hougen was an easy choice.

Editors Note: This article was edited for length. For full article, go to: <https://bsualumni.org/craig-hougen-a-coach-that-changed-lives/>

In 1977, Craig Hougen came to Bemidji as a graduate assistant for the Bemidji State University (BSU) track, cross country, and football teams. After completing his graduate degree, Hougen moved to Sheridan, Wyoming where he taught high school and coached boys and girls track and field, football, and basketball for about ten years. The basketball position was added when he was specifically asked to take it over because of his reputation for levelheadedness and infectious positivity. These personal attributes would come to characterize his coaching roles throughout his career.

The opportunity to work and develop a program in this state-of-the-art environment drew Coach Hougen back to Bemidji, and in 1989 he became the Head Men's Track Coach and Assistant Football Coach for BSU. Four years later, he accepted additional responsibility as the Head Women's Track & Field Coach.

For Coach Hougen, the relationships he built with his athletes and within his teams were far more important than winning or losing. His wife Ann, and kids, Michael, Rebecca, and Alison, welcomed Hougen's athletes into their family. Coach Hougen made a point of fostering friendships between the men and women he coached, creating a family within his teams as well.



Paul with the coach of the team, who was also inducted into the Hall of Fame, Coach Craig Hougen.

Hard work, integrity, and having a love for what you do were important values that Coach Hougen modeled and cultivated on his teams. This created a perfect environment to develop as a whole person. It wasn't only about becoming better, stronger, and faster as an athlete – Hougen also wanted his athletes to become great people. Perhaps best of all, Hougen's leadership of the BSU cross country and track teams was grounded in inclusivity. Hougen believed in an open-door policy; ANYONE can run track. He delighted in finding a student-athlete who hadn't yet reached their potential, but who was a loyal team player, and, by believing in and mentoring them, he would have the joy of watching their progressive improvement.

Coach Hougen's approach to training was to tailor his practices for the needs of the specific athletes he was working with. He emphasized becoming better athletically through strength, speed, power, conditioning, and correct biomechanics. The intelligence and care with which Coach Hougen crafted his training programs attracted athletes with diverse specialties, from mid-distance runners to sprinters to field event athletes. Without significant scholarship money these athletes were intrinsically motivated.

By nurturing that motiva-

tion Hougen's program avoided common problems like heavy expectations set by a coach, overtraining, the pressure to cut weight, or over-doing competition without enough recovery. Because life-long athleticism was so much a part of his goal as a coach, Hougen cared more about the health of an athlete than a few outstanding performances.

He preferred through proper strength training and conditioning, to give each individual the tools and opportunity to perform better in the short-term, while at the same time setting them up for competitive success and personal enjoyment in the long-term.

It takes a very special person to, over a decades-long career, treat hundreds of athletes like family and to be a pivotal, life-long influence for so many. When asked how he did this work so well, Coach Hougen was not at a loss for words (which is not a surprise if you know Hougen). He told me he enjoyed his work so much because he was as much a kid as anybody he coached - there are so many aspects to growing up, and most of us are still working on it!

Coach Hougen had an amazing ability to keep competitive pressure off his athletes, especially the very talented ones. He never talked about winning or losing - the conversation was always focused on how to keep improving.

Year In Review...

June 9, 2021

The sun shone, the temperature was warm and the wind was quiet—a perfect day for a Memorial Day program outside. Plummer Post 623 Commander Jerome Bakke was master of ceremonies for the Plummer Memorial Day program held in the Russell Pahlen Park in Plummer.

Norman Nelson was presented a quilt by the TRF Quilters Guild in honor of his service to the county. Also Commander Rick Dulka presented Ron Hegge with a Certificate of Continuous Membership and 50 years service to the Oklee American Legion Post 159.

Track & Field News: In the High Jump, Sophomore, Gerald Melin, will advance as Subsection Champion with a jump of 5'11". Seventh-grader, Emma Hendrickson will advance in the 1600-Meter. Other Rebel Track and Field Team Members Advance to Sections were: Hollie Knott, Brody Moen, Marissa Schiebe, Carson Lambert, Kiara Sauve, and Savanna Nelson.

Oklee Project: Part of the sidewalks from the RLCC School corner to TJ Tavern were being poured and screed on Monday. Post office access is definitely from the back door this week.

We can say no rain on my plane these days. We had a couple of showers which were not dust busters and didn't even leave a little bit of water in the rain gauge. Others around us have gotten some rain but not

a drought buster either.

June 16, 2021

A storm hit the area and a few families got hit with high winds which damaged properties on June 9th.

RLCC Senior Student Senate along with their advisor, Mr. Randy Huie took on the responsibility of lowering the flags at the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial when a decree was issued by the President of the United States. The students were: Tristyn Ferguson, Janae Olson, Karena Melby, Mr Huie, Emily Kolstoe, Kia Bachand, Adriel Bakken.

We need rain. A long soaker would do the trick. Enough said. I think even the farmers agree with me.

Prince Harry and Duchess Meghan's second child, a girl was born Friday, June 4th. She is named Lilibet Diana. Queen Elizabeth's nickname was Lilibet as a child. Diana was Prince Harry's mom's name. They have a two-year old boy named Archie.

June 23, 2021

American Legion Post 159 held a Flag Day ceremony at Oklee Area Veterans Park on June 14th.

A scaled down RLC Fair started on Friday and the Looney Lutheran's was the show to see. Other things that were popular were the Baja Races. The 4-H displays and Open Class were open to the public during this Covid summer.

Teresa Benson was honored for her 20 years of service as the manager of the Oklee Cafe.

Inter-County Nursing Service Visit us on Facebook

COVID-19 Update for January 29th – February 4th:
Pennington County had 1 additional case hospitalized, in their 80's. 1 additional COVID related death was reported, they were in their 90's. Red Lake County death total has been adjusted to reflect a correction. *This case data does not reflect positive results from non-laboratory tests (example: antigen rapid home tests).

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	120	35
• Total # of confirmed cases	3294	890
• Total # of Hospitalizations	145	38
• # Currently in Hospital	2	0
• # of Active Cases in Isolation	108	34
• Deaths	36	11

The patient noted Kaytlin's genuine concern and her ability to show such empathy.

"It hit me like a bag full of hammers that she cared about what happened to me," remarked the patient. "How could she have known what to say or do? In my opinion, this can't be taught or learned, it has to come from a much deeper place."

The patient, a 68-year-old Air Force veteran, expressed gratitude for the basic care he received from Kaytlin as well. "When I had a question, she always had a ready answer or would find out in a timely manner."

"Two of the hallmarks of a fantastic nurse are listening and compassionate care. Kaytlin obviously has both these qualities and her patient noticed," explained Janice Ham-scher, Chief Nursing Officer at Altru. "We are so very grateful to have Kaytlin as part of our team at Altru."

Kaytlin has been a nurse on the 3rd Floor Medical Specialty Unit for 1 1/2 years. Her colleagues celebrated her award during a ceremony in early December.

The patient nominated Kaytlin because he wanted her to know how thankful he was for the care he received from her, but he also wanted Altru to know what a great nurse she is. "You have no idea how lucky you are to have Kaytlin as part of your organization. A rich man could not have paid for better care than what I received."

The not-for-profit DAISY Foundation is based in Glen Ellen, Calif., and was established by family members in memory of J. Patrick Barnes. Patrick died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little known, but not uncommon, auto-immune disease. The care Patrick and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this unique means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.

Cake and coffee was served to anyone who attended.

There was a parade in Oklee June 16th for Gerald Melin who was heading to the State Track Meet.

We got a very nice rain on Sunday. It was very much needed and from what I understand we could have enjoyed more nice rain for a few days, but it is what it is. Thankfully we got some much needed rain.

The RLCC Cadets opened their season at RLF this year and came away with 2 victories, winning the first game 8 - 5, and the 2nd game 13 - 11.

June 30, 2021

The Summer Rec Book Club made homemade lemonade while discussing the book they just read, "Making Lemonade".

Oklee Project: The NE corner is completed at 2nd and Main Also, the first colors are being placed on the City of Oklee's Municipal building. Brown is the trim strip and the siding going up is a dusty blue color.

The rumbling was nice the lightning was not that big but we didn't get more than ten drops. I counted them.

Brett and Hannah Gerardy of Thiff River Falls, are the proud parents of a baby boy born June 15th. His name is Jett Dean and is welcomed home by big brother Sawyer.

Calendar of Events

Wed, Feb. 9:

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

-7:00 p.m. Bingo at

Plummer Legion.

Thu, Feb. 10:

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

Fri, Feb. 11:

-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news

Sat, Feb. 12:

-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Feb. 13:

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

Mon, Feb. 14:

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

Tue, Feb. 15:

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

Wed, Feb. 16:

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

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Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Feb. 9: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation at Zion.
Sun, Feb. 13: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:00 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
Tue, Feb. 15: 7:00 p.m. Mutual Ministry meeting.
Wed, Feb. 16: No Confirmation.
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. 11:45 a.m. – Grygla. 10:00 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.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Feb. 9: 7:00 p.m. 7th & 8th Confirmation at Faith.
Sun, Feb. 13: 8:00 a.m. Bethany Worship, 9:00 a.m. SS. 9:30 a.m. Ekelund Worship, 10:30 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Faith Worship, 10:00 a.m. SS.
Mon, Feb. 14: 9 a.m. Faith Quilting.
Wed, Feb. 16: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation at Faith??.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wed, Feb 9: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.
Sat, Feb. 12: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, Feb. 13: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship, 9:15 a.m. SS. Nazareth: 8:30 a.m. SS, 9:45 a.m. Worship. Oak Park: 9:45 a.m. SS, 11:00 a.m. Worship.
Wed, Feb. 16: 5 p.m. Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m. Ladies Aid.
Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Jarred LeBon, Pastor Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Feb. 9: 6:25 p.m. AWA-NA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, Feb. 13: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Feb. 15: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, Feb. 16: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Feb. 13: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley. 2 p.m. 8th grade confirmation at Lund.
CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

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

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Feb. 13: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 9:15 a.m. SS at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

February 14 - 18
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: 1/2 Hot Turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, milk, and dessert.
Tue: Beef stroganoff, vegetable, milk, and dessert.
Wed: Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, milk, and dessert.
Thu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, vegetable, milk, and dessert.
Fri: County ribs w/BBQ sauce, baked potato, vegetable, milk, and dessert.

Deadline: Friday's at noon!
Sudoku Solution

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

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

T.H.E. Bus is available for anyone. There are no age or income guidelines. However, children under the age of four must be accompanied by an adult and children under the age of one must be secured in an infant seat.
Curb-to-curb services is available, allowing those with special needs more comfortable, safe and convenient method of transportation. All of our buses are handicapped accessible and lift-equipped. All of our drivers are trained and certified.
To reserve a seat, please call one business day prior to the scheduled trip - 1-800-201-3432.
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Every 2nd Tuesday – Mahnomen.
Every 4th Tuesday – Thief River Falls
Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday – Fargo/Moorhead.
Every 2nd & 4th Friday – Bemidji.

Red Lake County Budget Summary

The following is a summary of the operating budget for the 2022 fiscal year for Red Lake County. This summary is published in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 375.169. The detail of the county budget is on file in the County Auditor's office at Red Lake County Courthouse, 124 Langevin Avenue, Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

	2021 Adopted Budget	2022 Adopted Budget
REVENUES:		
County Portion of Tax Levy	\$3,213,188	\$3,211,207
State Paid Portion of Tax Levy	472,604	474,585
Other Taxes	71,200	79,900
Total Tax Levy	3,756,992	3,765,692
Licenses and Permits	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues:		
Federal	541,020	601,397
State	5,950,783	9,860,359
Other	122,268	123,268
Charges for Services	277,725	606,282
Fines and Forfeitures	5,500	5,300
Investment Earnings	97,500	97,500
Rent and Miscellaneous	504,263	352,906
Total Revenues	11,256,051	15,412,704
OTHER SOURCES:		
Bonds and Other Debt Issued		
Budgeted Use of Available Fund Balances	175,846	154,141
Transfers In	0	0
Total Other Sources	175,846	154,141
Total Revenues and Other Sources	\$11,431,897	\$15,566,845

EXPENDITURES:		
General Government	\$1,328,470	\$1,418,894
Public Safety	1,509,583	1,596,646
Highway and Streets	6,090,700	9,982,700
Sanitation	354,591	358,719
Human Services/Welfare	1,581,828	1,623,891
Health	22,457	24,703
Culture and Recreation	91,057	96,408
Conservation of Natural Resources	187,671	185,484
Miscellaneous Expenditures	170,000	167,400
Economic Development	0	0
Capital Outlay	83,000	100,000
Total Expenditures	11,419,357	15,554,845

OTHER USES:		
Budgeted Increase of Fund Balances	0	
Transfers Out	0	
Other Financing Uses	12,540	12,000
Total Other Uses	12,540	12,000
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	\$11,431,897	\$15,566,845

COUNTY PROJECT – BIDS CLOSE Tuesday, March 8th, 2022 RED LAKE COUNTY RED LAKE FALLS, MN 56750

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS – Bids will be received until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, March 8th, 2022, by Robert Schmitz, County Auditor, at the Auditor's Office in the Red Lake County Court House, 124 Langevin Ave, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750, for the construction of the project listed below. Bids will be opened publicly by Erik Hove, County Engineer, or a designated representative, on behalf of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners.

S.A.P. 063-600-001
Stabilized Aggregate Surface

The Major quantities of work include EXCAVATION-COMMON-CU YD 664; COMMON EMBANKMENT(CV)-CU YD1,221; CALCIUM CHLORIDE SOLUTION-GALLON 3,200; AGGREGATE BASE CLASS 1 MOD.-TON 4,780; 18" CS PIPE APRON-EACH 4; 18" CS PIPE CULVERT-LF 50

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be accessed free of charge at the Red Lake County website <https://www.co.red-lake.mn.us/>. To proceed, you must navigate to the highway department page and look for "Projects in Bidding". Hard copy purchase is not required to bid as prime. Plans and Proposals may also be procured by purchase from the Red Lake County Highway Department, 204 7th Street Southeast, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750.

Complete Plans, Bid Proposals and Specifications:
Counter Price: \$50.00 (includes tax)
Mailed: \$58.00 (includes tax)

Bids must be accompanied by a cashier's check or bidder's bond made payable to the Red Lake County Treasurer in the amount of at least 5% of the total bid.

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

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Walnut Ripple Coffee Cake Virginia Larson

1 yellow cake mix
2 Tbsp sugar
4 eggs
1 cup sour cream
1/3 cup vegetable oil
1/4 cup water
1 cup chopped nuts
2 Tbsp brown sugar
2 tsp cinnamon



Put all but 2 Tbsp dry cake mix in bowl. Add sugar, eggs, sour cream, oil and water and beat at low speed for 2 minutes. Pour 1/2 into bundt pan. Combine walnuts, brown sugar, cinnamon and extra dry cake mix. Put on bottom half of cake, then put rest of cake on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes then remove from pan.

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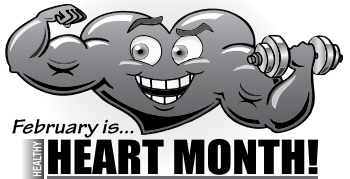
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Quote for the week:

"Everyone needs to be valued. Everyone has the potential to give something back."
- Princess Diana



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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.

**February 14 - 18
Oklee**

Monday: Breakfast: Bagel w/cream cheese, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Soups, meat sandwich, fresh veggies, yogurt or string cheese, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancakes w/syrup, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger or pizza patty w/bun, tots, baked beans, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Apple strudel, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Tater Tot hotdish, dinner roll, veggies, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Donut, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, lettuce salad, fresh veggies, cottage cheese, fruit, and milk.

Friday: No School.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Bagel w/PB, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, fries, green beans, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage pancake on stick, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** To Go Bags, Uncrustables, yogurt, celery & carrots, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs w/ham, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Sloppy joe w/bun, baked beans, corn, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, salad, veggies, fruit, and milk.

Friday: No School.



**Happy
President's Day!**



RLCC Sports Schedules

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

RLCC Girls

Basketball

Fri, Feb 11:
Girls JV 6:00PM
Girls Varsity 7:15PM
Sacred Heart High School @ Sacred Heart High School

Tue, Feb 15:
Girls JV 6:00PM
Girls Varsity 7:15PM
Win-E-Mac @ Oklee

Thu, Feb 17:
Girls JH 4:30PM
Sacred Heart High School @ Plummer 7th grade game only

Thu, Feb. 17:
Girls JV 6:00PM
Girls Varsity 7:15PM
Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears @ C-G High School

Mon, Feb 21:
Girls JV 6:00PM
Girls Varsity 7:15PM
Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ WAO High School.

RLC Rebel Boys

Basketball

Thu, Feb 10:
Parents Night
Boys C 5:00PM
Boys JV 6:00PM
Boys Varsity 7:30PM
Fosston @ Oklee

Sat, Feb 12:
Boys JH Tourney
TBD @ Fertile-Beltrami High School

Mon, Feb 14:
Boys JH 4:30PM
Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears @ Oklee

Fri, Feb 18:
Boys C 5:00PM
Boys JV 6:00PM
Boys Varsity 7:30PM
Sacred Heart @ Sacred Heart High School

Sat, Feb 19:
Boys Varsity TBD
Northern Freeze @ Northland Community College



Snow Fest Royalty King Peyton Fish, Queen Bailey Sherman, Princess Shelby Sherman, and Prince Owen Chervestad.

Red Lake County Central Snow Fest Royalty!

Snow Fest was held Wednesday, February 2 to Saturday, February 5th. Students and staff dressed up in pajamas on Wednesday, Class Colors on Thursday, and Swinter outfits on Friday. (Swinter was a combination of Winter and

Summer clothing.

Congratulations to Queen Candidates Taya Morinville, Leah Peterson, and Bailey Sherman and to King Candidates Jed Duden, Peyton Fish, Nolan Magnell. Also congratulations Princess and Prince

Candidates Paige Olson & Kaleb Fougner 11th grade, Jamie Flatgard & Clancy Hanson 10th grade, Shelby Sherman & Owen Chervestad 9th grade, Kassidy Torgerson & Brady Lowell 8th grade, and Natalee Hendrickson & Jackson Morinville 7th.

~~~ RLCC Mustang Girls BB News ~~~



Cari Bachand driving the lane for 2 of her 20 points.



#40 Carlee Whalen shooting a jumper in the lane for 2 of her 15 points.

Mustangs vs Eagles 2/3/22 WON 71-69

What an amazing game for these girls!! Definitely kept us on the edge of our seats!!!!

Stats

Cari Bachand: 20 pts, 9RBs, 2 assists, 4 steals, 1 block
Carlee Whalen: 15 pts, 7 RB's, 2 assists, 5 steals, 1 block
Marissa Thomas: 14 pts, 4 RB's
Shawna Majers: 14 pts, 5 RB's 1 assist
Carly Vetteson: 4 pts
Quinn Graves: 3 pts

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New adult nonfiction includes "Insiders' Guide: Florida Keys & Key West," nineteenth edition, by Juliet Dyal Gray; Microsoft Office 365 All-In-One for Dummies" by Peter Weverka, "Mr. Office," "Revolutionary Beauty: 7 Transformative Steps to Ageless Beauty with the Braff Healthy Lifestyle" by Julia Loggins and Patricia Bragg; and "The Death of My Father the Pope," a memoir by Obed Silva: "weaving between the preparations for his father's funeral and memories of life on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border, Obed Silva chronicles his father's lifelong battle with alcoholism and the havoc it wreaked on his family. Silva and his mother had come north across the border to escape his father's violent, drunken rages. His father had followed and danced dangerously in and out of the family's life until he was arrested and deported back to Mexico, where he drank himself to death ... at the age of forty-eight."

Thank you to those patrons who have recently made memorial or other donations to the Red Lake Falls Library. These funds make it possible to obtain additional books & other library materials and supplies.

"Book Blizzard" adult winter reading program continues through the end of February with mugs & t-shirts as prizes. Patrons who stop by are welcome to register for prizes, relax a while in the magazine lounge and/or enjoy complimentary hot beverages and cookies. January winners of coffee mugs were Jana Dodds, Darold Johnston, Mary Magnuson and Connie Vatthauer.

MEET THE KINDERGARTEN OF RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL



Name: Ariel Jones
Parents: Kayla Jones
Siblings: Eric, Miah, & Dawson

What does your Mom do for a living? She works at the Dollar Tree and VUW.

What does your Dad do for a living? He takes care of my brother Dawson.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A teacher like Mrs. Hendrickson.

Favorite movie: Under the Night.

Favorite food: Strawberries.

Favorite school activity: Play with my friends.

Favorite color: Pink.

Favorite toy: My stuffy name Bunny. I love her and she loves me.



Name: Kolby Olson
Parents: Tyrone and Becky Olson.

Siblings: Henry.

What does your Mom do for a living? She works hard. She works by the bus. She works at the bank.

What does your Dad do for a living? He's a fire fighter and works with Leif. He's a worker.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A Fireman.

Favorite movie: Animals That Sing.

Favorite food: Hamburgers & pizza.

Favorite school activity: Doing Sorts.

Favorite color: Red and Blue.

Favorite toy: Dinosaurs.

~~~ Boys Basketball News ~~~

Boys Basketball

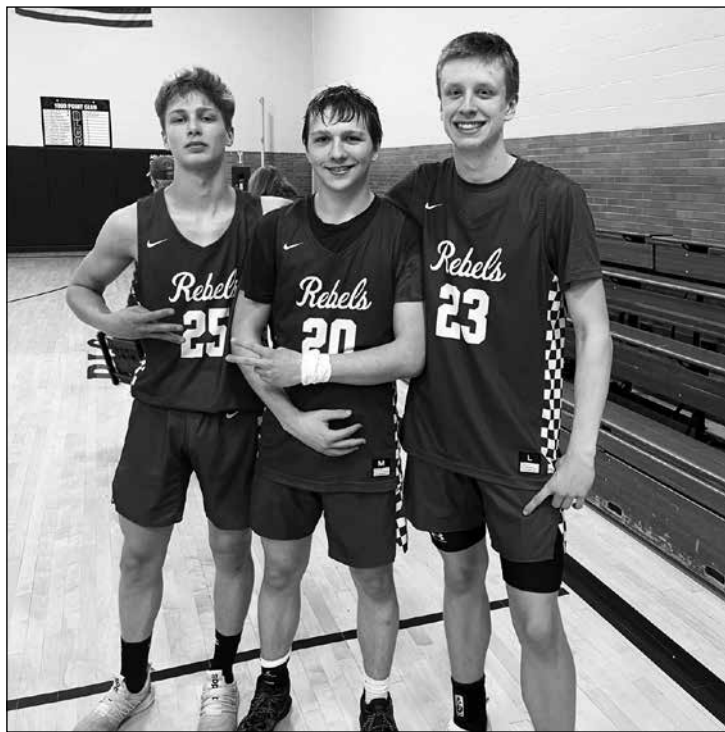
By Tyler Eskeli

The Red Lake County Rebels traveled to Clearbrook to face the Clearbrook/Gonvick Bears on Thursday, Feb 3, 2022. The Rebels defeated the Bears with a final score of 81-63.

The rebels started the game off hot taking a 20 point lead at the half. They would keep the same pace throughout the rest of the contest, winning by 18.

Top scorers included Gerald Melin with 22, Connor Duden with 16, and Owen Chervestad, with 15 assists. The leading scorer from the game and the Bears was Logan Westrum with 26 points. Also from the Bears, Aiden Churness scored 18 points.

In other news, Gerald Melin tied Rebel Alumni Steven Morinville with the most three-point shots in one game with 8 three-point shots



New Students at RLCC

By Nolan Magnell, Noah Hanson, and Lillie Hagar

Alyannah Lundeen and Esenyah Lundeen are new students at Red Lake County Central. They are originally from Arizona. They moved here with their dad, Tyler Lundeen, this winter. They are excited for this summer because their dad will marry Krista Magnell. They like the classes, but their favorite is English.

When we asked about them, we found out Aly is planning on joining softball, and her sister,

Esenyah, really enjoys watching basketball. Aly's favorite color is purple, and Esenyah's favorite color is blue. Aly said she loves cows, and Esenyah stated that her favorite animal is a jaguar. They both surprisingly love the cold and snow, even though they have lived in Arizona for a while.

The girls have been a welcome addition to the seventh-grade class and have been quick to make friends with their classmates.



Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago February 12, 1942

The Oklee Orioles took both ends of a double header from the Goodridge teams at the local auditorium on Monday evening after losing to Gonvick there last Friday.

Reminder in the paper for all men who have reached the ages of 20 before December 31, 1941 and who will not be 45 before February 16, to register if they have not done so already.

Miss Eleanore Proulx, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Proulx of Oklee and Lawrence LaCoursiere, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur LaCoursiere of Red Lake Falls were married on February 9th at St. Joseph's Church in RLF.

Weekly News Analysis: U.S. – British Forces fight grimly in resisting heavy Jap pressure; 'Joker' found in price control bill has power to check farm prices.

From the Washington Digest column: Holding Dutch East Indies is vital to United Nations – the slim crescent of islands block Jap aggression by forming a barrier between continents of Asia and Australia.

Other headlines: Malta, at Mediterranean 'Crossroad', still remains target for Nazi bombs.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Melby visited with Mrs. L.M. Berry who is a patient at St. Vincent's Hospital in Crookston. Mrs. Berry submitted to a surgical operation Friday, and at last reports was feeling as well as expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Reier Fossum entertained all their children for dinner last Sunday. Arnold Fossum left Tuesday for induction into the Army.

Seventy Years Ago February 7, 1952

Since the board of education has under consideration the construction of a new school building, it is desirable that the people of the school district to be fully familiar with the financial position of the district. After looking and all the financials the statement "Any way we look at it, the financial condition of our district is good. It is in a very strong position to enlarge our school plant."

Pfc. Marvin W. Rodman of Oklee, a member of the 1st Cavalry Division, is helping set up defensive position on Hokkaido, Japan's northern most island.

A CYO Camp wilderness camp was launched this summer at Oak Island, Lake of the Woods, under the direction of the Rev. Fr. William Mehrkens, assistant pastor of the Crookston Cathedral.

Six men will be called into the armed forces from Red Lake County in February. Leaving for induction at Fargo recently were Regis M. Tougas, 21 of Brooks, LaVern Mickelson, 21, of Red Lake Falls and Alton L. Plante, 21 of Oklee.

A rattling good adventure picture at the Oak Theatre, packed to the gunnels with action and suspense, is Sealed Cargo", a story of the sea on Friday and Saturday. The villains of the story are Nazi U-Boat sailors; the heroes, a crew of American fishermen captained by Dana Andrews. On Sunday and Monday a presentation of the "Kettles" in "Ma and Pa Kettle Back on the Farm."

Sixty Years Ago

February 8, 1962

Don Schirrick was elected president of the Red Lake County Crop Improvement Association at the annual meeting held last week. Don replaces Dean Vatthauer.

The worst blizzard of this season developed in this area Sunday afternoon following several hours of freezing drizzle which left roads extremely icy and added to the peril of traveling. Whipping snow, driven by winds from the northwest which reached velocity of over 60 miles an hour reduced visibility to zero.

A sidelight to the storm: In mid-afternoon Sunday, Aristide Paquin of Lambert set out in his automobile to call on his neighbor, Ray Chaput. At about the same time, Mr. Chaput set out for Mr. Paquin's place, both driving cautiously through the storm with headlights on. Presently both stopped, stepped out of their cars and began walking ahead to survey the road – and they met in the storm face to face, their cars a scant 25 feet apart. Unbelievable.

Pfc. Warren J. Martell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis O. Martell of Red Lake Falls, is serving with the U.S. Army in Straubing, Germany. He is a graduate of Plummer High School, Class of 1960.

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 February 11, 1982

Tim Paquin of Brooks was the first patient when the Oklee Satellite Clinic opened on Tuesday. Dr. J.A. Jensen met Tim at the door and welcomed him with a handshake.

Carla Johnson, formerly know as salesperson for Thune-Upsham Realty has now completed her two years of real estate work experience. She is now operating under her own name of O.K. Realty. Her sales staff will include George Johnson and Audrey Stawarski. As licensed real estate agents.

Promotions announced at Security State Bank: Norman Nelson who has been employed at the bank since 1959 has been promoted to cashier. And Larry Skallet's new title is Vice President of Insurance. Larry started working at Security State Bank in 1966.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Nelson observed their 55th Anniversary. Their family hosted them to a dinner at Third Base in Brooks.

Mrs. John Gunderson and Angie and Mrs. Margaret Knutson and Shauna were weekend guests at their family homes.

Jim Bergeron, Darren Tougas and John Cyr all won titles at the Detroit Lake Invitational Tournament last Saturday. Randy and Duane Baker and Don Tougas were second. The team came in fourth.

Thirty Years Ago February 5, 1992

Teisha Barton has been in the Oklee School this month observing and helping in the elementary grades. She is a sophomore attending Macalaster College in St. Paul. Her intern position is only for

a month, and she is staying with her grandmother, Bonnie Roisland.

Nine RLCC pins in the first home match. The 13-member team pinned their opponents to contribute to the 53-24 win over Thief River Falls.

The fourth-grade class was recently asked by the RLC Ag Agent to draw a picture for the small grains Institute on Feb. 11-12. The pictures were to capture any aspect of small grain production. The winners were Lisa Swenson (1st), Rebecca Anderson (2nd) and Brent J. Nelson (3rd).

Twenty Years Ago February 7, 2002

Oklee's First Care Clinic has gained two new faces. Denise Sherer, an LPN and Linda Thorsen, RN, MS, CNP. Linda is a Certified Nurse Practitioner as well as a Registered Nurse. Denise, when not serving in her nursing duties also takes care of the front reception desk.

Meet Suzie Gunderson – Oklee Herald Intern. Suzie is finishing her degree in Sales & Marketing program at Northland in the spring, which is the reason for being at the Oklee Herald. To use her skills and to earn two credits.

Mike Swenson presented checks from the VFW in Thief River Falls to the winners of the Freedom Essay Contest. Receiving checks were: Courtney Halvorson, Kayla Bachand and Tawnya Swenson.

Ten Years Ago February 8, 2012

Pennsylvania's Punxsutawney Phil told people to prepare for six more weeks of winter after seeing his shadow on the Thursday, making him the minority opinion among his groundhog brethren who seem to think that spring is coming early.

Plummer's Snowmobile Clubs 14th annual Safari planned for the 18th.

Red Lake County Central Elementary Spelling Champion was Adam Cater. Other participants were: Sydney Melby, Nicholas Pahlen, Matthew Vettleson, Stefan Gravelle, Adrien Verbout, Keenan Swinson, Lucas Hassel, Jariisa Bailey, Aries Qualea and Thomas Nelson.

Ashley Hewitt, who has appeared on Nashville Star on TV and with Billy Ray Cyrus at WeFest performed to a packed house at TJ's in Oklee recently.

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.

We try to have them every week, but with weather, Covid and other factors, they may be canceled. Please check with your fellow players if it has been canceled before coming.

Activity Dates to remember

Wednesday: Cards at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday: Bingo at 2 p.m. Will call regular players if it get canceled.

Tuesday: Rummikub at 2 p.m.

There is no Senior Site meeting this month.

** February 14th **

There is a Valentine's Day party at the Senior Site on February 14th. Cake & Ice Cream will be served. Everyone is welcome to come have some treats and coffee and visit.

All 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 inter-

esting sites to see. Please call with your suggestions or stop by and visit with one of the seniors working at the desk.

Joke for the week

Robert went to his lawyer and said, 'I would like to make a will but I don't know exactly how to go about it.'

The lawyer smiled at Robert and replied, 'Not a problem, leave it all to me.'

Robert looked somewhat upset and said, 'Well, I knew you were going to take a big portion, but I would like to leave a little to my family too!'

The weather has been very cold, but if the weatherman is right, warmer temperatures are on the way. I see the sky is getting lighter blue which is an indication that spring is on the way.

Have a good week and remember the Valentine Party!

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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The Plummer Snowmobile Club went on a trip to a resort down by Osage. They left on a Friday and came back on Sunday. They stayed at cabins. They put on 315 miles in all. There will be a snowmobile Safari on February 12th, on Saturday.

Brodie Traxler spent the weekend with his Dad Bob and visited his grandma Anne, while here. He got to do some snowmobiling.

Roger and Lynn Gallant's son Adam, of Grand Forks, returned home Sunday, the 30th, from Kuwait, where he'd been deployed for a year with the National Guard. On Wednesday evening, he and his wife came to play Bingo at the Plummer Legion. His niece Cheyenne also came and visited with the Zimpel family members.

Thursday morning, Tiffaney Dugstad, came to visit Karen Tvedt. Karen is her grandmother. They enjoyed having brunch together.

The Winter Olympics in Beijing, China began on Friday with opening ceremony. There was already problems with those who had arrived testing positive for Covid. They are tested daily, and it will be interesting to see how this all turns out. It's fun to watch the different countries be in the various areas of sports.

President and Mrs. Biden have a new tabby cat named Willow. She is named after Mrs. Biden's hometown of Willowby, Pennsylvania. She's two years old. They also have a dog named Commander.

Also, in Pennsylvania, there was a bridge collapse. It is 52

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Wow, the winds have been impressive here this past week. The snow has been pesky too. The roads on Sunday morning were tough to get to church on, and could have been better for travel. On Monday they were plowed, I guess we didn't have

any place to go on Sunday, so they waited till Monday.

Back in the day when this country was more in tune with families, the plow men were called out on Sunday at 4 a.m. and were on the road before 5 a.m. Sometimes they were done before churches were done and still made it to church, or they went to Saturday services to fulfill their Sunday obligation. But the traveling public could drive anywhere. Things are not like they used to be for sure. Not everyone has four-wheel drive.

Happy Anniversary to Leroy and Joyce Christianson of Red Lake Falls who celebrated their 60th anniversary on Sunday. I will bet that they had a wonderful day yesterday. They both are younger than springtime and are enjoying life to the fullest. It takes commitment and lots of love to get to 60 years. Congrats again to you both.

The Olympics in Beijing China have had their problems this year with the Covid restrictions and no snow. They are having a year like we had last year. Trying to put on winter Olympics without snow is a challenge. I watched the skiing competition last night, and it was interesting to watch the skiers going down the big hill at 80 miles per hour on

man made snow which it seems is slicker than regular snow. Many struggled to get to the bottom without falling or being unable to stay the course. It is interesting.

I like to watch the winter sports competition in the Olympics from my warm living room couch. It is something I and my kids watched during their growing up years. None of them were great sports people but they still watch the games.

On Sunday the 13th of February, after Mass at 8:00 am. The youth are sponsoring a breakfast to finance their trip to Tennessee for their mission trip in July. If you are inclined to lazy away next Sunday's cooking tasks, come to St Joseph's Church in Brooks for breakfast, give the kids a break and help them out. I love breakfast after Mass then I can get a break from the kitchen for dinner. They always have good food for us.

This morning there was a report of a fire in the bean pile next to the elevator in Angus Minnesota but the report of the damage done is not available as of this writing.

That is all there is at this time, so I will wish you all a good day, and week. Stay safe and be careful on the roads with this changeable weather this year.

Remember This?



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The Red Lake County Economic Development Corporation can help you start your own business or expand an existing one. We are here to assist with a five (5) year loan for an amount up to \$20,000 at 2% APR. The business must be located in Red Lake County.

For more information, contact the Red lake County Economic Development home office at 1-218-253-2897. Allen Bertilrud 218-684-1315, Dave Ste. Marie 218-686-4019 or Kelsey Gervais 218-686-5114.

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