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\$1.00



"The Garnes Go Getters 4-H Club held a fundraiser over the weekend. On Friday, May 6th from 3-5 and Saturday, May 7th from 11-2 club members gathered together and served hotdogs, chips, pop, and water in front of the E&L Grocery Store in Oklee for all to enjoy. This fundraiser was held in conjunction with E&L Grocery's grand opening celebration throughout the week. Thank you to everyone that stopped by our stand and helped support our 4-H club. If your family is interested in joining the Garnes Go-Getters, contact Frankie Latimer, Red Lake County 4-H Extension Educator, at flatimer@umn.edu or 218-253-2897."



Enjoying the Fundraiser were Jeanie O'Neill, Carol Bachand, Anne Hammer, Shirley Cyr, Don Stenberg, Jerome Bachand, and Alma Stenberg.

Scruffy Tails Humane Society Makes Debut

The Humane Society of Polk County is now doing business as Scruffy Tails Humane Society

Crookston, MN: The Humane Society of Polk County, the no-kill animal shelter in Crookston, is proud to announce they will now be doing business as Scruffy Tails Humane Society. In celebration of their progressive changes and new management and board of directors, the name Scruffy Tails Humane Society was created and followed by the implementation of a new database and website.

Nicole Heskin, the Shelter Manager who began in November 2021, explains, "We're making some great improvements at our humane society and the work we do with the community. We felt a new name would be fitting for the organization we're becoming. The name Scruffy Tails acknowledges

the cats and dogs that come to us from rough "scruffy" paths, ready for a new start to life. Along with our new name, we now have our website that will allow us to easily display our stray and adoptable animals for the community to see. We'll also have educational resources available and a variety of ways to donate to our mission."

Scruffy Tails Humane Society is a 501(c)3 no-kill organization specializing in finding placement for homeless and unwanted cats and dogs. Their mission is to aid in the reunification and rehoming of cats and dogs, to support the human-animal bond through community education, and to provide safe shelter when need-

ed. Their vision is to lead and inspire a community dedicated to saving the lives of pets and supporting the humans who love them. To learn more and see their adoptable pets, please visit scruffytails.org.

Gift Books Teach Children Citizenship Values

Through the sponsorship of local community leaders, area six- and nine-year-olds are receiving beautifully bound gift books about positive character-building traits entitled *My Favorite Book* and *The Way To Go*. The volumes are delightfully illustrated and are organized in such a way as to teach positive citizenship values to the children.

The core traits covered in both volumes include: the importance of family and taking personal responsibility, the need for kindness and compassion, the value of cooperation, honesty and gratitude, and why self-respect and respect of others is so important. The volumes also include very strong anti-bullying messages. Included in the books are invaluable Parent Guides explaining the values and providing suggested topics for family discussions.

My Favorite Book and *The Way To Go* are being distributed to thousands of children in hundreds of communities statewide this year. The Ambassador Company organizes

distribution by working with fire departments, libraries, police departments, nursing homes, churches, and schools to make sure children get their books. Home schooled area six- and nine-year-olds may pick up a copy of *My Favorite Book* and *The Way To Go* by contacting the local community distribution agencies.

Without the support of local community leaders this program would not be possible. These sponsors participate with the hope of helping to provide positive, uplifting material for young people, their parents/guardians, and the community as a whole.

My Favorite Book and *The Way To Go* are being distributed by: Red Lake County Central

The local sponsors of *My Favorite Book* and *The Way To Go* are: Red River AG, Field Drainage Inc., Paradis' Inc., Oklee Lumber Inc., Oklee Quilting Supply Inc., Garden Valley Telephone, Red Lake County Cooperative, Security State Bank.

Signup for the Red Lake County SWCD Cover Crop Incentive Program

Red Lake County SWCD started a Cover Crop Incentive Program in 2019.

The District developed a Cover Crop Incentive Program Policy. The District also submitted a Nonstructural Land Management Practice Implementation Plan to the Board of Water & Soil Resources, which was approved.

The Red Lake County SWCD Cover Crop Incentive Program was created to provide funds for individuals that are interested in using cover crops in their farming operation, and to promote the long-term adoption of cover crops in the farming operation. The purpose of this policy is to provide clear guidelines for the implementation of funds appropriated to Red Lake County SWCD associated with local capacity services grant.

Funds are allocated to Red

Lake County SWCD by Board of Soil & Water Resources (BWSR) from the SWCD local capacity grant. The Red Lake County SWCD board sets, through a work plan approved by the BWSR Board Conservationist, the amount from the SWCD local capacity grant that is used for the Cover Crop Incentive Program.

The Red Lake County SWCD Board has established the maximum rate to a land occupier for installation of the cover crop practice is: \$30 for a single species Cover Crop i.e. Cereal rye or oats, \$80 for a multiple species Cover Crop which means it must include one grass and one broad leaf species, or \$100 for a multiple species Cover Crop with reduced tillage; which is defined as including at least one grass and one broad leaf species, following an annual

crop with a minimum of 50% residue left after seeding of the cover crop. These rates are a per acre payment.

The Red Lake County SWCD Board has established the maximum number of acres for a project applicant is 50 acres. The 50 acres may be subdivided into different tracts, but these tracts may not be smaller than 5 acres in size. The Red Lake County SWCD Board has established the minimum number of acres for a land occupier is 5 acres. The maximum number of contracts per land occupier is 5.

For further information, please read through the Red Lake County SWCD Cover Crop Incentive Program Policy in its entirety on the front page of the SWCD website www.red-lakecountyswcd.org or contact our office at (218) 253-2593 for more details.

Northwest Artist of the Year Award given to Ross Hier

The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council is pleased to announce that Ross Hier of Crookston has been awarded the Northwest Artist of the Year Award. Hier is a talented visual artist from Crookston.

Originally from Jackson, Minnesota, Hier's love of nature from a very early age led him to a career as a wildlife biologist. A self-taught artist, he thoroughly enjoys the versatility of transparent watercolors as they allow him to work in loose "washes" or fine detail. Hier also draws in pen and ink.

Hier described his training as "from the School of Hard Knocks," and stated that "every painting is a learning experience." Nature provides Ross with unlimited subject matter and his painted subjects are wide-ranging. Although birds amaze him most of all, he also enjoys painting landscapes, prairie plants, fish, reptiles and hunting and fishing scenes. His watercolors have been exhibited at numerous venues in both the Dakotas and Minnesota, including many NWMAC exhibits. He also makes wooden, working duck decoys and many



Artist of the Year Ross Hier with NWMAC Director Mara Hanel.

other creations.

According to Wayne Goeken of Erksine, "I have always been impressed with Ross's ability to capture the essence and beauty of the natural world which he knows so well and how he brings images to canvas or paper in such detail and clarity that honors the subject matter at hand. In addition, Ross has generously shared his artistic skills via pen and ink drawings for nonprofit causes that I've been involved with over the years, including the Friends of the Rydell Refuge Association and the Agassiz Environmental Learning Center. His detailed images of prairie landscapes, flora, and fauna of the Fertile Sand Hills for an interpretive trail guide still stands today as a highlight to share with others the beauty of this special natural area which he captured so well."

Fertile resident Matthew Forgit, OD explained, "Ross Hier's lifetime of artwork celebrating the biodiversity of our region is an absolute treasure. His works amazingly cover the entire spectrum of large landscapes down to absolute minutiae of individual small native prairie plants or insects, and everything in between. His larger landscapes always capture the colors of our region, especially through the eyes of an artist. After you've looked at some of his pieces and then pay attention to the next prairie sunset you see, you realize all the colors that you had been

missing before."

In 2020, Hier was awarded a national award – the Ding Darling Memorial Award from The National Wildlife Society for Wildlife Stewardship Through Art. Hier is on the Minnesota Prairie Chicken Society Board and serves as their Vice President, Secretary, Society Archivist, and Newsletter Editor. Annually, he donates original art to Minnesota and North Dakota chapters of The Wildlife Society to help them raise funds. He volunteered his time and talent to help paint a mural downtown Crookston last year.

When asked about the impact of the arts on individuals or society, Hier said, "Without the arts there is no society. Art is as close as you can get to some of the wonders of nature. The other things in our lives aren't enough to sustain us. When you view art there is a spiritual interconnection." He went on to say, "The arts are finally getting some due. The Legacy Amendment (Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment) has made a huge impact on the arts in Minnesota."

As for advice for aspiring artists, Hier explained, "Not every painting is a homerun. Maybe it's 1 out of 5 or 10 when everything comes together. Keep doing what you are doing. Go with what you feel inside your soul. Put it on paper or create it. Find contentment. You don't have to prove to others."

The Northwest Artist of the Year Award is given each year to recognize artists within our seven-county region who stand out in terms of artistry. This award can be given to any discipline artist including visual, performing, or creative writing who are emerging or at a midway point in their artistic endeavors. "Of the Year" Award winners were nominated by area residents and comes with a cash award of \$500. Funding for the Northwest Artist of the Year comes from the McKnight Foundation.

Congratulations, Ross Hier on being named the Artist of the Year!

Val Paradis honored



Lauren Jones is presenting Valarie Paradis the Yearbook Dedication on Wednesday, May 11 at the Spring Awards Ceremony. Val Paradis has been the head cook at the RLCC High School for many years. Congratulations.



Steven Sogla, Remi Rathsack, Tyler Eskeli, Peyton Fish, and Jedidiah Duden are presented with Captain Awards for Multi-Media Channel 35.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Sun, May 22: Confirmation: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Salem.
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.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, May 22: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, May 18: 7:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Services @ Goodridge School.
Sun, May 22: 8:00 a.m. Bethany Worship. 9:30 a.m. Ekelund Worship. 11:00 a.m. Faith Worship.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, May 21: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, May 22: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship. Oak Park: 9:45 a.m. Worship. Nazareth: 11:00 a.m. Worship.

Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Jarred LeBon, Pastor
Tyler Stynsburg, Assoc. Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, May 18: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, May 22: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship.
Tue, May 24: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, May 25: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held March 22, 2022

Pursuant to adjournment of its last meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the Courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on March 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Weiss called the meeting to order. Commissioner Dudycha was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

University of Minnesota Extension personnel Margo Bowerman and Lisa Loegering and County 4-H Program Coordinator Frankie Latimer met with the board to discuss revised office hours for the 4H position. Bowerman asked that due to higher gasoline costs that Latimer be allowed to work two additional days per week from her home in Bagley. The new schedule will have Latimer working in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays at a minimum each week. The schedule is temporary and will be re-evaluated in 6-months. Bowerman mentioned other counties are also allowing some staff to work from home at this time. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to move Latimer's work schedule to a minimum of 2-days in office each week and to be re-evaluated in 6-months.

County Engineer Hove met with the County Board on a few topics. Hove requested the County Board approve a mailbox policy to set a uniform standard throughout the County and ensure everyone is being treated the same. A draft policy was presented for the County Board's consideration. The main points of the policy are summarized as follows:

1) If a properly placed mailbox support conforming to the approved swing away style design is hit by County equipment, the County will repair or replace the mailbox and/or support.

2) If a non-conforming mailbox support is hit by County equipment it will be evaluated by County Personnel on a case-by-case basis, and any replacement will only be with an approved swing away style support.

3) Any damage caused by flying snow is the responsibility of the mailbox owner.

Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Mailbox Replacement Policy as presented.

Hove informed of the need for a CP Railroad Crossing Agreement in City of Plummer. The Canadian Pacific Railroad has provided an agreement to allow for the replacement of the railroad crossing surface located on CSAH 24 (Central Ave) with new concrete crossing material. The agreement would require Red Lake County to pay for material, asphalt work, and traffic control with CP paying for all labor to install the new crossing material. Hove reported the County's share of the agreement is \$73,538.50 and would be payable to CP. CSAH 24 (Central Ave) will be reconstructed as part of the State Aid project scheduled for this summer resulting in a cost savings on the asphalt work and traffic control. All costs associated with the railroad work are eligible for State Aid construction funding and can be paid through the State Aid project. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Remick and carried by unanimous vote to approve the agreement as presented.

Hove informed that county road restrictions were implemented the prior day on March 21, 2022.

Environmental Officer Kurt Casavan met with the board to provide an update on the re-permitting process for both the Oklee and Red Lake Falls Landfills. Casavan informed the Greater Minnesota Grant, a joint county grant application submitted by the 9-counties, was denied by the MPCA as it did not score as high as other applications. Casavan has been having on-going discussions with the Mn Pollution Control Agency

about keeping local facilities open. Casavan asked board members to plan how they want to proceed going forward, whether to meet all the requirements of the MPCA to keep the local landfills open or to convert our two landfills to transfer stations. Updates will be provided as information becomes available. Casavan also reported that a couple county ditches had to be cleaned to prevent flooding at two county residences, however the overall outlook is for minimal flooding.

SWCD Administrator Tanya Hanson submitted the 2021 County Feedlot Annual Report and requested its approval. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Remick and carried unanimously to approve the report as presented.

Commissioner Remick reported on the public hearing conducted by the City of Red Lake Falls regarding the Altoz Manufacturing tax abatement. Information was discussed at the hearing regarding the City of Red Lake Falls, Red Lake County, and School District 630 to each individually approve the proposed tax abatement for the Altoz Inc., expansion project. Remick distributed a proposal of the Tax Abatement Resolution for members to review. There was additional discussion. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve Resolution No. 03-01-22 "Altoz Tax Abatement". A copy of the document is available at the County Auditors office.

Commissioner Remick discussed a proposal for a County Tax Abatement Program as a way to encourage housing development within the county. The townships and cities may also approve tax abatement incentives to spur local development. A sample of the proposed policy was distributed to members. There was additional discussion on the topic. Commissioner Remick moved and seconded by Gerardy that the county adopt Resolution No. 03-02-22 "Red Lake County Tax Abatement Policy". The motion was carried by unanimous vote. A copy of the document is available at the County Auditors office.

Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Remick and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held March 8, 2022 as presented.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Gerardy and carried unanimously to approve the following expenditures for the period:

Vendor	Amount
American Solutions for Business	\$ 2,070.15
K&K Trucking, Inc.	
	33,100.00
Ziegler Cat	22,256.21
15 Vendors less than \$2,000.	4,819.47
Final Total	\$62,245.83

The motion included two added bills: \$437.50 Ehlers, Inc. and \$4,890.00 Hoffman, Philipp & Knutson.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared:
Commissioner Reports
Flage: Inter County Nursing-COVID cases down, vaccinations continue.

Gerardy: Fair Board-2022 budget presented.

Remick: NW Radio Communications Board and a public hearing for City of Red Lake Falls on the Altoz tax abatement.

Weiss: Tri County Corrections and Land of Dancing Sky Area Aging Committee.

Auditor Schmitz gave a brief overview on state re-districting requirements due to the federal census and the County Re-districting Plan.

There being no further business the regular board meeting adjourned at April 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Ron Weiss, Chairman,
Board of Commissioners



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GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
Sun, May 22: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley. 12:15 p.m. Confirmation meet at Lund (Diary of Anne Frank @ Bemidji).
CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson,
Head Pastor
Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.
Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m. Kids, High School & Adult programs.

RED LAKE COUNTY Special Board Meeting Held April 19, 2022

Pursuant to adjournment of its last meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in special session at the Courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on April 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Weiss called the meeting to order. All Commissioners were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

County Engineer Hove met with the board to present two items. Hove discussed the Oklee MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for the reconstruction of CSAH 5 (old TH222); County Project SAP 063-605-011. Hove mentioned that in the county's 5-year plan he has programmed for the reconstruction of old TH222 in year 2024. However, the roadway is deteriorating and in need of repair, so Hove suggested that the county get an early start on the project development and fund sources available for a 2023 construction instead. Hove mentioned that the MOU drafted is similar to cooperative projects with cities in the past, and, it also identifies the financial responsibilities and cost splits of the project in addition to the roles and responsibilities throughout the project life. The MOU will allow Oklee to easily incorporate any city funded work within the project corridor into the final construction plans. Hove recommended approval of the MOU and to commence project development. Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented by the County Engineer.

Hove also requested approval for a contract with Moore Engineering, Inc. to provide professional services for the TH222 reconstruction project through Oklee. Moore Engineering currently serves as the Engineering firm for the City of Oklee and will aid in coordinating any work regarding city utilities within the project's area. In addition, any other city work may be incorporated into the project plans resulting in efficiency in bidding and construction. Hove informed that the proposed contract fee is 8% of the final low bid construction cost; however, does not include right-of-way survey and platting costs which will depend on final design. The fees are budgeted for and eligible for state aid construction funding according to Hove. Commissioner Dudycha moved, seconded by Gerardy and carried by unanimous vote to approve the contract with Moore Engineering, Inc. as presented by the County Engineer.

Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to close the meeting at 10:30 a.m. to conduct a Public Hearing to accept comments on the County Commissioner Redistricting Plan. Two citizens were in attendance. Chair Weiss opened the hearing. Auditor Schmitz explained the re-districting process. A federal population census is completed every decade. Minnesota Statute requires that a county must review census numbers to determine if Commissioner Districts are in compliance and do not vary by more than 10 percent from the average of all districts combined. A county must either re-establish their current commissioner district boundaries, or, if population numbers exceed the 10 percent threshold, then the County is to establish (draw) new boundary lines. Schmitz reported that Commissioner District 3 (eastern Red Lake County) is over the 10 percent threshold so a proposed plan was drafted for the County Board to consider. Copies of the current and proposed plans were distributed. Comments were heard from those in attendance. The Public Hearing was closed at 11:05 a.m. and the board meeting re-opened.

Chair Weiss reported that Commissioner Flage, County Attorney Lacoursiere and himself had met to review any other workable plans for commissioner district boundaries but did not find another alternative to the plan presented at the public hearing and discussed at prior board meetings. The County Board can adopt the new plan, or leave as it is currently if the County Board can

Oklee Senior Site Dining

Oklee Senior Site Dining May 23- 27

No congregate meals served. If you are over the age of 60 and you want a meal delivered to your home, call the Oklee Cafe 796-5666. Please call by Friday to order your meals from the menu below. If the cafe runs short, it will be Cook's Choice. A \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.

Mon: Ham dinner, mashed potatoes, vegetable, bread, milk, and dessert.

Tue: BBQ on bun, potato salad, vegetable, bread, milk, and dessert.

Wed: Meatloaf, fried potatoes, vegetable, bread, milk, and dessert.

Thu: Lasagna dinner, garlic toast, vegetable, bread, milk, and dessert.

Fri: Pork loin dinner, mashed potatoes, vegetable, bread, milk, and dessert.

justify not making the change. County Attorney Lacoursiere commented that the county will potentially have more issues and concerns from residents because the commissioner district at east end of the county is geographically larger under the proposed plan if approved, than the other commissioner districts. Lacoursiere recommended leaving the commissioner district plan the same, no change from its current boundary lines. Commissioner Gerardy was in opposition. Gerardy again stated that County Commissioners are to represent the people not square miles, and since population numbers exceeded the 10 percent variance allowed by statute the county should adopt the new plan. There was additional discussion.

Chair Weiss called for a motion. Commissioner Dudycha moved and Commissioner Remick seconded the motion to not change, and leave the Commissioner Districts boundaries as they are presently, and thereby, adopt Resolution No. 04-02-22 "County Commissioner Redistrict Plan" as follows:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 375 establishes the procedure and requires a process for redistricting County Commissioner districts based on population figures from the Federal Census; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statue section 204B.135, subd. 2, requires that County Commissioner Districts be redistricted within 80 days of when the legislature has been redistricted or at least 15 weeks before the State primary election, whichever comes first; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to these statutes the 2020 Federal Census population figures shall be used to redistrict the Red Lake County Commissioner Districts by April 26, 2022 and that Commissioner Districts shall be bounded by town, municipal, ward, city district, or precinct lines; and,

WHEREAS, the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners has considered the possibility or potential for maximizing minority representation on the board of commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, Red Lake County published a three week notice in the newspaper having the contract for publishing the commissioner's proceeding for the county for 2022; and,

WHEREAS, Red Lake County conducted a public meeting on redistricting on April 19, 2022,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners hereby redistricts the County of Red Lake, following town, municipal, ward, city district, or precinct lines as reestablished on April 19, 2022, and reestablishes the length of terms as follows:

District 1- Townships of Browns Creek, Red Lake Falls North, River, Wylie, and City of Red Lake Falls Ward 1 (4-year term, 2022 Election).

District 2- Townships of Lake Pleasant, Louisville, Red Lake Falls Southwest, and City of Red Lake Falls Ward 2 (continuation of current term, 2024 election).

District 3- Townships of Equality, Garnes, Lambert, and City of Oklee (4-year term, 2022 election).

District 4- Townships of Gervais, Red Lake Falls Southeast, and City of Red Lake Falls Ward 3 (4-year term, 2022 Election).

District 5- Townships of Emardville, Poplar River, Terrebonne, and Cities of Brooks and Plummer (continuation of current term, 2024 Election).

BE IT RESOLVED that the redistricting plan be filed with the County Auditor by May 3, 2022, to be effective on June 3, 2022, for the 2022 primary and general election and publish in the official county newspaper,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the districts are, for illustrative



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Inter-County Nursing Service Visit us on Facebook

Weekly COVID-19 Case Update for May 6th - 12th :
Pennington County case ages: 4 children under 5, 1 teen, 14 in their 20's - 50's & 9 in their 60's - 90's.
Red Lake County case ages: 50's, 60's & 80's.
*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 your hands frequently and get vaccinated.

	Pennington	Red Lake
• New confirmed cases since last report	28	5
• Total # of confirmed cases	3687	953
• # of Active Cases in Isolation	51	7
• Total # of Hospitalizations	161	39
• # Currently in Hospital	0	0
• Deaths	41	13

ATTENTION

RED LAKE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS AND POTENTIAL STARTUP ENTERPRISES

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.

purposes, identified in a map of the County attached hereto and marked Exhibit A which by reference is hereby made a part hereof.

Voting aye: Commissioners Dudycha, Flage, Remick and Weiss. Against: Commissioner Gerardy. The motion carried.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Dudycha and carried unanimously to approve the following expenditures for the period:

Vendor	Amount
Best Used Trucks of MN	\$ 4,361.45
University of MN Extension	15,389.80
19 Vendors less than \$2,000.	8,882.11
Final Total	\$28,633.36

The motion included two added bills: \$54.99 expenses and \$660.00 per diem to Allen Remick.

Commissioner Weiss provided reports on recent meetings of the Red Lake River 1W1P and Quin County Community Health Services.

Environmental Officer met with the board to update on the landfill permitting process. Houston Engineering is to provide an estimate (quote) once they complete the site inspections at both the Oklee and Red Lake Falls Landfills.

Auditor Schmitz informed that payment was received for the property repurchase agreement the County Board approved at the prior board meeting.

Board members concurred to cancel the regular board meeting that was scheduled on April 26, 2022.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Ron Weiss, Chairman,
Board of Commissioners

RED LAKE COUNTY Emergency Board Meeting Held 04-25-22

The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners met in emergency session on April 25, 2022 in the County Sheriff office. Commissioners Gerardy, Remick and Weiss were in attendance. Absent were Commissioners Flage and Dudycha. Also in attendance were Auditor Schmitz and Sheriff Bernstein. Chair Weiss called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Sheriff Bernstein explained an emergency meeting was necessary to address the flooding damage from the excessive rainfall event that had occurred over the past two days. The county has incurred considerable damages to county roads and culverts, in addition to some buildings. Bernstein informed that the county must declare a State of Emergency and adopt a County Resolution in order to qualify for federal and state disaster funding assistance.

Commissioner Remick moved and seconded by Gerardy and carried by unanimous vote of commissioners present to approve Resolution No 04-03-22 "Declaring a State of Emergency". The Resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, the overland and river flooding on 04/22/22 through 04/24/22 has caused damage to several public roadways in Red Lake County and has impacted the population of Red Lake County, its Townships and cities; and

WHEREAS, the flooding event has caused a significant amount of public property damage; and

WHEREAS, the Red Lake County Department of Emergency Management requests the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners to declare the County in a STATE OF EMERGENCY for the overland flooding event of 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RE-

SOLVED, that the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners declares Red Lake County in a State of Emergency for conditions resulting from the overland flooding, causing roadway damage on April 22, 2022 through April 24, 2022.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Ron Weiss, Chair,
Board of Commissioners

Sudoku Solution

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Interesting Fact

While they're not a living part of your body, most people spend a good amount of time caring for their hair and nails. The next time you're heading in for a haircut or manicure, think of these facts.

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RLCC Sports Schedules

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

Boys Baseball

Thur, May 19
JH DH
4:30PM vs. Warroad @ Warroad High School JV/V

5:00PM vs. Fosston @ Fosston High School

Fri May 20
2:00PM vs. Lake Park Audubon @ L.E. Drechsel Field - V in Audubon, JV in Lake Park

4:30PM vs. Sacred Heart High School @ L.E. Drechsel Field

Sat, May 21

12:00PM vs. West Marshall @ L.E. Drechsel Field - V and JH (JV to follow V)

Tue, May 24
4:30PM vs. Ada-Borup @ L.E. Drechsel Field

RLCC Girls

Varsity Softball

Thur, May 19:
TBD vs. Ada-Borup @ Fertile-Beltrami High School

4:30PM vs. Fertile-Beltrami @ Fertile-Beltrami High School

Fri, May 20:
1:00PM vs. Bagley @ Red Lake County Central High School.

5:00PM vs. Cass Lake-Bena @ Red Lake County Central High School

Track & Field

Thu, May 19:
4:00PM @ Ada-Borup High School.

Thu, May 26:
Section Semis
2:00PM @ Warren-Alvarado-Oslo High School.

Fri, Jun 3:

Section Finals
10:30AM @ Ada-Borup High School.

Thu, Jun 9:
State Tournament
TBD @ TBA

RLC Rebels Track & Field Team participated in the True North Conference Meet in TRF



Marissa Schiebe and Kiera on the podium for the 100 Hurdle.



Carson Lambert and Caden Lee on the podium for their 110 Meter Hurdles.

The Red Lake County Rebels Track and Field teams traveled to Thief River Falls True North Conference Meet on Saturday, May 7th, 2022. Both Boys and Girls teams had a successful day, with the girls finishing in 7th place and the boys tying for fourth place.

For the Rebels Girls Team, Marissa Schiebe finished the 100 meters with a time of 19.10 in fourth place, and Kiara Sauve finished with a 5th place medal with a time of 19.45. In the 400-meter dash, Savanna Nelson placed fourth with a time of 1:08.44. With a time of 2:57.17, Elizabeth Lytle earned 6th place in the 800 meter dash. Placing fifth place in the 4x200 relay were Marissa Schiebe, Lauren Jones, Kiara Sauve, and Savanna Nelson in a time of 2:04.83. Emma Knott, Emma Hendrickson, Allegra Knott, and Elizabeth Lytle place fifth with the 4x400 with a time of 5:09.22. Elizabeth Lytle celebrated a 5th place win with a 4'1" High Jump.

Carson Lambert finished with second place in the 110 Meter Hurdles for the Rebels Boys Team with 19.51. Also, for the 110 Meter Hurdle, Caden Lee came in fourth place with a time of 20.21. In the 300 Meter Hurdles, Carson Lambert finished in fifth place with a time of 52.73, and Caden Lee came in sixth place with a time of 53.98. Nick Suchy came in sixth place with a time 12:36.90 in the 3200 Meter. The 4x200 Meter Relay team, including Carson Lambert, Keyan Derosier, Gerald Melin, and Hazy Hanson, received 4th place with a time of 1:50.91. The 4x100 Meter Relay team, including Keyan Derosier, Cody Renner, Nate Powers, and Hayz Hason, finished in 4th place with a time of 57.14. In the 4x400 Meter Relay, receiving third place were Peyton O'Neill, Alex Renner, Caden Lee, & Gerald Melin with a time of 4:47.28. Gerald Melin received first place in the High Jump with 6'1".

The Red Lake County Rebels Track and Field team is coached by Head Coach Randy Huie, who is assisted by Coach Cheryl Matzke, Coach Kory Baril, and Coach Devin Lambert.

RLCC Menus

NOTICE: Food shortages are nationwide, and our school district is also experiencing unavailable items or last-minute food replacements from our food distributors. Menus are subject to change, but we will do our best to notify you via social media/bulletin if/when there are menu changes. We appreciate your patience and understanding! We look forward to serving all of our students nutritious meals.

RLCC School District.

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Monday: Breakfast: Cook's choice, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Cook's choice, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

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Gerald Melin on the podium for his 1st place high jump.



Keyan Derosier, Cody Renner, Nate Powers, & Hayz Hanson on the podium for the 4x100 relay.



Elizabeth Lytle on the podium for the 800 Meter.



Carson Lambert, Keyan Derosier, Hayz Hanson, & Gerald Melin on the podium for the 4x200.

Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago May 21, 1942

It's been announced that the Satersdalslag will be held in Oklee June 12, 13 and 14th. Mr. and Mrs. Ingvald J. Olson were the proud parents of a 9½ pound baby boy born at their home Northeast of Oklee Tuesday, May 19.

Ben Rustan's watch and jewelry shop was set to close June 1st with his departure for the Army.

Weekly News Analysis: Axis Threat to Western Hemisphere Forestalled by Move on Marinique; Nazis Begin Eastern Crimean Drive to Gain Needed Caucasian Oil Fields

Gas Rationed: Approximately one-third of all automobile owners in the Eastern seaboard states have been limited to three gallons of gasoline a week.

Hawaii on Its Toes, Ready to Dish It Out to Japs: U.S. soldiers are encamped throughout the Hawaiian Islands, ready to meet any onslaught of the Japs. Communication from Arnold Fossum contains the information that he is stationed in Hawaii.

"Even though it rains and is so wet we cannot get our crops in, we can remember that it is not so bad as things are in the Eastern hemisphere.

Seventy Years Ago May 15, 1952

Dr. E. Howg moved to Oklee from Barret, MN to reopen the medical department of the Oklee clinic which was closed for more than a year since Dr. F. L. Behling was drafted into the Army.

25 Seniors Graduated from Oklee High School on May 21, 1952.

Gerald Horstman, the son of Mr. And Mrs. L. G. Horstman, was wed to Miss Joan Chandler of Santa Cruz, CA this week.

School Sells Bonds At 2.99%: Bonds to finance a \$300,000 expansion project were sold to two St. Paul firms. The school board hoped to get bids on construction by the next week.

Oak Theatre shows "Slaughter Trail" in Cinecolor. The film was described as Bold and Brutal!

Mr. and Mrs. Helmer Myer are the proud parents of a baby girl born Wednesday. Mrs. Myer is the former Rose Rodman and this was their first child.

Toilet Tissue was sold at Sovde & Sons for \$.29 for a 4-roll package.

Sixty Years Ago May 10, 1962

Commencement was set for Plummer on May 24 with 24 students graduating and for Oklee on May 23rd with 32 students graduating.

Two new homes were being built in Oklee for Donald Stenberg and Harold Cyr.

Stores in Oklee began remaining open until 9:30PM on Friday nights.

37 students of Oklee Junior High completed firearms training under the direction of James Turgeon.

There was an unusually large turnout for the Oklee

and Plummer school board elections. Elected members were George Spong and Onezime Bachand at Oklee and Joe Fallon and Goodwin Kvasager at Plummer.

Stanley Radniecki will file for legislative post was announced in this week's Oklee Herald.

Two auto accidents in the Oklee area over the weekend caused considerable damage to vehicles but there were no injuries.

\$30.00 was reported stolen from the McIntosh Elevator from a pop-machine on Monday night or early Tuesday.

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 May 20, 1982

Honor students for Oklee include 3d Karen Fournier, Wendy Hanson, Mary Johnson, Janet Klasen, Brenda Olson, Pamela Parenteau, Brian Seigny and Shelly Solien. At Plummer High School four were named as honor students: Sheila Gustafson, Brenda Howard, Paul Michael Jaeger, and Sharlene Tvedt.

The Radniecki families enjoyed the weekend at Morts Dock, upper Red Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Radniecki and children, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Radniecki and children, Mr. and Mrs. Roman Radniecki and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Radniecki and a few other friends.

Last weekend, the Hjemkomst made it across Lake Superior on its 3000-mile trip to Norway. The Hjemkomst, built in Hawley, MN is about as far away from an ocean as one can be, but it was the dream of Robert Asp.

Thirty Years Ago May 13, 1992

Grand Forks Herald Carrier of the Month was Scott Lambert of Oklee. He has been a Herald carrier for 2.5 years.

School board candidates, John Lerohl and Errol Rustan, had short bio's about why they wanted to be on the School Board.

Ms. Bernadette M. Paradis and Mr. Jerome A. Hruby of Bemidji are proud parents of a baby girl born on May 4th. Olivia Hruby is welcomed by Harvey Poka, the lopped haired rabbit and Sir Humphrey Winthroppe the Old English Sheepdog. Grandparents are Mark and Madonna Paradis and Mrs. Marie Hruby.

Shannon (Olson) Knutson from St. Cloud has been inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi, a national honor society. She is the daughter of Richard and Judy Olson.

Eric Mickelson was featured in the paper: Farming, football and fifth graders, he loves 'em all.

Tuesday Night bowling league third place winners: Security State Bank – Larry Skallet, Fred Sorenson, Albert

Plante, Lyle Tofstad and Virgil Radniecki.

Twenty Years Ago May 16, 2002

Poppy Poster Winners of the sponsored Oklee American Legion contest were: 1st Place: Dustin Peterson & Courtney Gustafson; 2nd Place: Travis Larson & Hannah Vettleson; and 3rd Place: Cassandra Vettleson and Josh Watne.

On Saturday afternoon 28 High School diplomas were handed out to the 28 students of Oklee High School.

The Oklee 2022 6th Grade class recently visited the Twin Cities on their class trip.

32 couple attended the Oklee "Frozen in Time" prom which was held on May 4th.

A get together was held Sunday, May 12th at the Pat Glick home celebrating the birthday of Krista Magnell, who turned 13 on May 11th and Wesley Jr. Magnell who will be 13 on May 14th.

Kimberly Jo Olson, Clearbrook, will be graduating from "NW Tech College in Bemidji on May 16th. He is the daughter of Barb (Sweno) and Mike Mesaris (Clearbrook) and the late Tim Olson of Trail.

Ten Years Ago My 16, 2012

Honor Students Madison Berns, Michaela Casvan and Michelle Olson were the speakers at RLCC 2012 graduation ceremony on May 25th.

The final installment of the Red Lake County Relay for Life teams included RLC High School Team, Bonnie's Buddies and Altru Cruisers.

Portraying Connie Francis, Faith Bruggeman sings "Where the Boys Are," during "Destination Rock & Roll" music program at RLCC Elementary that was held on May 3rd.

RLCC students cleaned out the Catholic Church window wells in Brooks during the RLCC Day of Caring. Other areas in the RLCC District also benefited from the RLCC students cleaning up branches, racking leaves, moving bales, etc.

Who's Dat?

Last week's photo is of Brad Gunderson. I have to make a correction about what I wrote last week. Brad was born in the Cities and lived in Burnsville until 3rd grade. His family then moved back to Oklee and he graduated from Oklee and lived his adult life in Oklee.

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



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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.

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.

Jo will be back so Bingo will start again this week.

**Remember if you don't feel good, stay home.

Craft Shop Now Open 3 days a week!

The Senior Site Craft Shop is now open four days a week from 10 am. to 1 p.m. on Mon-

day - Wednesday - Friday. If those time don't work, call and make arrangements for visit.

We have lots of great hand-crafted items. Things for pets, children and adults. Mittens, decorative floral arrangements, doilies, embroidered towels, wooden shelves, quilts, and much, much more.

Senior Site Meeting

We will be having a Senior Site meeting on May 19th at 9:00 a.m. at the Senior Site. Please plan on attending, your input is important.

Joke

Lincoln, a young man, wanted to get his beautiful blonde

wife, Lucy something nice for their fifth wedding anniversary. So, he decides to buy her a cell phone. She is all excited, she loves her phone and he explains all the features on the phone.

The next day, Lucy goes shopping. Her phone rings and its Lincoln: "Hi honey", he says "how do you like your new phone?"

And she replies: "I just love it, it's so small and your voice is clear as a bell but there's one thing I don't understand though".

"What's that, baby?" asks the husband.

"How did you know I was at Wal Mart?" asked Lucy.

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Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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On Friday, the 6th, Pastor Jonathan visited Clayton Larson at the Villa in Crookston. Clayton has been there about a month now.

On Tuesday, they were doing bridge work North of town.

Mark and Jana Graham arrived Thursday from the cities at Jim and Debbie DuChamps. They came to visit Bunny DuChamp and other family.

Becky Opatz of Western Montana came Friday, the 6th, in the evening to Karen Tvedt's, her mother. She will be here awhile.

On Saturday, the 7th, the volunteer firefighters had a practice controlled burn on a house on the West side of town. It was an old blue house. It was a strong wind, but they kept it under control.

Cathy and Kevin Samuelson and Brady, of Sables, North Dakota visited Bunny DuChamp on Saturday for Mother's Day.

On Wednesday Alice Jobe attended the Awards Day

Program at the RLCC school in Oklee. It began at 1:00PM. It started with the senior class each telling their plans for the future. There were many scholarships awarded by many various organizations. Plummer Senior Citizens had a \$100 scholarship given to Taya Morinville.

On Wednesday, McKenzie Walwitz celebrated her birthday at the Legion with her mom Vickie, aunt Sherie, cousin and friends. They enjoyed playing Bingo.

This past week crews have been working on the South end of town and up town. There are seven pipes to be installed-culverts also.

They have red trucks and have been busy while the weather was good. Main street will be closed off May 15th.

On Saturday, May 7th, the 148th Kentucky Derby took place at Louisville, Kentucky. There were 100,000 spectators. Rich Strike won. He was an al-

ternate horse. He was in about 5th place and passed up 1st and 2nd place horses and won. The jockey was so happy, as well as the horse's owner.

About a dozen seagulls flew over Wednesday morning. They look so nice in the sky and call out to each other. I'm sure there are tons of worms available, including Night Crawlers for fishing.

Hopefully, we get some warm sunny days soon.

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Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Hello again. This morning it is sunny and dry. Wonder of wonders.

Rain is expected to fall in the middle of the week. Over the weekend we had heavy winds and I imagine there are a lot of reports of damage over the area. It was not very warm either and the wind did drive the chill into the bones. I hope the farmers will be able to get into the fields very soon. The fields are very wet yet from the heavy rains we have had over the past few weeks.

On Saturday Leonard Novak had a surprise Birthday party for his 80th birthday. Jerome and Barb Novak attended as did Walter and Cindy Novak, Reinette Walter

and Ray Walter, of Plummer also attended Gerard Novak , and Anita and Jack Mattson of Bismarck, North Dakota, all siblings to Leonard came to wish him good luck and birthday greetings. There were many of his extended family there, and everybody was in a party mood. His sons Tom of Rochester, Steve of Minto, daughter Jackie of the cities, and Theresa of Grand Forks cooked up the party and that it be a surprise. He certainly was surprised. It was a good day.

Ian Ellenson came to stay overnight at Jerome and Barb Novak's home on Friday. He was headed for Grand Forks on Saturday to assist with the Graduation ceremonies at UND. He said they called him to find out if he was available for the task and he was. After doing his duties at Grand Forks, he attended the party at Warren for his grand uncle Leonard.

Rebecca Novak of Mankato, came to stay at Barb and Jerome Novak's home and to attend the birthday party in Warren. She returned to Mankato on Sunday.

We are happy to report that Clarence Gagner is mending well after some surgery on Wednesday.

Happy Birthday to Ray Walter who celebrated his birthday on May 13th.

Congratulations to Shawna Majeres the daughter of Greg and Sylvia Majeres who made her confirmation on Sunday at St. Joseph's in Red Lake Falls on Sunday.

That is the news for the area, but the shootings of people was the big news item of the weekend. It is a tragic thing to have as the big news of the week. Some day the people will start to love and not hate. Show a little kindness as you walk through this world, it might actually spread.

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