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200 anglers rescued from Red Lake after fishing early ice



First responders can be seen rescuing those to were fishing on early ice on Red Lake. There were no injuries reported from the incident.

Around 200 people fishing on Upper Red Lake were rescued Monday after a large sheet of ice broke free from the main shoreline, according to authorities.

The Beltrami County Sheriff's Office said the separation happened around 11:30 a.m., with roughly 30 yards of open water stranding people in the southeast portion of the lake, north of JR's Corner.

With rescuers determining several groups on the ice were likely unaware of the unfolding emergency, the county sent an emergency alert notification to cell phones to provide GPS coordinates of the evacuation bridge.

The Wireless Emergency Alert system allowed for notifications to be sent to phones not enrolled in the local notification system, according to the Sheriff's Office.

The rescue effort concluded around 2:30 p.m., with the Sheriff's Office estimating 200 individuals were evacuated from the ice.

Airboats, water rescue boats, ATVs, drones and a temporary bridge were all deployed as part of the operation.

"The Beltrami County Sheriff's Office reminds those who are thinking of heading on the ice that early season ice is very unpredictable," the agency shared in a press release. "Extreme caution should be used when heading on the ice and to check the thickness frequently to ensure an adequate amount of ice."

Kelliher Fire and Rescue,

Red Lake Nation Fire, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the Minnesota State Patrol, Blackduck Ambulance, Lake of the Woods Sheriff's Office and local resorts assisted with Monday's rescue.

Similar rescues have happened on other large regional lakes in recent years:

In December 2018, 35 fishermen were rescued in Duluth after a huge ice chunk broke off in Lake Superior.

In February 2019, 100 anglers were rescued on Lake of the Woods after weather conditions prevented many from escaping.

In February 2021, a four-hour rescue resulted in 66 anglers rescued from an ice float on Lake Michigan.



Oklee Post Office will see a change in Employees

Those who frequent the Oklee Post office will be sad to see that after years of service to the community, Mae Knowles will be moving on to another position at the Postal Office in McIntosh, effective immediately. At this time there will be a sub working in the window at the Oklee location, until a later date when a permanent person can be appointed.

Mae would like to acknowledge the community in a brief letter to the editor:

Almost 8 years ago, I began working at the Oklee post office. Since day one, I was accepted within the community. I have appreciated your business and even the quick stops by the front counter to tell me good morning etc. As some of you already know, I have accepted the position to go back to work at the McIntosh post office. What I didn't know is that it would happen so quickly. Effective Saturday December 3rd, I will no longer be working in Oklee.

I wanted to take this time to thank each and every one of you for welcoming me with open arms since day one. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to work with such an awesome carrier as well as to have some pretty amazing customers. To be honest, I have been blessed with some wonderful carriers past and present. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. I will miss you all.

- Mae Knowles

Public Health Points for December

National Influenza Vaccination Week, aDecember 5-9

Flu vaccines have been shown to be lifesaving in children, helping to reduce the risk of serious flu illness and flu-related hospitalization and death.

There's still time this season for a flu vaccine to benefit your child. Talk to their doctor today.

What's the Best Age to Stop Smoking? Study Offers Clue

Smokers who quit before age 35 showed a complete "reversal of risk" when compared to people who never smoked, according to a new national study.

Researchers also quantified the benefit of quitting for those older than 35. The added risk of death associated with smoking was reduced by:

- 90% for those who quit before age 45
- 66% for those who quit at ages 45 to 64

<https://www.webmd.com/smoking-cessation/news/20221026/best-age-to-stop-smoking-study#:~:text=Study%20Offers%20Clue,-Written%20by%20Lisa&text=Oct.,to%20a%20new%20national%20study>

General Ice Thickness Guidelines

Temperature, snow cover, currents, springs and rough fish all affect the relative safety of ice. Ice is seldom the same thickness over a single body of water; it can be two feet thick in one place and one inch thick a few yards away.

Ice thickness guidelines for new, clear ice only.

UNDER 4" Stay off
4" Ice fishing or other activities on foot

5" - 7" Snowmobile or small ATV

7" - 8" Side-by-side ATV
9" - 10" Small car or SUV
11" - 12" Medium SUV or small truck

13" Medium truck
16" - 17" Heavy duty truck
20" + Heavy duty truck with wheelhouse shelter

Our recommendations are based on average equipment weight and assume solid, clear ice. You are responsible for knowing the weight of your vehicle, equipment, and bodies.

Many factors other than thickness affect ice strength, including air temperature, wind, snow, streams, narrow areas or bottlenecks, sun, shade, fish communities, plant decay, and more. When a layer of snow melts and refreezes on top of lake ice, it creates white ice, which is only about half as strong as new, clear ice. Double the above thickness guidelines when traveling on white ice.

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/ice/thickness.html>

December is National Safe Toys and Gifts Month

When it comes to toys and gifts, remember to consider the safety and age range of the toys.

Three ways to protect your child's eyes from injuries while playing with toys:

1. Only buy toys meant for their age.
2. Show them how to use their toys safely.
3. Keep an eye on them when they play.

Toy Selection Guidelines

Before you purchase a toy:

- Read all warnings and instructions on the box.
- Ask yourself if the toy is right for your child's ability and age.
- Avoid purchasing toys with sharp or rigid points, spikes, rods, or dangerous edges.
- Check the lenses and frames of children's sunglasses; many can break and cause injuries.
- Buy toys that will withstand impact and not break into dangerous shards.
- Look for the letters "ASTM." The product meets the national safety standards set by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM).
- Avoid toys that shoot or include parts that fly off.
- Remember that BB guns are NOT toys.

Before letting children play with toys:

- Inspect toys for safe, sturdy construction.
- Explain how to use the toy.
- Fix or throw away broken toys.

Always

- Keep young children away from toys meant for older children.
- Supervise your children while playing.

- Store toys properly after play to avoid risks or falls.
- Supervise children's craft projects

• Have children wear the right eye protection for sports (face shields, helmets, eyeguards).

<https://preventblindness.org/safe-toy-checklist/>

Parenting Tips

If you have kids, it's a parenting no-brainer to get involved in a service project this holiday season. Several studies have shown that kids who volunteer experience a positive effect on their grades, attitudes toward education, and self-esteem.

1. Clothes and toys clean out- they can wrap them up and donate to those in need.
2. Make greeting cards- there are organizations such as Hugs and Hope where you can send cards to sick kids, Nursing Homes.
3. Adopt a soldier - Adopt a soldier program
4. Help the Animals- go to your local Humane Society.
5. Help the Hungry- Donate to a local food bank.
6. Organize a collection- Such as food, clothing or toys.
7. Party Ideas- Example there's an organization called the Joy of Sox they collect and donate socks to the homeless.
8. Random acts of Kindness- No explanation needed.
9. Give Gifts that Give Back.
10. Sponsor a Family- Giving trees our usually put out by local Social Services.
11. Make Blankets- Donate to the Homeless, animal shelters, pregnancy centers, etc.
12. Make Volunteering a Habit- It shows your kids how to give and expect nothing in return and to be kind human being.



Pictured above is the large break in the ice on Red Lake. Upwards up 200 anglers were trapped on a floating chunk of ice. Rescuers were able to safely remove those that were stranded by placing a small bridge over an area where the crack was most narrow. The small dots on the ice are portable fish houses that anglers were using.

De-Icing done right

In de-icing season, a "less is more" approach best protects lakes and streams

With the arrival of winter weather come warnings to avoid using too much of a good thing to maintain snowy roadways, sidewalks and parking lots. Salt - often used to de-ice our paved surfaces - is commonly over-applied, sending too much chloride into our waterways and wreaking havoc for fish and other wildlife. Minnesotans can do their part this winter with a "less is better" strategy for salting surfaces and by using other tools to get the job done.

We scatter an estimated 445,000 tons of chloride-containing salt across Minnesota each year. Not only does salt damage our infrastructure, but it harms the environment. Chloride in salt ends up in our surface water, lakes, rivers and streams. It is toxic to our freshwater fish and other aquatic life. In fact, some waterways have so much chloride, they have been added to the state's impaired waters list.

It only takes one teaspoon of salt to permanently pollute five gallons of water. That's right, once the chloride is in our water it's there for good. Chloride from de-icing is one of the largest contributors to a growing salty water problem

in Minnesota.

Minnesotans can take action this winter with these smart salting tips:

Shovel and scrape. The more snow and ice you remove, the less salt is needed to be effective. Watch this video about tools, techniques, and products that you can use to keep your driveways and sidewalks safe while protecting our waters.

150F and below is too cold for salt. Most salts stop working at this temperature. Use sand instead for traction but remember that sand does not melt ice.

Use the right amount. That crunch from sidewalk salt under your feet does not signify safety. People often think more salt equals more snow and ice melt. Around 12 ounces - roughly a coffee mug full - effectively treats a 20-foot driveway or 10 sidewalk squares (about 1,000 square feet). Aim to apply salt consistently (e.g. with a spreader), and use only in critical areas.

Sweep up visible salt on dry surfaces. It is no longer doing any work and will be washed away into local waters. You can keep it to use later.

Take inventory. If you have common icy spots each winter, keep track of them and fix what you can this spring to avoid creating icy conditions next winter.

Don't expect perfect conditions. Slow down and drive

carefully. Always give plow drivers plenty of space to do their work. Consider purchasing winter tires.

Wear proper footwear. Wear shoes or boots with good traction and pay attention to where you are walking, avoid icy spots, if possible. Take it slow and give yourself extra time to get where you're going.

Calendar of Events

Wed, Dec. 7:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Dec. 8:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
Fri, Dec. 9:
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Dec. 10:
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!
Sun, Dec. 11:
-Worship at the church - check inside for church times and places.
Mon, Dec. 12:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
Tue, Dec. 13:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
Wed, Dec. 14:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
 Wed, Dec. 7: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation at Zion.
 Sun, Dec. 11: 9:00 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. SS at Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS, 10:30 a.m. Worship at Salem.
 Wed, Dec. 14: 6:30 p.m. Chimes. 7:00 p.m. Confirmation at Zion.
 Sermons are on GVTEL Channel 35 (10 am Sunday & 2 pm Tuesday), also on Facebook or YouTube.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Bryan Kujava
 Sunday: 8:00 a.m. St. Francis - Oklee. 10:15 a.m. - Grygla. 12:00 p.m. - Goodridge.
 Go to: <http://www.oggcatholic.org/> for service times.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS

CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
 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, Dec. 11: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:15 a.m. SS at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH

Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
 Wed, Dec. 7: 12:20 p.m. Release time.
 Sun, Dec. 11: 8:00 a.m. at Bethany. 9:30 a.m. at Ekelund. 11:00 a.m. at Faith.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseth
 Wed, Dec. 7: 5:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 p.m. Vespers. 7:00 p.m. LYS.
 Sat, Dec. 10: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 2:00 p.m. LYS Caroling. Sun, Dec. 11: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park. 11:00 a.m. Nazareth.
 Wed, Dec. 14: 5:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 p.m. Vespers.
 Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Jarred LeBon, Pastor Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
 Wed, Dec. 7: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
 Sun, Dec. 11: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship. Tue, Dec. 13: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
 Wed, Dec. 14: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
 Wed, Dec. 7: No confirmation. 7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Lund.
 Sun, Dec. 11: 9:00 a.m. at Lund. 10:30 a.m. at Bethany. No Sunday School. 2:00 p.m. Christmas Program at Sand Valley.
 Wed, Dec. 14: 2:00 p.m. Lund Ladies Aid. 7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Bethany.
 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.
 Services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/bethelfosston>) as an alternative to attending in person.

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New juvenile nonfiction titles from Dorling Kindersley (DK) Publishing include Smithsonian "Did You Know? Earth" by Dr. Devin Dennie, with "amazing answers to more than 200 awesome questions;" Eyewitness "Natural Disasters" written by Claire Watts; Eyewitness "Shark" by Miranda Macquitty; and "My Very Important Earth Encyclopedia" for "little learners who want to know about our planet." Other new notable nonfiction for young readers includes "About Wa-

terfowl: a Guide for Children" by Cathryn Sill; and "The Animal Toolkit: How Animals Use Tools" by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page. New juvenile fiction for fans of the Warriors - "Onestar's Confession," Warriors Super Editions, book 15; "Bravelands," Curse of the Sandtongue, book 3; and "Sky," A Starless Clan, book 2, all by Erin Hunter; and for readers of Wimpy Kid - "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Diper Overlode," book 17, by Jeff Kinney.



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E & J Grocery will be closing early on December 17, 2022 at 5 p.m. for their Store Christmas Party. E & J will also be closed on December 25th.



How many U.S. households put up a Christmas tree?

If you guessed more than 95 million, you'd be right! According to the American Christmas

Tree Association, 77 percent of American households displayed a Christmas tree in 2020 and 81 percent in 2021.

HOLIDAY TRAIN SCHEDULE

4:00 Firemen begin Traffic control
4:00 Tri Rivers Museum opens
4-5:45 Bethany Lutheran Church Group will be serving a light lunch at Plummer Community Hall. (free will)
5:00 Santa arrives at Hall
5:00 Christmas Carols at Hall by Elem. Choir
5:30 Elem. Choir sings at Tri Rivers Museum
5:45 Santa arrived at Tri Rivers Museum
6:00 Train Arrives
6:15 Entertainment begins

Thursday
 Dec. 15
 2022

Food Shelf donations will be accepted at the Tri River Museum and at the Plummer Community Hall for both Red Lake Falls and Oklee food shelves

SPONSORS

City of Plummer RLCC Schools Plummer Fire Dept.
 RL C. Sheriff Dept. Tri Rivers Pioneers CP Rail
 Plummer Lions Garden Valley Technologies
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 Inter-County Community Council
 Bethany Lutheran Youth Group

ORDINANCE NO. 117

OFFICIAL SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RED LAKE FALLS, MINNESOTA, AMENDING CITY CODE, BY ADOPTING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 117 AND, BY ADOPTING BY REFERENCE CITY CODE, SEC. 10.99, WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CONTAIN PENALTY PROVISIONS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF RED LAKE FALLS MINNESOTA, ORDAINS:

The following is the official summary of Ordinance Chapter 117, said ordinance being approved and passed by the City Council of the City of Red Lake Falls, Minnesota on November 15, 2022. Because of the lengthy nature of Ordinance Chapter 117, the following summary of the ordinance was prepared and approved for publication.

SUMMARY

Section 1. City Ordinance Code, Chapter 117, is hereby added to the City's Ordinances to state as follows:

The City hereby enacts this new chapter of this code relating to sales, use regulations and licensing fees of edible cannabinoid products. This chapter imposes reasonable licensing requirements, fees, applications, background checks, signage requirements, ineligibility standards, license qualifications, administrative remedies, and criminal penalties. Prohibits sales to anyone under the age of 21. Requires age verification by means of a government issued photographic identification. Prohibits self-service or vending machine distribution and requires that the cannabinoid products be kept in a separate secure location. Contains marketing restrictions. Does not allow for consumption on the sales premises. Cannot be sold or furnished to obviously intoxicated or impaired persons. Any on or off sale liquor licensee shall have a separate area for the sale of edible cannabinoid products that is separate from the liquor sale/service area. Edible cannabinoid product must be kept or stored behind a counter or in an area not freely accessible to the customers. Said Chapter contains other prohibited acts.

Section 2. The amendment to City Ordinance Chapter 117, becomes effective from and after its passage and publication of this Summary Ordinance.

Subd. 3. A full and complete copy of the said ordinance is available for inspection by any person at the office of the City Administrator and available in electronic form upon request.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Thief River Falls, Minnesota this 15 day of November, 2022, by majority vote.

/s/ Allen Bertilrud _____ Mayor
 ATTEST:
 /s/ Kathleen Schmitz _____ City Administrator

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Red Lake County Commissioner's Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held November 8, 2022

Pursuant to adjournment of its last meeting, the Red Lake County Board of Commissions duly met in regular session at the Courthouse in Red Lake Falls, Mn, on November 8, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Weiss called the meeting to order. Commissioner Remick was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Cal Eckstein owner of Ted's Sanitary Service met with the board. Eckstein informed that the cardboard processing plant they haul to has closed and his costs have gone up drastically as he will have to haul to a different facility. Eckstein questioned if the county has SCORE funds available to cover the additional costs. Chair Weiss mentioned that the issue will have to be discussed at the next meeting with E.O. Kurt Casavan before making any decision.

Interim County Engineer Mike Flaagen was present with the engineering services agreement with Moore Engineering Inc. for the CSAH 5 project. Flaagen informed that the cost is not to exceed \$83,300.00 per the agreement. Commissioner Flage moved and seconded by Gerardy and carried unanimously to approve the agreement contingent upon no errors in the proposal.

Peter Curran, Red Lake County SWCD was present with the contract amendment for the County Ditch 62 Project. Commissioner Gerardy made a motion with a second by Flage to accept the amended contract. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Gerardy, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve the expenditures for the period in the following amounts:

VENDORS	AMOUNT
Card Member Services	2,765.83
Hoffman, Philipp & Martell, PLLC	9,875.00
Michael J. Burns Architects LTD	4,207.50
Minnesota Department of Transportation	2,246.56
Moore Engineering, Inc.	79,479.33
Red Lake County Co-op	26,688.59
Thibert Chev-Buick	6,118.03
Titan Machinery	5,921.16
29 Vendors Less Than \$2,000	10,268.06
TOTAL	\$147,570.06

The motion includes the following additional expenditures: \$426.00 Pemberton Law, PLLC; \$252.00 Gazette; \$146.25 expenses and \$445.00 per diem to Ron Weiss.

Motion by Commissioner Gerardy, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2022 regular board meeting.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared: Flage: Inter County Nursing had an audit completed, awaiting results. They are looking at health insurance options and are in need of a home

Deadline:
 Fridays at noon!

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.

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To reserve a seat, please call one business day prior to the scheduled trip - 1-800-201-3432.

For Polk, Red Lake and Clearwater County stops:
 Every Monday - Grand Forks.

Every 2nd Tuesday - Mahanomen.
 Every 4th Tuesday - Thief River Falls

Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday - Fargo/Moorhead.
 Every 2nd & 4th Friday - Bemidji.

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health aide.

Attended an MRC meeting with all 24 counties attending. Preparing for the annual meeting in Bloomington. MRC still looking for a lobbyist firm. AMC will be assisting MRC in the process through December 31st.

Gerardy: Updated on City of Plummer's Street project; tar and concrete have been poured, a final walk through will take place this Spring.

Weiss: None.
 Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to appoint Commissioner Remick to the Tri-County Corrections board as a county representative to replace John Dudycha whom resigned as County Commissioner as of October 29, 2022.

Mike Reishus from North Risk Partners was present to review some new county options for employee health insurance coverage for 2023. Reishus informed that the county could reduce overall cost by going to a small group plan as the rates are based on a per individual-per age basis. The current provider PEIP has increased county rates for next year by 21.5% as part of the large group plan. Reishus stated that he can make application in a small group market to accept the county for next year. The board members concurred that Reishus proceed with the application to the small group plan and provide an update at one of the next meetings whether the county will be accepted for next year.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until November 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
 Robert Schmitz, County Auditor
 Ron Weiss, Chairman,
 Board of Commissioners



Please call today to schedule an appointment for the 2023 changes. We look forward to meeting with you.

Emily Knutson Sue Knutson



We do not offer every plan available in your area. Any information we provide is limited to those plans we do offer in your area. Please contact Medicare.gov or 1-800-MEDICARE to get information on all of your options.

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RLCC Menus

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

RLCC School District.

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Monday: Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Quesadilla, lettuce salad, carrots & celery, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Apple Turn Over, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Ham patty, potato wedges, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Rice hotdish, dinner roll, yogurt, string cheese, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Hotdogs and Polish, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Pop tart, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Macaroni hotdish, carrots, dinner roll, cake, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Donuts, cereal, cheese stick, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Hotdog on a bun, chips, baked beans, carrots, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage links, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Tacos, toppings, corn, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Ham patty on a bun, French fries, green beans, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Banana bread, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Pizza, salad, fruit, and milk.

Christmas Events to attend at RLCC

The Red Lake County High School Music Department will host its Music Concert on December 14th at 7:00. Both Junior High and Senior High Choirs will sing songs from hit movies such as "Imagine," "Stand by Me," and "Footloose."

On Thursday December 8th, the high school choir will travel to DigiKey to perform Christmas Songs during the company's Christmas Meal.

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RLCC Students Attend Creativity Festival in Bemidji



Back Row: Ms. Kristie Olson, Lexus Waldal, Gavin Roisland, Violet Tvedt, Graceyn Kvasager, Rae Martinson, Savannah Brekke, and Ms. Sidney Melby.

Front Row: Ryleigh Sherman, Logan Lee, Walter Cabrera, Molly Fergusson, Reese Lambert, Dakota Mostrom, and Kiera Baker.

Some Red Lake County Central School elementary students and junior high students were among the more than 430 students who came from across our region to enjoy this year's Creativity Festival at Bemidji State University on November 22nd, 2022. The students chaperoned by Ms. Sidney Melby

and Ms. Kristie Olson, left early in the morning to get to registration, then each student could attend three different sessions.

With 14 presenters, students had a wide variety of sessions to attend. Sessions ranged from sciences, draw-

ing, crafts, painting, theater, dancing, and animals. This event is great for students to gain knowledge, both tangible and intangible, and break out their creative side, whether it be drawing, acting, dancing, or even facing their fears and holding an iguana!



Pictured above: Ryleigh Sherman is pictured with a large snake at the Creativity Festival on November 22nd at Bemidji State University.



Pictured above: Gaving Roisland smiles for a photo with a snake draped over his shoulders during the Creativity Festival on November 22nd at Bemidji State University. Students from RLCC attended the festival along with over 400 students from other area schools.

November Student of the Month at RLCC Elementary



Brennen is in Mr. Lambert's 6th grade class at RLCC. He enjoys math and social studies. What he likes most about the fall is football!



Olivia Vettleson is in Mrs. Philipp's 4th grade class at RLCC Elementary. Her favorite subject is math and what she loves most about winter is the snow!

Fall Spotlight on Scholarship Awards



Cross Country Spotlight on Scholarship recipients L-R: Peyton O'Neil, Nick Suchy, and Ruben Osborn.



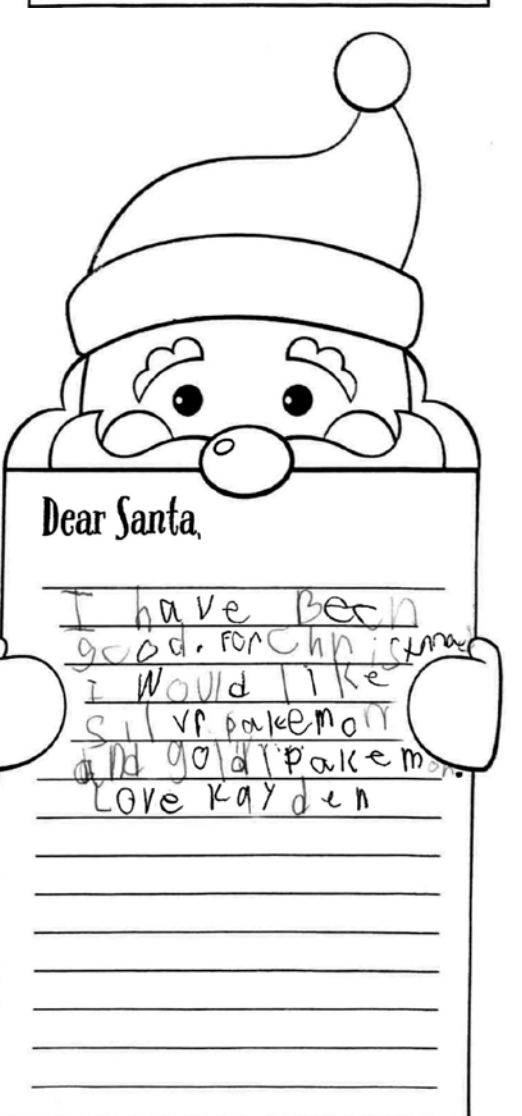
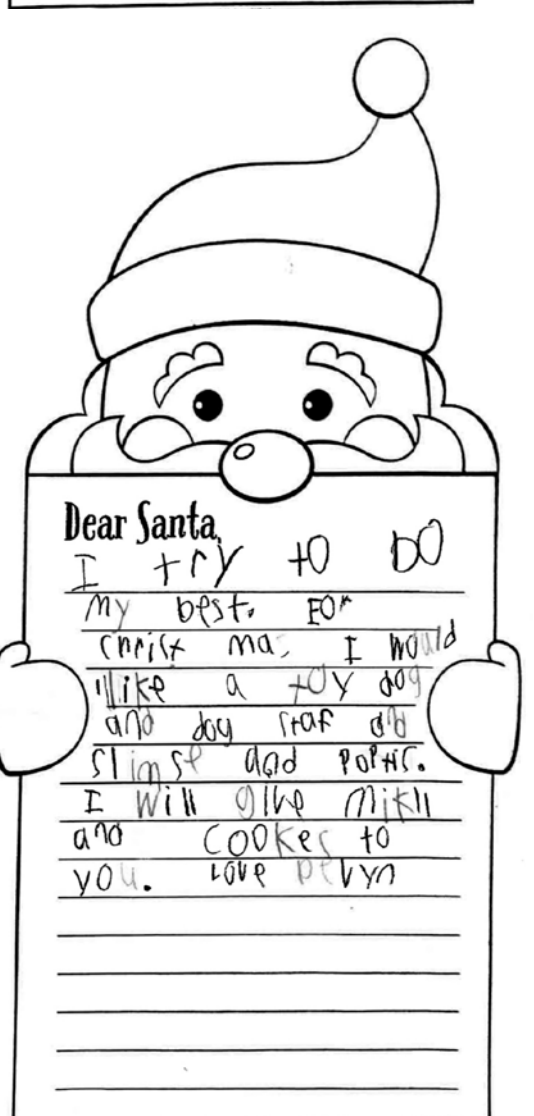
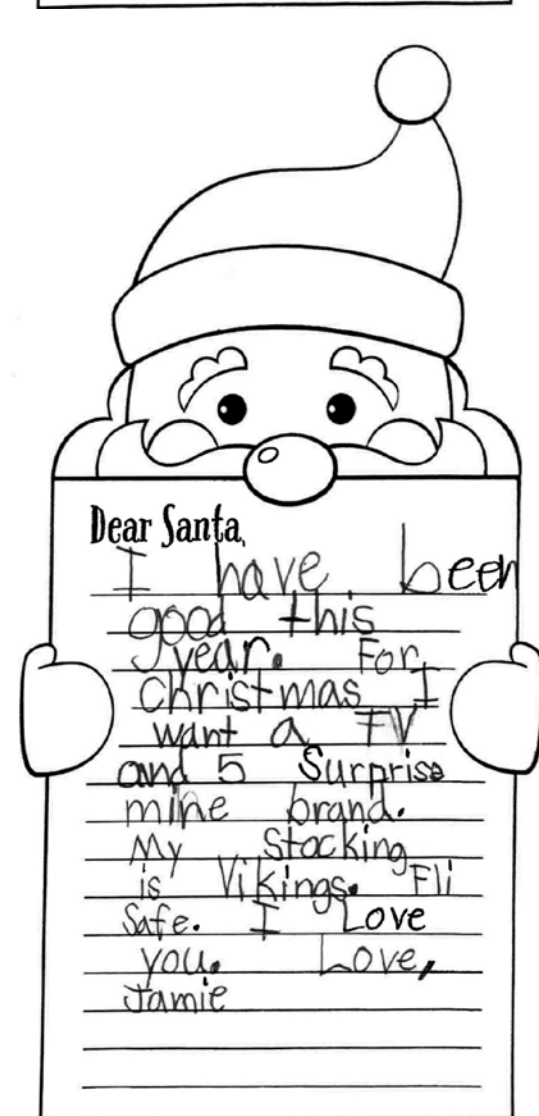
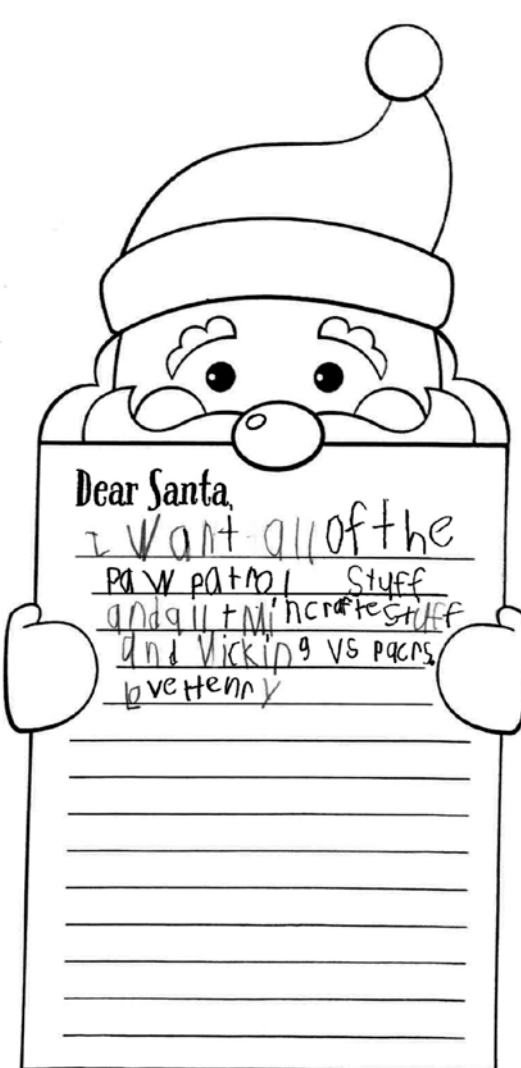
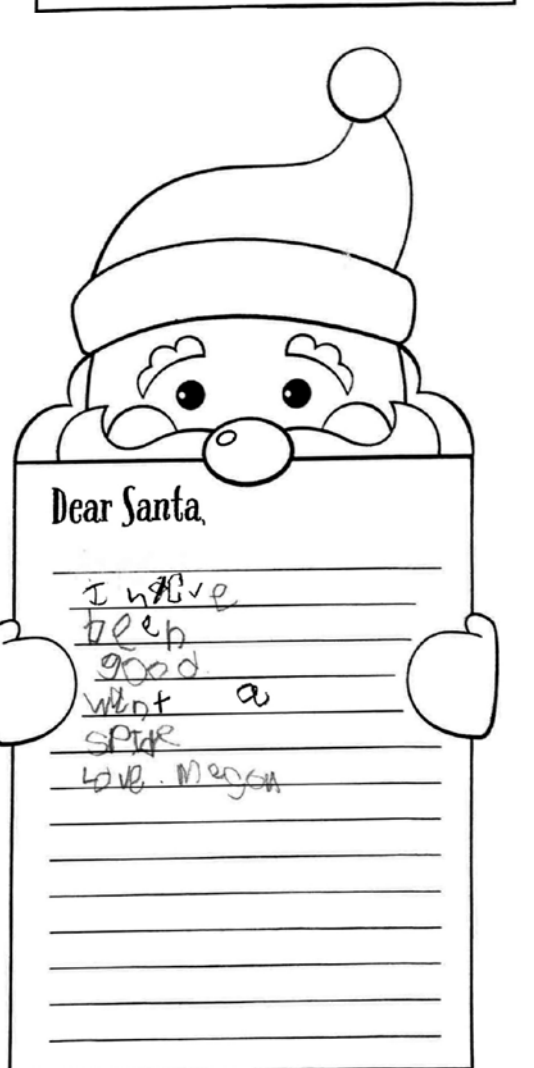
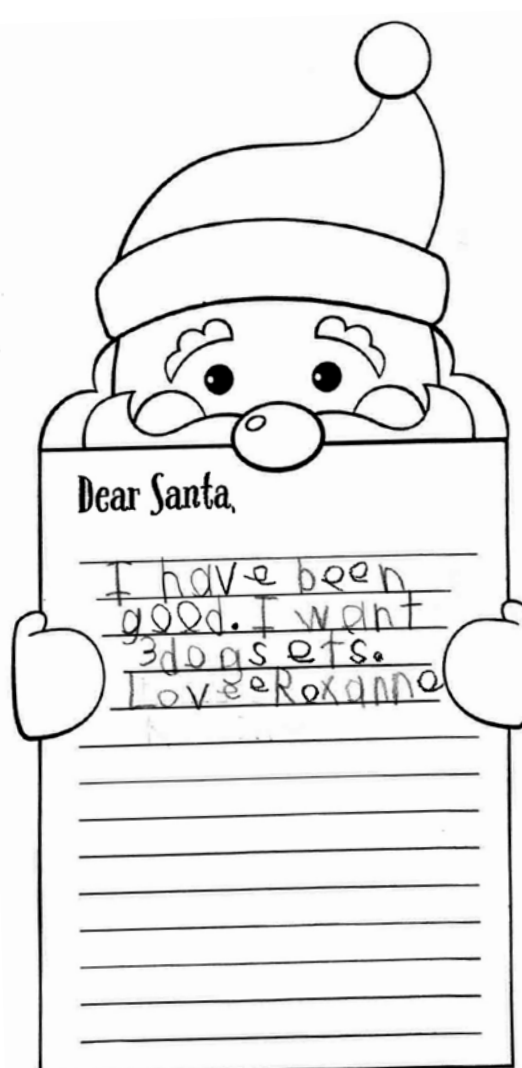
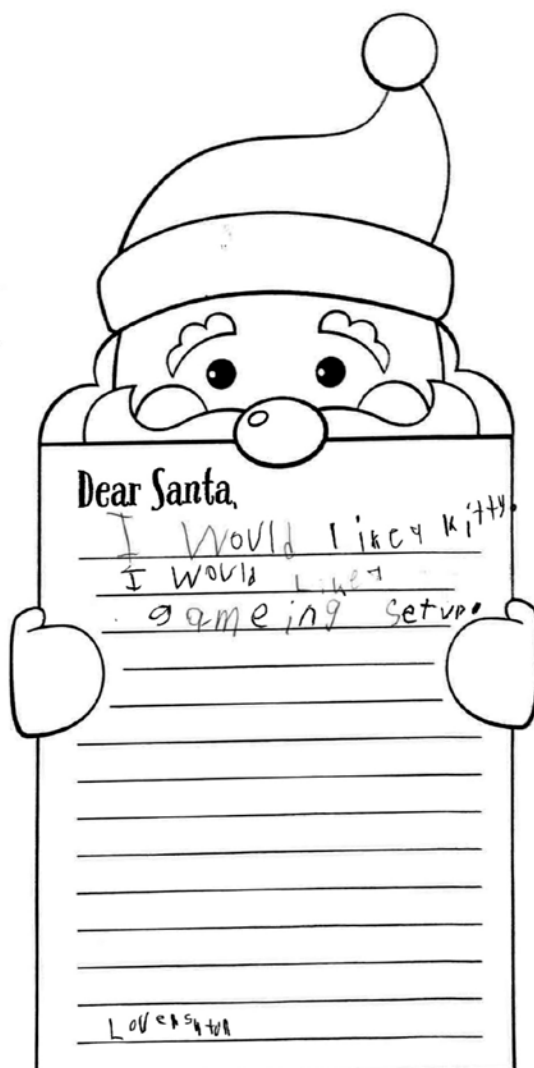
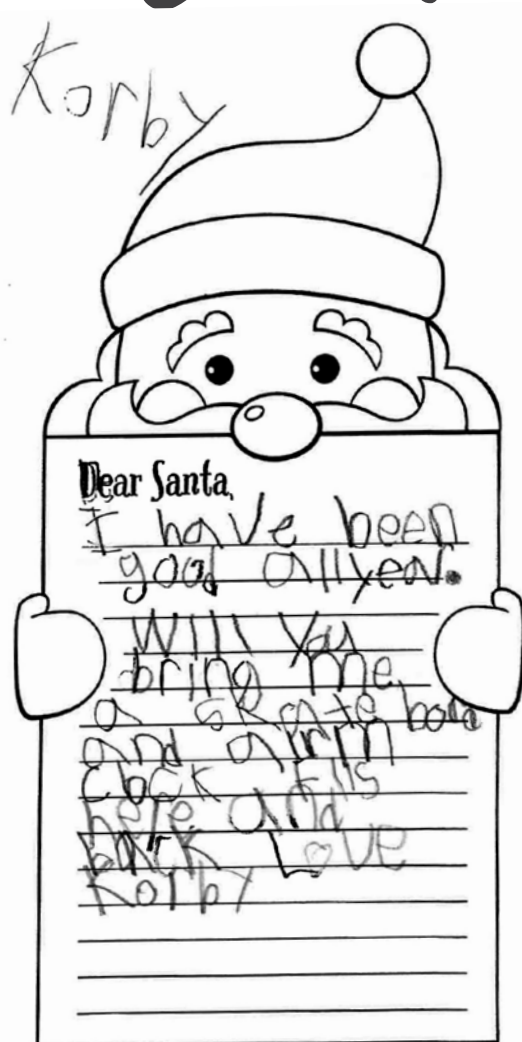
Football Spotlight on Scholarship recipients- Back L-R: Colin Taggart, Conner Duden, Ethan Johnson, and Logan Vettleson. Middle L-R: Guy Bergeson, Owen Chervestad, Luke Peterson, Gunnar Halverson, Mason Pahlen, and Oliver Melin. Front L-R: Hayz Hanson, Gerald Melin, Damon Ferguson, and Ethan Majeres. Not pictured: Gunnar Sandeen.



Volleyball Spotlight on Scholarship recipients- Back L-R: Bryn Vettleson, Evelyn Klamm, Emma Hendrickson, Kendra Christianson, Hannah Dudycha, and Natalee Hendrickson. Middle L-R: Keira Mornville, Ella Moen, Jamie Flatgard, Quinn Graves, Shelby Sherman, Jennifer Johnson, and Alexa Chervestad. Front L-R: Natalie Vettleson, Aurimy Olson, Marissa Thomas, Graycen Kvasager, and Sydney Fougner. Not pictured Shawna Majeres and Violet Tvedt.

LETTERS
TO
Santa

From Students in the RLCC First Grade Class



Red Lake County Central Additions & Renovations Oklee High School & Plummer Elementary

LOCATION OF WORK:

High School
201 Governor St.
Oklee, MN, 56748

Elementary School
260 Minnesota St.
Plummer, MN, 56748

CONSTRUCTION

MANAGER:

ICS
1139 Franklin Avenue Suite 1
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379
(320) 360-5506
Contact: Jorden Pangrac
(jorden.pangrac@ics-builds.com)

STRUCTURAL:

Northland Consulting Engineers
102 South 21st Ave West
Duluth, MN 55806
(218) 727-5995

OWNER:

Red Lake County Central ISD #2906
201 Governor St.
Oklee, MN, 56748
218-796-5136

ARCHITECT:

Foss Architecture + Interiors
810 1st Avenue North
Fargo, ND 58102
(701) 282-5505

MECHANICAL, CIVIL & ELECTRICAL ENGINEER:

CMTA
2201 12th Street N., Suite E
Fargo, ND 58102
(701) 280-0500

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project consists of multiple work scopes for all of the work necessary to construct additions and renovations to the existing High School in Oklee and the existing Elementary school in Plummer. Additions to the Elementary includes classroom space and bathrooms; renovations include gymnasium updates and restroom remodel. Additions to the High School includes a gymnasium, supporting spaces, and science classrooms. Remodel areas includes new restrooms, commons areas, an administrative area, and other supporting areas. This Bid package includes to rebid of Work Scope 09 General Construction. Work scope 02 Concrete and Work Scope 03 Masonry have been eliminated and will now be included in Work Scope 09 General Construction.

BID DATE AND LOCATION:

Sealed Bids will be received at **the RLCC District Office – 201 Governor St. Oklee, MN 56748** then publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be received and stamped-in prior to **2:00 PM local time on December 22, 2022**. Bids submitted after allotted time will be discarded, **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS:

Bidders may view drawings and specifications for the project at the office of the Construction Manager.

For Electronic access to the bidding documents, please contact Karin Borowicz at (612)-255-3543. The Construction Manager can also provide locations of Builders Exchanges holding plans for contractors to access. Bidders are responsible for any and all costs associated with the production of plans and specifications for their use.

BIDDING REQUIREMENTS:

Each Bidder must comply with the following requirements to reassure acknowledgment and recognition of their Bids:

Bids must be accompanied by Bid security in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or Bid bond in the amount of 5% of the base Bid submitted, made payable to the owner, as guarantee that Bidder will, if awarded, enter into contract in accordance with contract documents and submitted Bid.

Submit Bid on the prescribed form, which is furnished with the specification, with full name and address of the Bidder.

Completely fill in all blank spaces on the Bid Form, in ink or typewriter, in both words and figures.

Sign in longhand, executed by a principal duly authorized to enter into an agreement. If a Bidder is a co-partnership, then signatures on the Bid shall be by an authorized member of the firm, with names and addresses of each member of partnership.

Base Bid and all alternate Bids shall be stated both in writing and in figures. In all cases, written and numerical figures must agree; otherwise at Owner's option, it shall be cause for rejection of Bid. Complete form without alterations.

Submit alternate prices (Bids) for either increasing or decreasing the costs, as called for on Bid form and Description of Alternates. Submit a Bid for all alternates.

Owner may make such investigations as they deem necessary to determine the ability, competency, and responsibility of the Bidder to perform the work. Any Bidder shall furnish to Owner all such information and data for this purpose, as the Owner may request. Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the Work contemplated therein. The competence and responsibility of Bidder will be considered in making an award, including, but not limited to; (1) proof of financial responsibility, (2) quality of similar work, (3) amount of experience with similar projects, (4) facilities, personnel and equipment, (5) reputation for performance, and (6) the ability to complete the work within specified time. Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid where there is reasonable doubt as to the qualifications of the Bidder.

Owner reserves the right to: (1) accept Bidder's Base Bid only, (2) accept any one or more of bidder's Alternate Bids, in any order regardless of the order in which they were listed, (3) reject all Bids, (4) award contract based on their investigation of Bidders, as well as acceptance of alternates, all of which the Owner deems to be in their best interest, (5) waive informalities or minor irregularities in Bids and waive minor irregularities or discrepancies in Bidding procedure.

Upon award of Contract, Contractor shall provide AIA A312 Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of 100% of Contract Sum in accordance with General Conditions and Amendments to General Conditions.

BIDDING DOCUMENTS & SITE REVIEW:

Each Bidder (including subcontract Bidder where appropriate) is advised to visit the site and to fully inform themselves and record their own investigations as to the extent of the Work, the extent of the work performed by other contractors under other construction packages, conditions under which the Work is to be performed, existing buildings and streets, conditions of the area, existing utilities and other features, type of soil, available facilities and difficulties that may be encountered in connection therewith, and other relevant items which will affect their Bid or the Work.

Prior to submitting a Bid, each Bidder is required to examine all of the bidding requirements, all Contract Documents, all drawings, and specifications for the Project (including those primarily for other Subcontracts). Contractors shall become thoroughly familiar with the scope of the Project and all factors and items of work which will affect their Bid or the Work, whether shown or specified in documents primarily for Work of others or Work of this Contract.

No extras will be allowed the Contractor as a result of misunderstanding of the extent of scope of the Work as a result of their failure to study and record their own findings. Submission of a Bid shall be proof that such examinations have been made and that Bidder has recorded their own investigation and has become thoroughly familiar with all contract documents (including all addenda). The failure or omissions of any Bidder to examine any form, instrument or document shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation in respect to their Bid. Nor shall it be the responsibility of ICS or its counterparts to ensure you have read all documentation. This is the sole responsibility of the Bidder and its Sub-Contractor(s).

PRE-BID CONFERENCE:

There will not be a Pre-Bid conference for the rebid. If Bidders want to visit the physical site, a site review can be coordinated through the Construction Manager - (Jordan Pangrac 320-360-5506). No extras will be allowed because of the Bidder's misinterpretation as to the amount of work involved, Bidder's own error, negligence, or failure to examine the site.

START DATE:

Work will begin after receipt of the signed contract from the Owner. The anticipated award date is December 29th, 2022. Pre-construction and submittals work related to the project is to commence immediately after receipt of the signed contract. The onsite work will begin on the premises no later than May 30, 2023.

SUBSTANTIAL AND COMPLETION DATE:

Elementary Remodel Substantial Completion: August 25, 2023
Elementary Addition Substantial Completion: December 22, 2023

High School Addition Substantial Completion: May 31, 2024
High School Remodel Substantial Completion: August 23, 2024

Owner requires Final Completion of all work by December 31, 2024.

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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 see the menu instructions on page 2 in the Senior Menu. You will notice that the cafe is going to be closed on Mondays, but is offering a meal on Sunday, so you can still get 5 meals a week if you choose.

Congregate Meals:

If we can get enough volun-

teers to set up for congregate meals, we could start having them at the site. If you are interested in being a dining volunteer, please let Jo Lambert know. Thank you!

Activity Dates To Remember

**Bingo will resume in January.

Joke of the week:

"This is your great-grandma and great grandpa," I told my grandson as I handed him a photo of my parents. "Do you think I look like them?" He shook his head. "Not yet."

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Chuck and Pat Simpson and Randy Pahlen recently hunted mule deer in Colorado.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Tony and Sheila Gerardy were Charlie, Mallo-ry, Brian, Blake and Harper Bernstrom. Brett, Hannah, Sawyer and Jett Gerardy, Logan, Abby and Layla O'Neil, Evan, Savannah, Axell, Ruth and Henry Bernstrom, Steven, Tiffany and Ellie Sjostrand.

Mike and Sandy Greenwald

attended the concert "A very

Vintage Christmas", Tuesday

night at Lincoln High School.

Alice Jobe also went. Sundae

and Mr. Gaeseel were the per-

formers. There were a rather

young couple. She did all the

singing and played the ukulele

turned one year old. Those attending were grandparents Tony and Sheila Gerardy, Jerry and Eileen Bernstrom, Great Grandma Wavell Sorenson, Brett, Hannah, Sawyer and Jett Gerardy, Logan, Abby and Layla O'Neil, Evan, Savannah, Axell, Ruth and Henry Bernstrom, Steven, Tiffany and Ellie Sjostrand.

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and her husband the guitar. She also told jokes and had riddles.

Wednesday morning there were sundogs about 9:30. It was 9 above 0, with a nasty wind chill.

Hopefully, we can get some snow soon. Then I can go cross country skiing. Time to start sending Christmas Cards.

The Plummer Holiday Train is coming Thursday, December 15th. At 4 p.m. Tri-River Museum opens. Tours, hot chocolate and popcorn will be available. See the advertisement on page 2 for more information on the Holiday Train!

Have a good week.

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Who's Dat?



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This week's photo is of two cousin graduates in 1971.

Last week's photo was of Brenda Plante.

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.

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



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