



Smith makes a big impact on Sanford's smallest patients



Sami Smith, of Oklee, is pictured with a Sanford NICU employee during her most recent donation of homemade "Minky" blankets.

Sami Smith, daughter of Sue and Jon Smith is bringing joy to those in need this winter with her charitable efforts.

Sami, a graduate of Oklee High School, recently donated 60 homemade blankets to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Sanford in Fargo, ND. This donation came just in time for Christmas, and will surely lift the spirits of families who will be spending Christmas in the NICU with their babies.

She began sewing Minky blankets over 5 years ago as part of a community service project at RLCC High School. She could have stopped when she had fulfilled her mission, but instead, she turned her passion into a business and a very charitable one at all. Along with her yearly donation, Sami's business, Cuddle Me by Sami, also sells blankets ranging from infant to adult sizes. Her recent donation of 60

blankets was nearly double what she was able to donate in 2020, making it her largest yet. Fabric and cash donations make this project possible. The NICU in Fargo is one of the top NICUs in the area, and helps hundreds of families each year. Sami's donation will most definitely touch the hearts of the staff, families and babies who will receive one of her blankets this year.



Pictured above is a blanket sewn by Sami Smith.

Holiday Train brings joy to town and support to local food shelf



Pictured above: Alan Doyle performs for a crowd at the Holiday Train in Plummer on Thursday, December 15th.



Pictured above: Catherine Johnson accepts a check from CP Rail for the amount of \$4,500 on behalf of Inter-County Community Council.

On Thursday, December 15th, the Canadian Pacific Rail Holiday Train rolled into Plummer. The train returned after a two-year hiatus, and although the weather last week was less than ideal, a good crowd gathered to welcome the train.

Each car on the train was lit up with bright lights and

spectators could see the train coming from quite a distance. The anticipation was certainly growing as the train slowly pulled into Plummer, preparing to open the doors for the concert performers.

The inclement weather caused some of the scheduled events to be canceled, but a

nice selection of music was provided by Kelly Prescott and Alan Doyle.

CP Rail also presented a check to the Inter-County Community Council for the amount of \$4,500. The generous donation will help support the local food shelf and is greatly appreciated.



Despite snowing conditions, a nice crowd gathered to welcome the CP Rail Holiday Train as it rolled into Plummer on December 15th. A night of Santa visits, music and good company was enjoyed by all.

| Calendar of Events                                                                                          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wed, Dec. 21:<br>-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.<br>-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion. |
| Thu, Dec. 22:<br>-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.                                        |
| Fri, Dec. 23:<br>-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.                                                      |
| Sat, Dec. 24:<br>-Support your local business – Shop Locally!                                               |
| Sun, Dec. 25:<br>-Worship at the church – check inside for church times and places.                         |
| Mon, Dec. 26:<br>-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.                                        |
| Tue, Dec. 27:<br>-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.                                        |
| Wed, Dec. 28:<br>-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.<br>-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion. |

## Church news

### OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

**Zion and Salem**  
**Pastor Linda Molitor**  
 Wed, Dec. 21: No confirmation. 6:30 p.m. Chimes. 7:00 p.m. Salem Blue Christmas Service.

Sat, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, 4:00 p.m. Salem. 9:00 p.m. Zion.

Sun, Dec. 25: Christmas Day. No Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Joint Service at Zion.

Wed, Dec. 28: No confirmation.

Sermons are on GVTEL Channel 35 (10 am Sunday & 2 pm Tuesday), also on Facebook or YouTube.

### CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

#### Fr. Bryan Kujawa

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

Sat, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve 6:00 p.m. Worship at Immanuel.

Sun, Dec. 25: Christmas Day 9 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

### GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH

#### Bethany–Ekelund–Faith

##### Pastor Kristen Ostercamp

Wed, Dec. 21: 12:20 p.m. Release time.

Sat, Dec. 24: 3:00 Ekelund. 4:30 Faith. 10:00 Bethany.

Sun, Dec. 25: No services or Sunday School.

### CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

#### Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri

##### Pastor Jeff Merseth

Wed, Dec. 21: 5:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 p.m. Vespers.

Sat, Dec. 24: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 7:00 p.m. Nazareth.

Sun, Dec. 25: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park.

Find services and past sermons at [www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish](http://www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish)

### NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

#### Jarred LeBon, Pastor

##### Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor

[www.newjourneyfosston.com](http://www.newjourneyfosston.com)

Wed, Dec. 21: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Sun, Dec. 25: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship.

Tue, Dec. 27: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.

Wed, Dec. 28: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

### GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

#### Bethany \* Lund

##### Sand Valley

##### Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister

Wed, Dec. 21: 2:00 p.m. Ladies Aid at Sand Valley. No confirmation.

Sat, Dec. 24: 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service at Lund.

Sun, Dec. 25: No services.

Wed, Dec. 28: No confirmation.

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.

### Oklee Senior Site Dining

#### December 25-29

##### No congregate meals served.

If you are over the age of 60 and you want a meal delivered to your home, call 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. **Sunday:** Closed for Christmas.

**Monday:** Cafe Closed.

**Tuesday:** Hot dog, chips, baked beans, milk & dessert.

**Wednesday:** Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, fruit, milk & cookie.

**Thursday:** Chef salad, garlic toast, fruit, milk, and yogurt.

**Friday:** Chicken stuffing bake, candied sweet potatoes, dinner roll, milk and fruit cup.

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**PUBLICATION OF THE COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 375.12, AND THE PUBLICATION OF ALL LEGAL NOTICES OF THE COUNTY, INCLUDING BID NOTICES, SAMPLE BALLOTS, AND ALL OTHER PUBLISHING REQUESTS OR NEEDS OR REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, DURING 2023.**

The bidders must comply with the legal requirements of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 331A, and the legal requirements for publication of this material, and the bidders should make themselves familiar with these requirements.

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R39-40C

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## Red Lake County Commissioner's Minutes

### RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held November 22, 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 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Weiss called the meeting to order. All current Commissioners were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Cal Eckstein owner of Ted's Sanitary Service met with the board to follow-up regarding transportation costs for recycled cardboard that was discussed at the prior meeting. Environmental Officer Kurt Casavan was also present for the discussion. Eckstein questioned Casavan if state SCORE funding the county receives can be used to cover the transportation costs and also the container rental fees for the recycled cardboard collection in Red Lake Falls and Oklee. Eckstein requested that the county provide \$55 per ton to reimburse for the added transportation costs to a different facility due to the closure of the current processing plant. Casavan was in agreement and made that recommendation to the board. Eckstein then discussed a fee of \$6.56 per yard for picking up recycled cardboard from containers at the two cities, Oklee and Red Lake Falls. Casavan questioned why he wasn't informed about this before so he had ample time to gather information. There was a lengthy discussion between Casavan and Eckstein. Board members also provided comment. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to reimburse \$55.00 per ton for transportation costs, and also \$6.56 per yard for collecting cardboard at the two city locations in Oklee and Red Lake Falls. The County Board will again review the cardboard issue at years end.

Tanya Hanson of the SWCD was present to provide an update on the various projects undertaken by the district. Hanson also reviewed the County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Plan for 2023 and recommended it's approval. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Remick and carried unanimously to approve the 2023 County AIS Plan as presented.

Hanson requested that the County Board approve a Resolution to submit to the DNR to receive \$6,770.00 in 2023 to be used for administering the AIS Plan. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 11-01-22 "Aquatic Invasive Species Aid". A complete document is available at the County Auditor's office. Hanson also explained the implementation agreement for the Clearwater River 1W1P and requested its approval. Commissioner Flage moved,

seconded by Remick and carried by unanimous vote to approve the agreement as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Gerardy, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2022 regular board meeting.

Brent Hemly representing the City of Plummer was present to inquire about penalties being assessed to the contractor for delays in completing the City of Plummer project. Interim County Engineer Mike Flaagen was also present. Hemly also commented that the city has compiled a list of items that needs to be corrected before the project is finalized. Flaagen explained that he will review the contract stipulations regarding the time frame for assessing any penalties. He also indicated he would provide some assistance to the city in addressing its punch list with the contractor.

Sheriff Bernstein was present and informed that since former State Highway 222 at Oklee is now County Road #5, the homeowners along that stretch of highway will have new addresses due to the county assuming ownership of the road. The county will pay for the cost of signs. Bernstein also updated that the Sentence to Serve has completed brush removal in Plummer near the Railroad tracks north of the city. The overgrown brush was a safety concern along the roadway and railroad tracks. The county will pay half the SSTS bill and City of Plummer half.

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

| VENDORS                       | AMOUNT             |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Election Systems              |                    |
| & Software, Inc.              | \$6,769.52         |
| Pennington Cty.               |                    |
| Highway Dept.                 | 10,201.25          |
| 13 Payments less than \$2,000 | 4,874.48           |
| <b>Final Total:</b>           | <b>\$21,845.25</b> |

The motion includes the following additional expenditures: \$488.75 to Fischer, Rust & Stock; \$311.00 expenses and \$330.00 per diem to Chuck Flage; \$108.75 expenses and \$595.00 per diem to Al Remick.

Chair Weiss informed that the county needs to appoint a member to both the NW Regional Development (NW RDC) and to the Inter County Community Council (ICCC) boards due to the recent resignation of County Commissioner John Dudycha. Chair Weiss called for a motion. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Gerardy and carried unanimously to appoint Commissioners Chuck Flage to the NW RDC and Tony Gerardy to the ICCC as county representatives effective immediately.

The following Commissioner/Committee reports were shared: Gerardy: None.

Flage: RTCC-reported that the state is offering a grant for transportation for Seniors and are working with legislators to increase driver pay, mileage

pay to volunteers and a support policy for transportation.

Nursing Service-flu cases are increasing, vaccination clinics are being offered, and reviewed the budget.

MRC meeting in Alexandria, a lobbyist firm was hired.

Remick: SWCD-discussed violation of the Buffer Strip Policy and projects for the next year.

Tri County Corrections-reviewed the budget and reasons for reductions in the fund balance.

Weiss: NW HRA-reviewed budget and re-habilitation grant programs.

NW Regional Development-reviewed the Cost Allocation plan, financial reports and approved bills.

Auditor Schmitz informed that the county currently has an agreement with Brian Vathauer for the lease of approximately 24 acres of Tax Forfeited property in Gervais Township that is adjacent to his former property recently sold to Sam & Kayla Pahlen. The Pahlen's are interested in continuing the lease.

Auditor Schmitz recommended another 10-year lease, same as the prior agreement. Commissioner Remick moved and seconded by Gerardy to approve a 10-year agreement with Sam & Kayla Pahlen to lease 24.26 acres of Tax Forfeited property in Government Lot 3, Section 19 of Gervais Township at a rate of \$300.00 to be paid annually in January. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

HR Director Lundeen met with the board to inquire whether the County Board wanted to again extend the County's COVID Leave Plan. The current plan will expire at year's end. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to extend the COVID Leave plan to March 31, 2023.

Lundeen mentioned that the Child Support officer that was shared with Norman County is scheduled to begin full-time employment with Red Lake County. The employee is asking to get credit for longevity as she was working for Norman County and contracted out to Red Lake County. The board members requested more information before making any decision.

Lundeen presented information received from another firm whom would assist the county in the recruitment of a County Engineer. The board did not make any decision at this time.

The regular board meeting was closed at 12:30 p.m. pursuant to MN Statute 13D.03 to discuss union negotiations. The regular meeting re-opened at 1:05 p.m. No action was taken.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until December 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:

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

(U.S.P.S. 407-240)

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## Wishing You A Merry Christmas

*And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."*

~ Luke 2:10-11

As we celebrate this joyous season of Christmas, we remember the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas.

*Security State Bank of Oklee will be closed on Monday, December 26th in observance of Christmas Day.*

**Security STATE BANK**  
 PO Box 69 Oklee, MN 56742



**Phone 218-796-5157**

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# MUSTANG STAMPEDE

## 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.

### Oklee

**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.

### 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.



### Crossword Solution

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## RLCC Sports Schedules

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

### Tuesday, Dec 20

Basketball: Boys JH  
Game 4:30PM vs. Bagley  
@ Red Lake Falls Elementary

Basketball: Girls  
JH Game 4:30PM vs.  
Mahnomen @ Plummer

Basketball: Boys C  
Game 5:00 P.M., JV  
6:00PM, Varsity 7:30PM  
@ Cass Lake-Bena High School

### Thursday, Dec 22

Basketball: Girls JH  
Game 4:30PM vs. Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ Oklee

Basketball: Girls  
JV Game 6:00PM  
vs. Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ Plummer

Basketball: Girls Varsity  
Game 7:30PM  
vs. Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ Plummer

### Tuesday, Jan 3

Basketball: Boys C  
Game 5:00PM  
RLC Basketball vs. Crookston Red Lake Falls High School

Basketball: Boys JV  
Game 6:00PM  
RLC Basketball vs. Crookston Red Lake Falls High School

Basketball: Boys Varsity  
Game 7:30PM  
RLC Basketball vs. Crookston Red Lake Falls High School

### Thursday, Jan 5

Basketball: Boys JH  
Game 4:30PM R L C  
Basketball vs. Northern Freeze Northern Freeze High School

Basketball: Boys C  
Game 5:00PM R L C  
Basketball vs. Northern Freeze Marshall County Central High School

## Lights, Camera, Action, SING!

Because of the recent snow storms, the Red Lake County Central Music Department had to postpone their winter concert to January 4th in the High School Gym at 7:30pm. Students and staff are excited to welcome the music program back to the High School under the direction of Mrs. Krista Bernstein.

"I'm so excited to have Mrs. Bernstein and her students bring music to RLCCHS's classrooms." Mr. Pederson told the Mustang Stampede. "I hope everyone can make it!"

The concert will feature music from favorite movies from the past. According to Mrs. Bernstein, "Movies are almost always accompanied by a soundtrack. A soundtrack's purpose is to provide an additional layer of emotion, connect events or stories, or give the audience another way to connect to the story using music." Some songs will include: "Footloose" from Footloose, "Down In The River To Pray" from O'Brother Where Art Thou, and "Summer Nights" from Grease. There are many other fun songs that Mrs. Bernstein and her students have planned for their audience.

Also, Be sure to arrive early to view Ms. Kelsey Bingham's student artwork. Students' artwork has been displayed in the northeast hallway of the school since Mid September. Concert go-ers will be impressed at the talent of both the students and their teachers, Mrs. Bernstein and Ms. Bingham.

The concert will air on Garden Valley Channel 35 starting at 7:00 with pre-concert programing.



Front Row: Nakeisha McGraw, Paige Olson, Keira Morinville, Luke Peterson, Nick Suchy, Ruben Osborn, Oliver Russillo, Lillie Lundeen, McKenzie Hamm, and Peyton Williams. Middle Row: Natalie Baker, Lily Hager, Shelby Sherman, Kane Nelson, Ryan Tvedt, Guy Berguson, Damon Ferguson, Sidney Fougner, Jamie Flatgard, and Jennifer Johnson. Back Row: Payton Rystad, Aurora Mitzner, Quinn Graves, Ella Moen, Gavin Thomas, Hunter Dudycha, Owen Chervestad, Mckenzie Tofstad, Carlie Vettleson, and Hailey Hanson. Pictured in Front is Mrs. Krista Bernstein.



Senior Choir Members: Gerald Meilin, Paige Olson, Clowie Magnell, Aurora Mitzner, Payton Rystad, and Damon Ferguson. Not pictured: Carlee Whalen.

## High School choir performs at Digikey

On Thursday, December 8th, the Red Lake County Central Senior High Choir traveled to Thief River Falls to sing during one of DigiKey's Staff Christmas Luncheons. Students enjoyed an outing to the business. Afterward, DigiKey treated the group to a pizza party.

## Upcoming Events

Red Lake County High School will host the Prowler Triangular against the Fosston Bagley Brawlers and Detroit Lakes Lakers on December 22, 2022. The Triangular will start with Detroit Lakes wrestling Fosston/Bagley Brawlers at 5:00 PM, then the Prowlers will wrestle Detroit Lakes at 6:00 pm, and finish the evening wrestling the Brawlers at 7:00. Garden Valley Channel 35 will air this event starting at 4:30 with pregame programming.

The Mustangs will host the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo on December 22 in Plummer with Junior Varsity starting at 6:00 pm and Varsity starting at 7:30.

The Rebels will play the Crookston Pirates in Red Lake Falls on January 3, 2022. The Mustangs will host the Mahnomen/Waubun Thunderbirds in Oklee on January 5th, 2022. That night, the Rebels will travel to Marshall County Central to play the Northern Freeze.

Due to severe weather conditions, many events were postponed. The Rebels game that was postponed on December 13th against the East Grand Forks Green Wave will be held January 17th in Plummer with Junior Varsity starting at 6:00 and Varsity starting at 7:30 in the Plummer Gym. The Mustang game postponed on December 15th against the East Grand Forks Green Wave will be held on February 10th, with Junior Varsity starting at 6:00 and Varsity starting at 7:30.

## ~~ RLCC Students learn new art techniques ~~



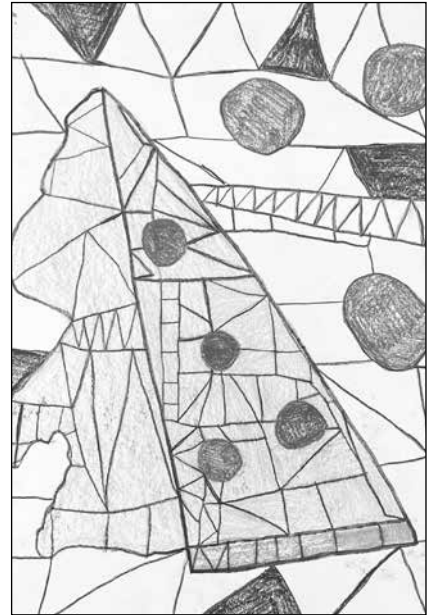
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Full Moon Night by Oliveah Stordahl.



A Landscape by Dylan Lundeen.



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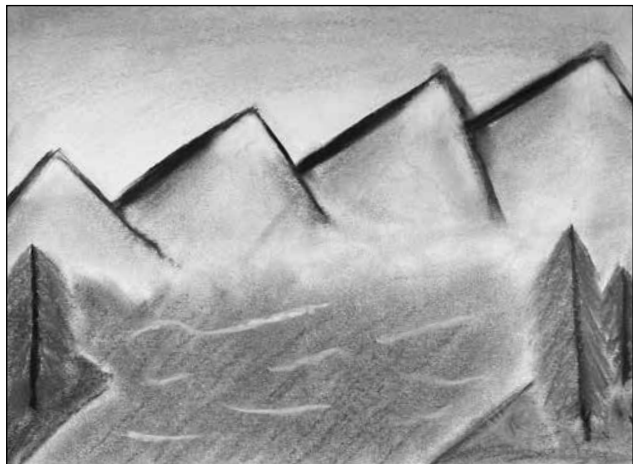
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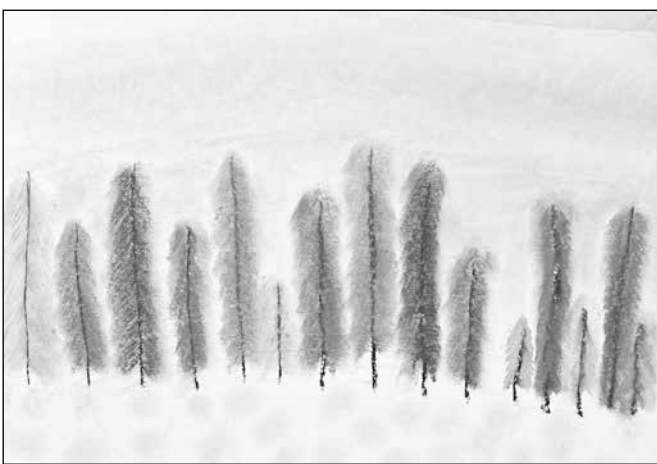
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Bear by Kathryn Srnsky.



Landscape by Lynessa Castaneda.



Minty Forest by Emma Chaput.



Cultural Art by Carson Lambert.

## Writers & Writing

by Michael Tidemann

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



## A Hill Country Christmas warms the heart

If you're yearning for the way Christmas used to be, a Christmas when generations gathered around the dinner table and together unwrapped gifts from under the tree, you'll love A Hill Country Christmas by Gail Kittleson and four other authors.

Kittleson and her husband, a retired Army chaplain, live most of the summer in St. Ansgar, Iowa, and winter in Arizona's Mogollon Rim Country.

Kittleson wrote eight of the book's 18 selections, more than any of the other authors.

Kittleson's description carries us to the heart of Texas Hill Country in her story, "Unto Us A Son Is Given".

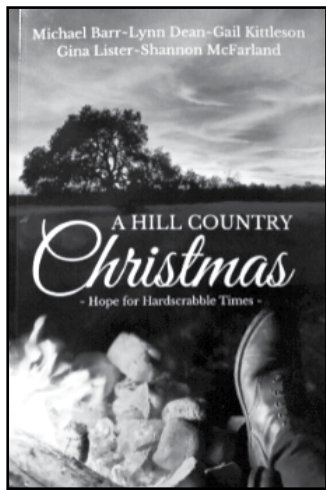
A hazy prelude obscures tenuous light soon to peek over the jagged eastern hills surrounding our small settlement. Some believe a more fitting name must be adopted with all haste.

Junction City would serve us best, they say, and my Ezekiel agrees. After all, the North and South Llano Rivers intersect here, forming the Llano River Valley. This confluence played a part in drawing Ezekiel this far west, for in hardscrab-

ble country, abundant water makes all the difference.

The story ends in tragedy, though, as the mother loses her son.

Subtitled Hope for Hardscrabble Times, the book does just that – shows how Texas Hill Country pioneers through



**A Hill Country Christmas**  
Michael Barr, Lynn Dean, Gail Kittleson, Gina Lister and Shannon McFarland  
Wordsmith Publishing  
ISBN 979884226144  
\$14.79

sheer grit and gristle withstand the elements and build a great nation. We share the plight of the plain but hardworking sister in "The Christmas Chivaree" by Lynn Dean. Dean's story, "The Made-Over Christmas", tells how a young widow makes the most of Christmas for her daughter and finds love in a most surprising place.

"Lo Nuestro" by Gina Lister is told through the eyes of a young immigrant girl who masters both German and English and impresses a boy who taunts her. And "The Cedar Chopper's Christmas" reveals how a humble, young man changes a wealthy woman forever.

All the authors create characters who seem to step off the page. We feel their plight and make it our own. History buffs in particular will enjoy how the authors take from the time of the Alamo to the present day.

It would be hard to find a more meaningful gift for the people on your Christmas list.

(Michael Tidemann writes from Estherville, Iowa. His Facebook page is Author Michael Tidemann.)



A hot meal was provided in the Plummer Tri-Rivers Pioneer museum during the Holiday Train on Thursday, December 15th.

## Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - Page 444

### Ginger Cream Cookies Marilyn (Bakke) Dufault

1 cup sugar  
1 cup crisco oil  
1/2 cup molasses (light)  
1 tsp ginger  
1 tsp cinnamon  
1 egg

Mix up and add one cup water and 2 tsp soda, a pinch of salt and 4 cups of flour or a little less. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 min. Frost with powdered sugar frosting.



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## Who's Dat?



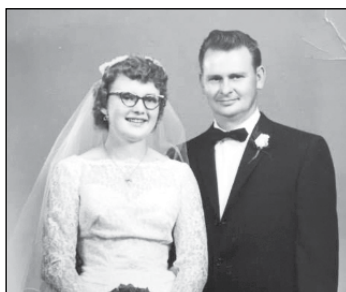
### Who's Dat?

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](mailto: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.



## 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](mailto: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 consists of work scopes including but not limited to: Earthwork, Concrete, Masonry, Precast Concrete, Steel Materials, Steel Installation, Roofing, Casework, General Construction, Aluminum Doors/Windows/ Glazing, Flooring, Wood Gymnasium Flooring, Acoustical Ceilings and Acoustical Treatment, Bleachers, Fire Suppression, Mechanical and Electrical.

### 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:

A Pre-Bid conference will be held at 3:30 PM on October 25th, 2022 at the RLCC District Office – 201 Governor St. Oklee, MN 56748. If Bidders want to visit the physical site, a site review will take place immediately following the Pre-Bid conference at Oklee, then will transit to Plummer for a review of that site. 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 1st, 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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## Oklee Herald Early Files

### Eighty Years Ago December 25, 1942

A large crowd of people were present in Oklee on Monday of this week for the annual Santa Claus day.

Grade school children presented an Operetta at the Oklee auditorium. "Old Crosspatch" was the name. The cast was composed of pupils from the six lower grades and included Alice Jensen, Ambrose Miller, Dola Dessellier, Shirley Turgeon, Paul Bergeron, Irene Bergeron, Joanne Bruggeman, Jerry Horstman, Ordean Birkeland and LaVerne Farrington, together with a chorus of boys and girls.

Shadow Lawn school has a Christmas program last Saturday evening. Plenty of nuts, candy and apples were given away.

### Seventy Years Ago December 20, 1952

Dec. 18, the McIntosh Cardinals defeated the Oklee cagers by a score of 49-41.

Some 700 children were entertained here at Oklee's Santa Claus day. They were given free admission to the Oak Theatre for the showing of "The Great Rupert", the story of a trained squirrel, and after the movie, each child was presented with a bag of candy and peanuts. Playing the part of Santa Claus was Milo Larson.

Ole, Tommy, Glenn and Oliver Hofstad, Walter Han-

son, Martin Skreland and Ole Legvold called briefly at the Arnold Tveiten home Tuesday.

### Sixty Years Ago December 28, 1962

The Plummer School presented a Christmas program at the school auditorium Thursday evening called the "Christmas Story" and was presented by the elementary grades.

### Fifty Years Ago December 23, 1972

There are no early files available for the year 1972.

### Forty Years Ago December 24, 1982

The Oklee Senior Site had a December birthday/Christmas party. 58 seniors participated in the dinner.

Santa letters were printed in the paper and lots of pictures from Santa Day. Nathan L asked for a barn with a farmer and a wife. He also asked for something for his baby Timmy, a blue and red ball.

The Nazareth Sunday School children presented their Christmas program on Sunday evening.

MM3 Kelly Howard of the Norfolk Naval Base in Norfolk, Virginia came Saturday by plane to visit over Christmas at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Howard.

### Thirty Years Ago December 18, 1992

Through a program sponsored by the IBM Corporation,

the Oklee High School Physics class is able to do many sophisticated educational experiments using a computer which has been updated.

Jacob Anderson, son of John and Rhonda Anderson, recently won the Oklee School Geography Bee. He will now go on to the written test.

In honor of his birthday, Eddy Eskeli was a special guest for Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Rosemary and Melvin Eskeli. Others there were Steve, Lisa, Wesley and David Eskeli.

### Twenty Years Ago December 20, 2002

The RLCC Mustangs muscled their way to a second-place finish in the Crookston Invitational on Dec. 8, with ten wrestlers scoring points.

The RLCC Boys Basketball battled their county rival, the Red Lake Falls Eagles, but just couldn't get those needed points to win the game. The final score was 35-54.

The snowmobile races on Pine Lake were canceled the second day as it was too warm and too wet. An unusual situation for this part of the country.

### Ten Years Ago December 21, 2012

The sun is shining, and the temperatures are in the 40's.

## Please join us!

An open House will be held to wish a Happy Retirement to  
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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.

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### Congregate Meals:

If we can get enough volunteers 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!

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### Senior Craft Shop

There are lots of wonderful items if you are looking for a unique gift for Christmas. There are homemade mittens and hats and scarves to keep you warm. There is table runners, floral arrangements to

make your table look beautiful. There are also baby blankets, quilts, wood shelves, doilies and cloth checkbook covers in all kinds of colors and patterns. You and also purchase holiday decor for your home or for a loved ones home. The craft shop is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. If those hours don't work for your shopping needs, please feel free to call Joe Lambert at 218-796-4527.

### Puzzler's Corner

There are several seniors that enjoy doing puzzles. If you have a 300 large piece puzzle or other puzzles that are not too difficult, and you don't know what to do with it, consider donating to the Senior Site for a Puzzler's Corner. This will be a sharing project. All puzzles can be taken out and returned for others to enjoy.

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### Activity Dates To Remember

Bingo after the New Year.  
Wednesday: Cards at 1:30 p.m.

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

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Have a great week!



## Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

On Sunday evening, Plummer American Legion had their Christmas supper at 5:30. It was meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, glazed carrots, dinner roll, brownies and ice cream. DeeAnn Eskeli made the food.

Tracy, daughter of Chuck Simpson was visiting and came to the supper. She is from Western ND, by Bismarck.

Diane DeHate, of Coon Rapids, came to Anna DeHates for a visit and worked for Digikey while here.

On Thursday night, December 15th, the Holiday Train came to Plummer. There were 14 cars and the engine decorated with lights. CP Railroad has 1,000 employees statewide. They donated around 4,000 dollars to the local food shelves. The band was from Saskatchewan. There were six playing and singing and they were pretty good.

The museum opened at 4 pm. People could tour and also have lunch, with two kinds of soups available. Those were

provided by "Putsy". Cookies, hot chocolate, coffee and popcorn were also available. A good crowd came in after the train left. The train went on to Thief River for the next stop. Santa was also at the museum for kids to see.

Friday, the first-grade classes from Challenger Elementary came to the museum around 9 am. The kids were divided into four groups. Tri-Rivers members Leo Schmitz, Kyle Qualley, Les Hofstad, Chuck Fisher, Alice Jobe, and Glenyce Eskeli helped with the tours. The kids were full of questions and quite attentive. Afterwards, they made butter in baby food jars and had juice boxes to drink from. They enjoyed it and were well behaved.

The snow has been a challenge with people getting stuck, myself included. I also had frozen car doors. The cold temperatures will follow with the amount of snow on the ground. North Dakota has had it tough for a couple of weeks. It must be miserable for those with a

lot of cattle.

On TV, on Friday, I saw there is a town called Grapevine Texas. It is the Christmas Capitol of Texas.

Also, on TV, the Today show is 70 years old this year. I watch it quite regularly. They sometimes have well known singers come on the show.

Until next time, stay warm and be careful out there while walking and driving.

### Sudoku Solution

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## Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

We have winter. That is just in case you haven't looked outside yet. Last week stopped traffic and made us take a look at the weather rather than going out into it. Many roads were closed especially on the interstate highways. It was a full-blown winter storm and in North Dakota it was worse than what we got. It wasn't a historic system like in 1966, but it was significant. We didn't get mail for three days, and when we did get mail, it was mostly local. The roads are icy and have many icy patches so when you drive be very careful.

The weekend was a big hit for a few ladies from Brooks and the area. Joyce Morinville, Linda Hemly, Carly Kvasager, Deb Champagne, and Nancy Seeger went to the cities to go to the game for the Vikings. They went with Bergen Travel and enjoyed the game. The Vikings gave them a real show this time. They were behind 33 to 0 at the half and they managed to score little by little till the end of the game when they tied to go into overtime. In overtime they managed a field goal and won the game. Joyce told me the sound when they got the field goal was astounding. What a historic win it was. It kept the Vikings alive for playoffs. These girls are over the moon about the Vikings. I was watching some of the game, but the girls were there and that had to be a thrill.

Dianne Gagner is making lefse today, and that is what I should be doing. As it goes though, I have a bad cold and am not really up to snuff. I should be making Kolache, but we are going to Warroad today to see our two Grandchildren at concert for Christmas. Daphne and Margaret are both in band and their concert was postponed because of the weather last week. There are so many things to do and so little time

to get them done.

Is your shopping done? All who procrastinated are now being taken advantage of if they are sending packages. I heard that some of the charges could be up to \$75 for packages to be delivered before Christmas depending on how far it needs to go. Sometimes I think the package could really be delivered after Christmas and would be more appreciated and more anticipated by the receiver.

We fuss and prepare for our families to have a good Christmas and we hope everything goes right but most of the preparing is out of love. We love the family, and we want to do something they will be remembering. So, love goes into almost all of Christmas and we know that is the most important thing with Christmas, Christ's love for us and our using that

love for our family and friends. So, with that we all wish you a very Merry Christmas with blessings galore. Smile, it will brighten someone's day.

The Holiday Train was attended by many people but there were few this year, due to the storm. Many people couldn't drive in from the country because of the roads being unplowed. I personally want to thank those who did go and the train for coming through our area. Mother Nature made it tough for the people on the train as well as the area food banks. If you planned to donate to the food bank at the train stop, mail in your donation to the food bank in your area. Maybe next year we can make it up.

Merry Christmas to all.

### Statepoint Crossword

#### "Vacation Destinations"

##### ACROSS

- Walt Whitman's dooryard plant
- Bag, à Paris
- Sound of astonishment
- Smell of baking bread, e.g.
- Self-importance
- Ma Bell, e.g.
- List of Catholic saints
- Bobbsey twin
- Donor's bequest
- \*Country to see Stonehenge
- \*Country to see Neuschwanstein Castle
- Tokyo, in the olden days
- Way off freeway
- Gremlin or pixie
- Assistant
- Crunches alternative (2 words)
- Mountain lake
- Thailand, pre-1939
- Parlor piece
- \*Maldives continent
- Plaudit and pomp
- Unadulterated
- Child-eating daemon, Greek mythology
- Red carpet purse
- Pelvic bones
- Gives way under force
- Like acne-prone skin
- Pose a question
- Letter opener
- Morse code dash
- \*Grand Canyon state
- \*Broadway state
- Loaded
- Marbled bread
- Bad car
- South Pacific sailboats
- "\_\_\_ Milk?"
- Related on mother's side
- Unload on eBay
- Gilligan's home
- Tap, e.g.

##### DOWN

- Spike, as in punch
- Iraq's neighbor
- Like a maxi skirt
- Soap plant
- \*One of two countries to see Niagara Falls
- Mail a package
- Agha, alt. sp.

- Gloria Estefan's hit
- Disease-causing organism
- One of algae
- Diagnostic test
- One-trick ungulate?
- Sluggish
- \_\_\_-canceling earbuds
- Ambulance squad, acr.
- RE/MAX agent, e.g.
- \*Amalfi Coast country
- Kenyan tribesman
- Amazon "club"
- Vegas cube
- Cone-shaped quarters
- Throat dangler
- \*Mona Lisa city
- Go stealthily
- Nervous biting victim
- \*Haleakalā island

- Accent mark
- Software plug-ins
- Barack Obama, pres.
- Wailed
- Frustration, in a comic book
- Laughing African predator
- \*Swiss or Italian skiing destination
- Steak option
- "White Wedding" Billy
- Eagerness
- Post-deductions amount
- Yemen's neighbor
- College cadet program
- ACL location
- Uncle Sam wanted this

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