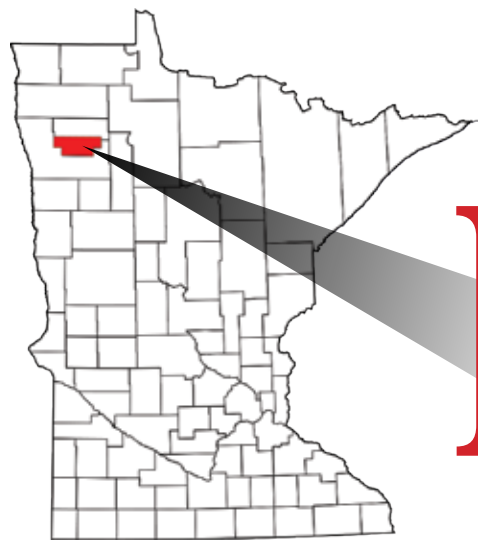




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Wednesday, January 4, 2022

Service Awards received at Year End Commissioner Meeting

On Tuesday, December 27, 2022, the Red Lake County Commissioners met for the final meeting of the year. Commissioners present were Tony Gerardy, Ron Weiss, Anthony Flage, and Al Remick.

The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners recognized employees at the December 27, 2022 Red Lake County Commissioners board meeting. Chairman Ron Weiss presented the awards to: Nick Knott, Treasurer, 15 years; Kathie Johanneck, Lead Social Worker, 20 years; Ben Largis, Deputy, 15 years; and Mitch Bernstein, Sheriff, 25 years. Others recognized but were not present were Ross Bruggeman, Heavy Equipment Operator, 5 years, and Randy Konickson, Maintenance Foreman, 5 years.

Committee reports were given by Remick, Flage, and Gerardy who attended a variety of meetings that included Zoom meetings, Inter County Nursing Service, and the Plummer Project. The expenses were looked at and approved with a motion by Flage and seconded by Remick. Minutes were approved with a motion by Flage with a seconded by Gerardy.

Human Resources Director Angie Lundeen needed approval on the LELS (Law Enforcement Labor Services) contract. This contract was approved by a motion by Remick and seconded

by Flage.

Lundeen also shared some information from Brian Ketring about future hiring of a County Engineer or sharing a County Engineer with another county. Lundeen was going to get more information from Ketring.

County Auditor Bob Schmitz reviewed the special election requirements & adoption of a resolution to fill vacancy in office of County Commissioner for District 3 due to the resignation of John Dudycha. A primary election will be held in April to file the vacancy. This was approved by Gerardy and seconded by Remick.

Auditor brought up a few items that are needed for the annual year end and items for adoption were: Designate funding for 2023 budget, salary grade table, elected salaries, tax levy, budget and a few other items which included COVID Funding hours that Bernstein and Schmitz incurred, taking care of the grants and other items after hours. This was carried with a motion by Gerardy and seconded by Flage. The next meeting was scheduled for January 3rd where the new board will be sworn in and nomination for the 2023 Chairman, setting Official County Board dates & times, the official Newspaper, and annual County Appropriations as established in the budget.



Service Awards were given to: Nick Knott, Treasurer, 15 years; Kathie Johanneck, Lead Social Worker, 20 years; Ben Largis, Deputy, 15 years; and Mitch Bernstein, Sheriff, 25 years.



Pictured above: Mrs. Claus visited Red Lake County Central Elementary before Winter Break and brought along with her some helpers from the Plummer Lions and Lions Too. The students were happy to see her and give her some last minute Christmas gift ideas for Santa!



Red Lake County Auditor Robert "Bob" Schmitz is retiring at the end of 2022 and is pictured with the Red Lake County Commissioners after the meeting on December 27th. From left to right: Al Remick, Ron Weiss, Bob Schmitz, Tony Gerardy and Anthony Flage.

Students of the Month recognized for Excellence at RLCC for December

Naomi Stordahl and Lola Hendrickson received Student of the Month for December at Red Lake County Central Elementary.

Naomi is a 6th Grader in Mr. Lamberts Class and Lola is a 4th Grader in Mrs. Philipps Class.



Pictured above: Naomi Stordahl, December Student of the Month. Pictured below: Lola Hendrickson, December Student of the Month.



December Student of the Month Nominees: Above 3rd - 4th grade: Avaeya Vettleson, Daetric Molstad, Brlyee Lundeen, Brady Bramer, Fern Wichterman, Jacob Lee, Walker Bergeson, Charlie Nelson, Ava Kolstoe, and Lola Hendrickson Below 5th-6th grade: Jarret Hammer, Landen Vettleson, Caleb Jensen, Liam Magnell, Logan Lee, Aaliyah Bramer, Walter Cabrera, Naomi Stordahl, Kinsley Kruchowski, Easton Morinville, Savannah Brekke, and Isabelle Paradis.



Calendar of Events

Wed, Jan. 4:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Jan. 5:
- The Red Lake County Herald is one day late due to New Years!
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
Fri, Jan. 6:
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Jan. 7:
-Support your local business - Shop Locally!
Sun, Jan. 8:
-Worship at the church - check inside for church times and places.
Mon, Jan. 9:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
Tue, Jan. 10:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
Wed, Jan. 11:
-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, Jan. 4: No confirmation. 6:30 p.m. Chimes. 7:00 p.m.

Sun, Jan. 8:
Wed, Jan. 11: No confirmation.

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

CATHOLIC PRISHES 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.

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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

Pastor Jonathan Dodson

Sat, Jan. 7: 7:00 p.m. Worship at Ebenezer with Communion.

Sun, Jan. 8: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel.

Sudoku Solution

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

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Red Lake Falls Library

Happy New Year to all patrons of Northwest Regional Library and especially the Red Lake Falls Public Library.

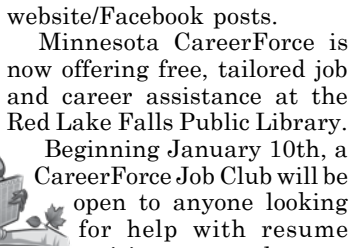
Mid-January will bring the start of the Winter Reading Program, geared to promote the library to adult patrons. Part of this year's program is a search for old NWRL library cards... anyone showing an "old" library card (pre-red plastic) will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 cash card. Watch for more details about the "Book Blizzard" winter reading program in upcoming articles and on

website/Facebook posts.

Minnesota CareerForce is now offering free, tailored job and career assistance at the Red Lake Falls Public Library.

Beginning January 10th, a CareerForce Job Club will be open to anyone looking for help with resume writing, cover letters, interview skills, job searching, and career advice. It will be facilitated by Jason Pangiarella, a Workforce Development

Representative with CareerForce. The Job Club will meet at 2:00 p.m. every Tuesday.



Oklee Senior Site Dining

January 8, 10-13

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.

Sun: Cook's choice, dinner roll, milk and dessert.

Mon: Cafe is closed.

Tue: Cook's choice, dinner roll, milk and dessert.

Wed: Cook's choice, bread, milk and dessert.

Fri: Cook's choice, milk and dessert.

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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Every 2nd Tuesday – Mahnomen.

Every 4th Tuesday – Thief River Falls

Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday – Fargo/Moorhead.

Every 2nd & 4th Friday – Bemidji.

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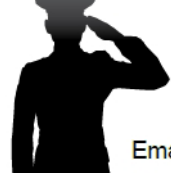
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Red Lake County 2023 Summary Budget

The following is a summary of the operating budget for the 2023 fiscal year for Red Lake County. This summary is published in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 375.169. The detail of the county budget is on file in the County Auditor's office at Red Lake County Courthouse, 124 Langevin Avenue, Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

	2022 Adopted Budget	2023 Adopted Budget
REVENUES:		
County Portion of Tax Levy	\$3,211,207	\$3,519,856
State Paid Portion of Tax Levy	474,585	471,545
Other Taxes	79,900	0
Total Tax Levy	<u>3,765,692</u>	<u>3,991,401</u>
Licenses and Permits	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues:		
Federal	601,397	795,093
State	9,860,359	7,106,961
Other	123,268	14,748
Charges for Services	606,282	671,611
Fines and Forfeitures	5,300	5,300
Investment Earnings	97,500	97,500
Rent and Miscellaneous	352,906	624,686
Total Revenues	<u>15,412,704</u>	<u>13,307,300</u>
OTHER SOURCES:		
Bonds and Other Debt Issued	0	0
Budgeted Use of Available Fund Balances	154,141	859,900
Transfers In	0	0
Total Other Sources	<u>154,141</u>	<u>859,900</u>
Total Revenues and Other Sources	<u><u>\$15,566,845</u></u>	<u><u>\$14,167,200</u></u>
EXPENDITURES:		
General Government	\$1,418,894	\$1,464,481
Public Safety	1,596,646	1,750,670
Highway and Streets	9,982,700	7,388,900
Sanitation	358,719	324,707
Human Services/Welfare	1,623,891	1,791,931
Health	24,703	24,703
Culture and Recreation	96,408	97,970
Conservation of Natural Resources	185,484	191,238
Miscellaneous Expenditures	167,400	175,600
Economic Development	0	0
Capital Outlay	100,000	950,000
Total Expenditures	<u>15,554,845</u>	<u>14,160,200</u>
OTHER USES:		
Budgeted Increase of Fund Balances	0	0
Transfers Out	0	0
Other Financing Uses	12,000	7,000
Total Other Uses	<u>12,000</u>	<u>7,000</u>
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	<u><u>\$15,566,845</u></u>	<u><u>\$14,167,200</u></u>

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Red Lake County Commissioner's Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held December 13, 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 December 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Weiss called the meeting to order. Commissioners present were Chuck Flage, Tony Gerardy, Al Remick and Ron Weiss. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Remick and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

Chairman Weiss mentioned that AMC is asking that all Minnesota counties support the efforts of the Community Supervision Workgroup to create a more effective probation system in Minnesota. A resolution of support by all 87 counties will indicate to legislators the need to do more in support of the state public safety system by adopting a new funding formula and significant appropriations during the 2023 legislative session. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 12-01-22 "Support of CSWG Community Supervision Funding". A complete document is on file at the County Auditor's Office.

Interim County Engineer Mike Flaagen was present to request approval of final pay requests on (4) four county projects recently completed. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve final payment to Thygeson Construction, Inc. in amount of \$36,877.68 for Contract Number 2022-2.

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Remick and carried unanimously to approve final payment to Thygeson Construction, Inc. in amount of \$16,437.50 for Contract Number 2022-3.

Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Gerardy and carried unanimously to approve final payment to Anderson Brothers Construction in amount of \$76,750.25 for Contract Number 2022-4.

Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve final payment to RJ Zavoral & Sons in amount of \$20,213.31 for Contract Number 2021-3.

Flaagen requested that the County Board approve an agency agreement to participate in federal aid construction funding through the Mn Department of Transportation. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 12-02-22 "Agency Agreement-Federal Participation in Construction". The Board Chair and Auditor are authorized to execute the agreement. A complete document is available at the County Auditor's office.

County Treasurer Nick Knott met

with the board to provide a cost to list property tax information on the county web site. CPT is the property tax software provider for the county and provided cost figures on five different tax information features to list on the website at a combined fee of \$320.00 per month. Auditor Schmitz suggested to begin when the 2023 tax statement information will become available in April versus January 1st. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Remick and carried unanimously to have CPT provide the property tax information features for the county web site beginning April 1, 2023 at a cost of \$320.00 per month.

Environmental Officer Kurt Casavan met with the board to request approval of the 2023 Annual Solid Waste Haulers License for Sanitary Service. Casavan informed that all the required documents have been received and recommended license approval. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Flage and carried by unanimous vote to approve the request as presented.

Casavan again addressed cardboard recycling on the county. Casavan stated that once market prices for cardboard increase then fees reimbursed to Sanitary Service to provide cardboard pickup in the county should be adjusted downward or removed. Casavan recommended reviewing topic again in early 2023.

Casavan informed that the MPCA has been made aware that Red Lake County is working in the group study with the 8 counties that will be used to submit for grant funding. MPCA is requesting an answer on whether the county will go to a transfer station or if the county plans to meet the state requirements and keep the local landfill sites open.

Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Remick and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2022 regular board meeting.

The board discussed appointments to the Inter County Nursing Service Board. Current members DeeAnn Leines and Lorna Nielson are interested in being re-appointed. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Remick and carried by unanimous vote to re-appoint DeeAnn Leines and Lorna Nielson for 2-years commencing January 1, 2023.

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

Vendors	Amount
American Engineering Testing, Inc.	\$11,145.00
Counties Providing Technology	4,702.00
Davidson Construction	2,106,341.67
EVCO Petroleum Products	2,536.40
Hildi, Inc.	5,100.00
IUOE Local 49 Health-Welfare Fund	16,140.00
Larson Helicopter, LLC	6,289.50
Little Falls Machine, Inc.	4,334.34
Moore Engineering, Inc.	52,040.09
RDO Equipment Co.	2,594.06
Red Lake Co. SWCD	3,379.50
Red Lake County Co-op	33,165.87
Triple D Construction	26,397.50
University of North Dakota	2,426.82
53 Payments	
less than \$2,000	19,079.94
Final Total	\$2,295,672.69

The motion includes the following additional expenditures: \$446.25 to Fischer, Rust & Stock; \$30.00 expenses and \$35.00 per diem to Ron Weiss.

The following Commissioner/

Committee reports were shared:

Flage: NW RDC Transportation meeting discussing various road projects.

Gerardy: Inter County Community Council in Oklee-conducted officer elections and heard reports on programs.

Remick: NW Mental Health-reviewed budgets, investments, program reports.

County Extension-heard reports and completed performance reviews. SWCD-reviewed funding grants and a presentation on projects.

Union negotiations.

Weiss: NW Regional Development-reviewed financials and the salary study.

Union negotiations.

Corrections-discussed monthly financials, Juvenile Center progress, and approved annual audit agreement.

Auditor Schmitz presented the joint ditch billing received from Pennington County. Commissioner

Remick moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve payment of \$1,370.14 to

Pennington County for maintenance costs incurred in 2021 on joint legal drainage systems.

HR Director Lundeen presented the IUOE Local 49 union contract for approval. Lundeen informed the

Local 49 have approved the agreement. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to approve the 3-year agreement with the IUOE Local 49 commencing January 1, 2023.

Lundeen inquired if the county would grant longevity to 2 long-time contracted employees that are now county employees. The two employees are asking to be credited for longevity at 40% due to their prior years of contracted work with the county. Commissioner Gerardy moved and seconded by Remick to approve the request as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Schmitz presented a County Fixed Asset Policy for County Board review and approval. The State Auditor Office is requesting the policy. Commissioner Remick moved, seconded by Gerardy and carried unanimously to adopt the policy as presented.

Auditor Schmitz presented additional budget information for 2023. Schmitz mentioned that the budget has changed due to the overall decrease in employee health insurance rates as previously budgeted.

The County Board discussed different proposals for a tax levy. Schmitz informed that the final budget for 2023 must be adopted at the next meeting.

The regular board meeting was closed at 12:20 p.m. pursuant to MN Statute 13D.03 to discuss union negotiations. The regular meeting re-opened at 12:49 p.m. No action was taken.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until December 27, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:

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

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**Deadline:
Fridays at noon!**

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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.

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.

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.



RLCC Sports and Activities Schedules

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

Thursday, Jan 5

Basketball: Boys JH Game 4:30PM RLC Basketball @ Northern Freeze High School

Basketball: Boys C Game 5:00PM, JV 6:00PM, Varsity 7:30PM @ Marshall County Central High School

Basketball: Girls JV Game 6:00PM, Varsity 7:30PM vs. Waubun High School @ Oklee

Monday, Jan 9

Basketball: Boys JH Game 4:30PM vs. Sacred Heart High School @ Red Lake Falls Elementary

Basketball: Girls JH Game 4:30PM vs. Goodridge-Grygla @ Oklee

Basketball: Boys C Game 5:00PM, JV 6:00PM, Varsity 7:30PM @ Sacred Heart High School

Basketball: Girls JV Game 6:00PM, Varsity 7:30PM vs. Goodridge-Grygla @ Plummer

Tuesday, Jan 10

Basketball: Boys C Game 5:00PM, JV 6:00PM, Varsity 7:30PM @ Clearbrook-Gonvick High School

Basketball: Girls JV Game 6:00PM, Varsity 7:30PM vs. RLF Eagles @ Red Lake Falls High School

Wednesday, January 4, 2022

Wrestling Triangular held at RLCC High School



Senior wrestler, Damon Ferguson defeats his opponent in a Prowler/Mustang wrestling match hosted at Oklee. RLCC started a co-op with the Thief River Falls Prowlers for Wrestling last year. The team competed at the state tournament at the conclusion of last year's season. (Photos provided by Nicole Ferguson and Marissa Thomas)

Pictured to the right: Ferguson Brothers - Tristyn Ferguson, who reffed Junior Varsity on December 22, 2022, in Oklee, his brother, Damon, Co-Captain of Prowler Wrestling, and Cameron Lundeen, former RLCC Mustang wrestling coach.



Prowler/Mustang Junior Varsity member Eli Magnell and Prowler/Mustang Varsity member Damon Ferguson posing with Mustang/Prowler Alumni and families. Thief River Prowlers won both matches that night, 47-30 against Fosston/Bagley and 38-37 against Detroit Lakes.

Damon Ferguson won his last match in the RLCC High School Gym Damon Ferguson by beating Fosston/Bagley's Kaden Sanford, 16-4.



RLCC Elementary students receive visits from accomplished Artist and Book Author



Pictured above: Author Amy Krohn was at RLCC Elementary to share her new book "My Friend Angry", with students. She answered questions, shared with them a science experiment, and talked to classes about the importance of working through emotions.

Pictured below: Calvin O'Neill with his work of art, made during the Artist in Residency activities at RLCC Elementary. Students are seen working with Elwyn, Artist.



Pictured above: Students at RLCC Elementary work on art projects while artist, Elwyn, visited their classroom before Christmas break.



Owen Chervestad is pictured receiving high-fives from the RLC Rebel 4th Grade basketball team. The 4th grade team played a scrimmage at half-time of the Varsity Rebels basketball game. The RLCC and RLC youth programs are strong this year.

Rebel Basketball

The Rebels will travel to play the Northern Freeze on Thursday, January 5, 2023.

Monday, January 9th, the Rebels will travel to East Grand Forks to take on the Sacred Heart Eagles.

On Tuesday, January 10th, the Rebels will take to the road again to face the Bears at the Clearbrook-Gonvick High School.

The Rebels will end their week in Red Lake Falls when they host the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo Ponies on Friday, January 13th, 2023. The Rebels are coached by Mr. Steve Phillion, Mr. Randy Huie, and Mr. Pete Hagl.

Mustang Basketball falls to the Greyhounds

On December 19th, the Mustang hosted the Fosston Greyhounds in Oklee. The Junior Varsity Mustangs battled hard against the older Greyhound squad, and the scoreboard read 21 to 17 in favor of the Hounds. But due to low numbers, the Greyhounds conceded a second half giving the victory to our young JV Mustangs. Our Varsity Mustangs struggled for most of the game against the physicality of the Hounds. The Mustangs could not keep the Hounds from getting their own rebounds, and that would be the story of the night as the Hounds won by a score of 56 to 36.

The Mustangs will take on the Mahnomen/Waubun Thunder in Oklee on January 5th. Senior night will be on January 9th when the Mustangs host the Grygla/Goodridge Chargers in Plummer. The Mustangs will travel to Red Lake Falls to take on the Eagles on January 10th and then travel to Warren on January 12th to take on the Ponies. The Red Lake County Mustangs are coached by Mr. Mitch Bernstein and Mr. Kory Baril.



Members of the RLC Rebel 4th grade basketball team huddle together with their coaches during the half-time scrimmage. The boys also gave high-fives to the starting players as their numbers

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Jan 11 School Board meets in Oklee

Jan 12 ECFE Gym Night in Oklee

Jan 13 Early Out/End of 2nd Quarter

Jan 16 Staff only

Jan 25 Student Senate recycles (11th/9th/7th)

Jan 27 One Act Play

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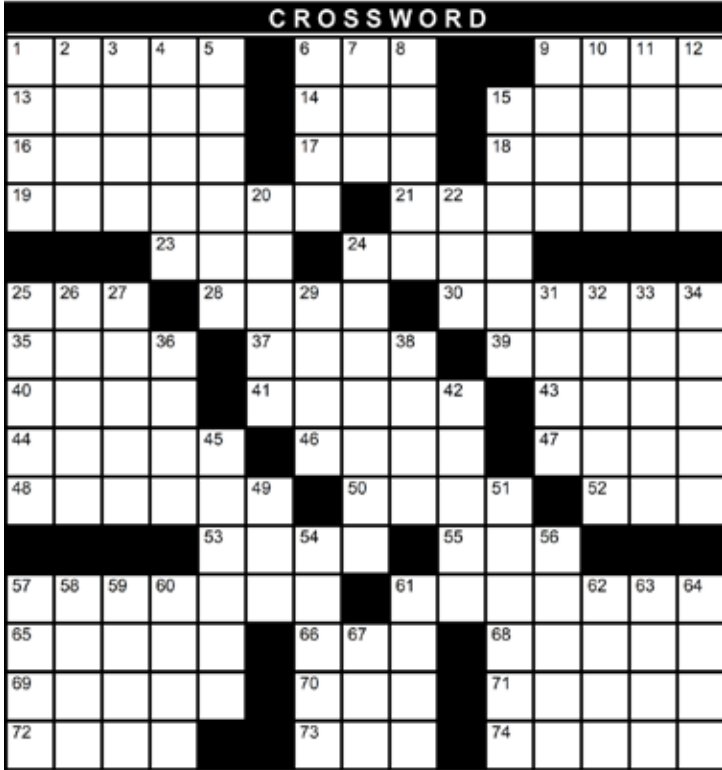
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1. Piece of data
6. Baryshnikov's step
9. Back wound
13. Soft palate hanger
14. *Any high mountain
15. Tsar's edict
16. Means
17. Bishop of Rome's jurisdiction
18. Female water-elf
19. *Highest mountain
21. *Sea that is also the largest lake
23. A in MoMA
24. *Small island
25. Ignited
28. Lamborghini model
30. Extravagant
35. 15th of March, May, July or October
37. ____-a-Sketch
39. Technology expert
40. Novice
41. Damage one's reputation
43. Lil' Bow Wow's first name
44. Bette Midler's movie "____ Pocus"
46. "I'm ____ you!"
47. Unit of pressure
48. Denver breakfast choice
50. Big rig
52. ____ de Janeiro
53. Excessively abundant
55. Ensign, for short
57. *Great ____ Reef
61. *National Geographic

65. Gibson garnish
66. Arabic garment
68. D-Day beach
69. *Longest continental mountain range
70. Nada
71. Energy to motion converter
72. Golf pegs
73. Red Cross bed
74. Follow as a consequence

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1. Surfer's "man"
2. Tel ____, Israel
3. Ditty
4. Extremist
5. Masters without t
6. Ghost of Christmas ____
7. Miller High Life, e.g.
8. Four-eyes' gear
9. Bypass
10. Uber alternative

11. *The largest continent
12. Past participle of "be"
15. Remove from political office
20. Eyelid infections
22. Opposite of nothing
24. Burning aroma producer
25. *____sphere, the solid earth
26. "She is pulling my leg," e.g.
27. 9 a.m. prayer
29. *____sphere, air surrounding earth
31. Sleeveless garment
32. Blood of the gods, Greek mythology
33. Harry Belafonte's daughter
34. *____sphere, all water on earth
36. Aretha Franklin's genre

38. Type of crime
42. Young Montague
45. Brown and yellow finches
49. Cravat or bola
51. Financial gain
54. 100 centimes
56. "Barefoot in the Park" playwright
57. Summer ride
58. "Green Gables" protagonist
59. Amusement park attraction
60. Sturgeon ____ and salmon
61. Table mineral
62. Chow or grub
63. Biblical pronoun
64. Ready and eager
67. ____sphere, all life on earth



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Scandinavian Meatballs (Kjgttkaker) Merlyce (Hofstad) Lemley

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1/2 lb ground lean pork
- 3/4 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 or 2 eggs
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1-1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1/4 to 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
- 1 Tbsp chopped parsley

Mix all the meatball ingredients and shape mixture into 1 inch balls. For easy shaping, dip hands into cold water from time to time. Place meatballs on ungreased jelly roll pan and bake uncovered in 350 degree oven until light brown, about 30 minutes.



- Sauce:**
- 3 Tbsp flour
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 cup half and half or cream
- Snipped parsley
- 1 tsp instant beef bouillon or to taste
- 1/2 tsp salt

You can also add 1 can cream of mushroom soup or 1/2 cup sour cream.

Remove meatballs to serving dish. Keep warm. Place 3 Tbsp of pan drippings in saucepan and stir in the flour. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until mixture is smooth and bubbly. Remove from heat and stir in water, half and half, bouillon and 1/2 tsp salt. Heat to boiling, stirring constantly. Boil and stir 1 minute. Pour gravy over meatballs and sprinkle with parsley. May also add sour cream to sauce.

Crossword Solution

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Who's Dat?



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This week's photo is of . Everyone has a photo or two that would be great for this column. Please share them with our readers as it is one of most popular columns of the Oklee Herald.

I am always in need of more photos - 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

Craft Shop Hours

The new hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you need a great gift for someone or just want something for yourself, we have some great items for sale. Stop in and check it out. And if you can't come during regular business hours, feel free to call Jo Lambert to make an appointment. Some of the items for sale in the Craft Shop are very unique. We have hand crafted cards for all occasions, baby blankets, quilts, table runners, mittens, quilts, wood crafts, pillow cases, beautiful flower arrangements, and much more. The Oklee Centennial Cookbook, History book and other Centennial items are also for sale in the Senior Craft Shop. A new shipment of towel for those who embroider has been received.

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 open on Mondays starting next week. We will try to get the menu in the paper for you.

Congregate Meals:

If we can get enough volunteers to set up for congregated 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!

Puzzler's Corner

There are several seniors that enjoy doing puzzles. And we have quite a few now for people to sign out to enjoy. This will be a sharing project and if you have a puzzle you want to share, please donate it to the Senior Site.

Activity Dates To Remember

We are starting Bingo up on Tuesdays instead of Thursdays. So remember that Bingo

is at 2 p.m. and Jo will call regular players if it gets canceled due to weather, or other reasons.

Wednesday: Cards at 1:30 p.m.

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

Funny Grandchildren and Grandparents

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these, yourself!"

My Grandparents are funny, when they bend over; you hear gas leaks, and they blame their dog.

Have a great week!

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Jenny and Logan Wallace and girls of Killdeer, ND and Sheyanne came for Christmas weekend to Roger and Lynn Gallants. They are Jenny's parents.

Brock Tvedt, son of Tiffany and Kevin Tvedt, came home for Christmas.

Anna and Diane DeHate went to Linda and Marty Hogen's in Thief River Falls for Christmas.

Bob and Hayley Traxler were Christmas day supper guests as well as Brodie and Brielle at Anna Traxler's.

Becky Opatz of Western Montana came Tuesday after Christmas to visit her mom, Karen Tvedt.

Alice Jobe went to her brother Jack and Sherri Kukowski's for Christmas dinner. BBQ ribs, salads, mashed potatoes, and lots of cookies and candies

to pick from. The highlight of the day was watching great-niece 13-month-old Ellie walk around and play with little barn and animals. There were about 16 family members. Some got a pan of lasagna to bake and enjoy later from sister-in-law Sherri. She also sent a plate of cookies & candies with some.

Will and Karen Carter and son Xander of Bluffton, South Carolina came Tuesday evening after Christmas to visit her mother Anne Traxler and siblings Nancy and Bob.

Thursday, the neighbor boys were out on the snowmobile. Sawyer pulled the younger one who rode on a saucer sled. They were having a wonderful time.

Tuesday morning, seven deer came out into the field south of me that Brian Fallon

rents. They were trying to find something to eat. That's the most I've seen at one time close to my place.

Christmas Day at St. Joseph's, Brooks mass, we had special music by Jimmy Schmitz of Red Lake Falls. He played trumpet for two songs before mass and closing hymn. It was "O Come All Ye Faithful" and "Joy to the World." He does a wonderful job.

It's puzzle working time for several of us in Plummer. The one I'm doing is very challenging. Wish me luck!

The weather warmed up a couple of days ago, but brought freezing rain, not good.

Sounds like there may be more snow coming.

Stay safe and be good to you and your family and others.

Happy New Year!

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Happy New Year. We hope that the year will bring all of the best to your life. A new beginning to a new year is always something to consider. New hope for the things you are striving for and taking inventory of where you were and where you are headed is sometimes a help in planning for the future. Good luck for your future.

To catch up on news here in Brooks the Paradis warehouse roof caved in and did extensive damage to the building. From reports, there was nobody hurt. It will take a lot of work to mend it.

On Thursday, Jerome and Barb Novak attended the visitation for Marie Chaput.

On Monday after Christmas Rebecca Novak traveled to Brooks to spend the week after Christmas with her parents Jerome and Barb Novak. We celebrated Christmas on Friday December 29th. We traveled to Warroad and celebrated with Matt and Nancy Ellenson and their children Ian, Phillip, Daphne, and Margaret. Cards were played and Matt made us lefse before we left, and we got fresh lefse to take home with us. It was good to get out and see something

different this year.

On our trip back from Warroad I can say I was impressed by the lights of the towns. The most impressive town though was Oklee. So many people took care to light up their properties with lights of Christmas. Thank you for your care and work.

The Determans had company over the New Year holiday too. Brianna and Kyle came from Bismarck to visit. Their five children all had a great time at Grandpa and Grandma's home. Andrew, James, Felicity, Jacinta and Luke all were so full of life, and it is so nice to see a family with all of that energy.

There are many who we should say a little prayer for. Cindy Determan is taking Chemo again, and Dick Delage also needs a prayer or two. A little prayer doesn't hurt for any of us.

Rebecca Novak left for Mankato on Sunday New Year's Day to beat the storm.

Her report this morning said that it was raining pretty hard, and roads and sidewalks were slippery. The storm that is happening south of us is known to dump another foot of snow, but it could be farther south of Mankato. When it is over, we will know who gets the big dump.

We can't complain though. Generally, it is well below zero when the New Year arrives. We lucked out this year.

Some famous people have died over the holidays. Pope Emeritus Benedict the XVI died after his health took a turn for the worse. Barbara Walters, the news giant and first lady of the View television show also died. They will be missed. A big vote today will happen in the House of Representatives for speaker. These events will affect the future of our government.

We hope the new year will be a great one for each and every one of you. Happy New Year.



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