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A tree branch with the start of Hoar Frost. Photo courtesy of Sue Smith.



Tree branches at the peak of the frost. Some areas measured up to two inches thick with frost. Photo courtesy of Sue Smith.



Heavy frost covered power lines and caused outages across the region.

Beauty and the Beast, the story of Winter in Northern Minnesota

A “perfect storm” of weather conditions led to an uncommon and breathtaking view for those in the area, Hoar Frost. What made this specific frost so mesmerizing was the duration. It was day after day, waking up feeling like we were living in a snow globe, hoping the fragile fragments of ice would hang on just a little longer. The frost was the subject of hundreds of beautiful photos, as well as the subject of concern for power outages.

The lack of wind was a major factor in the frost lingering on trees, power lines, and other structures. Steady conditions, perfect for Hoar Frost, led to what could likely be the most impressive display any of us will see in our lifetimes. Social media, the news and talk around area was all about frost for days. Whether folks were admiring the majesty or concerned about the heavy frost's impact on the power lines, it was a hot topic while it lasted. So what exactly is Hoar Frost and how does it happen?

Hoar frost is a type of feathery frost that forms as a result of specific climatic conditions. The word ‘hoar’ comes from old English and refers to the old age appearance of the frost: the way the ice crystals form makes it look like white hair or a beard.

Ground frost forms when the air is still and cold, usually on clear winter nights. Water vapor in the air condenses on solid surfaces, and as the surface temperature drops below 32°F, ice crystals form.

Hoar frost requires slightly different conditions. It forms when the water vapor in the air comes into contact with solid surfaces that are already below freezing point. Ice crystals form immediately, and the ice continues to grow as more water vapor is frozen. On a still night, it can grow well on tree branches, where the surface temperature is unlikely to rise above zero for several hours. Luckily for us, several days with little to no wind made for very large sums of Hoar Frost. Some local residents said they measured up to two inches on tree branches in their yard!

The size of the frost that forms depends on how much water vapor is available to ‘feed’ the ice crystals as they grow. Hoar frost has a distinctive appearance as it forms hair-like or feathery structures as it grows.

After days of still, serene beauty, the wind inevitably came and much of the frost was gone in the blink of an eye.

A downside of the Hoar Frost was damage of power lines. Per Red Lake Electric Cooperative Facebook page, they service 2,300 miles of overhead power lines, meaning this frost was quite a challenge for them.

Another thought to ponder is the impact the heavy snow we have already, and how that could affect things come Spring time. The flooding, the drought the previous year and the heavy snow fall this year leave us all wondering how things will play out. If living in Minnesota can teach us anything, it's that rolling with the punches is sometimes the only option. Below is an article from the University of Minnesota regarding this winter's weather and the potential impact it will have later in the year.

Could above average snowfall provide drought relief in Minnesota?

Although some homeowners and commuters in Minnesota consider heavy snowfall an inconvenience, many are hoping this season's above average snow totals will provide drought relief in many parts of the state, after difficult years in 2021 and 2022.

Jeff Strock, a professor at the U of M's Southwest Research and Outreach Center, provides expert comment on how heavy snowfall is expected to impact soil and drought in 2023.

Jeff Strock, Ph.D. “While above average snowfall may be perceived as a positive for addressing drought, the reality is that it depends. It's important to remember that snow is not as effective as rain for addressing drought conditions. As a rule of thumb, only about 25% of the water from melting snow will infiltrate the soil.

In most areas of Minnesota, the ground is frozen. The official frost depth as of Tuesday, January 3 at the Southwest Research & Outreach Center in Lamberton was 22 inches, which is similar to the same time last year. If the spring snowmelt is fast and the ground is still frozen, very little if any moisture available from the snow will get into the soil for recharge. A fast melt in the spring, on frozen soil, could result in localized flooding, however, there is a lot of storage capacity in rivers, marshes and sloughs because they dried up during the drought.

If the spring thaw is relatively slow, some of the moisture from the melting snow will infiltrate the soil. A slow spring melt would help provide decent conditions for planting



and germination of seed.”

Jeff Strock is a professor in the Department of Soil, Water & Climate and works at the Southwest Research and Outreach Center. His areas of interest include soil hydrology, water quality and fertility. His research and outreach activities focus on soil hydrology, agricultural drainage and nutrient management in agricultural systems.

A Lasting Tradition Continues in Red Lake Falls

The annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will be held in Red Lake Falls at the High School Gymnasium on Sunday January 22. This is the local contest for ages 9-10-11-12-13-14 boys and girls. The contest begins at 1:00 with practice time in the gym at 12:30. Winners will receive a trophy and will advance to the District Competition. A medal will be awarded to the 2nd and 3rd place finishers and all will receive a certificate of participation. The 9-10 and 11 year old boys and girls will shoot with a girls' ball from 3 feet in front of the normal free throw line. Girls ages 12-14 will use a girls' ball from the normal free throw line and boys 12-14 will shoot with a boys' ball from the free throw line. Competitions continue from local to District to Regional to State as well as International. Registration forms can be picked up in any of the Red Lake County schools. For further information, contact Steve Phillon: 218-686-3608

New Year brings new Auditor for Red Lake County



Kelsey Gervais, Red Lake County Auditor

Kelsey Gervais is the daughter of Jerry and Pam Nelson. She lives in Red Lake Falls with her husband Jordon and their two children Zoey and Clayton. She is a Lafayette High School graduate. Prior to working at Red Lake County, Kelsey was employed by Phil Thompson and Associates in Crookston, MN for 7 years as an Accountant.

Bob was excellent at working with citizens of Red Lake County. Often times he would help those in need to develop payment plans for taxes when traditional payment methods were not an option. He was also

instrumental in keeping the tax levy for Red Lake County at low levels compared to surrounding counties for several years. Bob gave 28 years of service to his county. His devotion to his position earned him respect with many and his presence will be missed by those who worked closely with him.

The County Auditor's office provides passport services, works with delinquent taxes, is responsible for elections, and monitors all county department financial functions.

Congratulations to Bob on a wonderful career and welcome to Kelsey Gervais.

Pictured above: Trees covered in Hoar Frost at the Jon and Sue Smith home. The amount of frost is said to be more than most have seen in their lifetime. The beauty was accompanied by the pain of losing power at times, due to power lines breaking or touching under the weight of the Hoar Frost. Aside from the damage to power lines, the event seems to have lifted spirits, as there were many mentions of how pretty it was!

Calendar of Events

Wed, Jan. 11:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, Jan. 12:
- 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. 13:
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Jan. 14:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!

Sun, Jan. 15:
-Worship at the church – check inside for church times and places.

Mon, Jan. 16:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

Tue, Jan. 17:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.

Wed, Jan. 18:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.



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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 Schedules

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

Thursday, Jan 12

Basketball: Girls JH
Game 4:30PM, JV 6PM,
Varsity, 7:30PM @ Warren-Alvarado-Oslo High School

Friday, Jan 13

Basketball: Boys JH
Game 4:30PM vs. Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ Red Lake Falls Elementary
Basketball: Boys C
Game 5:00PM, JV 6PM,
Varsity 7:30PM vs. Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ Red Lake Falls High School

Monday, Jan 16

Basketball: Girls JH
Game 4:30PM Away vs. Goodridge-Grygla
Basketball: Girls JV
Game 6:00PM, Varsity 7PM vs. Win-E-Mac @ Oklee

Tuesday, Jan 17

Basketball: Girls JV
Game 6:00PM, Varsity 7:30PM @ Northern Freeze High School

Thursday, Jan 19

Basketball: Boys JH
Game 4:30PM @ Fertile-Beltrami High School

Friday, Jan 20

Basketball: Girls JH
Game 4:30PM vs. Win-E-Mac @ Plummer
Basketball: Boys C
Game 5:00PM, JV 6PM, Varsity 7:30PM @ Win-E-Mac High School
Basketball: Girls JV
Game 6:00PM, Varsity 7:30PM @ Sacred Heart High School

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The Oklee High School Choir performed for the community last week under the direction of Mrs. Krista Bernstein. After a brief pause in the music program at RLCC, the program returned strong as ever this year for a wonderful performance.

Boosters Benefit All Students at RLCC

The RLCC Boosters need your help with concessions. Every year, the Boosters work hard at providing important financial help for school activities and reimbursing student fees for athletics and activities.

Since 2011, the RLCC Boosters have reimbursed parents at least \$28,000 for sports and activity fees. Since 2020, the Boosters have purchased senior banners, which proudly display our seniors at their graduation ceremony.

This year the RLCC Boosters provided a fan bus for the Rebel football playoff game at the Fargodome! The Boosters help with various equipment for our athletic teams, for example, wrestling mats for our elementary wrestling team, an ice machine, various scoreboards at the softball field,

football field, and Plummer gym. The Boosters have helped with our gym banners, drama equipment, and new chairs in both the Plummer and Oklee gyms.

Parents, grandparents, and all community members over sixteen years old are invited to help with a fun-filled evening of helping all students at RLCC. Pick a date and contact Kelly Melin or Shannon Moen.

Available shifts include:
1/17(Plummer)-need 1 more volunteer
1/27(Plummer)-need 3 volunteers
2/10(Plummer)-need 1 more volunteer
2/14(Oklee)-need 1 more volunteer
2/16(Oklee)-need 3 volunteers
2/24(Oklee)-need 1 more volunteer



Marissa Thomas fights for the ball in Mustang Basketball action last week.

Eat. Sleep. Hoop. Repeat: Girls Basketball

Update by Carly Vettleson and Lily Hager

On December 9th 2022, the Mustangs faced the Stephen Argyle Storm in Argyle. Jamie Flatgard the lead scorer with 12 points and Quinn Graves 8 points and 3 deflections.

On December 12th 2022, the Lady Mustangs played against the Sacred Heart Eagles at home. The game's final score ended 61-36 the Eagles. Marissa Thomas 9 points, Shawna Majeres, Paige Olson, Carlee Whalen, and Jamie Flatgard all ending the game with 5 points.

On December 19th 2022, the Mustangs played against the Fosston Greyhounds at home. The game ended in a final score of 56-36 in favor of the Greyhounds. Shawna Majeres ended the game with 10 points, Marissa Thomas 8 points, and Paige Olson 6 points.

January 5th of 2023 started the new year with a game against the Mahnomen Wau-

bun Thunderbirds in Oklee. The game's final score ended 53-34 in favor of the Thunderbirds. Marissa Thomas with the leading score of 11 points, Jamie Flatgard with 6 points, Shawna Majeres 4 points, and Quinn Graves with 8 rebounds.

The Mustangs host the Goodridge-Grygla Chargers on Monday, January 9, 2023 in Plummer. On January 10th, the Mustangs will take on the Eagles in Red Lake Falls at the Robert Matzke Gym. On Thursday the Mustangs travel to Warren to take on the Ponies.

Next week on January 16th, the girls will host the Win-E-Mac Patriots in Oklee, travel to the Northern Freeze on the 17th, and travel to East Grand Forks to play Sacred Heart on January 20th. The girls are coached by Mr. Mitch Bernstein, Mr. Kory Baril, and Mr. Paul Nelson.

Court is in Session: Rebel record is a steady 4-4

By Lily Hager and Carly Vettleson

On December 19th 2022, our Rebel boys played Sacred Heart in Red Lake Falls. The game ended with a score of 64-54 in favor of Sacred Heart. Conner Duden finished the night with 21 points, Owen Chevestad with 10 points and three assists, and both Gerald Melin and Chase Nelson with 8 points.

The Rebels traveled to Cass Lake to play the Cass Lake-Bena Panthers on December 20th. It was a close first half with it ending 35-32 in favor of the Panthers. The Rebels played hard to try to win the game, but ended with a score of 89-70 in favor of the Panthers. Gerald Melin scored 27 points while Owen Chevestad had 21 points, 10 assists and 1 block.

On January 3rd 2023, our Rebel boys played against the Crookston Pirates in Red Lake Falls. They came out with a terrific win ending the game with a score of 97-40. Conner Duden with 25 points, Owen Chevestad with 17 points, 10

assists, and 8 steals. Gerald Melin ended the game with 13 points and Will Gieseke also with 13 points and 5 assists..

On January 5th, the Rebels traveled to Northern Freeze. At half time, The Rebels would lead 27-23 and would finish the game with a 35-30 win. Gerald Melin led the Rebels with 18 points Connor Duden had 14 points and 4 assists, and Will Gieseke had 13 points and 5 assists.

This week the Rebels will travel to East Grand Forks on January 9 to take re-match the Eagles. On January 10, the Rebels will take on the Clearbrook/Gonvick Bears in Clearbrook. On Friday the 13th, the Rebels hope to spook the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo Ponies in Red Lake Falls. The Rebels will not play again until January 20th, when they travel to Win-E-Mac to play the Patriots. The Rebels are Coached by Mr. Steve Philion, Mr. Randy Huie, and Mr. Pete Hagl.



Ethan Johnson grabs the ball during Rebel basketball match up against the Crookston Pirates.



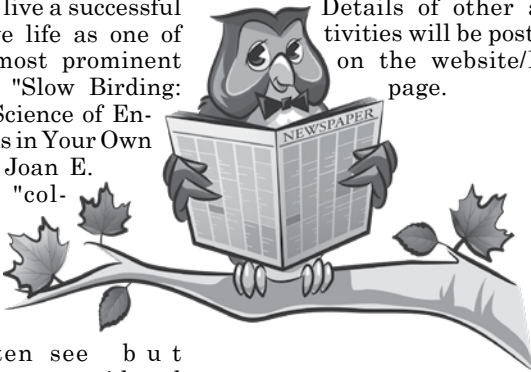
Luke Peterson applies pressure while the Rebels defend against the Pirates.

Red Lake Falls Library

New adult nonfiction titles include "The Pirate's Wife: the Remarkable True Story of Sarah Kidd" by Daphne Palmer Geanacopoulos: "Sarah Kidd, a well-to-do woman whose extraordinary life is a lesson in reinvention and resourcefulness. Twice widowed by age 21 and operating within the strictures of polite society in 17th & 18th-century New York, Sarah secretly aided and abetted her husband, fighting alongside him against his accusers. More remarkable still was that Sarah not only survived the tragedy wrought by her infamous husband's deeds, but went on to live a successful and productive life as one of New York's most prominent citizens;" and "Slow Birding: The Art and Science of Enjoying the Birds in Your Own Backyard" by Joan E. Strassmann: "colorful stories of the most common birds to be found in the US — birds we often see but might not have considered

deeply before. This essential guide to the fascinating world of common, everyday birds features detailed portraits of individual bird species, advice and guidance on what to look for when slow birding, so that you can uncover clues to the reasons behind specific bird behaviors, and bird-focused activities that will open your eyes more to the fascinating world of birds."

The adult winter reading program "Book Blizzard" gets underway on January 17 and runs through March 18. Adults (age 18 and older) can register for weekly and grand prizes. Details of other activities will be posted on the website/FB page.



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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.)



The Farmer's Wife a moving plains tribute

If you live anywhere in the Upper Midwest, particularly with our recent blizzard, you can understand the value of a handmade quilt.

Quilting is the subject of a wonderful book, *The Farmer's Wife: Homestead Medallion Quilt*, by Laurie Aaron Hird of Shullsburg, Wis. The book, one of a series, was inspired by Ada Melville Shaw, whose own story is both intriguing and inspiring.

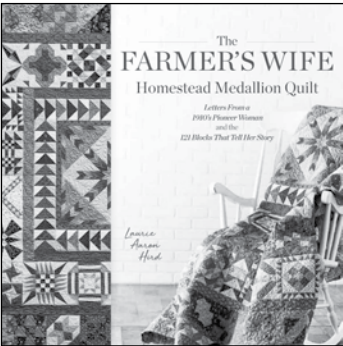
Shaw was virtually found on a doorstep Nov. 24, 1862, on Montreal, Canada. At age 18 she moved to Winona, Minn., where she taught school. She next journeyed to Chicago to find work as a journalist. She married in 1894 but her husband died eight years later, leaving no children.

A widow the rest of her days, Ada later moved to Montana where she lived with her friend Margaret Sudduth in Yellowstone County before homesteading on her own near Nesterville, Mt., an unincorporated town in western Fremont County that fell in decline as homesteaders left the area around 1920.

It was there that Ada com-

plied the journal that forms the narrative of *The Farmer's Wife*. Through her own grit, gristle and the help of kindly neighbors, Ada was able to prove up her homestead over five years before permanently leaving in 1915 for a permanent position with *The Farmer's Wife* magazine in St. Paul, Minn.

Ada's narrative tells of life on the High Plains, an unforgiving place where she experienced drought, blizzards and hail that destroyed her oat crop. Still, she hung on,



The Farmer's Wife: Homestead Medallion Quilt
Laurie Aaron Hird
Interweave Books
ISBN 978-1-4402-4902-0
\$28.99

despite the odds against a middle-aged widow in a raw, alien environment.

Ada's description of her homestead set amid the sprawling Montana landscape is absolutely breathtaking:

"Or, feeling chilled to the bone, hours before dawn, to brew coffee and fry bacon and then with the dog, out of doors to watch the morning star lift the sun over the horizon while the mountain shoulders, draped in dusky velvet, ermine trimmed, glimmered against the purple night sky of the west."

Sadly, the same rugged landscape Ada found so inspiring led to her leaving:

"...that storm - which was but the fifth of the seven that terrified us that summer - brought me to the final decision to close the Plains chapter."

Hird includes an array of quilt patterns and instructions, all inspired by Ada's narrative which alone is worth the price of the book.

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

Red Lake County Sheriff Weekly News Release

On 12/29/22, after further investigation into a complaint of snow from a private residence getting piled onto 3rd St. in Red Lake Falls, John Bennett Thibert (62) of Red Lake Falls was cited for misdemeanor obstructing a public right of way and unlawful deposit of snow on a public roadway.

On 12/30/22, the Cass County Sheriff's Office in Fargo, ND reported that Jeffrey Francis Bonham Jr. (35) of Red Lake Falls was going to be released from their jail. Red Lake County held an active gross misdemeanor warrant for a domestic assault charge. A Red Lake County deputy transported Mr. Bonham to the jail in Crookston. He appeared in court earlier this week and remains in custody at the time of this release.

On the afternoon of 01/02/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a vehicle stuck in a snowbank along Hamilton Ave. in Red Lake Falls. A Red Lake County deputy located the vehicle and arrested the driver for suspicion of DWI. Arthur James Paulson (63) of Grand Forks was taken to the jail in Crookston and booked for gross misdemeanor DWI test refusal. He appeared in Court on 01/04/23 and cash bail was set at \$500. He remains in custody at this time.

On the afternoon of 01/03/23, Ethan Wade Housey (21) of Oklee was cited for misdemeanor expired motor vehicle registration and no proof of current motor vehicle insurance on CR. #5 in Oklee.

On the evening of 01/03/23, Faith Sophieann Larson (20) of Fosston was cited for possession of a small amount of marijuana on Hwy. #59 in Brooks.

On the morning of 01/04/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of possible vulnerable adult abuse. That case is under investigation.

On the evening of 01/05/23, Jaye Allan Pyatte (31) of Red Lake Falls was cited for misdemeanor expired driver's license and no proof of current motor vehicle insurance on Main Ave. in Red Lake Falls.

Mitch Bernstein, Red Lake County Sheriff: 01/06/23

Who's Dat?



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This week's photo is of a couple from north of Oklee are celebrating an anniversary and their children were all present

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 congregating 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 can-

celed due to weather, or other reasons.

Wednesday: Cards at 1:30 p.m.

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

Snow Facts:

Because snow is so fluffy (meaning it's chock full of air), a relatively small amount of water can translate into a huge pile of snow. An inch of rain on average makes about 10 inches of snow. The biggest snowfalls on record are hard to compare, but the Great Snow of 1717 dropped about 3 to 4 feet (0.9 to 1.2 meters) on Boston inhabitants, with some drifts reaching 25 feet (7.6-m), according to the National Snow and Ice Data Center.

Snowflakes form when water droplets in the clouds freeze to form a six-sided crystal structure. As the temperature cools, more water vapor freezes and grows in branches from the six sides of the seed crystal.

Have a great week!

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Tri-River Pioneer members met Monday, the 2nd at the Museum at p.m. Some of the items discussed were that they would like to do another tractor Train like in 2022. Also, they may seed soybeans out west this spring. The tractor coloring contest will be coming up at Plummer and Goodridge Elementary schools. Jarrod Larson became a new member Monday evening.

On Tuesday, January 3rd Loretta Hess celebrated her 90th birthday at her apartment building in Thief River Falls. Linda and Neal Mattison provided the lunch of subs, potato salad and cupcakes. Alice Jobe and Anna DeHate attended it. Also Clarence and Diane Dahl from east of Middle River.

On Thursday, December 29th, Anne Traxler's guests from Christmas dinner were daughter, also her daughter

Karen, Will and Xander Carter from Bluffton, South Carolina. Also, son bob, Brody, and Brielle Traxler and Haley Smeby. Also siblings Harold and Elaine Skreland from the Cities, Gloria and Bill Niswonger from Walker, MN; Marenn and Don Schiller. Xander and Brody had fun snowmobiling while here.

New Year's Eve, Alice Jobe and Anna DeHate went to eat at Carol's Cozy. The salad bar was included with the supper. They had a large turnout. They served shrimp, chicken, and pork chops. Lynn and Roger Gallant also were with. Afterwards, they went driving around in the country and saw several deer.

On Thursday, Wilma Arlt, Anna DeHate, Anne Traxler, and Alice Jobe went to Moran's in Winger for the salad bar buffet, hot ham & cheese sandwich and BBQ's were also

served. It was a beautiful drive with the frosty trees.

I've been working on a puzzle. I'll finish today. Thursday. It's been a tough one with two seals and a ball and the night sky. It's 750 pieces. But still fun.

Have a good week. Be careful when you're outside, driveways and sidewalks.

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Sounds like multiplication?

Guess again. It's newspaper talk for a one column by 2 inch ad. Too small to be effective? You're reading this one!!!

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Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Well after 15 votes, Kevin McCarthy is Speaker of the House of Representatives. In my lifetime, I never have seen this many vote for speaker. It was interesting to watch. Some of the most dramatic television, these days, is watching action in the government. Who would have thought that was the case?

Now Prince Harry is spilling his tears all over our living rooms over the fight he has with the aristocracy of Great Britain. I think I am tired of hearing of the petty jealousy of Harry and Megan. He married who he married because he loved her (presumably) and now he is kicked out of the family. He is not a six-year-old, and I feel that he prefers to be thought of as a royal even though he rejected the royal way of life. Now he is airing his petty thoughts on air. It makes him look small in my eyes. He is making money hand over fist with this ploy.

In our neck of the woods the hoar frost on the trees last week was the subject of thousands of photos. It was so magical and seemingly the go-to thing to photograph because I saw hundreds of photos of the frost. It was beautiful and we are better because we saw it. It reminded me of deer antlers in the summer when they are in velvet. Every little twig was three or four times their size with the frost on them. What a wonderful world we live in. Many of us have never seen hoar frost this beautiful in our lifetimes.

Reinette Walter of Plum-

mer, Walter Novak, of Brooks, and Jerome Novak of Brooks, went to the wedding reception of their grand-nephew Dylan Novak, and his new bride Kylee in into North Dakota on Friday evening. Leonard Novak and Marilyn also went to this shindig. Also attending were Anita and Jack Mattson of Bismarck North Dakota. Congratulations to you Both Dylan and Kylee.

On January 7, Dana and Scott Parsley went to the home of Deb and Randy Versdahl in Red Lake Falls to celebrate Christmas dinner with Dana's folks.

If people in Red Lake Falls would like their news in the paper call me at 218-698-4296. I am home most of the time, so don't be shy of what you want in the paper. Give me a call.

The Vikings won and the NDSU Bison lost. It was a big question as to how people were

going to watch football on tv this Sunday. Both games were on at the same time. It was a toss-up as to which game to watch. This was the discussion at coffee and rolls after church. Everyone thought that the neck movement would have to be oiled up for the day.

It seems that our snowbirds are headed south already. A few are already gone and more will be on their way soon. I hope they enjoy the sand and dirt of the south, but I still like it here. It isn't always bone chilling cold like it was before Christmas. In fact, a day like today is rather refreshing. We live in a great place in Minnesota, and I am grateful for the friendliness of our communities. They just can't be beat.

Have a great week and don't forget to plant a tree. Smile at someone it will make you feel better.

Oklee MOONLIGHTERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB
55th SAFARI RIDE / FAMILY DAY
~ SATURDAY ~
January 21, 2023
Meet at Noon; Leave at 1:00 pm
Door Prizes
at **T.J.'s Tavern, Oklee, MN**
Join us for a Ride Return to Oklee by 6:00 pm ~ Music to follow ~

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