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“Love Conquers All”

By: Darlene Sawyer

Sam and Dorothy Walton of rural Gully were special guest speakers at the Samhold Lutheran Church Ladies' Aid in Gonvick on February 16, 2023. The theme of their program was “Love Conquers All” as Dorothy and Sam were the special speakers relating to their harrowing experience with Covid. After President Eileen Lien conducted a short business meeting, the Waltons spoke to the large audience.

The Waltons' saga began on December 10, 2021, when Dorothy suffered from severe cold symptoms.

Since she is a nurse at Bemidji Public Health, she tested positive on the Covid test and was given an infusion. She was admitted to the Fosston hospital because of lack of oxygen, but her symptoms kept getting worse, and she was transferred to Essentia Hospital in Fargo on December 15th, 2021. She doesn't have any memory of the experience at Essentia and “woke up” February 7, 2022, unable to walk or move. The

next step toward recovery was physical therapy, which she still does.

During her hospital stay in Fargo, Dorothy's husband Sam (of nearly 42 years) was her faithful advocate during the entire time. Sam explained to the crowd, “I prayed a lot and the Lord promised me that Dorothy would be o.k. God also told me that he would heal Dorothy. Three of the doctors there at Essentia kept insisting that we “pull the plug” on Dorothy because her lungs were not functioning. I refused to give them permission. They tried to ‘bully’ me into the decision. They even tried to convince our three adult children-Jesse, Josh, and Zach-that they should do that. I went out into our woods and prayed to God again to save my precious wife. God again promised that he would. Her lungs began improving and she started coming out of her nightmare coma in February. We are so grateful to God for our miracle.”

Dorothy added, “One of our biggest messages from our experience is how amazing God

is. God was totally wonderful to heal me. It is hard for me to not be tearful when I tell our story and the experience was hard on our kids. I'm also grateful to all the people praying for me, too. (It still seems unreal and I still cry.) I give all the glory to God. It was truly a miracle!” Dorothy (who is an '80 graduate of Gonvick High School) is back at her nursing job at Bemidji Public Health where she has worked for 22 years. Sam continues farming and constructing pole barns.

Following the program, coffee and goodies were served by the February 2023 group of Samhold ladies.

Ferguson Earns Trip to State



Damon Ferguson will wrestle at the State Tournament for the TRF/RLCC co-op in his individual weight class. Ferguson has previous appearances in both the team and individual tournament. Wrestling action is this weekend in St. Paul.

Youth bring hope to the future of Mustang Wrestling



Pictured above: The Mustang Youth Wrestling team poses with their 2nd place trophy from team wrestling competition in Fertile. The youth program currently has approximately 25 participants, which shows a bright future for Mustang wrestling.

What happened to RLCC Mustang varsity wrestling?

For those who are unaware, the Mustang wrestling team has combined with the Thief River Falls Prowlers wrestling team. The Mustangs had only a few wrestlers remaining in the program and their weights were very spread out, which led to the decision to co-op with the Prowlers starting in the 2021-2022 season. In that season, the Prowlers went on to place at the team state tournament, where Paul DeHate and Damon Ferguson would wrestle for their team.

What is the plan for the future of Mustang wrestling?

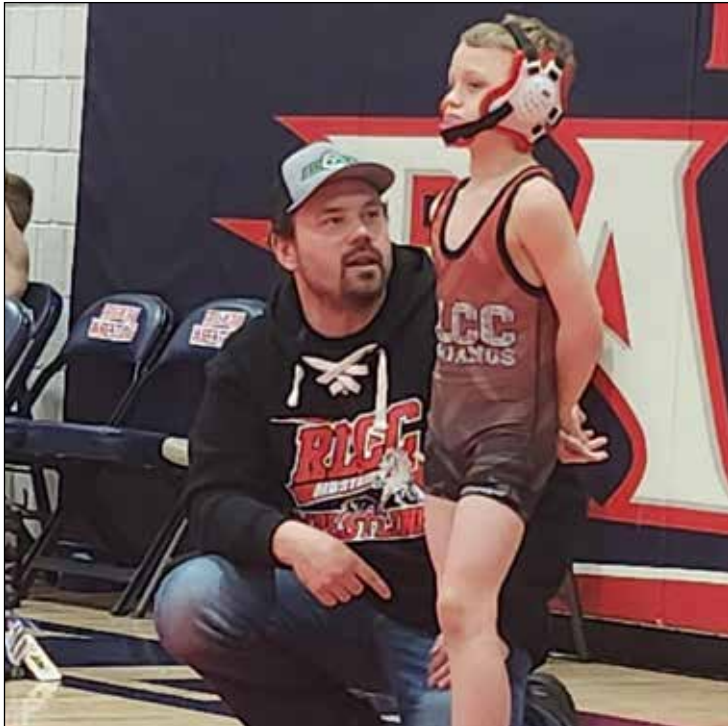
The end goal is to have the varsity program return to RLCC. For this to happen there will need to be stronger participation numbers. There

are currently two wrestlers in the Prowler varsity program from RLCC; Damon Ferguson (12th) and Eli Magnell (9th). One potential phase that has been talked about for the return of varsity wrestling is to start a middle school program. Having a middle school program would give the opportunity to begin building the Mustang wrestling program back up and still allow participants in the co-op to finish their career over in TRF with wrestler their age and size, which is ultimately more beneficial to those athletes.

What does the RLCC Mustang youth wrestling program look like?

RLCC still has its youth program, which currently has about 25 participants from PreK through 6th grade. The Mustang youth program has some strong numbers coming up, which is a step in the right

direction. The process of coming back may take a few years but ultimately it all starts at the youth level. At this time there are no 6th graders in the youth program, but the 3rd-5th graders make up about 40% of the team. The youth program has had some great commitment by parents who have been attending many tournaments over the last few months. The youth team has even competed in a few team tournaments, covering nearly every weight class needed. RLCC youth wrestling is looking strong but is always happy to see new wrestlers join! Practices are held Tuesdays and Thursdays after school in Oklee from 3:30-5:30PM. If you have a son or daughter who would like to give it a try please feel free to reach out to Cameron Lundeen (218-689-9176) or Jesse Kruchowski (218-813-5037).



Pictured above: Coach Cameron Lundeen gives advice to Mustang Youth Wrestler ahead of a match. Cameron was a 2015 graduate of RLCC and coached the Mustang varsity team. He has high hopes for the future of the RLCC wrestling program, stating “The process of a varsity program coming back may take a few years, but ultimately it all starts at the youth level.”



Pictured above: Youth wrestlers gather for the first day of practice in December. Since then they have learned many new skills and done well in tournaments around the area.

Local students named to Dean's List at Bemidji State University and Northwest Technical College

Erin Jones was named to the Dean's List at Bemidji State University in Bemidji, MN for the fall 2022 semester.

Jones, from Oklee, (56742), was one of 647 students named to the Dean's List. To be eligible for the Dean's List, Bemidji State University students must be enrolled for at least 12 credits and earn a GPA between 3.5-3.99 during the semester. Students with a GPA of 4.0 will be published separately on the President's Honor Roll.

Gunnar Thompson was named to the Dean's List at Northwest Technical College in Bemidji for the fall 2022 semester.

A total of 104 students earned Dean's List honors from Northwest Technical College at the conclusion of the fall 2022 semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, NTC students must be enrolled for at least 12 credits and earn a 3.5 GPA during the semester.

Calendar of Events

Wed, Mar. 1:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Mar. 2:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
Fri, Mar. 3:
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Mar. 4:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, Mar. 5:
-Worship at the church – check inside for church times and places.
Mon, Mar. 6:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
Tue, Mar. 7:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
Wed, Mar. 8:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Weather Forecast	15°	21°	29°	32°
	-4°	11°	16°	11°
	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	33°	33°	28°	22°
	18°	13°	7°	3°

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Mar. 1: 7:00 p.m.
Lenten Service at Salem. 6:00 p.m. meal served.

Sun, Mar. 5: 9:00 a.m. Zion,
10:30 a.m. SS. 10:30 a.m. Sa-
lem, 9:00 a.m. SS.

Wed, Mar. 8: 7:00 p.m.
Lenten Service at Salem. 6:00 p.m. meal served. Chime Choir practice.

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

Wed, Mar. 1: 6:30 p.m. Soup and sandwich at Immanuel. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship at Immanuel.

Sun, Mar. 5: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:15 a.m. SS at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH

Bethany–Ekelund–Faith

Wed, Mar. 1: 12:20 p.m. Release Time.

Sun, Mar. 5: 8:00 a.m. Ekelund Worship. 9:30 a.m. Faith Worship. 11:00 a.m. Bethany Worship.

Mon, Mar. 6: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Faith Quilting.

Wed, Mar. 8: 12:20 p.m. Release Time.

Deadline:
Fridays at noon!

ATTENTION

RED LAKE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS AND POTENTIAL STARTUP ENTERPRISES

The Red Lake County Economic Development Corporation can help you start your own business or expand an existing one. We are here to assist with a ten (10) year loan for an amount up to \$30,000 at 2% APR. The business must be located in Red Lake County.

For more information, contact the Red lake County Economic Development home office at 1-218-253-2897. Allen Bertilrud 218-684-1315, Dave Ste. Marie 218-686-4019 or Kelsey Gervais 218-686-5114.

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Legal

STATE OF MINNESOTA IN DISTRICT COURT

CIVIL DIVISION COUNTY OF RED LAKE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

OTHER CIVIL (Action to Determine Adverse Claims)

Dennis Piche and Debra Piche,
Court File No: **63-CV-22-204**
Plaintiffs,

vs.

Piche Farms; Clifford Piche, the unknown heirs of Clifford Piche; George Piche, also known as George Theodore Piche, the unknown heirs of George Piche; Lumena Piche, the unknown heirs of Lumena Piche; Joseph Parenteau, the unknown heirs of Joseph Parenteau; Elmer Piche, the unknown heirs of Elmer Piche also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest, or lien in the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants.

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You, and each of you, are hereby summoned and required to serve upon plaintiffs' attorney an answer to the Complaint which is on file in the office of the Court Administrator of the above named Court, within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

This action involves, affects, and brings into question real property situated in the County of Red Lake, State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:

The Northeast Quarter (NE1/4); the North Half of the Northwest Quarter (N1/2 NW1/4), and the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW1/4 NW1/4), all in Section Sixteen (16), Township One Hundred Fifty (150), Range Forty-three (43) West of the 5th P.M. in Red Lake County, Minnesota; AND The Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section Nine (9), Township One Hundred Fifty (150), Range Forty-three (43) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian in Red Lake County, Minnesota, less the following described tract:

Excepted Tract:
The North 100 feet of the North 1120 feet of the West 435 feet in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4 SW1/4), Section 9, Township One Hundred Fifty (150), Range Forty-three (43) West of the 5th P.M. in Red Lake County, Minnesota. Subject to all easements, reservations and restrictions of record.

The object of this action is to obtain a judgment that the plaintiffs are the owners in fee of the above described property, and that none of the said defendants have any estate or interest therein or lien thereon.

Notice Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 543.22

Minnesota General Rule of Practice 114.01 provides that, "All civil cases are subject to Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) processes, except for those actions enumerated in Minn. Stat. 484.76 and Rules 111.01 and 310.01 of these rules." These processes are set forth in Rules 114.01 through 114.13 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice for District Courts. This notice shall not modify or abrogate the Defendants requirement to provide a formal answer to the Complaint within the time period specified above.

DATED: 10-6-2022

HANSON LAW OFFICE, P.C.

BY: /s/ Elroy Hanson

Elroy Hanson, Attorney for Plaintiffs
P.O. Box 340, Mahanomen, MN 56557
(218) 935-2266 / (218) 935-2267 FAX
Atty License No: 155123

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The undersigned and the party I represent hereby acknowledge that costs, disbursements, and reasonable attorney and witness fees may be awarded pursuant to M.S.A. 549.211, to the party against whom the allegations in this pleading are asserted.

/s/ Elroy Hanson

Elroy Hanson

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Notice of Chester Township Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Chester Township, County of Polk, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

In case of inclement weather, the meeting may be postponed until the third Tuesday, March 21, 2023. The Annual Meeting will commence at 10:00 a.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the following location:
Chester Town Hall

Pam O'Neill, Town Clerk
Town of Chester

O50-51C

STATE OF MINNESOTA IN DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF RED LAKE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Other Civil

Delmer O. Nesland
Court File No. 63-CV-23-10
Plaintiffs,

vs.

Omer J. Nesland, Myra K. Nesland, the heirs of Omer J. Nesland and Myra K. Nesland, including Debbra Swanson, Mark Nesland, and Myrna Nord, the heirs of Myrna Nord, including David Nord and Julie Hanson, and any unknown heirs of Omer J. Nesland, Myra K. Nesland and Myrna Nord, and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest, or lien in the real property described in the Complaint herein, Defendants.

SUMMONS

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

Omer J. Nesland, Omer J. Nesland, Myra K. Nesland, the heirs of Omer J. Nesland and Myra K. Nesland, including Debbra Swanson, Mark Nesland, and Myrna Nord, the heirs of Myrna Nord, including David Nord and Julie Hanson, and any unknown heirs of Omer J. Nesland, Myra K. Nesland and Myrna Nord, and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest, or lien in the real property described in the Complaint herein.

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiffs have started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiffs' Complaint against you is on file in the office of the Court Administrator of the above-named Court. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this Summons.

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this Summons a written response called an Answer within 20 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Summons located at:

Ilhe Sparby & Haase PA
312 Main Avenue North
P.O. Box 574
Thief River Falls, MN 56701

3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiffs' Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiffs should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS. If you do not answer within 20 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiffs everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.

5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

7. THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY located in Marshall County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:

The Northeast Quarter (NE¼) and the Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of Section Twenty-eight (28), Township One Hundred Fifty-two (152) North of Range Forty (40) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian.

8. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the object of this action is to obtain a judgment declaring that Delmer O. Nesland is the owner in fee simple of the above described real property, and that none of the said defendants have any right, title, estate, interest, or lien in or upon the said real property.

Notice is further given that no personal claim is made by plaintiff against any of the defendants.

Dated: January 25, 2023

Ilhe Sparby & Haase PA

/s/ Nathan Haase

Nathan Haase, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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Red Lake County Commissioner's Minutes

Pursuant to adjournment of its last meeting, the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the Courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on January 24, 2023 at 10:00 am.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Remick called the meeting to order. Commissioners present were Chuck Flage, Tony Gerardy and Allen Remick. Others present were Kelsey Gervais, Kyle Thibert, Mike Flaagan, Mike Lacoursiere, Kurt Casavan, Angela Lundeen, Crystal Philipp, Marit Martell, and Nick Knott. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Highway Engineer Mike Flaagan met with the board to discuss the proposed agreement with Canadian Pacific to allow the company to replace a railroad crossing located in the City of Oklee. The estimated cost is \$96,830.57. The County Highway Department will be responsible for \$28,330.57, with CP paying the remainder. The project is projected to begin in 2024. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Flage and carried unanimously to approve the agreement.

Environmental Officer Kurt Casavan met with the board for approval of the annual legal ditch assessments. The assessments increased by \$3,000 from the previous year from \$92,000 to \$95,000. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerardy and carried by unanimous vote to approve the payable 2023 legal ditch assessments and to authorize the County Auditor to levy such assessments for ditch maintenance purposes against the benefited property owners.

Environmental Officer Casavan proposed having a Joint County Ditch meeting in the future as one has not been held for some time. A date will be set at a later time.

2021 COUNTY AUDIT

Crystal Philipp and Marit Martell met with the board on behalf of Hoffman, Philipp, and Martell, PLLC to discuss the results of their 2021

COUNTY PROJECT – BIDS CLOSE Tuesday,

March 14th, 2023

**RED LAKE COUNTY
RED LAKE FALLS, MN
56750**

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS—Bids will be received until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, March 14th, 2023, by Kelsey Gervais, County Auditor, at the Auditor's Office in the Red Lake County Court House, 124 Langevin Ave, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750, for the construction of the project listed below. Bids will be opened publicly by Mike Flaagan, County Engineer, or a designated representative, on behalf of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners.

S.A.P. 063-599-031

Box Culvert Installation for Poplar River Township

The Major quantities of work include REMOVE PIPE CULVERT – 86 LIN. FT., AGGREGATE BASE CLASS 5 (CV) – 160 C.Y., STRUCTURE EXCAVATION – 1 LUMP SUM, 10 X 5 PRECAST CONCRETE BOX CULVERT END SECTION CL.1, 2 EACH, 10 X 5 PRECAST CONCRETE BOX CULVERT CL.1 – 40 LIN. FT., GRANULAR BACKFILL (CV) (P) – 160 C.Y., RANDON RIPRAP CLASS 3 – 160 C.Y., TRAFFIC CONTROL – 1 LUMP SUM, TURF ESTABLISHMENT – 1 LUMP SUM

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be accessed free of charge at the Red Lake County website <https://www.co.red-lake.mn.us/>. To proceed, you must navigate to the highway department page and look for "Projects in Bidding". Hard copy purchase is not required to bid as prime. Plans and Proposals may also be procured by purchase from the Red Lake County Highway Department, 204 7th Street Southeast, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750.

Complete Plans, Bid Proposals and Specifications:

Counter Price: \$50.00 (includes tax)

Mailed: \$58.00 (includes tax)

Bids must be accompanied by a cashier's check or bidder's bond made payable to the Red Lake County Treasurer in the amount of at least 5% of the total bid.

The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept any bid or reject any or all bids, waive irregularities, and award the contract in the best interest of Red Lake County.

Kelsey Gervais – Red Lake County Auditor

year end audit for the County. Their results showed the County was in good financial standing. A copy is available on the County's website and in the Auditor's office for public viewing.

EXPENDITURES

Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Flage and carried unanimously to approve commissioner warrants totaling \$263,580.92. A detailed listing is available in the Auditors Office or the county's website.

MINUTES

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerardy and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held January 3, 2023.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following commissioner/committee reports were shared:

Flage Minnesota Rural Counties, County Economic Development Board, Inter-County Nursing

Gerardy Inter

County Community Council

Remick Tri County Corrections, Northwest Regional Emergency Radio Board, Northwest Mental Health Center (Alluma), Association of Minnesota Counties

AUDITOR COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Auditor Kelsey Gervais met with the board to seek approval for Hoffman, Philipp, and Martell, PLLC to begin their audit of the 2022 fiscal year for Red Lake County. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerardy and carried unanimously.

Auditor Gervais presented a contract to the board from Brad Swenson on behalf of Brad's Lawn Care Service requesting to provide lawn mowing service for the courthouse and social service building over the next three years at \$140 each time. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerardy and carried unanimously to approve the contract.

The Association of Minnesota Counties requested the board appoint a member to the Health and Human Services Committee. Commissioner Remick volunteered for the position.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

HR Manager Angela Lundeen met with the board to discuss the County's ongoing search for a Highway Engineer. Lundeen requested approval to utilize advertising services from GovHR USA in order to increase the number of viewers reached. The board requested Lundeen provide an updated bid for approval at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Flage, seconded by Commissioner Gerardy and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:15p.m. The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:

Kelsey Gervais, County Auditor
Tony Gerardy, Vice Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Sudoku Solution

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

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Wednesday, March 1, 2023



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: Biscuit and gravy, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Pork fritter, mashed potatoes, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Bagels with cream cheese, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Pizza hotdish, breadstick, vegetable, fruit, yogurt or string cheese and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Pizza hotdish, breadstick, vegetable, fruit, yogurt or string cheese and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: BBQ, baked beans, pasta salad, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Cheese quesadilla, lettuce salad, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Pop tarts, string cheese, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Corn dog, mac n cheese, peas, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Crispy chicken wrap, lettuce and tomatoes, celery with peanut butter, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Scrambled eggs with ham, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Chili, cheese sandwich, carrots, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Turkey or ham and cheese on a bun, greenbeans, mac salad, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Long John, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Cheesy french bread, salad, fruit, and milk.

Red Lake Falls Library

Last week's winner of the Book Blizzard was Wanda Juhl. Patrons stopping by the library during the winter reading program are welcome to a complimentary "Let It Snow, I Have Books to Read" beverage coaster. Book Blizzard goes through March 18.

New adult nonfiction in Northwest Regional Library includes Nolo's "Home Business Tax Deductions: Keep What You Earn" by Stephen Fishman, J. D.; "The People's Tongue: Americans and the English Language" edited by Ilan Stavans; "Spare" by Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex; and in fiction, "Bone Canyon" by Lee Goldberg; "Unnatural History" by Jonathan Kellerman; "More Than Meets the Eye" by Iris Johansen and Roy Johansen; "Murder at Black Oaks" by Phillip Margolin; and "3 Days to Live" by James Patterson.

The Red Lake County Friends of the Library has been selected as first quarter recipient of donations collected at Unity Bank North in Red Lake Falls. Thank you to bank staff for selecting the FOL, and for the generous donations of their patrons.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest



Winners at the district, Knights of Columbus, free-throw contest: Aubrie Halvorson, Isabelle Paradis, Evann Philion, and Dylan Lundeen. Ethan Johnson, and Braylee Lundeen placed 2nd at Districts also. The winners will now advance to the regional Knights of Columbus free-throw contest on March 12. Congratulations and good luck!

January Students of the Month at RLCC HS



Student of the Month
By Kya Morinville

The January student of the month was presented to Damon Ferguson and Kendra Morinville.

Damon Ferguson was presented the 10th-12th grade student of the month award. He is the son of Troy and Nicole Ferguson. His favorite activities in and out of school are football, wrestling, clay target, and knowledge bowl. His plans for the future after school is to further his education at MSUM or BSU. Lastly, his favorite memory of high school was making it to the section championship in football and also making it to the state in wrestling. Damon was chosen student of the month because he is a dedicated student who does his best with every as-

signment and works hard in his extra curricular activities.

Kendra Morinville was presented the 7th-9th grade student of the month award. She is the daughter of Mark and Tracy Morinville. Her favorite activities include camping, boating, snowmobiling, and dirt biking. Some of her favorite hobbies that she likes to do outside of school consist of playing piano and playing guitar. Her favorite foods are pastas and seafood. Kendra is also involved in volleyball, and is also a figure skater. Kendra was chosen student of the month because she works hard in the classroom and is always helping other students.

Congratulations to both Damon and Kendra on their accomplishments. And good luck to them in their future!

RLCC Speech ranks highly at Lumberjack Invitational



Peyton Williams Excellent Ribbon in Poetry, Hannah Dudycha 1st place in Informative, and Mykyala Peterson 6th place in Creative writing. There were over 400 entrants at the Bemidji Lumberjack Invitational Saturday, February 25, 2023.



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Rebel Basketball looks to find their rhythm heading into playoffs

On February 11th 2023, the Rebel boys traveled to play Warren-Alvarado Oslo Ponies. The final score was 88-61 in favor of the Ponies. Owen Chervestad was the Rebel's leading scorer for the night with 19 points, 7 assists, and three steals. Gerald Melin with 18 points and 2 deflections. Chase Nelson had 9 points for the night.

On February 16th 2023, the Rebels played at home against the Fisher Climax Knights. The final score was 94-23 with a

nice win for the Rebels. Gerald Melin with 27 points, two assists, and three steals. Owen Chervestad with 18 points, 14 assists, and five steals. Chase Nelson was also one of the top scorers for the night with 14 points and three steals.

On February 17th 2023, the Rebel Boys traveled to Roseau to play the Rams. The boys won the game with a big score of 100-73. For the night Gerald Melin led the Rebels with the most points scored with 26 points and two assists. Only

a point behind, Will Gieseke 25, four assists, and five steals. Owen Chervestad with 13 points, 14 assists, and two blocks for the night.

On February 21st 2023, the Rebels played the Fertile Beltrami Falcons in Fertile. The final score was 79-67 in favor of the Falcons. Will Gieseke with 16 points and two steals for the night, Gerald Melin had 15 points. Owen Chervestad and John Powers both had 12 points. Chervestad also had 10 assists and two steals.

Pep Fest held for RLCC Athletes



The Mustang GBB team receives a pep-talk from assistant coach Kory Baril.



Members of the Mustang basketball team partake in a game during a pep fest.



Pictured above: Kate Moll, athletic director, addresses the Rebel basketball team at a pep fest held in Oklee.



Members of the Rebel basketball team, Prowler wrestling and Red Lake Falls Eagle hockey team, all students at RLCC high school, compete in a pep fest game.

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Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago March 5, 1943

The Legion made a house to house canvas last Saturday and they netted about 800 books and magazines in the Oklee area for the Victory Book campaign for the boys in service.

Playing at the Oak Theatre this week was "New York Town" featuring Fred McMurray, Mary Martin and Robert Preston. Later in the week: "Parachute Battalion" with Robert Preston and Nancy Kelly.

New column in the paper "Garden & Table" by the County Agent is suggesting you raise your own garden this summer as you may not be able to buy canned vegetables next winter if you do not.

Seventy Years Ago February 28, 1953

Last Friday night, Feb. 22, the Erskine Comets fell before the onslaught of the Oklee Bobcats by a score of 64-46. This was the last game of the season and the local Orange and Black were determined to finish it up in true Bobcat style.

Frank Lund Post of the American Legion scored a win over the McIntosh VFW Post in a whist tournament here Thursday night.

Three weeks of price clinics have been scheduled by the Duluth District Office of Price Stabilization to help merchants in the western section of Minnesota during March.

Sixty Years Ago

March 1, 1963

Schools in Red Lake County are now proudly displaying certificates for "Achievement in Tuberculosis Control" which were awarded recently following the Mantoux testing program which was conducted in the county last fall.

Farm families were honored at the Winter Shows - from our area were Pennington: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Peterson; East Polk: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ophus; Red Lake County: Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Huot.

They were calling it "Project Mercury" around here this week when temperatures lowered to minus 40. The mercury column in local thermometers only rarely lifted to something warmer than minus 20.

Forty Years Ago March 4, 1983

On February 26th, Gonvick traveled to Oklee to take on the Bobcats. Oklee was ahead in the 1st quarter but the Bulldogs edged the Bobcats 64-61 in overtime.

From the Sheriff's Report - There was an armed robbery of South Mobile in RLF on February 28th. There were two people involved and \$395 in cash was taken.

Thirty Years Ago February 26, 1993

First, Second and Third place winners in the Oklee Elementary Spelling Bee were Maria Austad, Tera Berberich and Quinn Bishop.

The Computer Aided Draft-

ing class of Oklee High School has just completed an activity in CO2 powered metric race cars. These cars were designed and made by the students, taught by Mr. Brad Borene.

The RLCC Mustangs traveled to Goodridge on February 11 to take on the Huskies. The game started off slowly with the Mustangs ahead by the end of the first quarter. By halftime, RLCC were behind with a score of 21-12. The Mustangs lost with a final score of 47-30.

Twenty Years Ago February 28, 2003

UMC to host a one-woman show about Coya Knutson was on the front page of the Oklee Herald. The program was written and performed by Kathy Ray.

Picture caption in the paper this week: No, it's not snow. With no real snowfall this winter and the high winds of February, the only drifts we see around here these days are black soil from the bare fields. Some ditches are filled level with the so-called "black gold."

The Senior Site has had an average of 50 or more Site members in to dine at the Oklee Café every other Tuesday evening throughout the winter months without worrying about the snow and cold windy weather that has not materialized.

Ten Years Ago February 29, 2013

The Oklee Volunteer Fire Department's Firemen's Blizzard Bonanza was a night of fun, food and entertainment on February 25th. Magician Brady Grove was part of the entertainment, showing off his skills as a talented magician. Tim Eggebraaten was the emcee and did a wonderful job keeping everyone amazed with his musical talent and his jokes to keep the laughter going.

RLCC Speech students Kevin Bray, Rachel Roue and Nathan Magnell placed in the Speech Meeting at East Grand Forks.

Madison Berns and Blake DeHate had a tough time using a plunger to propel their scooter around the pins during the Plunger/Scooter race for the RLCC Pep Fest.

The RLCC Mustang Girls were victorious over the Lake of the Woods Bears 45-37.

Notice of Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Lambert Township, County of Red Lake, State of Minnesota that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held Tuesday March 14, 2023. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election will be postponed until the third Tuesday, March 21, 2023 and if inclement weather also postpones the election and meeting on the third Tuesday, they shall be held on the fourth Tuesday of March, March 28, 2023.

The Election Poll hours will be open from 5pm - 8pm at which time the voters will elect:

One Supervisor
One Treasurer
And will vote on question:
Whether to move the Township Elections to November

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8pm to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Election and Meeting will be held at the following location:
Lambert Town Hall

Danielle Paradis, Town Clerk
Township of Lambert

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Senior Site News & Other Things

By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote
Site number: 218-796-5149

Senior Meals:

Until LSS renews the contract, we are ordering the meals from Red Lake Falls and we need to know the day before. Please call and let us know a couple of days before.

Oklee Senior Meals (LSS Meals) are available for Home Delivery from RLF, Monday-Friday - Contact Jo Lambert at 218-796-4527. If Jo is not home to answer her phone, leave her a message. Or call Red Lake Falls LSS Site and let Carolyn know. That number is: 218-263-4454.

We will be getting the March menu and will be printing it in the paper shortly.

New Items in the Craft Shop

There are new items at the Craft Shop that were brought

in last week. Some of the new items include mixer covers, rag rugs, more scubbies, and lots of embroidered towels. Our hours have changed. The new hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday to Thursday and 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Fridays. Stop by and check out the new items.

St. Patrick's Day Party

We plan on having a St. Patrick's Day gathering on March 17th. There will be cake, coffee, and ice cream for anyone that wants to come and visit. So, mark it on your calendar. The party will be a 2 p.m. as it was noted the 1 p.m. was too early in the day. Hope to see you there.

Puzzler's Corner

There are several seniors that enjoy doing puzzles at

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

leaf apartments.

On Sunday, the 19th, Melvin Hesse celebrated his 93rd birthday. Those coming were Clarence and Diane Dahl, Brenda and Kelly Knutson all of Middle River, and Raymond Dahl. Also Deb and Elroy Aune of Gatzke came. Shawn and Amber Larson and sons, Landon and Jackson of Thief River Falls, Kayla Knutson. DJ and Mary Hesse also came. They had a potluck supper.

On Tuesday, they had the Mardi Gras in New Orleans, Louisiana. It is a big parade. Mardi Gras means Fat Tuesday in French. The colors they always have are purple, gold, and green in the parade. The day after is of course Ash

home. We have quite a few puzzles to choose from 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

Thursday is Game Day: on Thursdays at 2 p.m., games are available - Rummikub/ Rummy-O, Yahtzee, Checker, Scrabble or bring a game to play. Come on down and enjoy the fun! We have coffee and treats to enjoy while playing.

Wednesday: Cards at 1:30 p.m.

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

Have a great week!

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF POPLAR RIVER TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Poplar River Township, County of Red Lake, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Elections of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14th, 2023 at the Poplar River Town Hall located in the city of Brooks. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

The Annual Meeting will commence at 4:15 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The election poll hours will be open from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at which time the voters will elect: One Supervisor for a three year term and one Treasurer for a two year term. The town board will meet directly after the votes are counted to canvass the election.

Pam Gieseke
Clerk, Poplar River Township

Notice of Garnes Township Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Board of Canvass Meeting

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Garnes Township, County of Red Lake, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Township Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

The Election Poll Hours will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at which time the voters will elect:

One-Supervisor for a three year term
One-Treasurer for a two year term

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:00 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Election and Meeting will be held at the following location:

Garnes Townhall

The Board of Canvass will meet immediately after the Annual Meeting to certify the election results.

The Garnes Township Board of Re-Organization will meet after the Board of Canvass.

Diane Kolstoe
Clerk of Garnes

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Red Lake County Sheriff

Weekly News Release

On the afternoon of 02/17/23, high wind caused an empty trailer to overturn on CR. #11 west of Red Lake Falls. Red Lake County deputies and the Red Lake Falls Fire Department responded to the scene to assist with traffic control and removing the damaged trailer from the roadway. No injuries were reported.

On the afternoon of 02/17/23, Julie Ann Wharam (44) of Thompson, ND was cited for speeding on CR. #7 west of Hwy. #92.

On the evening of 02/17/23, a Red Lake County deputy stopped vehicle on Champagne Ave. in Red Lake Falls for a moving violation. The driver of the vehicle, Brett Lee Anderson (43) of Crookston exhibited sign of being under the influence of illegal controlled substances. He was arrested, taken to the jail in Crookston and he was booked for misdemeanor DUI, no proof of current motor vehicle insurance and obstructing. Mr. Anderson appeared in Court in Crookston on 02/21/23, posted \$600 cash bail and was released from custody.

On the afternoon of 02/18/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of snowmobiles traveling on someone's property in the city of Red Lake Falls. A deputy responded and determined the snowmobiles were traveling on the road right of way and the matter was closed.

On the evening of 02/21/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report that a domestic assault had occurred at an Oklee residence earlier in the night. The alleged victim was at the Essentia ER in Fosston, receiving treatment for injuries when she made the report. A Red Lake County deputy went to Fosston to meet with her. She claimed that her boyfriend used force to break into her home and then he assaulted her. She claimed that the suspect had left her residence and she was able to get a ride to the ER. On the morning of 02/22/23, the suspect, Jerrod Richard Lewis Ash (32) of Winger was located at his place of work near Mentor and he was arrested. He was taken to the jail in Crookston and booked for felony burglary and felony domestic assault. The Polk County Sheriff's Office also assisted in this investigation.

On 02/23/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received reports from parents who were having have a child custody dispute. Red Lake County law enforcement and Red Lake County Social Services spoke with the involved parties and determined that no crimes had been committed and they were directed to pursue the matter in family court.

Mitch Bernstein, Red Lake County Sheriff: 02/24/23

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

This week's photo is of a boy with bright blue eyes.

Last week's photo was of Becky Melby, unknown, Jeanne Sovde, Sharon Sebenaler, Carolyn Melby, unknown, John Melby, and Danny Sebenaler.

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

If you mail a photo to the Oklee Herald office, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope so the photos can be

returned. Mail them to: Oklee Herald, PO Box 9, Oklee MN 56742 Or stop by the office and I can scan your photo while you wait.

If you know the missing names from this photo please submit them!



Novak, Reinette Walter and Ray & Walter Novak and Cindy all went to the funeral of Mary Ann Tupa, She was about five feet tall and was the mother to 11 children. She played the organ at her church from 1959 to 2021. She loved to travel and was so proud of each of her grandchildren and all of her great-grandchildren, all 42 of them. She lived a full 96 years of life. Our sympathy in the loss of your aunt.

Congratulations to Ryan and Kelsey Paradis on their 10 year anniversary. We hope you can have a very wonderful day and have many many more.

Joyce and Leroy Christianson have returned from the land of snowbirds. It is so

good to see you again. Joyce reported that she was very sick the whole time she was in Arizona but is glad that they are back home.

It has bee a tough time for those in Turkey and Syria. The death toll is now up to over 50,000 people and over 150,00 homes lost.

Prayers go out to Dick Delage and Marilyn Fisher. Get well soon.

It is almost the 1st of March. Can Spring be around the corner? Last year March was horrible with a big snowfall every week. Let's hope that isn't the case again.

Have a good week. Be kind, be safe and smile.

Oklee Centennial Cookbook

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Overnight Cookies Phyllis Rystad

1/2 tsp salt
1 tsp cream of tartar
1 tsp vanilla
1 tsp baking soda
1 cup chopped walnuts
3-1/2 cups flour (or more)

Combine in order and mix together well. Shape into rolls. Wrap in waxed paper. Refrigerate overnight. Slice and bake at 375 degrees until golden brown.

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