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Merry Christmas FROM THE RED LAKE COUNTY HERALD

The Canadian Pacific Holiday Train pulling into Plummer on December 14th. It was on time and the crowd was huge and the entertainment was great.



Eric Mickelson entertained people enjoying the meal and treats at the Tri River Museum in Plummer before the CP Holiday Train pulled into town.



Red Lake County Central Elementary students also entertained people while they ate the meal that was served under the direction of Benjamin Wattenphul.

Singers MacKenzie Porter and Dallas Smith entertained the crowd on Main Street in Plummer which was filled with people of all ages. And it was a beautiful evening with nice temperatures and no wind. A perfect winter evening for an event like this.



Putzy, Glenyce Eskeli and Debbie DuChamp were kept busy serving a delicious meal of soup, sandwich, and treats all evening long.

Red Lake County Employee Recognitions



The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners recognized employees for their years of service at the December 12, 2023 Red Lake County Commissioners board meeting. Back row: Shelly Nelson, 5 years, County Assessor; Penny Grove, 30 years, Administrative Assistant-Social Services; Angie Lundeen, 10 years, Human Resources Director; Kelly Brekke, 15 years, Deputy; and Mike Roerick, 5 years, Heavy Equipment Operator. Front row: Teddi-Ann Pray, 15 years, Social Worker; Mary Jo Schmitz, 20 years, Social Worker; and Willard Malwitz, 5 years, Heavy Equipment Operator. Others recognized but were not present were: Jeff Kelley, 20 years, Senior Engineering Technician; Kristi Nelson, 10 years, Social Services Director; CeJae Bakken, 5 years, Case Aide; and Alicia Dobias, 5 years, Social Worker.

Church News

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Dec. 20: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.
Thu, Dec. 21: 6 - 8 p.m. Blue Christmas Prayer Time at Zion.
Sun, Dec. 24: Candlelight Services - 4:00 p.m. Salem. 9:00 p.m. Zion.
Mon, Dec. 25: 10:00 a.m. Joint Service at Salem.
Wed, Dec. 27: No Confirmation.
Sermons are on GVTel Channel 35 (10 am Sunday & 1 pm Wednesday), 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-BETHANY RLF LUTHERAN PARISH
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Dec. 24: 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 5:00 p.m. Worship at Bethany. 9:00 p.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Wed, Dec. 20: No Wednesday School. Advent Services at Faith. 6:30 p.m. Meal, 7:00 p.m. Advent Service.
Sun, Dec. 24: No Sunday School. 3:00 p.m. Bethany Worship. 4:30 p.m. Ekelund Worship. 10:00 p.m. Faith Worship.
Wed, Dec. 27: No Wednesday School. No Confirmation.

Crossword Solution

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Sudoku Solution

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



The Message Of Christmas

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

Matthew 2:1-2

We wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas season.



Security State Bank of Oklee will be closed on Monday, December 25th in observance of Christmas Day.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseith
Wed, Dec. 20: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 p.m. Vespers.
Sat, Dec. 23: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 9:00 a.m. OP Christmas Program practice.
Sun, Dec. 24: Nazareth: 9:00 a.m. St. Petri: 5:00 p.m. Oak Park: 7:00 p.m.
Mon, Dec. 25: Nazareth: 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Oak Park. Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish
NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Jarred LeBon, Pastor
Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship.
Tuesdays: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Dec. 20: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley Ladies Aid, - No Confirmation. 7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Sand Valley.
Sun, Dec. 24: 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service at Lund.
Wed, Dec. 27: No Confirmation.
Sun, Dec. 31: No Services.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.
Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m. Kids, High School & Adult programs.
Services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/bethelfosston>) as an alternative to attending in person.

NOTICE OF FILING FOR GARNES TOWNSHIP ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to qualified voters of Garnes Township, Red Lake County, State of Minnesota, that filing for town office will be held for a two week period beginning January 2, 2024.

Affidavits of Candidacy shall be filed with the Town Clerk at Clerk's home at any reasonable hour from January 2, 2024, to January 16, 2024.

Filing will close on January 16, 2024, at 5:00p.m. The office will be open that day from 1pm-5pm.

Filing fee-\$2.00

Offices to be filled at the March Annual Election are:

- 1- Supervisor for a Three Year term
 - 1- Clerk for a Two Year Term
- Diane Kolstoe
Clerk, Town of Garnes

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF POPLAR RIVER TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that filing dates for township offices have been set for January 2, 2024 through January 16, 2024, between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. each day at the home of the clerk. A \$2.00 filing fee is required by law.

Offices to be filled are one supervisor for a three year term and a clerk for a two year term.

Election will be held at the Annual Township Meeting, March 12th, 2024.

Pam Gieseke
Clerk
Poplar River Township

Legal Notice

STATE OF MINNESOTA IN DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF RED LAKE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
In Re Estate Of:
James Joseph Stich,
Decedent.

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN AN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE OF CREDITORS
Court File No. 63-PR-23-217

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

IT IS ORDERED and notice is hereby given that on the **22nd day of January, 2024, at 8:30 o'clock a.m.**, a hearing will be held in the above-named Court via Zoom (instructions available upon request), for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named decedent, dated October 26, 2005, and for the appointment of Peter Stich, whose address is 19990 150th Avenue Southwest, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750 as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in an unsupervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the personal representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereunto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2023.
/s/ Anne Marie Rasmussen
Judge of District Court

/s/ Michael L. Jorgenson
Michael L. Jorgenson
CHARLSON & JORGENSEN, P.A.
119 West Second Street
P. O. Box 506
Thief River Falls, MN 56701
(218) 681-4002
Atty. Reg. No. 186144

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Oklee Senior Site Dining

Oklee Senior Meals (LSS Meals) are available for Home Delivery, Monday-Friday. Please call Cathy or Carolyn at the RLF LSS Kitchen the day before, by 12 noon at 218-253-4454.

Tuesday's meal is an evening meal. If you want to go to RLF to eat, let them know.
December 25 - 29

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Mon: Dec. 25: Christmas Day.

Tue: Dec. 26: Baked Chicken, Potato, Mixed Veggies, Bread/Butter, Desesrt, Low Fat Milk.

Wed: Dec. 27: Beef Chili w/Beans, Corn, Biscuit/Butter, Applesauce, Low Fat Milk.

Thu: Dec. 28: Smothered Pork Loin, Scalloped Potatoes, Carrots, Bread/Butter, Desert, Low Fat Milk.

Fri: Dec. 29: Tuna Noodle Casserole, Peas, Peaches, Bread/Butter, Low Fat Milk.

Red Lake County Commissioner's Minutes

November 28, 2023
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 November 28, 2023, at 10:00 am.

CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Remick called the meeting to order. Commissioners present were Al Remick, Eric Mickelson, Tony Gerardy, and Chuck Flage. Ron Weiss was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

HIGHWAY ANNOUNCEMENTS
Highway Engineer Taylor Amiot met with the board to discuss the continuance of interim pay to Lead Engineer Technician Jeremy Johnson. Johnson has been paid an additional wage to take on the highway engineer duties while the county looked for a fulltime engineer. Amiot requested to continue paying Johnson the additional rate from December 2023 through February 2024. Discussion was held and Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Flage, to approve paying Johnson at half the rate for the next three months. Voting aye: Gerardy, Flage, Mickelson. Voting nay: Remick. Motion carried.

Amiot requested approval for the final payment to Thygeson Construction for the base one stabilization project. Commissioner Mickelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerardy, and carried unanimously to approve the payment.
MINUTES
Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Commissioner Mickelson, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on November 14, 2023.

Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

Flags at the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial were lowered to half staff by the RLCC Student Senate members under the direction of Mr. Huie on Tuesday, December 19th honoring Sandra O'Connor, United States Supreme Court Justice. Flags were lowered for the day of Justice O'Connor's interment.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor was an American icon, the first woman on our Nation's highest court. She spent her career committed to the stable center, pragmatic and in search of common ground. Defined by her no-nonsense Arizona ranch roots, Justice O'Connor overcame discrimination early on, at a time when law firms too often told women to seek work as secretaries, not attorneys. She gave her life to public service, even holding elected office, and never forgot those ties to the people whom the law is meant to serve. She sought to avoid ideology, and was devoted to the rule of law and to the bedrock American principle of an independent judiciary. Justice O'Connor never quit striving to make this Nation stronger, calling on us all to engage with our country and with one another, and her institute's work to promote civics education and civil discourse has touched millions. She knew that for democracy to work, we have to listen to each other, and remember how much more we all have in common as Americans than what keeps us apart.

As a mark of respect for the memory and longstanding service of Sandra Day O'Connor, retired Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, I hereby order, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, that on the day of her interment, the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff.

Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - Page 500

Blueberry Breakfast Bread Sandra (Groven) Holmstrom

- 1 lb bread dough
- 8 oz cream cheese
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 beaten egg
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter

Place rolled out dough in a jelly roll pan. Beat cream cheese, egg, sugar & vanilla until fluffy. Spread over dough. Sprinkle with blueberries. Combine flour, sugar & butter until crumbly. Sprinkle over blueberries. Let rise until puffy (may assemble night before and let rise in the refrigerator). Bake at 350 degrees for 20 - 30 minutes. Remove from oven and drizzle with glaze.

Glaze:
2 cups powdered sugar
1/2 tsp vanilla

Cream as needed to make a nice consistency.



EXPENDITURES

Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Mickelson, and carried unanimously to approve the expenditures totaling \$187,981.67. A detailed list is available in the auditor's office or on the county's website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following commissioner/committee reports were shared:

Commissioner Meeting/Report
Gerardy: Red Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District

Mickelson: Intercounty Community Council, Extension Committee
Flage: Rural Transportation Coordination Council, Intercounty Nursing

Remick: RLC Soil and Water Conservation District, Safety Committee

AUDITOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Auditor Kelsey Gervais met with the board to inform them that the City of Red Lake Falls has renewed their Wellhead Protection Plan for an additional 10 years.

Gervais informed the board that Hoffman, Philipp & Martell have completed the county's 2022 audit and will be presenting the findings at the next regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Mickelson, seconded by Commissioner Flage, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 a.m. The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:

Kelsey Gervais, County Auditor

Allen Remick, Chairman
Board of Commissioner O40C

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.

Curb-to-curb services is available. Allowing for a safe and convenient method of transportation. All of our buses are handicapped accessible and lift-equipped. All of our drivers are trained and certified.

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

For Polk, Red Lake and Clearwater County stops:

Every Monday - Grand Forks.

Every 2nd Tuesday - Mahnomon.

Every 4th Tuesday - Thief River Falls

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

Every 2nd & 4th Friday - Bemidji.

Oklee Office Hours

This coming week, the office should be open on Friday and I will be in the office on Tues, December 26 from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m.

If you need get a hold of me when I'm not in the office, please call 612-840-9401 or email me at: okleeherald@gmail.com.

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MUSTANG STAMPEDE

RLCC High School Holiday Concert

The RLCC High School Choir is ready to "sing" in the holiday season with their annual Holiday Concert. "Candlelight Christmas" will be presented on Wednesday, December 20th at 7:30 p.m. The Performance will take place at the RLCC High School Gymnasium (Freewill Donation).

A few Christmas Classics will be performed along with some non-traditional melodies. We hope you can join us while we celebrate the beauty of Christmas in song.

RLCC Menus

December 18 - 21

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Biscuit w/Gravy, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chili, Corn Chips, Corn Muffins, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Bagel w/Cream Cheese, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Pork Fritter, Scalloped or Au Gratin Potatoes, Vegetables, Chips, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffle w/Syrup, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Legs, Potato, Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Donut, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Pizza Cheesy Bread or Quesadilla, Lettuce Salad, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk.

Friday: No School - Christmas Vacation.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Waffles, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Corn Dog, Macaroni & Cheese, peas, Fruit, and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Egg, Cheese & Sausage Biscuit, Bread, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Riblet w/ Bun, Steamed Carrots, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Tator Tot Hotdish, Mixed Veggies, Dinner Roll, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy Bread, Marinara Sauce, Salad w/Veggies, Fruit, and Milk.

Friday: No School - Christmas Vacation.

RLCC Sports Schedules

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

RLCC Mustangs Girls Varsity BB

Thu, Dec 21: 7:30PM vs. Warren/Alvarado/ Oslo @ WAO School

Tue, Jan 2: 7:30PM Fertile-Beltrami @ Plummer.

Thu, Jan 4: 7:30PM vs. Mahnomen @ Mahnomen High School.

Mon, Jan 8: 7:30PM vs. Goodridge-Grygla @ Goodridge High School

Tue, Jan 9: 7:30PM vs. Red Lake Falls @ Oklee

Thu, Jan 11: 7:30PM vs. Warren/Alvarado/ Oslo @ Plummer

Mon, Jan 15: 7:30PM vs. Win-E-Mac @ WEM HS

Tue, Jan 16: 7:30PM vs. Northern Freeze @ Oklee

Fri, Jan 19: 7:30PM vs. Sacred Heart High School @ Sacred Heart High School.

RLC Rebel BBB

Thu, Jan 4: 7:30PM vs. Northern Freeze @ Plummer.

Mon, Jan 8: 7:30PM vs. Sacred Heart High School @ Plummer.

Fri, Jan 12: 7:30PM vs. Warren/Alvarado/ Oslo @ WAO HS

Tue, Jan 16: 7:30PM vs. Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears @ RLF HS

Thu, Jan 18: 7:30PM vs. Crookston @ Crookston High School

Fri, Jan 19: 7:30PM vs. Win-E-Mac @ Red Lake Falls High School

Oh! Oh! Oh! Rebels are 5-0!

By Masen Pahlen, Connor Duden, and Atley Vettleson

On Thursday, December 7th, the Red Lake County Rebels traveled to Greenbush to take on the Gators. The Rebels JV won 47-35, the varsity won 99-25. The Rebels shot 40% from 8/20 and had 39 transition points. The Rebels were led by Owen Chervestad had 18 pts, 11 rebounds, and 8 assists. Connor Duden had 25 pts, 8 rebounds, and 3 assists. The Gators played really hard and played tough 2-3 zone defense. Junior Varsity took on the Gators. The Gators and Rebels in the first half of the game were pretty even, but right before halftime the Gators got a few points and had the lead going into the half. In the second half the Rebels Junior Varsity took over and stayed up by a bit of points, and then the Rebels went on to win it 47-35.

The Red Lake County Rebels traveled to East Grand Forks on Tuesday, December 12th to play the Green Wave.

The Green Wave started hot against the Rebels, leading early. The Rebels then flipped the switch with help from Owen Chervestad and Connor Duden leading the way to send the game into halftime with the Rebels up 35-25 at half. As the second half began, the Rebels continued where they left off going on a huge run to stretch their lead to 21. The Rebels slowed down to try and maintain their lead the Green Wave started to heat up with the help of Chase Lingren and Austen Rustling. The Green Wave got on a huge run to put them up by one in the second half. Gunnar Halverson was fouled on a shot to tie the game up and send it into overtime. In overtime, it is a back-and-forth battle with both teams delivering punch after punch to keep the game tight. The Rebels ended up pulling it out in the end with a score of 78-77, thanks to a game-saving block by Will Gieseke and outstanding performances from Connor Duden, who had 23 points and 13 rebounds and alongside him

with Owen Chervestad, who also had a double-double with 26 points and 12 rebounds. The Green Wave fought all the way but came up short with their game leaders in Chase Lingren with 25 points going 7/14 from 3 and Austen Rusling with a double-double with 19 points and 16 rebounds.

Earlier that evening, the Junior Varsity Rebels and Green Wave Junior battled. In the first half, the Green Wave had the lead. The Rebels and the Green Wave both exploded out of the half, and it went back and forth, but the Green Wave took it in the final minutes of the game 51-57.

The Red Lake County Rebels took on the Stephen Argyle Storm at the Robert Matzke Gym in Red Lake Falls and won with a score of 70-50. The Rebels enjoy a 5-0 record early in the season The Rebels host the Cass Lake-Bena Panthers (2-2) on Tuesday, December 19th at the Oklee High School Gym. Mr. Steve Philion and Mr. Randy Huie Coach the Rebels.

Mustangs Overcome the Score by Fighting Hard

By Ciara Mitzner, Kathryn Srynsky, and Ethan Johnson

On Friday, December 8th the Red Lake County Central Mustangs played host to the Stephen-Argyle Storm in Plummer. The Storm started hot against the Mustangs, the scoreboard reading 17-41 in favor of the Storm at halftime. The Mustangs fought through the pressure of the Storm and started finding their game in the second half. However, the Storm still outscored the Mustangs in the second half 14-25. At the night's end, the Storm came out on top with a final score of 66-31.

Carly Vettleson and McKaelyn Frizzle led the Mustangs in points with 9 each. However, Regan Swanson and Liv Efta of the Storm fought very hard for their team, with Swanson finishing the game with 16 points and Efta finishing with 15. Quinn Graves of the Mustangs also finished with 5 points, with Jennifer Johnson and Natalee Hendrickson right behind her with 3 each for the Mustangs.

On the 11th of December, the Mustangs played the Sacred Heart Eagles in Plummer. The junior varsity game was close throughout the entire game. However, two big three-pointers towards the end of the game, made by Isabelle Paradis and Graceyn Kvasager gave the Mustangs enough of a lead to finish with the win. This game was the junior varsity's Mustangs 4th win of the season. Both teams worked hard and pushed each other to their limits, but the Mustangs ultimately came out on top with a final score of 44-36.

However, the varsity Mustangs also had a big challenge heading their way with the young and quick Sacred Heart Eagles squad. The Mustangs

fought hard all night after the Eagles came out with an early lead. It showed early that it was going to be a tough game. They had the size for sure going for them and had a lot of play-makers on the 2023-24 Eagles team the Mustangs had a good battle and played a great game despite the scoreboard reading 42-66 in favor of the Eagles, and Sacred Heart would come out victorious over Red Lake County Central. Carly Vettleson would finish with the most points for the Mustangs with 10. However, Lydia Risky and Lexi Lawrence persevered through the Mustangs' pressure, Risky finishing with 17 points and Lawrence with 16 for the Eagles. Emma Hendrickson also finished with 9 points for the Mustangs, and Alexa Chervestad, Jennifer Johnson, and Quinn Graves finished with 7 points each for the Mustangs. On Thursday, December 14th, the Mustangs traveled to East Grand Forks to take on the EGF Senior High Green Wave. The JV Mustangs took an early lead on the Wave, but soon, the older and experienced EGF team would turn things around. Ultimately, the Green Wave was victorious by a score of 58 to 22. The Varsity Mustangs were in a tough battle for most of the night. The Green Wave's high-octane defense led them to a 91 to 47 win over the Mustangs. The Mustangs travel to Fosston on Monday, December 18th, to take on the Greyhounds and will travel to Warren-Alvarado-Oslo to take on the Ponies on Thursday, December 21st. The next Mustang home game will be Tuesday, January 2nd in Plummer when they host the Fertile-Beltrami Falcons. Mitch Bernstein and Kory Baril coach the Mustangs.

Poems from 7th Grade English Class

Elegy to my Grandpa Larry

By Owen O'Neill
Mrs. Aakhus 7th Grade English

I miss my grandpa
I loved the days you would bring me to the tractors and let me steer
I wish I could take him on a tractor ride.

I miss the days I would go to your house and you would lift me onto the huge rock in the yard

I still remember the day I climbed it by myself
Then you and grandma moved out.

My mom and dad bought the house and you and grandma were building a house in town. When they were finished, you got really sick.

And barely got to sleep in the new house then you got sicker and went to the hospital every day after school my dad would bring us to the hospital to visit you till one day we didn't go

I was confused till we got home I was doing my homework when my mom started crying i asked her what was wrong she didn't say anything. Then my dad came in and started to tear up a little bit then I heard the news and I was devastated. I cried all night. I could not sleep. I miss my grandpa.

Pictured: Peyton, Owen O'Neill, and Quentin O'Neill with Grandpa Larry O'Neill

My ode to space

By Dylan Sogla
7th grade Mrs Aakhus

Oh how beautiful space is.
Stars,
Galaxies,
Black holes
And possibly even white holes.
The amount of theories and predictions is amazing.
One little discovery
Can lead to something that can revolutionize
Our understanding of space itself.
Superclusters,
Galaxies,
Stars down to Molecules
Down to atoms.

We humans try to understand space
As much as we can.
Oh, how we've evolved to thinking
That the sun revolves around us
And the night sky
Is just a dome with poked holes.
To us revolving around our star
Which is in our galaxy
The milky way to the observable universe
Which is just what we can see today
Imagine what we can see and understand a thousand years later.

Many unsolved mysteries
such as what happens to energy that enters a black hole.
We try to make theories that help us understand everything about space.
It's like space itself is teasing us.

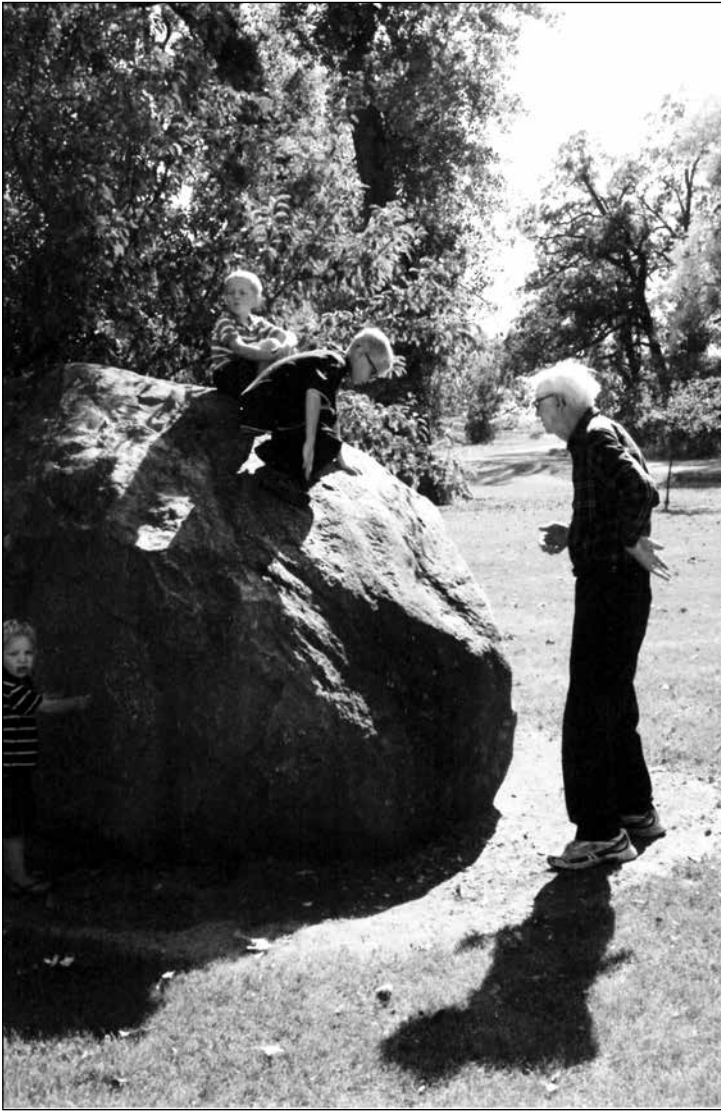
The chance of life other than ours is amazing.
Maybe soon we can finally uncover everything that happens in space.
Funny how we make things up just to try to understand space,
like dark energy.

We and all humans adore space.

Space is also very dangerous
As we can all get wiped out in an instance.
The start of the universe itself was a miracle.

So if you're ever down just remember you are a 1/∞ The fact that you are here is a miracle which makes you..... A miracle

This is my ode to space



Jamie Flatgard at the Jump ball. McKaelyn Frizzle is ready for the offense!



Coach Mitch Bernstein giving the Mustangs a quick pep talk during a time out!



McKaelyn Frizzle is up for a shot!



Natalie Hendrickson at the free throw line. Quinn Graves watches to see her next move.

Oklee School History



The First Decade of the 2000s

By Eric W. Mickelson

Do you remember Y2K? When that calendar changed from 1999 to 2000 there was a widespread belief that it would raise havoc with computer systems, but we dodged the bullet and stepped into a new millennium. I am sure many people were married, had children, and passed many other milestones in their life!. The 21st did start with some difficult situations!

Of course, we all know about the hijacked airliners that crashed into the twin towers and pentagon on September 11, 2001. On February 1, 2003, the Space Shuttle Columbia broke apart killing the 7 astronauts on board. Hurricane Katrina, the most costly hurricane in US history, struck Louisiana on August 29, 2005. But not all news was bad news. In 2001 Apple Computer released the IPOD. J.K. Rowling's released the last installment of the Harry Potter Series, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows. Finally on November 4, 2008, Barack Obama was elected President of the United States!

Back in Oklee some big changes were coming also. In the 2000-2001 school year

the state of Minnesota implemented 24 standards that were required for graduation. In the 2002-2003 school year Oklee and Plummer entered into a 2 year academic agreement. Each school would have grades K-4, grades 5-8 would be in Plummer, and grades 9-12 in Oklee. The official name chosen was Red Lake County Central. In 2003-2004 a little spruce up project occurred as the lockers were painted red replacing the old yellow, blue, and orange lockers.

The 2005-2006 school year saw the Red Lake County Central agreement with Oklee and Plummer was revised placing K-6 grades in Plummer and 7-12 in Oklee. The old high school building was repainted buff color instead of white. In 2006-2007 the "Day of Caring" was implemented. Students and teachers help do spring cleaning projects in Oklee, Plummer, and Brooks. The old Gambles Hardware building adjacent to the Home Economics and Shop building was purchased for a price of \$16,000. It will be used for Industrial Arts Classes.

Boys Basketball was cooperatively sponsored with Red

Lake Falls in the 2007-2008 school year. They will be called the Red Lake County Rebels with colors of blue, silver, and black. 7th and 8th grade football was also shared with Red Lake Falls. The following year the whole football program was cooperatively sponsored with Red Lake Falls, go Rebels!

On July 2,3, and 4th, 2010 The City of Oklee celebrated its centennial also with an all school reunion. Many memories of life at Oklee and Red Lake County Central High School were celebrated!

Last week's trivia was the

question, "Who was superintendent before Dale Salberg?"

The winner may stop by this week's sponsor, The Security State Bank and collect their \$5 prize. As of the time of writing this article my lone person answering my question was Tracy Hamm. The person preceding Dale Salberg's first term as Superintendent was Mike Novak in the 1991-92 school year and before Mr. Novak was Lloyd Fandrich.

This week's question, What graduate of the first class of the millennium, the class of 2000, is now a full time employee at the Red Lake County Central School in Oklee?

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

The weather is nice. It is almost balmy outside. Next week is bikini week so grab them and get out in the sunshine. Just kidding everyone, but this winter has been good to us so far. A few years ago we had another one like this and I had some Santas placed in front of my house and each one was lighted. While resting on the couch one rain day, I saw a big flash of light, I got up and everyone of my new Santas were dark. That was the lesson of the day. Don't put lights outside when it is raining.

The holiday train was well attended.

Reports of more people than ever were bandied about after the train left. This is such a big hit for everyone to go and see. Thanks to Canadian Pacific for this wintertime treat each year.

There is one little boy in the area that will not sit on Santa's lap. This year progress was made, he sat on Mrs. Santa's lap while his sister sat on Santa's lap. wait till next year, he will probably be ripping his beard off.

My computer is going nuts today, so I have to sign off. Hope you all have a Merry Christmas and that God will bless you in full.



Red Lake County Sheriff

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On the afternoon of 12/08/23, a Red Lake Falls resident reported possible tampering and damage to their motor vehicle. That report is still under investigation.

In the early morning hours of 12/09/23, several citations were issued to individuals for violating the city's winter parking ordinance on Main Ave. in Red Lake Falls.

On the evening of 12/09/23, Red Lake County deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in Plummer. It was discovered that no crimes had been committed and one of the involved parties left the residence and the situation was mediated.

On the afternoon of 12/12/23, the Dollar General Store in Red Lake Falls reported an individual was escorted out of their store because they had been trespassed from there because of a previous incident. A Red Lake County deputy looked into the matter, and the previous trespass order had expired. An updated notice has been given to the barred individual.

On the afternoon of 12/12/23, Brenton Troy Gerholdt (39) of Oklee was arrested for operating a motor vehicle in the city of Red Lake Falls while under the influence of an illegal controlled substance. He was taken to jail in Crookston and was booked for misdemeanor DUI and for violating the terms of his supervised probation.

On 12/13/23, Samantha Marie Gerholdt (32) of Oklee was arrested for violating the terms of her supervised probation. She was taken to jail in Crookston.

On the afternoon of 12/13/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a juvenile male having some sort of a mental health crisis in Red Lake Falls. The reporting party claimed that juvenile may be

walking around in the area of Bridge St. A Red Lake County deputy responded, located, and counseled the juvenile, and returned them to their home. Another juvenile, who was a sibling to the first involved juvenile, was also located by the deputy and returned home.

On the afternoon of 12/14/23, an individual brought a stray dog into the Sheriff's Office. They claimed they almost struck the dog with their motor vehicle on CR. #13 west of Red Lake Falls. The owner was contacted, and the dog was returned.

On the afternoon of 12/14/23, an individual reported they were in a vehicle in Red Lake Falls and his brother, who was a passenger in the vehicle was acting crazy. He claimed that his brother got out of the vehicle and was refusing to get back in. Red Lake County deputies responded and attempted to mediate the situation. The brother who exited the vehicle refused to return to the vehicle and claimed that he would be fine on his own. No crimes were committed, and no further action was taken.

On the evening of 12/14/23, members of the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office, the Plummer Fire Department, the Oklee Ambulance, and the Minnesota State Patrol assisted with traffic and crowd control in the city of Plummer for the Holiday Train event.

On the evening of 12/14/23, a Red Lake County deputy responded to the hockey arena in Red Lake Falls because a spectator was acting unruly and was being disrupted. The involved parties were counseled. No crimes were committed, and behavior was tempered so they could stay for the remainder of the game.

Mitch Bernstein, Red Lake County Sheriff: 12/15/23

Senior Site News & Other Things

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

Senior Meals

Oklee Senior Meals (LSS Meals) are available for Home Delivery, Monday-Friday - Meals on Wheels (LSS) meals will be furnished from Red Lake Falls, and you need to order a day or two before the day you plan on having a meal.

Note: Please call Red Lake Falls LSS Site to order or cancel your meals from now on. Jo Lambert will no longer be taking the orders. Call Carolyn or Cathy at 218-263-4454 to order your meals.

SAIL Classes

SAIL exercise class are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am in the Oklee Hall. It is FREE to join. Sign up at the Senior Site or call Jo Lambert at 218-796-4527 or Carol Kvasager at 218-201-0180.

Hours for Craft Shop

The Craft Shop is open Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. But if it is not open and Bonny is in the Oklee Office, she can help you or call Jo

Lambert at 218-796-4527..

Dates To Remember

Wednesday: Cards at 1:30 p.m. If you would like to come play cards, come on in and enjoy some fun game time visiting with your fellow seniors.

Monthly Meeting

Note date change: On December 21st, the Oklee Senior Site will be holding their monthly meeting at 9:30 a.m. It is important for seniors to attend as we need a quorum to be able to vote on items discussed. If you want your input to be considered, please attend.

Merry Christmas!!



Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

One of Alice Jobe's reports got lost in the mail and finally showed up this week. I've included some of her news from that report.

On Saturday, the 18th of November, the Plummer American Legion Auxiliary put on a rummage sale in the morning. There also was a lunch served of BBQ's, macaroni salad, and chips for the public.

November 19th, Anne Traxler and Alice Jobe went to the Concert at Lincoln High School. It was Jason Lyle Black, a pianist who lives in Nashville. He was so talented and played songs that were popular in the 60's and 70's. He played one piece where he was upside down and played the song. He started playing piano at age five. It was very entertaining.

Current news:

Plummer American Legion Auxiliary met Tuesday evening at the Legion. They plan to serve burgers and fries on January 20th.

Christmas dinner was served on December 17th at the Legion for members and

spouses only.

On December 11th, a baby boy was born to Retten and Emily (nee Bakke) Knutson. He joins brother Raiden. Grandparents are Susan and Jerome Bakke of Plummer.

The weather has been pleasant, warm and sunny, so different than last year.

The Holiday Train came around 6 p.m. on December 14th. Eight of the cars were decorated beautifully.

The entertainers were: Dallas Smith, who was raised in British Columbia, Canada, has done real well with his country-rock music. And Mackenzie Porter, who was raised near Medicine Hat, Alberta is also doing well with her country style music and is known internationally and has had a #1 hit with "Thinking About You." She has performed with stars such as Kenny Chesney, Rascal Flatts, Blake Shelton and others. The music was good.

Soup and sandwiches were served at the Museum form 4 to 6 p.m. with a good size crowd.

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Do You Remember?

By Eric W. Mickelson

The Golden Jubilee



When I was writing about the school history of the first decade of the 2000s I had memories of the Centennial Celebration in 2010. My mind then went back to the Golden Jubilee Celebration in 1960. Now I was not born yet but I have heard many stories and seen many pictures of the glorious celebration!

The one "big" headline that often accompanies the memories of the Golden Jubilee was the fact that it is estimated over 10,000 were in attendance! Many hours of preparation were on the line for the three day celebration. The welcome banners were waving and everything was spruced up and ready! As with many events like this the weather is one of the biggest factors!

One of the funnest little tidbits I read about was the fact that the Oak Theater provided a couple free matinees for chil-

dren who were in attendance at the celebration. I wasn't around in Oak Theater days and I so wish I could have been. The thought of little towns having theater in town is really a fun "memory" to me. I can imagine sitting in on a John Deere Day movie. I think I even heard that the school kids could get out of school to go to John Deere Days! Oh, fun times! Also there were threshing and saw milling demonstrations-guess you know I would have liked to take that in too!

My understanding of one of the activities was that this was the "first" all school reunion. Many teachers and former students attended on Saturday night. The Oklee History book says there was a program presented with TV performers from Grand Forks which included Oklee's own Ken Thorpe. Music was also provided for a dance.

Sunday morning's activities included special services at both St. Francis Xavier and Zion Lutheran. This also commemorated the 50th Anniversary of Zion Church. Sunday afternoon featured a kiddie parade. The parade had three categories. In the Pioneer category winning first prize was Sylvia Remick and Penny Radniecki with their bicycle built for two. The prize was a log playhouse! Second prize went to Joanie and Connie Jensen, Karen Bergeron, and Nancy Nelson with an old time bathing scene. Third prize in this category was the "O.K. Lee family" represented by Lundeen Jensen.

Next was the fairy tail category. First prize with "Mary and her Lamb" by Mary and Joey Mercil. "Little Boy Blue" was second by Marty Walker. Third went to Ricky Rolandson, "The Wizard of Oz!"

The last category was comedy and novelty. With a float called "Hot Dogs and Hush Puppies" Jay and Terry Christensen were awarded first place. Second place award went to Ginny, Arnie, and Kenny Stendberg, Susan Hegge, and Barry Rupprecht with "Circus" float. Third Place was an entry called "Whisker Club" featuring Ernest and David Desselier, Mark, Bob, and Gary Hruby, and Raymond Bakken. It was fun to see in in 1960 the "kiddie" parade was a big deal!

Next over a hundred bearded men were on display for judging! Go into the what I still call the "blue building" and walk down the hall to the cafe and you can see the picture. I love to go in and look at the picture of grandpa Clarence Ellickson. I understand, I am sure like many others, grandpa had never really grown a beard, but for the Golden Jubilee he sported a nice little goatee! Some awards were Otto Johnson "Fullest" beard, Marin Johnson "Heaviest" beard, Merle Lundeen was awarded "least beard" with the greatest effort, and Leander Berberich had the "shaggiest" beard!

Queen of the Golden Jubilee was Myrna Bakke. To earn the crown Myrna sold the most tickets on automobile that was to be given away Monday night. Oh there is more. The celebration continued into Monday, and I will continue next week with some information about some of Monday's activities....I can't wait!

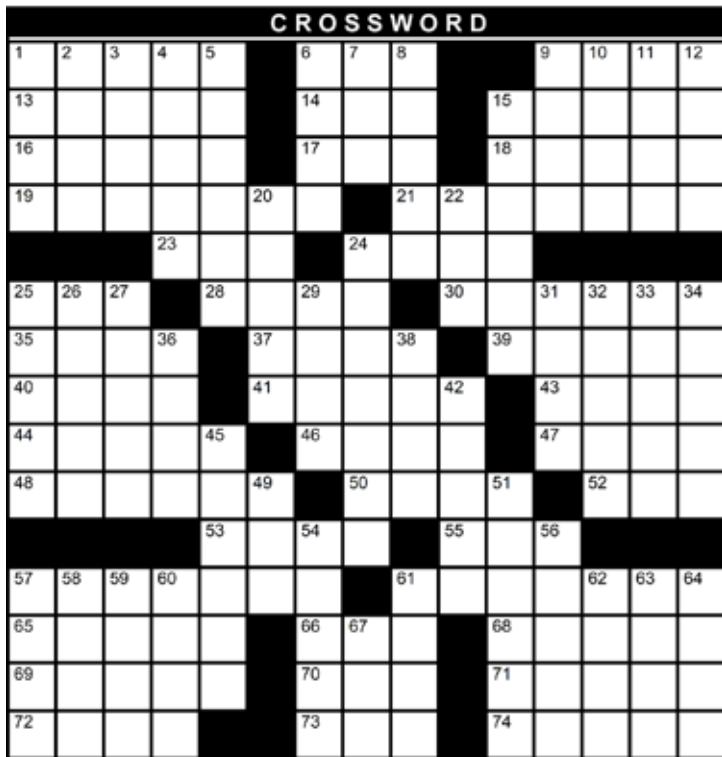


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THEME: Cocktails

- ACROSS
- Great divide
 - Priestly vestment
 - Took to court
 - Haile Selassie's disciple
 - 10 decibels
 - *Appletini's ---- schnapps
 - Rose oil
 - Mauï garland
 - Birth-related
 - *Old Fashioned liquor option
 - *Gin+vermouth rosso+-Campari
 - Not him
 - Bye, in Palermo
 - VA.gov beneficiary
 - Puerto follower
 - Like Ferris Bueller
 - Exclude
 - "---- Your Enthusiasm"
 - Green-light
 - Tiny coffee cup, or ----tasse
 - Cut mission short
 - Not final or absolute
 - Makes a sweater
 - Wing-shaped
 - Bird, in Latin
 - One with drug dependency
 - Do like a frog
 - A U.S. time zone
 - Dance with #17 Across
 - Anatomical duct
 - *It usually comes in a conical glass
 - *Popular cocktail mixer
 - Spy's other name
 - Knicks' org.
 - Give a speech
 - Clan emblem
 - Party barrel
 - Clean a spill (2 words)
 - Part of pump
 - Sargasso or Barents
 - Same as apse

- DOWN
- Sticking point, in alimentary tract
 - Possesses, archaic
 - *Bellini with ---- Spumante
 - Squirrel away
 - a.k.a. felt-pen
 - Competently
 - M tley Cr e's Tommy ----
 - Russian pancakes
 - Practice in the ring



- As far as (2 words)
- Distinctive flair
- Place for a hero
- Fluffy sweater material
- "All My Children" vixen ---- Kane
- 2010 Movie "---- Pray Love"
- Toyota model
- *Moscow Mule spirit
- Make corrections
- Shy
- *---- Libre
- Forearm bone
- Not dead
- Honkers
- *Lemon or orange piece
- South American monkey
- Highlands hillside
- Crossbeam
- Religious split
- 252-gallon wine cask
- *Tequila+grapefruit juice+sparkling water
- Kind of golf course
- Razor sharpener
- S.A.T. section
- Balm ingredient
- Baptism or shiva, e.g.
- Asian weight unit
- John Galsworthy's "The Forsyte ----"
- Nukes
- Sewing case
- Gym set
- *----'s Knees



Above: On December 10th the Zion Lutheran Church served a "McCliffy" breakfast. Thanks to all who supported the event and had a chance to sit and visit and enjoy some fellowship!



Left: Lavonne Brown and Kaye Munt working in the kitchen.



Santa Visited Oklee, Plummer & Brooks - the children were delighted



Oklee Community Club members were busy serving treats and coffee or cider on December 2nd. Pictured is Grace Dessellier and daughter Jessi Dessellier.



The Hamrum Family! Natalie, Elise, Tyrell, and Harrison!



Lola Hendrickson visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus on December 2nd.



Noah and Hazel Bakken with Santa and Mrs. Claus.



Three siblings, the Dugstad children, came to Oklee and visited with Santa and Mrs. Claus. They are Will, Devyn and Kellan Dugstad. Kellan wasn't too happy to see Santa.



Above: At Plummer on December 14th, Bob & El-nora Paulson came to the Tri River Pioneer Museum prior to the Holiday Train to enjoy some soup and sandwiches.



To the left: Sister-in-laws Lucille Kvasager, Carol Kvasager, and Gerda Koskela sitting with Santa.



This little fellow in Brooks wanted nothing to do with Mrs. Claus.

