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Hearing over the Proposed Minnesota State Flag

Submitted by Eric Mickelson on behalf of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners

Minnesota became a state on May 11, 1858. At this time there was no actual state flag but in 1861 with the outbreak of the Civil War regiments from states often carried a flag representing their state. Minnesota's first regiment, which played an important part in the Battle of Gettysburg, carried a blue flag with the seal of Minnesota in the middle. This may have been sort of the beginning of our state having a flag. Some Civil War flags also included an eagle in the design.

In 1893 it was decided to design a Minnesota State Flag. Its intent was to promote Minnesota at the upcoming Chicago World's Fair. The Amelia Hyde Center of Minneapolis submitted the winning design. The flag was white with the state seal and other symbols. The back of the flag was blue. Her design was fairly complex and because of that this design was rarely reproduced.

In 1957 in preparation for the state's Centennial the flag was revisited. The "new" flag was blue with the state seal in the middle and the reverse side was blue with a reverse image of the front.

That Minnesota flag has 3 dates on it. Near the top 1858 which of course is the year Minnesota became a state. On the left 1819 which is the year Fort Snelling was built, ushering in the possibility of settlers and the Territory and later state of Minnesota. On the right is 1893 which is the date of that first official state flag, designed by Amelia Hyde. The flag also has 19 stars. Minnesota was the 32nd state to join the United States. Since the 13 colonies came into the union first 32 minus 13 equals 19, hence we were the 19th state "after" the 13 colonies became our first 13 states.

In 1983 a sort of "third" flag was introduced. The flag was somewhat unofficially changed in 1968 by the Secretary of State placing the pioneer on a horse and removing the Na-



Current Minnesota State Flag



Proposed Minnesota State Flag

tive American from the flag. This flag was never actually used but in 1983 a law was officially passed returning the Native American to the flag and changing his position, now riding to the south, not riding off into the west. This was in response to Civil Rights complaints. The new design was trying to show unity between the Native American and the settlers translating into the future.

In 1989 a committee again tried to change the flag, trying to get a new flag in order by the centennial of the first adopted flag in 1893. From 2000-2007 other attempts were made to change the flag but seemed to lose traction.

Now again in 2023-24 the state has proposed a new flag which is awaiting official approval from the legislature. After hearing opposition to the new flag the Red Lake County

Board of Commissioners held a hearing to discuss the flag change. Many constituents of the county contacted Commissioners and 13 county residents attended the meeting February 13, 2024, in the Red Lake County Courthouse, in the courtroom. All in attendance expressed that they were NOT in favor of a change in our flag. As a result Red Lake County will join several other counties in sending a letter to their Governor, Legislators, and the committee that designed the new flag expressing the county's strong feelings to keep the present flag and its history representing our state.

You are invited to share your opinions on the flag. Here is a list of local legislators to contact with your opinions. Deb Kiel: rep.deb.kiel@house.mn.gov, John Burkel: rep.john.burkel@house.mn.gov, Mark Johnson: sen.mark.johnson@senate.mn



The Bi-Centennial cabin built in 1976 will be used for a hunting shack in 2024!

Cabin with a story!

By Eric Mickelson

My uncle had a cabin, or lake home, near Waskish on Red Lake. It was a place for families to gather and has been used by at least 3 generations of his family. I know many families have their "hunting shack" that serves that same purpose as families get together during hunting season. I drove to Goodridge, Minnesota, for over 30 years heading to work at the Goodridge School. Depending on the route I took to work I often drove by a little log cabin in a small clearing in a wooded area. I always thought it was a pretty cool little building, but now I think it is even "cooler" since I know a bit of the story behind it!

You know I love history and enjoy the history of my hometown, Oklee. While browsing through some old papers I made a discovery. I came across the story of that little log cabin!

The cabin was a Bicentennial Project. It was set in motion by Arlie Brekke of Equality Township in rural Oklee. It was decided that as Oklee was approaching the big ++Bicentennial celebration Arlie decided his family should build a log cabin in a realistic way! The poplar logs were cut right on the farm during the month of December and then in the spring hauled to the work site. It was decided the log cabin was to be built with only hand tools like early pioneers may have done.

So Arlie, his wife Mavis, and sons Dale and Arlen went to work! The 12x14 cabin consisted of 55 logs all hand hewn and notches cut with axes!

The cabin was later moved to the eastern end of the farm and used as a hunting shack. The original rolled roofing was replaced by shingles and now there is talk of moving the cabin back home.

Wherever it is, it is a fun piece of Bicentennial History and I am glad I stumbled across the original article from a 1976 Oklee Herald. Thanks to Arlen Brekke for filling me in with a little more information and allowing me to drop by for a new picture of the Bicentennial Cabin! Fun!!



Arlen working on the cabin.



Dale, Arlen, Mavis, and Arlie Brekke!

Red, White and Blue Quilters honor local Veterans



Don Brown received his in 2022.



Norman Nelson received a quilt in 2021.

The Red, White and Blue Quilters started back in September 2015 after Julie Desrocher from Thief River Falls saw a suggestion posted by Lynn (Cullen) Carr in the American Legion Auxiliary newsletter to make quilts for veterans. After that Julie asked Sharon Baron, a fellow member of the Thief River Falls Quilters Guild to join her.

Volunteers soon began making quilts. There are 15-20 individuals who quilt for the volunteer group. With the exception

of the summer months and the month of September, the group meets the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the American Legion Club in Thief River Falls. At that time, members obtain quilt fabric and/or drop off finished quilt tops. From there the quilt tops are taken to Oklee Quilting, where they are quilted. The quilts are later returned to the members, who complete the quilt binding and add a label to each quilt. The label thanks the veteran for his or her service

and lists the recipients name. The quilts are then presented to veterans. To date the group has given 485 quilts.

This is made possible through financial donations and fabric donations. There is an account at Oklee Quilting for the Red, White and Blue group or to make a donation or become a volunteer quilter call Grace Dessellier at 218-796-5414. To request a quilt for a veteran contact Shirley Dessellier at 218-796-4814 or Grace Dessellier.



Dorothy Sebenaler was given a Quilt of Honor for her husband Delton who was unable to attend the Memorial Day Program in 2021. Presenting are Shirley Dessellier and Commander Rick Dulka.

The lost winter of 2023-24

The winter season can be defined meteorologic-ally (December through February), astronomically (December 21st to March 21st), or based on when we actually experience winter like conditions, meaning cold and snow.

By that latter definition, a typical winter lasts from November into March or even April, but this year, we've had only a total of about two weeks of it, and some of that was around Halloween!

Instead, the winter has been dominated by warmth and snowlessness. Winter heat waves in December, January, and February have produced record high temperatures, record high minimum temperatures, and some "firsts" for winter warmth too.

At International Falls, the

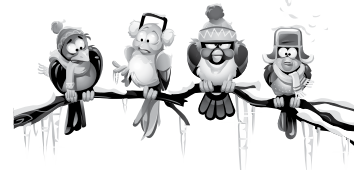
high temperature of 53 F on January 31st became the highest temperature on record for any January day. Previously, no January day had ever topped 50 F at that weather station..

In the Twin Cities and at St. Cloud, the high temperature was 55 F, record highs for the date at both stations. Rochester also broke a daily high temperature record, with 52 F. Duluth hit 48 F, just one degree shy of its daily record. Airport stations in western and southwestern Minnesota recorded temperatures in the upper 50s and low 60s. The highest temperatures in the state occurred in western and southwestern Minnesota (many recorded on February 1 because volunteer daily observers with the official National Weather Service Cooperative Network

make morning readings), with 61 F at Marshall, and 58 F reported at Milan, Wells and Winnebago.

The warmth on the final day of January punctuated a warm spell that began in most areas on the 22nd or 23rd. For the final week of the month, daily mean temperatures averaged 18-25 degrees F above normal across the state.

Most areas in the state had received less than 25% of their normal snowfall through the first week of February, and had seen 20-55 days since December 1st with no snow on the ground.



Church News

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
okleelutheran.org
Wed, Feb. 21: 6:00 p.m.
Meal. 7:00 p.m. Lent Service at Zion.

Sun, Feb. 25: 9:00 a.m.
Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem
10:30 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Salem.

Wed, Feb. 28: 6:00 p.m.
Meal. 7:00 p.m. Lent Service at Salem.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Bryan Kujawa
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. St. Frances – Oklee; 10:15 a.m. – Grygla. 12: p.m. – Goodridge.

BROOKS – RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Saturday: 5:30 p.m. St. Joseph – RLF.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. – Brooks. 10:00 a.m. St. Joseph – RLF.

IMMANUEL–EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Feb. 25: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel (Pr. Jonathan). 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethany (SAM Allen).

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany–Ekelund–Faith
Wed, Feb. 21: 7 p.m. Lent Service at Bethany.
Sun, Feb. 25: Faith: 8:00 a.m. Worship, 9:00 a.m. SS. Bethany: 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. SS. Ekelund: 10 a.m. SS 11:00 p.m. Worship.
Mon, Feb. 26: 9 am Quilt-ing.
Wed, Feb. 28: 7 p.m. Lent Service at Ekelund.

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 – Mahanomen.

Every 4th Tuesday – Thief River Falls

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

Every 2nd & 4th Friday – Bemidji.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Tue, Feb. 20: 5:00 p.m. Mt. Olive.

Wed, Feb. 21: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday School. 6 pm Meal. 7 pm Oak Park.

Thu, Feb. 22: 6:30 p.m. St. Petri.

Sat, Feb. 24: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, Feb. 25: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Service. 9:15 a.m. SS. Nazareth: 8:45am, SS 9:45 a.m. Service. Oak Park: 10 a.m. SS, 11:00 a.m. Service.

Tue, Feb. 27: 6:30 p.m. St. Petri.

Wed, May 28: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday School. 6 pm Meal. 7 pm Nazareth.

Thu, Feb. 29: 5:00 p.m. Mt. Olive.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10 am Worship.

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Devotions.

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister

Wed, Feb. 21: Lenten – Sand Valley – 7:00 p.m.

Sun, Feb. 25: 9:00 p.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley. 2 pm 7th Gr. Confirmation at Lund.

Wed, Feb. 28: Lenten – Bethany – 7:00 p.m.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

February 26 - March 1
Oklee Senior Meals (LSS Meals) are available for Home Delivery, Monday-Friday. Please call the Cathy or Carolyn at the RLF LSS Kitchen the day before, by 12 noon at 218-253-4454.

Mon. 26: Vegetable Dump-ling Soup, Meat Sandwich, Fruit Dessert, Low Fat Milk.

Tue. 27: Chicken ala King, Biscuit, Mixed Vegetables, Dessert, Low Fat Milk.

Wed. 28: Goulash, Peas & Carrots, Bread/Butter, Peach Crisp, Low Fat Milk.

Thu. 29: Pork Loin, Baked Yams, Broccoli, Bread/Butter, Hawaiian Delight Cake, Low Fat Milk.

Fri. 1: Chef's Choice, Low Fat Milk.

Deadline: Fridays at noon!



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Grill off at 2 p.m. Dining room open til 3 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Oklee, Minnesota 56742 ... 218-796-5999

Without proper care for it we can have no community, because without proper care for it we can have no life. The ultimate goal of farming is not the growing of crops, but the cultivation and perfection of human beings.



Red Lake County SWCD is still taking Tree Orders for Spring 2024

Red Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) has been taking tree orders for 2024 springs' tree planting season since October of 2023. Anyone interested in purchasing trees from the Red Lake County SWCD should contact the SWCD office at (218) 253-2593. Due to a lack in tree availability, here is a list of trees the SWCD currently has remaining for purchase.

These numbers will be changing daily as tree orders continue to come in.

Mountain Ash	50	Redosier Dogwood	50
Amur Maple	25	Sugar Maple	150
Siouxland Poplar	25	Red Maple	100
American Plum	50	Silver Maple	75
Highbush Cranberry	50	Red Oak	50
Black Walnut	100	Eastern Red Cedar	75
Chokecherry	100	Scotch Pine	75
Norway Poplar	25	Colorado Blue Spruce	150
Red Splendor Crab	100	Black Hill Spruce	125
Flame Willow	75		

If you are interested in placing a tree order, for springs' tree planting season, please call the Red Lake County SWCD office at (218) 253-2593.

City of Oklee Meeting Minutes

City of Oklee
Regular Council Meeting
January 8th 2024
301 Main Street
Oklee Café 6.00PM

Roll Call: Mayor Gulseth, Sandoval, Cross, Cyr and Peterson, also present Cross. Berberich and Schmitz

Previous meeting minutes
Motion to accept by Sandoval and seconded by Peterson, motion carried.

December Financials
Motion to accept by Cyr and seconded by Sandoval, motion carried.
December Bills
Motion to pay the bills by Cyr and seconded by Cross motion carried.

Market Days
Tracy Hamm requested street closures for Market days 9th and 10th August 2024. Street dance in front of bar, 8pm until midnight. John Kimball (TJ's Tavern) will be running a bar at the pickle ball court, a conversation was had regarding if TJ's was unable to run the bar, if we could sell Beer out of City Hall, cross to look into it.
Truck Show
No to Street Dances, as that was not in the original proposal, too close to Market Days for residents

to put up with extra noise. Check for Insurance liability and to make sure it's not a free for all with kids running around the trucks.

Maintenance
Ben Berberich has now got his waste water license. Berberich requested a Gas blow torch with gas welding capabilities, cost around \$300.00 for the equipment, biggest cost is for an acetylene bottle at \$500.00 Motion by Cyr and seconded by Peterson, motion carried.

Commissions /Rates
Rates for café changed, phone now included in rent which is now \$170.00

Skid Steer rental raised to \$100.00 per hour, including operator. Trailer Rental now \$70.00 a day. Motion to approve the changes by Cyr and seconded by Peterson, motion carried.

Meeting closed at 7.02 PM
Motion to close the meeting by Sandoval and seconded by Cross, motion carried.

Mayor Lori Gulseth

Derek Cross/City Clerk

O49C

RLCSWCD Landowner Meeting 2024

Mark your calendars! Red Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District (RLCSWCD) invites all landowners to our upcoming **Landowner Meeting on March 13th**!

The day will consist of multiple presentations on topics including Soil Health, Financial Assistance Opportunities, and More. Don't miss this chance to network with fellow landowners, gain valuable insights, and meet with local producers.

The event will be held at the City Hall Building in Red Lake Falls, MN on Wednesday, March 13th from 10am to 2pm. The day will include refreshments and a catered lunch. **Please RSVP by March 1st to guarantee lunch.** RSVP by calling RLCSWCD at 218-253-2593, stopping by the RLCSWCD office, or by visiting the RLCSWCD website (www.redlakecountyswcd.org).

O49-50C

FOR SALE ON BIDS CITY OF PLUMMER COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTAL CITY LOT

That part of the South Half of the Southeast Quarter (S½SE¼) of Section Nine (9), Township One Hundred Fifty-one (151), North of Range Forty-two (42), West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, contained within the following described boundaries:

Beginning at a point on the East line of Minnesota Street in the Village of Plummer extended Southerly 70 feet South of the Southwest corner of Block 1 in the First Addition to Plummer; from this point at right angles East parallel with the South line of said First Addition a distance of 407.00 feet; thence South 03°20'33" East 370.35 feet to a point; thence at right angles West, the trajectory being South 89°9'12" West a distance of approximately 423.13 feet to the East line of Minnesota Street; thence North along the East line of Minnesota Street to the point of beginning.

City water & sewer hook up is available.
(This lot was formerly known as the baseball field)

Bids will be accepted till noon March 11th at the Plummer City Clerk's office or mail them to City Clerk PO Box 128 Plummer MN 56748. Bids will be open Tuesday, March 12th at the regular City Council meeting. The Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Margaret Peterson
Clerk/Treasurer

O46-51C

Oklee Office Hours

I am in the office most Fridays (call to check) and I will be in the office on Monday, February 26th from 10 am until 4 pm.

Deadlines for items in the paper is on Fridays by Noon.

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

Sudoku Solution

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

Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - Pages 382

Banana Bars Kari Hamm

1/2 cup butter
1-1/2 cups sugar
2 eggs
2 cups bananas, mashed
3/4 cup sour cream
1 tsp vanilla
2 cups flour
1/2 tsp salt
1 tsp soda

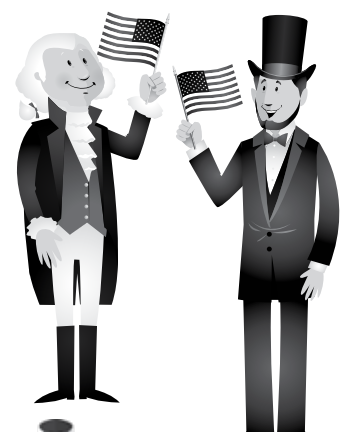
Cream butter and sugar; add eggs. Stir well. Stir in the sour cream, vanilla and bananas. Add dry ingredients. Mix well. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes in a greased jelly roll pan.

Frosting:

Brown 1/2 cup butter until deep brown. Blend in 2 cups powdered sugar, 1/2 tsp vanilla. Add 2 Tbsp milk or more if needed.



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MUSTANG STAMPEDE



RLCC Menus

February 26 - Marc 1
Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Biscuit & Gravy, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Quesadilla, Lettuce Salad, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Raspberry Flips, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Ham Patty, Potato Wedges or Tots, Vegetables, Fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Omelet, Toast, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chili, Corn Muffin, Corn Chips, Fresh Veggies, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Burritos, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Strips, Scalloped or Au Gratin Potatoes, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chef's Choice, Veggies, Fruit, and Milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Nuggets, Tri-Tators, Broccoli & Cauliflower, Ranch, Fruit, and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: French Toast Bread, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Pizza Hotdish, Garlic Toast, Corn, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Yogurt, Toast w/PB&J, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Corn Dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Peas, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs & Ham, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Patty w/Bun, Goldfish Crackers, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Chef's Choice, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chef's Choice, Fruit, and Milk.

Open Gym Continues

OPEN GYM in Oklee on Saturdays from 1-3:00 (under 7th grade must be accompanied by an adult/guardian). Contact Kurt at 612-247-0812 with questions.

Open Gym in Plummer is on Sundays from 1-3:00 and elementary basketball holds open gym for participants in Oklee on Sunday's at 3:00.

RLCC Sports Schedules

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

RLCC Mustangs Girls Varsity BB

Fri, Feb 23: 7:30PM Climax-Fisher @ Plummer

Mon, Feb 26: 7:00 p.m. Section Pigtail

Thu, Feb 29: Section Play-in Round TBD

Sat, Mar 2: Section Quarters TBD Ralph Engelstad Arena - TRF

Wed, Mar 6: Section Semis TBD Ralph Engelstad Arena - TRF

Fri, Mar 8: Section Finals 7:00PM Ralph Engelstad Arena - TRF

Mon, Mar 11: Section Play-in Round TBD vs. _____

Thu, Mar 14: Section Play-in Round TBD vs. _____

Sat, Mar 16: Section Quarters TBD Ralph Engelstad Arena - TRF

Wed, Mar 19: Section Semis 7:45PM Ralph Engelstad Arena - TRF

Fri, Mar 21: Section Finals 7:00PM Ralph Engelstad Arena - TRF

Mon, Mar 24: Section Play-in Round TBD vs. _____

Thu, Mar 27: Section Play-in Round TBD vs. _____

Sat, Mar 29: Section Quarters TBD Ralph Engelstad Arena - TRF

Wed, Mar 31: Section Semis 7:45PM Ralph Engelstad Arena - TRF

Fri, Apr 2: Section Finals 7:00PM Ralph Engelstad Arena - TRF



Thank you to the Plummer Lions for providing the Medals to the 17th Annual Plummer Lions Invitational. Over 100 Students from around the area competed in the MSHSL event of 13 categories. Head Coach Jessie Hamrum is with Head Coach Kjerstie Fried, Warroad presenting the medals.

17th Annual Plummer Lions Speech Invitational



Participating in the 17th Annual Plummer Lions Meet: Back Row: Brody Hammer, Humor, Hayden Shulstad, 3rd Place Discussion, Ciara Mitzner 3rd Place, Great Speeches, Brady Lowell and Lily Baker, Duo

Front Row: Emily Rathsack, Rae Martinson, Duo with Ciara Mitzner, Mykayla Peterson, 5th place, Exempt Reading, Hannah Dudycha, 1st place Informative, and Peyton Williams, 2nd place Poetry



On Saturday, February 17th, the Red Lake County Rebels Speech team traveled to Roseau to participate in the Ram's first tournament in decades. Back Row: Lily Baker and Brady Lowell, 5th place Duo, Hayden Shulstad, 2nd Place in Discussion, Brody Hammer, Most Valuable Team Member, and Ciara Mitzner, 2nd in Great Speeches

Front row: Hannah Dudycha 1st place in Informative, Rae Martinson, 4th place in Duo (along with Ciara Mitzner), Mykayla Peterson 3rd place in Creative, and 4th place in Exempt Reading, and Peyton Williams, 1st place in Poetry.



Owen Chervestad and Guy Bergeson spoke about the Mustangs vs Patriots game on Monday, February 12th with Dawson Peterson from R & J Broadcasting. Here they are interviewing Head Coach Mitch Bernstein in the Post Game Show.

MEET THE KINDERGARTEN OF RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL



Name: Autumn Konickson
Parents: Matthew & Amy
Siblings: Lily and Gabe

What does your Mom do for a living: Goes to work. She taps buttons on her computer.

What does your Dad do for a living: Goes to work. He scoops dirt and rock.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A teacher
Favorite Movie: Elsa

Favorite Food: Lettuce and oranges.

Favorite School Activity: Write and draw.

Favorite Color: Rainbow and pink.

Favorite Toy: Dinosaurs.

Favorite Sport: Soccer.

Anything else you'd like people to know about you? I really love to play with my sister, Lily. We love to love each other. We play everything together.



Name: Elliot Brekke
Parents: Kelly and Betsy
Siblings: Landon, Ansley and Josie.

What does your Mom do for a living: She usually does homework, cleans the house and cooks food. I like her cooking.

What does your Dad do for a living: He goes to the farm and works on things. He's also a cop and puts people in jail.

What do you want to be when you grow up?: A farmer & cop like my dad.

Favorite Movie: Spiderman.

Favorite Food: Mac & Cheese.

Favorite School Activity: Play Candyland.

Favorite Color: Green.

Favorite Toy: Legos.

Favorite Sport: Wrestling.

Anything else you'd like people to know about you? Sometimes I like to organize my room and I love my family.

RLCC High School 2nd Qtr Honor Roll

7th Grade

"A" Honor Roll

Savannah Brekke
Brennen Christianson
Aubrey Halverson
Jordan Johnson
Kinsley Kruchowski
Alyssa Morinville
Easton Morinville
Isabelle Paradis
Dylan Sogla
Oliver Vogel

"B" Honor Roll

Keira Baker
Amelia Benson
Isabella Brekke
Molly Ferguson
Marshall Gagner
Avery Hagl
Trevor Lee
Parker Lundeen
William Mostrom
Jaylee Parsley
Brielle Reinbold
Ray Srnsky
Naomi Stordahl

Jackson Morinville
Arlo Svendsen

10th Grade

"A" Honor Roll

Jacob Cater
Connor Duden
Gunnar Halverson
Emma Hendrickson
Kendra Morinville
Colin Taggart

"B" Honor Roll

Will Gieseke
McKenzie Hamm
Hailey Hanson
Leif Hofstad
Lillie Lundeen
Nolan Lundeen
Abigail Morinville
Kathryn Srnsky
Nickolas Suchy
Mckenzie Tofstad
Kassidy Torgerson
Atley Vettleson
Logan Vettleson
Dylan Wichterman
Peyton Williams

8th Grade

"A" Honor Roll

Eli Grove
Keanna Landrus
Isabella Mitzner
Leah Pahlen
Mason Williams

"B" Honor Roll

Mya Arlt
Bronco Bergeson
Alexander Bramer
Willa Klamm
Autumn Lindemoen
Dylan Lundeen
Taylor Moen
Marissa Morinville
Avery Nelson
Oliveah Stordahl
Dalton Wichterman

9th Grade

"A" Honor Roll

Benjamin Bramer
Natalee Hendrickson
Graceyn Kvasager
Gavin Roisland
Thor Thompson
Violet Tvedt

"B" Honor Roll

Alexa Chervestad
Olin Eskeli

11th Grade

"A" Honor Roll

Kendra Christianson
Hannah Dudycha
Ciara Mitzner

"B" Honor Roll

Guy Bergeson
Owen Chervestad
Evelynn Klamm
Ruben Osborn
Luke Peterson
Oliver Russillo
Ryan Tvedt

12th Grade

"A" Honor Roll

Jamie Flatgard
Sydney Fougner
Lilian Hager
Jennifer Johnson
Keira Morinville
Kya Morinville

"B" Honor Roll

Natalie Baker
Devin Davidson
Paul Malwitz
Ella Moen
Bryn Vettleson
Carly Vettleson

Vocal Contest held in East Grand Forks last Wednesday



Vocal Contest was held in East Grand Forks on Wednesday, February 14th. Red Lake County Central's Ensemble Group earned a Superior Rating. Pictured back row left to right: Gavin Roisland, Evelynnn Klamm, Mckenzie Tofstad, Jamie Flatgard, Hailey Hanson, Lily Hager, and Quinn Graves. Front Row left to right: Shelby Sherman, Lilie Lundeen, Nick Andreef, Hannah Dudycha, McKenzie Hamm, and Peyton Williams.



Quinn Graves & Jamie Flatgard/ Duet received a Superior Rating.



McKenzie Hamm/Solo received an Excellent Rating.



Gavin Roisland/Solo received an Excellent Rating.

Minnesota to celebrate 8th annual School Bus Driver Appreciation Day February 21

Communities across the state will recognize thousands of Minnesota school bus drivers for their commitment to safely transporting 682,000 students each day.

Minnesotans across the state will celebrate the eighth annual School Bus Driver Appreciation Day on Wednesday, Feb. 21. School districts, bus organizations and communities will host a wide range of events, drawing attention to these dedicated professionals and the incredible service they provide to the state.

To bring attention to this important profession, Governor Tim Walz has proclaimed Feb. 21 as School Bus Driver Appreciation Day in the state of Minnesota. The I-35W bridge, Lowry Avenue Bridge and Capella Tower in Minneapolis will also be lit yellow on Feb. 21 in recognition of School Bus Driver Appreciation Day.

"School bus drivers work from dawn to dusk, rain or shine, to make sure our students get to school safely," said Governor Tim Walz. "They have a significant impact on students' lives, often as the first and last people students see during the school day. School bus drivers are essential to the safety, well-being, and

development of our students, and we're honored to celebrate them each year."

The Minnesota School Bus Operators Association (MSBOA) and Minnesota Association for Pupil Transportation (MAPT) first teamed up in 2017 to create School Bus Driver Appreciation Day. This year, the organizations are encouraging the public to give thanks to their community's school bus drivers and recognize the vital role these drivers play in their communities.

"From quiet dirt roads to bustling city streets and everywhere in between, Minnesota school bus drivers consistently go the extra mile for our kids," said MSBOA President Bethany Bertram. "Children are our future and school bus drivers play a critical role in supporting their education and providing a supportive start to each day. Their positive impact on students' experiences is truly worthy of celebration. We are excited to honor them on School Bus Driver Appreciation Day and encourage Minnesotans across the state to share their thanks."

The school bus driving industry is the largest form of mass transit in Minnesota,

with drivers safely transporting more than 682,000 students to and from school each day statewide.

"Minnesota school bus drivers play a crucial role in our school systems and are important figures in children's lives," said Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan. "We appreciate school bus drivers and recognize the invaluable contributions they make to public education and student safety each and every day."

As of 2024, nearly every school district in the state faces a bus driver shortage and is seeking professionals to fill these flexible roles that provide an invaluable service to their local communities.

"Each of our school bus drivers is responsible for the safety and success of dozens of students. Their rigorous training and incredible professionalism mean Minnesota students are nearly eight times safer riding to and from school in a school bus than in cars," said MAPT President Nick Klaseus. "We hope Minnesotans help us recognize the school bus drivers in their communities on Feb. 21 by thanking them for consistently showing up for our kids, day in and day out."



February 2024 Health Points

Poisonings from Cannabis Edibles is on the Rise

There has been a reported rise in the number of kids unintentionally consuming marijuana products. This is especially true in the growing number of states where marijuana has been legalized. In fact, the rates of unintentional poisoning by cannabis edibles in children younger than 6 years old rose 1,375% between 2017 and 2021. Two-year-olds accounted for the largest share of children exposed (28%), followed by 3-year-olds (25%).

Marijuana can be dangerous in all forms for children and adolescents, both in the short term and the long term. That's why it's important for parents and adults to understand how much THC is contained in edible products and how THC is absorbed in the body and how important it is to kids safe.

What are marijuana edibles?

Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana is infused into tempting treats, such as:

Gummy candies, chocolate bars, lollipops, fudge and other candies, baked goods, and sweetened beverages such as sodas and lemonade (sometimes called "weed drinks").

Delayed effects of edible marijuana linked to overdosing.

Edible THC products take longer than smoked marijuana to have an effect. Smoking takes just seconds to minutes. But a THC edible typically takes 30 to 60 minutes after being eaten and digested. The peak effect happens 3 to 4 hours after ingesting.

How to keep marijuana edibles out of the hands of kids

The best way to keep your kids safe from marijuana edibles is not to have them in your home. Some other considerations:

- Store them safely and out of reach of children and clearly label them.

- Use with caution. Never consume marijuana edibles in front of children, either for medical or recreational purposes. Seeing the products could create temptation for kids. Using them may also impair your ability to provide a safe environment. You shouldn't drive if you've consumed edible marijuana products, especially with kids in the vehicle. THC use can slow down your reaction times.

- Avoid buying THC edibles that come in packages that look just like real candies. And be sure to put them back into an out-of-reach location immediately after use.

- Talk to family members, friends, and caregivers.

What to do if your child eats an edible

If your child unintentionally eats a marijuana edible, try to find out what and how much they ate. Look at the edible's wrapper to see how much THC it contains. Call the free poison control hotline—1-800-222-1222—as soon as possible for fast help. You can also get online help at www.poisoning.org.

If your child's symptoms seem severe, call 911 or go to an emergency room right away.

By: Kevin Osterhoudt, MD, MSCE, FAAP, FAACT, FACMT

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/ages-stages/teen/substance-abuse/Pages/Edible-Marijuana-Dangers.aspx>

Emergency Blood Shortage

The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood shortage as the nation faces the lowest number of people giving blood in 20 years. Your blood donation is needed now to help alleviate the shortage and ensure lifesaving medical procedures are not delayed.

Visit redcrossblood.org to find a blood drive

Vitalant Blood Donation
Friday 3/8/24 - St Hillaire
Tuesday 3/12/24 - Lincoln High School TRF

Wednesday 3/13/24 - Goodridge School-gym
Monday 3/18/24 - TRF Eagles Ballroom

Visit vitalant.org or call 877-258-4825 for more information and for other locations.

Dak Minn Blood Bank

Dak Minn Blood Bank is located at 3375 DeMers Avenue in Grand Forks. It is through the support of area blood donors that we are able to provide blood for patients in our community.

Visit blooddonations@altru.org or call (701) 780-5433



National Children's Dental Health Month

Brought by the ADA (American Dental Association) national health observance promotes benefits of good oral health.

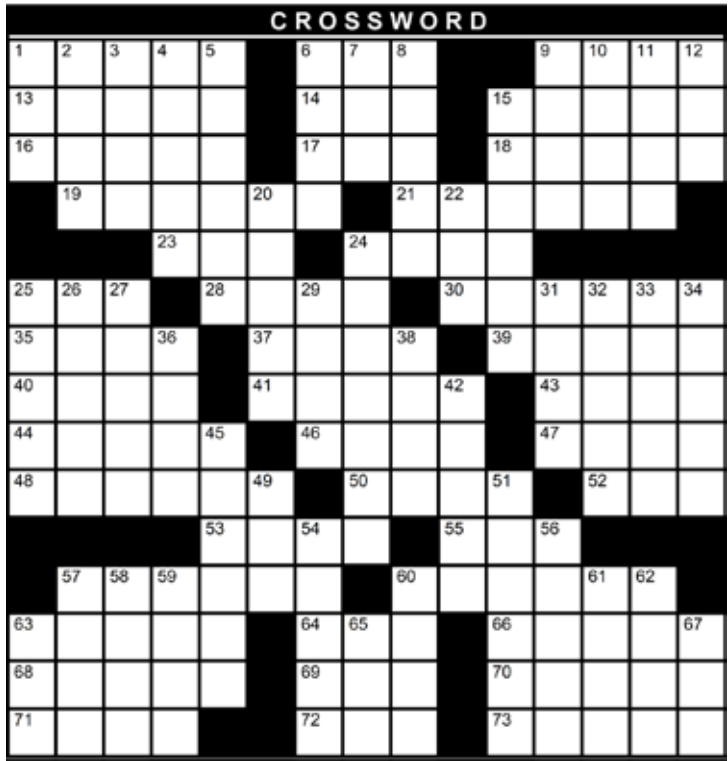
- Brush your teeth 2x/day with fluoride toothpaste
- Clean between your teeth daily.

- Eat healthy foods and limit sugary beverages.

- See your dentist at least twice a year.

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10. Use a ladle
11. At any time
12. **No Country for Old ____ multi Oscar winner
15. Suitors
20. Trojan War story
22. Just an ____-fashioned love song
24. Slumber
25. FL., as in fl. oz.
26. "A Confederacy of ____," sing.
27. Place above a ceiling
29. Dueler's strike
31. Overnight lodgings
32. Shoelace bunny ears
33. Divine saying
34. *Producer and star of "Poor Things"
36. **The ____ of Interest

38. Table hill
42. Wooden pin
45. *Like nominated ones
49. Love-love, e.g.
51. Meat-cooking contraption
54. Roaring of an engine
56. Hindu religious teacher
57. Forum, pl.
58. Deed hearing
59. Medical diagnostic test
60. Abe Lincoln's hat material
61. #20 Down, e.g.
62. Traditional learning method
63. *DaVine ____ Randolph
65. Orinoco or Grande
67. *Ryan Gosling's character

DOWN

1. Cornelius of the movies
2. Snap up
3. 'I' in Greek alphabet
4. Howard of radio fame
5. Death-related
6. One of the Earnhardts
7. Spermatozoa counter-parts
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Oklee Herald Early Files

Ninety Years Ago February 22, 1934

The Frank L. Cyr family and Mildred Bruggeman visited in Mahnomen Sunday.

The Misses Dora Fortier and Doris and Dorothy Morrisette spent Sunday afternoon at the Ralph Rahier home.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bergeron returned from a trip to Winnipeg.

Mrs. Louis Hince of Yakima, WA, was visiting at the Henry Falardeau home.

Eighty Years Ago February 17, 1944

Ensign Willard K. Lindquist, USNR, of Oklee, has completed his naval Armed Guard Center, New Orleans, LA. He will be commander of the Navy gun crew aboard an American merchant ship, and will be responsible for the safety of his vessel in case of enemy air, submarine or surface attack.

Pvt. Alice Lindquist of the WACs has returned to Camp Wolters, Texas, after spending a furlough with home folks here.

The Oklee High School basketball team won two games from Plummer, there, Tuesday, and A team winning, 22-28 and the B team 26-16. They lost to Erskine, 28-20, here last Thursday.

Harvey Boucher had the misfortune of breaking his right forearm Wednesday morning of last week. He fractured both bones in the arm about three inches above the waist.

Ration Reminders: Shoes - No. 18 stamp in War Ration Book One Validity extended indefinitely. Airplane stamp No.1 in Book III valid for one pair of shoes indefinitely.

Seventy Years Ago February 25, 1954

Selvin Christopherson and Dewey Lambert of the Oklee Decorators had completed an extensive project at the Oklee Community Hall.

Lou Horstman Jr. of Oklee, boxing in the Upper Midwest Golden Gloves tournament at Minneapolis decided in three rounds John Sharahan of Glencoe which placed him in the quarter finals with the top eight light weight boxers in three states.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Tasa and family were visitors at the Herbert Bakke home Sunday

evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Larson of Hallock spent the weekend at the Nap Miller home.

Sixty Years Ago February 20, 1964

Faye Stucy, senior student at Goodridge High School, has been named the "Homemaker of Tomorrow" at the school as a result of a recent examination.

Three new men were elected at the Oklee Cooperative Oil Association on Friday. They are Engval Christoferson, Norman Boucher and Darrow Lundeen.

Teddy Jaeger, James Malinovshy, Dwight Howard and Jerry Gerardy met Tuesday evening to complete plans for the meal the men of St. Vincent de Paul church will serve Sunday evening at the Plummer Hall.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hanson (nee Linda Watne) who were married Saturday at Nazareth Lutheran Church by J. H. Larson, in the presence of their immediate families.

The pupils and teacher, Mrs. Alvin Burstad of Dist. 1556 had a valentine party at the school Friday afternoon. Guests at the party were the mothers and younger children. Valentines were exchanged and a lunch was served.

At the Oak Theatre "Donavon's Reef" was the movie for Feb. 22-23, featuring John Wayne, Lee Marvin and Elizabeth Allen.

Marine Private Gary M. Via, son of Mrs. Leona Vi, of Duluth, completed recruit training January 22nd at the Marine Corp Recruit Dept, San Diego, California.

Forty Years Ago February 21, 1974

Vern's Little Super in Oklee, owned and operated by Vern and Mae Bergeron for many years has changed hands recently. The new operators are Mr. and Mrs. Allen Basinger, who took over the operation on February 18. The store will be called Oklee Hartz Market.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kruse of Plummer are preparing to open a newly remodeled restaurant in the Village of Plummer this weekend or early next week. The property is the former Chuchwagon Cafe which was operated by Ardith Zimpel. The new name will be Kruse Inn.

Mrs. Velma Groberg and Miss Greace McManus were

presently plaques recognizing their years of service to the education in Oklee.

Jesse DuChamp, Red Lake County Assessor, has been appointed to the St. John's Hospital Lay Advisory Council. Myles Flateland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Flateland, has been named to the University of North Dakota's fall semesters Dean's List.

Orlan Stolaas was chosen King Agassiz of Pennington County.

Thirty Years Ago February 15, 1984

Oklee's One Act Play "War on Tatem" tied for first place with Fosston and then by a tie -break, placed second. Cast included Sandra Rustan, Sue Olson, Jean Lindquist, March Bachand, Shannon Olson, Sheryl White, Cathy Cyr, Debbie Lambert, Carol Bergeron, Trini Lambert and director Mike Swenson.

Jennifer Cyr and Sandra Rustan were winners in the Minnesota Music Teachers Association Northwest District Piano contest.

Those who came to the Dwight Carlson home on Saturday to celebrate Shawn's birthday were Ryan Bjerklie, Travis Vettleson, Jamie Gunderson, Jona Bernier and Scott Parsley.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Berg are the parents of a baby boy born on February 6th and was named Eric Daniel Roger.

Thirty Years Ago February 16, 1994

Wayne and Deb Vettleson have been selected as the 1994 Outstanding Dairy Producers from Red Lake County. In 1978 Deb and Wayne built their home on the farm where the still live and started in the dairy business with a 10 cow herd.

Winners of the Oklee Spelling Bee contest held on Monday February 7th were 1st: Tera Berberich, 2nd: Angie O'Neill and 3rd: Kelsey Lundeen.

The 1st Annual Oklee Sleigh Day event was held on February 12th. The Garnes Go Getters 4-H Club provided lunch and treats for those attending the Oklee Sleigh Day.

Lisa Tvedt was the organizer of the Plummer School spelling bee. Winners were 1st: Laura Konickson, 2nd: Laurel Hagge, 3rd: Danny Linder, with Wade Westlake being in

4th place.

Scott and Janell Champagne returned Friday from Casper, WY where they visited their brothers, Ronnie and Kevin Champagne.

Twenty Years Ago February 19, 2004

At the regular meeting of the RLC Commissioners, Sharon Weiss's resignation was accepted. Prior to Sharon's resignation with the County, Bob Quinlan, Regional Extension Educator, had verbally offered the position of 4-H Coordinator to Sharon, which she accepted.

Zion Quilters have been working on mission quilts. Persons participating were Doris LaJambe, Carolyn Person, Rose Mandt, Marion Marquis, Ione Nelson, Doris Hanson, and Doris Nelson.

Riley Hemly was honored as the RLCC High School January's Student of the Month.

RLCC - Plummer Site has installed a new scoreboard.

Mrs. Dianne Gagner hosted the Hollyhock Homestudy Club on Tuesday evening with Mrs. Jean Carpenter of Plummer, Myrtle Hamrum, and Lorna Nielson answering the roll call.

Mrs. Dorothy Lambert of Oklee hosted the Oklee bridge club on Wednesday when Pearl and Dorothy won the traveling prizes and guests were Mrs. Pearl Laniel, Joan Bronken, Jeannie O'Neill, Doris Hanson and Rose Mandt.

Ten Years Ago February 19, 2014

The Annual 4-H Fishing Adventure was held and there were 22 4-H members participating. All 4-H members received a multi-tool and tackle box for future fishing trips.

Korky Kleven reported that a new Maintenance Supervisor was hired, Rodney Duden, and will take over due to Jim DuChamp's retirement March 31st.

RLCC Elementary has announced their students of the month for December: Kaleb Roussy and Tanisha Srnsky. For January: Aurimy Olson and Janae Olson.

RLCC High School Students of the month for January were Austin May and Connor Lambert.

Last Sunday, Joe & Christine Pueringer, of TRF, Blair and Sara Larson and Sophie Jo of Fargo, and many others gathered for an old fashioned family gathering over a wonderful dinner at the Vern Schindler home.

funds projects that aim to improve and enhance the patient experience at RiverView Health. In 2023, the Auxiliary funded requests for books for RiverView's Reach Out and Read program, patient activity bags, inpatient clothing, and equipment for Rehab Services totaling more than \$11,000.

In 2023, the Limited Addition Gift Shop donated \$10,000 to the Auxiliary, with the Auxiliary donating \$5,000 to the Giving Hearts Day campaign.

Five hundred dollar scholarships were awarded to RiverView employees working toward healthcare degrees. Recipients were Kalie Magsam and Olivia Huck.

The Limited Addition Gift Shop, run by Auxiliary volunteers, added two new volunteers and two new vendors in 2023. According to Bergquist, the shop is run by 27 volunteers who donated 3,856 hours in 2023 for an equivalent of \$122,620.80. Sales from the shop were more than \$70,000 for the year.

Auxiliary Board members are Gloria Watro, Deb Norman-din, Jacqueline Cournia, Judie Kanten, Deb Sylvestre, Marlys Mjoen, Nancy Capistran, Kristie Ricard, and Jean LaPlante.

If you are interested in joining the Auxiliary, contact Bergquist at cbergquist@river-viewhealth.org or call 281.9572.

Foundation gears up for Giving Hearts Day

Foundation Director Randy Schoenborn began his presentation by thanking the 2023 Foundation Board of Directors of Marilyn Wentzel, Jerry Lindsay, Jodi Clauson, Marcia Schoenborn, Cory Dal-lager, Kari Koenig, and Taylor Sannes. After nine years of dedication to the Foundation, Lindsay fulfilled his third three-year term in early 2024. Hunter Plante was elected to fill the position.

Schoenborn reported that 2023 was a successful year for the Foundation, thanks to the support of generous donors. In 2023, the Foundation

- Received 700 gifts from over 450 donors, totaling \$458,000

- Brought in \$210,000 on Giving Heats Day through 245 gifts supporting new analyzers for the RiverView Laboratory and other vital needs within RiverView

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: Mortgagee: Nicholas W Johnson, a single person

Mortgagee: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Dated: January 15, 2010
Recorded: January 19, 2010
Red Lake County Recorder Document No. 128796

Assigned To: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
Dated: January 15, 2010
Recorded: January 19, 2010
Red Lake County Recorder Document No. 128797

Assigned To: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Dated: May 27, 2010
Recorded: June 14, 2010
Red Lake County Recorder Document No. 129206

Assigned To: US Bank National Association
Dated: June 2, 2010
Recorded: June 14, 2010
Red Lake County Recorder Document No. 129207

Transaction Agent: N/A
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: N/A
Lender or Broker: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Residential Mortgage Servicer: U.S. Bank National Association
Mortgage Originator: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

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ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 415 Broadway Ave Ne
Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Red Lake

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$39,780.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$32,792.10

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; that no action or proceeding has

been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 18, 2024, 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, 124 N. Main, Red Lake Falls, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within 6 Months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minnesota Statutes section 580.30 or the property redeemed under Minnesota Statutes section 580.23 is October 18, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: NONE

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

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RiverView Health's 126th Annual Meeting

RiverView Healthcare Association members heard the ups and downs of 2023 virtually Monday, Jan. 29, during the Association's 126th Annual Meeting.

CFO Betty Arvidson shared preliminary financial information with Association members. While numbers have yet to be finalized, RiverView will finish with a substantial loss for Fiscal Year 2023.

Referring to the financial report as "sobering," President/CEO Carrie Michalski shared some background on why RiverView and similar-sized hospitals are struggling.

"Hospitals, particularly rural hospitals across the country, continue to see strained financial resources. The Minnesota Hospital Association in their most recent financial scan of the hospital industry is predicting that Minnesota hospitals on average will end 2023 with a 2.7 percent negative operating margin this year. That's the lowest ever predicted with no relief in sight from our federal or state governments."

Michalski went on to report that RiverView patients are predominantly of Medicare age, with Medicare and Medicaid as primary funding for services. Medicare and Medicaid patients make up over 50 percent of RiverView's business. Unfortunately, Medicare only reimburses .98 cents on the dollar for care, the State of Minnesota only pays approximately .85 cents per dollar for Medicaid hospital patients, and less than .85 cents per dollar for Home Care clients.

Skilled nursing care services are also paid at a lower level, which led to the decision to close RiverView's Memory Care in 2023; as Michalski stated, RiverView could "no longer subsidize the underfunding by the State of Minnesota."

"As we go forward as RiverView, we will continue to right-size our operations and maximize efficiencies as we navigate 2024 and beyond."

Finding a positive path forward

As part of the effort to turn the financial picture around, Michalski reported that RiverView successfully lowered operating costs by \$3.6 million in 2023 but said more is needed.

RiverView is now part of a

collaborative project with 20 other independent community hospitals in Minnesota, exploring the formation of a clinically integrated health network. The hospitals, mostly in rural parts of Minnesota, are working together to further improve patient care and outcomes, and working toward gaining some economies of scale to negotiate better and more fair contracts with larger insurers. There are 37 independent community hospitals in Minnesota. Michalski said the hope is that they will all join the collaboration.

While finances were a struggle, there were many highlights in 2023, most importantly,

- RiverView was among 10 percent of hospitals nationwide awarded the Outstanding Patient Experience Award from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This five-star status was based on patient survey results.

- Hannah Reski, PA-C, recently joined RiverView's Orthopaedics Team. As an orthopaedic physician assistant, Reski will see new patients and those who need post-operative care. She will also do most of the in-office casting and splinting work.

- Senior Life Solutions, an intensive outpatient mental wellness program, recently opened on RiverView's Crookston campus. The program is designed to help older adults who are experiencing symptoms of depression, anxiety, or other mental challenges often associated with aging.

- RiverView continues to offer the Community Physician Recruiter Incentive Program to engage the community in the effort to connect with and successfully recruit physicians to RiverView. In return, anyone responsible for igniting the spark that eventually brings a qualified physician to full-time employment at RiverView will be justly rewarded financially, up to \$20,000. If you know someone who may be interested in a rewarding career at RiverView Health, go to www.riverviewhealth.org and learn more under the "Community Physician Recruiter Program" heading.

Another highlight was that according to the Minnesota Hospital Association's most recent report, RiverView's total charitable community benefit

work exceeded \$5.4 million.

"Even though we've had two years of operating loss, we have not let up in supporting our community and making investments in our community," Michalski stated. "RiverView remains committed to serving this community as a nonprofit."

Of that \$5.4 million, about \$1.8 is support for community events, training for future healthcare workers, education, etc.

The other \$3.6 million is what RiverView subsidized for the underfunding of the State of Minnesota's Medicaid program. While this is not a legislative budgeting year, Michalski said RiverView representatives will continue to advocate for relief for rural hospitals to offset inflationary costs and the states continued under funding of Medicaid programs that serve the states most vulnerable citizens.

Board of Directors

Tim Brinkman and Dr. Brett Vibeto were reelected to the Board of Directors to serve their third three-year terms. Other Board members are Grant Gunderson, Stephanie Harbott, Garrett Borowicz, Reed Engelstad, Dr. Erik Kanten, Lori Keller and Kari Koenig.

Special Awards

Several awards were announced at the meeting, with more information to be shared at a later date. Those honors included:

- Employee of the Year: Pam Stainbrook, Inpatient Unit, received the highest employee honor and an award of \$1,000.

- Alta Hermodson Heart and Soul Award: The Auxiliary honored long-time volunteer Judie Kanten with the annual volunteer award.

- Reaching Out to Serve Award: The Crookston Fire Department received the 2023 community-minded honor.

2023 proves busy for the Auxiliary

The RiverView Auxiliary hosted blood drives, the Teddy Bear Clinic, collected items for the Mitten Tree, participated in the Home Delivered Meals Program, and so much more in 2023.

According to Carrie Bergquist, Auxiliary liaison, over \$24,000 was raised through memberships, donations, and fundraising events.

Each year, the Auxiliary

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- Raised over \$26,000 through the Golf Classic for the Foundation's priority projects, the RiverView Recovery Center and the Angel Fund. The 2024 Golf Classic will be held on June 10.

- Received more than \$100,000 in gifts from 196 employees
- Brought in close to \$30,000 in scholarship funds for area students pursuing careers in healthcare

The Foundation is now focused on Giving Hearts Day, Feb. 8th, an online nonprofit fundraiser. That day, the Dakota Medical Foundation and other generous donors will match gifts to the Foundation up to \$60,000.

Undesignated 2024 Giving Hearts Day contributions will assist in the cost of replacing sterilizers in the Surgical Services Department.

Early giving is now open. Go to www.riverviewhealth.org and click on the "Donate" button at the top of the page. For more information or assistance with a donation, contact Schoenborn at rschoenborn@riverviewhealth.org or call 281-9249.

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Only in Minnesota...
a weekly feature from the Grygla Eagle

You'll love a trip to Minnesota's longest pier that stretches infinitely into a lake

Let's get happy summer thoughts on our minds this week! Here in the Land of 10,000 Lakes, there are many ways to enjoy the water. You can head out on a motorboat for a speedy trip through the currents, or you can take it slow in a canoe or kayak. You can visit one of the state's many beaches to go for a dip, or you can enjoy the view from the shore. If you're an angler, you have a host of options, too. You can drop in a line from a boat or the shoreline, or you find a

nice fishing pier to settle into. Today, we'd like to suggest a great one. The longest fishing pier in Minnesota seems to stretch infinitely into Dower Lake. It's a fantastic place to catch a fish or simply enjoy the view.

The longest pier in Minnesota is found at Dower Lake Recreation Area in Staples, Minnesota.

The recreation area is a lovely spot to spend an afternoon. It's a 54-acre park that has a softball area, a basketball court, and a disc golf course, as well as picnic areas, campsites, and a swimming beach.

But the park's biggest claim to fame is its pier. It's the longest fishing pier in Minnesota! It stretches 612 feet into Dower Lake. This beautiful pier is truly a sight to behold. From the shore, it looks like it goes on forever. At the end of the pier, you'll find a great spot to settle in for a few hours of fishing. Benches will keep you comfy as you cast your line and wait for a bite.

Dower Lake Recreation Area is a little-known spot in central Minnesota. But it's home to that impressive 612-foot fishing pier, the longest pier in Minnesota!



Expert Alert: Will the lack of snow impact farmers this spring?

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL (02/19/2024) — With warmer weather and less snow than usual, Minnesota farmers are discussing potential impacts to the 2024 planting season.

Jeffrey Strock, a professor at the Southwest Research and Outreach Center in Lamberton, Minnesota, provides expert commentary on what Minnesota farmers can expect this spring.

"We received just nine inches of snow at the Southwest Research and Outreach Center through January 31, compared to last year's 37.4 inches for the same time period. Although this discrepancy might sound alarming, it's more important to focus on the water equivalent of the snow and what the spring warm-up will be like. So far this winter we've received 9.4 inches of rain and snow, more than double last year's 4.6 inches in the same time period.

In areas of the state that received a decent amount of rain in October, coupled with the rain and snow so far this winter, there should be ample moisture in the soil this spring. Some areas of southern and southwestern Minnesota received up to 6 inches of rain last October which helped recharge the soil profile to a large degree.

In fact, the last measurement on November 15 showed 6.5 inches of available water in the soil profile — about one inch higher than the historic average.

Despite three years of drought conditions, crop yields have met or exceeded expectations. This suggests the crop used the fertilizer in the soil, so under most circumstances, there should be little residual nitrogen to leach away.

Growers have been discussing the possibility of early planting this season. While we don't really know what March and April will bring, it may be possible if the current trend holds. Conditions could be wonderful for planting small grains, spring wheat and oats. There are constraints on how early farmers can actually plant based on crop insurance. For growers that plant cover crops like rye, this could be a spring where they grow rapidly so management will be important.

Remember we live in Minnesota where we know the weather is fickle. Wait five minutes, things are likely to change."

Jeffrey 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.

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Who's Dat?



This week's photo is of a familiar face around Oklee and his nephew.

Last week's photo was of Rodney Bjerklie in dark bibs, Rick Bjerklie pushing the stroller, Mark Hawk in the stroller, Linda (Haugen) Homme in back and Bruce Bjerklie in the light colored bibs.

Everyone has a photo or two that would be great for this column. Please share them with our readers as it is one of most popular columns of the Red Lake County Herald. I really am short on photos and have been diving into history books and other placed to find photos.

I am always in need of more photos - School days, church events, sports, etc. If you email a photo, please scan at 300

Senior Site News & Other Things
By Volunteers Jo Lambert & Bonny Cote

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 218-253-4454 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.

Phone Number: The City of Oklee has decided to cancel the phone number for the Senior Site/Craft Shop since it is closing.

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

Closing of the Craft Shop
If you are a vendor, you will receive a letter explaining the procedure on receiving your items from the craft shop and after everything is accounted for, you will get a final payment of items sold. It will take a few weeks to get everything

together so watch for future updates.

Humor
Lena called the airport and inquired how long it would take to go from Fargo to Minneapolis. The girl who answered her call said, "Just a minute." Lena said, "If it goes that fast, I'll take the bus."

How do you get a one-armed Norwegian out of a tree: You wave at him.

Swede: "Ole, stand in front of my car and tell me if the blinders are working."
Norwegian: "yes, no, yes, no, yes, no."

Enjoy the nice weather!

Plummer News
By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

On Tuesday, February 13th, Jim DuChamp celebrated his 72nd birthday at the Red River Ag Store with the guys. Naomi treated everyone to lemon bars and brownies. There were around ten in all.

On Wednesday evening, Roger Gallant, his granddaughter Cheyanne, Anna DeHate and Alice Jobe went to the Valentine's supper of Shrimp, baked potato and salad bar at the Plummer Legion. They had

a pretty good crowd.

On Sunday, the Super Bowl was on Kansas City won 25-22. Thought I am not a football fan, I watched the last quarter which tied up and went to overtime. Somehow the Chiefs pulled ahead. The crowd went wild. They had a big parade. Unfortunately, someone was killed and there were a few injuries. This should have been a joyful celebration.

On TV's Steve Harvey Show,

a man made a sandwich with his feet and then ate it. Then a guy from Wauwatosa, Wisconsin could open his bottle of beer with his belly button, then he drank the beer.

On Monday afternoon, the 12th, a flock of about three dozen cedar waxwings flew into by spruce trees. They were so busy eating. They stayed about ten minutes. They were fun to watch.

Have a good week!

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

The weather has warmed up a bit over the weekend but the wind came on Saturday and knocked out the warmth. Sunday was a bit more comfortable though. It promises to be a nicer week though. I hope you are enjoying this warmer winter than we have had in years. It is a bit of a vacation for those of us who stay here year round.

Harvey Delage passed away last week and his funeral is

today, Monday, in Thief River Falls.

Rebecca Novak came to visit with Barb and Jerome Novak over the weekend. She arrived on Friday evening and went back to Mankato on Monday.

On Saturday in Plummer there will be a fundraiser for the Brian Wichterman family. It will be held in Plummer, This is a fundraiser for cancer diagnosis that Brian was given.

Keep Saturday in mind to help them out.

I surely do love these sun shiny days. It helps the spirits stay bright and the soul to warm to others. I love the sunshine. It is also so nice to drive on the roads without worrying about ice on the surface.

I hope you have a great week. It looks like it should be free of storms so it is full steam ahead. Enjoy!

Bonny's Bits

The month of February is 3 quarters over by the time you read this, only one more week left, however we got a extra day this year in February. That means it is a Leap Year.

The simple explanation for a Leap year
While the modern calendar contains 365 days, the actual time it takes for Earth to orbit its star is slightly longer—roughly 365.2421 days. The difference might seem negli-

gible, but over decades and centuries that missing quarter of a day per year can add up. To ensure consistency with the true astronomical year, it is necessary to periodically add in an extra day to make up the lost time and get the calendar back in sync with the heavens.

People born on Leap Day are called 'Leaplings'
There are only about 5 million people in the whole world who were born on February 29, with the odds of being born on Leap Day standing at about 1-in-1,461. Several famous people—including actress and singer Dinah Shore (born 1916), motivational speaker Tony Robbins (born 1960) and hip-hop artist Ja Rule (born 1976)—are leaplings. Leaplings technically only get to celebrate their birthdays once every four years, but they do get to be part of an elite group.

Part two of your mini history lesson for this week.

The weather has been very weird this year to say the least. According local history of weather, from my parents and the Oklee papers from 1958, it was a very warm year. The January 2, 1958 top story was: Christmas Enigma: Grass Fires. Oklee and Gonvick firemen found themselves involved in a strange Christmas enigma Tuesday evening when they were called out to do battle with a raging grass fire. In the absence of snow, and fanned by brisk southwest winds up to 40 miles per hour the fires were difficult to control. The most severe blaze was in the area of the Walter Vettleson farm north of Trail. Earlier in the afternoon, Oklee firemen fought a blaze that began on the Walter Asselin farm west of Oklee. So this type of weather is not unheard of.

Thankfully we have not been having fires and have been enjoying nice roads and temperatures. Not complaining.

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