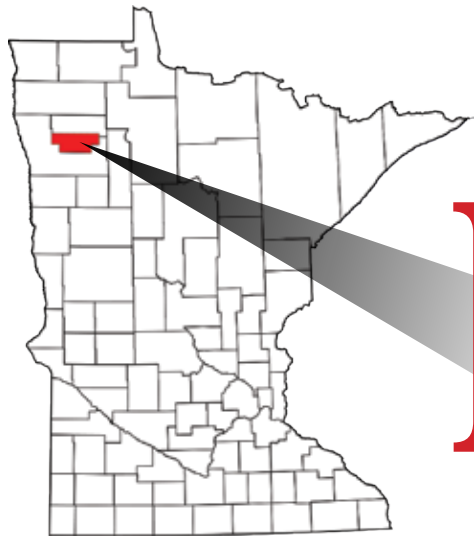




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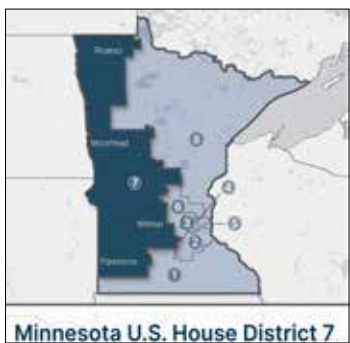
Wednesday, February 28, 2024



Kyle Thibert, Michelle Fischbach, Ron Weiss, Eric Mickelson.

Fischbach Visits Red Lake County

By Eric Mickelson
US Representative, Michelle Fischbach, visited Red Lake County on February 22, 2024, at the Red Lake County Courthouse. Fischbach was born in Woodbury, MN. The native Minnesotan, received a B.A. in Political Science from St. Cloud State University and a Juris Doctor from William Mitchell College of Law. She and her husband, Scott, have two adult children and six grandchildren, and live on a hobby farm in the Paynesville area.



Minnesota U.S. House District 7

In 2018-19 Fischbach served as Lt. Governor of Minnesota and in the 2020 election Fischbach defeated Collin Peterson to represent Minnesota's largest congressional district, District 7.

On a trip throughout her district Rep. Fischbach met with Red Lake County Commissioners, Ron Weiss and Eric Mickelson, along with County Environmental Services Officer, Kurt Casavan and Chief Deputy Auditor, Kyle Thibert. Some of the items discussed were the future of Construction and Demolition Landfills in the county, rural healthcare, agriculture and the farm bill, public schools, and infrastructure (roads, ditches, & bridges).

Shandi Nelson made her 1000th point last week



Congratulations to Lafayette player, Shandi Nelson (with ball) and her team and Coach Hagl, made her 1000th point last week against GGG with a score of 57-47. Shandi is a sophomore at Lafayette High School in Red Lake Falls.



Shandi Nelson going for a layup as GGG players Ashlyn Nelson and Mylee Sjulestad look on!

Zion Lutheran Church of Oklee holding Fish Fry Event in March

By Eric Mickelson
As I reflected on the last few fish fries our church has had it made me think of a word that gets thrown around a lot, fellowship. The meaning of fellowship is a friendly association, especially with people who share one's interests. Example: "They valued fun and good fellowship as the cement of the community." The more I thought about it, what a wonderful word!

The last time our church had a fish fry we were very happy that we were able to raise some money! That was great but what ended up to be even better was looking across the crowd of people just visiting.

There were members of the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Salem Church, Zion Church, and many others. So you see that word, fellowship, again came into light!

The Oklee community was well represented in attendance. I am certainly hoping money is raised again and even more I hope there is some community fellowship also!

The Fish Fry will be held on Saturday, March 16th, from 5:00-7:00PM at the Oklee Community Hall. To go orders will also be available. Keep your eye on the paper and look for posters in area businesses and we will let you know the details.

Minnesota Milk hosts educational webinar amid new labor law changes

Agricultural businesses are adapting to new laws adopted recently in Minnesota. Minnesota Milk Producers Association held a webinar on Feb. 15 to share the steps dairy farmers should take to ensure they stay in compliance. The presentation offered insight and practical advice for Minnesota's dairy community as they look to adapt to the new employment laws at both a state and federal level.



Minnesota Milk Executive Director Lucas Sjostrom was joined by Caitlin Gehlen and Daryn McBeth of the Lathrop

GPM, Minnesota Milk's contract lobbying firm that also supplies other legal services like employment law.

Gehlen is part of the firm's labor and employment group, advising employers on a wide range of policies, including providing assistance in drafting employee handbooks.

Discussion covered law changes that went into effect on Jan. 1 and anticipated policies for 2026, including Minnesota's new earned sick and safe leave law, anticipated statewide paid family and medical leave, new protections for pregnant and nursing mothers, changes to unpaid parental leave, the Corporate Transparency Act and other policies.

"The frequent changes in these laws can make them quite complex and difficult

to keep up with," Sjostrom said. "Resources, such as this webinar, help ensure that our farmers have the tools they need to adapt and prepare for new legislation."

A recording of the webinar can be viewed on the Minnesota Milk Producers Association website or their YouTube channel for those who were unable to attend.

Another opportunity to learn and engage with legislators is coming up on March 7, when Minnesota Milk hosts their annual meeting, Dairy Dinner and advocacy day at the Minnesota State Capitol. Farmers are encouraged to share their stories, meet with legislators and advocate for issues impacting the state's farms. For more information about this upcoming event, visit mnmilk.org.

A Midwinter's Thaw Nightmare?

By UMN Extension small grains specialist, Jochum Wiersma

While the title of this blog post is probably not the best antonym for Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', the weather fairies are creating some intrigue and possible mischief for the state's winter annuals and perennials with this extended midwinter thaw that is breaking records up and down the State. Before I can argue that winter wheat and winter rye crops are NOT doomed, I'll try to explain how winter wheat and winter rye get through the winter.

Winter wheat and winter rye both have a vernalization requirement. Vernalization is the accumulation of a set number of cold units. Cold units are accumulated when soil and ambient temperatures are roughly between 32 and 50 degrees Fahrenheit. This requirement is an evolutionary adaptation to delay the transition from vegetative growth to reproductive growth even if the temperatures are (temporarily) very favorable: As long as the vernalization requirement is not met, the growing point will stay below ground and is partially protected from freezing temperatures.

The vernalization genes impart low-temperature tolerance that allows the crop to go dormant once the temperatures fall below freezing. This dormancy is not a static condition and wanes as the crown ages throughout the winter.

Winter wheat and winter rye are also photoperiod sensitive. Both species are generally thought of as long-day (LD) photoperiod sensitive. This means that the days have to get to a certain minimum length before the plant can transition from vegetative growth to reproductive growth. This too is an evolutionary adaptation to delay the transition from vegetative growth to reproductive growth even if the temperatures are (temporarily) very favorable.

So...where are we now?

It is early February and both soil temperatures and ambient temperatures are warm enough for winter wheat and winter rye to start growing again. The growing conditions last fall were nice enough, long enough that all but extremely late-seeded fields of winter wheat and winter rye have met their vernalization requirement. However, the daylengths are not nearly long enough to trigger the transition to reproductive growth. Therefore, even if the

crop comes out of its low-temperature slumber and resumes growth the growing point will remain below the soil surface. The crop will simply develop more tillers and remain somewhat protected from the most extreme temperatures.

When Jack Frost returns, photosynthesis and growth once again halt. Unfortunately, the aging crowns never reach the same level of low-temperature tolerance they had before breaking dormancy. Snow cover, however, can offset the lowered ability to tolerate the most extreme temperatures. It's why I prefer no-till production systems for winter cereals as standing stubble greatly improves snow-trapping potential and the longevity of the snowpack once it has been trapped.

Luckily, March is generally the month with the most snowfall, and the parts of the state that are now enjoying the mildest temperatures also get most of that snow.

Bottomline: Nothing is lost yet - Winter wheat in Kansas and Nebraska goes through this almost every year and it is said that the winter wheat in those two states has nine lives. Our winter wheat and winter rye are still on their first.



The RLCC 5th grade girls took first place in a tournament in Win-E-Mac last weekend. Congratulations Girls! Front: Lola Hendrickson, Emma Anderson, Vanessa Majeres, Loryn Vettleson. Back: Coach Richard Hendrickson, Ellie Halverson, Ava Kolstoe, Olivia Vettleson, Maci Magnell, Kinsley Halvorson and Coach Leif Kolstoe.

Church News

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Okleelutheran.org

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

Sun, Mar. 3: 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, Mar. 6: 6:00 p.m.
Meal. 7:00 p.m. Lent Service
at Zion.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Bryan Kujawa
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. St. Fran-
ces – Oklee; 10:15 a.m. – Gry-
gla. 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, Mar. 3: 9:00 a.m. Wor-
ship at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m.
Worship at Ebenezer. 7:30 p.m.
Worship at Bethany.

Wed, Mar. 6: 7pm Lenten
Service at Bethany.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Bethany–Ekelund–Faith
Wed, Feb. 28: 7 p.m. Lent
Service at Ekelund.

Sun, Mar. 3: Bethany: 8:00
a.m. Worship, 9:00 a.m. SS.
Ekelund: 9:30 a.m. Worship,
10:30 a.m. SS. Ekelund: 10
a.m. SS 11:00 p.m. Worship.

Mon, Mar. 4: 9 am Quilting.
Wed, Mar. 6: 7 p.m. Lent
Service at Faith.

Tri-Valley Public

Transportation

T.H.E. Bus is available for
anyone. There are no age or
income guidelines. However,
children under the age of four
must be accompanied by an
adult and children under the
age of one must be secured in
an infant seat.

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the scheduled trip - 1-800-
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Mahnommen.

Every 4th Tuesday – Thief
River Falls
Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednes-
day – Fargo/Moorhead.

Every 2nd & 4th Friday –
Bemidji.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth

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

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

Sat, Mar. 2: 9:00 a.m. Mt.
Olive.

Sun, Mar. 3: Nazareth:
8:45am, SS 9:45 a.m. Service.
Oak Park: 10 a.m. SS, 11:00
a.m. Service.

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

Thu, Mar. 7: 6:30 p.m. St.
Petri.

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. 28: Lenten –
Bethany – 7:00 p.m.

Sun, Mar. 3: 9:00 p.m.
Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany. 2pm
7th Gr. Confirmation at Lund.

Wed, Mar. 6: Lenten –
Lund– 6 p.m. Soup & Sand-
wich, 7:00 p.m. Service.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY

Fosston
Seth Johnson,
Interim Pastor

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday
School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

February is Spay/Neuter Awareness Month

Oklee Senior Site Dining

March 4 - 8

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

Mon. 4: Chicken ala Or-
ange, Broccoli, Rice Pilaf,
Wheat Bread/Butter, Pineap-
ple Tidbits, Low Fat Milk.

Tue. 5: Pepper Steak,
Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Peas
& Carrots, Dinner Roll/Butter,
Cinnamon Baked Apples, Low
Fat Milk.

Wed. 6: Rosemary Pork
Loin, Diced Potatoes, Peas,
Bread/Butter, Chocolate Chip
Bar, Low Fat Milk.

Thu. 7: Roast Turkey,
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green
Beans, Dinner Roll/Butter,
Pumpkin Spice Cake, Low
Fat Milk.

Fri. 8: Baked Fish, Cheesy
Hash Browns, Corn, Bread/
Butter, Jello, Low Fat Milk.

Oklee Lutheran Youth Group

POTATO KLUB DINNER

Zion Lutheran Church in Oklee

Sunday, March 3rd
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

\$13 for 1 Klub meal or \$15 for 2 Klub meal
with choice of Side Pork or Ham,
Corn, Dinner Roll, Dessert and Drink.

****To Go Orders Available - Call (218) 796-5375**
*All proceeds help send Youth Group kids to ELCA
Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July!*

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Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Grill off at 2 p.m. Dining room open til 3 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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*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.*

FOR SALE ON BIDS CITY OF PLUMMER COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL 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

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

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Garnes
Township, County of Red Lake, State of Minnesota, that the
Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Township Meeting
will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. In case of inclement
weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the
third Tuesday in March.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Diane Kolstoe
Clerk of Garnes

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Sandy Johnson, RCIS Field Representative, and Wyatt Vettleson setting up for the 2024 RCIS Crop Insurance meeting at the Oklee Hall February 22nd at the Oklee Hall.

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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.

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RLC SWCD 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

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

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Poplar River
Township, County of Red Lake, State of Minnesota, that the
Annual Elections of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting
will be held on Tuesday, March 12th, 2024 at the Poplar River
Town Hall located in the city of Brooks. In case of inclement
weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the
third Tuesday in March.

The Annual Meeting will commence at 4:15 p.m. to conduct
all necessary business prescribed by law. The election poll hours
will be open from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at which time the voters will
elect: One Supervisor for a three year term and one Clerk for
a two year term. The town board will meet directly after the
votes are counted to canvass the election.

Pam Gieseke, Clerk
Poplar River Township

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RLCC Menus

March 4 - 8

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Ham & Cheese Croissant, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Pork Fritter, Cheesy Hash Browns, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Muffin, Parfait, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Nuggets, Fried Rice, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffle w/Syrup, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Mashed Potatoes w/Chicken Gravy, Dinner Roll, Veggies, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Apple Fritter, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Patty, Scallop/Au Gratin Potatoes, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Cheese Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Veggies, Fruit, and Milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Toast w/PB&J, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Hotdish, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Fruit, and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancakes, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chili w/Crackers, PB Sandwich, Cucumbers w/Ranch, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Yogurt, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Fajita Toppings, Corn, Churros, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Banana Bread, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Hot Ham Patty w/Bun, Cheese, Carrots, Fruit, and Milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Cheese Bread, Marinara Sauce, Salad, Fruit, and Milk.

RLCC Sports Schedules

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

RLCC Mustangs Girls Varsity BB

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

RLC Rebel BBB

Mon, Mar 4: Section Pigtail TBD vs. _____

Thu, Mar 7: Section Play-in Round TBD vs. _____

Sat, Mar 9: Section Quarters TBD Ralph Engelstad Arena - TRF

Wed, Mar 13: Section Semis 7:45PM Ralph Engelstad Arena - TRF

Fri, Mar 15: Section Finals 7:00PM Ralph Engelstad Arena - TRF

1st Place in Conference Tournament against Northern Freeze on February 23rd

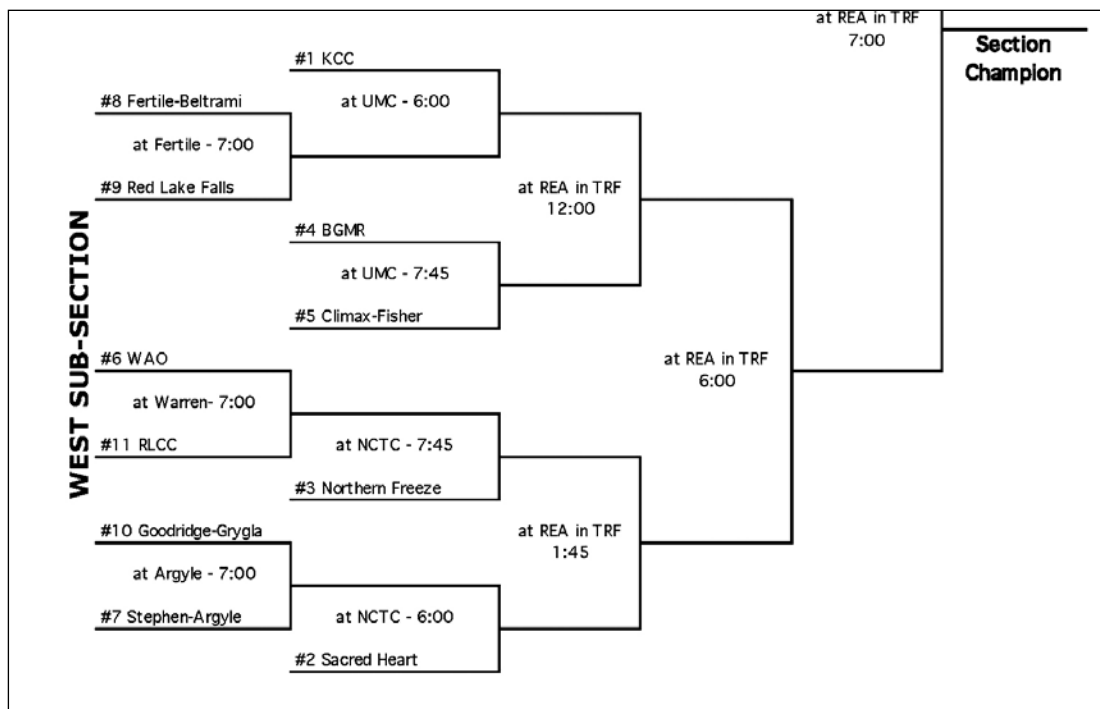


Back Row: Coach Randy Huie, Logan Vettleson, Masen Pahlen, Alex Renner, Luke Peterson, Gavin Thomas, Ethan Majeres, and Coach Steve Philion. **Middle Row:** Peyton O'Neill, Connor Duden, Owen Chervestad, John Powers, Will Gieseke, and Ethan Johnson. **Front Row:** Gunnar Halverson, Nick Suchy, Ben Gullingsrud, and Atley Vettleson.

Congratulations to the Red Lake County Rebels, who won First Place in the Conference Tournament against the Northern Freeze on Friday, Feb 23, 2024 in Red Lake Falls. Currently, the Rebels

are enjoying a team-record 24-2 season. According to the MinnesotaScores.net QRF rating, the Rebels are ranked 7th in Minnesota Class A Boys Basketball and 1st in the West Subsection of Section 8a. The

Rebels enjoyed a 22-0 winning season until they played the Chargers on February 13th losing in overtime 79-76. The official seeding for section tournaments will be released on Mar 2, 2024.



Girls Basketball

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs are scheduled to play the Warren-Alvarado Ponies in Warren on Monday, February 26th, for the Section 8a Tournament pigtail game at 7:00. The winner of this game will play the West Seciton #3 Ranked Northern Freeze in Thief River Falls at NCTC at 7:45 on Thursday, February 29th. The next game will be at 1:45 at the Ralph in Thief River Falls on Saturday, Mar 2, 2024.

Even though the 2023-20224 Mustangs enter their tournament season with a 3-23 record, anything can happen during Section Tournaments. On February 12th, the Mustangs hosted the Patriots and earned their second win of the season. Mustang Fans celebrated the kind and dedicated seniors Jamie Flatgard,

Jennifer Johnson, and Carly Vettleson. At halftime, the Mustangs led 30-20 and while the Patriots would outscore the Mustangs in the second half, with 18 shots compared to the Mustangs' 14. The Mustangs won the game 44-38. Carly Vettleson led the team with 10 points and 3 assists. 7th Grader Aubrey Halverson was next with 8 points, including a 3-pointer. Lauren Kaupang

led the Patriots with 12 points and 10 rebounds, earning a double-double for the night. Kianna Tadman followed with 10 points and 5 rebounds. The Patriots' record for the season is currently 6-19. Paul Kaster and Vance Kaupang coach the Patriots.

On February 15th, The Mustangs hosted the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears and outshot the Bears in the first half with 40 points to the Bears 18 and outshot the Bears in the second half by one point with 28-27. The Mustangs won 68-44. Quinn Graves scored 16 points for the Mustangs, while Jennifer Johnson scored 15. The Mustangs scored well at the free-throw line with 21 of their 23 attempts. The Mustangs led the Bears with 41 defensive rebounds compared to the Bears' 31. Allison Lavine led the Bears in points with 14 points and 12 rebounds, earning a double-double for the night. Aubrey Stoskopf scored 10 points for the night, while Emma Fawver scored 9. Currently, the Bears have a 7-19 record. Lindsey Samson coaches the Bears.

On Tuesday, February 20th, the Mustangs hosted Mahnomen-Waubun Thunder in Oklee, MN. The Thunder

dominated the court with players Peyton McArthur Gordon scoring 13 points, Brynn McArthur scoring 12 points, and Cady Clark scoring 10. On the Mustang side, Jennifer Johnson scored 9 points, with one of those being a 3-pointer. Jamie Flatgard and Carly Vettleson each scored 5. The Thunder have an 8-18 record.

On Friday, the Mustangs hosted the Climax-Fisher Knights in Plummer for Parents' Night. The Knights won the game with a score of 90-57. The Knights' current record is 14-12.

Good Luck to the Mustangs and their coaches, Mr. Mitch Bernstein, Mr. Korey Baril, and Mr. Paul Nelson, as they take on the Ponies on Monday, February 26th.

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.

Speech Winners

Left: Three Red Lake County Rebel speech members receiving medals on Saturday, February 24th are Peyton Williams, 1st Place Poetry, Ciara Mitzen 5th Place, Great Speeches, and Hannah Dudycha, 5th Place, Informative. Not pictured, Hayden Shulstad-Future Star Award, Discussion

Right: Hayden Shulstad and Rae Martinson displaying their 1st place ribbons they earned from the Crookston Junior High Speech meet On February 22, 2024. Shulstad competed in Discussion and Martinson competed in Extemp Reading.

MEET THE KINDERGARTEN OF RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL



Name: Autumn Plante
Parents: Nick & Clarissa
Siblings: Asher & Adalyn
What does your Mom do for a living: Cleans toys, clean up dishes, and cleans the floor.
What does your Dad do for a living: Works at my home.
What do you want to be when you grow up? Doctor and babysitter.
Favorite Movie: Elsa and Anna
Favorite Food: Pizza
Favorite School Activity: Playtime.
Favorite Color: Babies and dinosaurs

Favorite Toy: Dinosaurs.
Favorite Sport: Basketball
Anything else you'd like people to know about you? I love to go to the Play Place and do gymnastics. I go with my daddy, mommy, sister and brother.



Name: Henry Olson
Parents:Tyrone and Becky
Siblings: Korbey
What does your Mom do for a living: Goes to work, she does work on her computer.
What does your Dad do for a living: He's a fireman. He does boss stuff because he's the chief. If he goes to a fire, he says "Squirt the fire!"
What do you want to be when you grow up?: A police officer.

Favorite Movie: Monsters
Favorite Food: Oranges
Favorite School Activity: Play

Favorite Color: Orange
Favorite Toy: Legos.
Favorite Sport: Basketball
Anything else you'd like people to know about you? I'm faster than Lukie. Lukie is taller than me. My black shoes are fast. Really fast.

Jamie Flatgard awarded the RLCC Triple A Award



Athletic Director Kate Moll and Jamie Flatgard.

Special Congratulations to Jamie Flatgard who was recently awarded the Red Lake County Central Triple A Award. Mrs. Kate Moll, RLCC Athletic Director, accompanied her to the Region 8A Awards lunch in Mahnomen, MN, on Wednesday, February 7. According to the Minnesota High School League website, to be eligible for the Academics, Arts, and Athletics Award. A student must:

* Be a high school senior at the time of nomination. Schools may nominate one senior boy and one senior girl for this award.

* Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher at the time of nomination. Participate in at least one League-sponsored athletic program and one arts/activity program.

* Comply with the MSHSL's Student Code of Conduct

* Complete the application form and submit it to your school. Each school can submit two finalists to their administrative region secretary by the

deadline date specified by the region committee.

Two award finalists from each region (one boy and one girl) will be invited to a recognition banquet in March. League officials will announce the four statewide Triple 'A' Award winners then. All 32 finalists will also participate in an on-court ceremony during the Class AA championship game of the Boys Basketball State Tournament. The statewide award winners—a girl and a boy from Class A and Class AA schools—will receive a four-year \$1,000 scholarship.

Also, Congratulations to Red Lake Falls Triple A winners Ashton Fredrickson & Quin Kenfield. Ashtin was also the sub-31 winner as well.

The Section 8a winners were Caiden Swenby from Fertile-Beltrami, and Kaydence Augustine, Marshall County Central.

Questions about this program can be directed to Charlie Campbell at ccampbell@mshsl.org or 763-560-2262.



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~~~ Mustangs Host Patriots for Senior Night on February 12th ~~~

By Kory Baril  
On February 12th, the Mustangs hosted the WEM Patriots in Oklee. The JV Mustangs started strong and went into halftime with a 32 to 18 lead. The Mustangs' effort would continue in the second half, and they would come away with a 55 to 33 victory over the Patriots. The Mustangs were off to a solid start in the Varsity contest and went into the half with the lead. In the second half, the Mustangs continued to battle to keep their lead, and on "Senior Night," the Mustangs stampeded to victory by a score of 44 to 38! The Mustangs took on the Clearbrook County Bears on Thursday, February 15th, in Oklee.



Kate Moll, Athletic Director presenting Red Lake County Central Mustangs Seniors with gifts showing appreciation for seniors, Jamie Flatgard, Carly Vettleson, and Jennifer Johnson while Mitch Bernstein speaks about their kind leadership while demonstrating tough resilience.



Carly Vettleson up for a shot as Jamie Flatgard prepares for the next play.



Red Lake County Central Mustangs celebrated their Seniors on Monday, February 12th in Oklee Minnesota. Evelyn Kamm and Coach Mitch Bernstein are shown thanking Jennifer Johnson, Carly Vettleson, and Jami Flatgard for their strong dedication to the Mustangs throughout their years playing for the Mustangs.



Jamie Flatgard jumps for the block with Quinn Graves, Carly Vettleson and Aubrey Halverson ready for the rebound. Patriots, Lauren Kaupang and Ava Howard are ready for offensive rebound.



Jennifer Johnson slips past Patriot Defense Lauren Kaupang, Carly Vettleson protects the basket with Patriot Shelby Mandt trying to sneak by.

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:  
Mortgagor: 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.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LOTS (1), (2) & (3) OF BLOCK (70) IN KRETZSCHMAR'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF RED LAKE FALLS.

This is Abstract Property.  
TAX PARCEL NO.: 17-3187-000  
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 mortgage or(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 RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: February 7, 2024  
U.S. Bank National Association, Assignee of Mortgagee  
By: HALLIDAY, WATKINS & MANN, P.C.

Attorneys for:  
U.S. Bank National Association, Assignee of Mortgagee  
1333 Northland Drive, Suite 205  
Mendota Heights, MN 55120  
801-355-2886  
651-228-1753 (fax)

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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# Red Lake County 2022 Financial Statement

— RED LAKE FALLS, MINNESOTA —

## SUMMARY OF RED LAKE COUNTY'S STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

| Functions/Programs                                                 | Program Revenues    |                                   |                                          |                                        | Net (Expense)<br>Revenue and<br>Changes in<br>Net Position |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                    | Expenses            | Fees, Charges,<br>Fines and Other | Operating<br>Grants and<br>Contributions | Capital<br>Grants and<br>Contributions |                                                            |
| <b>Governmental activities</b>                                     |                     |                                   |                                          |                                        |                                                            |
| General government .....                                           | \$ 1,601,338        | \$ 190,232                        | \$ 55,959                                | \$ 393,818                             | \$ (961,329)                                               |
| Public safety .....                                                | 1,915,987           | 149,532                           | 392,751                                  | -                                      | (1,373,704)                                                |
| Highways and streets .....                                         | 3,329,554           | 1,652,011                         | 1,635,863                                | 2,528,668                              | 2,486,988                                                  |
| Sanitation .....                                                   | 334,981             | 18,286                            | 80,729                                   | -                                      | (235,966)                                                  |
| Human services .....                                               | 1,561,001           | 433,075                           | 796,170                                  | -                                      | (331,756)                                                  |
| Health .....                                                       | 75,703              | 23,128                            | -                                        | -                                      | (52,575)                                                   |
| Culture and recreation .....                                       | 100,666             | -                                 | 52,810                                   | -                                      | (47,856)                                                   |
| Conservation of natural resources .....                            | 497,248             | 79,881                            | 180,279                                  | 758                                    | (236,330)                                                  |
| Economic development .....                                         | -                   | 102                               | -                                        | -                                      | 102                                                        |
| Interest .....                                                     | 81                  | -                                 | -                                        | -                                      | (81)                                                       |
| <b>Total governmental activities .....</b>                         | <b>\$ 9,416,559</b> | <b>\$ 2,546,247</b>               | <b>\$ 3,194,561</b>                      | <b>\$ 2,923,244</b>                    | <b>\$ (752,507)</b>                                        |
| <b>General revenues</b>                                            |                     |                                   |                                          |                                        |                                                            |
| Property taxes .....                                               |                     |                                   |                                          |                                        | \$ 3,108,754                                               |
| Gravel tax .....                                                   |                     |                                   |                                          |                                        | 3,554                                                      |
| Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs ..... |                     |                                   |                                          |                                        | 658,145                                                    |
| Payments in lieu of taxes .....                                    |                     |                                   |                                          |                                        | 31,667                                                     |
| Investment earnings .....                                          |                     |                                   |                                          |                                        | 117,476                                                    |
| Miscellaneous .....                                                |                     |                                   |                                          |                                        | 61,959                                                     |
| <b>Total general revenues .....</b>                                |                     |                                   |                                          |                                        | <b>\$ 3,981,555</b>                                        |
| <b>Change in net position .....</b>                                |                     |                                   |                                          |                                        | <b>\$ 3,229,048</b>                                        |
| <b>Net position - January 1 .....</b>                              |                     |                                   |                                          |                                        | <b>\$ 59,734,293</b>                                       |
| <b>Net position - December 31 .....</b>                            |                     |                                   |                                          |                                        | <b>\$ 62,963,341</b>                                       |

## A SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS December 31, 2022

|                                                                    | General<br>Fund     | Road and Bridge<br>Special<br>Revenue Fund | Social Services<br>Special<br>Revenue Fund | Nonmajor<br>Ditch<br>Special<br>Revenue Fund | Total<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Assets and Deferred Outflows</b>                                |                     |                                            |                                            |                                              |                                |
| <b>Assets</b>                                                      |                     |                                            |                                            |                                              |                                |
| Cash and pooled investments .....                                  | \$ 2,299,235        | \$ 1,654,940                               | \$ 1,936,983                               | \$ 976,261                                   | \$ 6,867,419                   |
| Cash with fiscal agent .....                                       | 102                 | -                                          | -                                          | -                                            | 102                            |
| Investments .....                                                  | 147,636             | 113,309                                    | -                                          | -                                            | 260,945                        |
| Taxes receivable - prior .....                                     | 26,100              | 7,098                                      | 4,279                                      | -                                            | 37,477                         |
| Special assessments receivable - prior .....                       | -                   | -                                          | -                                          | 1,305                                        | 1,305                          |
| Accounts receivable .....                                          | 1,245               | 8,385                                      | 21,269                                     | -                                            | 30,899                         |
| Accrued interest receivable .....                                  | 20,685              | -                                          | -                                          | -                                            | 20,685                         |
| Due from other funds .....                                         | 46,412              | 9,346                                      | -                                          | -                                            | 55,758                         |
| Due from other governments .....                                   | 26,585              | 4,927,589                                  | 137,220                                    | 24,194                                       | 5,115,588                      |
| Inventories .....                                                  | -                   | 539,694                                    | -                                          | -                                            | 569,694                        |
| <b>Total Assets .....</b>                                          | <b>\$ 2,568,000</b> | <b>\$ 7,260,361</b>                        | <b>\$ 2,099,751</b>                        | <b>\$ 1,001,760</b>                          | <b>\$ 12,929,872</b>           |
| <b>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Balances</b>             |                     |                                            |                                            |                                              |                                |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                                                 |                     |                                            |                                            |                                              |                                |
| Accounts payable .....                                             | \$ 36,991           | \$ 28,544                                  | \$ 9,368                                   | \$ 226,098                                   | \$ 301,001                     |
| Salaries payable .....                                             | 74,944              | 33,898                                     | 31,915                                     | -                                            | 140,757                        |
| Due to other funds .....                                           | 9,346               | -                                          | -                                          | 46,412                                       | 55,758                         |
| Due to other governments .....                                     | 9,082               | 65,448                                     | 6,039                                      | -                                            | 80,569                         |
| Contracts payable .....                                            | -                   | 113,628                                    | -                                          | -                                            | 113,628                        |
| <b>Total Liabilities .....</b>                                     | <b>\$ 130,363</b>   | <b>\$ 241,518</b>                          | <b>\$ 47,322</b>                           | <b>\$ 272,510</b>                            | <b>\$ 691,173</b>              |
| <b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>                               |                     |                                            |                                            |                                              |                                |
| Taxes .....                                                        | \$ 12,076           | \$ 3,284                                   | \$ 1,980                                   | \$ -                                         | \$ 17,340                      |
| Special assessments .....                                          | -                   | -                                          | -                                          | 1,305                                        | 1,305                          |
| County State Aid Highway Allotment .....                           | -                   | 4,886,398                                  | -                                          | -                                            | 4,886,398                      |
| <b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources .....</b>                   | <b>\$ 12,076</b>    | <b>\$ 4,889,682</b>                        | <b>\$ 1,980</b>                            | <b>\$ 1,305</b>                              | <b>\$ 4,905,043</b>            |
| <b>Fund Balances</b>                                               |                     |                                            |                                            |                                              |                                |
| Non-spendable .....                                                | \$ -                | \$ 539,694                                 | \$ -                                       | \$ -                                         | \$ 539,694                     |
| Restricted .....                                                   | 1,410,787           | -                                          | -                                          | 911,489                                      | 2,322,276                      |
| Committed .....                                                    | 1,014,774           | 1,589,467                                  | 1,216,772                                  | -                                            | 3,821,013                      |
| Assigned .....                                                     | -                   | -                                          | 833,677                                    | -                                            | 833,677                        |
| Unassigned .....                                                   | -                   | -                                          | -                                          | (183,544)                                    | (183,544)                      |
| <b>Total Fund Balances .....</b>                                   | <b>\$ 2,425,561</b> | <b>\$ 2,129,161</b>                        | <b>\$ 2,050,449</b>                        | <b>\$ 727,945</b>                            | <b>\$ 7,333,116</b>            |
| <b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Balances .....</b> | <b>\$ 2,568,000</b> | <b>\$ 7,260,361</b>                        | <b>\$ 2,099,751</b>                        | <b>\$ 1,001,760</b>                          | <b>\$ 12,929,872</b>           |

The following is a list of recipients for Red Lake County expenditures totaling \$5,000.00 or more during 2022. The list does not include salaries to county employees nor does it include individuals who receive federal, state, or county human services.

|                                                |              |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Aflac (American Fam Life Assurance Co).....    | 7,608.08     |
| Allstates Pavement Recycling, Inc. ....        | 27,878.40    |
| Alluma, Inc. ....                              | 14,530.00    |
| American Engineering Testing, Inc. ....        | 42,697.50    |
| Anderson Brothers Construction.....            | 1,458,254.77 |
| Association Of Mn Counties.....                | 8,925.00     |
| At&T Mobility .....                            | 6,698.66     |
| Auto Value Parts Store .....                   | 8,424.51     |
| Avenu Holdings, LLC .....                      | 6,410.93     |
| Benefit Plans Administrative Service LLC ..... | 20,454.87    |
| Best Used Trucks of MN .....                   | 5,200.19     |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota.....       | 37,813.23    |
| Brooks Auto .....                              | 22,970.16    |
| Cardmember Service.....                        | 22,452.04    |
| Central Pension Fund.....                      | 29,550.00    |
| Clay County IT Department.....                 | 6,000.00     |
| Clerk City Of Brooks .....                     | 30,649.45    |
| Clerk City Of Oklee.....                       | 251,004.76   |
| Clerk City Of Plummer.....                     | 173,060.60   |
| Clerk City Of Red Lake Falls.....              | 33,466.46    |
| Colonial Life .....                            | 9,467.40     |
| Commissioner of MMB, Treasury Division.....    | 11,798.39    |
| Computer Information Systems Inc.....          | 19,263.92    |
| Corporate Technologies LLC .....               | 40,120.95    |
| Coulombe Consulting .....                      | 11,287.50    |
| Counties Providing Technology.....             | 60,741.00    |
| Davidson Construction.....                     | 5,396,675.23 |
| DBS Backhoe & Excavation LLC .....             | 25,579.25    |
| Delta Dental .....                             | 14,552.02    |
| Dhs Swift .....                                | 189,540.87   |
| DLT Solutions, LLC .....                       | 6,459.21     |
| Election Systems & Software Inc.....           | 18,268.63    |
| EVCO Petroleum Products .....                  | 8,193.68     |
| Fore/Arlan .....                               | 5,748.79     |
| Friends Of The Library .....                   | 7,868.00     |
| Garden Valley Telephone.....                   | 35,253.00    |

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|------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Geo-Comm Corporation .....                     | 8,622.00   |
| H & L Mesabi .....                             | 58,714.30  |
| HARTFORD LIFE .....                            | 9,910.53   |
| Hildi, Incorporated .....                      | 5,100.00   |
| Hoffman, Philipp, & Martell, PLLC.....         | 14,765.00  |
| Houston Engineering, Inc. ....                 | 52,252.67  |
| IBM Corporation .....                          | 12,099.64  |
| Independent School District #2906.....         | 10,360.00  |
| Internal Revenue Service .....                 | 676,148.38 |
| luoe Local No.49 Health & Welfare Fund .....   | 193,440.00 |
| JOHN HANCOCK USA .....                         | 8,210.00   |
| K & K Trucking Inc.....                        | 33,100.00  |
| Knott's Gravel & Excavating... ..              | 9,423.00   |
| Kruse Backhoe Service LLC ... ..               | 5,456.03   |
| Lafayette High School .....                    | 10,000.00  |
| Lakes Community Cooperative .....              | 7,303.83   |
| LARSON HELICOPTERS, LLC .....                  | 6,289.50   |
| Law Enforcement Labor Services Inc. ....       | 5,561.22   |
| Les's Sanitation .....                         | 39,500.00  |
| Loffler Companies Inc.....                     | 9,921.70   |
| M & R Signs Co Inc .....                       | 6,786.03   |
| Michael J. Burns Architects LTD.....           | 13,252.50  |
| Midstates Equipment & Supply .....             | 51,462.80  |
| Minnesota Counties Computer Coop.....          | 24,874.50  |
| Minnesota Counties Intergovernment Trust ..... | 128,525.15 |
| Minnesota Public Employees Ins Prog PEIP ..... | 373,730.42 |
| Minnesota State Retirement System .....        | 14,401.63  |
| Minnesota Unemployment Insurance .....         | 13,417.93  |
| Mn Commissioner Of Revenue .....               | 127,245.13 |
| Mn Department Of Revenue.. ..                  | 75,997.14  |
| Mn Dept Of Revenue .....                       | 5,533.00   |
| Moore Engineering, Inc. ....                   | 445,523.13 |
| Motorola Solutions Connectivity, Inc.....      | 10,000.00  |
| Nationwide Retire Solutions Serv Center .....  | 67,727.20  |
| NEOGOV .....                                   | 10,519.00  |
| Next Chapter Technology, Inc.....              | 29,915.50  |
| Norman Co. Social Services .. ..               | 42,238.92  |

|                                                |            |
|------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Northwest Regional Development Commissio ..... | 14,997.25  |
| Northwest Regional Library .. ..               | 34,356.75  |
| Nw Mn Household Hazardous Waste Mng .....      | 5,062.50   |
| NW Mn HRA .....                                | 32,096.06  |
| O'day Equipment Inc.....                       | 9,798.28   |
| Office of MNIT Services.....                   | 11,121.00  |
| Oklee Moonlighters .....                       | 11,726.78  |
| Oklee Volunteer Ambulance .. ..                | 17,500.00  |
| Ottertail Power Company .....                  | 38,307.38  |
| Pathfinders .....                              | 46,508.55  |
| Pennington & Red Lake County PH & HC .....     | 24,703.00  |
| Pennington County Highway Department .....     | 10,201.25  |
| Pitney Bowes Global Fin. services LLC .....    | 6,222.00   |
| Pitney Bowes, Inc .....                        | 12,000.00  |
| Polk County Highway Department .....           | 74,693.43  |
| Pomp's Tire Service, Inc.....                  | 15,212.95  |
| Public Employees Retirement Association.....   | 557,628.71 |
| Quill .....                                    | 6,558.16   |
| RDO Equipment Co.....                          | 18,137.66  |
| ReadiTech IT Solutions .....                   | 42,241.07  |
| Red Lake Co Soil & Water Conserv Dist .....    | 106,768.15 |
| Red Lake County Auditor .....                  | 70,030.00  |
| Red Lake County Child Init/Family Collab ..... | 12,289.00  |
| Red Lake County Committee On Aging .....       | 6,300.00   |
| Red Lake County Co-op .....                    | 251,394.36 |
| Red Lake County Environmental Office .....     | 19,056.99  |
| Red Lake County Fair Board .....               | 10,020.00  |
| Red Lake County Park Board .....               | 5,494.27   |
| Red Lake Electric .....                        | 6,367.31   |
| Red Lake Falls Ambulance .....                 | 33,000.00  |
| Red Lake Falls Utilities Dept.. ..             | 7,701.00   |
| Red Lake Watershed District .....              | 306,005.54 |
| Richards Publishing .....                      | 8,086.37   |
| Rieger, Borgen, Benson, Electric, Inc.....     | 8,285.00   |
| RJ Zavoral & Sons .....                        | 65,790.03  |
| Roger's Two Way Radio Inc.....                 | 11,079.57  |
| Ryan's Backhoe Service.....                    | 13,200.96  |
| Safety Compliance Services LLC .....           | 7,200.00   |
| Sanford Medical Center TRF.. ..                | 7,700.00   |

## A SUMMARY OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

|                                         | General<br>Fund     | Road and Bridge<br>Special<br>Revenue Fund | Social Services<br>Special<br>Revenue Fund | Nonmajor<br>Ditch<br>Special<br>Revenue Funds | Total<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Revenues</b>                         |                     |                                            |                                            |                                               |                                |
| Taxes .....                             | \$ 2,183,707        | \$ 585,191                                 | \$ 344,474                                 | \$ -                                          | \$3,113,372                    |
| Special assessments .....               | -                   | -                                          | -                                          | 96,546                                        | 96,546                         |
| Intergovernmental .....                 | 1,556,598           | 8,549,141                                  | 866,942                                    | -                                             | 10,972,681                     |
| Charges for services .....              | 265,378             | 1,618,616                                  | 152,149                                    | 21,194                                        | 2,060,337                      |
| Investment earnings .....               | 117,108             | 368                                        | -                                          | -                                             | 117,476                        |
| Miscellaneous .....                     | 216,707             | 33,395                                     | 280,926                                    | -                                             | 531,028                        |
| <b>Total Revenues .....</b>             | <b>\$ 4,339,498</b> | <b>\$ 10,786,711</b>                       | <b>\$ 1,644,491</b>                        | <b>\$ 120,740</b>                             | <b>\$ 16,891,440</b>           |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                     |                     |                                            |                                            |                                               |                                |
| <b>Current</b>                          |                     |                                            |                                            |                                               |                                |
| General government .....                | \$ 1,483,267        | \$ -                                       | \$ -                                       | \$ -                                          | \$ 1,483,267                   |
| Public safety .....                     | 1,733,933           | -                                          | -                                          | -                                             | 1,733,933                      |
| Highways and streets .....              | -                   | 11,298,480                                 | -                                          | -                                             | 11,298,480                     |
| Sanitation .....                        | 327,006             | -                                          | -                                          | -                                             | 327,006                        |
| Human services .....                    | 22,410              | -                                          | 1,487,313                                  | -                                             | 1,509,723                      |
| Health .....                            | 75,703              | -                                          | -                                          | -                                             | 75,703                         |
| Culture and recreation .....            | 100,666             | -                                          | -                                          | -                                             | 100,666                        |
| Conservation of natural resources ..... | 193,930             | -                                          | -                                          | 303,318                                       | 497,248                        |
| <b>Debt Service</b>                     |                     |                                            |                                            |                                               |                                |
| Principal .....                         | 4,006               | 4,006                                      | 4,006                                      | -                                             | 12,018                         |
| Interest .....                          | 27                  | 27                                         | 27                                         | -                                             | 81                             |
| <b>Capital outlay</b>                   |                     |                                            |                                            |                                               |                                |
| Public safety .....                     | 55,223              | -                                          | -                                          | -                                             | 55,223                         |
| Highways and streets .....              | -                   | 263,863                                    | -                                          | -                                             | 263,863                        |
| Human Services .....                    | -                   | -                                          | 8,064                                      | -                                             | 8,064                          |
| <b>Total Expenditures .....</b>         | <b>\$ 3,996,171</b> | <b>\$ 11,566,376</b>                       | <b>\$ 1,499,410</b>                        | <b>\$ 303,318</b>                             | <b>\$ 17,365,275</b>           |

|                                                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b> | <b>\$ 343,327</b>   | <b>\$ (779,665)</b> | <b>\$ 145,081</b>   | <b>\$ (182,578)</b> | <b>\$ (473,835)</b> |
| <b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>               |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Transfer in .....                                   | 70,004              | -                   | -                   | -                   | 70,004              |
| Transfer out .....                                  | -                   | -                   | (70,004)            | -                   | (70,004)            |
| <b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) .....</b>   | <b>\$ 70,004</b>    | <b>\$ -</b>         | <b>\$ (70,004)</b>  | <b>\$ -</b>         | <b>-</b>            |
| <b>Net Change in Fund Balance .....</b>             | <b>\$ 413,331</b>   | <b>\$ (779,665)</b> | <b>\$ 75,077</b>    | <b>\$ (182,578)</b> | <b>\$ (473,835)</b> |
| <b>Fund Balance - January 1 .....</b>               | <b>\$ 2,012,230</b> | <b>\$ 3,032,978</b> | <b>\$ 1,975,372</b> | <b>\$ 910,523</b>   | <b>\$ 7,931,103</b> |
| <b>Increase (decrease) in inventories .....</b>     | <b>-</b>            | <b>(124,152)</b>    | <b>-</b>            | <b>-</b>            | <b>(124,152)</b>    |
| <b>Fund Balance - December 31 .....</b>             | <b>\$ 2,425,561</b> | <b>\$ 2,129,161</b> | <b>\$ 2,050,449</b> | <b>\$ 727,945</b>   | <b>\$ 7,333,116</b> |

## SUMMARY OF RED LAKE COUNTY'S STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2022

|                                                     |                                    |                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                                       | <b>Governmental<br/>Activities</b> |                      |
| Cash and pooled investments .....                   | \$ 6,867,419                       | 140,757              |
| Cash with fiscal agent .....                        | 102                                | 113,628              |
| Investments .....                                   | 260,945                            | 80,569               |
| Taxes receivable - prior .....                      | 37,477                             |                      |
| Special assessments receivable - prior .....        | 1,305                              |                      |
| Accounts receivable .....                           | 30,899                             |                      |
| Accrued interest receivable .....                   | 20,685                             |                      |
| Due from other governments .....                    | 5,115,588                          |                      |
| Inventories .....                                   | 539,694                            |                      |
| Capital assets                                      |                                    |                      |
| Non-depreciable .....                               | 13,574,986                         |                      |
| Depreciable - net of accumulated depreciation ..... | 40,391,421                         |                      |
| <b>Total Assets .....</b>                           | <b>\$ 66,840,521</b>               |                      |
| <b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>               |                                    |                      |
| Related to other post-employment benefits .....     | 67,517                             |                      |
| Related to pensions .....                           | 2,447,694                          |                      |
| <b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources .....</b>   | <b>\$ 2,515,211</b>                |                      |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                                  |                                    |                      |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>                          |                                    |                      |
| Accounts payable .....                              | \$ 301,001                         |                      |
| Salaries payable .....                              |                                    | 140,757              |
| Contracts payable .....                             |                                    | 113,628              |
| Due to other governments .....                      |                                    | 80,569               |
| <b>Long-Term Liabilities</b>                        |                                    |                      |
| Due within one year .....                           |                                    | 206,406              |
| Due in more than one year .....                     |                                    | 133,149              |
| Other Post Employment Benefits .....                |                                    | 300,746              |
| Net pension liability .....                         |                                    | 5,039,981            |
| <b>Total Liabilities .....</b>                      |                                    | <b>\$ 6,316,237</b>  |
| <b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>                |                                    |                      |
| Related to other post-employment benefits .....     |                                    | 3,198                |
| Related to pensions .....                           |                                    | 72,956               |
| <b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources .....</b>    |                                    | <b>\$ 76,154</b>     |
| <b>Net Position</b>                                 |                                    |                      |
| Net investment in capital assets .....              |                                    | 53,955,711           |
| Amounts restricted for                              |                                    |                      |
| General government .....                            |                                    | 107,887              |
| Public safety .....                                 |                                    | 4,054                |
| Highways and streets .....                          |                                    | 4,252,572            |
| Conservation of natural resources .....             |                                    | 1,153,143            |
| Economic development .....                          |                                    | 68,249               |
| Unrestricted amounts .....                          |                                    | 3,421,725            |
| <b>Total Net Position .....</b>                     |                                    | <b>\$ 62,963,341</b> |

|                                               |              |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Sanitary Service & Recycling Inc.....         | 6,497.06     |
| Seachange Printing and Marketing Service..... | 8,490.76     |
| Select Account .....                          | 56,938.34    |
| Select Account Fsa.....                       | 7,874.36     |
| Select Account-Veba.....                      | 32,350.61    |
| Sir Lines-A-Lot, LLC .....                    | 19,145.02    |
| SUN LIFE FINANCIAL .....                      | 13,995.29    |
| Team Laboratory Chemical, LLC .....           | 110,579.75   |
| Thibert Chev-Buick .....                      | 66,100.91    |
| Thief River Falls Times .....                 | 6,586.84     |
| Thief River Ford .....                        | 5,150.49     |
| Thygeson Construction .....                   | 966,077.65   |
| Titan Machinery .....                         | 17,603.50    |
| TK Elevator Corporation .....                 | 6,216.55     |
| Treasurer Brown's Creek Township.....         | 23,470.33    |
| Treasurer Emardville Township.....            | 84,018.22    |
| Treasurer Equality Township .....             | 78,268.19    |
| Treasurer Garmes Township .....               | 80,024.23    |
| Treasurer Gervais Township .....              | 70,823.69    |
| Treasurer Lake Pleasant Township .....        | 53,810.14    |
| Treasurer Lambert Township .....              | 48,023.89    |
| Treasurer Louisville Township.....            | 54,162.10    |
| Treasurer Poplar River Township .....         | 49,389.51    |
| Treasurer Red Lake Falls Township .....       | 52,205.77    |
| Treasurer River Township.....                 | 12,479.68    |
| Treasurer School District #2906 .....         | 828,857.04   |
| Treasurer School District 260935.....         | 134.55       |
| Treasurer School District 564 .....           | 17,623.74    |
| Treasurer School District 630 .....           | 1,296,157.64 |
| Treasurer Terrebonne Township.....            | 77,231.46    |
| Treasurer Wylie Township .....                | 20,597.95    |
| Tri County Community Corrections .....        | 249,775.00   |
| Triangle Tire Sales & Service, LLC .....      | 11,027.08    |
| Triple D Construction & Leasing Co.....       | 51,329.00    |
| Truonorth Steel, Inc.....                     | 62,434.27    |
| Tyler Technologies, Inc.....                  | 5,203.86     |
| University Of Minnesota (Exten Serv) .....    | 62,601.70    |
| University Of North Dakota .....              | 9,707.28     |
| Vathauer Farm Supply .....                    | 12,807.99    |
| WEX Health Inc., d/b/a WEX .....              | 36,152.46    |
| Ziegler Cat .....                             | 305,487.03   |

## Oklee Herald Early Files

### Ninety Years Ago Marc 1, 1934

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Horstman were business callers in Red Lake Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Berry of Brooks visited at the L.M. Berry home here Saturday.

Mrs. Sigurd Krostue returned to her home north of Oklee from a hospital in Crookston where she underwent an operation.

Walter Welte sold a farm tractor Friday to parties from Bagley.

### Eighty Years Ago March 4, 1944

Orvald Rolandson suffered a broken leg when he fell on the steps of the local auditorium.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fore, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Barsness, Mrs. Alfred Gunsten-son, Mr. and Mrs. Albric St. Germain were guests at the Owen O'Neill home Thursday evening.

Guests at the Russell Fore home last Sunday were the B.I. Land and Axel Burman families.

Mrs. Lowell Sovde left for Lincoln, Nebraska where she was to visit her husband.

### Seventy Years Ago March 4, 1954

Mrs. Edward Patnode of Red Lake Falls died unexpectedly of a heart attack at her home Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rahier, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Pederson and Mrs. Adella Buck and daughter Joanne were supper guests at the Bill Rahier home

Wednesday.

175 4-H club members in Red Lake County took part in exhibits and special programs during National 4-H Club week.

A group of 27 ladies went from Oklee by bus to Red Lake Falls to attend an open house honoring Rev. and Mrs. J.M. Runestad who recently moved there from Oklee.

**Sixty Years Ago  
February 27, 1964**  
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ste. Marie of Gervais Township have been selected to receive the Farmer and Homemaker Award in Red Lake County for 1963.

A two-game program of benefit basketball is scheduled in Plummer Saturday night, Feb. 29, to raise funds for the athletic field lights.

Larry Johnson, Richard Greenwald, Michael Pahlen, Dean Hemly and Roger Konickson attended the Globe Trotters basketball game in Grand Forks Thursday evening.

Mrs. Selma Johnson and Mrs. James Votava attended the open house in McIntosh in honor of Mrs. Emma Svien a week ago, to celebrate her 100th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lundeen and Arlene visited at the Ervin Flatgard home Sunday afternoon and extended birthday wishes to Toni Flatgard.

**Forty Years Ago  
February 28, 1974**  
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Des-sellier celebrated their 50th

wedding anniversary. They were married on February 26th, 1924.

The Oklee Fire Department was called to the Ludger Tougas farm at Brooks Monday afternoon. A machine shed had caught fire.

Little Shane Vettleson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Vettleson, was honored Sunday afternoon at the cradle shower held at Oak Park dinning room.

Mrs. Orrin Melby of Oklee announces the engagement of his daughter, Rebecca to Dale Svaren, son of Mrs. Arthur Torgerson of Anita, North Dakota and the late Arthur Svaren.

**Thirty Years Ago  
February 23, 1984**  
Oklee-Plummer's Darrin Tougas was recently selected by the Minnesota High School Wrestling Coaches Association and one of the 60 wrestlers to compete in the Minnesota-Iowa wrestling series.

Ryan Nelson helped Shane Fore celebrate his 11th birthday Friday evening along with Lynn Berberich, Jason Nelson and Jona Bernier.

Tim & Diane Paquin of Oklee are proud to announce the arrival of Grant Timothy Paquin on February 15th.

A birthday party was held in honor of Mrs. Bill Klasen last week with friends, Mrs. Aristide Bergeron, Mrs. Melvin Boucher, Mrs. Adeline Paquin, Mrs. Raymond Wicks and Mrs. Rose Beaudoin.

**Thirty Years Ago  
February 23, 1994**  
Oklee Kindergartners featured this week were: Teshia Wright and Nathan Whalen.

The Oklee City Maintenance people were trying to move as much snow as possible when the weather warmed up on Friday. The more they move out, the less there is to melt in the street and freezing to ruts.

Erin Melby and Charity Wicks, both eighth graders, competed in the MN Music Teachers Association Northwest District piano contest were both winners.

Mallory and Brett Gerardy were Saturday overnight guests of Grandpa and Grandma Sorenson.

Isaac Peterson played trumpet in the Jazz Band and sang in the choir at Northland Community College on Tuesday.

**Twenty Years Ago  
February 24, 2004**  
Eric and Patty Mickelson, Oklee will received special recognition for their commitment to leadership and their community at the Agassiz Leaders Awards Banquet on March 27th.

On February 21, the Mustang Girls traveled to Bagley to take on the Kelliher-Northome Mustangs. In the first quarter the RLCC took the lead with 19-5. During half time it was 28-14 and the final score was 64-44 RLCC.

Aurel and Gloria Parenteau and Mac & Connie Parenteau left Tuesday for Aurora, CO to attend the funeral of a brother -in-law, Dr. Patrick Howe.

**Ten Years Ago  
February 26, 2014**  
Matt Kolstoe, chairman of the RLCC School Board, presented to Vice Chairman, Tony Gerardy a certificate of recognition and appreciation for 20 years of school board service.

RLCC speech team members placing at the Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton speech meet on January 8th were Tom Nelson, who earned a ribbon of excellence in Humor Novice and Jayden Fore who earned a ribbon of excellence in Prose Novice.

Jim and Donna Rystad of Red Lake Falls traveled to Laughlin, Nevada last week and toured Hoover Dam, Lake Havasu, and the Grand Canyon glass bridge.

Joyce Hardecopf was the winner of the birthday meal at the Senior Site on February 15th.

Jacob Magnell and Cameron Lundeen have qualified to advance to the State Wrestling Tournament February 27 to March 1 in the Twin Cities.

## 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.

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### 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.

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

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### 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.

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### 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.

Last week all the craft items were sorted and are now grouped by vendor. The letters will go out in the mail next week. Once you received

notification by mail, follow the instructions.

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### Ole & Lena

Ole got back home after a trip to Minneapolis. "Funny ting about Minneapolis. From reading their paper, I found out everyvun dies in alphabetical order down dere."

\*\*\*\*\*

A Norwegian named Norlander moved to Ole's town and appeared to be well to do. Ole invited him to Sons of Norway and asked him to reveal the secret of his success. Norlander made an impressive speech about becoming a millionaire. "VELL, I just made up my mind to vork hard, to treat people nice, and most important of all, I married a widow vid a million bucks.

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Enjoy the nice weather!

## Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

On Saturday, February 17th, Mike and Sandy Greenwald attended the concert at Lincoln High School. It was Camille and Steve, a husband and wife team from Nashville.

Camille was raised in New Zealand. Steve was from Tasmania, an island south of Australia. They were both excellent guitarists and singers. They did a Merle Haggard song, also Johnny Cash's "Ring of Fire." Another was "Snowbird" and "Top of the World." They did

Mr. Sandman," a real oldie and many others. They live in Nashville. They were so enjoyable to listen to.

On Wednesday, Barb Novak, Joanne Bradley, Letty, Karen Tvedt, Anne Traxler, Anna DeHate, and Alice Jobe got together at Carol's Cozy for dinner. They had Chicken Alfredo, tossed salad and dessert. It was very good and a fun time.

On Thursday afternoon,

Diane DeHate of Coon Rapids came to Anna DeHate's for a few days.

Thursday, Anne Traxler, Alice Jobe and Anna DeHate had potato klub and side pork at Carol's Cozy. Apple Crisp was the dessert. There was a lot of people there.

The weather has been beautiful. Spring has sprung. Enjoy the beautiful weather. Go for a walk or something. Maybe a bike ride.

## Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

Oh, it is windy outside today. Stay inside to keep healthy. It is supposed to snow and be absolutely rotten for a few days ice and snow and wind just are not my cup of tea. Those of you who like this type weather, enjoy it while you can.

Some sad news came over the weekend. Steven Cote passed away last week. He was the son of Bunny (Vern) Cote and Maxine Casavant.

Yvonne Kush also passed away just a few days after she attended the funeral of her brother Harvey Delage in Thief River Falls. Yvonne visited her hometown of Brooks often and

she made her home in Aurora, Minnesota for many years. Health problems caused her to stay in Virginia, Minnesota where she resided at her death.

Paul Beech of Slayton, Minnesota, passed away on Saturday. He is the father of Cindy Determan. Paul was a very quiet and loving grandfather to his family. He died peacefully and the family was there to comfort him.

On Wednesday of last week a group of ladies met and had dinner at the Cozy Bar and Grill in Brooks. Attending were Anne Traxler, Karen Tvedt, Alice Jobe, Letty Hair, Joanne

Bradley and Anna DeHate and Barb Novak. Anne Traxler wore a red hat in memory of our old red hats days. It was fun for all of us to gather and enjoy some time together.

Last week Tami Pribula came to visit with her Mother Joanne Delage and they attended the funeral of Harvey Delage in Thief River Falls.

On Tuesday evening the Delage family gathered to celebrate Donald Dwayne Delage's birthday he is 92. Because they were together, they celebrated his birthday early. His actual birthday is on the 28th of February.

## Bonny's Bits

Today (Monday) as I write this column and according to the weather app I'm looking at, it is supposed to be around 60 degrees, but tonight, a front moves in and causes the temps to drop like a rock, possible snow and ice. Tuesday will be cold and windy. Yuk! Wednesday will be cold also, but very little wind. Then the weather is supposed to be in the 30's starting on Thursday, with a nice 50 degree day on Sunday then back to the 30's. But spring it here and this is what spring acts like. Most of the time. Ups and downs. Today I also got a call from

a friend, Bonnie Jensen, who wanted me to put in my column that her sister Carole DeFrang (class of 1959) had passed away. According to Bonnie, she died due to complications after falling off a kitchen stool and was hurt and also had Covid. She was 82 years old. This spring there will be a funeral. My sympathy goes out to Bonnie and her family for their loss of a sister and aunt.

**Here are some water facts I found in various places. Enjoy!**

The Atlantic Ocean is saltier than the Pacific  
Hot water freezes quicker

than cold water  
30% of fresh water is in the ground.  
Rain contains vitamin B12  
The water in the Dead Sea is so salty that it's easier to float than sink  
When hydrogen burns in the air, water is formed.  
65 percent of your body is water.  
68.7% of the fresh water on Earth is trapped in glaciers.  
A jellyfish and a cucumber are each 95% water.  
Water expands by 9% when it freezes.  
Water regulates the Earth's temperature.

## Who's Dat?



### Who's Dat?

This week's photo is of a group of kindergartners.

Last Week's photo was of Julian Gunderson and his nephew Tim Bergerson. Both are graduates of Oklee High School.

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 dpi (high quality) if you can. You can email to okleeherald@gmail.com.

If you mail a photo to the Oklee Herald office, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope so the photos can be returned. Mail them to: Red Lake County Herald, PO Box 9, Oklee MN 56742 Or stop by the office and I will scan your photo while you wait.



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