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Winter Weather Terms (From the National Weather Service)

NOAA's National Weather Service urges residents to keep abreast of local forecasts and warnings and familiarize themselves with key weather terminology.

Winter Storm Warning: Issued when hazardous winter weather in the form of heavy snow, heavy freezing rain, or heavy sleet is imminent or occurring. Winter Storm Warnings are usually issued 12 to 24 hours before the event is expected to begin.

Winter Storm Watch: Alerts the public to the possibility of a blizzard, heavy snow, heavy freezing rain, or heavy sleet. Winter Storm Watches are usually issued 12 to 48 hours before the beginning of a Winter Storm.

Hazardous Weather Outlook: Provides up to seven day notice of any hazardous weather, including winter storms. It is issued daily, with more frequent updates whenever the outlook changes.

Blizzard Warning: Issued for sustained or gusty winds of 35 mph or more, and falling or blowing snow creating visibilities at or below ¼ mile; these conditions should persist for at least three hours.

Lake Effect Snow Warning: Issued when heavy lake effect snow is imminent or occurring.

Lake Effect Snow Advisory: Issued when accumulation of lake effect snow will cause significant inconvenience.

Wind Chill Warning:

Issued when wind chill temperatures are expected to be hazardous to life within several minutes of exposure.

Wind Chill Advisory: Issued when wind chill temperatures are expected to be a significant inconvenience to life with prolonged exposure, and, if caution is not exercised, could lead to hazardous exposure.

Winter Weather Advisories: Issued for accumulations of snow, freezing rain, freezing drizzle, and sleet which will cause significant inconveniences and, if caution is not exercised, could lead to life-threatening situations.

Dense Fog Advisory: Issued when fog will reduce visibility to ¼ mile or less over a widespread area.

Snow Flurries: Light snow falling for short durations. No accumulation or light dusting is all that is expected.

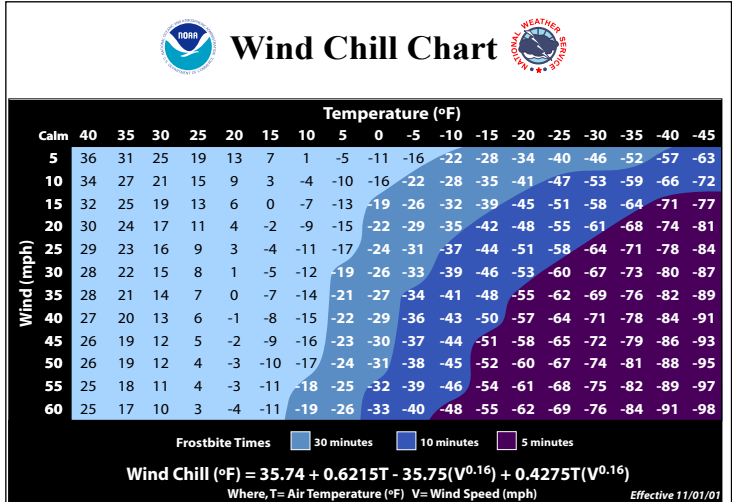
Snow Showers: Snow falling at varying intensities for brief periods of time. Some accumulation is possible.

Snow Squalls: Brief, intense snow showers accompanied by strong, gusty winds. Accumulation may be significant. Snow squalls are best known in the Great Lakes region.

Blowing Snow: Wind-driven snow that reduces visibility and causes significant drifting. Blowing snow may be snow that is falling and/or loose snow on the ground picked up by the wind.

Sleet: Rain drops that freeze into ice pellets before reaching the ground. Sleet usually bounces when hitting a surface and does not stick to objects. However, it can accumulate like snow and cause a hazard to motorists.

Freezing Rain: Rain that falls onto a surface with a temperature below freezing. This causes it to freeze to surfaces, such as trees, cars, and roads, forming a coating or glaze of ice. Even small accumulations of ice can cause a significant hazard.



What is Wind Chill Temperature?

It is the temperature it "feels like" outside and is based on the rate of heat loss from exposed skin caused by the effects of wind and cold. As the wind increases, the body is cooled at a faster rate causing the skin temperature to drop. Wind Chill does not impact inanimate objects like car radiators and exposed water pipes, because these objects cannot cool below the actual air temperature. What does this mean to me? The NWS will inform you when Wind Chill conditions reach critical thresholds. A Wind Chill Warning is issued when wind chill temperatures are life threatening. A Wind Chill Advisory is issued when wind chill temperatures are potentially hazardous. What is Frostbite? Frostbite is an injury to the body caused by freezing body tissue. The most susceptible parts of the body are the extremities such as fingers, toes, ear lobes, or the tip of the nose. Symptoms include a loss of feeling in the extremity and a white or pale appearance. Medical attention is needed

immediately for frostbite. The area should be SLOWLY rewarmed. What is Hypothermia? Hypothermia is abnormally low body temperature (below 95 degrees Fahrenheit). Warning signs include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion. Medical attention is needed immediately. If it is not available, begin warming the body SLOWLY.

Tips on how to dress during cold weather.

*Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing. Trapped air between the layers will insulate you. Outer garments should be tightly woven, water repellent, and hooded. T Wear a hat, because 40% of your body heat can be lost from your head.

*Cover your mouth to protect your lungs from extreme cold.

*Mittens, snug at the wrist, are better than gloves.

*Try to stay dry and out of the wind.

RLCC Fall Music Concert scheduled for November 21

Come one, come all to Red Lake County High School's Fall Music Concert! This evening of musical entertainment is set for Monday, November 21 at 7:00 pm in the high school gym in Oklee.

The concert will feature a variety of musical selections performed by the junior high band and the senior high band. The junior high choir and senior high choir will also be singing a variety of songs. The choirs and bands are under the direction of Mrs. Patty Mickelson.

The public is encouraged to attend this fall concert featuring the talents of RLCC music students.

Northwest Regional Development Commission to hold annual meeting

The Northwest Regional Development Commission will be holding its Annual Meeting on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at the Eagles in East Grand Forks. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. with lunch at 11:45 a.m.

At this meeting the Commission will review and approve their Calendar Year 2017 Work Program; elect their Board of Directors; review grants awarded and all other program activities for the past year.

The Commission would like to invite and encourage public officials and other interested persons to attend all or part of the days' events. If you have questions or plan on attending the lunch, please contact Carol Sorensen at the Commission Offices, 218-745-6733 or email csorensen@nwrdc.org.



Stanley Solheim, Pat Del Rosario, Ron & Cindy Stoneouse and Andy and Karen Peterson took a Bergan Travel tour to the East Coast. They were gone from September 22 to October 16th.

Area Residents visit the East Coast

Stanley Solheim, Pat Del Rosario, Ron & Cindy Stoneouse and Andy & Karen Peterson made a 16 day bus tour to the following areas: Niagara Falls, Ontario; Boston; Acadia National Park in Maine; Cape Cod; New York City; Washington D.C. and Gettysburg.

They saw the Broadway show "Jersey Boys," ate lobster in Maine, waded in the Atlantic Ocean, visited Ground Zero and Times Square, saw where Sully Sullenberger landed the plane in the Hudson River, cruised around Ellis Island, and the Statue of Liberty.

In Washington D.C. we visited the capitol, the Smithsonian Museums, the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, changing of the guard at Arlington, the war memorials and cruised the Potomac River with dinner and music.

It was quite a trip and the last major stop was at Gettysburg where the Minnesota First Regiment was instrumental in the North's victory in the Civil War. The trip was organized by Bergan Travel and there were 45 in the group.

Photo right: Minnesota Monument at Gettysburg: Minnesota's first regiment of 267 soldiers fought the first battle at Gettysburg. Out of 267 soldiers, 39 survived the first battle.



Election Results for Brooks - Oklee - Plummer

Brooks City Council

Elect 2 persons
Perry Morinville 52
Ray Vasend 44
Write-In 0

Oklee Mayor

Elect 1 person
George Burthwick 102
Alan Jensen 43
Write-In 4

Oklee City Council

Elect 2 persons
Paul T. Cyr 74
Matthew Genova 69
Gloria Moose 47
Kyle Dudycha 45
Jacqueline Cross 29
JoAnn Hamm 22
Write-In 3

Plummer City Council

Elect 2 persons
Thomas Braaten 95
Brend Hemly 81
Write-In 5

RLCC School Board

Elect 3 persons
Lowell Hamrum 712
Jody L Duden 678
Thomas Bray 626
Write In 30



Inga Linder (who turned 102 on Oct. 21st) took a ride in a combine on Oct. 9th with her grandson Matt Kolstoe. She has seen a lot of changes in farming in her life time. She was treated to a celebration dinner, with cake and gifts on October 22nd with her whole family.

Calendar of Events

Wed, Nov. 16:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.
-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, Nov. 17:

-LSS Senior Site Meeting 10:00 a.m.

LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

-Senior Site Activity: 12:30 p.m. - Bingo.

Fri, Nov. 18:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.

Sat, Nov. 19:

-Support your local business - Shop Locally!

Sun, Nov. 20:

-Worship at the church of your choice.

-7:00 p.m. Ecumenical Thanksgiving Gathering at Oklee Hall.

Mon, Nov. 21:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

Tue, Nov. 22:

-LSS Sr. Meal 11:30 a.m.

-Senior Site Activity: 1:30 p.m. - Bridge.

-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, Nov. 24:

Happy Thanksgiving!

Fri, Nov. 25:

-LSS Sr. Meals 11:30 a.m.



Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Margaret Jacobus
Wed, Nov. 16: 4:00 p.m.
First Communion Class. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Classes.
Sun, Nov. 20: 9:00 a.m. Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS at Salem. 10:15 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service at Oklee Comm. Hall.
Mon, Nov. 21: 9:00 a.m. Quilting at Zion.
Wed, Nov. 23: No First Communion Class. No Confirmation Classes.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH OKLEE
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sun, Nov. 20: 7:30 a.m. Confessions 8:00 a.m. Mass. 7:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service at Oklee Comm. Hall.

BROOKS - RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bill DeCrans
Sat, Nov. 19: 5:30 p.m. RLF
Sun, Nov. 20: 8:00 a.m. Brooks. 10:00 a.m. RLF.

IMMANUEL-EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Nov. 20: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel. 10:15 a.m. SS at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.
Tue, Nov. 22: 6:30 p.m. Luther League meeting.
Wed, Nov. 23: 7:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith Pastor Kristen Ostercamp
Wed, Nov. 16: Release Time. 7:00 p.m. Confirmation at Faith.
Sun, Nov. 20: 8:30 a.m. Bethany. 9:45 a.m. SS; 9:45 a.m. Ekeund. 11:00 a.m. SS; 11:00 a.m. Faith. 9:45 a.m. SS.
Wed, Nov. 23: Release Time. No Confirmation. 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving services at the Community Center hosted by the GL Parish.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

November 21 - 25
Call 796-5666 to order a meal.
If you are over the age of 60 and would like to eat with other seniors at the Senior Site, please call the Café at 796-5666 to reserve your meal. A \$4.00 per meal donation is suggested.
Monday: Chicken strips, tossed salad, cottage cheese, toast, and dessert.
Tuesday: Tator tot hotdish, veggies, toast, and dessert.
Wednesday: Fish, baked potato, vegetables, and dessert.
Thursday: Closed - Thanksgiving Day!
Friday: Fried ham sandwich, potato soup, and dessert.

Thank You
JoAnn Hamm O34P

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wed, Nov. 16: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.
Sat, Nov. 19: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Nov. 20: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:15 a.m. St. Petri SS; 8:30 a.m. Oak Park SS, 9:45 a.m. Oak Park; 10:00 a.m. Nazareth SS, 11:00 a.m. Nazareth.
Wed, Nov. 23: Thanksgiving Services: 5:00 p.m. Mt. Olive. 7:00 p.m. Nazareth.
Thu, Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Services: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:30 a.m. Oak Park.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Nov. 16: 9:30 a.m. Christian Women's Club. 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thu, Nov. 17: 12:00 p.m. Rotary.
Fri, Nov. 18: 8:45 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, Nov. 20: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Nov. 22: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, Nov. 23: 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Service at Poplar Lake Lutheran Church.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Nov. 16: 2:00 p.m. Lund WELCA.
Sun, Nov. 20: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany. 5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Service at Lund.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Nov. 20: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Plummer Residents

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to the Thanksgiving Day Holiday, garbage will be picked up in the afternoon on Wednesday, November 23rd.

Thank you and have a...
HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Bonny's Bits...

okleeherald@gmail.com

This past week has been very hectic and the holiday are really just around the corner. Don't fret, the Early Files are only taking a short break along with the Who's Dat? column. Just too many other things to fit in a limited number of pages. Look for them in the coming week.
Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be held in the Oklee Community Hall this year. Everyone is welcome to attend this fun evening of celebrating Thanksgiving.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, November 20th
7:00 p.m.
OKLEE HALL

We invite you to join us in giving thanks to the Lord, Our God! Through prayer and song the Christian communities of the Oklee area are gathering to rejoice in the God who has blessed us abundantly with the fruits of the earth, with peace, and with prosperity. This is a non-denominational service and people from all walks of life are invited to join us. Following the program, please stay for fellowship and refreshments.

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Red Lake County Commissioners Minutes

RED LAKE COUNTY Regular Meeting Held August 23, 2016

Pursuant to adjournment of its regular meeting the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on August 23, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Simpson called the meeting to order. All Commissioners were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Sandi Bentley, Executive Director of Violence Intervention Project in Thief River Falls was present to request program funding for the fiscal year 2017 budget. VIP began providing domestic and sexual violence advocacy in October 2012 in Red Lake County. Bentley informed that she is meeting with the five counties and requesting supplemental funding as the grant from the Office of Justice Programs (OPJ) only covers 80% to 85% of actual expenses. VIP is requesting \$1,000.00 to help offset the amount not funded by the OPJ. The board informed the request will be reviewed during county budget discussions.

Helen Anderson and Connie Hagen representing the Tobacco Free Communities Program and Quin County CHS, were present to discuss adopting a Red Lake County Clean Indoor Air Ordinance. Anderson informed that no public hearing is required. The ordinance is intended to complement and go beyond the Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act by regulating the use of E-Cigarettes. The ordinance bans electronic cigarettes wherever regular cigarettes are banned indoors. Kittson, Marshall, and Roseau have already adopted the ordinance. Pennington will discuss later in the day at its meeting. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Sorensen and carried unanimously to adopt the county Clean Air Ordinance.

Colleen Hoffman of Hoffman, Phillip, and Knutson, LLC was present to review the 2015 financial audit for the county. Hoffman stated that the department heads are doing a good job of managing their departments, and the county had a very clean audit opinion that will reflect into a good bond rating. Hoffman discussed a few minor issues and informed on the new GASB rulings and requirements for PERA that affected the 2015 audit report. Information on designated funds and county reserves was also reviewed.

Commissioner Sorensen moved, seconded by Flage and unanimously carried to approve the expenditures for the period as follows:

Vendor:	Amount:
Red Lake County Co-op	\$13,560.00
30 Payments less than \$2,000	6,005.20
Final Total	\$19,565.20

The motion includes the following added bills: \$30.00 to BCA; \$69.85 to Dacotah Paper; \$647.00 to MCIT; \$1,688.00 to NW MN Council of Collaboratives; \$900.00 to Office of Enterprise Technology; \$2,950.56 to Serkland Law Firm; \$62.00 to

Quilting at Zion

Quilting at the Zion Lutheran Church has begun. It starts at 9:00 a.m. on Mondays. Coffee break at 10 & pot luck lunch. This is a community project. If you like to quilt, this is for you. Everyone welcome to attend.

Every day we offer a variety of banking services such as Checking and Savings, Money Market Accounts and Certificates of Deposit, all FDIC Insured. We also offer Bank By Mail, Cashiers Checks, Debit Cards, Direct Deposit, and Safe Deposit Boxes.

We make loans to help people buy cars, trucks motorcycles, boats and more. We also loan money to local businesses to help them grow and expand. If we can help you, come see us.

Thomson Reuters West; \$214.92 expenses and \$280.00 per diem to John Lerohl.

The following commissioner/committee reports were shared:

Commissioner	Meeting/Report
Weiss	None.
Flage	County Safety meeting.

Sorensen Commented on Tri County Corrections information received.

Lerohl Enbridge Tour of Line 67 near Plummer. NW Regional Development regarding the Housing Action Network meeting in Fosston.

Simpson None.
Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Lerohl and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the August 23, 2016 regular board meeting, and minutes from the August 11, 2016 special board meeting.

HR Director Lundeen presented a request for a status change for a Social Services employee. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Sorensen and carried unanimously to approve a Step 2-Grade 34 status change for Denise McCarthy for promotion to the Social Services Supervisor position.

Lundeen presented information on county health insurance rates for 2017. Employee insurance rates are increasing 19.9% for 2017. Lundeen informed that she will discuss some alternatives to reduce premium costs with Thune Insurance representatives and report at the next board meeting.

Lundeen commented on a new Wellness Program proposal called FitBits through the NW Service Cooperative, and on "Sanford Profile" a new voluntary program for employees offered by Sanford Health Services. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Sorensen and carried unanimously to offer access to the Sanford Profile voluntary program for county employees.

Lundeen discussed the county policy on Direct Deposit and whether to change county policy to make it mandatory for all county employees. Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Flage and carried unanimously to make Direct Deposit mandatory for all county employees beginning January 1, 2017.

Lundeen reminded of a LELS union meeting scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on August 25, 2016.

Auditor Schmitz informed that county officials have been invited to a dinner meeting with Governor Dayton beginning at 12:30 at TNJ's. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until September 13, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the courthouse board room.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Chuck Simpson, Chair,
Board of Commissioners
O34C

ATTENTION

RED LAKE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS AND POTENTIAL STARTUP ENTERPRISES

The Red Lake County Economic Development Corporation can help you start your own business or expand an existing one. We are here to assist with a five (5) year loan for an amount up to \$20,000 at 2% APR. The business must be located in Red Lake County.

For more information, contact the Red Lake County Economic Development home office at 1-218-253-2897.

Or call David Ste. Marie, Red Lake Falls, 218-698-4279; Mike Spurgin, Red Lake Falls, 218-465-4648 or Leo Olson, Oklee, 218-796-5656.

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Sudoku Solution

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

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Locations:

Triangle Tire Sales, Red Lake Falls;
Kruse Inn, St. Hilaire; Oklee Elevator,
Oklee; Land O Lakes Creamery,
Plummer; Brooks Cenex, Brooks

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Environmental Officer Kurt Casavan was present to update the board on the City of Red Lake Falls Community Hybrid Project. Casavan reviewed the application submitted by Juhl Enterprises, the project developer, and reports that all documents have been properly filed. Casavan informed that a Public Hearing will be held on September 27, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. to accept comments before the project can proceed.

Casavan reported that approximately 30 miles of legal drainage ditches were sprayed by helicopter for cattails. All sprayed areas were mapped with GPS. The service cost approximately \$15,000.00 and will be assessed against the individual legal ditch systems.

Sheriff Bernstein was present to request signature of the annual Emergency Operations Plan. The plan was reviewed by several organizations in the county.

Al Bertilrud with the Red Lake River Corridor Workgroup was present to discuss a plan being developed to enhance the local river routes for outdoor enthusiasts and to promote tourism. A \$25,000.00 grant has been applied for from the State Legacy funds and will provide 80% of the cost with 20% provided by local match dollars. The project would create additional camping sites and access points along the Clearwater and Red Lake Rivers. Bertilrud asked the county to consider providing some assistance either financially or with an in-kind contribution. The board took no action as they will take the request under consideration.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Weiss and unanimously carried to approve the expenditures for the period as follows:

Vendor:	Amount:
Computer Professionals	\$ 2,054.00
Elections Systems & Software	2,843.45
Hoffman, Philipp, & Knutson, PLLC	15,475.00
Insight Technologies	3,631.00
Plummer Co-op Creamery	2,339.77
Red Lake County Co-op	14,020.10
40 Payments less than \$2,000	13,922.67
Final Total	\$54,285.99

The motion includes the following added bills: \$248.50 to D&J Radio; \$981.12 to GCR Tire; \$1,793.47 to Hannaher's; \$160.00

to Insight Technology; \$55.85 to National 4-H Council; \$43.98 to Office Depot; \$148.64 to RLF Hardware Hank; \$299.00 to Thomson Reuters; \$32.40 to Ron Weiss.

The following commissioner/committee reports were shared:

Commissioner	Meeting/Report
Weiss	Union negotiations meeting for LELS; a Tri County Corrections meeting reviewing revenue sources, jail usage, and health insurance rates, and a meeting of the NW Regional Development Commission.

Flage None.
Lerohl Toured two businesses in Ada as part of the NW Regional Development meeting; reviewed the Green Step City's program, and switched employee health insurance provider.

Simpson Participated in a monument dedication in Gonvick.

Commissioner Lerohl moved, seconded by Weiss and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the August 23, 2016 regular board meeting.

Information from Veterans Service Officer Kurt Ellefson was provided on the CVSO Operational Enhancement Grant for FY 2017. The grant, in the amount of \$7500.00, is to be used for veteran's assistance. Commissioner Lerohl moved and seconded by Flage to approve Resolution No. 09-01-16 "CVSO Operational Enhancement Grant Program". The motion carried by unanimous vote. Chair Simpson was authorized to sign the document. A complete copy is available at the County Auditor's office.

HR Director Lundeen reviewed additional insurance plan options that would lower health premium rates for next year. The county was notified that rates will increase by 19.9% for 2017 which reflects in a rate of \$729.00 a month per full-time employee. Options were discussed that provided saving of 2%, 7%, and 15% under three proposals for the CMM Plan. The savings result from changes to deductible limits, co-pay amounts, and prescription coverage. The board took no action at this time. Auditor Schmitz was instructed to use the \$729.00 rate to proceed with the initial county budget.

Commissioner Lerohl moved and seconded by Weiss to close the regular board meeting at 11:33 a.m. pursuant to section 13B.03 Minnesota Statutes. The closed session was to discuss union negotiations. The regular board meeting re-opened at 12:14 p.m. on motion by Commissioner Weiss, seconded by Lerohl. The motions carried unanimously. There was no action taken from the closed session.

The board was informed that Enbridge Energy has withdrawn its Sandpiper Pipeline Project application.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until September 27, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in the courthouse board room.

Attest:
Robert Schmitz, County Auditor

Chuck Simpson, Chair,
Board of Commissioners
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RLCC Menus

November 21 - 25

Oklee

Mon: Breakfast: Smore's, cereal, fruit, juice and milk.
Lunch: Chicken legs, baked potato, vegetable, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice and milk.
Lunch: Ham patty, hash browns, vegetables, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Bakery roll, cereal, fruit, juice and milk.
Lunch: Chicken fajita, potato o-lays, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Thu: Thanksgiving Day!
Fri: No School

Plummer

Mon: Breakfast: Bagels, strawberry cream cheese, cereal, fruit, juice and milk.
Lunch: Taco in a bag (lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, sour cream), cucumber/cauliflower cup, trail mix, fruit, and milk.

Tue: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, cereal, toast (PB & jelly), fruit, juice and milk.
Lunch: Pork riblet, macaroni & cheese, veggies w/ranch, bread, fruit, and milk.

Wed: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, juice and milk.
Lunch: Pizza, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Thu: Thanksgiving Day!
Fri: No School.

Thank You!

Thank you for your support in the RLCC School board election.
Lowell Hamrum O34P

Honor Choir performance at NCTC

By: Hannah Riendeau

Tera Qualley, Natalie Aakhus, Dede Walton, and Makay Berns were the four Red Lake County Central seniors that went to the Northland Community and Technical College for the Northland Honor Choir on Friday, November 4. NCTC presented "Choral Work

Choir Concert" including the Northland Chamber Choir and Northland Northland High School Honor Choir. It was directed by Linda Samuelson.

The Northland High School Honor Choir sang three songs: "Vuelie," "La LLuvia," "I Gave My Love a Cherry," and "The

Fiddler of Dooney." Schools who participated were from Badger, Goodridge, Greenbush-Middle River, Lake of the Woods, Lancaster, Marshall County Central, Grygla-Gatzke, Red Lake County Central, Tri-County and Warren-Alvarado-Oslo.



RLCC seniors Tera Qualley, Natalie Aakhus, Dede Walton, and Makay Berns sang in the High School Honor Choir at the 2016 Northland Music Festival.

RLCC October Students of the Month Derek Peterson and Lindsey Thompson and their nominating teacher Mr. Kory Baril and Mrs. Patty Mickelson.

October Student of the Month at RLCC

By: Julia Benrstien

The October Students of the Month at Red Lake County Central High School are Linsey Thompson for Senior High and Derek Peterson for Junior High. Nominating teachers were Mrs. Patty Mickelson and Mr. Kory Baril.

Mickelson said in a conversation with Thompson they talked about goals. "I've not only watched Lindsey take the steps necessary to achieve those goals, taking challenging classes and working hard but she is often the reasonable

voice if discussions get heated." Thompson is in 11th grade and is 16 years old. She is the daughter of Shelley Thompson and Daniel Thompson and Shelly Thompson. She has four siblings: Joshua, Jeremiah and Kyle Willett, and Madison Thompson. She is in choir and her hobbies include fishing, hunting, and video games.

Baril selected Peterson for his leadership qualities on the junior varsity football team. He also said, "It is not an easy task for a freshman to step up and lead a team of freshman,

sophomores, and juniors but Derek handled it very well. He is also a leader in the classroom. He gets very good marks in school, is humble and kind to others, and he is a positive role model for younger students." Peterson is 15 years old and is in ninth grade. He is the son of Jamie and Wendy Peterson. Peterson has two siblings, Luke and Leah Peterson. He is in football, baseball, and basketball. Some of Peterson's favorite hobbies include going outside and playing sports.

RLCC winter sports season begins

By Marie Johnson

The Red Lake County Central High School winter sports seasons are beginning soon. The winter sports include: RLCC Mustangs girls basketball, Red Lake County Rebel boys basketball, and RLCC Mustang wrestling.

The RLCC Lady Mustangs Varsity girls' basketball coaches are Head Coach Mr. Mark Bagaason and Assistant Coach Mr. Mitch Bernstein. Their practice begins on November 14. The Lady Mustangs' first game is at the Sanford Center against Climax-Fisher Friday, December 2nd at 6 p.m.

The RLC Rebel varsity boys'

basketball practice begins November 21. The Rebel's basketball coaches include Head Coach Mr. Steve Philion and Assistant Coaches Mr. Kevin Philion, Mr. Kory Baril, and Mr. Randy Huie. The RLC Rebels first game is the Northland Community and Technical College Tourney in Thief River Falls on Monday, December 5 and the time yet to be determined.

The RLCC Mustang wrestling season begins practice on November 21. The RLCC wrestling coaches include Head Coach Aaron Nelson and Assistant Coach Travis Larson. The wrestlers'

first meet is a tourney in Fosston on December 3rd at 11:30 a.m.

Athletes must bring your eligibility form and physical to the office and if you don't have your physical yet, be sure to schedule it as soon as possible. Fees also need to pay before practice begins.

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Community Education Events

Pillow Painting Class November 18

By Marie Johnson

Pillow Painting Class by The Shed will be held at Oklee Quilting Friday, November 18th at 6:00 pm. Cost for pillows is \$25 for first one and \$20 for additional ones.

This class is sponsored by Oklee Quilting and RLCC Community Education. For more information call 218-796-5151.

AARP Smart Driver Course Nov. 19 in Oklee

By: Sarah Christensen

The AARP Smart Driver Course will be Saturday, November 19 in the Red Lake County Central High School Library. It will start at 9:00 am and end at 1:00 pm. Cost for an AARP Member is \$15, and

cost of a non-member is \$20. Register by calling the RLCC High School Office at 218-796-5136 or RLCC Elementary School Office at 218-465-4222.

"The AARP Smart Driver™ Course is the nation's first and largest refresher course for drivers age 50 and older. It has given millions of drivers the skills and tools they need to drive safely on today's roads, allowing them to remain independent for many years to come. In fact, 97% of those who take it change at least one driving behavior. And the best part? There are no tests to pass - just useful information to keep you safe on the road."

Most insurance companies provide a discount to course graduates. Check with your Insurance Agent. Sponsored by RLCC Community Education.

Red Lake Falls Library News

The library is open on Tuesday from Noon until 7:00 pm, Wednesday from Noon until 7:00 pm, Thursday from Noon to 5:00 p.m.; Friday from Noon until 5:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On-line patrons are reminded that they can visit www.nwrlib.org/rllf.htm at anytime, where they can create their own patron accounts to browse, request and renew materials all from their home computers.

Thanks to a recent donation by a patron, the Red Lake Falls branch of NWRL has added these new books to its collection. In adult nonfiction: "The Light of the World: a Memoir" by Elizabeth Alexander, a Pulitzer Prize in Letters biography finalist, a memoir of her marriage and the sudden death of her husband; and "Waking the Spirit: a Musician's Journey Healing Body, Mind and Soul" by Andrew Schulman -- this book tells the tale of a man pulled from the brink of death by music who, in turn, uses music as medicine to help heal others.

And in adult fiction: "The Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead, #1 New York Times bestseller and National Book Award finalist -- a magnificent tour de force chronicling a young slave's

adventures as she makes a desperate bid for freedom in the antebellum South; "The Muse" by Jesse Burton, a captivating and brilliantly realized story of two young women—a Caribbean immigrant in 1960s London, and a bohemian woman in 1930s Spain—and the powerful mystery that ties them together; "The Risen" by Ron Rash, a suspenseful and evocative tale of two brothers whose lives are altered irrevocably by the events of one long-ago summer, one bewitching young woman—and the secrets that could destroy their lives; "Barkskins" by Annie Proulx, set in the late seventeenth century about two Frenchmen arriving in New France who become wood-cutters—barkskins, in exchange for land, and their ensuing saga spanning 3 centuries; and "Vinegar Girl" by Anne Tyler, an inspired, witty and irresistible contemporary take on one of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies - The Taming of the Shrew.

Sincere thanks to the generous patron whose donation made possible the addition of seven new titles.



Lead singer Lorraine Klaasen and three other band members came on tour to Thief River Falls the week of November 7 to show the rich cultural music of South Africa.

Music students attend South African performance

By: Sydnie Gunderson

Red Lake County Central 9-12 grade band and choir students went to the Lincoln High School Thursday, November 10, 2016 to listen to a South African band perform. Lead singer, Lorraine Klaasen and her three other band members, came to Thief River

Falls on tour to show their different musical styles of South Africa.

Klaasen was born and raised in historic Soweto. The band has been making music for more than 15 years together. The group has played for audiences worldwide to show off their rich cultural music.

She also is one of the vocalists for Paul Simon's Graceland Album.

This workshop/concert was the third of four groups to come to Thief River Falls for the Arts Midwest World Fest. Students enjoyed watching their fun musical style and exciting performance.



High School Honor Choir participants from area schools practiced and then participated in the evening "Choral Work Choir Concert" November 4 at the Northland College Theater. (Photo by Jim Hustad.)

Soil Temperatures and Nitrogen Application

Despite delays due to the weather, harvest is mostly finished up in our area of Minnesota or will be very soon. Now, the decision for many farmers is whether or not, and when to apply a fall nitrogen application. Applying fall N fertilizer (urea or anhydrous ammonia) is an acceptable practice in the northwest part of the state when applied with a nitrification inhibitor. Climate and soils in our area make nitrogen loss less likely.

The University of Minnesota's Best Management Practices (BMPs) recommend waiting until the top 6 inches of the soil are consistently at or below 50 F. This is because nitrifying bacteria in the soil can convert nitrogen fertilizer to the nitrate form. Nitrate is the form of nitrogen most susceptible to loss. Nitrifying bacteria remain somewhat active until soils freeze, but their ability to convert other forms of nitrogen to nitrate is minimal at soil temperatures below 50 F. In order to prevent nitrogen losses, the timing of fall nitrogen applications should be decided by soil temperature, not by date or other considerations.

Fall soil temperatures

When does the average soil temperature in our area of the state drop to below 50 F? Normally (whatever normal is) the Pennington, Red Lake and Polk county 50 F soil temperature is reached about October 7, but as you know that did not happen this year. According to the soil temperatures at the two local North Dakota Agricultural Weather Network and the U M C weather station; the 50 F mark has been reached. However, you can check these weather stations yourself to be sure it is at the 50 F mark. The website is <https://app.gisdata.mn.gov/mda-soiltemp>. You can go to this web site and check the soil temperature at the station nearest to your farm.

Recently, there have been many questions about the effectiveness of nitrification inhibitors. These chemicals, which reduce the conversion of other nitrogen forms into nitrate, are recommended in many areas as a BMP in areas where fall application is acceptable. Although research has shown that chemicals such as nitrapiin and dicianhydramide (DCD) can slow the conversion of ammonium to nitrate, these products are only active for a short window of time. They are generally effective for around 10 days, but temperatures will speed up the breakdown of these products, making them less effective, while cooler soil temperatures will allow them to be effective for longer periods of time. Thus the cooler the temperature, the greater the chance that your fertilizer N application will stick around in the soil until spring, when you need it. Long term studies have shown that using nitrapiin as an inhibitor added an average of 10 bushels of corn yield to fall applied fertilizer.

When you check the soil temperatures at the weather station nearest to your farm; remember that the temperatures can be influenced by a number of factors such as; residue cover, soil color, and drainage. It is always best to monitor temperatures in individual fields prior to nitrogen application. More information on fall nitrogen applications can be obtained by contacting Dan Kaiser, U M Extension Soil Scientist by e mail at dekaiser@umn.edu. Source: Anne Struffert and Greg Klinger, U M Extension Educators.

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

The weather this past week has been phenomenal. It has been warm, sunny, and not too windy except for the weekend. Now it is Monday and rather gloomy so far but it promises to be nicer toward the afternoon. We are threatened with snow and ugly weather toward this coming weekend. After all it is November, and that promises winter type weather inherently. I am not ready for

winter yet though. My bones say not yet but it is inevitable.

Pam Paradis helped her mother Joyce Rock of Crookston celebrate her birthday early on Saturday. They went to the Crookston Inn to dine and enjoy the afternoon and evening. Happy Birthday from Pam to Joyce.

Diane Gagner and Carol Chaput went to Thief River Falls to the various craft shows

in TRF on Saturday. There were a few at the Armory, The Ralph, and Eagles etc. They enjoyed the morning seeing the various things that keep people busy the rest of the year.

Saturday afternoon Clarence and Diane Gagner attended the Birthday party for Ruth Schultz who turned 80. Other who attended the party were Joyce and Perry Morinville, and Nancy and Lynn Seeger and many other who were there to wish Ruth a very Happy Birthday. I will add my good wishes to Ruth as well. Happy Birthday to you Ruth.

Clarence and Diane Gagner went to dinner at Leroy and Joyce Christiansen in Red Lake Falls. Other guests were Tim and Brenda Gagner, of Fergus Falls and Trent and Allyson Gagner of Duluth. Tim and Trent came to hunt, and did get their deer.

Wishes of good health go out to Vern Schindler who had minor surgery on Monday.

Happy birthday to Joyce Rock formerly of Terrebonne who lives in Crookston, from your former neighbor to the east. Hope your day (Tuesday) is a great one.

Red Hats met at Cozy Bar & Grill on Wednesday. We were many and had a great time. It was a good gathering. Anne Traxler won the quarter pot. It was decided that we would meet again on December 7, same time same place. Maybe we could bring a friend along. It would make for a bigger party and more fun for everyone. There will be door prizes.

That is it for this week. I hear among my friends that they have their Christmas lights up already. I am not that gung ho about lights this year. Maybe I would if I thought anyone cared. But it does make for a lot of work for us old people.

Person of the week is Grace Gieseke. She helps and is so joyful around the young children at church and in town. What a treasure.



Centennial Recipe Corner

Crunchy Cheese Ball Connie Kriel

8 oz. pkg. cream cheese softened
1/4 cup real mayonnaise
2 cups course ground, cooked ham
2 Tbsp. chopped parsley or parsley flakes
1 tsp minced onion
1/4 tsp dry mustard
1/4 tsp hot pepper sauce
1/2 cup chopped nuts

Beat cream cheese and mayonnaise until smooth. Stir in next 5 ingredients. Cover. Chill several hours. Form into ball. Roll in nuts to coat. Serve with crackers.



Senior Site News and Other Things

By Volunteer Iona Berry

This will be a short report as I will be away on a vacation so have to type it early. I will be back before the printing takes place.

As we have done every year lately, my family will be meeting in Palm Springs, CA for a reunion. It is a fun trip with lots of entertainment and food. We do choose a new destination every year. Last year we visited St. Augustine, FL. It's Monday morning and I have returned from our annual family "Get Together."

This year we all met at Palm Springs, CA. Don and I left very early on Thursday morning to catch the plane in Fargo. We arrived at the airport (John Wayne Airport) in California. Don rented a car and we drove a short way to Angie Gunderson Torees home (my granddaughter). We visited for a while and left for our final destination. After getting rooms, we ventured outside to check the grounds. It was

the most beautiful grounds with small ponds and lakes surrounding the hotel. By that time, our other relatives were arriving. We all had dinner together and then went on a boat trip around the grounds. They said there is 400 acres around the hotel complex. This took about an hour so it was time to retire.

The next morning we all met for breakfast which was included with the hotel rent. We could order off the menu or buffet. The selection of foods was endless, over 20 kids of rolls and muffins as well as a chef who would prepare whatever you liked. I overdid the eating the first morning, but cooled it down the second morning. I walked it off later. So nice to not have to prepare anything to eat.

I will tell you more of what we did next week. I tried to do things on my "bucket list."

Dates to Remember

Nov. 17: Senior Council meeting 10:00 a.m.

Nov. 18: Birthday meal (sign up for your chance to receive a free meal)

Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Day! *****

Words of Wisdom

Watch the eyes of whomever you're speaking to.

Nothing last, but our memories try. *****

Joke Time

"Doctor," she said loudly, bounding into the room, "I want you to say frankly what's wrong with me."

He surveyed her from head to foot, "Madam," he said at length, "I've just three things to tell you. First, your weight needs to be reduced by nearly sixty pounds. Second, your beauty would be improved if you used one-tenth as much rouge and lipstick. And, third, I'm an artist – the doctor lives on the next floor."

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Plummer Legion Auxiliary met Saturday at the Legion at 9 a.m. The Auxiliary is ninety seven years old this year. It was announced that there wouldn't be a Veteran's Day program at Plummer School this year. But Red Lake Falls was having one at the school for those who wanted to attend.

Jean Carpenter went to Myrtle Hamrum's on Monday for Hollyhock Homemakers. Lunch was served in the afternoon.

Helping Jean Matt celebrate her 94th birthday on November 4th, at Oakland Park were Inga Linder, Jean Carpenter, Fern Eskeli, Alice Jobe, Bunny DuChamp, Glenyce Eskeli, Pastor Jonathan Dodson, Wilma Arlt, Goodwin and Lucille Kvasager, and Cindy Arlt. They had cake and ice cream and coffee.

Eric Eskeli, of Chicago, came for deer hunting and stayed at Dave and DeeAnn Eskeli's.

Jill and Mikel Magnell, Harper and Carsen of Moorhead, came for deer hunting and stayed at Debbie and Barry Rewertz's.

Don Fox got a 10 point buck over the weekend.

There were nine ladies for Red Hats lunch at the Cozy in Brooks on Wednesday. Ann

Traxler won the quarter pot. The dessert was brownies and ice cream.

Tri River Pioneers met at 8 p.m. on Monday. The Holiday Train was discussed. It will be December 12th, a Monday. Chili and hot dogs, beverages will be served at the Community Hall. There will be carolers also. Museum time open, not sure on that. Canned goods brought to the Community Hall for food shelves. Train arrival guesstimate time around 5:45 or 6:00 p.m. Let you know later, Inter County Food Shelf staff serving at the Hall. Free Will offering.

Jared Kelley got a nice buck while deer hunting.

Janet Johnson, Cindy Jaeger Arlt and Cathy Jaeger enjoyed lunch at the Cozy in Brooks. Janet is their sister and was visiting.

Saturday, Gloria and Bill Niswonger of Walker visited Ann Traxler. Gloria is Ann's sister. Also Nancy Olson, Ann's daughter came.



Important property tax homestead notice

* This will affect the amount of property tax you pay in 2017, and it may affect your eligibility for a property tax refund.

Please contact your county assessor to file a homestead application on or before December 15, 2016, if one of the following applies:

- You purchased a property in the past year and you, or a qualifying relative, occupy the property for homestead purposes on December 1, 2016; or
- You, or a qualifying relative occupy a property for homestead purposes on December 1, 2016, and the property was previously classified as non-homestead.

A qualifying relative for homestead purposes depends on the type of property. For residential property, a qualifying relative can be a parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece of the owner. This relationship may be by blood or marriage. For agricultural property, a qualifying relative can be a child, grandchild, sibling, or parent of the owner or a child, grandchild, or sibling of the spouse of the owner.

Once you have been granted the homestead classification, no further applications are necessary unless they are specifically requested by the county assessor.

You must also contact the assessor by December 15, 2016 if you are the property owner, or a qualifying relative of the property owner, and the use of the property has changed during the past year.

If you should sell, move, or for any reason no longer qualify for the homestead classification, you are required to notify the county assessor within 30 days of the change in homestead status. Failure to notify the county assessor within this 30-day period is punishable by recalculation of tax as non-homestead, in addition to a penalty equal to 100 percent of the homestead benefits.

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