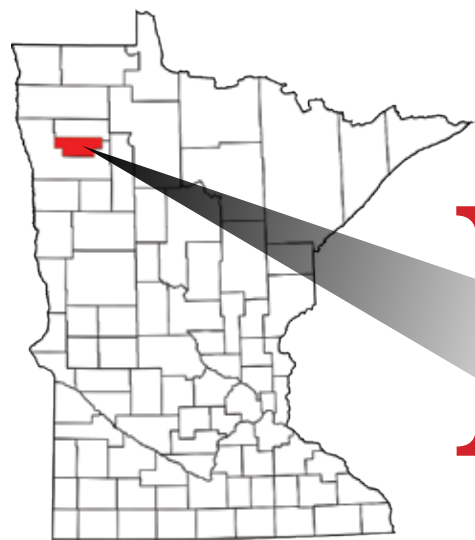




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Salem Lutheran Sunday School children (left) and Zion Lutheran Sunday School children (right) presented their Christmas programs on December 17th at their churches.

A Barn from the Sears and Roebuck Catalog?

By Eric Mickelson
When I grew up I always waited for the Sears Christmas Catalog to show up. It was great fun for a youngster to look over the pages and pages of toys thinking that maybe one of them would make it under your family's Christmas tree. I don't know if it was the paper or maybe the ink but thumbing through the pages even gave off a smell, that smell of the Christmas Catalog!

Those of you who know me know I love old tractors and over many years of studying tractors you may have heard me mention the fact that you could actually order a farm tractor from the Sears and Roebuck Catalog. They offered the Economy tractor using a Ford Model A engine and transmission. They also sold The Graham Bradley Tractor. I don't think today's farmers can really imagine ordering a tractor from a mail order catalog!

But that is not it, Sears also sold kits to build houses and barns. After tractors another favorite thing of mine is looking at old barns. They are such a piece of history. In last week's paper I wrote a little story about Eric Gustafson. Another one of the subjects he likes to shoot in his photography is barns. You can find books about barns, calendars about barns,



Page from a Sear Roebuck Catalog.

and many other decorations featuring barns.

In my research I came across an advertisement for barn "kits" sold by Sears and Roebuck. Prices in the ad I saw ranged from \$680 to \$875 for materials. Everything was included in the order, rafters, posts, door frames, windows, siding, truss lumber, studs, roofing shingles. Even already ready-made barn doors. All of it arrived at the nearest rail depot, ready for assembly, with instructions on how to do it! You could also order a milk house, chicken house, corn crib and hog house from the barn catalog. Many of these buildings can still be found on farms around the country. We live in a world today where a lot of people are into DIY projects, but a guess that has been around for a long time!

In our fast paced world we often hear about the good old days, or simpler times. I don't know if that is really true or not. The last Sears Catalog was the spring/summer 1993 edition. I guess I would have liked to live in the time and place where you could order that new barn from the Sears and Roebuck Catalog. You could also order a milk house, chicken house, corn crib and hog house from the barn catalog.



Annual Moonlighter Safari to be held January 20th

On January 20, 2024, the Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Club will be hosting their 57th annual Safari Ride and Family Day.

This is an annual event that promises to be lots of fun for snowmobile enthusiasts and a great way to spend time with your family and friends.

The fun starts at noon when all interested riders gather at

TJ's Tavern in Oklee. The ride starts at 1:00 p.m. and the snowmobilers will return to Oklee and once again gather at TJ's Tavern in Oklee about 6:00 p.m.

There will be door prizes and music to follow the day's ride.

This is a fun day for all and many things have been planned.

Final Report Submitted for New Minnesota Flag and Seal - New flag and seal to become official May 11, 2024

ST. PAUL, Minn (December 29, 2023) – The final report outlining the selection of the next state flag and seal has been submitted to the Office of the Governor and the Minnesota Legislature. It is available to the public on the State Emblems Redesign Commission website, www.mnhs.org/serc.

The full report was adopted by the Commission on December 27 following a four-month process, which included a public design contest and extensive public input. In accordance with state legislation, the Commission has now expired with the

delivery of the final report. The new flag and seal will become effective on May 11, 2024, Minnesota's Statehood Day.

The State Emblems Redesign Commission was established in the 2023 legislative session to develop and adopt a new design for the official state seal and a new design for the official state flag no later than January 1, 2024.

As outlined in state legislation, the Minnesota Historical Society is providing administrative support to the State Emblems Redesign Commission.



1929 Sears barn on the Verner and Mildred Arveson's farm.

Gerald Dyrda Memorial-Pine Lake 200 Snowmobile Race delayed to January 13 and 14

From the race committee
Even though we are moving the race date, we still had to have the raffle drawing last Sunday night. We appreciated your support in buying the raffle tickets, it is a huge fundraiser for us, and we have some great prizes!

We are aware of the UTV and fish house that fell through Pine Lake.

Reports are that the pressure ridge was 2' high yesterday and it was about 6" high today, and that is where the incident happened. There is 10" of ice on

each side of the pressure ridge. Happy holidays everyone, let's hope for some cold weather. **Prize winners named.**

Grand prize was a 1997 Pro



440 class winning ZR 440 from Arlaud Racing, presented by Kost Materials - winner, Lonnie Carda from New Ulm, MN. 2nd prize was a Beretta Tik-

ka TX3 6.5 Creedmoor donated by Bagley Motorsports - winner, Austin Kodey from Endwell, New York.

3rd prize was a \$500.00 race department gift certificates from Arctic Cat. Winner, Linda Stai from Bagley, MN.

4th prize was a \$500.00 race department gift certificate from Ski-Doo. Winner, Dale Osmonson from Gully, MN.

5th prize was a \$500.00 race department gift certificates from Polaris - winner, Joe Breidenbach from Grand Forks, ND.



Church News

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
okleelutheran.org
Wed, Jan. 3: 6:00 p.m. Chime Choir, 7:00 p.m. Confirmation. 7:00 p.m. Salem WELCA.

Sun, Jan. 7: 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, Jan. 10: 6:00 p.m. Chime Choir, 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE
Fr. Bryan Kujawa
www.oggcatholic.org
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. St. Francis—Oklee. 10:15 a.m.—Grygla. 12:00 p.m.—Goodridge.

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

IMMANUEL—EBENEZER—BETHANY RLF LUTHERAN PARISH
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun. Jan. 7: 9 a.m. Worship @ Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship @ Ebenezer. 7 p.m. Worship at Bethany.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Wed, Jan. 3: No Wednesday School. No Confirmation.
Sun, Jan. 7: Bethany: 8 a.m. Worship. 9 a.m. SS. Ekelund: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:30 a.m. SS. Faith: 10 a.m. SS. 11 a.m. Worship. 4 p.m. at Faith - Mutual Ministry mtg.
Mon, Jan. 8: 9 a.m. Quilting. 1:30 p.m. Ekelund WELCA.
Tue, Jan. 9: 9:30 a.m. Shalom Circle.
Wed, Jan. 10: Release Time/Confirmation.

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

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Every 2nd & 4th Friday – Bemidji.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Facebook:
clearwaterlutheranparish
Wed, Jan. 3: 5 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 p.m. Vespers. 7 p.m. LYS Meeting.
Sat, Jan. 6: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, Jan. 7: Nazareth: 8:45 a.m. SS. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park: 10 a.m. SS, 11:00 a.m. St. Petri: 12:30 p.m. Annual meeting to follow.

Wed, Jan 10: 5 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 Vespers.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Jarred LeBon, Pastor
Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship.
Tuesdays: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Jan. 3: Confirmation 5 p.m. 7th Grade; 6:30 p.m. 8th Grade.
Sun, Jan. 7: 9 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany.
Wed, Jan. 10: Confirmation 5 p.m. 7th Grade; 6:30 p.m. 8th Grade.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson,
Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.
Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m. Kids, High School & Adult programs.

Services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/bethelfosston>) as an alternative to attending in person.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

January 8 - 12
Oklee Senior Meals (LSS Meals) are available for Home Delivery, Monday-Friday. Please call the Cathy or Carolyn at the RLF LSS Kitchen the day before, by 12 noon at 218-253-4454.

Mon: Jan. 8: Salisbury Steak/Peppers, Mashed potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Bread, Pears, Low Fat Milk.

Tue: Jan. 9: Baked Chicken, Diced Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Dinner Roll, Friut Crisp, Low Fat Milk.

Wed: Jan. 10: Beef Hotdish, Carrots, Bread, Spiced Apples, Low Fat Milk.

Thu: Jan. 11: Pork Loin, Sweet Potato Wedges, Green Beans, Bread, Baked Apple, Low Fat Milk.

Fri: Jan. 12: Pot Roast, Gravy, Mashed potatoes, Carrots, Roll, Pudding Cake, Low Fat Milk.



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Red Lake County Commissioner's Minutes

Pursuant to adjournment of its last meeting, the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the Courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on December 12, 2023, at 10:00 am.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerardy, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the following additions:

Alice Conwell re: Property Tax Penalty

Brianna Ingraham re: Bottineau Trail Bridge

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION
HR Director Angie Lundeen presented several employees with awards recognizing their years of service with Red Lake County. Penny Grove-30 years, Kelly Brekke-15 years, Alicia Dobias-5 years, Ce-Jae Bakken-5 years, Teddi-Ann Pray-15 years, Mary Jo Schmitz-20 years, Michael Roerick-5 years, Wil-lard Malwitz-5 years, Jeff Kelley-20 years, Shelly Nelson-5 years, Angie Lundeen-10 years, and Kristi Nelson-10 years.

PROPERTY TAX PENALTY
Red Lake Falls resident Alice Conwell met with the board to discuss a late fee that was imposed on her property taxes. Conwell had missed the October 15th deadline for the 2nd half payment and has accrued \$52.75 in penalties. Conwell asked the board to forgive the penalty as she had made her payments on time in the past. The board denied the request to forgive the penalty.

BOTTINEAU TRAIL BRIDGE
Red Lake Falls City Council Member Brianna Ingraham met with the board to discuss the condition of the Bottineau Trail Bridge. The county recently received a grant from the Department of Natural Resources for repair work on the bridge but was planning on declining the grant due to a lack of sufficient funding for the project. Ingraham requested the board delay declining the grant until a meeting can be held to discuss other opportunities for grants or donations. The board tasked Ingraham with planning a meeting with interested parties to discuss potential funding opportunities for the bridge.

2022 AUDIT
Colleen Hoffman, Crystelle Philipp, and Marit Martell of Hoffman, Philipp, & Martell, PLLC met with the board to present their findings of the county's 2022 audit. Overall, the county is in good financial standing.

BUFFER STRIP PENALTIES
In the matter of Alex Hinrichs' buffer strip penalties, the board was in agreement that the fines should not be forgiven. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Weiss, and carried unanimously to not forgive the accrued buffer strip penalties. A payment plan was discussed that would allow Hinrichs to pay half in December 2023 and the other half by December 2024 with no additional interest as long as he remains compliant. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Commissioner Mickelson, and carried unanimously to approve the payment plan.

MINUTES
Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerardy, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on November 28, 2023, with changes.

EXPENDITURES
Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerardy, and carried unanimously to approve the expenditures totaling \$132,393.01. A detailed list is available in the auditor's office or on the county's website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
The following commissioner/committee reports were shared:
Commissioner Meeting/Report
Gerardy: Red Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District, Economic Development

Sudoku Solution

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

Flage: Economic Development, Northwest Regional Development Commission, Transportation Advisory Council

Remick: Tri County Community Corrections, Alluma, Extension committee

Weiss: Personnel committee, Tri County Community Corrections

HR ANNOUNCEMENTS
HR Director Angie Lundeen informed the board that new requirements for earned sick and safe time were passed this year and need to be adopted by the county before January 1, 2024. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Commissioner Mickelson, and carried unanimously to approve the new earned sick and safe time requirements contingent on union approval.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Environmental Officer Kurt Casavan presented the board with the county's solid waste hauler license renewal. With there being only one licensed solid waste hauler in the county, the contract was awarded to Sanitary Service & Recycling of Red Lake Falls. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Flage, and carried unanimously to approve the contract with Sanitary Service & Recycling.

Casavan provided the board with an update on the county landfills and the ongoing issues with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

HIGHWAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Highway Engineer Taylor Amiot presented the board with a resolution that would redesignate CSAH 1, CSAH2, CAR 119 and establish CASA 45. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerardy, and carried unanimously to approve **Resolution No. 12-01-2023** as follows:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 163.11, Subdivision 1, provides among other things, for County State Aid Highways to be abandoned, changed, or revoked by joint action of the County Board and the Commissioner of Transportation, and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 162.02, Subdivision 10, provides among other things, for County State Aid Highways to be abandoned, changed, or revoked by joint action of the County Board and the Commissioner of Transportation, and

WHEREAS, it is the Engineer's recommendation to revoke and re-establish these county state routes to better align the road numbering system with constructed segments and to re-designate county aid and county stat aid mileage to better meet current and projected traffic demands, improve access to communities, markets, schools, and mail routes with the remaining miles going into the County State Aid mileage bank to be designated elsewhere on future adjustments.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners hereby revokes County State Aid Highway 1 described as follows:

Revoke a portion of County State Aid Highway No. 1, beginning at the intersection of Hamilton Avenue in Red Lake Falls and Trunk Highway 32 in Section 23, Township 151 North, Range 44 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, which is the point of beginning; Thence south along the established centerline of Hamilton Avenue to its intersection with 1st Street NE; Thence east along the established centerline of 1st Street NE to the east city limits of Red Lake Falls; Thence continuing east approximately 0.15 miles along or near the quarter line of Section 23, Township 151 North, Range 44 West of the 5th Principal Meridian for a total distance of approximately 0.74 miles, there terminating.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes County State Aid Highway 1 as follows:

Establish an extension of County State Aid Highway No. 1, beginning at a point near the intersection of Trunk Highway 32 and the quarter line of Section 23, Township 151 North, Range 44 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, which is the point

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

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes County State Aid Highway 45 described as follows:

Establish County State Aid Highway No. 45, beginning at the intersection of Hamilton Avenue in Red Lake Falls and Trunk Highway 32 in Section 23, Township 151 North, Range 44 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, which is the point of beginning; Thence south along the established centerline of Hamilton Avenue to its intersection with 1st Street NE; Thence east along the established centerline of 1st Street NE to the east city limits of Red Lake Falls; Thence continuing east approximately 0.07 miles to a point on County State Aid Highway 1 near the center section of Section 23, Township 151 North, Range 44 West of the 5th Principal Meridian for a total distance of approximately 0.66 miles, there terminating.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners hereby rennumbers County state Aid Highway 2 to County State Aid Highway 45 described as follows:

Renumbering a portion of County State Aid Highway No. 2 to County State Aid Highway No. 45, beginning at the intersection of County State Aid Highway 1 and County State Aid Highway 2 in Section 23, Township 151 North, Range 44 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, which is the point of beginning; Thence east along or near the quarter line of Section 19, Township 151 North, Range 43 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, to the intersection of County State Aid Highway 2 at or near the east quarter corner of Section 19, Township 151 North, Range 43 West of the 5th Principal Meridian for a total distance of approximately 1.97 miles, there terminating.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners hereby revokes County Road 119 described as follows:

Revoke a portion of County Road No. 119, beginning at the intersection of Trunk Highway 92 and County Road 119 at or near the northwest corner of Section 14, Township 150 North, Range 42 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, which is the point of beginning; Thence south along or near the section line of Sections 14 and 15, Township 150 North, Range 42 West of the 5th Principal Meridian for a distance of approximately 0.27 miles to the intersection of County Road 119 and Minnesota Avenue (County Road 119); Thence east along the established centerline of Minnesota Avenue for approximately 0.33 miles to County State Aid Highway 51 in Section 14, Township 150 North, Range 42 West of the 5th Principal Meridian for a total distance of approximately 0.60 miles, there terminating.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners hereby revokes County State Aid Highway 51 described as follows:

Establish an extension of County State Aid Highway No. 51, beginning at the intersection of Trunk Highway 92 and County road 119 at or near the northwest corner of Section 14, Township 150 North, Range 42 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, which is the point of beginning; Thence south along or near the section line of Sections 14 and 15, Township 150 North, Range 42 West of the 5th Principal Meridian for a distance of approximately 0.27 miles to the intersection of County Road 119 and Minnesota Avenue (County Road 119); Thence east along the established centerline of Minnesota Avenue for approximately 0.33 miles to County State Aid Highway 51 in Section 14, Township 150 North, Range 42 West of the 5th Principal Meridian for a total distance of approximately 0.60 miles, there terminating.

Amiot informed the board that he would like to add tracking equipment to the county's vehicles. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Flage, and carried unanimously to approve adding tracking equipment to the county's vehicles. Amiot will provide the board with quotes at a later date.

AUDITOR ANNOUNCEMENTS
Gervais presented the board with a renewal for the county's agreement with Pennington County to share access with their GIS system. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Commissioner Flage and carried unanimously to renew the agreement for 2024.

Gervais informed the board that she had been contacted by a Red Lake Falls resident with concerns about the county's appointment to the Northwest Regional Library Board. After speaking with the NWRL

Director and another member of the board, Gervais was informed that the county appointment has been doing a wonderful job.

Gervais informed the board that the building directory in the first-floor rotunda of the courthouse needs replacement. After presenting the board with multiple options, it was determined that the most cost-effective option would be to install a TV. Gervais will provide the board with quotes at a later date.

Gervais presented the board with the Red Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District's Aquatic Invasive Species Report, Plan and Resolution. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Flage, and carried unanimously to approve the **Resolution for Aquatic Invasive Species Aid** as follows:

WHEREAS, 2014 Session Law Chapter 308 enacted by the Legislature provides Minnesota counties a County Program Aid grant for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) prevention. The amount designated for each county is based on the number of waterfront parking spaces within each county, and

WHEREAS, the legislation requires that Red Lake County must establish, by resolution or through adoption of a plan, guidelines for the use of the proceeds which are to prevent the introduction or limit the spread of aquatic invasive species at all access sites within the county, and

WHEREAS, the county may appropriate the proceeds directly or may use any portion of the proceeds to provide funding for a joint powers board or cooperative agreement with another political subdivision, a soil and water conservation district in the county, a watershed district in the county, or a lake association located within the county. Any money appropriated by the county to a different entity or political subdivision must be used as required under this section, and

WHEREAS, the county must submit a copy of the guidelines for use of the proceeds to the Department of Natural Resources by December 31 for the year the payments are received, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Red Lake County, Minnesota, designates oversight of Red Lake County's AIS prevention efforts to the Red Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District and delegates to them the responsibility to prepare, implement and report annually a plan to allocate the funding in accordance with the above legislation. For 2024, the plan is on file in the Soil and Water Conservation District office.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Mickelson, seconded by Commissioner Flage, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 2:21 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, December 26, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:
Kelsey Gervais, County Auditor

Allen Remick, Chairman
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MUSTANG STAMPEDE

RLCC Menus

January 8 - 12

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Ham & Cheese, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Pork Fritters, Oven Browns, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast:Waffle w/Syrup, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Subs (cold), Fresh Vegetables, Chips, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Toast & Cheese Omelet, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Nuggets, Fried Rice, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Bagel w/Cream Cheese, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy Bread w/Dipping Sauce, Lettuce Salad, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Hot Dog or Polish, Baked Beans, Chips, Fruit, and Milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Pancake on a Stick, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Strips, Mac & Cheese, Peas, Fruit, and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Omelet, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger Mac Hotdish, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Hotdog w/Bun, Baked Beans, Fries, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Banana Bread, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Sub Sandwich w/Lettuce, Pickles & Tomatoes, Chip, Corn, Fruit, and Milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, Carrots & Celery w/Ranch, Fruit, and Milk.



Plummer Snowmobile Club had 10 youth take the online snowmobile course. On December 27th, even with the lack of snow, they took the driving test.



The Plummer Snowmobile Club volunteers were: Steve Rosten (pictured), David Hofstad, Brandon Vogel (pictured) and snowmobile owner Derek Sorenson for making this happen today for the students.

RLCC Sports Schedules

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

RLCC Mustangs Girls Varsity BB

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RLC Rebel BBB

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

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

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

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

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

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

OPEN GYM in Oklee on Saturdays from 1-3:00 for 7th grade and older (6th grade and under must be accompanied by an adult/guardian). Contact Kurt at 612-247-0812 with questions

RLC Knights Free Throw Contest on January 21

The annual Red Lake County Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest Sunday, January 21 at RLF High School. Practice at 12:30, contest starts at 1:00. For girls and boys ages 9-14. Registration forms at the Plummer, Oklee, or RLF schools or from Steve Philon, 218-686-3608

Women in Ag Conference hosted by U of M Extension and Minnesota Farm Service Agency

Cultivate your passion for agriculture at the 2024 Women in Ag Conference, hosted by the U of M Women in Ag Network in partnership with the Minnesota Farm Service Agency.

The Women in Ag Conference will be from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at the St. Cloud Holiday Inn. This year's theme, "Planting Possibilities: Shaping the Future of Farming," will provide insightful discussions and dynamic presentations specifically geared toward farmers on the pivotal role of "planning" – a cornerstone of any farm business. Whether you're a beginner, future, mid-career or seasoned farmer, industry professional, or agriculture enthusiast, this conference is your platform to delve into the diverse realms of planning within the agricultural sector.

"Planning is essential for farmers to maximize efficiencies and realize dreams," said Susanne Hinrichs, Extension agricultural business management educator. "This conference will offer topics for anyone who currently produces or wants to raise crops or livestock producing food, fiber, and fuel in Minnesota and nearby states. Sessions will cover topics to help identify opportunities, ways to reduce waste, increase productivity, and optimize resources."

For more information and to register, follow this link: z.umn.edu/WomenInAg2024.

Growth continues for Minnesota FFA

As 2024 approaches, the Minnesota FFA Foundation continues the important work supporting the development of young people through Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AFNR) programs and the FFA.

Minnesota FFA continues to grow both in the number of schools offering AFNR/FFA programs and the number of students enrolled. Thirty new programs have been added in the past four years, bringing the number of Minnesota schools that offer AFNR/FFA programs to more than 220. The growth doesn't stop there, as numerous schools are actively engaged in the chartering process to add an AFNR/FFA program for the upcoming school year.

We invite individuals and businesses to support the development of students through the Minnesota FFA Foundation. "Donors play an important role, removing barriers so that the more than 40,000 Minnesota students enrolled in AFNR classes have the opportunity to prepare for careers in agriculture and develop the skills to be leaders for their local community. Join us in this important work with a donation to the Minnesota FFA Foundation," shares Val Aarsvold, executive director, Minnesota FFA Foundation.

Support provided to the Minnesota FFA Foundation is directed toward four main areas, including Youth Leadership, Teacher Preparation, Scholarships, and the Minnesota FFA State Convention.

One-time gifts, as well as ongoing and planned gifts, are welcome. If you would like to discuss giving options, contact Val Aarsvold.



Grinch Vs. Santa Fun to celebrate the last Fun Day before Christmas Break!

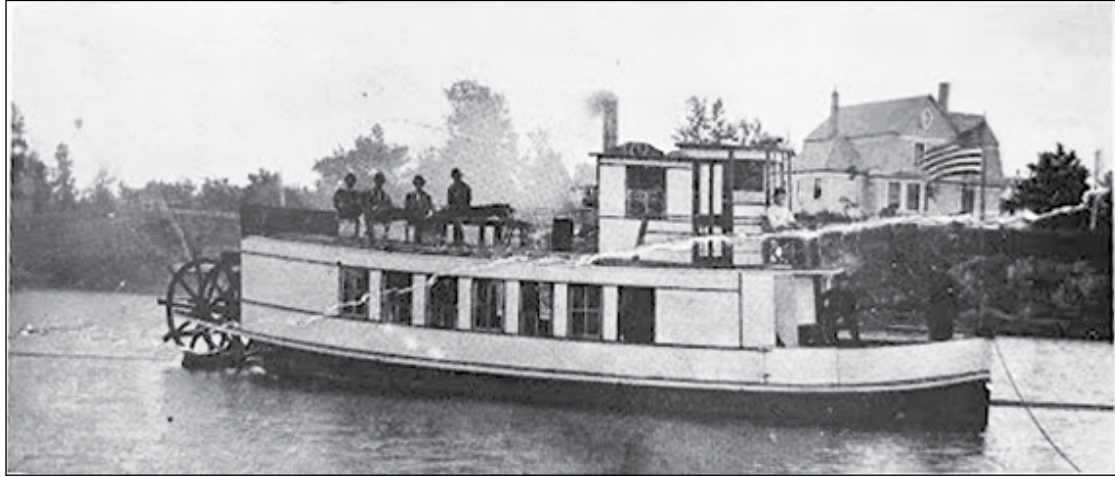


Full of Red and Green with Mrs. Schwarz and our 3rd grade class at Red Lake County Elementary in Plummer.



Do You Remember?

By Eric W. Mickelson



Steamboats in Hickory: In the picture, the "Lily" steamboat, built and operated by Olaf Hanson and sons. Seated on the boat are Charlie Costello, Gilbert Hanson, Ole Hanson and Merle Beirbaur. Olaf Hanson is on the top front of the boat.

Steamboats

By Eric W. Mickelson

On of the fondest memories of my life is listening and playing music with my family, particularly my dad. I believe dad had an album with the Louvin Brothers, Charlie and Ira, singing a song called "Southern Moon." It was a song I liked and learned the words and often sang with my dad and brother if we played somewhere. The song was actually written by Alton Delmore of the Delmore Brothers another "brothers" group featured on the Grand Old Opry in the 1930's. One of the verses begins, "Steamboat movin' down the river, why don't you stop and wait for me!" The image of the steamboat for me makes me think of a larger steamer traveling down the Mississippi River. My mind also drifts toward a favorite author of mine, Mark Twain.

Samuel Langhorne Clemens was born on November 10, 1835, in Florida, Missouri. We know him for his writings such as Tom Sawyer or Huckleberry Finn. Samuel Langhorne Clemens only had a 5th grade education, by the time he was 12, both of his parents had died, so Clemens left his home to become a printer's apprentice, but he always wanted to be a Steamboat Pilot. It was when he returned to work on a steam boat that he got his "pen name," Mark Twain, meaning 2 fathoms (or twelve feet) in depth, which indicated it would be safe for a steamship to pass safely in dangerous areas of the Mississippi River.

The Delmore Brothers singing about steamboats on the Grand Old Opry and Mark Twain writing about Huckleberry Finn sneaking around the Mississippi River makes me think of traveling, down south, on a Steamer! But while reading recently I found an interesting article about steamers around here, Steamboats in Hickory Township!

When ever my wife and I travel to a new place we often comment on how it must have looked when the first settlers or explorers came to that region. When I look back on early history of our part of the state a comment is often made about the poor quality or simply the lack of roads. If you have read any books about American history it often states

that for needs of transportation of people and goods settlers were drawn to places on the river. It was no different in our area. There were no roads in the early days. Early settlers of the area often found homes on or near the Red Lake River so they would have access to barges, launches, and yes.... even steamboats! In 1889 Olaf Hanson operated a sawmill and yes, built a steamboat! The boat was named "Lily!" The 12 by 50 foot structure was built of oak sawed at their sawmill. It was equipped with a Marine steam engine. They hauled supplies and even passengers.

In 1902 the "Lily" was enlarged to dimensions of 18 by 112 feet. It now had a stateroom for 32 passengers. They name was changed to the "Christina," which was Mrs. Olaf Hanson's second name.

In 1907-08 Olaf Hanson built the "Farmer Boat" which was 15 by 65 with a 40 foot

barge. Joe DuCamp was the captain and Olaf Hanson was the pilot. The "Farmer Boat" made trips from Neptune to Thief River Falls and occasionally Red Lake hauling supplies, lumber, machinery, and passengers. Passenger rates were \$1.25 to Thief River Falls, \$10.00 to Red Lake, and freight was hauled for \$5 per ton. Another boat, the "Cream Boat," was built by Ole J. Olson. He took cream from Neptune to Highland from 1907-1910. He was paid by the can.

Steamboat river travel ran until about 1916. The river was dredged at the outlet. This brought an end to the steamboat travel on the Red Lake River. So now when I hear a story about a steamship I may think about Mark Twain, but also I will think about cream cans being loaded up at Neptune and passengers heading to Thief River Falls!

Red Lake County Sheriff

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On the afternoon of 12/22/23, a Red Lake County Deputy responded to a report of a minor vehicle crash in the Eagle Square Parking lot in Red Lake Falls. The vehicles were slightly damaged, and nobody was injured. A copy of the crash report was given to both owners so they could deal with their insurance companies.

On the evening of 12/22/23, Ethan Alexander Johnson (25) of Thief River Falls was cited for misdemeanor no proof of current motor vehicle insurance at the Oaks Trailer court in Red Lake Falls.

In the early morning hours of 12/23/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of an individual acting disorderly at the Spot Bar in Red Lake Falls. Red Lake County deputies responded, but the suspect had left the establishment prior to their arrival. It was discovered that no crimes had been committed and the matter had resolved itself.

On the morning of 12/25/23, a Red Lake County deputy discovered that a mailbox had been struck by a vehicle on Bottineau Ave. in Red Lake Falls. They were able to locate the suspect. The vehicle's driver

and the owner of the mailbox came to an agreement on repairing the damage. No further action was taken.

On the morning of 12/25/23, an individual reported their boyfriend had taken their vehicle and had not returned it for several days. A Red Lake County deputy spoke with the reporting party, and it was determined that permission had been given to use the vehicle and this was not a criminal matter.

On the afternoon of 12/25/23, Hunter Perry James Lundeen (23) of Red Lake Falls was cited for a stop sign violation and failing to drive with due care on Hwy. #32 north of Red Lake Falls.

Mitch Bernstein, Red Lake County Sheriff: 12/29/23

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Senior Site News & Other Things

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

Let's Bring In the New Year Right party was held on January 2nd at 2 p.m. at the Oklee Cafe dining room. Many seniors came in and enjoy coffee and homemade donuts. The donuts were donated by River Valley Produce owned and operated by Vincent Lundeen. If you ever need some cookies, pies, breads, jams, jellies or donuts keep him in mind. Thank you Vincent, the donuts were delicious.

Senior Meals

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

Note: Please call Red Lake Falls LSS Site to order or cancel your meals from now on. Jo Lambert will no longer be taking the orders. Call Carolyn or Cathy at 218-253-4454 to order your meals.

SAIL Classes

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

Hours for Craft Shop

The Craft Shop is open by appointment. If Bonny is in the Oklee Office, she can help you or call Jo Lambert at 218-796-4527.

Dates To Remember

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

Monthly Meeting

The next meeting will be on January 18th the Oklee Senior Site will be holding their monthly meeting at 9:30 a.m. It is important for seniors to attend as we need a quorum to be able to vote on items discussed. If you want your input to be considered, please attend.

Hope you are all enjoying the nice weather without snow!

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Karen Carter and Xander of Bluffton, SC came Tuesday afternoon to Anne Traxler's. Karen is Anne's daughter and is in the Navy.

Anna DeHate went to Bernie & Jill DeHate's for supper on Christmas Day.

Christmas visitors at Mike and Sandy Greenwald's were daughter Cheryl Schiele and husband of Jamestown, ND, Patty Glennon and husband of Casselton, ND, and Sheena

Buckhouse and husband of Aberdeen, SD and families. This was the first time in five years all three of the girls and their families were home for Christmas.

As for me, I called my siblings (there are five) on Christmas Eve Day. We didn't get together Christmas because my youngest brother Jack had the flu. He and his wife Sherrie would have had everyone for dinner. So that

was disappointing.

Anne Traxler invited me to Christmas Day in the afternoon and we played cards with her granddaughter Brielle.

That afternoon we got freezing rain. It's strange not to have snow. It's so different than last year. I'm sure there are plenty of guys and teenagers who would love to be snowmobiling. It's coming.

Have a good week!

Who's Dat?



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This week's photo is of a two young men from the Oklee area.

The last photo a few weeks back was of: Bluemke fam-

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RED LAKE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS AND POTENTIAL STARTUP ENTERPRISES

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

For more information, please contact one of the Red Lake County Economic Development Board Members: Allen Bertilrud 218-684-1315, Dave Ste. Marie 218-686-4019, Kelsey Gervais 218-686-5114 or email rlcedc@yahoo.com.

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