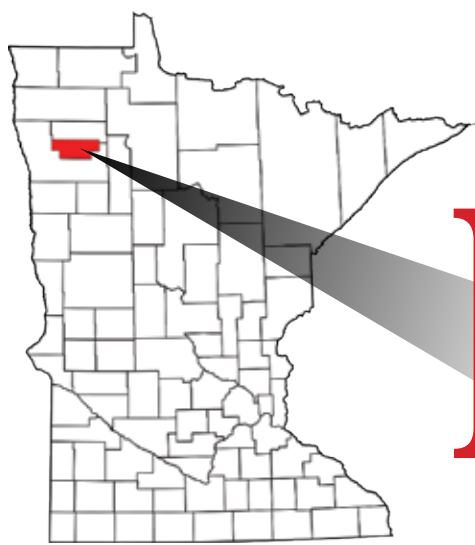




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Local Schools competing in One Act Play - Red Lake Falls Advances to Section Competition in Crookston



Congratulations to the Drama Club for placing 2nd and advancing! Back: Assistant Director Linda Johnson, Hayden Shulstad, Madison Erickson, Bridget Hicks, Vanessa Hicks, Lyrica Sand, Amber Danielson, Cody Renner, Director Jennifer Wieland Front: Naomi Nava, Evelyn Koralewski, Kylar Olson, Kayle Mehrkens, Morgan Koshenina, Kaytlyn Knutson, Jett Holter.

Red Lake Falls One act play advances to the Section competition in Crookston, Saturday, February 1st.

Voting begins to help MnDOT name eight snowplows statewide

ST. PAUL, Minn. – Voting is now open on the list of finalists for the 2024-25 Name a Snowplow contest, the Minnesota Department of Transportation announced today. The top eight vote-getters will become new MnDOT snowplow names, one new name for each MnDOT district.

Here are the 50 finalists:

867-530 Brine
A Little Salty
Aaron Brrrr, Sir
Accumulus Removeus
Albert Icestein
Anthony Sledwards
Austin Plowers
Best In Snow
Blizzard Buster
Bob Chillin'
Brrrrtha
Catch My Drift
Chilly Eilish
De-Iceman Cometh
Don'tcha Snow
Flake Superior
Frosty The Snowplow
Hot To Snow!
I Came, I Thaw, I Conquered
In My Blizzard Era
James J. Chill
Joe Plower
Just Scraping By
Lady Slippery
Land of 10,000 Snows
Little Plow on the Prairie
L'Plow du Nord
Make Snowbegone
Meltin' John
MinneSNOWta N'ice
Miracle On Ice
No Business Like Snow Business
Oh Snow You Didn't!
Orange Peeler
Plowabunga!

Plowin' In The Wind
Plower Power
Rudy GoBrrr
Salt Me Baby One More Time
Say It Ain't Snow
SKOL Plow
Snow Big Deal
Snow Country For Cold Men
Snow Place Like Home
Snowtorious B.I.G.
Sub Zero Hero
The North Plow
We're Off To See The Blizzard
Winter Warrior
You're Welcome

Voting will remain open through noon on Friday, Feb. 7. Individuals will be able to vote once and select up to eight of their favorite names.

MnDOT received more than 7,300 snowplow name submissions in December and staff reviewed the suggestions to help select 50 finalists for public voting. The agency considered a variety of factors, including uniqueness, frequency of submissions, Minnesota-specific ideas, and names that would be easily identifiable and understandable to most audiences.

Winning names will be announced in February. Minnesotans are encouraged to follow @mndot on Facebook, X and Instagram for updates on the Name a Snowplow contest, and to see winter weather alerts, safety messages, project updates and more.

This is MnDOT's fifth Name a Snowplow contest. In addition to the 32 named snowplows selected through previous contests, MnDOT staff have also helped to name four additional snowplows: Giiwedini-The North Wind; Goonodaabaan-Snow Vehicle (both Ojibwe); Icamna-Blizzard and Wakta!-Watch Out! (both Dakota) in acknowledgement of the highways the state plows adjacent to tribal lands.



RLCC One-Act-Play cast performed January 28, at 7:00PM, in preparation for the Section One Act Competition on February 1st in Crookston!

L-R: Eli Grove, Oliver Russilo, seated Gavin Roisland, Ruben Osborn, Guy Bergeson, Hailey Hanson, Lillie Lundeen, McKenzie Hamm, Nick Andreoff, Nikolena Hofstad.



Tell us a little about yourself and your role in early childhood education.

Hi, my name is Katie Gunderson, and I am a Program Officer for Childcare at Northwest Minnesota Foundation.

How many years have you been in early childhood education and what led you into this career?

I began my career in early childhood education in August of 1993 as a Family Child Care Provider. I continued in that role until August 2017 when I closed my program and transitioned to Tri-Valley Opportunity Council as a Child Care Aware Coordinator and Early Learning Scholarship Coordinator. Later, I worked for Roseau County as the FCC & Child Foster Care Licensur.

Resources in Child Care - Meet Katie Gunderson

Currently, I am with Northwest Minnesota Foundation.

What resources do you offer to providers/early childhood educators?

Northwest Minnesota Foundation offers Child Care Providers both a Forgivable Loan for Start-Up and a low-interest loan. We are also constantly seeking new funding opportunities to support child-care programs in our region. Additionally, we collaborate with Peacemaker Resources to provide Step-Up Trainings and partner with the Bemidji Early Child Care Collaborative, Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Mahube-OTWA, and First Children's Finance to offer various trainings. We also team up with White Earth Tribal Nation to host the Annual Community Collaborative Brain Development Conference. For more information, our website, nwmf.org, is a great resource.

Why is early education important to everyone in the community?

Early education is vital for everyone, as it impacts the entire community—even those without children of their own.

High-quality early learning lays the foundation for lifelong learning and success, which benefits the broader society.

How can people be supportive of all aspects of early childhood education?

Supporting early childhood education means recognizing and valuing early educators as professionals. They are a critical asset to our communities, and we must ensure they have the resources and recognition they deserve.

What advice do you have for anyone looking to get involved in early childhood education?

While the work can be challenging, it is incredibly rewarding. Being part of a child's early development and ensuring they have the best opportunities to learn and grow is one of the most meaningful things you can do.

How would someone find out more about your program or contact you?

You can visit our website at www.nwmf.org for more information. Feel free to reach out to me directly at katieg@nwmf.org, or contact Missy Okeson at missyo@nwmf.org.

Red Lake Electric Cooperative power line on County Road 6



Candlelight Ski & Owl Prowl

On Saturday, February 15th, the Friends of Rydell and Glacial Ridge Refuges Association will be hosting a Candlelight Ski and Owl Prowl at Rydell National Wildlife Refuge near Erskine, MN from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

The Refuge's Golden Pond and Church Lake trails will be groomed and lighted for this event. Visitors will be able to ski, snowshoe, or walk the trails during this event. There will be several pairs of adult and child size skis as well as snowshoes available for visitors to use free of charge on a first come, first served basis. Visitors are also welcome to bring their own skis

or snowshoes. Although luminaries will be lit along the trails, we recommend visitors bring a headlamp if they have one.

Along one of the groomed and lighted trails, an owl calling station will be set up where the calls of several owl species (e.g., saw whet, barred, great horned) will be projected into the woods to try and generate a response from a resident owl or two. There will also be an owl education station and a black bear education table set up in different gazebos along the trails.

The Visitor Center will be open throughout the event for

warming up, and snacks

and warm beverages will be provided courtesy of the Friends group.

If on February 15th trail conditions lack snow and the trails are not too icy, the event will be changed to a hike. If forecasted temperatures are below zero or wind chills in the double-digits below zero or the trails are too icy, the event will be canceled and potentially rescheduled for a later date.

If you have questions or want more information, contact FR-GRRA Vice President Larissa Fitzgerald at (571) 499-3880 or lafitzgerald10@gmail.com.



Red Lake Electric Cooperative has been busy this winter east of Oklee replacing poles and upgrading the line to Phase-3 power.

Church News

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Okleelutheran.org
Wed, Feb. 5: 7:00 p.m.
Confirmation at Salem.
Sun, Feb. 9: 9:00 a.m. Zion.
10:00 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:00
a.m. SS at Salem. 10:30 a.m.
worship at Salem.
Wed, Feb. 12: 7:00 p.m.
Confirmation at Salem & Zion.

**CATHOLIC PARISHES
OF OKLEE, GRIGLA &
GOODRIDGE**
Fr. Bryan Kujawa
Sunday: 8am St. Frances
– Oklee; 10:15am – Grygla.
12pm – Goodridge.

**BROOKS – RED LAKE
FALLS**
CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Saturday: 5:30pm St. Jo-
seph – RLF.
Sunday: 8am – Brooks. 10
am St. Joseph – RLF.

**IMMANUEL-EBENEZER
LUTHERAN PARISH**
ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Feb. 9: 9:00 a.m. Wor-
ship at Ebenezer. 10:30 a.m.
Worship at Bethany. 6:00 p.m.
Worship at Immanuel.

**GOODRIDGE AREA
LUTHERAN PARISH**
ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Wed, Feb. 5: Release/Con-
firmation Classes.
Sun, Feb. 9: Bethany: 8
a.m. Worship, 9 a.m. Sunday
School. Ekelund: 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday
School. Faith: 10:00 a.m. Sun-
day School. 11:00 a.m. Worship.
Mon, Feb. 10: 9 a.m. Faith
Mission-Quilting.
Tue, Feb. 11: 3 p.m. Faith
WELCA.
Wed, Feb. 5: Release Time/
Confirmation Classes.

RLC Social Services Representative Sched- ule

Red Lake County Social
Services has a representative
available on Thursdays from
9 am to 3:30 pm at the Zion
Lutheran Church in Oklee.
Documents that need to be
sent to/returned to social ser-
vices may be given to them, in-
formation regarding programs
is available, and referrals for
inquiries about assistance or
services can be made. Stop
by if you have any questions
or call our main office number
at (218)253-4131.

**CLEARWATER
LUTHERAN PARISH**
Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeffrey Merseeth
Wed, Feb. 5: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday School. 6:30 Ves-
pers. 7:00 p.m. LYS Meeting.
Sun, Feb. 9: Nazareth: 9:45
a.m. Worship - Annual meeting
and dinner to follow. St. Petri
9:45 a.m. Livestream. Oak
Park: 8:45 a.m. SS, 9:45 a.m.
Livestream
Wed, Feb. 12: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday School. 6:30 Ves-
pers.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Feb. 9: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Lund; 10:30 a.m.
Worship at Sand Valley.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Jarred LaBon, Pastor
Tyler Stynsberg, YPastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Sunday: 9am Sunday
School. 10 am Worship.
Tuesday: 9:30am Ladies
Bible Devotions.
Wednesday: 6:30pm Youth
Group.

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

Tri-Valley Public Transportation

T.H.E. Bus is available for
anyone. There are no age or
income guidelines. However,
children under the age of four
must be accompanied by an
adult and children under the
age of one must be secured in
an infant seat.
Curb-to-curb services is
available. Allowing for a safe
and convenient method of
transportation. All of our buses
are handicapped accessible and
lift-equipped. All of our drivers
are trained and certified.

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

**For Polk, Red Lake and
Clearwater County stops:**
Every Monday – Grand
Forks.

Every 2nd Tuesday –
Mahnomen.

Every 4th Tuesday – Thief
River Falls

Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednes-
day – Fargo/Moorhead.

Every 2nd & 4th Friday –
Bemidji.

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Red Lake Falls Eagles Hockey Parent's Night Photo.
Oliver Melin with his mother Kelly. The Eagles defeated
Greenway on Parent's Night, Saturday, February 1st, by
a score of 5-1. The Eagles Record is 18-3 with 4 regular
season games left before the Playoffs! Good Luck to the
Hockey Team!!

Red Lake County Sheriff

www.facebook.com/RedLakeCounty/

In the early morning hours
of 01/25/25, a vehicle was tick-
eted for violating the winter
parking ordinance on Main
Ave. in Red Lake Falls.

On the morning of 01/25/25,
a parked and unoccupied ve-
hicle was struck by a mail
carrier's vehicle on 4th St. SW
in Red Lake Falls. The vehicles
involved sustained minor dam-
age and there were no injuries.

On the afternoon of 01/27/25,
the Roseau County Sheriff's
Office reported Nathan Wayne
Hason (24) of Red Lake Falls
posted \$100 cash bail to satisfy
the outstanding misdemeanor
warrant Red Lake County held.
He was released from custody,
and he appeared in Court in
Red Lake Falls on 01/29/25.

On the evening of 01/28/25,
the Red Lake County Sheriff's
Office received a report of a
vehicle in the ditch along 130th

Ave., northwest of Red Lake
Falls in Red Lake Falls Town-
ship. The caller stated the lone
occupant of that vehicle did not
appear to be injured but did
appear to be impaired. A Red
Lake County deputy responded
and found the operator of the
suspect vehicle, Brett James
Larson (37) of West Fargo,
ND asleep in the front seat.
It was quickly discovered that
Mr. Larson was extremely
intoxicated. He was arrested,
taken to jail in Crookston and
he was booked for felony DWI
and gross misdemeanor driving
after cancellation inimical to
public safety. The vehicle was
also towed from the scene. Mr.
Larson appeared in Court in
Crookston on 01/30/25 and he
remains in custody at the time
of this release.

Mitch Bernstein, Red Lake
County Sheriff: 01/31/25

Public Notice of Request for Proposal

Red Lake County Central ISD
2906 requests proposals for group
insurance coverage for the health
plan year beginning July 1, 2025.
Sealed proposals will be accepted
in paper or digital form until 4:00
pm central time on March 31,
2025 at ISD 2906, 201 Governor
St Oklee, MN 56742. Copies of
the complete request for proposal
may be requested from Supt. Jim
Guetter at rlccandri@supt@gvtel.com,
and will be sent electronically
at no charge. The District reserves
the right to reject any or all bids
and to waive informalities. The
District reserves the right to select
the proposal which it determines
to be in the best interest of the
District.



Sudoku Solution

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

Red Lake County Commissioner's Minutes

January 7, 2025
Pursuant to adjournment of its
last meeting, the Red Lake County
Board of Commissioners duly met
in reorganizational session pursuant
to Minnesota Statute 357.07 at the
Courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN
on January 7, 2025, at 10:00 am.

CALL TO ORDER

Auditor Gervais called the meet-
ing to order. Commissioners present
were Chuck Flage, Andy Moran,
Eric Mickelson, Allen Remick and
Tony Gerardy. Others present were
Taylor Amiot, Angie Lundeen, Kelsey
Gervais, Chelsea McGlynn and Bon-
nie Cote. The Pledge of Allegiance
was recited.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Deputy Court Administrator Chel-
sea McGlynn administered the Oath
of Office to the newly elected county
officials, Commissioners Andy Mo-
ran (District 2) and Tony Gerardy
(District 5).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Auditor Kelsey Gervais called
for nominations for Chair of the
Red Lake County Board for 2025.
Commissioner Gerardy nominat-
ed Commissioner Flage as Chair.
Auditor Gervais called for further
nominations, and there were none.
A motion to cease nominations
and cast a unanimous ballot for
Commissioner Flage to serve as
the 2025 Board Chair was made by
Commissioner Gerardy, seconded
by Commissioner Mickelson, and
carried unanimously. Auditor Ger-
vais then turned the meeting over
to Chair Flage. Commissioner Flage
called for nominations for Vice-Chair.
Commissioner Gerardy nominated
Commissioner Mickelson as Vice-
Chair. Board Chair Flage called for
further nominations, and there were
none. A motion to cease nominations
and cast a unanimous ballot for
Commissioner Mickelson to serve
as the 2025 Board Vice-Chair was
made by Commissioner Gerardy,
seconded by Commissioner Remick,
and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Mickelson moved,
seconded by Commissioner Remick,
and carried unanimously to approve
the agenda with the following addi-
tions and corrections.

-Oath of Office

-Authorization to use Govern-
ment Management Group for the
County's Cost Allocation Plan

-2024 Audit Engagement with
Hoffman, Philipp, & Martell, PLLC

ENVIRONMENTAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Auditor Gervais presented the
board with the 2025 legal ditch
assessments on behalf of Environ-
mentallist Kurt Casavan. Gervais
informed the board that the ditch
assessments did not change from
the previous year. Commission-
er Gerardy moved, seconded by
Commissioner Moran, and carried
unanimously to approve the payable
2025 legal ditch assessments and to
authorize the County Auditor to levy
such assessments for ditch mainte-
nance purposes against the benefi-
ted property owners. A complete list
is available on the county's website
or in the Auditor's office.

HIGHWAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Highway Engineer, Taylor Amiot
informed the board that Kari Moy-
er, the Highway Accountant, has
submitted her resignation, with her
last working day set for January
24, 2025. Recruitment efforts have
begun, and interviews are scheduled
to commence the week of January
13. Amiot requested approval to hire
Jonathan Pruse as a Heavy Equip-
ment Operator at Grade 11, Step 3.
Commissioner Mickelson moved for
approval, seconded by Commission-
er Remick, and the motion passed
unanimously.

Amiot presented the board with
the Final Contract Voucher and
Certificate of Final Acceptance for
the Oklee Reconstruct project com-
pleted by Knife River Materials.
Commissioner Gerardy moved to
approve the request, Commissioner
Mickelson seconded, and the motion
was carried.

Amiot also presented the board
with the Final Contract Voucher
and Certificate of Final Acceptance
for the CSAH 1 Overlay project
completed by Knife River Materials.
Commissioner Remick moved to
approve the request, Commissioner
Moran seconded, and the motion
was carried.

**2025 PUBLISHING BIDS
– OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER**
Bid opening was conducted for the
legal county newspaper for 2025.
The Red Lake Falls Gazette and the
Red Lake County Herald submitted
the following bids per column inch:

Gazette	Herald
First Publication- Financial Statement \$3.25	\$3.00
Second Publication- Financial Statement \$3.25	\$3.00
Board Proceedings & Minutes \$3.25	\$3.00
Two Publications of Delinquent Taxes \$3.25	\$3.00

Commissioner Gerardy moved,
seconded by Commissioner Remick
to accept the bid from the Red Lake
County Herald as the official county
newspaper of record for 2025 to
publish bid items (1), (3), and (4).
Motion carried with unanimous
vote with Commissioner Mickelson
abstaining.

Commissioner Moran moved,
seconded by Commissioner Remick
to approve the Red Lake Falls Ga-
zette as the 2025 secondary pub-
lication to publish bid item (2), the
second publication of the financial
statement at a rate of \$3.25 per
column inch. Motion carried with
unanimous vote.

2025 COMMISSIONER BOARD MEETINGS

Commissioner Remick moved,
seconded by Commissioner Mick-
elson, and carried unanimously to
establish the second and fourth
Tuesdays of each month at 10 a.m.

as the 2025 regular board meeting
dates and times, except for the No-
vember 11th meeting being changed
to November 13th.

MEAL REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Auditor Gervais met with the
board to approve the County's
2025 meal reimbursement policy
and mileage reimbursement rate.
The rate of reimbursement for trav-
el expenses of Red Lake County
employees and officials for the use
of their own private vehicle on
County business is set at the IRS
rate of \$0.70 per mile. The meal
expense reimbursement for travel
outside of Red Lake County is not to
exceed: Breakfast - \$20.00, Lunch
- \$20.00, Supper - \$30.00. Meal
reimbursement is made for the exact
expenditure and not for the max-
imum amount allowed. Meals are
defined according to the standard
meal model of breakfast, lunch, and
supper and do not include snacks in
between. Tips and alcoholic bever-
ages are not reimbursable. Itemized
receipts are required to receive
reimbursement for any expenses.

Commissioner Gerardy moved,
seconded by Commissioner Remick,
and carried unanimously to approve
the 2025 meal reimbursement policy
and mileage reimbursement rate.

BEAVER BOUNTY

Commissioner Mickelson moved,
seconded by Commissioner Remick
and carried unanimously to approve
the 2025 beaver bounty at \$75 each.

COUNTY BOARD ASSIGNMENTS

Commissioner Remick moved,
seconded by Commissioner Gerardy
and duly adopted to approve the
legally constituted annual county
board assignments for 2025. A com-
plete list is available on the county's
website or in the Auditor's office.

COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS

Commissioner Gerardy moved,
seconded by Commissioner Remick
and carried unanimously to approve
the county appropriations for 2025,
with an appropriation over \$20,000
to be paid out in quarterly install-
ments. A complete list is available
on the county's website or in the
Auditor's office.

MINUTES

Commissioner Remick moved,
seconded by Commissioner Mickel-
son, and carried unanimously to ap-
prove the minutes from the meeting
on December 17, 2024.

EXPENDITURES

Commissioner Remick moved,
seconded by Commissioner Mick-
elson, and carried unanimously to
approve the expenditures totaling
\$234,624.02 for the period. A com-
plete list is available on the county's
website or in the Auditor's office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Flage – RLWD One Watershed/
One Plan

Moran – None

Mickelson – NoneRemick – Allu-
ma, Northwest Regional Emergency
Communication Board

Gerady – None

AUDITOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Auditor Gervais presented the
board with a resolution authorizing
the Auditor to pay routine bills.
Commissioner Mickelson moved,
seconded by Commissioner Ger-
ardy, and carried unanimously to
approve **Resolution 01-01-2025**.
The resolution can be viewed on
the county's website or in the Au-
ditor's office.

Gervais provided the Master
Subscriber Agreement for Minne-
sota Court Data Services for Gov-
ernmental Agencies, Commissioner
Remick motioned to approve the
agreement with Mickelson offering
a second. The motion was carried
by unanimous vote.

Gervais also provided the board
with the 2024 Assessors Clerical
and Valuation Changes.

Gervais presented the joint ditch
billing received from Pennington
County. Commissioner Gerardy
moved, seconded by Remick and
carried unanimously to approve
payment of \$2,029.76 to Penning-
ton County for maintenance costs
incurred in 2022 and 2023 on joint
legal drainage systems.

Gervais requested a motion to
update the Sheriff's accounts at Uni-
ty Bank, authorizing the removal of
Benjamin Largis from the accounts
as he is no longer a dispatcher.
Commissioner Mickelson made the
motion, which was seconded by
Commissioner Remick. The motion
carried unanimously.

Gervais informed the board that
Government Management Group
has completed the 2023 Central
Services Cost Allocation Plan. The
Plan will be used as the basis for
federal grant cost recoveries in
year 2025. A new agreement is
needed. GMG is offering a 3-year
agreement for years 2024-2026 cost
plan services at a fee of \$3,250 per
year. Red Lake County receives
approximately \$40,000 to \$60,000 in
federal reimbursements annually for
completing the cost services plan.
Commissioner Remick moved, sec-
onded by Commissioner Gerardy
and carried unanimously to approve
the Cost Allocation Plan agreement
for years 2024, 2025 and 2026 with
Government Management Group.

Commissioner Mickelson moved,
seconded by Remick and carried by
unanimous vote to approve the Audit
Engagement Letter with Hoffman,
Philipp, & Knutson, PLLC to com-
plete the annual financial audit for
the year ending December 31, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commis-
sioner Flage, seconded by Commis-
sioner Remick, and unanimously
carried to adjourn the meeting at
11:41 a.m. The next regular meeting
of the board is scheduled for Tues-
day, January 23, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:

Kelsey Gervais, County Auditor

Chuck Flage, Chairman
Board of Commissioner
047C



MUSTANG STAMPEDE

RLCC Menus

February 10 - 14

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Ham & Cheese Croissant, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy Bread w/Sauce, Lettuce Salad, Cottage Cheese, Baked Veggies, Fruit, and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Macaroni Hot Dish, Breadstick, String Cheese or Yogurt, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Muffins, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger or Pizza Patty, Potato Dippers, Baked Beans, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Donut, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese, Fresh Vegetable, Fruit, and Milk.

Friday: No School.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Peanut Butter Bread, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Bacon Ranch Hotdish, Garlic Toast, Corn, Fruit, and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Omelet, Sausage, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Totchos, Green Beans, Rice Krispy Treat, Fruit and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Mini Bread Loaf, Boiled Egg, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Corn Dogs, Mac & Cheese, Peas, Baby Carrots, Fruit and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cheese Stick, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger w/Bun, Cheese, Baked Beans, Carrots & Celery, Ranch Dip, Fruit and Milk.

Friday: No School.

RLCC Sports Schedules

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

RLCC Mustang Girls Basketball

Thu, Feb 6:
Girls JV 6:00PM
Varsity 7:30PM
Away vs. Bagley @ Bagley High School

Frid Feb 7:
Girls JV 6:00PM
Varsity 7:30PM
Away vs. Bagley @ Bagley High School

Mon, Feb 10:
Girls JV 6:00PM
Varsity 7:30PM
Away vs. Win-E-Mac
Win-E-Mac High School

Thu, Feb 13:
Girls JV 6:00PM
Varsity 7:30PM
Away vs. Mahanomen
Mahanomen High School

Sat, Feb 15:
Girls JV 12:00PM
(Rescheduled 1-17-25)
Girls Varsity 1:00PM
Climax-Fisher @ RLCC High School



Boys Basketball Schedule

Thu, Feb 6:
Boys C 5:00PM
JV Game 6:00PM
Varsity 7:30PM

RLC Basketball vs. Fosston @ Fosston High School

Sat, Feb 8:
Varsity Game TBD
RLC Basketball vs. Northern Freeze.

Boys JH Tourney
TBD RLC Basketball vs. Fertile-Beltrami @ Fertile-Beltrami High School

Tue, Feb 11:
Boys C 5:00PM
Boys JV 6:00PM
Varsity 7:30PM

RLC Basketball vs. Goodridge-Grygla @ RLCC High School

Thu, Feb 13:
Parents Night
Boys C 5:00PM
Boys JV 6:00PM
Varsity 7:30PM

RLC vs. Norman County East/Ulen-Hitterdal @ RLF High School



Connor Duden makes a shot despite the Double Press from the Sacred Heart Eagles.



Ben Gullingsrud with a nice layup against the Sacred Heart Eagles.



Owen Chervestad scores from a nice fadeaway despite the triple press from the Storm.

Rebels Rise to the Top!

By Jackson Morinville and Leif Vasend

On January 21, 2025, the Red Lake County Rebels faced off against the Kittson County Bearcats at the Robert Matzke Gym. The Rebels started the game by leading the scoring in the first half, 32-28. Connor Duden for the Rebels and Ty Vig for the Bearcats were the leading scorers of each team. Connor Duden went 7/14 on field goals and 3/3 on free throws, earning the team 20 points. On the Bearcats side, Ty Vig went 9/16 on field goals and 6/8 on free throws. Ty had 25 points and 15 rebounds. In the second half of the game, the score was tied in terms of 25-25. This totaled to a final score of 57-53 in favor of the Rebels. The Rebels went 70% on FT, going 7/10.

On January 23, 2025, the Rebels went on the road to the Roseau High School to face the Roseau Rams. The Rebels took an early lead in the first half and outscored the Rams 59-30. In the second half, the Rebels released the gas and were outscored 40-30. Connor Duden had a whopping 32 points and 5 rebounds. Connor was 8/16 on 3's. Jordan Borowicz was leading the scoring for the Rams, who had 27 points and 8 rebounds. Jordan was 5 for 8 on 3-point attempts. The Rebels were on top in the game's final score with an 89-70 win over the Rams.

On Monday, January 27, 2025, the Rebels hosted Sacred Heart for a doubleheader at

the Red Lake County Central High School Gym. They won by a resounding 74-58 points, echoing their previous win of 68-57 on January 6th at Sacred Heart. The following evening, the Rebels hosted the Stephen Argyle Storm in Red Lake Falls at the Robert Matzke Gym. The Rebels Outscored the Storm 46-37 in the first half and 44-33 in the second half, ending the night with a 90-70 win. Connor Duden and Owen Chervestad each scored 20 points for the night, with Will Gieseke contributing 12 points and Ethan Majeres, Ethan Johnson, and Ben Gullingsrud each scoring 9 points.

Later on Friday, January 31st, 2025, the Rebels traveled to Warren Alvarado Oslo to take on the Ponies. The Rebels slam-dunked a 79-42 win, surpassing their previous win of 60-58 earlier in the season. The Rebels are enjoying a 15-1 season and look forward to playing Clearbrook Gonvick on Tuesday in Red Lake Falls, Fosston, at the Fosston High School gym on Thursday the 6th. The Rebels will also travel to Stephen Argyle to take on the Northern Freeze for Super Saturday. On Tuesday, February 11th, the Rebels will host the Goodridge/Grygla Chargers in Oklee and look forward to taking on Norman County East/Ulin Hitterdahl in Red Lake Falls and traveling to Bemidji State University to take on the #1 ranked Cherry.



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RLCC Girls Basketball Highlights



Keanna Lundrus makes her shot.



Aubrey Halverson bringing down the ball for the Mustangs.

MEET THE KINDERGARTEN
OF RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL



Briar Lundeen
Parents: Tyler & Krista, Lauren Perry.
Siblings: Aly, Esenyah, Logan, Tiana.
What does your Mom Lauren do for a living? Works, I don't know where.
What does your Mom Krista do for a living? Cook. She also works at the school and helps in classroom.
What does your Dad do for a living? Works at a farm. He works with cows and feeds them.
What do you want to be when you grow up? A Doctor.
Favorite Movie: Sponge Bob.
Favorite Food: Spaghetti.
Favorite School Activity: Have Playtime.
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite Toy: My baby doll.
Favorite Sport: Basketball.
Anything else you'd like people to know about you? I have two dogs. Their names are Ozzy and Rocky. The are sometimes good and sometimes bad. They sometimes chew up things.



Violet Jarvie
Parents: RaeAnne and Thomas
Siblings: Vanellope
What does your Mom do for a living? Stays with my baby sister. She takes care of her when she cries.
What does your Dad do for a living? He takes care of the baby too. He helps with the baby.
What do you want to be when you grow up? A baby pregnancy doctor.
Favorite Movie: Gabby's Dollhouse.
Favorite Food: Brownies with M & M's on them.
Favorite School Activity: Make pictures for my friends and teacher.
Favorite Color: Pink, Purple and Yellow..
Favorite Toy: Rainbow Unicorn.
Favorite Sport: Football.
Anything else you'd like people to know about you? I like my baby sister and my rainbow unicorn toy and my ipad. I like by baby sister and my ipad the best. They are my favorite and I love them.



Victoria Lundeen
Parents: Tony and Jazz.
Siblings: Diamond.
What does your Mom do for a living? She makes spaghetti and takes care of my family.
What does your Dad do for a living? He works at the place that my Nana lives.
What do you want to be when you grow up? A princess.
Favorite Movie: Bluey and the Princes movie
Favorite Food: Marsh-mallows.
Favorite School Activity: Playtime.
Favorite Color: Pink, Purple and Rainbow.
Favorite Toy: Babies and fake phones.
Favorite Sport: I like to watch swimming.
Anything else you'd like people to know about you? I'm nice and kind. I don't want to be mean to people. I want to be nice. I like giving people hugs.



RLCC Elementary January 24th
Since the weather seems likes it's been warmer in the Arctic than in Minnesota, the First Graders booked their plane tickets and headed out on an Arctic Adventure! They spent the day writing words in the snow, finding arctic animals, and of course some snowball fights and enjoyed hot chocolate and BINGO! We arrived safely back in Plummer just in time for the bus!



Passports in hand for the Artic North



Dressed for a winter adventure.



Warming up with hot cocoa after their adventure to the Arctic North.

RLCC Elementary Nominees for
Student of the Month



5-6 Group: Back: Ellie Halvorson, Ty Dugstad, Archie Nelson, Claire Whalen, Avaeya Vettleson, Fern Wichterman, Ruby Kruchowski, Gage Kukert, Jackson Kruchowski, Maci Magnell. Front: Olivia Vettleson, Shawn Landrus, Alden Lambert, Alexis Bauman, Ben Lambert, William Lambert, William Larson, Keaton Landrus.



3-4 Group. Back: Kayden Fish, Tate Nelson, Orin Weber, Andria Schill-Overton, Evelyn Whalen. Front: Leandra Berg, Korby, Olson, Kenzee Bergeson.

Elementary Basketball Photos



RLC 4th grade boys placed 2nd in Blackduck last weekend.



6th grade team placed 3rd in the Argyle Lions Tournament.

RLCC Elementary School
Students of the Month



Student of the Month, Tate Nelson. Mrs. Hamrun says, "Tate is a wonderful student who is responsible and hardworking. He is friendly and kind to students and teachers!" Congratulations Tate!



Student of the Month Winner-Avaeya Vettleson! Her teacher, Mrs. Conner-an says, "Avaeya is hard working and simply does her best on everything!" Congratulations Avaeya!

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The workshops feature in-depth training for vegetable producers to help them develop a crop plan, learn about controlling pests, washing, meeting wholesale customer demands and more. The afternoon will feature networking opportunities for buyers and farmers to share contact information and learn about how to make farm to school programs succeed.
All trainings have a half day or full day option. The trainings are free with lunch support from the Minnesota Farmers Union and the NCR Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program. Major funding support for the trainings is from the Minnesota Department of Education and the USDA Patrick Leahy Farm to School program.
February 11- Prairie Wetlands Learning Center (Fergus Falls)
February 12- Sprout MN (Little Falls)
February 13- Cloquet Public Library (Cloquet)
February 18 - The Minnesota Department of Education (Minneapolis)
February 26 - Aune Hall at Graham Park (Rochester)
February 28 - New Ulm Civic Center (New Ulm)
"It is critical that we help all farmers understand how to sell into new wholesale accounts like schools," said Natalie Hoidal, Extension educator at the University of Minnesota, Vegetable Production. "We are excited to work with Minnesota's vegetable farmers to help them continue to take advantage of these sales opportunities and meet the volume, quality and consistency requirements of schools and other wholesale buyers so students can enjoy fresh Minnesota-grown produce year-round."
"Sourcing and using locally grown food makes sense for schools and early care providers in Minnesota," said Jayme Anderson, Minnesota Department of Education. "These food service professionals are looking for sources of locally grown food to include in their menus. Partnering with Extension to bring local farms and buyers together for these trainings is a critical step and will help improve access to healthful, Minnesota grown products among schools and early care providers."
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Red Lake County Summary Operating Budget for 2024

The following is a summary of the operating budget for the 2024 fiscal year for Red Lake County. This summary is published in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 375.169. The detail of the county budget is on file in the County Auditor's office at Red Lake County Courthouse, 124 Langevin Avenue, Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

	2024 Adopted Budget	2025 Adopted Budget
REVENUES:		
County Portion of Tax Levy	\$3,800,534	\$4,072,914
State Paid Portion of Tax Levy	615,942	748,441
Other Taxes	30,900	4,050
Total Tax Levy	4,447,376	4,825,405
Licenses and Permits	640	1,340
Intergovernmental Revenues:		
Federal	669,896	718,568
State	6,983,317	8,318,851
Other	0	0
Charges for Services	688,354	945,765
Fines and Forfeitures	18,000	14,500
Investment Earnings	187,500	160,000
Rent and Miscellaneous	334,021	213,798
Total Revenues	13,329,104	15,198,227
OTHER SOURCES:		
Bonds and Other Debt Issued	0	0
Budgeted Use of Available Fund Balances	480,000	0
Transfers In	38,196	416,206
Total Other Sources	518,196	416,206
Total Revenues and Other Sources	\$13,847,300	\$15,614,433
EXPENDITURES:		
General Government	\$1,509,825	\$1,507,737
Public Safety	1,861,702	1,986,237
Highway and Streets	7,169,185	8,525,245
Sanitation	336,796	200,084
Human Services/Welfare	1,743,184	1,775,864
Health	25,938	39,038
Culture and Recreation	98,716	98,795
Conservation of Natural Resources	205,654	333,114
Miscellaneous Expenditures	179,300	197,145
Economic Development	0	34,753
Capital Outlay	717,000	916,421
Total Expenditures	13,847,300	15,614,433
OTHER USES:		
Budgeted Increase of Fund Balances	0	0
Transfers Out	0	0
Other Financing Uses	0	0
Total Other Uses	0	0
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	\$13,847,300	\$15,614,433

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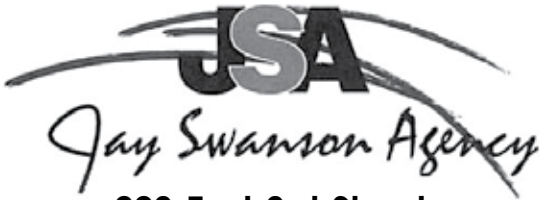
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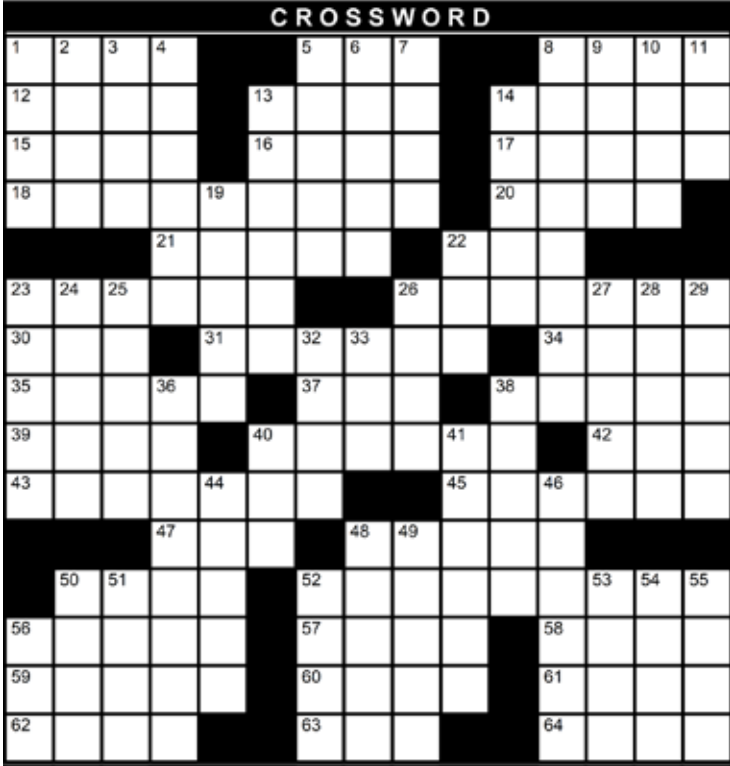


6th grade girls ended their run in the Snowflake league last weekend!

- ACROSS
1. Past participle of spit
5. King Kong, e.g.
8. Greek portico
12. Not to be mentioned
13. Congeal
14. ____ cell carcinoma
15. Top of Kilimanjaro, e.g.
16. Periods of time
17. D-Day beach
18. *Holiday the day before Valentine's Day
20. Shade of beige
21. Quantities on doctors' prescriptions
22. Not amateur
23. *Letters to Juliet destination
26. Come to final conclusion
30. *Ultimate Valentine's vow?
31. Purchaser
34. Zelensky's capital
35. Move a plant
37. High-____, as in an image
38. Tubular pasta
39. Not Visa or MC
40. *Moving Valentine's Day date option
42. "Annie get your ____"
43. a.k.a. ladybird
45. Maximum
47. "Rub A Dub Dub" vessel
48. Suburb of Dallas
50. Skunk's defense
52. *Sweet Valentine's gesture
56. Long stories
57. Rhythmic way of talking
58. Yours and mine
59. Send, as payment
60. The E of B.P.O.E.
61. A bit of water
62. Biblical paradise
63. Elfin
64. Sign of boredom

- DOWN
1. Doe's mate
2. One of Three Bears
3. Cain's brother
4. Prom night garb
5. Bird of prey's nest
6. *Make them in advance of Valentine's Day
7. "Or ____?"
8. **Cupid" singer (2 words)
9. Russia's Terrible one, e.g.
10. Pearl Harbor island
11. Between Fla. and Miss.
13. Ship's floating wreckage

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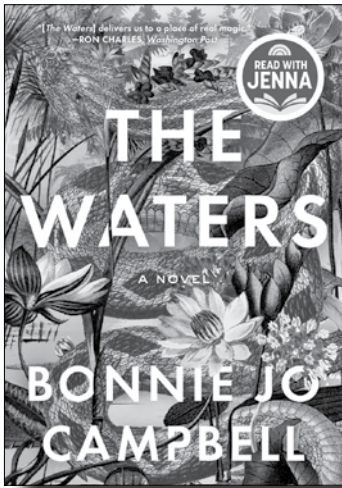
14. Afrikaners' ancestors
19. Group of nine singers
22. For each
23. All over the internet
24. Possible allergic reaction
25. Lassoed
26. *Baby's breath's partner
27. Texting vocabulary, e.g.
28. *Cupid's mom
29. Black tie ____
32. Snob
33. Gymnast's goal
36. *a.k.a. "love hormone"
38. Deck alternative
40. Chicago baseballer
41. Defrauds
44. Explosion
46. Pleasing notes succession
48. At the same time
49. Too much egg middle
50. Newspaper piece
51. Five and ____
52. Staff leader
53. Heavenly glow
54. Think, archaically speaking
55. Sport spectator's TV acronym
56. Before, old English

Writers & Writing
by Michael Tidemann

Tidemann started his journalism career at the Bismarck Tribune in 1978 and began college teaching career as a graduate teaching assistant at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion in 1977. He has worked at newspapers in Iowa and the Dakotas and his work has appeared in Overdrive, Writer's Journal, the San Diego Union-Tribune and Snowmobile. (Michael Tidemann writes from Estherville, Iowa. His author page is amazon.com/author/michaeltidemann.)

The Waters a novel of healing and redemption

Every once in a great while, a novel comes along that draws you into a different world you don't want to leave. That's the case of The Waters by Bonnie Jo Campbell. Campbell's deftly woven Michigan backcountry saga of a family of women who are natural healers carries us to a time and a place where nearly anything is possible.
Hermine "Herself" Zook is the daughter of Baba Rose, also a healer. Herself raised her three daughters in Rose Cottage, situated on an island accessible only by the bridge that can only be lowered on the island side, virtually and symbolically limiting access to men whom the women seem as destructive and incapable of understanding Herself's healing arts.
Herself's daughters all take on healing roles in one way or another - Prim, an attorney who aggressively defends indigent clients; Molly, a nurse practitioner who has chosen modern medicine over her mother's herbal remedies; and Rose Thorn, who "was able to ease an endemic self-loathing" and whose beauty is both a blessing and a curse.
Much of the story is told through the eyes of Rose Thorn's daughter Dorothy, more commonly known as Donkey, a mathematically brilliant home-schooled child who reaches nearly six feet at age 11.
While Herself dedicates herself to healing, her healing arts are the subject of ire of some of the men in the surrounding town of Whiteheart, with the exception of Titus Clay, who loves Rose Thorn with all his heart, and with the hearty endorsement of the rest of Whiteheart.
However, insidious forces threaten Herself and her daughters and their way of life. Who is Prim's real father? Who is Donkey's real father? The answers to those questions would be spoilers, so let's leave it at that.
In the end, the men of Whiteheart find redemption in a fashion when they come to the island to help Rose Thorn with the birth of her second daughter, named Rose Moon by Donkey. And while Titus is tragically separated from Rose Thorn by his untimely match with Lorena, in the end he also finds redemption in a ritual snake dance when he becomes one with the island and the woman who have inhabited it.
This is a meticulously researched novel, and impossible to put down.



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Bonnie Jo Campbell
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Oklee Herald Early Files

100 Years ago
February 5, 1925
The Oklee Commercial Club held its annual meeting and banquet at the Club Hall Monday night of this week. The meeting elected officers as follows: Nils Hagen, Pres. J.A.C. Torgerson, V. Pres. Frank Cyr, Secretary, Peter Bergeron, Treasurer.

Ole Myrum of Mayfield left Tuesday night for Thief River Falls where he will do Jury Service in district court which is in session there this week.

90 Years Ago
February 7, 1935
In a game preliminary to the Oklee-Fosston game last Sunday, the married men of Oklee lost to the single men, 5-3. It was a battle royal all the way with the single men leading but the married men a constant threat. Each side took 2 shots at the basket, bachelors making 2, the benedicts, one. Orlo Melby and Swede Lindquist scored field goals for the single men while Nap Miller counted a free throw. For the married men Happy Hince scored on from the field and Nettie Nettelund once from the free throw line. Those playing for the single men were Orrin Melby, V. Lindquist, Orlo Melby, Carl Lerohl, Nap Hince, W. Flaradeau. For the married men were Willard Soland, Robert Riel, Elmer Hince, Nap Nettelund, Otto Bakken, Lloyd Hanson. The Referee was W. Melby and Umpire was Heggerton.

80 Years Ago
February 8, 1945
Mrs. O.E. Sovde and Mrs. Lowell Sovde returned here last week from the army air base at Malden, MO, where they visited with Lowell Sovde.

A few friends and neighbors gathered at the Ted Reindahl home recently to honor Harold Reindahl before he leaves to be inducted into the Naval Reserve.

Ernest Bergeron, U.S. Navy, returned home here Sunday to spend a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bergeron, after serving for two years with the Pacific Fleet.

70 Years Ago
February 10, 1955
A group of neighbors former a working bee at the Oscar Swanson home. Mr. Swanson is ill. Participating in the working bee were Marlyn Haugen, Marvin Rodman, Ben Bendickson, Benjamin, Olaf, and Arlen Stolaas, Juell & Orlando Chervestad, Art Gustafson, Mal Stucy, Herbert Vettleson, Charles and Jim Prigge, Fred and Darrow Lundeen, Ole Gunderson, Milan Rustan, Virgil Radniecki, Oliver Hofstad, Engvald Christopherson, Louis Mandt, Tenny Myrum. The ladies served dinner.

Wallace Duchamp was elected President of the Plummer Commercial Club which had their annual meeting January 31st. Severein L. Gauthier, vice president, A.E. Heupel secretary-treasurer, and directors, Gust Craft, Theo LaCoursiere, Henry Weiss, Swande J. Kela,

and Roger Piehl.

60 Years Ago
February 4, 1965
Army PFC Ronald R. Laufman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Laufman, of Plummer, is participating in exercise Compass Road, a 43 day field training exercise on the Island of Hawaii.

Airman Apprentice Ronald G. Fournier USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul O. Fournier of Brooks graduated January 15th from the Aviation Mechanical Fundamentals School at the Naval Air Technical Training Center in Memphis, TN.

Debbie Radniecki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Radniecki, and a member of the Deer Park 4-H Club, was named reserve champion in the Pennington County 4-H radio speaking contest held in Thief River Falls.

Arnold Stenberg, of Oklee, was elected to the directorship formerly held by George A. Beito for the Sun Plant Products Inc.

50 Years Ago
January 30, 1975
Jean Rustan has been named Oklee High School's 1974-75 Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow.

Cathay Lineberry is the Plummer High School 1975, "Leader of Tomorrow."

Randy Radniecki, Oklee High School Graduate, is wrestling for the Itasca Community College Vikings in Grand Rapids. He is wrestling the 177 pound class.

40 Years Ago
February 2, 1985
The Diamond Jubilee Kick off Program was held February 2, 1985, at the Oklee High School Auditorium.

See the photos to the right

30 years ago
January 29, 1995

The Second Annual Oklee Sleigh Day will be held this Saturday.

Ron Hamm was the winner of the Hoop Shoot contest in Oklee on Tuesday.

Winning prizes for the largest Fish at the Gonvick Lion's Fishing Contest were Les O'Neill \$100 winner and Art Klasen \$25.

The Fosston School was evacuated after receiving a Bomb Threat.

20 Years Ago
February 3, 2005
Sheriff Arlt presented a bid for a new squad car for \$20,000 from Kleven Ford.

Senator Stumpf and Rep. Lieder held a town hall meeting at the ICCC meeting room.

10 Years Ago
February 5, 2015

Holly Vettleson, a junior at RLCC will participate in the Minnesota House of Representatives High School Page Program during the first week of March, at the Capital in St. Paul.

Mustang wrestlers Tristan Larson and Cameron Lundeen placed first at the Northwest Wrestling Tournament. Cody Wagner was able to place second.



Emcees for the Jubilee Kickoff Program were Bob Melby, Joan Bronken, and Vern Cyr.



Three sets of sisters did "Me and My Shadow" L to R: Sue and Cici Olson, Trini and Deb Lambert, and Karen and Jean Lindquist.

Red Lake County Gathering in Arizona!

Red Lake County gathering Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. American Legion #27, 1018 South Meridian, Apache Junction, Arizona.

Lunch and beverages are available on your own.

Oklee Senior Meals on Wheels NSI Menu

February 10 - 14

Oklee Meals on Wheels Nutrition Services Inc (NSI) is the new service offering Senior Meals/Meals on Wheels. They are available for Home Delivery, Monday-Friday. Please call Carolyn at the RLF NSI Kitchen the day before, by 12 noon at 218-253-4454.

NSI provides this service in part under the Federal Older Americans Act through a contract with NWRDC under an area plan approved by the MN Board on Aging.

Mon: Fish Patty/Bun, Tri-Tators, Peas & Carrots, Fruit Cup, 1% Milk.

Tue: Porcupine Meatballs, Baked Potato, Mixed Vegetables, Chocolate Chip Cake, 1% Milk.

Wed: Pork Roast, Parsley Boiled Potatoes, Sauerkraut, Sherbert, 1% Milk.

Thu: Burger/Bun, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Jello w/ Topping, 1% Milk.

Fri: Valentines Day - Cook's Choice.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

On Saturday evening, the 25th, the Sportsmen's Club had their meeting. Around 55 guys attended. Mark Wright won for the Biggest Buck! Bryce DuChamp had the Biggest Doe. Biggest Horns measurement went to Isabelle Paradis.

Anne Traxler and Anna DeHate enjoyed having breakfast in Thief River Falls on Thursday.

The weather sure has been very beautiful for about a week. The snow is kind of disappearing. Both TRF and Brooks seemed to have more snow depth than at Plummer. It's definitely easier on the heating bill.

Wednesday evening at Bingo, Claudia treated everyone to butterscotch bars. It was her birthday on Thursday. She is the sister of Steve and David

Haugen.

I'm still plugging away on the puzzle I got at Christmas time. I wish this had been only 500, instead of 1,000. Maybe I'd be done.

So sad about the plane and helicopter crash out east. They were investigating it on Thursday.

Have a good week.

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Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

It cooled down again and it sounds like February will stay cooler than before this. We will have to bundle up a bit more and turn up the heat I think.

Becky, my daughter, emailed me that in Mankato this Monday morning is bleak and cloudy so we all have a face to the window in the morning.

We ladies at church gather after Mass and have coffee and rolls, and visit for a while. During this time we have our chuckles and talk about the business of the day. This past Sunday we found out different ways of making potatoes for our meals. Now I never heard of making potatoes in the crock pot, but one of the ladies does it this way and I was intrigued in their crafty way of making them. Another said she put a raw hamburger patty in a tin-

foil, top it with a potato and onions and wrap it up and bake it in the oven. What a meal. If anyone has any other ideas send them to me or call me. I will pass it along. Nothing like an easier way to make supper.

I will be going in for surgery tomorrow for light surgery on my hand. This has been hanging in the future for a while, but now it is bad enough to be done. I will still be up and about but it will slow me down a bit.

My sympathy goes out to Bonny and Lonny Cote and the Cote family in the loss of Violet Cote, Lonny's mother. She was known as a friendly and smiling ambassador of the Oklee community. I liked seeing her and always smiling face. God rest her soul in peace, and please know that she is thought of as a wonderful lady.

Senior Site News & Other Things

Bonny Cote, Treasurer - Acting Secretary

Dates To Remember

Wednesday: Cards at 1:30 p.m.

Presently Hand and Foot is being played. Hand & Foot is a 1 deck per person game that is played with a hand and foot and it played by teams of 2 or 3 people. The object of the game is to be first to get rid of all you cards.

If you are interested in seeing who the game is played, stop by on Wednesday afternoon.

Presently the card crew is looking for subs. They will assist in teaching you how to play.

It is an afternoon filled with laughter and fun.

Here are some Puns to Ponder

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

This week's photo a Valentine celebration at the Oklee Senior Site. They used to have a Queen and King by your name picked out of a basket. Do you remember these two Valentines?

The photo of the 6 ladies are: Dora Rouland, Addie Prevost, Dore Boucher, Unknown, Vi Radniecki and Eva Asselin. It was taken in June 1986.

This is one of most popular columns of the Red Lake County Herald. Remember that photos from the 80s are now 40+ years old.

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