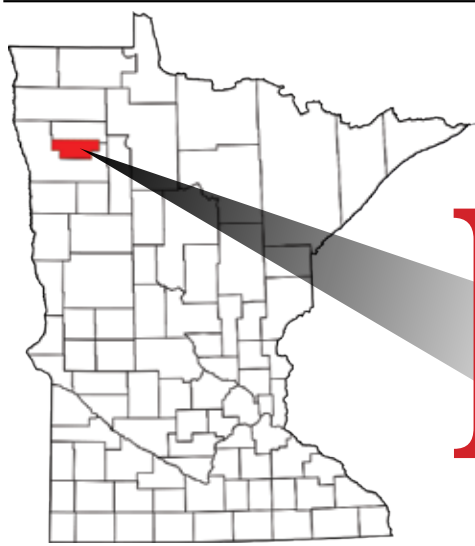




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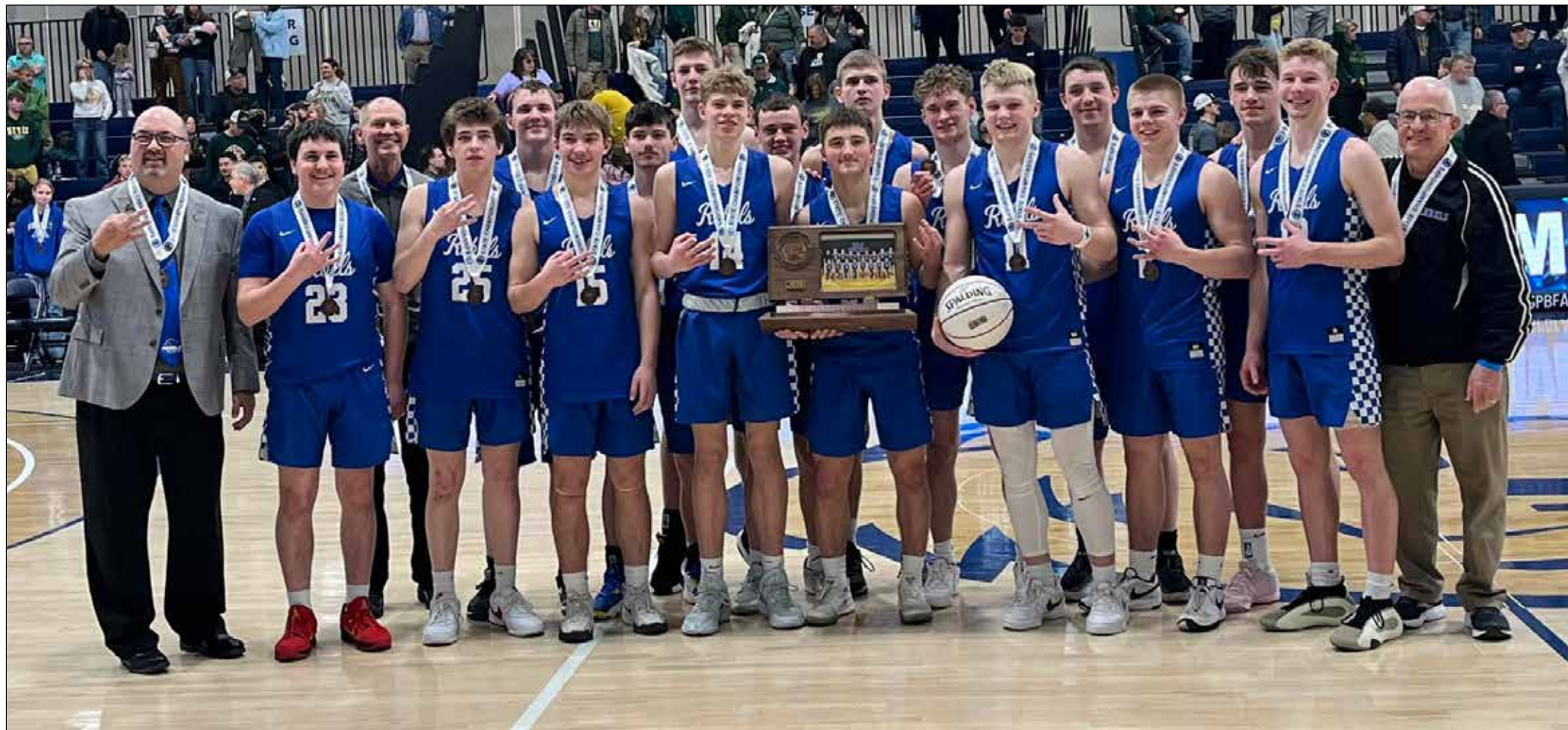
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Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Red Lake County Rebels Grab 3rd Place at State!



Red Lake County Rebels with their 3rd Place State Trophy! A very proud moment for Red Lake County.



Ben Gullingsrud lines up for a three as the Rebels defeat the Wildcats 68-61!

All-Star Basketball Series

Forty of the state's outstanding Senior boys basketball players will compete in the 43rd annual Minnesota High School All-Star Basketball Series.

Owen Chervestad from Red Lake County Rebels will be playing and Randy Huie and Steve Phillion will also be coaching Owen's team.

Games will be played at Anoka Ramsey Community College on Saturday March

29th. Two games will be played at 12:20 p.m. in the Fieldhouse followed by games at 1:30 p.m. and 3:05 p.m. as determined by first game results. The 2025 MBCA McDonald Award finalists will be presented medals and the 2025 McDonald Award recipient will be announced and presented with the McDonald Award in a 2:45 p.m. between-games ceremony.

Tickets may be purchased

online by accessing a link at: <http://www.mshsca.org/boysbasketball>. Tickets will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Admission at the door on the day of the event will be available - cash or check only. Passes will not be accepted. (5 & under are free).

For more information regarding the All-Star Series go to <http://www.boysbasketball.org>. Congratulations Owen!

By Eric Mickelson

Excitement on top of excitement! Thursday, the 20th of March the RLC Rebel boys traveled to the Twin Cities to participate in the 2025 Class A State Basketball Tournament followed by MANY excited fans! The Red Lake County team made its 1st State Tournament appearance.

In the quarterfinals the Rebels, who came into the tournament with a #3 ranking, squared up against the Goodhue Wildcats, ranked #6. The Wildcats sported a 22-8 record and averaged 92.5 points per game in their Section 1A Tournament before winning their section.

The Rebels led 35-22 at the half. The second half started the same as the Rebels expanded their lead to 50-27! Then Goodhue went on a 20-0 run narrowing the gap to 50-47! Rebels fans hearts were beating fast. Even faster when the score reached a 54-54 tie. To break the tie Ben Gullingsrud hit a three and great play down the stretch led to a Rebels 68-61 victory! An even

attack helped lead the Rebels to victory. Luke Peterson and Connor Duden each put in 14 points, Will Gieseke and Owen Chervestad followed with 13 each, Ben Gullingsrud added 8, and Ethan Majeres and Ethan Johnson scored 3 each.

In the semi-final match up the Rebels now took on #2 ranked Dawson-Boyd Blackjacks, section 3A Champions. Dawson Boyd defeated Heritage Christian Academy in the quarterfinals to advance to the match up with the Rebels. The Rebels jumped out to a quick lead before the Blackjacks rallied gaining a 38-30 lead approaching half. The Rebels narrowed the gap in part on a 30 foot three pointer at the buzzer by Connor Duden. The score stood 38-35! The Rebels and the Jacks battled back and forth in the 2nd half, but the Blackjacks outlasted the Rebels by a final score of 80-66. Connor Duden topped all scorers with 30, Will Gieseke had 15, Owen Chervestad 10, Luke Peterson 8, Halverson 2, Ethan Johnson 1.

The hometown Rebels now

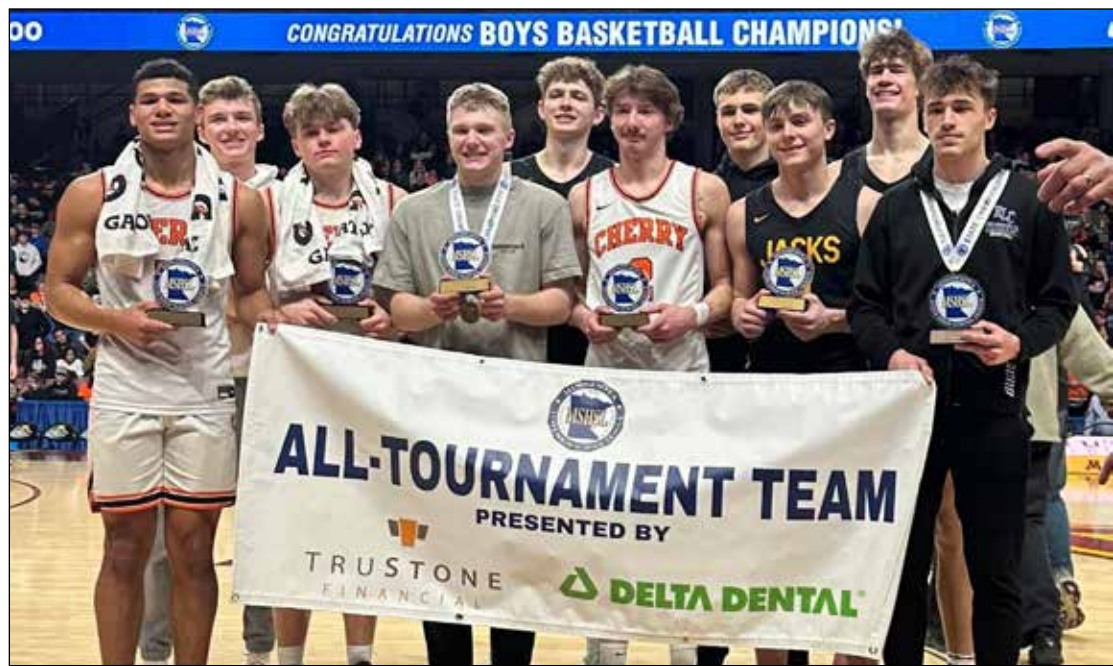
headed to the 3rd place game against a strong Nevis Tigers team.

The Rebels jumped out to 23-9 lead and all was looking great for our team holding on to a 37-26 halftime lead! Nevis would not go away and the game was tied at 52-52 and later at 54-54. Big free throws down the stretch by Duden, Chervestad, and Gullingsrud helped the Rebels hang on winning the 3rd Place Game by a score of 67-62! Rebels were led in scoring by Connor Duden with 18 followed by 15 for Will Gieseke, Chervestad 8, Gullingsrud 8, Majeres 6, Peterson 4, Thomas 3, Johnson 2.

Congratulations to Connor Duden and Owen Chervestad on being named to the Class A All-Tournament Team! Red Lake County ended the season with a 31-3 record! Seniors - Owen Chervestad, Luke Peterson, Ethan Majeres, and Gavin Thomas will all be missed! Thanks coaches, team, managers, schools, parents, and all communities for a great season with colossal support!



Owen Chervestad drives hard to the basket in the quarter final match-up!



Owen Chervestad & Connor Duden for being named to the All-Tournament Team!

Church News

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

**IMMANUEL-EBENEZER
LUTHERAN PARISH
ELCA**
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Wed. Mar. 26: Immanuel:
6:30 p.m. Meal - 7 p.m. Lenten
Worship.
Sun, Mar. 30: 10:30 a.m.
Worship at Immanuel Joint
Service.
Wed. Apr. 2: Bethany: 6:00
p.m. Meal - 7 p.m. Lenten
Worship.

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 Every 4th Tuesday – Thief River Falls
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 – Fargo/Moorhead.
 2nd & 4th Friday – Bemidji.

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Interim Pastor
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Eric Mickelson is the reporter for the RLC Herald. If you have a story or idea to share, call Eric @ 218-791-9157. You can also email Eric at okleeherald@gmail.com.

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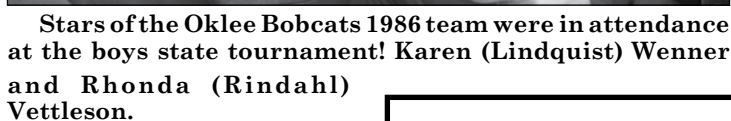
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RED LAKE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS AND POTENTIAL STARTUP ENTERPRISES

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A simple line drawing of a chef. He is wearing a tall, puffy chef's hat and a white apron over a dark shirt. He has a large nose and a slight smile. He is holding a small, rectangular object, possibly a piece of paper or a small book, in his right hand. His left hand is on his hip.



Mitch Bernstein, Red Lake
County Sheriff: 03/21/25

Please send to Tanya Waldo at the Red Lake County SWCD, 2602 Wheat Drive, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750 by Friday April 11th. If you have any questions, please contact Tanya at (218) 253-2593.

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RLCC Menus

March 31 - April 4

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Biscuit & Gravy, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Rib Patty, Hash Browns, Gold Fish, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Apple Turnover, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Strip, Scalloped /Au Gratin Potatoes, Banana Bread, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French Toast w/Syrup, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy Bread, Dipping Sauce, Lettuce Salad, Fresh Veggies, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger or Pizza Patty, Fries, Baked Beans, Fruit, and Milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Lasagna Roll Ups w/Spaghetti or Alfredo Sauce, Bread Stick, String Cheese, Fruit, and Milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: French Banana Bread, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Calzone, Marinar Sauce, Salad Bowl, Carrots, Fruit, and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs w/Ham, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Tacos, Toppings, Veggie Bowl, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Pop Tart, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger w/Bun, Cheese, Baked Beans, Green Beans, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Noodle Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit and Milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Long John, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Cheese Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Baby Carrots, Fruit, and Milk.

Looking for ways to spend your free time?

SKATING RINK OPEN
Saturday & Sunday from 10-8:00pm and weekday afternoons from 4-8:00pm (closed if there is a home game at the high school)

OPEN GYM in Oklee on Saturdays from 1-3:00 pm, children 6th grade and under must have adult supervision. Contact Kurt with questions at 612-247-0812

RLCC Sports Schedules

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

Boys Baseball Schedule

Tue, Apr 1:
4:30PM RLC Coop vs. Lake Park Audubon @ Lake Park-Audubon High School

Thu, Apr 3:
4:30PM RLC Coop vs. NCE/Ulen-Hitterdal @ L.E. Drechsel Field RLF.

Tue, Apr 8:
4:30PM RLC Coop vs. Warroad Public School @ Warroad High School

Fri, Apr 11:
4:30PM RLC Coop vs. Crookston @ L.E. Drechsel Field RLF.

Tue, Apr 15:
4:30PM RLC Coop vs. BGMR (Badger/Greenbush/Middle River) @ Greenbush Field

Thu, Apr 17:
4:30PM RLC Coop vs. Northern Freeze @ L.E. Drechsel Field RLF

Tue, Apr 22:
4:30PM RLC Coop vs. West Marshall @ L.E. Drechsel Field RLF

Fri, Apr 25:
4:30PM RLC Coop vs. Sacred Heart High School @ Sacred Heart High School

Tue, Apr 29:
4:30PM RLC Coop vs. Win-E-Mac @ L.E. Drechsel Field RLF.

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Play Questionnaire for Seniors



Guy Bergeson

How many years have you been in the play? 6 years

Favorite Production
Thus far: Why?

I've enjoyed every production, but my favorite 3-act production would have to be Clue my 8th-grade year. I loved playing Colonel Mustard, our costumes, the effects, and most of all, the cast members. My favorite one-act play was Boxes. We worked so hard and making it to sections was something I'll never forget.

Who is your favorite actor or actress?(On the big screen, TV, or even in your local productions!)

My favorite actor is Brad Pitt. He's been in many of my favorite movies, like Fight Club. He has had so many iconic roles.

What would you say to underclassmen about the play or being involved with drama?

I would encourage everyone to give it a try. It has been my favorite part of school. Mr. Hamrum is an amazing director. He cares about all of us. We have fun, work hard, and miss it when it's over. Being on stage and under the lights is a wonderful feeling. It's live so you never know what's going to happen.



RLCC High School Students of the Month



February Students of the Month - Congratulations to Senior High Student of the month, Ciara Mitzner and Aubrey Halverson, Junior High Student of the month.



Speech Tournament Winners: Hannah Dudycha 2nd place Inform and Hayden Shulstad 3rd place,



The Red Lake County Rebels were given a great send off from the RLCC High School. Parents, grandparents, siblings and friends gathered at the gymnasium in Oklee before getting on the bus to the Twin Cities. Congratulations to the Boys Basketball team, the coaches and all the support. A wonderful way to end the season - with a 3rd place State Trophy.



Red Lake County Central School Board Minutes

ISD 2906 RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL Minutes - February 2025

The ISD 2906 Board of Education held a regular board meeting on Wednesday February 12, 2025 at Red Lake County Central School in Plummer.

Members Duden, Kolstoe, Majeres, Paradis, Vettleson, Vogel were present. Motions were carried to approve January Minutes, and financials, annual membership and dues to the Red Lake County Collaborative and the Northwest Council of Collaboratives for 2025, Spring 2025 Coaches and Directors: Mike Illies, Trap; Aaron Moll, Head Softball, Randy Huie, Head Track, Kaleb Sjulestad Assistant Track; Cole Larson Assistant Baseball, Tyrell Hamrum Theater Director, updated RLCC Teacher Evaluation process, MOU with RLCC-EDMN for READ ACT, approve the selection of Candidates #1 & 2 as superintendent candidates to interview on 2.19 or 2.24.2025. Candidates Derek Gieseke and Andrew Fougner.

(Complete minutes may be seen in the district office at 201 Governor Street, Oklee MN or on our school website at www.rlcc2906.org.)

Jody Duden
ISD 2906 School Board Clerk
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ISD 2906 RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL Minutes- February 24,2025

The ISD 2906 Board of Education held a Special board meeting on Monday February 24, 2025 at Red

Lake County Central High School in Oklee.

Members Duden, Kolstoe, Majeres, Paradis, Vettleson and Vogel were present.

Superintendent Interviews were held at 6:00 pm with Derek Gieseke and 7:30 pm for Andrew Fougner.

(Complete minutes may be seen in the district office at 201 Governor Street, Oklee MN or on our school website at www.rlcc2906.org.)

Jody Duden
ISD 2906 School Board Clerk
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ISD 2906 RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL Minutes- February 26, 2025

The ISD 2906 Board of Education held a Special board meeting on Wednesday February 26, 2025 at Red Lake County Central High School in Oklee.

Members Duden, Kolstoe, Majeres, Paradis, Vettleson and Vogel were present.

Superintendent position and candidate interviews were discussed, site visit, and a motion was made to offer Andrew Fougner the position, discussed and decide employment contract parameters and negotiations process. Board Reps Kolstoe, Paradis and Majeres meet Monday March 3, 2025 with Mr. Fougner to negotiate a contract.

(Complete minutes may be seen in the district office at 201 Governor Street, Oklee MN or on our school website at www.rlcc2906.org.)

Jody Duden
ISD 2906 School Board Clerk
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Great Rebel fan support at the state tournament!!!

NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION

State of Minnesota
County of Red Lake

Kelsey Gervais
County Auditor

TO: ALL PERSONS WITH A LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING NOTICE

You are notified that the parcels of land described in this notice and located in the county of Red Lake, state of Minnesota, are subject to forfeiture to the state of Minnesota because of nonpayment of delinquent property taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, and costs levied on those parcels.

The time for redemption from forfeiture expires if a redemption is not made by the later of (1) 60 days after service of this notice on all persons having an interest in the lands of record at the office of the county recorder or registrar of titles, or (2) by the second Monday in May. The redemption must be made in my office.

IMPORTANT: If the parcels forfeit, they will be sold. If the proceeds from the sale exceed the total amount of the delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, and costs assigned to those parcels, you may be entitled to the excess proceeds from the sale. If there are excess proceeds, you will be notified and must submit the claim form included with the notification in order to receive the proceeds.

The following information is listed below: the names of the property owners, taxpayers, and interested parties who have filed their addresses under M. S. 276.041; the addresses of the parties at the election of the county auditor; the legal description and parcel identification number of each parcel; and the amount necessary to redeem a parcel as of the date listed below.

Names/Addresses for Taxpayer & Fee Owners	PIN and Description	Amount Necessary to Redeem as of Date
Jeff Klaven 24634 State Highway 92 SE Brooks, MN 56715	07-1326-000 SECT-07 TWP-150 RANG-41 SW1/4SE1/4 <u>Property Address:</u> 24634 State Highway 92 SE Brooks, MN 56715	\$1,358.30
Leroy Mercil PO Box 65 Brooks, MN 56715 Prinsbank 408 3rd St. PO Box 38 Prinsburg, MN 56281	14-2296-000 BRK-LOTS 19 THRU 21 BLK 5 <u>Property Address:</u> 303 Wisconsin Ave Brooks, MN 56715	\$4,942.69
Rosetta Hruby 310 Bourden St PO Box 173 Oklee, MN 56742 Security State Bank PO Box 69 Oklee MN 56742	15-2502-000 OKL-1965 ADD LOT 4 BLK 26 <u>Property Address:</u> 310 Bourden St Oklee, MN 56742	\$3,342.12
Rachel Graybill Patrick Denny 502 Main Ave S Red Lake Falls, MN 56750	17-2961-000 RLF-C&D ADD LOTS 13 THRU 15 BLK 20 <u>Property Address:</u> 502 Main Ave S Red Lake Falls, MN 56750	\$14,149.18
Total Report		\$23,792.29

FAILURE TO REDEEM SUCH LANDS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF THE LAND AND FORFEITURE OF SAID LAND TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

Inquires about the delinquent tax proceedings described above can be made to the Red Lake County Auditor at the address listed below.

Witness my hand and official seal this 14th day of March, 2025

OFFICIAL SEAL

Kelsey Gervais
Red Lake County Auditor
PO Box 367
Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
Telephone: (218) 253-2598
Fax: (218) 253-4894

Smith, Klobuchar co-sponsor
USPS performance bill

Senators Mike Rounds (R-S.D.) and Peter Welsh (D-Vermont) re-introduced the Deliver for Democracy Act this week with co-sponsors that include Minnesota senators Tina Smith and Amy Klobuchar.

The act would:

- Require USPS to achieve at least a 95% on-time delivery rate for periodicals or an improvement of at least 2 percentage points to unlock its 2% surcharge authority for that class of mail;
- Direct the USPS to annually report its on-time delivery data for newspapers as part of its periodical service performance; and
- Instruct the Government Accountability Office to study and submit a report to Congress on options for USPS pricing schemes to improve the financial position of periodicals.

Other co-sponsors are Senators John Hoeven (R-N.D.), Ron Wyden (D-Oregon), Jeff Merkley (D-Oregon), Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisconsin) and Bernie Sanders (I-Vermont). An identical bill was introduced in the House by Reps. Robert Aderholt (R-AL) and Emanuel Cleaver (D-Missouri).

The Deliver for Democracy Act is endorsed by the National Newspaper Association and News/Media Alliance.

EQUIPMENT RENTAL – BIDS CLOSE

Tuesday, April 8th, 2025

RED LAKE COUNTY

RED LAKE FALLS, MN 56750

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS – Bids will be received until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, April 8th, 2024, by Kelsey Gervais, County Auditor, at the Auditor’s Office in the Red Lake County Court House, 124 Langevin Ave, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750, for establishing equipment rental rates. Bids will be opened publicly by Taylor Amiot, County Engineer, or a designated representative, on behalf of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners.

Proposals may be examined and obtained at the Red Lake County Highway Department, 204 7th Street Southeast, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750.

The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept any bid or reject any or all bids, waive irregularities or defects therein.

Kelsey Gervais – Red Lake County Auditor

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COUNTY PROJECT – BIDS CLOSE

Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025

RED LAKE COUNTY

RED LAKE FALLS, MN 56750

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS – Bids will be received until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025, by Kelsey Gervais, County Auditor, at the Auditor's Office in the Red Lake County Court House, 124 Langevin Ave, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750, for the construction of the project listed below. Bids will be opened publicly by Taylor Amiot, County Engineer, or a designated representative, on behalf of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners.

S.A.P. 063-601-025, S.A.P 063-645-002
Grading, Bituminous Surfacing and Drainage Improvements

The Major quantities of work include: COMMON EMBANKMENT – CU. YD. 23,619; EXCAVATION – COMMON – CU. YD. 23,977; TYPE SP 9.5 WEARING COURSE MIXTURE (3,C) - TON 3496; AGGREGATE BASE CLASS 5 – TON 4462; REMOVE PAVEMENT – SQ. YD. 3909.

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be accessed free of charge at the Red Lake County website <https://www.co.red-lake.mn.us/>. To proceed, you must navigate to the highway department page and look for "Projects in Bidding". Hard copy purchase is not required to bid as prime. Plans and Proposals may also be procured by purchase from the Red Lake County Highway Department, 204 7th Street Southeast, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750.

Complete Plans, Bid Proposals and Specifications:
Counter Price: \$50.00 (includes tax)
Mailed: \$58.00 (includes tax)

Bids must be accompanied by a cashier's check or bidder's bond made payable to the Red Lake County Treasurer in the amount of at least 5% of the total bid. The Red Lake County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept any bid or reject any or all bids, waive irregularities, and award the contract in the best interest of Red Lake County.

Kelsey Gervais – Red Lake County Auditor

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S.A.P. 063-601-026
Mill Bituminous Surface, Bituminous Overlay, Paved Shoulder Widening, Shoulder Base Aggregate, and Milled Rumble Strips.

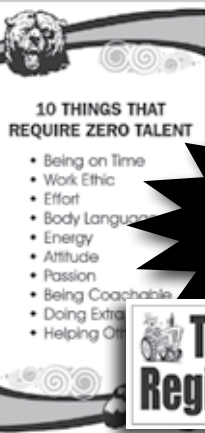
The Major quantities of work include TYPE SP 9.5 WEARING COURSE MIXTURE (2,B) - TON 12,070; TYPE SP 9.5 BITUMINOUS MIX FOR TIGHT BLADE LEVELING (2,B) – TON 9,030; MILL BITUMINOUS SURFACE(1.5" DEPTH) 115,780 – S.Y. ;SHOULDER BASE AGGREGATE, CLASS 1 – TON 3,680.

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Oklee Herald Early Files

80 Years Ago
March 20, 1945
Pfc. Arnold Person arrived here Thursday from Harlingen, Texas to spend a few weeks furlough at his home.

We have been informed that Pvt. John Mersy, son of J.G. Mercy of Oklee, has been hospitalized in England, having frozen his feet while active in action in France.

Cpl. Engvald Larson arrived here Monday of last week to spend a furlough at his home north of town. He has been stationed in the Aleutian, Islands for the past 19 months.

70 Years Ago
March 24, 1955
A private when reported missing in action, Cpl. Alvin Burman was promoted to corporal after being missing for 2 years. His body was found in North Korean Territory in February and a funeral was held last Friday.

The Plummer Chapter of Future Farmers of America recently purchased three pure-bred gilts. Recipients of the hogs were Lee Vigstol, Rolland Gagner, and Gerald Malwitz. The chapter expects to get back two hogs per litter which will be loaned out the following year.

The commercial club reviewed a plan for conversion of the vacant lots south of Oklee for a recreational area to be used by the school and village.

60 Years Ago
March 26, 1965
A baby girl, Julie Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bjarne Kvasager on March 15th. She weighed 7lb 7-1/2 oz.

The Valley birthday club

met at the Juell Chervestad home Monday evening. Mrs. Chervestad also received birthday greetings for the evening.

50 Years Ago
March 20, 1975
Officers of the Oklee-Plummer Fire Assn. are Darrow Lundeen of Trail, secretary; Joe Fallon, Plummer, chairman; Wayne Seegmiller, Oklee, treasurer; and Lawrence Morinville, Brooks, vice chairman.

A Minnesota Day Picnic was held Sunday, March 9th, at the Pioneer Park in Mesa, Arizona for former Minnesota residents and those visiting there. Those attending from here were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Gerardy, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Houtari, Mr. and Mrs. George Spong, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Cleland, Mrs. Vincent Granholm, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Laliberte.

40 Years Ago
March 20, 1985
Soo Line completed its purchase of Milwaukee Road in Chicago yesterday following final approval of the reorganization court to proceed.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Boucher became the proud parents of a baby girl, born on Wednesday at United Hospital in Grand Forks.

Brooks Hartz has new owners Verla and Stephen Asselin who recently took over.

Karen Lindquist of Oklee, daughter of Doc and Joan Lindquist was chosen as the Oklee American Legion Girls State representative. Catherine Cyr is alternate.

30 Years Ago
March 29, 1995
The City of Plummer re-

ceived a grant from The Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development for \$382,000. It will be used in conjunction with funds from lenders to help the 24 owner occupied homes in the city.

Aaron Chaput a junior at Red Lake County Central received an award from the Grand Forks Herald Reporters to be named to the Minnesota All Area Boys Basketball Team.

20 Years Ago
March 24, 2005

Some of the Students attending the Young Authors Conference were Kayla Pelletier, Brittany Waldal, Juanita Ramirez, Cole Nyman, Nathan Knott, Rachel Roue, Tyrell Hamrum, and Jordan Jaeger.

Randy Klasen and Mandy Sjulestad announced their engagement. They will be married June 4th. Parents of the couple are John and Jane Klasen of Oklee, and Howard and Karen Sjulestad of Goodridge.

10 Years Ago
March 25, 2015

A 90th birthday celebration was held in Mesa, Arizona, for Marge Stenberg. It was hosted by all her children and her friends from her street.

Elmer Hanson was honored for 60 years of service to the American Legion and community.

Zion and Salem Lutheran Quilters made and donated over 40 quilts. Quilters this year included Liz Follmann, Joyce Hardecopf, Irene Rosten, Ione Nelson, Ardell Opdahl, and Joyce Austad.

Senior Site News & Other Things

Bonny Cote, Treasurer - Acting Secretary

Senior Site Meeting

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the meeting last week was not held. It has been re-scheduled for this coming Friday, March 28 at 2 p.m.

It is important for seniors to get together for their input.

SAIL Classes

Ever wonder what SAIL stands for? It is "Stay Active and Independent for Life."

Jo Lambert or Carol Kvasager do a wonderful job of leading the group on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Oklee Community Center at 10 a.m. There is always room for more.

Dates To Remember

Wednesday: Cards at 1:30

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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Brooks News

Congratulations to the Red lake County boys basketball team who won third place at State Tournaments this past weekend. We know you did your best and played your hearts out. It is evident in how you played the games and your getting out and going for the gold. We are so proud of all of you. Congratulations to coach Phillion too. He taught you well, and he led a great group of guys to this event and with sportsmanship and good playing they did a great job. Congratulations to you too Steve Phillion. You are all winners.

Perry and Joyce are greeting their grandson Grady's Birth-

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 your cards.

Monday, the 17th, the Senior Site held a St. Patty's day get-together.

Did you hear about...

A woman that accompanied her husband when he went for his annual checkup. While the patient was getting dressed, the doctor came out and said to the wife, "I don't like the way he looks."

"Neither do I," she said. "But

he's handy around the house."

To Give Away

There still is a piano that needs to find a new home. If anyone is interested, please call Bonny at 612-840-9401.



18 Signs your aging parent needs help!

1. Bounced checks, calls from collections and late payments notices.
2. Broken appliances.
3. Changes in mood or extreme mood swings.
4. Cluttered, dirty and/or disorganized house.
5. Confusion and uncertainty when performing once-familiar tasks.
6. Depressed or low energy temperament.
7. Disheveled clothing.
8. Expired/spoiled groceries that don't get thrown away.
9. Forgetfulness.
10. Forgetting to take medications.
11. House and yard need care/maintenance.
12. Loss of interest in activities and hobbies.
13. Missing important appointments.
14. Poor diet or weight loss.
15. Poor personal hygiene.
16. Trouble getting up from a seated position.
17. Unexplained bruising.
18. Unexplained dents or scratches on the car.



Plummer News

By Alice Jobe
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The RLCC bus left on Wednesday morning with the Boys Basketball team. They were going to the cities. The Plummer Fire Department were in the trucks, also the Sheriff had their sirens on to escort them to the highway.

Recently, Wavell Sorenson went to Phoenix, Arizona, and visited Shugie Parham and her sister Shirley. Also, she visited Bill Kennel at Queens Valley. She was a supper guest at Jane Kolstoe and John Capp'e at Mesa, Arizona. She was gone for three weeks.

On Wednesday, Karen Tvedt, Anne Traxler, Anna DeHate and Alice Jobe went to Erskine to the Ness Cafe for dinner. Their special was Chicken Alfredo.

On Sunday, March 16th, Alice Jobe attended the annual AFRAN dinner at RLF's City Hall. They had French meat pies, polish sausage, and a salad. There was a guest speaker from the Red Lake Reservation. A business meeting followed the dinner. I saw and heard robins in Brooks on Thursday. There were none in Plummer yet.

Remembering Leona Christianson, and the Farmer's Club

By Eric Mickelson

***I happened to write about the Farmer's Club a year or so ago, but thought we could revisit it!

I have a couple different ways that are fond memories of the Farmer's Club cafe in Oklee. I often got to head up to the Farmers Club on days off from school or the summer time with my dad after he would haul the milk cans to town and drop them off at the Creamery. He often timed it around 9:00. After dropping off the milk at this time, sometimes Delton Sebaner would be able to take a little coffee break and whoever was able would head up to the Farmer's Club for coffee and a donut and then to shake a little dice.

Talk about feeling like a big shot, a 10 or 12 year old "farm boy" getting to hang out with all the "guys" and drink coffee and shake dice! They would talk about all the things farmers talk about, the cows, tractors, the weather, or whatever else was going on. Sometimes I would peek around the dividing wall and see some of the old timers playing cards and sitting snooze into the coffee cans strategically placed under the card players table.

Another Farmer's Club tradition was to head up there for breakfast after morning football practices in August. I think it was because at that age we wanted to feel like "men"

too. We could have gone to the Arcady Inn or the Bowling Alley but that is sometimes where we hung out anyway. The Farmer's Club was not our usual spot but we knew the "grown-ups" would frequent this favorite local spot.

One more reason to go to the Farmer's Club was on summer days while working on the farm. Sometimes mom and dad would say let's head to town for a hamburger! YES! What a treat! Like I said we would sometimes go to the Bowling Alley or to the Arcady Inn, where my grandma Gertie worked. But, my dad had a summer philosophy. We may leave the hayfield hot and sweaty and head to town, me thinking man the air conditioning at the Bowling Alley of Arcady Inn would feel great! Dad would say let's go to the Farmer's Club (with no AC) that way when we come out,



Leona Eleanor Christianson on her 99th Birthday at the Oklee Senior Site.

the outside will feel cooler! I didn't mind, I loved the Farmers Club. I would often order 2 cheeseburgers and Hazel Rystad would take my order and say, "Two Sheeseburgers for da' growing boy!"

The Farmer's Club was built on the site of Abe Paquin's

electric shop. Paquin's shop was demolished and the lot was purchased by Herbert and Leona Christianson. In 1966 they built the restaurant and card room. In 1974 Herbert passed away. Leona and Hazel Rystad ran the cafe until 1979 after that Leona ran it herself with some part time help. Later other owners took over the business.

Recently I had the chance to stop at Popular Meadows Senior living in McIntosh to visit someone. While I was there I decided to visit Leona. I was sure she wouldn't know

me, but I remembered her. I asked her about the Farmer's Club. She said, "It was hard work when I ran the Farmer's Club!" I am sure glad she did! Many of us remember and have fond memories of the Farmer's Club!

Leona was born on June 15, 1920, in Oklee, MN, where she attended school through the 8th grade. Sadly, Leona Eleanor Christianson, age 104, passed away on March 3, 2025. Quite a legacy in our little town. I am sure glad I knew this wonderful lady!

Bonny's Bits

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It's been awhile since I wrote anything in my column. Life is busy like usual, just a little different with out Vi being part of our lives.

I have loved the winter this year as it maybe has been colder than I like at times, but I haven't missed the snow. The ice is horrible until the sun comes out to melt it. I guess I'm getting to be a fair weather person. Just like the 3 bears story. I don't like it too cold, I don't like to hot, I like it just right. LOL.

Spring is here, we need rain

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Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

This week's photo of student and his 5th grade teacher.

The photo from last week is of Matt Stenberg and Pauline Walker. The photo was taken at the Oklee Senior Site.

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

I am always in need of more photos - School days, church events, sports, etc. From anywhere in the area - Brooks, Plummer, Red Lake Falls, Oklee, send or email in a photo and description.

If you email a photo, please scan at 300 dpi (high quality) if you can. You can email to okleeherald@gmail.com.

Please photo enclose in a self-addressed stamped en-

velope so the photos can be returned. Mail them to: Red Lake County Herald, PO Box 9, Oklee MN 56742. Or stop by the office and I will scan your photo(s) while you wait.





Ethan Johnson at the FT line in the Target Center.



Luke Peterson ready to go up strong vs Goodhue!



Connor Duden drives to the hoop and scores!



Will Gieseke pulls up from the FT line during the Rebel's game against Goodhue!

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