

## **Lafayette High School to Host Title IX Commemoration**

**A celebration of Red Lake Falls Eagle girls' athletics will take place on Monday, February 13 at Lafayette High School coinciding with varsity and JV girls' basketball game vs. Norman County East/ Ulen-Hitterdal. The celebration will commemorate the historic Title IX legislation, which provided equal opportunity for girls and women to participate in sports.**

**The Red Lake Falls Athletic Department invites all former and current Eagle girls' athletes and coaches to attend the game admission free. A cookie and coffee social for all players and coaches will start at 5:15 in the FACS room. The JV game will follow at 6:00. A ceremony will be held about 6:45 before the start of the varsity game.**

**The highlight of the ceremony will be announcing the women who played on the first Eagle teams from 1970-1974. The 10 state tournament teams will be honored including 1976 volleyball, 1996-1999 basketball, 2007 hockey, 2012, 2013, 2017, and 2022 softball. Some of the individual state golf qualifiers will also be honored.**

**The evening is also parents' night for the current girls' basketball players. All the players and parents in grade 6 through grade 12 will be honored. The parents' night program will start about 6:30 at the conclusion of the JV game.**

**The softball team will serve pulled pork sandwiches for \$5 each. The proceeds will go toward the softball complex improvement fund.**

**According to the Lafayette High School annuals, the first girls' team was the 1970 track team. Team pictures in the '71-'74 annuals include volleyball, basketball, track, softball and hockey.**

**The night will conclude with a social at the American Legion after the basketball game.**

**Signed by President Nixon on June 23, 1972, Title IX states, "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."**

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