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...AND CONTINUING THE PLUMMER PIONEER

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55th Annual Sno Safari participants getting ready to head out on their ride on January 22nd.

Last week to Vote on RLCC Referendum

Voting Information

The RLCC School District will have three easy ways to vote.

1. In accordance with Minnesota Statutes 204B.46, ballots will be sent by non-forwardable mail to all registered voters in the district by the 21st day (approximately January 18) before Election Day (February 8). Using the instructions included, complete and send your ballot in the pre-addressed and pre-stamped envelope back to the district office.

All completed mail-in ballots must be received at the district office no later than 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8. All ballots will be counted at 8:00 p.m.

2. Vote early via absentee ballot either in person or at home. Alternatively, district residents may vote early via absentee ballot in person at the district office (201 Governor Street, Oklee, MN 56742) on regular

school days Mondays through Fridays from 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. District residents may also vote early via absentee ballot at home available now through Monday, February 7. NOTE: Note: Registered voters will not need to apply for an absentee ballot when voting early in person.

Step 1: Request and complete an application to vote early in one of the following ways:

Complete your application in person at the district office when you come in to vote early.

Download, complete, and bring in your completed application here.

Step 2: Once your application is complete, you will be issued an absentee ballot.

You can complete absentee ballot in person at the same time you complete your application. Once completed, you will seal your marked ballot

in the provided envelope and return it to Suzie Gunderson to be processed at a later day by election judges.

You can take your ballot with you, complete it on your own, and return it in the sealed envelope to the district office via mail or in person. If you return your ballot via mail, please send it to PO Box 100, Oklee, MN 56742.

All hand-delivered absentee ballots must be received at the district office no later than 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8.

Alternatively, district residents may vote in person on Election Day (Tuesday, February 8) at the district office (201 Governor Street, Oklee, MN 56742) from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

You can register to vote before February 8 and save time on Election Day. If you forget to register before Election Day, Minnesota allows same-day voter registration.

NOTE: proper COVID-19 protocols will be followed on Election Day.

The Moonlighters have perfect weather for the Safari/Family Day

On Saturday, January 22nd, there were many people gathered in Oklee getting ready for a day of fun in the snow.

There was some fresh snow and the temperatures were in the low teens which is perfect snowmobiling weather.

They left for the trail ride once everyone was at TJ's Tavern of Oklee. When they came back there was door prizes and fun for the evening.

Prizes were:

\$100 Hunters Outlet - Max Parsley from Oklee Moonlighters; \$100 Cenex Gift Card - Duane Parsley from Hegge Seed; \$100 Scheels Gift Cards - Mary Lundeen & Logan Vettleson from CHS; \$50 Huberts Gift Card - Jennifer Kvasager & Joel Kvasager from Huberts; \$50 Huberts Gift Cards - Adam Reese and Steve Seeger from Oklee Moonlighters; Castle Coat - Rylan Lundeen from Titan Machinery Crookston;

\$25. Shorty's Gift Cards - Jon Beratson & Braylee Lundeen from Lundeen Harvesting; Polaris Sweatshirt - Wyatt Vettleson from Titan Machinery Crookston; \$25 Gift Card - Levi Flatgard & Tyler Parsley from RLC Coop of Brooks; \$25 Oklee Business Cash - Maverick Nelson, Dylan Lundeen & Shelly Flatgard from Security State Bank of Oklee; Sweatshirt - Carter Reese & Caleb Novak from Knott Gravel; Sweatshirt j- Mary Lundeen, Knute Knutson & Lindsay Rystad from Shorty's in Gully; Sweatshirt - Sam Parsley from Trail's End Bar; Sweatshirt - Josh Vettleson & Roger Asselin from Caro's Cozy Bar and Grill in Brooks; 50 Gift Card - Kaitlyn Riersen & Jennifer Kvasager from Salon 209; Stanley Thermos - Lindsay Rystad from Red Lake County Insurance; Duct tape & Pliers - Larry Skallet from Oklee Lumber; T-Shirt - Knute Knutson &

Max Parsley from Knott Gravel; Heated Mittens - James Wright from Oklee Lumber; 2 pairs of gloves - Carley Reese from Oklee Lumber; Tire Repair Kit and Car Fuse Kit - Adam Reese from Oklee Lumber; Hat - Wyatt Vettleson, Jim Lessard, Jerry Smith, Caleb Novak, & Jamie Flatgard from Oklee Moonlighters; Bit Set - Dan Sebenaler from Oklee Lumber; Ratchet Tie Downs - Braylee Lundeen from Oklee Lumber; Tin Snips & Hat - Roger Asselin from Oklee Lumber; Hammer & Hat - Blake Jensen & Joel Kvasager from Oklee Lumber; 10 Gift Certificate & Hat - Carter Reese & Carson Reese from Oklee Quilting and Oklee Moonlighters; and T-Shirt - Josh Vettleson, Rosie Skallet, Tyler Parsley, Shelly Flatgard, Ben Linder, Rylan Lundeen, LeAnn Smith, and Dorothy Sebenaler from Carol's Cozy Bar & Grill in Brooks.

Year In Review...

May 12, 2021

Red Lake County Rebel Boys Track and Field's Gerald Melin broke the school record in the high jump with a jump of 6'0 on Tuesday at the Bagley Track and Field meet. The jump of 6'0 broke the previous record of 5'10 set by Ryan Melby in 1993.

Quilts were on display at Salem and Zion that the ladies of the Oklee Lutheran Parish made this winter. They were blessed on April 25th services. They made 77 quilts and have been sent off to various places. A job well done by the ladies.

"It's been a long journey, but we did the things that needed to be done," Walz said in noon remarks about the coming wind down of restrictions due to Covid.

Jim DuChamp from Plummer was honored for 30 years as a volunteer Firearm Safety Instructor. He has shared his passion as an outdoor sportsman, with the importance of safety to generations of young people in our area.

RLCC Elementary Students

aof the Month are Lily Baker (5th & 6th) Dylan Soglo (3rd & 4th).

May 19, 2021

The Senior Class of 2021 at prom: Pictured were - Daniel Guillemette, Andrew Gryskiewicz, George Duden, Levi Flatgaard, Eric Gieseke, and Brock Tvedt, Jeremy Kruchowski, Morgan Plante, Katie Suchy, Karena Melby, Bella Russillo, Emily Kolstoe, Gavin Galkowski, Isiah Aquino, Trystin Ferguson, Janae Olson, Bailey Culkins, Kari Bachand, Adriel Bakken, Faith

Hanson, and Brody Moen.

Juniors that attended prom were: Michael Lowell, Nolan Magnell, Tyler Eskeli, Noah Hanson, Jed Duden, Steven Sogla, Peyton Fish, Jonathon Roue, Isabel Plante, Taya Morinville, Marissa Schiebe, Cari Bachand, Leilah Van Dam, Bailey Sherman, Thomas Benson, Madeline Inda-Valdez, Lauren Jones, Savannah Jerome, Erin Sundquist, and Paul DeHate.

RLCC High School planned to hold the commencement program for the Class of 2021 on Friday, May 28th, 2021 at 5:30pm in the high school gym in Oklee. On May 28th the Minnesota COVID restrictions for indoor gatherings will change. This change will allow the general public to attend the 2021 Graduation Ceremony at RLCC.

Wednesday morning was awards day at RLCC in Oklee. Alice Jobe presented Trystin Ferguson with the Plummer Senior Citizen scholarship for \$100. Jerome Bakke gave out certificates for the Legion for the Scholarship and Citizen's award also, for the Auxiliary.

The senior's class motto is "Stay Positive, Test Negative." The class flower is the White Lily. Class colors are emerald green and white. Good luck to all the graduating seniors!

What beautiful weather. It seems that the fishing opener was a great success this year with warmer weather than usual and the snow stopped for the opener, unlike some other years. I hope everyone was able to fill out this year.

We still haven't been blessed with rain this month. The clouds went over and we could see many others got showers, while we are still dry.

May 26, 2021

Local Artist Jesse Olson is inspired by nature. The birds have always been calling...it just took him all these years to realize...his calling. He is the

son of Teresa Benson, manager of the Oklee Cafe.

Harry D. Shetterly Technician 5th Grade Medical Detachment, 112th Infantry Regiment story was the Memorial Day feature. Harry was born November 24, 1915 in Peru, Iowa the second child of Daniel R. and Bessie Shetterly. In the early 1920's the family moved to northwestern Minnesota to a farm north of Oklee. The 1940 federal census shows him living on the farm with his parents and siblings, Howard, Wilma, Bob and Ben. His older sister Milly had married Orlo Melby. Harry married a young woman from the south of Oklee, Lorraine Parsley.

The senior class recently nominated the 2021 yearbook to Suzie Gunderson on Awards Day May 12. Brody Moen presented the award to Mrs. Gunderson in front of the school.

We are ecstatic that we got some rain. Mother Nature was kind. Many fields are under water Northwest of us. So we can thank our lucky stars that we had a temperate amount of water from the sky.

June 2, 2021

On a cool evening for the end of May, families and friends gathered in the Red Lake County Central High School Gymnasium, nicely decorated for this special occasion. Four pillars draped with green material and white flowers made a grand entrance for the 24 seniors.

The Red Lake County Central Music Department performed their Spring Concert Virtually on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, on Garden Valley Television Channel 35.

6th Grade Students Being Promoted to 7th Grade - Brandon Steinkopf, Thor Thompson, Benji Bramer, Jett Hanson, Alexa Chervestad, Violet Tvedt, Brennan Sauer, Arlo Svendsen, Olin Eskeli, Graceyn Kvasager, Jordyn Almendarez, Lexus Waldal, Natalee Hendrickson, Xavier Sams, O'Rian Rude, Jack Dodson, Ethan Lee, Jackson Morinville, and Olivia Benson.



Calendar of Events

Wed, Feb. 2:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Thu, Feb. 3:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.

Fri, Feb. 4:

-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news

Sat, Feb. 5:

-Support your local business - Shop Locally!

Sun, Feb. 6:

-Worship at the church - check inside for church times and places.

Mon, Feb. 7:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.

Tue, Feb. 8:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.

Wed, Feb. 9:

-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered - Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

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Update for January 22nd - 28th:

Pennington County had 2 additional cases hospitalized, ages 70's & 80's. 1 additional death was reported, they were in their 60's. Red Lake County had 1 additional case hospitalized, age 80's. *This data does not reflect positive results from non-laboratory tests (example: antigen rapid home tests).

Please take precautions whether you are vaccinated or not. Wear a mask in indoor public spaces, social distance, stay away from crowds, stay home if you are sick, wash your hands frequently and get vaccinated.

	Pennington	Red Lake
• New confirmed cases since last report	253	54
• Total # of confirmed cases	3174	855
• Total # of Hospitalizations	144	38
• # Currently in Hospital	1	0
• # of Active Cases in Isolation	165	32
• Deaths	35	12