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Wednesday, February 1, 2023

Weather Forecast

13°

-8°

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Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

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Operation Round Up® Grant Applications due Wednesday, February 22nd

Organizations involved in community projects and charities are encouraged to apply for funds from Operation Round Up at this time. Completed grant applications are due in the Red Lake Electric Cooperative (RLEC) office by Wednesday, February 22, 2023.

Operation Round Up is a program adopted by RLEC headquartered in Red Lake Falls. Members choosing to “round up” their monthly electric bill payment provide funds for this effort. Today 98% of RLEC members now choose to contribute pennies each month to enhance their communities.

Funds will be donated primarily to nonprofit organizations to help fund specific projects or programs. Since the program began in 1993, \$636,241 has been granted to community organizations and charities. Money is donated for the betterment of the community within the outside service area boundaries of RLEC.

The Red Lake Electric Trust Board of Directors determines grants. Board members are Laura Kasprovicz, Thief River Falls; Stacy Bierman, Thief River Falls; Diane Kolstoe, Oklee; Stephanie Johnson, Gatzke and

Bonnie Christians, Crookston.

To apply for Operation Round Up grant, organizations should contact the RLEC office in Red Lake Falls at 218-253-2168 or 800-245-6068. A short application must be completed and submitted along with a financial statement from the organization.

Grant application forms are available on the Cooperative's website: www.redlakeelectric.com

For more information contact Stephanie Johnson, General Manager of RLEC, at 218-253-2168 or 800-245-6068.

Prize Winners: 56th Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Safari

Seventy-one snowmobiles turned out for the 56th annual Oklee Moonlighters Safari ride. The weather was excellent and riders of all ages enjoyed a great day on the well-kept trails in the area. Door prizes were also awarded. Below are the winners, as well as the businesses who made the donations. The Oklee Moonlighters Club appreciates the wonderful community support that makes this event possible!

Rider Prizes 2023:

\$100 GIFT CARD TO CEN-EX (CHS) - Jamie Flatgard
\$100 GIFT CARD TO CEN-EX (CHS) - Carson Reese
\$50 CASH & STOCKING HAT (OKLEE MOONLIGHTERS & MOSER BROS TRUCKING (RLF)) - Tyler Parsley
\$50 CASH & STOCKING HAT (MOSER BROTHERS TRUCKING) - Dylan Lundeen
\$50 CASH & STOCKING HAT (MOSER BROTHERS TRUCKING) - Chad Parsley
\$50 CASH & STOCKING HAT (MOSER BROTHERS TRUCKING) - Carter Reese
\$50 CASH & STOCKING HAT (MOSER BROTHERS TRUCKING) - Hayden Wilde
\$50 GIFT CARD TO CENEX (TITAN MACHINERY WING-ER) - John Bernston
\$50 GIFT CARD TO CENEX OLSON FARMS (Conway and Kim Olson) - Wyatt Vettleson
POLARIS JACKET (TITAN MACHINERY CROOKSTON) - Logan Vettleson
\$100 OFF A LOAD OF GRAVEL (KNOTT GRAVEL & EXCEVATION) - Brandon

Kellar

\$75 OFF A LOAD OF GRAVEL (KNOTT GRAVEL & EXCEVATION) - Jayden Maranse
SWEATSHIRT, HAT & WORK GLOVES (HEGGE SEED) - Maverick Nelson
POLARIS SWEATSHIRT HAT (TITAN MACHINERY CROOKSTON) & MOSER BROTHER TRUCKING) - Max Parsley
SWEATSHIRT, HAT & WORK GLOVES (TRUE NORTH EQUIPMENT) - Atley Vettleson

\$25 CASH & STOCKING HAT (OKLEE MOONLIGHTERS & MOSER BROS TRUCKING) - Clayton Moser
\$25 CASH & STOCKING HAT (OKLEE MOONLIGHTERS & MOSER BROS TRUCKING) - Sam Parsley
\$25 HUBERTS GIFT CARD (HUBERTS TRF) - Levi Flatgard
\$25 HUBERTS GIFT CARD (HUBERTS TRF) - Keith Delage
\$25 HUBERTS GIFT CARD (HUBERTS TRF) - Clayton Blazer
\$25 HUBERTS GIFT CARD (HUBERTS TRF) - Jesse Anderson

\$25 OKLEE BUCKS & STOCKING HAT (SECURITY STATE BANK OKLEE & MOSER BROS TRUCKING) - Jayden Parsley
\$25 OKLEE BUCKS & STOCKING HAT (SECURITY STATE BANK OKLEE & MOSER BROS TRUCKING) - Knute Knutson
\$25 OKLEE BUCKS & STOCKING HAT (SECURITY STATE BANK OKLEE & MOSER BROS TRUCKING) - Theo Klamm
\$25 OKLEE BUCKS & STOCKING HAT (SECURITY STATE BANK OKLEE & MOSER BROS TRUCKING) - Cheyenne Martinson

PLAID SHIRT & HAT (SHORTY'S - GULLY & MOSER BROTHERS TRUCKING) - Billy Kezar
SWEATSHIRT & HAT (SHORTY'S - GULLY & TRUE NORTH EQUIPMENT) - Ethan Vettleson
\$25 CENEX GIFT CARD & HAT (BROOKS CENEX & CAROL'S COZY) - Shelly Flatgard
\$25 CENEX GIFT CARD & HAT (BROOKS CENEX & CAROL'S COZY) - Sam Parsley
RECHARGEABLE WORK LIGHT (OKLEE LUMBER) - Tom Morinville
RECHARGEABLE WORK LIGHT (OKLEE LUMBER) - Mary Lundeen
\$25 GIFT CERTIFICATE AND T-SHIRT (GOODRIDGE MUNICIPAL LIQUOR) - Nels Jensen

Community Supporter Prizes 2023:

\$75 OFF A LOAD OF GRAVEL (KNOTT EXCAVATING & GRAVEL) - Larry Skallet
POLARIS T-SHIRT & OKLEE MOONLIGHTERS HAT (TITAN MACHINERY CROOKSTON) & OKLEE MOONLIGHTERS) - Emily Halle
OKLEE LUMBER SHIRT & HAT (OKLEE LUMBER) - Tyler Parsley
OKLEE LUMBER SHIRT & HAT (OKLEE LUMBER) - Darryl Tougas

OKLEE LUMBER BEANIE HAT & GLOVES (OKLEE LUMBER) - Billie Kezar
GLOVES & OKLEE MOONLIGHTERS HAT (OKLEE LUMBER & OKLEE MOONLIGHTERS) - Hannah Peterson
T-SHIRT & STOCKING HAT (TRAILS END BAR & MOSER BROTHERS TRUCKING) - Jesse Anderson
T-SHIRT & STOCKING HAT (TRAILS END BAR & MOSER BROTHERS TRUCKING) - Alex Wilde
INSULATED CUP (MOSER BROTHERS TRUCKING) - Craig Flatgard
\$25 GIFT CARD & MENS HAIR PRODUCT (SALON 209) - Aveah Vettleson
\$25 GIFT CARD & WOMEN'S HAIR PRODUCT (SALON 209) - Braylee Lundeen
THERMOS & HAT (RED LAKE COUNTY INSURANCE) - Miranda Vettleson
HOODED SWEATSHIRT & HAT (CAROL'S COZY & OKLEE MOONLIGHTERS) - Myrna Lessard
PLAID SHIRT & HAT (CAROL'S COZY & OKLEE MOONLIGHTERS) - Dylan Weber
GLOVES & HAT (TRUE NORTH EQUIPMENT) - Dylan Lundeen

SWEATSHIRT & HAT (CAROL'S COZY & RED LAKE COUNTY INSURANCE) - Blake Jensen
SWEATSHIRT & HAT (CAROL'S COZY & OKLEE MOONLIGHTERS) - Rylan Lundeen
SWEATSHIRT & HAT (CAROL'S COZY & OKLEE MOONLIGHTERS) - Zach Moser

SWEATSHIRT & HAT (CAROL'S COZY & OKLEE MOONLIGHTERS) - Nels Jensen
\$10 GIFT CERTIFICATE (OKLEE QUILTING) - Kendra Christianson
\$10 GIFT CERTIFICATE (OKLEE QUILTING) - Tom Morinville
\$10 GIFT CERTIFICATE (OKLEE QUILTING) - Paula Christianson

\$10 GIFT CERTIFICATE (OKLEE QUILTING) - Kendra Christianson
\$10 GIFT CERTIFICATE (OKLEE QUILTING) - Tom Morinville
\$10 GIFT CERTIFICATE (OKLEE QUILTING) - Paula Christianson

About the Otter Day: Hannah Dudycha takes 2nd at Fergus Falls Otter Speech Invitational



On January 28th, the Red Lake County Speech team traveled to Fergus Falls to compete. Ciara Mitzner and Hannah Dudycha competed with support from new member Hayz Hanson.

Mitzner received preliminary scores of 5th, 5th, and 4th in the Humor Category.

Dudycha would go on to score 1st, 1st, and 1st in the preliminary rounds and advance to the Final Round, where she would ultimately finish in 2nd place with rankings of 1st place, 2nd place, and 2nd place from three separate judges in her Informative Category.

The Fergus Falls Otter Ora-

tion would host 25 schools across the region. This Saturday, the team will travel to Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton, to compete against area schools and will host the Plummer Invitational on February 11th. The team is coached by Ms. Jessie Hamrum and Mrs. Bobbi Aakhus.

RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL High School Honor Roll Second Quarter 2022-23

7th Grade
“A” Honor Roll
Eli Grove
Keanna Landrus
Isabella Mitzner
Oliveah Stordahl
Dalton Wichterman
Mason Williams

“B” Honor Roll
Mya Arlt
Lily Baker
Kaleb Bakken
Bronco Bergeson
Lynessa Castaneda
Willa Klamm
Parker Klases
Rae Martinson
Taylor Moen
Marissa Morinville
Leah Pahlen
Matthew Tofstad

8th Grade
“A” Honor Roll
Benjamin Bramer
Alexa Chervestad
Natalee Hendrickson
Graceyn Kvasager
Gavin Roisland
Violet Tvedt

“B” Honor Roll
Olin Eskeli
Ethan Lee
Alyannah Lundeen
Jackson Morinville
Arlo Svendsen
Thor Thompson

9th Grade
“A” Honor Roll
Jacob Cater
Connor Duden
Gunnar Halverson

Emma Hendrickson
Kendra Morinville

“B” Honor Roll
Will Gieseke
McKenzie Hamm
Hailey Hanson
Leif Hofstad
Lillie Lundeen
Nolan Lundeen
Masen Pahlen
Nickolas Suchy
Colin Taggart
Mckenzie Tofstad
Kassidy Torgerson
Logan Vettleson
Dylan Wichterman
Peyton Williams

10th Grade
“A” Honor Roll
Owen Chervestad
Kendra Christianson
Hannah Dudycha
Ciara Mitzner
Ruben Osborn
Luke Peterson

“B” Honor Roll
Guy Bergeson
Dylan Dahle
Quinn Graves
Hayz Hanson
Evelynn Klamm
Ethan Majeres
Daniel May
Oliver Russillo
Ryan Tvedt

11th Grade
“A” Honor Roll
Sydney Fougner
Lilian Hager
Jennifer Johnson
Keira Morinville

Kya Morinville

“B” Honor Roll
Damon Ferguson
Jamie Flatgard
Peyton O'Neill
Bryn Vettleson
Carly Vettleson

12th Grade
“A” Honor Roll
Damon Ferguson
Shawna Majeres
Aurora Mitzner
Aurimy Olson
Gunnar Sandeen
Izaiah Stordahl
Natalie Vettleson

“B” Honor Roll
Kaleb Fougner
Orin Hofstad
Carson Lambert
Natalie Lindemoen
Clowie Magnell
Marin Peterson
Arielle Rude
Payton Rystad
Lucille Svendsen
Carlee Whalen



Calendar of Events

Wed, Feb. 1:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.
Thu, Feb. 2:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
Fri, Feb. 3:
-Noon deadline for Oklee Herald news.
Sat, Feb. 4:
-Support your local business – Shop Locally!
Sun, Feb. 5:
-Worship at the church – check inside for church times and places.
Mon, Feb. 6:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
Tue, Feb. 7:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
Wed, Feb. 8:
-11:30 a.m. Senior Meals delivered – Call to order.
-7:00 p.m. Bingo at Plummer Legion.

Church news

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH

Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Feb. 1: No confirmation. 6:30 p.m. Chimes. 7:00 p.m.
Sun, Feb. 5:
Wed, Feb. 8: No confirmation.
Sermons are on GVTel Channel 35 (10 am Sunday & 2 pm Tuesday), also on Facebook or YouTube.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OKLEE, GRYGLA & GOODRIDGE

Fr. Bryan Kujawa
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. St. Francis – Oklee. 10:15 a.m. – Grygla. 12:00 p.m. – Goodridge.
Go to: <http://www.oggcatholic.org/> for service times.

BROOKS – RED LAKE FALLS

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

IMMANUEL–EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA

Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Feb. 5: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Immanuel, 10:15 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH

Bethany–Ekelund–Faith
Wed, Feb. 1: 12:20 p.m. Release Time.
Sun, Feb. 5: 8:00 a.m. Faith Worship. 9:30 a.m. Bethany Worship. 11:00 a.m. Ekelund Worship.
Mon, Feb. 6: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Faith Quilting.

Oklee Senior Site Dining

Feb. 5-10
Congregate meals served in the Cafe.

If you are over the age of 60 and you want a meal delivered to your home, call the Oklee Cafe 796-5666. Please call by Friday to order your meals from the menu below. If the cafe runs short, it will be Cook's Choice. A \$5.00 per meal donation is suggested.

Sunday: Cook's choice, bread, milk and dessert.
Monday: Cafe is closed.
Tuesday: Cook's choice, bread, milk and dessert.
Wednesday: Cook's choice, bread, milk and dessert.
Thursday: Cook's choice, bread, milk and dessert.
Friday: Cook's choice, bread, milk and dessert.

**Deadline:
Fridays at noon!**

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Feb. 1: 5:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 p.m. Vespers. 7:00 p.m. LYS.
Sat, Feb. 4: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Feb. 5: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:15 SS. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park, SS sings. 8:45 SS and Confirmation Questioning. 11:00 a.m. Nazareth, 10:00 SS and Confirmation Questioning.
Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Jarred LeBon, Pastor Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor

www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Feb. 1: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, Feb. 5: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship. Tue, Feb. 7: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, Feb. 8: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister

Wed, Feb. 1: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Lund.
Sun, Feb. 5: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Lund. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethany.
Wed, Feb. 8: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Lund.
CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston

Seth Johnson, Head Pastor
Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.
Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m. Kids, High School & Adult programs.
Services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/bethelfosston>) as an alternative to attending in person.

Sudoku Solution

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

JOHNSON Funeral Service, Inc.

Funeral Pre-planning Monuments

Thief River Falls • 218-681-4331
Red Lake Falls • 218-253-2128
Oklee • 218-796-5177
www.johnsonfuneralservice.com

2023 Oklee Volunteer Fire Dept.

BLIZZARD BONANZA!



Deep Fried Walleye Dinner
Saturday, February 11, 2023
Social at 6:00 p.m. • Meal at 7:00 p.m.
Entertainment by Tim Eggebraaten
Meat Raffles • Silent Auction • Games

Raffle ticket drawing will be held at 10:00 p.m. for....
• **\$1,000 Cash**
• **Savage Axis II .243 Bolt w/Scope, Engraved**
• **\$300 Oklee bucks (Security State Bank Oklee)**
Portion of proceeds will be donated to RLCC Trap Club.

ATTENTION

RED LAKE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS AND POTENTIAL STARTUP ENTERPRISES

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

For more information, contact the Red lake County Economic Development home office at 1-218-253-2897. Allen Bertilrud 218-684-1315, Dave Ste. Marie 218-686-4019 or Kelsey Gervais 218-686-5114.

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 those with special needs more comfortable, 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 – Mahanomen.

Every 4th Tuesday – Thief River Falls

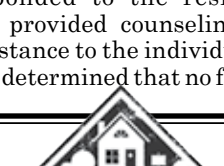
Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday – Fargo/Moorhead.

Every 2nd & 4th Friday – Bemidji.



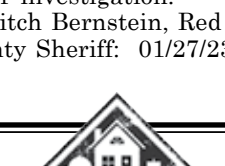
OKLEE COMMUNITY HOMES

in Oklee, MN, is accepting applications for a one bedroom duplex apartment available soon. Criminal background check required. Heat, W/S, trash removal, and part of electricity included in rent. Rental Assistance is available for those who qualify. We also accept Section 8 HUD vouchers. Rural mail delivery available. Call Reinette at 218-465-4411. Equal Housing Opportunity.



BROOKS COMMUNITY HOMES

in Brooks, MN is accepting applications for one bedroom apartments available soon. Criminal background check is required. Heat, w/s, electricity, and trash removal are all included in rent. We accept HUD vouchers. Call Reinette 218-465-4411. Equal Housing Opportunity.



PLUMMER HOUSING / DUPLEXES & 8-PLEX

In Plummer, MN, are accepting applications for a one bedroom duplex apartment and two bedroom apartments in our 8-Plex. We also have handicapped apartments available for rent. All utilities included. Within walking distance of school, bank, post office, and church. R/A & HUD available for qualified applicants. Call Reinette at (218) 465-4411. Equal Housing Opportunity.

Statepoint Crossword

"Valentine's Day"

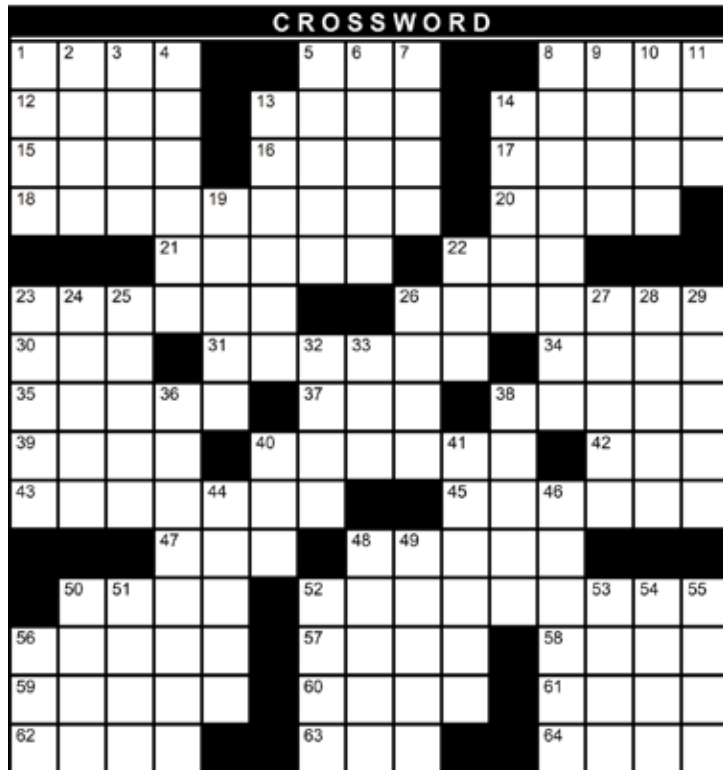
ACROSS
1. "Without further ____," pl.
5. Sweet 16 gift
8. Steps to the river, in India
12. *Michael Bubl 's " ____ the Last Dance for Me"
13. Bigger than big
14. Nonkosher
15. Big-ticket one
16. October birthstone
17. *#5 Down's target
18. *Reason to celebrate Lupercalia, Valentine's Day predecessor
20. Make over
21. Omit
22. Hexagonal fastener
23. December birthstone, pl.
26. Most gem tlich
30. Ed.'s request
31. Two dots above a letter
34. Brussels org.
35. Church recesses
37. ____ or chicken?
38. Encourage (2 words)
39. What hoarders do
40. He crossed the Rubicon
42. Jet follower
43. English county courts, in the olden days
45. Gentlemen's gentlemen
47. Chop off
48. Paparazzo's quest
50. Port in Yemen
52. *Heart-shaped box content

56. Range
57. Top notch
58. Baron Munchhausen, e.g.

59. Journalists and reporters
60. Speed unit
61. All is well that does this well
62. Bald eagle's nest
63. Ever, to a poet
64. Tinkerbell's powder

DOWN
1. "Clueless" catch phrase
2. *Get-together
3. End of a break-up phrase
4. Explosive of Czechoslovakian origin
5. *Winged one
6. September stone
7. Bank on

- * ____ card
- Not tails
- '70s hairdo
- Sylvester, to Tweety
- Wholism, alt. sp.
- Monotonous hum
- Intestinal obstruction
- "Wayne's World" catch-phrase
- Japanese port
- Necklace clasp location, pl.
- Affirmatives
- *Kisses' partners
- National emblem
- Type of weasel
- BBQ tool
- Pasturelands
- Accompanies wisdom?
- *a.k.a. St. Valentine's Malady
- *Muse of love poetry
- Large edible mushroom
- Long-legged shore bird
- Regions
- Bummed about
- Bell's invention
- Laurels
- Homesteader's measure
- Active one
- Soap block
- Hokkaido language
- Small amounts
- Formerly, formerly
- *Romantic destination



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Red Lake County Sheriff Weekly News Release

In the early morning hours of 01/21/23, Red Lake County deputies were dispatched to a report of a domestic dispute at a residence in Plummer. Deputies discovered that Dean Matthew Thomas Columbus-Kalsbakken (48) of Plummer had committed acts of domestic violence. He was arrested, taken to the jail in Crookston and booked for misdemeanor domestic assault, gross misdemeanor interfering with a 911 Call and felony terroristic threats. He appeared in Court in Crookston on 01/23/23 and was ordered to pay \$1,000 cash bail and abide by court-ordered conditions, including having no contact with the victim if he was released. He remains in custody at the time of this news release.

In the early morning hours of 01/21/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a domestic disturbance at a Red Lake Falls residence. A Red Lake County deputy responded and found that no crimes had been committed and the involved parties were counseled.

In the early morning hours of 01/24/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a call from an individual in Gervais Township who appeared to be having a mental health crisis. A Red Lake County deputy responded to the residence and provided counseling and assistance to the individual. It was determined that no further

intervention was needed at that time.

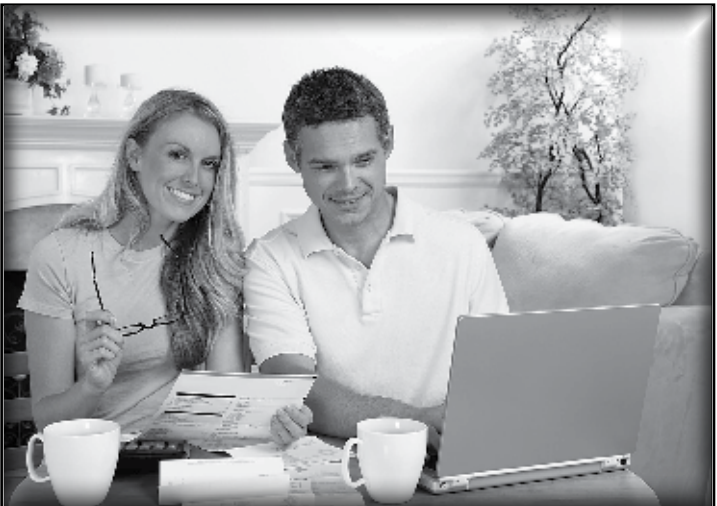
On the afternoon of 01/24/23, a Red Lake County deputy responded to a report of a vehicle in ditch along Hwy. #59 south of Plummer. There were no injuries and no damage to the vehicle. The deputy provided assistance until the vehicle was pulled out of the ditch.

On the afternoon of 01/24/23, a complaint was made about a dog running loose in the city of Oklee. The owner was notified, and they brought the dog back into their residence. The owner was warned about allowing their dog to run at large.

On the morning of 01/25/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a motor vehicle crash on Hwy. #59 north of Plummer. Red Lake County deputies, the Minnesota State Patrol and the Thief River Falls Area Ambulance were dispatched to the scene. The driver was treated for minor injuries and law enforcement provided traffic control assistance while the vehicle was removed from the scene. The Minnesota State Patrol is conducting the traffic investigation.

On the morning of 01/26/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report, from Brooks Cenex, about a theft of property. That report remains under investigation.

Mitch Bernstein, Red Lake County Sheriff. 01/27/23



Do You Have An Emergency Fund?

The idea of an emergency fund is to establish a special savings account in case of job loss, expensive car repairs or other unforeseen expenses. Ideally, people should have enough money saved to cover six months of living expenses.

So, if you need \$3,000 each month, then a good goal is to have \$18,000 in your emergency fund. It's important to keep your money in a Savings Account, Money Market Account or short-term CD so you have easy access to it and it's FDIC Insured.





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RLCC Menus

NOTICE: Food shortages are nationwide, and our school district is also experiencing unavailable items or last-minute food replacements from our food distributors. Menus are subject to change, but we will do our best to notify you via social media/bulletin if/when there are menu changes. We appreciate your patience and understanding! We look forward to serving all of our students nutritious meals.

RLCC School District.

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Ham and cheese croissant, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, fried rice, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: French toast, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: BBQ's, baked beans, chips, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Chicken bacon ranch hotdish, breadsticks, vegetable, fruit, yogurt, string cheese and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Mashed potatoes with gravy, dinner roll, meatballs, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Corn dog, mac and cheese, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Corn dog, mac and cheese, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Poptarts, cereal, toast, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Pulled pork on a bun, baked beans, corn, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs with ham, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Macaroni hotdish, mixed vegetables, dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Yogurt, cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Sub sandwich, toppings, chips, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Long John, fruit, juice, and milk. Lunch: Cheesy bread, lettuce salad, fruit, and milk.

RLCC Sports Schedules

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

Thursday, Feb 2

Basketball: Boys C Game 5:00PM, JV 6:00PM, Varsity, 7:30PM vs. Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears @ Red Lake Falls High School
Basketball: Girls JV Game 6:00PM, Varsity 7:30PM vs. Blackduck Public @ Oklee

Friday, Feb 3

Basketball: Boys JH Game 4:30PM, C Game 5:00PM, JV 6:00PM, Varsity 7:30PM @ Warren/Alvarado/Oslo High School
Basketball: Girls JV Game 6:00PM, Varsity 7:30PM @ Kittson Central Lancaster School

Monday, Feb 6

Basketball: Boys JH Game 4:30PM vs. Climax-Fisher @ Oklee
Basketball: Girls JV Game 6:00PM, Varsity 7:30PM @ Fisher Climax High School

Tuesday, Feb 7

Basketball: Boys C Game 5:00PM, JV 6:00PM, Varsity 7:30PM @ Mahnomen High School

Thursday, Feb 9

Basketball: Boys JH Game 4:30PM vs. Goodridge-Grygla @ Plummer
Basketball: Boys C Game 5:00PM, JV 6:00PM, Varsity 7:30PM @ Fosston High School

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Pictured above: Shawna Majeres, Aurimy Olson and Natalie Vettleson receive Academic All-State honors for their outstanding grades during their high school sport careers.

Academic All-State Award

By Kya Morinville and
Dylan Gerardy

The Academic All-State Award is one of the highest honors a student can earn in high school. The awards were presented to the four students, Natalie Vettleson, Shawna Majeres, Aurimy Olson, and Damon Ferguson, on January 19th, 2023.

The three girls, Natalie, Shawna, and Aurimy, were presented with the Academic

All-State Volleyball Award. To qualify for the award, they had to be on the section playoff roster, be a senior, and have a 3.80 cumulative GPA point average throughout their high school career.

Damon was presented with the Academic All-State Football Award. To qualify for the award, a person had to be a senior, be a starter on either of the offense, defense, or special teams/kicking game through-

out the season, have football/leadership ability, and finally must carry a 3.0 GPA average throughout their sophomore, junior, and even their first quarter of their senior year. There were also only 14 members of the Class 11A All-State Academic Football team, and Damon was one of them.

Congratulations to all four of the Academic All-State Award winners. Receiving this award is a high honor.



Pictured above: Damon Ferguson receives the Academic All-State Award.

That was thaw-some!

By Lily Hager, Carly Vettleson, and Julia Lopez

On January 20th, our Rebel boys traveled to Win-E-Mac to play the Win-E-Mac Patriots. The night ended with a final score of 77-53 in favor of the Rebels. The top scorer for the night was Conner Duden, with 28 points and 12 rebounds. Chase Nelson had 15 points, and Gerald Melin had 11 points. Owen Chervastad had 10 points and 10 assists.

On January 24th, 2023, the Rebel boys played against the Kittson County Central Bearcats. The Rebels played an intense game but fell short with the ending score of 53-49 in favor of the Bearcats. The Rebel's top scorer for the night was Gerald Melin, with

22 points. Connor Duden had 11 points, 6 deflections, and two steals. Owen Chervastad ended the night with 9 points, 8 assists, and four steals.

The January 26th game in Roseau has been rescheduled for February 17th. The Rebels played against the Storm at the Stephen-Argyle High School Gym on January 30th. On February 2nd, the Rebels host the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears in Red Lake Falls, and on Friday, February 3rd, the boys travel to Warren to take on the Ponies. On Tuesday, February 7th, the Rebels will travel to Mahnomen to take on the Thunderbirds. The Rebels are coached by Mr. Steve Philion, Mr. Randy Huie, and Mr. Pete Hagl.

For goodness flake! Girls' games are postponed again

By Kya Morinville

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs played against Northern Freeze on January 17, 2023. The Mustangs scored 23 points to the Northern Freeze's 32 points in the first half. The Freeze ended the game in victory with a score of 65-46. Shawn Majeres led the Mustangs and the Freeze with the most points in the game, with 19 points. Marissa Thomas scored 14 points and 3 assists. Arielle Rude and Jamie Flatgard each had 3 assists.

The Red Lake County Central Mustangs played against Sacred Heart Eagles on January 20, 2023, in East Grand Forks. In the first half of the game, the Eagles were ahead 35-22. The game would end in a loss with a score of 68-47.

Paige Olson scored 11 points, and Carly Vettleson scored 10 points in the game. Shawna Majeres scored 9 points, and Jamie Flatgard scored 8.

The Mustangs' game against Cass Lake was rescheduled to January 30th. Their Friday game against the Ponies has not been rescheduled at this time. The Mustangs have a four-day week with Monday's game in Cass Lake, Tuesday with Red Lake Falls Eagles in Oklee, Thursday against Blackduck in Oklee, and Friday the girls will travel to KCC to play the Bearcats. On Monday the 6th, the girls will travel to Fisher-Climax to take on the Knights. The Mustangs are coached by Mr. Mitch Bernstein, Mr. Kory Baril, and Mr. Paul Nelson.



Pictured above: Hannah Dudycha accepts her second place medal at Fergus Falls Speech Meet.

~RLCC Choir takes in "Footloose" at Chanhassen Dinner Theater~



Oklee Herald Early Files

Eighty Years Ago February 5, 1943

As a part of a broad public health program, a project of immunization for diphtheria and vaccination against smallpox is being sponsored by the Red Lake County Nursing Board. It has been predicted that smallpox amongst other communicable diseases will be on the increase this year. This is due to not enough vaccinating and conditions brought on by the war situation.

Sheriff Carl A. Kankel has requested all car owners to make a record of their serial numbers on their tires. Although there has been no tire loss in the county, this listing is urged as a precautionary measure. The numbers would be the only means of tracing the tires in the event of loss or theft.

A Victory Book Campaign to collect books for the use of men in the army, navy, and marines is being held here in connection with a national campaign.

Registration will be held on Saturday, Sunday and Monday for all men who had reached the age of 20 before December 31 and who will not be 45 before February 16.

Weekly News Analysis: A.E.F. takes over Northern Ireland Base as U.S. and British form supply pool; Jap Convoy blasted in Macassar Strait; Hawaii report blames U.S. Commanders.

Seventy Years Ago January 31, 1953

Members of the school board of consolidated Independent District No. 1 in session here Tuesday night, reached a decision to bring the need for a building project to the attention of voters in a bond election to be held in March. The plan calls for a new grade building that will house all grades from one through six, a physical education department for the use of boys and girls separately and also facilities to carry on the school hot lunch program.

A double birthday party

was held at the Oscar Peterson home Saturday evening in honor of Mrs. Peterson and her daughter Sandra's birthday.

Allen Nelson was the lucky winner of \$5.00 recently on the radio program, "Question of the Week" over KFGO, Fargo and 1:45. The question submitted was "If a neighbor borrows an article and does not return it, should the owner asked to have it returned?"

Sixty Years Ago February 1, 1963

Martin Johnson, Jr., a graduate of Oklee High School and a senior at the University of North Dakota, established a new record for the International Indoor Meet of Champions at Winnipeg when he tossed the discus 137 feet. He also finished 3rd in the shot putt with a heave of 49 feet nine inches. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson of Oklee.

Total snowfall of 23.60 inches has been recorded here since the first snow of November 3rd, according to Otto Bakken, official weather recorder. January snowfall has been well above the average, this year totaling slightly over 10 inches.

Saturday afternoon guest at the R.H. Pahlen home in honor of their son Scott's birthday featured many guests, a lunch and cake.

Bobcats whip Erskine 60-47 on local courts on Tuesday night.

Forty Years Ago February 4, 1983

The Northwest Clinic Physicians will be opening a satellite clinic in Oklee on February 9th. The services will be located in the Oklee Clinic building that also houses Dr. Lindquist's Dentist Office.

Oklee's wrestling record dropped to 3 and 7 as the Bobcats were defeated on Thursday night by Blackduck.

The Oklee School One-Act Play "Goodbye to the Clown" took 2nd place in the District 30 competition.

Shawn Carlson attended Dean Austad's birthday party last week and also spent the

night.

At the Pine Lake Fishing Derby, there was a dancing contest this year. Picking of the winners was difficult with so many smooth dancers on the ice. There were two couples that were selected by an impartial group of judges. The Roger Duden's of Plummer were the runner up couple while the Frank Bergh's of Clearbrook won the dancing prize.

Thirty Years Ago January 29, 1993

The Red Lake County Valley Farmer Award will be presented to the Larson Brothers on February 17 during the Winter Shows held in Crookston. The Larson Brothers consist of George, Bill and Carl Larson. When they return to them home located 7 miles east of Plummer, they will put their plaque up next to one that their parents received for the same honor 50 years ago.

On Saturday January 25th, the Oklee School hosted the sub-region One-Act play contest. Five school participated coming from Crookston Marshall County Central, Middle River, East Grand Forks and Oklee.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Marquis and children and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bjerklie and family visited at the Kenneth Peterson home late Sunday afternoon and evening.

Robert and Eileen Erlandson, Gully will be honored as the East Polk County Valley Famer and Homemaker. The honor banquet will be held at the Conference Center as part of the Red River Valley Winter Show activities.

Twenty Years Ago January 31, 2003

A new quarter has started at Oklee High School and this years wood carving class is well on its way to learning a new skills. Today the class visited Harold Cyr's woodcarving studio.

The One-Act Play at RLCC School was "The Wall: A Pilgrimage." The performance on Saturday and the play took first place. They advanced to District competition on January 26th.

Ten Years Ago February 1, 2013

Paraprofessional day at both school recognized the following workers: At the Elementary: Jolayne Simpson, Vicki Gustafson, Bobbi Olson, Donna Linder, Linette Clifton, Lisa Sorenson, Jessie Hamrum, Kit Chaput, Karen Vigstol, Wendel Hanson and Tammy Pendelton. At the High School: Naomi Magnell, Kristi Olson, Susie Gunderson, Sue Smith, Judy Schue, Lori Voeltz, Sandra Tougas, JoAnn Voeltz, and Kelly Melin.

Scandinavian Day was held at the Oklee Café recently and many of the senior citizens enjoyed the delicious Scandinavian treats.

December Students of the Month at the High School were Kayla Jaeger and Kayla Olson.

We are getting the snow we have been waiting for since Christmas. We received about 5 inches.

It has been such a warm and snowless winter it was a blessing that the snowmobile races were held at Pine Lake on January 15th.

Senior Site News & Other Things

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

Senior Meals:

If you want to order a Senior Meal see the menu instructions on page 2 in the Senior Menu. You will notice that the cafe is going to be open on Mondays. If the menu isn't in the paper, please call the Café to find out what is being served.

Congregate Meals:

Since we don't have people to set up for Congregate meal in the site, if you want to eat in the café instead of having the meal delivered, let the Café know when you order you meal.

Senior Site Meeting

A Senior Site meeting was

held on Friday, January 20th. It was decided to have a Valentine's Day Cake & Ice Cream Day on February 14th and for March have a St. Patty's Day Cake & Ice Cream Day on March 17th. Remember to mark your calendars. Everyone is welcome.

Puzzler's Corner

There are several seniors that enjoy doing puzzles at home. We have quite a few puzzle to choose from for people to sign out to enjoy. This will be a sharing project and if you have a puzzle you want to share, please donate it to

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

On Saturday, the 21st, the Plummer Sportman's Club had their annual membership supper with wild game at the Plummer Hall.

On January 23rd, Bunny DuChamp had her 101st birthday. She lives at Greenleaf in Thief River. Her family visited over the weekend. She also received several calls.

On Sunday, Anna DeHate, Anne Traxler, Wavell Sorenson and Alice Jobe went to Erskine to the Ness Café for lunch. They were very busy but were very efficient. They had a salad bar and you could order off the menu of the day.

On Thursday, the groomer came through the town from

the North which was different. There's more snow coming, so it should be good snowmobiling. We've been spoiled with the warmer temperatures, but that came to an end this week. At least it's a bit easier on the heating bill.

On January 19th, Dolly Parton celebrated her 77th birthday. She has a new song out called "Don't make me have to come down there", inspired by a dream she had. Also, the movie "80 for Brady" comes out in February. It will star Sally Field, Dolly Parton, Rita Moreno and Lily Tomlin. They both sound quite interesting.

The 39th Beargrease Dog

Brooks - Terrebonne News

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

It is bone chilling cold outside today. Right now, it is -18 and there is a wind out there. A day to curl up in an easy chair, reading a book, sipping hot chocolate, and waiting for warmer weather. It looks like the book should be 900 pages, because this weather is supposed to last a week. Brrrr.

Happy birthday to Keira Morinville today the 30th. We hope your birthday is a wonderful one with many surprises coming to you.

On Sunday Jerome and Barb went to Warroad to view the play that their grand-daughter Daphne was in. It was a comedy that everyone enjoyed. Many schools in the area had a group of students that did a one act play. They competed to go on to another competition. This play was very good, and it was judged as a fourth place. I surely would have liked to see the winners too. While we were at the play, we met and visited with Pat Larsen, Kim Hrubby, and Lynn, Anne Hammer's daughter. It was a day that we got to see many friends and acquaintances. We also got to talk to Phillip Ellenson who phoned home while we were there. He has been busy this past month traveling to St. Louis and Fargo, while attending school at Houghton Michigan.

Joanne Bradley is a great Grandmother, and the new baby was a girl 9 pounds. The baby is named Vivian. Con-

gratulations to Joanne and the family, Kim and Kirby Paradis.

Some people are needing prayers these days. Dick Delage who is recovering from a stroke, John Larsen who is recovering from surgery, and Poncho Gagner with Pneumonia. Also, Anne Hammer, who is trying to get rid of a bug. A little prayer for them won't hurt and may just be the medicine they need.

It is a wonder that there are so many deer in the northern woods. While traveling to Warroad we noticed the deer track in the snow. There are so many, and we see almost no tracks in our area. It is nice to see they enjoy the woods and trees, and the free wheeling way of life in that area.

Very soon, the students will be giving their best to do a speech and win trophies medals and hone their skills in public speaking. If you get a chance spend a Saturday at the school listening to their speeches. It gives them support and it is interesting to see which topics are taken and used for their speeches. It is practice for them, and it helps with their self-confidence. There will be a speech contest on February 11 at the Oklee High School. Come and watch our youth grow in maturity. They need your support.

Now you know about that

after of time, I hear that nobody knows what is happening, so they don't attend. Then

the Senior Site.

Activity Dates To Remember

New: Game Day will be on Thursdays at 2 p.m. If there are not enough people for Bingo, we will play games instead. Rummikub/Rummy-O, Yahtzee, Checkers or bring a game. Jo will call regular players if it gets canceled due to weather, or other reasons.

Wednesday: Cards at 1:30 p.m.

** Remember if you don't feel good, stay home. Have a great week!

Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - Page 256

Pasta with Kalamata Olives and Roasted Cherry Tomato Sauce - Mary (Cyr) Allton

Roasting the tomatoes concentrates their sweetness.

What to drink: A dry Italian white, such as Pinot Grigio or Soave.

2-1/2 lbs cherry tomatoes, halved

1/3 cup olive oil

5 garlic cloves, minced

1 Tbsp balsamic vinegar

1/4 tsp dried crushed red pepper

3 Tbsp chopped fresh oregano (substituted Basil)

1 lb farfalle (bow-tie) pasta

1/2 cup halved pitted Kalamata olives or other brine-cured black olives

1/4 cup drained capers

6 oz feta cheese, crumbled (about 1-1/4 cups)

1/4 cup pine nuts, toasted

Position rack in center of oven and preheat to 375 degrees. Combine tomatoes, oil, garlic, vinegar, and crushed red pepper in 13 x 9 x 2 inch glass baking dish. Roast until tomatoes are tender and juicy, stirring occasionally, about 45 minutes. Stir in oregano. (Can be made 2 hours ahead. Let stand at room temperature.)

Cook pasta in large pot of boiling salted water until just tender but still firm to bite. Drain. Return to pot. Add tomato mixture, olives, and capers. Stir over medium heat until heated through, about 2 minutes. Add feta and stir until melted and creamy, about 2 minutes. Divide pasta among 6 plates. Sprinkle with pine nuts and serve.



Red Lake Falls Library

The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council Traveling Art Exhibit is now on display in the Red Lake Falls Public Library. Each year NWMAC sponsors a juried art show, and from among the entries in this year's exhibit, 17 pieces have been selected for a display which is currently visiting northwest MN communities. The items in the traveling display are not necessarily the winning pieces, rather a representation of the entire exhibit. Some of the artwork is for sale. For more information on this exhibit, visit the arts council website at NWArtsCouncil.org.

New adult nonfiction includes "Empire of Ice and Stone: The Disastrous and Heroic Voyage of the Karluk" by Buddy Levy: set against the backdrop of the Titanic disaster and World War I, filled with heroism, tragedy, and scientific discovery, Empire of Ice and Stone tells the story of the wooden-hulled brigantine Karluk which departed Canada for the Arctic

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

Ocean in the summer of 1913, and the two men leading the expedition - Captain Bob Bartlett, considered the world's greatest living ice navigator and the visionary leader - a flamboyant impresario named Vilhjalmur Stefansson hungry

for fame, and one of the most disastrous expeditions in polar history; and "What Would Jesus Eat Cookbook: Eat Well, Feel Great, and Live Longer" by Don Colbert: "Jesus cared about the health of people. After all, many of his healing miracles are a testimony to that fact. In this book Dr. Colbert combines excerpts from his bestseller 'What Would Jesus Eat?' with new research and data that will help you find balance in body, mind, and spirit."

Winner of the "Let It Snow, I Have Books to Read" coffee mug for the first week of Book Blizzard adult winter reading program was Joyce Burns. The program runs through March 18, with weekly and grand prizes for adults 18 and older.

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

This week's photo is of a precious little gal!

Last week's photo was of Lola and David Plante.

Everyone has a photo or two that would be great for this column. Please share them with our readers as it is one of most popular columns of the Oklee Herald.

I am always in need of more photos - School days, church events, sports, etc. If you email a photo, please scan at 300 dpi (high quality) if you can. You can email to okleeherald@gmail.com.

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