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VETERANS DAY

Honoring All Who Served

A Veterans Day program will be held on Saturday, November 11th at Red Lake County Central High School Gymnasium in Oklee at 10:00 a.m. The speaker will be a doctor from the Veteran's Administration.

A Veterans Day program will be held on Monday, November 13th at Red Lake County Central Elementary School Gymnasium in Plummer at 10:00 a.m.

Winners of TRUNK OR TREAT



1st Place - Sunday Night Football by Leif & Jill Kolstoe



2nd Place - Gum Ball Machine by Jena Dessellier.



3rd Place - Stepping Stones Daycare by Patti Bergerson

Trunk or Treat had a very good turnout and afterwards the kids headed into the Community Hall in Oklee for Bingo, games, and supper with lots of other things to do that evening.

The Garnes Go-Getters were in charge of the event at the Hall. The Oklee Community Club was in charge of the Trunk or Treat. and the Oklee Auxiliary Ladies served treats in Oklee Quilting.

Oklee Halloween Party



The Garnes Go-Getters was the group that hosted the Oklee Halloween Party on Sunday, October 29th. The group is pictured below in front of the exit/entrance to the Hall. A hotdog or hamburger meal was served by the 4-H for \$5. Bingo was played, there was a candy walk, and crafts for everyone to take part in. It was a fun night and they had a good turnout.



24 Hour ATM at Security State Bank

Anyone that has entered Security State Bank this past summer has been seeing changes. A new drive up window, the sneeze guards have been removed and the counters are normal sized once again.

But the best change for the customers and others in the area is the new ATM machine that is now open 24 hours a day in the lobby entrance to

Security State Bank.

If you are a customer of Security State Bank you will not have a fee for withdrawals.

And if you are not a customer, you will now have access to your funds 24 hours a day. Fees may apply.

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Stop by and check it out.

MnDOT reminds public not to push or pile snow onto roads

The Minnesota Department of Transportation would like to remind the public it is illegal to deposit snow on or next to a public highway or street and asks for help keeping roads clear for everyone's safety. Snow on or near public roads can create hazards such as drainage, drifting and sight obstruction.

Minnesota law and many local ordinances prohibit the plowing, blowing, shoveling or otherwise placing of snow onto public roads or sidewalks. This includes the ditch and right of way area along the roads. Violations are considered misdemeanors, but civil penalties also apply if the placement of

snow creates a hazard, such as a slippery area, frozen rut or bump, that contributes to a motor vehicle or pedestrian crash. The civil liability can extend to both the property owner and the person who placed the snow.

District 2 MnDOT maintenance crews plow and maintain more than 3,900 miles of state highways in northwest Minnesota. Crews are out around the clock during snow events to keep roads safe, so please give them plenty of space to work. Also remember, it takes time to clean up the roadways during and after a snowstorm.

For tips on safe winter driving, visit www.mndot.gov/workzone/winter.html.



Church News

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Pastor Linda Molitor
Wed, Nov. 8: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.
Sun, Nov. 12: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Zion. 9:00 a.m. SS Salem. 10:30 a.m. SS at Zion. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Salem.
Tue, Nov. 14: 7:00 p.m. Parish Board meeting.
Wed, Nov. 15: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Family Night. Sermons are on GVTCL Channel 35 (10 am Sunday & 1 pm Wednesday), 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-BETHANY RLF LUTHERAN PARISH
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Nov. 12: 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethany (SAM Allen) 7:00 p.m. Worship at Immanuel (Pr. Jonathan.)

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Nov. 8: Wednesday School; 6:30 Confirmation meeting at Faith. 7:00 p.m. Class.
Sun, Nov. 12: Ekelund: 8:00 a.m. Worship, 9:00 a.m. SS; Faith: 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. SS; Bethany: 10:00 a.m. SS, 11:00 a.m. Worship.
Mon, Nov. 13: 9:00 a.m. Rachel Circle. 7:00 p.m. Parish Council.
Tue, Nov. 14: 9:30 a.m. Shalom Circle.
Wed, Nov. 15: Wed School. 6:30 p.m. Gathering, 7:00 p.m. Confirmation.

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



Remember Our Veterans

November 11th is Veterans Day.

Special ceremonies will be held all across the United States to honor the men and women who served in our country's armed forces.

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Now Taking Tree Orders for Spring 2024

Red Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is taking tree orders now for springs' tree planting season. Anyone interested in purchasing trees from the Red Lake County SWCD should have their order in by November 30, 2023. Tree order forms are available at our office, on our website www.redlakecounty.org on the front page or we can mail you a form. The SWCD office is in the basement of the MN Wheat Grower's Building south of Red Lake Falls. If you are interested in placing a tree order, for 2024 springs' tree planting season, please call the Red Lake County SWCD office at (218) 253-2593. 034-35C

KURTIS ELLEFSON

RED LAKE COUNTY
VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

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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. 043-43C (2mo.)

Oklee Office Hours

This coming week, will be in the office on Thursday, November 9 from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. and on Monday, November 13 from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m.
If you need get a hold of me when I not in the office, please call 612-840-9401 or email me at: okleeherald@gmail.com.

Oklee Am. Legion Auxiliary meeting.

American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 159 will have their monthly meeting on November 14th at 4:00 pm at the Senior Site. Please plan to attend and remind other members of this meeting date.
In addition, remember to thank a veteran on Veterans' Day, November 11th, as we celebrate the freedoms we enjoy today!



Jeanie O'Neill attended a Lussier Family reunion September 30th in Grand Rapids, MN and had a great time visiting with everyone including some family that had driven out from Colorado. Pictured in the back: Jean (Thibert) Lussier, Jeanie O'Neill. In front are her cousins Cheryl and Lynette.

Oklee Centennial Cookbook Recipe Corner - Page 295

Butterscotch Torte Dessert Glenda (Rustan) Strand

6 eggs, separated
1-1/2 cup sugar
1 tsp vanilla
1 tsp almond extract
1 tsp baking powder
2 cups graham cracker crumbs
1 cup chopped nuts
1 pint whipping cream
4 Tbsp powdered sugar

Beat egg yolks and mix with sugar, vanilla, almond extract and baking powder. Fold stiffly beaten egg whites into mixture; add crumbs and nuts. Bake in 9 x 13 pan for 30-35 minutes at 325 degrees. Cool. Whip cream and powdered sugar until thick and spread on torte.

Mix together:

1 cup brown sugar	3 tsp vanilla
1/4 cup water	1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup orange juice	1 Tbsp flour
1 egg, well beaten	1/4 tsp salt

Cook until thick, cool and spread over whipped cream on torte. Refrigerate 24 hours.



Veteran's Day is November 11th

Thank You Veterans for your Service!

Oklee Area Veteran's Memorial Committee 034C

Red Lake County Commissioner's Minutes

Pursuant to adjournment of its last meeting, the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners duly met in regular session at the Courthouse in Red Lake Falls, MN on October 10, 2023, at 10:00 am.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Remick called the meeting to order. Commissioners present were Al Remick, Eric Mickelson, Tony Gerardy, Chuck Flage, and Ron Weiss. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Commissioner Mickelson, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

HIGHWAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

County Highway Engineer Taylor Amiot met with the board to discuss final payment for shoulder and striping projects. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerardy, and carried unanimously to approve payment to Sir Lines-A-Lot LLC for road striping. Payment to Thygeson Construction for shoulder work was approved contingent on the County receiving tax payments on gravel that was removed for the project.

HR ANNOUNCEMENTS

HR Manager Angie Lundeen presented the board with a quote from TRF Lock & Key to change the existing door handles and locks in the courthouse with ADA and fire code compliant replacements. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Mickelson, and carried unanimously to accept the bid from TRF Lock & Key to replace the door handles and locks.

MINUTES

Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Commissioner Flage, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on September 26, 2023.

EXPENDITURES

Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Commissioner Mickelson, and carried unanimously to approve expenditures totaling \$242,000.02. A detailed list is available in the auditor's office or on the county's website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following commissioner/committee reports were shared:

Commissioner Meeting/Report

Weiss: Personnel committee, Tri-County Community Corrections, Highway meeting
Gerardy: Highway meeting
Flage: Minnesota Rural Counties
Remick: Tri-County Community Corrections, Red Lake County Affordable Housing, meeting with MJB Architects

AUDITOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gervais informed the board that due to the planned restructuring of the Red Lake County Park Board, a question has come up regarding whether to keep the Park Board

checking account at Unity Bank open. Gervais said that the Park Board expenses could easily be ran through the County's general fund and the separate checking account seemed unnecessary. Commissioner Flage moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerardy, and carried unanimously to close the Park Board checking account at Unity Bank. County Attorney Tanner Holten also informed the board that because no members of the public appeared for the hearing regarding the Park Board bylaws, his office would begin finalizing them.

Gervais informed the board that the wooden double doors on the east side of the courthouse are beginning to show signs of rot and may need to be replaced or repaired in the future.

Gervais sought input from the board on what should be done in front of the courthouse where the hedge used to be. It was decided based on input from the public that the area should be leveled, and grass planted to not obstruct the view of the courthouse from Main Avenue. The board instructed Gervais to contact landscapers for quotes.

Gervais presented the board with a quote from High Plains Technology for a new computer backup system. It was discovered that the former IT services provider had not backed up the county's computers since June 2023, and the onsite backup system is obsolete. Commissioner Weiss moved, seconded by Commissioner Gerardy, and carried unanimously to approve the quote from High Plains Technology for a new backup system.

Gervais informed the board that due to changes in the Minnesota Statutes, additional information is required on the truth in taxation notices. Gervais presented the board with an example notice and explained the new requirements.

Gervais informed the board that although the County had approved the liquor license for The Landing at the Bend, according to the Office of Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement, the township board must approve the license before the County is allowed to. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Mickelson, and carried unanimously to approve the liquor license contingent upon receiving board minutes from Red Lake Falls Township showing approval of the license.

Gervais sought approval from the board for a step increase for Chief Deputy Auditor Kyle Thibert. Commissioner Gerardy moved, seconded by Commissioner Flage, and carried unanimously to approve the step increase.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Gerardy, seconded by Commissioner Mickelson, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:06 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:

Kelsey Gervais, County Auditor

Allen Remick, Chairman
Board of Commissioner 034C

Oklee Senior Site Dining

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Mon: Nov. 13: Chicken Fried Steak w/Gravy, Carrots, Bread/Margarine, Fruit, Low Fat Milk.

Tue: Nov. 14: Chicken Noodle Casserole, Corn, Fruit, Dinner Roll, Dessert, Low Fat Milk.

Wed: Nov. 15: Meatloaf, Baked Potato w/Sour Cream, Green Beans, Bread/Margarine, Dessert, Low Fat Milk.

Thu: Nov. 16: Baked Fish, Rice Pilaf, California Normandy Vegetables, Apple Sauce, Dessert, Low Fat Milk.

Fri: Nov. 17: Ham/Scalloped Potatoes, Peas, Biscuit, Dessert, Low Fat Milk.

Animal Facts

Horses sleep standing up.
Dogs sweat through the pads on their feet
Crocodiles swallow rocks to help them dive deeper
Bull's can run faster uphill than down
A shark's teeth are literally as hard as steel
Kiwi birds are blind
The bones of a pigeon weigh less than its feathers
Sharks never stop moving even when they sleep or rest
Giant tortoises can live in captivity longer than any other animal
Jellyfish don't have a brain

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RLCC Menus

November 13 - 17

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Ham & Cheese Croissant, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Fajita, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Fruit, and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: French Toast, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Pork Fritter w/Bun, Mashed Potatoes w/Butter, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Toast, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Pizza Hot-dish, Bread Stick/Garlic Toast, String Cheese, Vegetable, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Pancake on a Stick, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Strips, Scalloped or Au Gratin Potatoes, Gold Fish, Vegetable, Fruit, and Milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** BBQ, Chips, Baked Beans, Fruit, and Milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Corn Dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Peas, Fruit, and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Toast w/PB&J, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Riblet w/ Bun, Baked Beans, Green Beans, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Soft Shell Taco, Toppings, Cucumber w/Ranch, Ice Cream Cup, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Banana Bread, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy French Bread, Marinara Sauce, Lettuce Salad, Fruit, and Milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Alfredo, Bread Stick, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk.

Nominations open for 2024 Minnesota Teacher of the Year

Oct. 2, 2023 – Everyone remembers a favorite teacher, someone who motivates and inspires students for a lifetime. Minnesotans have the opportunity again this fall to nominate that unique educator for Minnesota Teacher of the Year.

Online nominations are open today through Nov. 15. The 2024 Teacher of the Year will be named at a ceremony May 5, 2024, at the Saint Paul RiverCentre. The Minnesota Teacher of the Year also becomes Minnesota's candidate for National Teacher of the Year.

Eligible nominees must meet these criteria:

Teach in a public or non-public pre-kindergarten-12th grade school, or in an Adult Basic Education or ECFE program, working at least 50 percent of the time directly with students.

Have a Minnesota teaching license.

Hold a bachelor's degree and a Minnesota teaching license.

Have completed at least five full years of teaching by the nomination deadline.

Intend to teach in Minnesota during the 2024-25 school year.

Anyone may nominate a teacher. Self-nominations are also accepted.

The state program has been highly successful nationally – Minnesota ranks third in the nation with four National Teachers of the Year.

For more information or to receive a paper nomination form, call Ashley Behrens at 651-292-4862 or 800-652-9073.



More photos from Day of Caring at RLCC



Kiera Morinville, Jamie Flatgard, Carly Vettleson, Bryn Vettleson, and Jennifer Johnson. During Day of Caring these girls helped hand tie quilts that will be given to an area hospital's ER... every child is given a quilt to help comfort them.



Miss Hamrum with a couple of students raking leaves.

Comp I and II CIHS students visit UMC

By Dan May

On Thursday, October 26, 2023, Red Lake County Central College in the High School, CIHS, composition students traveled to the University of Minnesota, Crookston, to visit the library, eat lunch, tour the campus, and animal barns. Students arrived at the welcome center at 9:30 where Jason Tangquist, UMC's registrar, greeted the students. Mr. Tangquist led to the Roger D. Moe Library, where Keri Youngstrand, Director of Library Services, gave a tour of the library and demonstrated the library's research capabilities. Afterward, Mrs. Youngstrand led the students to the Student Success Center, where students can study, meet with tutors, and make an appointment with their advisors. Students relaxed in the rec center, where they played pool, grabbed a Caribou Coffee, or looked through the bookstore until lunch. Mrs. Aakhus and her students had lunch at Brown Dining Hall, compliments of the CIHS department. Students were happy to see several friends from Red Lake Falls, Lafayette High School alumni, in the dining hall and rec center. These students recommended UMC to RLCC students because of the home atmosphere and a big education. Current UMC students



TOP ROW L-R: Abraham Sepulveda, Ruben Osborn, Caden Lee, Peyton O'Neill, Everett Svendsen, Owen Chervestad, Red Lake County Central Alum Zachary Benson, Guy Bergeson, Luke Peterson, Ethan Majeres. BOTTOM ROW L-R: Hannah Dudycha, Bryn Vettleson, Quinn Graves, Shelby Sherman, Jamie Flatgard, Keira Morinville, Ella Moen, Jennifer Johnson, Sydney Fougner, Kendra Christianson, Carly Vettleson, Ciara Mitzner.

gave the RLCC students a tour around the campus, which ended at the animal barns. The Junior and Seniors saw cows, sheep, and goats. One of the more significant highlights was seeing the Equine classes in session in UMC's state-of-the-art arena. Saving the best

for last, students met the Assistant Director of Recreation, Zach Benson, Red Lake County Central 2020 Alumn at the Wellness Center and played a fierce game of dodgeball before returning to RLCC later that afternoon.



Keri Youngstrand, Director of Library Services at the Roger D. Moe Library at the University of Minnesota, Crookston, demonstrates the search engines and resources available for College in High School students.

~~~ Cutest Pet Contest ~~~



1st Place: Dog - Mason Pahlen's Poppy - Scary Monster.



2nd Place: Dog - Hannah Dudycha's German Short-hair - Witchy Dog.



Honorable Mention - Haily Hanson's Butterfly Hen.



1st Place: Cat - Hannah Dudycha's Marnie - Batty Cathy.



2nd Place: Cat - Ciara Mitzner's Luna, Hot Dog.



Honorable Mention - Quinn Graves, Dexter the Boxer.



Jamie Flatgard visiting one of the mares at the University of Minnesota, Crookston Horse Barn.

SPECIAL AGRICULTURAL HOMESTEAD

The special Agricultural Homestead Provision was created to extend homestead status (which can result in lower property taxes) to those property owners, or their sons and daughters, who actively farm the land. The 1999 Minnesota Legislature passed legislation that extended the homestead classification to certain farmland that is not immediately adjacent to an owner's place of residence. The 2000 Legislation also extended the homestead to members of homestead or non-contiguous farmland under the following conditions.

Agricultural property consisting of at least 40 acres shall be classified homestead to the same extent as other agricultural property if all the following criteria are met:

1. The owner, or th! owner's spouse, or child, grandchild, sibling or parent of the owner or owner's spouse either on the person's own behalf as an individual or on behalf of a qualified entity in which they are a partner, shareholder, or member actively farms the agricultural property,
2. The owner of an agricultural property is a MN resident,
3. Neither the owner nor their spouse may claim another agricultural homestead in MN,
4. The owner does not live farther than four townships or cities or a combination of four townships or cities from the agricultural property, and
5. Be listed as a farmer/operator by the Farm Service Agency (Form 156-EZ)
6. File a Schedule F with their federal income tax return.

The following definition constitutes "actively farming" persons engaged in actively farming must participate in the day-to-day labor, administration, and management of the farm. They must assume all or a portion of the financial risks and they must participate in any profits and losses.

Additionally:

The farmland must be a minimum of 40 acres in size and:

The farmland must meet the definition of agricultural property contained in MN Statutes 273.124, Subd. 14(b) Land enrolled in CRP or RIM do not qualify for the homestead classification, it will continue to be classified as agricultural.

This special homestead provision is only available to qualified individual who make application by the filing deadline of December 31, 2023. To find out how to apply for the special agricultural homestead and receive the proper applications contact:

Red Lake County Assessor's Office
PO Box 458
Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
218-253-2596

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Red Lake County Sheriff
www.facebook.com/RedLakeCounty/

On the afternoon of 10/26/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report that a juvenile was bitten by a loose dog in the city of Oklee. The child's wounds were minor, and the owner of the dog has been identified. That report remains under investigation.

On the evening of 10/26/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report that a young male was rummaging through the caller's vehicle in the city of Red Lake Falls. A Red Lake County deputy responded, but the suspect was gone prior to their arrival. It did not appear that anything was missing or damaged. This incident is still under investigation.

On the morning of 10/27/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a couple of reports of vehicles going into the ditch. Fortunately, there were no injuries, and no damage was reported. The first snowfall of the season created slippery road conditions and made driving more challenging.

On the afternoon of 10/27/23, an individual reported their computer was hacked and their bank account was compromised. It was discovered that a substantial amount of money was taken from their bank account by scammers. The victim's bank and the Sheriff's Office are looking into the matter.

On the morning of 10/30/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report that an individual got into a verbal dispute with an employee at Eagle Square in Red Lake Falls. A Red Lake County deputy spoke with the involved parties and no crimes had been committed. They were advised to try to stay away from one another if they couldn't get along.

On 10/30/23, Joann Evonne Wik (45) of Detroit Lakes was cited for misdemeanor NSF check. It is alleged that she issued the bad check at the Red River Ag Store in Plummer,

for the amount of \$63.99, on 08/26/23. She will be summoned to appear in Court in Red Lake Falls sometime later in November.

On the afternoon of 10/31/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a "fender bender" crash in the JA Hughes Elementary School parking lot in Red Lake Falls. A Red Lake Deputy responded to the scene. No injuries were reported and the damage to the two vehicles was minor. A crash report was completed.

On the evening of 10/31/23, a Red Lake Falls resident reported a theft that occurred at their residence. That report is still under investigation.

On the morning of 11/01/23, the Red Lake County Central School District reported a school bus stop-arm violation. They stated it occurred somewhere on CR. #1 and the bus driver did not have any description of the vehicle. This matter is still under investigation.

On the evening of 11/01/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a female walking across a field north of Plummer. A Red Lake County deputy responded to the area and located the female. She was given a ride to a residence in Thief River Falls.

On the evening of 11/01/23, Christopher Dale Averitt (33) of Long Beach, CA was cited for speeding on Hwy. #32 north of Red Lake Falls.

On the morning of 11/02/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a vehicle striking a sign along Hwy. #92 west of Brooks. A short time later, it was reported that vehicle was stalled on the roadway near the intersection of Hwy. #92 and CR. #5 south of Oklee. The caller stated an intoxicated male was walking around that vehicle. A Red Lake County deputy and a Minnesota State Trooper responded to the scene. The suspect was gone when the officers arrived. The law enforcement

officers had the vehicle towed from the scene. The Minnesota State Patrol is handling that continuing investigation.

On the morning of 11/02/23, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report that some dogs were running loose in the city of Brooks. A Red Lake County deputy responded to investigate. Leroy Joseph Mercil (75) of Brooks was cited for misdemeanor permitting a public nuisance by allowing the dogs from his property to run at large.

On the evening of 11/02/23, Red Lake County deputies responded to a disturbance at a Red Lake Falls resident. The involved parties claimed the other started a physical altercation. There were no signs of any injuries, and the parties were separated for the night. This incident remains under investigation.

On the evening of 11/02/23, Lane Allen Anderson (27) of Red Lake Falls was arrested for violating the terms of his supervised probation. He was taken to jail in Crookston.

Mitch Bernstein, Red Lake County Sheriff: 11/03/23

Senior Site News & Other Things

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

Senior Meals:
Oklee Senior Meals (LSS Meals) are available for Home Delivery, Monday-Friday - Meals on Wheels (LSS) meals will be furnished from Red Lake Falls, and you need to order a day or two before the day you plan on having a meal. **Note: Please call Red Lake Falls LSS Site** to order or cancel your meals from now on. Jo Lambert will no longer be taking the orders. Call Carolyn or Cathy at 218-263-4454 to order your meals.

SAIL Classes
SAIL exercise class are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am in the Oklee Hall. It is FREE to join. Sign up at the Senior Site or call Jo Lambert at 218-796-4527 or Carol Kvasager at 218-201-0180.

Hours for Craft Shop
The Craft Shop is now open

again with the help of volunteers. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday the craft shop will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. But if it is not open and Bonny is in the Oklee Office, she can open for you.

Senior Potluck
The Potlucks are done for the season, with Thanksgiving and Christmas very busy times, and with the winter months of January & February for sure, to not hold the potlucks. So tentatively the potlucks will start in March or April of 2024 once again.

Dates To Remember
Wednesday: Cards at 1:30 p.m. If you would like to come

play cards, come on down and join in.

Game Day: On the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, plans are to have a game day. This could be Rummy-O, Checkers, or bring a game to the site.

Senior Site meetings will be at 9:30 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The meeting will be **November 16th**. Please attend as it is important. Last month, we were unable to make any decisions due to lack of people at the meeting. To have a quorum, we have to have members attending.

Have a great week!

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Jim DuChamp and son Chris went pheasant hunting recently in South Dakota.

On Saturday, October 28th, there was a 50th Anniversary celebration for Lowell and Cindy Arlt at the Legion. There was a supper and a program also. Many friends and relatives came.

Saturday, October 28th, Anna DeHate, Wavell Sorenson, Anne Traxler and Alice Jobe went to the lutefisk supper at Thief Lake Church. They also served meatballs, potatoes, vegetables, roll and bars.

Gary Mattison came up from Southern Minnesota for deer hunting with his nephews who live at TRF and Plummer. November 1st, Wednesday,

Anne Traxler, Karen Tvedt, Alice Jobe and Anna DeHate went for breakfast at Carol's Bar & Grill in Brooks.

It was Anna DeHate's birthday and Alices. Then in the evening at Bingo, Alice treated everyone to cupcakes and Anna had brownies. It was an enjoyable day and calls from my brothers and sister.

Well the snow didn't melt. At least around here, most of the roads were good, not so many areas in North Dakota.

Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr, former Beatles, recorded an song/album "Now and Then" originally done in 1978, and incorporated the voices of George Harrison and John Lennon.

IMPORTANT PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD NOTICE

This will affect your 2024 property taxes and eligibility for Property Tax Refund.

Have you purchased or moved into a property in the past year?

Contact your county assessor to file a homestead application if you or a qualifying relative occupy the property as a homestead on or before December 31, 2023.

What is a qualifying relative?

For unoccupied agricultural property, a qualifying relative includes the child, grandchild, sibling, or parent of the owner or owner's spouse.

For occupied agricultural or residential property a qualifying relative also includes the owner's uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece.

When do I apply?

You must apply on or before December 31, 2023.

Once homestead is granted, annual applications are not necessary unless they are requested by the county assessor.

Contact the assessor by December 31, 2023 if the use of the property you own or occupy as a qualifying relative has changed during the past year.

If you sell, move, or for any reason no longer qualify for the homestead classification, you are required to notify the county assessor within 30 days of the change in homestead status.

Red Lake County Assessor's Office (218) 253-2596

Who's Dat?



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This week's photo is of a couple from the area that raised 7 children.

Last week's Who's Dat is of the Larson family from east of Oklee. They were: Caroline, Bertha, Helga, Petra, Gunstein, and Lars.

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.

If you mail a photo to the Oklee Herald office, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope so the photos can be returned. Mail them to: Oklee Herald, PO Box 9, Oklee MN 56742 Or stop by the office and I will scan your photo while you wait.



Wednesday, November 8, 2023



American Legion Auxiliary Ladies were serving coffee and treats in Oklee Quilting during Trunk or Treat on Oct. 29th.



Andrew and Jessica Vettleson and family were dressed up as the Mario Bros. Characters at the 4-H Halloween Party.

Red Lake Falls Library

Registrations are open for the stained glass suncatcher class "Mosaic Trees" on Saturday, December 9 at 10:30 am. Participants will create two Christmas tree suncatchers.

This class is free of charge and open to the public, but space is limited - so please call the library to reserve a spot, 253-2992.

This Thursday, November 9 at 4:00 pm is the "Shipwrecks" program presented by Dick Roue. Everyone is welcome to attend this event. Coffee & cookies will be available.

Whether you are a parent looking to develop a love of reading in your child, an educator wanting inspiration, or a youngster who loves to read, "1001 Children's Books

You Must Read Before You Grow Up" by Julia Eccleshare is a comprehensive guide to the best writing for children and young adults, featuring reviews by critics across the globe and artwork reproduced from the original titles. In a similar way, "A Shimmer of Joy: One Hundred Children's Picture Books" by Chris Loker showcases a group of children's books and "explains the qualities that combine to make a successful picture book: the interplay between words and images, the picture and narrative that compels us to turn the page and follow the story, and about the authors, artists, publishers, and designers who created them."

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