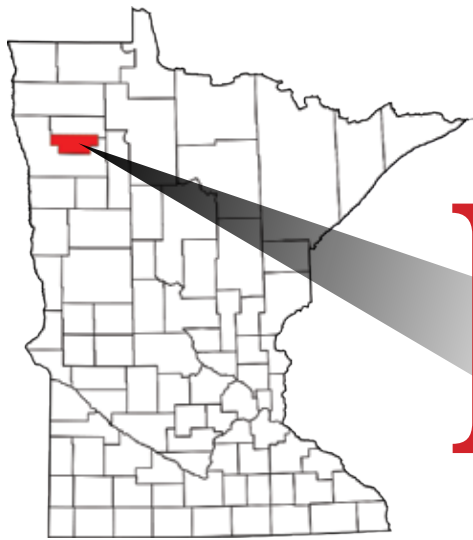




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Wednesday, December 11, 2024

What a thrilling time for Owen Chervestad and his family!



Allstate Owen Chervestad was recognized with the other All-Staters during the Vikings game vs. the Atlanta Falcons. By the way the Vikings won 42-21!



Rebel football player Owen Chervestad was honored as an All State football player on Sunday, December 8th during the Vikings football game. Owen was one of 32 players to receive this honor this year.

Left:
This football was presented to Owen.



Owens family at the Vikings game. Pictured Alexa, Jill, Aaron, and Owen Chervestad!



Santa is coming to visit at local towns

In Red Lake Falls: Red Lake Falls' Holly Dazzle will be held on December 14th. There are lots of events planned for the day.

There is a Vendor Show at the Mall starting at 11 a.m. Klondike Carvings will be open too!

Santa is coming to town and will be at the City Hall from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Come tell him what you want for Christmas. There will cookies and ornament crafts to also.

Starting at 4 p.m. at the Gazebo, there will be a Bonfire with Hot Chocolate. The 2nd annual Tour of Trees Memorial Walk will be held and the Official lighting will be at 5 p.m.

Downtown at the American Legion, there will be music from 4 - 5 p.m. by Windblown Ensemble. There is a Freewill offering supper from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. There will be prize basket drawings. Grand prize is a Klondike carving!

Also mentioned on their poster was to Look out for the 7 new lights: A lighted Christmas Tree, Rocking Horse, Globe with Heart, Little Girl Skate, Teddy Bear, Sleigh full of Presents, and a Harp Playing Angel.

In Plummer: The Holiday Train is coming on December 15th. This yearly event is a must go to - for the entertainment on the train, Santa is

there, Carolers are singing, the Tri River Pioneer Museum is open and there is food. This event usually starts around 4 p.m. and the train comes in at 6:00 p.m. with the show starting between 6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Plummer, Minn. Main railway crossing on Central Avenue.

Seaforth

Seaforth is an Australian country-pop duo originally comprised of childhood friends Tom Jordan and Mitch Thompson. Named after their hometown of Seaforth in Sydney, the duo became known for their smooth harmonies, heartfelt lyrics and catchy melodies that blend country and pop influences. Their breakout single, "Love That," introduced their signature feel-good sound, quickly earning them a devoted fanbase in both Australia and Nashville.

Alana Springsteen
Columbia Records/Sony Music Nashville artist-songwriter Alana Springsteen is TWENTY SOMETHING and has a sophomore album on the way. Lauded by GRAMMY.com as "speaking to an entire generation," E! News praises "one of Nashville's most buzzworthy emerging artists," while PEOPLE deems Springsteen "the future of country music."

Santa and Mrs. Claus came to Oklee Saturday



The children posed for a picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus, but the littlest one, wasn't really sure about this bearded fellow who was holding her.



Mrs. Claus read a story to the children with Santa listening in.



RLCC Honor Society helped at Oklee Santa Claus Day. Pictured: Back row: Kendra Morinville, Luke Peterson, Graceyn Kvasager, Kendra Christianson. Front row: Hannah Dudycha, Emma Hendrickson, and Natalee Hendrickson. Thanks for the service to our community!



Jenny, Jessi and Grace were the friendly faces serving goodies at Santa Day!!!

Church News

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Okleelutheran.org
Wed. Dec. 11: 7:00 p.m.
Zion Board meeting.
Sun, Dec. 15: Sunday School Programs 10:30am
Zion Sunday School Program.
4:00 pm Salem Sunday School Program.

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

BROOKS – RED LAKE FALLS CATHOLIC PARISH
Fr. Bob Schreiner
Saturday: 5:30pm St. Joseph – RLF.
Sunday: 8am – Brooks. 10 am St. Joseph – RLF.

IMMANUEL–EBENEZER LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Pastor Jonathan Dodson
Sun, Dec. 15: 9am Worship at Immanuel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethany. 7pm Worship at Ebenezer.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH ELCA
Bethany–Ekelund–Faith
Sun, Dec. 15: Ekelund: 9:30am Sunday School. Faith: 10:30am Sunday School
Christmas Programs/ Worship Service. Bethany: 11am Sunday School Program, meal following. Ekelund: 3pm - meal following. Faith: 5pm - meal following.
Tue. Dec. 17: 9:30 am Shalom Circle.
Wed. Dec. 18: Release Time. 6:30pm Confirmation. 7pm Advent at Bethany.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeffrey Merseeth
Sat. Dec. 14: 9:00 a.m. Oak Park SS Program practice.
Sun, Dec. 15: 3:30 p.m. Oak Park Joint Service. SS Program with meal to follow.
Wed. Dec. 18: 5pm Wednesday School. 6:30pm Vespers.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Dec. 15: 9am Worship at Lund. 10:30am Sand Valley. 2pm Sand Valley Christmas Program.
Wed, Dec. 18: 7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Bethany.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Jarred LaBon, Pastor
Tyler Stynsberg, YPastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Sunday: 9am Sunday School. 10 am Worship.
Tuesday: 9:30am Ladies Bible Devotions.
Wednesday: 6:30pm Youth Group.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sunday: 9:30am Sunday School. 10:30am Worship.

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The Cookies go fast at the Salem Cookie Sale on Santa Day in Oklee and there is such a good variety.



The Salem Cookie Sale is very popular and the goodies do not last long. Because everyone comes to buy their treats, these three ladies from Salem were busy cashiering on Saturday, December 7th at the Oklee Community Hall..



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Holiday Train is coming to Plummer December 15, 2024
3:00 pm American Legion opens
4:00 pm Firemen begin traffic control
Am. Legion Aux. serving chili
Tri Rivers Museum Open serving food & tours available
5:00 pm Santa Arrives at Tri Rivers Museum
5:15 pm Music by Eric Mickelson at Museum
5:30 pm RLCC Elementary Choir at Museum
6:00 pm Estimated TRAIN ARRIVAL
6:15 pm Entertainment begins!
Musical Guests: Seaforth & Alana Springsteen
Hot Cocoa, Cider & Cookies throughout the night at D & K Bar
Drinks & Hot Cocoa 6-8 pm American Legion Auxiliary
Meal Served by Tri Rivers Museum Freewill donation (Pulled Pork Sandwich, homemade soup, popcorn, hot cocoa & coffee served.)
Food Shelf Donations will be accepted at the Tri Rivers Museum. Volunteers will also be walking around collecting donations.
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• Inter-County Community Council
• RLCC Schools • RLC Sheriff's Office
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• Garden Valley Technologies
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Red Lake County SWCD is taking Tree Orders for Spring 2025
Red Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is offering something new this year. Red Lake County SWCD is going to start taking tree orders from landowners starting now for FY2025. Anyone interested in purchasing trees from the Red Lake County SWCD should contact the SWCD office at (218) 253-2593.
Table with 5 columns: Trees, Quantities Remaining, Size, FY 2024 Prices per Bundle (25)
If you are interested in placing a tree order, for 2025 springs' tree planting season, please call the RLC SWCD office at (218) 253-2593.

Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

The flags at the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial were lowered by the Student Senate members from Red Lake County Central under the direction of Mr. Randy Huie. The proclamation by Governor Walz was made on November 27th and flags will remain lowered until sunset on December 7th. The proclamation by Governor Walz is as follows:
This is a notice that all United States and Minnesota flags at all state buildings in Minnesota should remain at half-staff until sunset on Saturday, December 7, 2024, following the memorial service for Red Lake Nation Tribal Officer Jesse Branch. Officer Branch died in a tragic traffic collision on November 27, 2024. He served the Red Lake Nation Department of Public Safety for six years and was deeply respected by his family, friends, and colleagues.

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, 2024

On the 7th of December 83 years ago, 2,403 service members and civilians were killed in a painful and unprovoked attack on our Armed Forces. On National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, we remember these women and men, who gave their last full measure of devotion to our Nation. We honor the brave service members who — with the horrors of Pearl Harbor weighing on their hearts and the hopes of humanity resting on their shoulders — answered the call to defend freedom against the forces of fascism during World War II.
A resolution approved by Congress in 1994 designates December 7 of each year as “National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day,” and directs that flags be lowered to half-staff from sunrise to sundown.

Red Lake County Herald Office Hours

Bonny is in the office on Mondays from 10 am until 4 pm. Deadlines for items in the paper is on Fridays by Noon. Bonny is in the office some Fridays, but please call to check before coming in. If you need to get a hold of Bonny when she is not in the office, please call 612-840-9401 or email her at okleeherald@gmail.com.
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.



Sudoku Solution

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

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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That default has occurred in conditions of the following-described mortgage.
DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 13, 2020
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$186,500.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Brandon E. Lee and Lynsey N. Morris, each a single person
MORTGAGEE: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: April 15, 2020, as Document No. 137375, Red Lake County Recorder, Red Lake County, Minnesota
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 4, Block 3, of C & E Kankel Addition to the City of Red Lake Falls
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Red Lake
Property Address: 106 Evergreen Ave., Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
Tax Parcel ID No.: 17-2849-055
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$175,808.29
That all preforeclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: January 2, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Red Lake County Courthouse, 124 N Main, Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, to pay the debt secured by said Mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the Mortgagors, their personal represen-

tatives or assigns. If the mortgage is not reinstated under Section 580.30 or the property redeemed under Section 580.23, the time to vacate is 11:59 p.m. on that date.
MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.
THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.
Dated: October 29, 2024.
Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation Mortgagee
PEMBERTON LAW, P.L.L.P.
By: Chad R. Felstul
Attorneys for Mortgagee
110 North Mill Street
Fergus Falls, MN 56537
Telephone: 218-736-5493
Loan No. XXXXX5299
Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale Foreclosure Data
Transaction Agent; residential mortgage servicer; and lender or broker: N/A
Transaction Agent's mortgage ID number (MERS number): N/A
Name of mortgage originator: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation
O34-39C

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CALL FOR BIDS
Sealed bids will be received by the Red Lake County Auditor, 124 Langevin Ave., P.O. Box 367, Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, on behalf of the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners, with bids to be received until 10:00 a.m. on January 7, 2025 for the following publication:
FIRST PUBLICATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 375.17 IN 2025.
The bidders must comply with the legal requirements of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 331A, and the legal requirements for publication of this material, and the bidders should make themselves familiar with these requirements.
Bids must be submitted on the form provided by the County Auditor's Office, and all bids must comply with the additional specifications on the bid form.
The words "Bid for Publishing" must be written on the outside of the bid envelope.
The Red Lake County Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities in the bidding process.
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TWO PUBLICATIONS OF THE LIST OF DELINQUENT TAXES PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 273.05, 273.06, 273.07, 273.08 AND 273.03 IN 2025.
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RLCC Menus

December 16 - 20

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Biscuit & Gravy, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Pulled Pork or BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Chips, Fruit, and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Patty, Tots, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Bagel Bites, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Taco in a Bag or Soft Shell, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Meatballs w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Pumpkin Pie Pudding, Fruit, and Milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Donut, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Rib Patty, Variety of Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit, and Milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs & Ham, Cereal, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Cheesy Bread, Marinara Sauce, Salad, Carrots, Fruit, and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancakes, Sausage, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Tostitos, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cucumbers Rice Krispy Bar, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cereal, Toast w/PBJ, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Pulled Pork w/Bun, Coleslaw, Corn, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Boiled Egg, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Strips, Fries, Carrots, Bread, Fruit, and Milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Fruit and Milk.

RLCC Sports Schedules

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

RLCC Mustang

Girls Basketball

Fri, Dec 13:

JH Game 4:30PM
Away vs. Win-E-Mac
Win-E-Mac High School
JV Game 6:00PM
Varsity 7:30PM

Red Lake Falls @ Red

Lake County Central HS

Mon, Dec 16:

JH Game 4:30PM
Mahnomon @ RLCC HS
JV Game 6:00PM
Varsity 7:30PM

Fosston @ Red Lake County

Central High School

Thu, Dec 19:

JH Game 5:00PM
JV Game 6:00PM
Varsity 7:30PM

Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @

RLCC High School

Thu, Jan 2:

JV Game @ 6:00PM
Varsity 7:30PM
Mahnomon @ RLCC High School

Boys Basketball

Schedule

Tue, Dec 17:

JH Game 4:30PM
RLC Basketball vs. Bagley @ RLF Elementary

C Game 5:00PM

JV Game 6:00PM

Varsity 7:30PM

RLC vs. Ada-Borup-West

@ RLCC HS

Fri, Dec 20:

JH Game 4:00PM
Boys C 5:00PM
JV Game 6:00PM
Varsity 7:30PM

RLC vs. C-G Bears @

Clearbrook-Gonvick

High School.

Thu, Jan 2:

C Game 4:45PM
JH Game 4:45PM
Varsity 7:30PM

RLC Basketball vs.

Northern Freeze

Tri-County High School

Mon, Jan 6:

JH Game 4:30PM
Boys C 5:00PM
Boys JV 6:00PM
Varsity 7:30PM

RLC vs. Sacred Heart

High School @ Sacred

Heart High School

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

RLCC Central celebrates American Education Week



Mrs. Musker's 7th Grade Class: Brett Anderson, Landon Vettleson, Reese Lambert, Isaac Theis, Clark Bergeson, Isabella Seyller, and Dakota Mostrom.



Mr. Paul Nelson's class: Blake Good, Victor Svendsen, Brynley Kvsager, and Aaliyah Bramer



Mr. Paul Nelson's class: Jarrett Hammer and Logan Lee.



Ms. Bingham's Art Class: Avery Nelson, Leah Pahlen, and Marissa Morinville.



4th Grade Girls Basketball team played in the new gym at RLCC



Kennedy Halvorson goes for a layup in the 4th grade girls scrimmage and Brooklyn Morinville looks to get the rebound. Photo by Eric Mickelson



Hunter Dudycha and Guy Bergeson did the Garden Valley play by play at the girls game. Photo by Eric Mickelson



Summer Bergeson shoots and teammates Grace Kruchowski, Gwenyth Nelson, Kenzee Bergeson, and Harper Morinville look on! Photo by Eric Mickelson



Emmitt Melin drives to the basket guarded by Lucas Stanley of the Chargers during the 8th grade game in Goodridge. *Photo by Eric Mickelson.*



Aubrey Halvorson brings the ball up the court vs the Crookston Pirates followed by #4 Alexa Chervestad. *Photo by Eric Mickelson*



Senior Quinn Graves shoot a free throw and McKaelyn Frizzle goes for the rebound. The RLCC Mustangs defeated the Crookston Pirates 63-55! *Photo by Eric Mickelson*

Red Lake County Sheriff

www.facebook.com/RedLakeCounty/

On the morning of 11/29/24, Chad Brian Rice (40) of Warren was cited for speed on CR. #5 north of Oklee.

On the afternoon of 11/29/24, a Red Lake Falls resident reported they had been a victim of an on-line scam. That report remains under investigation.

On the evening of 11/29/24, Red Lake County deputies responded to a disturbance at a Red Lake Falls residence. The parties involved were separated and interviewed. This case is still under investigation.

On the morning of 11/30/24, a Red Lake Falls resident requested assistance in removing an unwanted party from their home. A Red Lake County deputy responded and found that no crimes had been committed. The unwelcomed individual was given a ride to another location.

On the afternoon of 12/01/24, Tanya Rae Eftefield (43) of West Fargo was cited for speeding on Hwy. #32 south of Red Lake Falls.

On 12/02/24, \$100 cash bail was collected by the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office to satisfy an outstanding misdemeanor warrant for Cassondra Lynn Kmecik (26) of Red Lake Falls. Ms. Kmecik will appear in Court in Red Lake Falls on 01/15/24.

On the morning of 12/03/24, the city of Red Lake Falls reported there was a small trailer parked on a public street in a residential neighborhood that was obstructing snow removal activities. A Red Lake County deputy located the owner of the trailer, and it was removed from the street later that day.

On the evening of 12/03/24, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of an elderly man who left their residence, in a vehicle, and their whereabouts were unknown. Family members were concerned and requested assistance in locating him. Red Lake County deputies conducted a search of the area and surrounding law enforcement agencies were notified of the situation. A few hours later the missing individual was located somewhere near East Grand Forks, and they were safe and unharmed.

On the afternoon of 12/05/24, John Richard Medicraft (55) of Roseau was cited for speeding on CR. #5 north of Oklee.

On the afternoon of 12/05/24, Anthony Charles Lundeen (34) of Oklee was cited for expired vehicle registration and no motor vehicle insurance on CR. #5 in Oklee.

Mitch Bernstein, Red Lake County Sheriff: 12/06/24



Isabelle Paradis shoots a "3" during the B-team game on Dec 3rd vs Crookston. *Photo by Eric Mickelson*



Landon Vettleson shoots as Reese Lambert and Clark Bergeson look on for the Rebels. The 7th grade Rebels defeated Goodridge-Grygla. *Photo by Eric Mickelson.*



Keanna Landrus shoots a jumper Pirates Emma Pierson defends the shot. *Photo by Eric Mickelson.*



Marissa Morinville goes for a layup. The JV girls defeated Crookston. *Photo by Eric Mickelson*

Writers & Writing

by Michael Tidemann



Tidemann started his journalism career at the Bismarck Tribune in 1978 and began college teaching career as a graduate teaching assistant at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion in 1977. He has worked at newspapers in Iowa and the Dakotas and his work has appeared in Overdrive, Writer's Journal, the San Diego Union-Tribune and Snowmobile. (Michael Tidemann writes from Estherville, Iowa. His author page is amazon.com/author/michaeltidemann.)

Sinister Graves offers in-depth character

Marcie R. Rendon reprises her fascinating character Cash Blackbear in Sinister Graves, third in a trilogy about a young Native woman whose special powers make her an invaluable sleuth for the local county sheriff. The trilogy follows Blackbear's exploits in North Dakota and Minnesota along the Red River region.

Rendon, an enrolled member of the White Earth Nation, lives in Minneapolis.

In her latest book of the trilogy, Cash is called by Sheriff Wheaton

for her assistance in solving a murder. At first glance, Cash would hardly seem an unlikely partner in solving crime. Product of an abusive foster system, Cash shatters the stereotype of a helpless female. A pool shark approaching the professional level, she has a take-him-or-leave-him approach to men, bouncing from her on-again off-again married lover Jim to Al, a Vietnam vet – not that Cash is free with her affections. She has merely taken on male values in a female body.

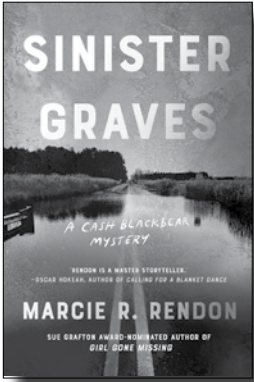
It seems though that even Cash has met her match when she begins to investigate a fundamentalist minister and his wife. She more she gets to know them, the stranger they seem, until Cash feels herself drawn into the pastor's charismatic yet deadly charms. The appearance of an evil apparition tied to the pastor becomes even more frightening. When Cash seeks the help of Jonesy, a Native healer woman, she begins to cope with the evil around her.

Rendon's description at the novel's opening is absolutely mesmerizing. She takes us directly to the flooded Red River Valley and the hardy souls that inhabit it. Her pacing rockets us from incident to incident, making this the quickest read of the series.

Rendon reaches beyond the novel, though, and shows how brutal Native boarding schools once were and how the foster care system continues to be for Native children. Only with passage of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 did the abuse begin to lessen. Rendon also eloquently captures the essence of the Native spirit and humor that comes to light under the lamp of historic oppression of the Native people.

Sinister Graves goes beyond the crime genre to a rightful place in the literary genre. Rendon's understanding of Native issues and social challenges places her in the top tier of other talented Native writers such as Louise Erdrich and Sherman Alexie.

This is a great book, and impossible to put down.



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A bit of the History of Oklee Lumber!

By Eric Mickelson
The lumber yard has a rich 100 plus year history in Oklee. The existing lumber yard was built in 1914 and was operated by Dan Rolland until 1942. During WWII the business was closed and was put up for sale. During the war Tom Melby of Oklee served in the Navy. During that time his wife Betty, worked in the shipyards in California. When the war ended the couple came back to Oklee and purchased the Oklee Lumber Yard. In order to purchase the Lumber Yard Tom went to a friend, Peter Husby, who was the manager of the I.O. Manger McIntosh Lumber Yard. Tom asked for a loan and requested \$3000. Mr. Husby said sorry I can't give you \$3,000, but I will loan you \$10,000. He explained that \$3,000 would not be enough if you want to make it work you need \$10,000. So the Lumber Yard was purchased. They worked very hard to establish the business. In the early years times were tough but, extra hours and hard work paid off. Tom also owned the Plummer Lumber Yard. The Plummer Yard was managed by Jim Jackson.

Tom and Betty's sons, Tommy and Cliff, worked along side their parents and in 1976 Cliff purchased the business from his parents. Tom remained at the yard until 1984, when he retired. Cliff's oldest son, Isaac, joined the business after his graduation from college with a degree in construction management, in 1994. In 2004, Isaac became the third generation of the Melby's to own the Lumber Yard.

As we know the coming of the Railroad in 1910 helped to start our community. Lumber was brought to Oklee by train then it had to be hauled to the lumber yard. For many years the job of hauling that lumber was done by Tom Toulouse. Tom ran the dray line and used his Belgian horses along with help from Omer Boucher.

George Dessellier came to work for Tom and Betty after the Korean War and worked at the lumber yard until his retirement. Later, George's son, Mike, came to work there too-shortly after his graduation. Mike also worked there until his retirement in 2021. John Melby came on board in 1977 and worked there until



Tracy Hamm, Bookkeeper and Isaac Melby, Owner.

he retired in 2023.

Some newer members of the Lumber Yard Staff include bookkeeper Tracy Hamm. Tracy started working at the Lumber Yard in 2005. Norm Coulombe started employment there in 2015. Shane (Red) Vettleson has now been on staff since 2017.

Oklee Lumber has been a pillar of the Oklee Business Community. Not only in Oklee, but contractors throughout Northwestern Minnesota recognize the top notch service and quality of products that are delivered by Oklee Lumber. I did not know Tom Melby

very well but I am sure I am one of the many people who are glad he decided to take a chance on that loan and start a family business that has served our community and surrounding area for nearly 80 years!



Shane (Red) Vettleson and Norm Coulombe.



George Dessellier and Mike Dessellier.



Vintage John Melby!

Senior Site News & Other Things

Bonny Cote, Treasurer - Acting Secretary

Christmas Gathering

A December gathering was held on Friday, December 6th at 2 p.m. The variety was delightful. Krumkaka, variety of cookies, chocolate covered pretzels, rommegrot and many other treats, too many to describe. There was a very good turnout and it was a great day. It was great to see so many come and enjoy the afternoon visiting.

After the Senior Site and the RLC Herald get switched around the Site Council plans on having many more events.

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.

Dates To Remember

Wednesday: Cards at 1:30 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 you cards.

If you are interested in

seeing who the game is played, stop by on Wednesday afternoon.

Presently the card crew is looking for subs. They will assist in teaching you how to play.

It is an afternoon filled with laughter and fun.

Update on Vi Cote. She is now out of the hospital and back in the Valley Care & Rehab Nursing Home in Barnesville. She is doing much better and would love to hear from you. Her address is:

Vi Cote
% David Cote
407 8th St. NE
Barnesville, MN 56514
David and Barb visit her every day as they live just a few blocks from the home.

Senior Site Meeting
The next Senior Site meeting will be on Tuesday, December 17th and it will be held at the Senior Site at 2 p.m.

Be Careful of the Ice and have a great week!

Oklee Senior Meals on Wheels LSS Menu

December 16 - 20
Oklee Meals on Wheels (LSS) are available for Home Delivery, Monday-Friday. Please call Carolyn at the RLF LSS Kitchen the day before, by 12 noon at 218-253-4454.

Mon: Oven Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Parslied Carrots, Bread/Margarine, Sugar Cookie, 1% Milk.

Tue: Beef Stroganoff, Parslied Noodles, Chateau Veg. Blend, Hot Spiced Apples, Dinner Roll/Margarine, 1% Milk.

Wed: Pork Roast/Gravy, Candied Yams, Green Beans, Dinner Roll/Margarine, Snickerdoodle Cookie, 1% Milk.

Thu: Roast Turkey w/Gravy, Parslied New Potatoes, Whole Kernel Corn, Dinner Roll/Margarine, Rhubarb Crumble, 1% Milk.

Fri: Cheesy Egg Bake, Potato O'Brien, Mixed Vegetables, Blueberry Muffin, 1% Milk.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

On Saturday night, November 30th, there was a fund raiser for the Red Lake Falls hockey team. It was held at the Legion. Some of those attending were Randy and Debbie Versdahl, Karen and Don Konickson, Becky and Tom Willett and Wavell Sorenson. Also Alice Jobe, Debbie and Randy Versdahl. They had a good crowd.

The Holiday Train will come on Sunday, the 15th. A supper will be served at the museum: pulled pork sandwiches, home made soup, hot cocoa and coffee. The train will arrive

around 6 p.m. The entertainment from the boxcar starts shortly afterwards. Seaforth and Alana Springsteen will perform. Food shelp donations can be brought to the museum. Come early to get a good parking place.

On Thursday, Anna DeHate, Anne Traxler, and Alice Jobe went to Carol's Cozy for klub (potato dumplings) and side pork. Dessert was a brownie. It was very good.

We lucked out with very little snow from the last system. It was worse in North Dakota. I've enjoyed the sunshine.

STORY TO SHARE!

If you have a story or photos you want to share, please send to: okleeherald@gmail.com

Who's Dat?



Who's Dat?

This week's photo is of a wedding and a great opportunity to take a family photo.

Last Week's photo was of Birdie (Flateland) Gunderson and Inga (Sweno) Johnson. They were visiting 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.

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: 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.



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The 4th grade girls team played again Crookston at halftime of the Crookston/RLCC girls game in Oklee on December 3rd. Pictured-Back row: Kenzee Bergeson, Brooklyn Morinville, Summer Bergeson, Gwenyth Nelson, Grace Kruchowski. Front row: Kennedy Halvorson, Harper Morinville, Lyla Dodson, Stella Sherman Photo by Eric Mickelson



Reese Lambert drives to the basket with Connor Nelson inside during the 7th grade game in Goodridge. Photo by Eric Mickelson

Santa Day in Oklee and Senior Site Christmas Party



Senior Site Christmas Table was filled with deliciousness of all sorts of Christmas goodies.

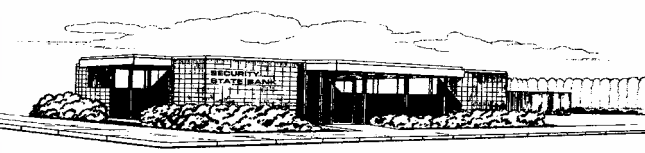




Christmas Party

9am-2pm
Stop by on
December 11th for
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