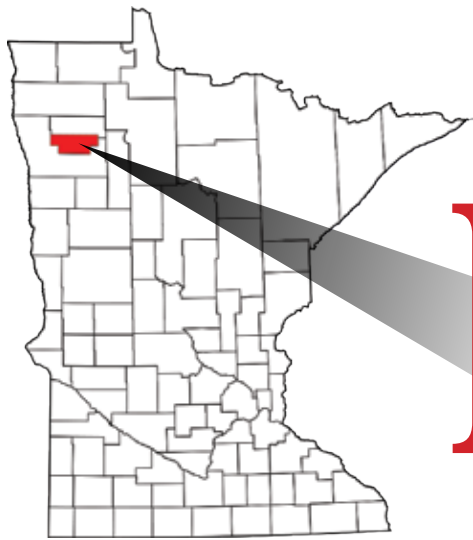




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Lori Melby's Retirement Celebrated at Security State Bank/Agency!



Lori Melby with her cake at her retirement party held on December 31st.

By Eric Mickelson
Lori(O'Neill)Melby graduated from Oklee High School in 1977. After graduation Lori attended Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls for accounting. When she was about to graduate she received a call from George Lee at the Security State Bank in Oklee asking if she would be interested in a job at the bank. Since Lori wanted to live in Oklee she said, "Yes!" I guess, as they say the rest is history!

Lori was married to John Melby in June of 1979. In October of the same yer she started at the bank. The Melby's have made their home in Oklee. They raised two children

Doug and Tanya.

Doug and his wife Corey live in Victoria, MN, with Mya and Everly who are 10 year old twins. Their daughter Tanya and husband John live in Thief River Falls with their children Jude 9, and Nora 7.

Congratulations on your retirement, Lori! You certainly will be missed by many customers at the Security State Bank Agency! After I attended Lori's retirement party I happened to call my sister and during the conversation I mentioned where I had been, at the retirement party. My sister responded, "She is a nice person!" I guess that pretty well sums it up! Enjoy your retirement, Lori!



Some of the relatives at Lori Melby's retirement party. Left to Right: Susan Harmoning (John's sister), Carolyn Rystad (John's sister), John Syvertson (Lori's son-in-law), Tanya Syvertson (daughter), John, Lori, Les O'Neill (Lori's brother), Cheryl O'Neill (sister in law), Logan and Patrick O'Neill (nephews). In front Jude and Nora Syvertson (grandchildren).



Lori with her brother Bob and sister-in-law Pam O'Neill.



Lori with granddaughter Nora, with a retirement picture she drew for grandma.

The Snowflake League Teams



The 4th Grade boys team: Back row: Sarah Lee, Orin Weber, Ezra Fore, Teagan Lee, Graham Vettleson, Gavin Ward, Bryer Klasen, Kyle Vettleson, Gavin Ward. Front row: Abel Alcozer, Trey Nelson, Jacob Schindler, Calvin O'Neill, Tucker Kruchowski, not pictured Tate Nelson.



Here is a picture of the 6th grade girls team. Back Row: Leif Kolstoe, Ellie Halverson, Kinsley Halvorson, Olivia Vettleson, Ava Kolstoe, Lola Hendrickson, Malayna Hamm, Rich Hendrickson. Front Row: Vanessa Majeres, Loryn Vettleson, Emma Anderson.

Snowflake League

By Eric Mickelson
Red Lake County boys and Red Lake County Central elementary teams play in The Snowflake League. This past Saturday the games were in RLF. This upcoming Saturday the games will be held in Oklee and Plummer. A few years ago The Snowflake League was formed. Each Saturday for about a month several teams involved with the league meet

in a certain town and play 2 games for each team. Everyone is in one location and you get a couple of games in! This is kind of a win-win situation. Instead of traveling you get a couple of games at one location. It has been a successful arrangement. If you are not busy Saturday come out and support the Red Lake County teams! Thank you to the coaches, parents, and teams for all the fun!

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus annual Free Throw Contest will be held in Red Lake Falls at the High School gymnasium on Sunday January 19th starting at 1:00. This is for any girls and boys from the ages of 9-14 as of January 1. The gym will be open at 12:30 for practice. Ages 9-11 all shoot from 3 feet in front of the regular free throw line with a girls' size basketball. Ages 12-14 will shoot from the

regular free throw line, girls with the girls' ball and boys with the boys' ball. Winners will advance to the District competition, followed by Regional, State, and International levels. Contact any of the schools in Plummer, Oklee, and Red Lake Falls for a scoresheet. Any questions, contact Steve Philion: 218-686-3608 or email to: sphilion@rlfedu.org

Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial Update

Recently a donation was received for the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial in memory of Brad Gunderson, long time, well known, Trail resident who was raised in Oklee. Vincent and Shirley Dessellier, Oklee, made a contribution to the Veterans' Memorial remembering Brad's involvement in the community and area he proudly served as an electrician.

Donations to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial may be sent to Security State Bank, Box 69, Oklee, MN 56742, attn:

Paul Peterson. The Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial committee is grateful for the involvement of Lori Melby as she collected donations to the Veterans' Memorial while employed at Security State Bank. Paul Peterson, a veteran, will now be receiving contributions to the Oklee Area Veterans' Memorial at the Security State Bank address.

Questions regarding the Veterans' Memorial may be directed to Mary Lynn Bachand at marylbachand@gmail.com.

Church News

OKLEE LUTHERAN PARISH
Zion and Salem
Okleelutheran.org
Sun, Jan. 12: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Zion. 9:00 a.m.
SS. 10:00 a.m. SS. 10:30 a.m.
Worship at Salem.
Wed, Jan. 15: 7:00 p.m.
Confirmation at Salem.

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, Jan. 12: 9:00 a.m.
Worship at Ebenezer. 10:30
a.m. Worship at Bethany. 6
p.m. Worship at Immanuel.

GOODRIDGE AREA
LUTHERAN PARISH
ELCA
Bethany-Ekelund-Faith
Sun, Jan. 12: Ekelund: 8
a.m. Worship, 9 a.m. Sunday
School. Faith: 9:30 a.m. Wor-
ship, Sunday School 10:30
a.m. Bethany: 10 a.m. Sunday
School, 11 a.m. Worship.
Mon, Jan. 6: 9 a.m. Faith
Mission/Quilting. 1:30 p.m.
Ekelund WELCA.
Wed, Jan. 15: Release
Time/Confirmation Classes.

CLEARWATER
LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeffrey Merseeth
Wed, Jan. 8: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday School. 6:30 Ves-
pers. 7:00 p.m. LYS.
Sat, Jan. 11: 9:00 .m. Mt.
Olive
Sun, Jan. 12: 8:45 a.m. Oak
Park SS. 9:45 a.m. St. Petri/
Annual Meeting and Meal.
Livestream at Nazareth and
Oak Park.
Wed, Jan. 15: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday School. 6:30 Ves-
pers.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Jan. 12: 9 a.m. Wor-
ship at Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand
Valley.

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.

Deadline:
Fridays at noon!

Oklee Centennial Cookbook
Recipe Corner - Page 231

Halibut Stew
Jan Dulka

- 2 lb halibut, fresh or frozen
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 lb fresh mushrooms
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 Tbsp flour
- 1 can (1 lb 12 oz) whole tomatoes
- 2 Tbsp minced parsley
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 tsp sugar
- 2 tsp salt
- 1 tsp pepper
- pinch of thyme
- 1/8 tsp Tabasco sauce.

Thaw fish, if frozen. Cut into 1 to 2 inch pieces. Heat oil in skillet or large saucepan. Add onions, green pepper, celery, mushrooms and garlic. Cook gently, stirring often until onions are soft. Stir in flour. Add tomatoes and juice from can. Stir in, breaking up tomatoes. Add remaining ingredients, except fish. Cover and simmer stirring occasionally, for 20 min. Add halibut and simmer until fish is tender (10 to 12 min). Remove bay leaf and serve over rice or eat alone. Serves 6 to 8.



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Red Lake County Courthouse Boardroom
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Red Lake County Commissioner.
Come and wish Ron
a Happy Retirement with us.
Cake and beverage will be served.

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Transportation

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FACT OF THE DAY:
A grasshopper's ears are found not on its head, but rather, on its belly.

Sudoku Solution

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

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Paul Cyr, David & Mary Lynn Bachand and Larry Olson visited at Lori Melby retirement party on December 31st.



Carol Bachand and Sue Beaudoin attended the retirement party for Lori Melby on December 31st at Security State Bank and Agency.



Dale and Bonnie Cote, John Melby (Lori's husband) and Liz Follmann at the retirement party for Lori Melby on December 31st.

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In the early morning hours of 12/29/24, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report that a house was on fire on Bourden St. in Oklee. Red Lake County deputies, the Oklee Fire Department and the Oklee Ambulance were dispatched to the scene. The lone occupant and owner of the house, Rodney Smith (58) of Oklee, had fled from the burning structure prior to emergency responders arrival. Mr. Smith was injured in the fire and was transported to the Essentia Hospital ER in Fosston by the Oklee Ambulance. The fire department battled the fire for approximately one hour before it was under control. The trailer house was severely damaged, and the State Fire Marshal's Office was contacted to assist with the investigation. It appears the fire started in the living room area, but the exact cause is unknown at this time, and the matter remains under investigation.

On the morning of 12/29/24, a Red Lake County deputy responded to a report of a juvenile assaulting their sibling at their Oklee residence. Investigation revealed a domestic assault had occurred. A juvenile male was arrested and transported to the Juvenile Detention Center in Crookston. The matter was referred to Juvenile Court. A criminal hearing was held earlier this week in Crookston, and another hearing has been scheduled for 01/06/25. The juvenile male remains in custody at the time of this release.

On the afternoon of 12/29/24, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of individuals causing a disturbance at the Hockey Arena in Red Lake Falls. A Red Lake County deputy responded and found that one of the parties involved had left prior to their arrival. This matter is still under investigation.

On the morning of 12/30/24, Red Lake Falls City Maintenance requested assistance in getting a parked vehicle moved because it was obstructing snow removal efforts. A Red Lake County deputy located the owner and the vehicle was moved.

On the afternoon of 12/30/24, the Beltrami County Sheriff's Office reported they had arrested Jeremy Dean Brown (50) of Blackduck. Red Lake County held an active gross misdemeanor warrant for his arrest. Red Lake County placed a hold on Mr. Brown and Beltrami County will contact us again once he's ready to be transported back to face the Red Lake County charges.

On the afternoon of 12/30/24, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a possible sexual assault that occurred in the city of Red Lake Falls. Red Lake County law enforcement removed a juvenile female from her home and they were placed with another family member. Red Lake County Social Services is assisting, and the case remains under investigation.

On the morning of 12/31/24, a Red Lake County deputy as-

sisted with a property exchange in the city of Red Lake Falls.

On the evening of 12/31/24, Rebecca Joann Spears (60) of Bemidji, was cited for speeding on Hwy. #59 south of Brooks.

On the morning of 01/01/25, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a single-vehicle rollover crash on 340th Ave. in Equality Township. Red Lake County deputies, the Oklee Ambulance, the Oklee Fire Department and Minnesota State Patrol were dispatched to the scene. Both of the occupants in the vehicle were transported to the Sanford ER in Thief River Falls by the Oklee Ambulance. The vehicle was severely damaged, and the Minnesota State Patrol is handling the crash investigation.

On the afternoon of 01/01/25, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report of a disturbance at a Red Lake Falls Township residence. Red Lake County deputies responded and counseled two adults that were having a disagreement. One of the parties involved left the residence and the incident was mediated.

On the evening of 01/01/25, Donovan James Clifton (18), of Oklee was cited for misdemeanor illegal packaging of marijuana in a motor vehicle on CR. #1 east of Plummer.

In the early morning hours of 01/02/25, several vehicles were ticketed for violating the city of Red Lake Falls' winter parking ordinance on Main Ave.

On the afternoon of 01/02/25, a Red Lake County resident reported a theft of a firearm. That report remains under investigation.

On the afternoon of 01/02/25, a Red Lake County deputy responded to a report of a disturbance at an apartment building in Red Lake Falls. It was discovered a male tenant was yelling loudly in their residence. They were counseled and no further action was taken.

Mitch Bernstein, Red Lake County Sheriff: 01/03/25

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RLCC Menus

January 13 - 17

Oklee

Monday: Breakfast: Ham & Cheese Croissant, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Fresh Vegetable, Cottage Cheese, Fruit, and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Cold Subs, Fresh Vegetables, Chips, Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Waffle w/Syrup, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Tacos, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Omelet w/Toast, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce or Alfredo, Bread Sticks, Fruit, and Milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Hot Dog or Polish, Baked Beans, Chips, Fruit, and Milk.

Plummer

Monday: Breakfast: Pop Tart, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Corn Dog, Mac & Cheese, Peas, Fruit and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Toast w/PB&J, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Sloppy Joes, Baked Beans, Carrots, Fruit and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Sub Sandwiches w/toppings, Chips, Fruit and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Variety, Fruit, Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Hotdish, Dinner Roll, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit and Milk.

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

Thu, Jan 9:

JH Game 4:30PM

JV Game 6:00PM

Varsity 7:30PM

Away vs. Warren/Alvarado/Oslo Warren-Alvarado/Oslo High School

Mon, Jan 13:

Girls JV 6:00PM

Varsity 7:30PM

Win-E-Mac @ Red Lake

County Central HS

Tue, Jan 14:

Girls JH 4:30PM

Girls JV 6:00PM

Varsity 7:30PM

Away vs. Northern Freeze @ Marshall County Central HS-Newfolden

Fri, Jan 17:

JH Game 4:30PM

Win-E-Mac @ RLCC HS

JV Game 6:00PM

Varsity 7:30PM

Climax-Fisher @ RLCC HS

Boys Basketball Schedule

Fri, Jan 10:

Boys JH 4:30PM

Boys C 5:00PM

JV Game 6:00PM

Varsity 7:30PM

RLC vs. Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ RLCC HS

Mon, Jan 13:

Boys JH 4:30PM

RLC vs. Fosston @ RLCC HS

Tue, Jan 14:

Boys C 5:00PM

Boys JV 6:00PM

RLC vs. Mahnomen @ Mahnomen High School

Thu, Jan 16:

Boys JH 4:30PM

RLC vs. Fertile-Beltrami @ Fertile-Beltrami High School

Boys C 5:00PM

Boys JV 6:00PM

Boys Varsity 7:30PM

RLC Basketball vs. Crookston @ Red Lake Falls High School

Mon, Jan 20:

JH Game 4:30PM

RLC vs. Win-E-Mac @ Red Lake Falls Elementary

Boys C 5:00PM

JV Game 6:00PM

Varsity 7:30 p.m.

RLC vs. Thief River Falls @ Lincoln High - TRF



Ben Gullingsrud, Connor Duden, Will Gieseke, and Ethan Johnson ready their defense.



Ethan Johnson fighting through Cougar Defense to find an opening!

Mustangs keep on Moving

On December 16th, 2024, the Red Lake County Central Mustangs hosted the Fosston Greyhounds in girls basketball. In the first half, the Mustangs were ahead 25 points to the Greyhounds' 21 points; however, the Greyhounds inched ahead, scoring another 25 points; with the Mustangs 19, the final score at the wire was 44 points to 46.

On January 2nd, the Red Lake County Central Mustangs hosted the Mahnomen Wauben Thunderbirds. In the first half,

the Thunderbirds came out strong, scoring 32 points to the Mustangs' 14; however, the Mustang's energy grew in the second half, scoring 30 points compared to the Mahnomen Wauben's 32 points. The final score was 44 points to 64.

Currently, The Mustangs' record is 4-3, and look forward to hosting the Goodridge-Grygla Chargers on Monday, January 6th, and traveling to Warren to take on the Ponies on Thursday, January 9th.



Quinn Graves with a nice free throw with McKaelyn Frizzle and Alexa Chervestad ready for an Offensive Rebound.

RLCC High School Students of the Month



Congratulations to Brady Lowell, Red Lake County High School Senior High November Student of the Month and Molly Ferguson, Red Lake County High School Junior High November Student of the Month. Congratulations on your award!



Gavin Thomas, Senior, shoots for two!

Rebels Riveting Record

On December 17th, the Red Lake County Rebels hosted the Ada Borup Cougars. Although the Rebels played strong, they would lose the game by two points down to the wire. The Rebels had a 29 rebounds compared to the Cougars' 50, 13 assists compared to the Cougars 16, nine steals, and six blocks. That night, The Rebels scored an impressive 38% with their three-pointers compared to the Cougars' 25 points. They also scored 59% of their free throws compared to Ada's 43%

On Friday, December 20th, 2024, the Red Lake County Rebels traveled to Clearbrook to take on the Clearbrook Gonvick Bears. In the first half, the Rebels scored 51 points compared to the Bears' 32 points in the second half, and the Rebels would score another 43 points compared to the Bears' 30, ultimately winning the game with a score of 94 points to the Bears' 62. The Rebels made an impressive 65% of their free

throws, 15 assists, 35 defensive rebounds and 25 offensive rebounds. Owen Chervestad scored 19 points, making four three-pointers, and had nine defensive rebounds. Connor Duden scored 22 points and swiped 7 defensive rebounds. Ethan Majeres scored 11 points with three three-pointers. Thor Thompson scored his first varsity points with three field goals and one free throw.

On January 2nd, 2025, the Red Lake County Rebels traveled to Karlstad to take on the Northern Freeze. In the first half, the Rebels were ahead 39-28. The Rebels would win the game 69 to 48 points. Overall, the Rebels outscored the Freeze in field goals by 46% to 34%, in three-pointers by 29% to the Freezes' 21%. However, the Northern Freeze outscored the Rebels with free throws by 50% compared to the Rebels' 36% currently. The Rebels' record is 5 to 1, and they look forward to taking on the Sacred Heart Eagles on Monday, January 6th.



Isabelle Paradis looking for a fast break while Alexa Chervestad and Quinn Graves create an opening.



Emma Hendrickson throws in the ball to Quinn Graves at the beginning of a competitive game against the Greyhounds.



Emma Hendrickson looking for a free teammate amongst a strong Fosston defense

Oklee Herald Early Files

80 Years Ago January 11, 1945

The Twelfth Annual "March of Dimes" opens January 14th and continues until January 31st.

Sgt. Elton M. Rystad arrived here Saturday of last week to spend a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Rystad. This is the first visit home since he enlisted, nearly 4 years ago.

70 Years Ago January 13, 1955

Beverly Linder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Linder of Oklee and Richard Dube, were united in marriage on December 31st at Immanuel Church in Plummer.

Private Richard L. Rustan of Oklee has recently completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood with a unit of the 6th armored Division.

60 Years Ago January 14, 1965

The Brooks Cheese Factory won an award of quality from the Craft Foods Company.

10 Years Ago - January 14th, 2015

Allen Carriere, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Carriere was promoted to Airman Second Class on December 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Nelson of Trail announce the engagement of their daughter, Judith, to Mr. David Lundeen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lundeen of Trail.

50 Years Ago January 9, 1975

Carolyn Melby will be honored at a bridal shower on January 13th at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Oklee.

Myrtle Plante and Irene Bendickson started quilting operations last Wednesday with cutters Loretta Flatgard and Irene Dessellier reporting in Friday as Oklee Manufacturing Company gets back to work with a small crew.

40 Years Ago January 9, 1985

A 16 pound, 38 inch North-ern was caught by Sidney Bergeron and Art Klasen on Pine Lake. They were spear- ing on Sunday and felt this

fellow was worth their three hour wait!

Two local bars are involved in a lawsuit. The Oklee Municipal Liquor store and Trail's End Bar are defendants in a case presently in district court.

30 Years Ago January 18, 1995

Newly elected mayor Iona Berry and newly elected councilman, Clay Haugen, signed their oath of office at the first council meeting held in 1995.

Birthday wishes were brought to Kim Chervestad by family members and friends on December 31st.

20 Years Ago January 13, 2005

New Mayor takes over in Plummer, Anne Jaeger. New council persons are Ron Quick and Jeff Kelly.

Lavern Grimm recently celebrated his 90th birthday with a weekend family party at the home of Vicki Mandt and Dallas Humphrey in East Gull Lake.

Senior Site News & Other Things

Bonny Cote, Treasurer - Acting Secretary

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 after-noon.

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.

Senior Site Meeting

The Senior Site meeting was held on January 2nd. The new site is coming along. Window shades are being hemmed, the book shelves have been moved in the room. A long table has been set up for future potlucks. There are still some things to be decided on, what to keep and what to get rid of. A thank you to Derek and Ben for all their help moving the site was

discussed and approved.

Lexiphiles -

i.e. - "Lovers of Words" Like.....

You can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish.

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger...then it hit me.

To write with a broken pencil is...pointless.

When fish are in schools they sometimes...take debate.

A thief who stole a calendar...got twelve months.

The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes...was on shaky ground.

The batteries were given out...free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist married...They fought tooth and nail.

A will is a...dead giveaway. Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you...A-flat miner.

You are stuck with your debt if...you can't budge it.

A boiled egg is...hard to beat.

When you've seen one shopping center...you've seen a mall.

Police were called to a day care where a three year old was...resisting a rest.

A bicycle can't stand alone...it is two tired.

In a democracy it's your vote that counts....In feudalism, it's you count that votes.

When a clock is hungry...it goes back four seconds.

The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine...was fully recovered.

He had a photographic memory...which was never developed.

Those who get too big for their britches will be...exposed in the end.

When she saw her first strands of gray hair...she thought she'd dye

Acupuncture...a jab well done.

Oklee Senior Meals on Wheels NSI Menu

January 13-17

Oklee Meals on Wheels Nutrition Services Inc (NSI) is the new service offering Senior Meals/Meals on Wheels. They are available for Home Delivery, Monday-Friday. Please call Carolyn at the RLF NSI Kitchen the day before, by 12 noon at 218-253-4454.

NSI provides this service in part under the Federal Older Americans Act through a contract with NWRDC under an area plan approved by the MN Board on Aging.

Mon: Shredded Chicken w/Bun, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Pudding/Topping, 1% Milk.

Tue: Meatloaf, Mashed Potato/Gravy, Baked Squash, Whipped Jello, 1% Milk.

Wed: Potato Soup, Egg Salad Sandwich, Fruit Cup, Cookie, 1% Milk.

Thu: Pork Chop, Boiled Potato/Gravy, Carrots, Fruit Crisp, 1% Milk.

Fri: Cook's Choice, 1% Milk.

Plummer News

By Alice Jobe 218-465-4402

Earlier in the week, the neighbor boys went snowmobiling out south of my place. There possibly is four inches of snow.

I haven't been skiing yet this winter. I don't know if I'll go out this winter. My skis are quite old as well as the skier wearing them.

New Years Eve, Anna DeHate, her brother Roger Gal-

lant and Alice Jobe enjoyed a prime rib dinner at the Legion in Plummer. It included a salad with choice of toppings, baked potato and choice of dessert. It was very good.

My sister gave me a 1,000 piece puzzle for Christmas. It is of a church and trees in the background. It's a winter scene. I have a few pieces together, but it's going to be tough. I did a 1,000 piece a few years ago of the Grand Canyon. It took three weeks.

January is going to be colder than what we've had. The sun was out today which was nice.

I hop you are all well. Be good everyone!

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This week's photo is of cheerleaders.

Last Week's photo was of a group of ladies at the Oklee Senior Site: Irene Dessellier, Eleanor Christianson, Delores Longtin, Ione Nelson and Elaine Radniecki.

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.

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