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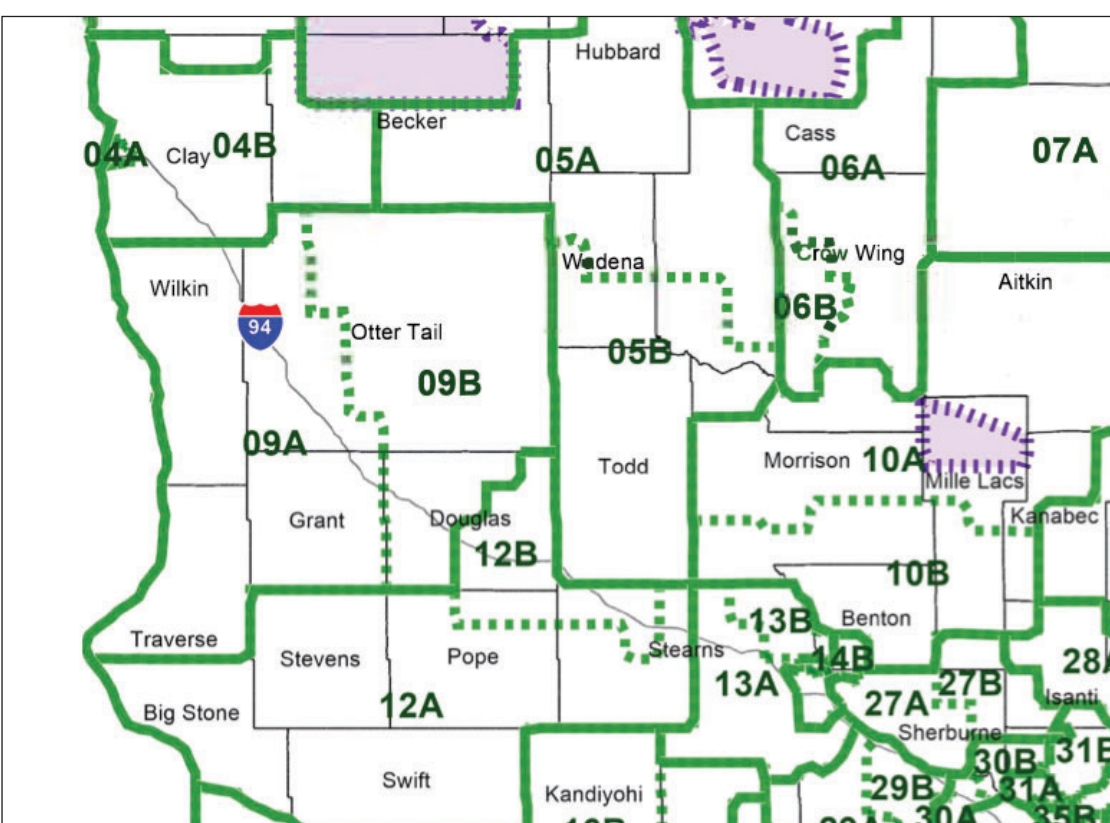
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Redistricting will shake things up

Jason C. Brown
Publisher/Editor

The 2022 election will look different thanks in part to a number of political moves and the recent redistricting.

After 10 years under the current legislative

boundaries, on the Todd County side, Todd will once again be represented as a whole county, instead of being split in two.

Republican incumbent, Rep. Ron Kresha will no longer be able to represent the citizens of the

Redistricting / 8A

Make sure you get a building permit

City Council entertains proposal for a \$1,000 fine for work without a permit

Alisha Sunderman
Staff Writer

The regular Osakis City council meeting was held Monday February 14, all City Council members were present. Valentine cookies, hot chocolate and coffee was available for attendees.

First in the meeting the council approved the consent agenda which included:

-Approval of bills for January 2022, at \$567,695.93

-Approval of minutes from the previous meeting.

-Approval of the overtime report.

-Approval of EDA meeting minutes from January 24, 2022.

-Approval of health and safety meeting minutes.

-Approval of Planning and zoning meeting minutes, from January 20, 2022.

The Clerks report, from Angela Jacobson was next, and the council approved a request from Jacobson to attend the annual Clerks Conference in March 2022.

Reenie Goodwin updated the council on the liquor store, stating, "It was a typical January," and, "There have been some struggles with staffing."

Next the Council heard a report from first responder, Jason Schultz who presented the

Council / 7A

Osakis Lions celebrate 50 years of service

On October 18, 2021, the Osakis Lions celebrated their 50th anniversary at Osakis VFW. The event was delayed a year due to COVID-19.

Osakis Lions Club was chartered on September 12, 1970, with 23 members. Three of the original charter members, Lions Loren Ortendahl, Newman Olson, Jr., and Don Jensen were still members 51 years later. The current Lions club consists of 25 members.

Lion President Mark Reicks called the celebration to order. Lion Secretary Richard Hoff led the Pledge of Allegiance. After a delicious dinner, Lion Dan Wessel welcomed members and guests. Treasurer John Temple recognized the charter members. Lion Temple also gave a review of the rich history of the club, which includes conducting the annual Osakis Li-



Pictured from left to right: Osakis Lions Secretary Richard Hoff, Lions International President-Elect Brian Sheehan from Bird Island, MN, and Osakis Lions President Mark Reicks at the January 29 Lions District 5M4 Mid-Winter Convention in Willmar.

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Obituaries

ROBERT ANTHONY DIDIER OSAKIS
JANUARY 22, 1953 - FEBRUARY 11, 2022

Robert Anthony Didier was born on January 22, 1953, in Alexandria, Minnesota to Aloysius and Julia (Griebe) Didier. He graduated from Osakis High School in 1971. Bob went to work for his brother, Donald where he drove garbage truck for Osakis Refuse for 25 years. After his brother sold the business, Bob went to work for Osakis Silo driving truck. Bob then went to work for Tim Bittner Masonry where he drove cement truck. He retired at the age of 62.

Bob enjoyed hunting, fishing, collecting different items, and music. He had a love of nature

and enjoyed feeding the birds, especially the hummingbirds. Bob will be missed.

Bob died on Friday, February 11, 2022, at Alomere Health at the age of 69. He is survived by his siblings, Jerome (Jan) Didier of Elk River, Karen (Maurice) Mallin of Osakis, Michael Didier of Osakis, and Mark (Fran) Didier of Alexandria; many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents, Aloysius and Julia; brother, Donald; and sister, Rita.

A Visitation was held Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at the Roy-Hetland Funeral Home in Osakis.

Arrangements are with the Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory. www.andersonfuneral.net

People

Crespin Herrera-Kult Named to Vermilion Community College Fall Honors List

Crespin Herrera-Kult of Osakis, MN was named to the Fall 2021 Highest Honors list at Vermilion Community College in Ely, MN. Students named to the Highest Honors list have attained a GPA of 3.75 for the semester.

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Knowledge bowl teams take 2nd and 3rd place
Osakis Knowledge Bowl takes 2nd and 3rd place in Prairie Conference meet. Kale Drevlow, John Pahl, Braden Blaisdell, and Owinn Cimbura, took third place in the Prairie Conference meet, and will be Osakis's number one team heading to sub-regions in March. Scott Ellefson, Issac Maddock, Zander Redning, Connor Gulbranson, and Marcus Wolf, took second in the Prairie Conference meet and will also be heading to the Sub-Regions in March



Honor roll students announced

The Osakis Secondary School recently announced its honor roll students for the 2nd quarter.

12th grade
Lara N. Drum, Mackenzie S. Fiskness, Alexis J. Johanson, Emily R. Kallstrom, Jonathan I. Kendall, Alexis K. Klimek, Logan T. Lipke, Zander R. Redning, Lexi R. Spychalla, Emma J. Tenhoff, Mara M. VanNyhuis, and Laureen A. Walter

11th Grade
Braden L. Blaisdell, Kale D. Drevlow, Scott M. Ellefson, Larissa F. Hoffarth, Rylee S. Klinger, Madison R. Lipke, John P. Pahl, Jack A. Petrich, Marcus R. Wolf, and Alexis A. Ziesmer.

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Honor roll students announced

Honor Roll / From 3A

10th Grade
Lauren E. Anderson, Made-line G. Anderson, Benjamin L. Berger, Johnathon E. Bock, Ean Crossley, Zachary M. Fiskness, Miles S. Gjerstad, Victoria M. Hoeper, Bria H. Hoffarth, Jacob J. Johnson, Nevaeh A. Kendall, Sara J. Kendall, Eli J. Klimek, Grant M. Mage, Kyle J. Mage, Taye J. Matthews, Lydia J. McLaughlin, Brenna E. Mean, Paige E. Orr, Andrew G. Paulson, Roxanne R. Sweetwater, Jacob T. Taplin, Isabelle M. Thompson, Chase Triebenbach, Eva C. Van Acker, and Haley M. Walker.

9th Grade
Morgen E. Baker, Elizabeth A. Beach, Jaclyn M. Dietrich, Taylor L. Dirkes, Greta G. Faber, Asian M. Froemming, Lucy M. Glenetske, Kaleb M. Helberg, Joy M. Kral, Stephy L. Marthaler, Rachel R. Moore, Grace E. Reinke, Callia A. Slaamot, and Charlie J. Thieschafer.

8th Grade
Amelia P. Crossley, Ava G. Drevlow, Simon Jacobson, Leah G. Maddock, Madison S. Proctor, Tyler M. Stier, and Bella L. Weisser.

7th Grade
Ally J. Boyer, Arron C. Breiter, Alexis R. Bruder, Kathryn G. Collins, Makia R. Herickhoff, Chase T. Johanson, Riley R. Kreemer, Trent T. Redetzke, Ezequiel A. Rodriguez.

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12th Grade
Corinna M. Harned and Tessa M. Stanek.

11th Grade

Connor D. Gulbranson and Anna M. Jacobson.

10th Grade
Blake S. Bouldin, Joey L. Hathaway, Bailee P. Hovland, Ki-ana M. Kendall, Arron W. Klienfehn, Issac T. Ruegerner, Wyatt J. Sell, and Joslyn M. Tacker.

9th Grade
Savannah M. Cozart, Aubrey D. Loxtercamp, Bryce B. Moen, and Kyla J. Thole.

8th Grade
Brooklyn R. Dropik, Payton M. Drum, Mitchel H. Oeltjen, Mackenzie V. Steele, and Zachary J. Winkle.

7th Grade
Annalynn O. Anderson, Abigail E. Fiskness, Tucker A. Hagen, Caden C. Judd, Brock J. Marthaler, Addison M. Roering, Cody J. Schablin, Preston J. Steinert, and Tyler S. Wolbeck.

School district takes on programming to aid with mental health

Alisha Sunderman
Staff Writer

The Osakis School Board held their February meeting Wednesday, February 16. In the meeting the board shared some positive comments about the last few weeks “there was a great turnout at the father-daughter dance,” commented Osakis Superintendent Randy Bergquist also stated that things seem to be running smoothly and that COVID cases have been going down. Following the positive comments, the board moved to approve consent items, including, the previous meeting minutes, bills, treasurer’s report, and stu-

dent activity report. The Board also moved to accept the following gifts: \$1,000, from Greater Alexandria Area AOR, Inc, for scholarships. \$100, from Bremer Bank, for FCCLA. \$40, from Hendrick’s Insurance for FCCLA. \$20 from Osakis True Value for the FCCLA \$100 from Gary Mikkelsen for Close up. \$5 from Bell Bank for Custom Card Donation \$100 from Ball Bank for the FCCLA \$3,292.32 from Glenn Sorenson Trust for Scholarship \$100 from Honor of Sharron Fearing for scholarship \$50 from Guns Galore for the FCCLA \$300 from the Osakis VFW for Close Up \$300 from the Osakis VFW for the FCCLA \$100 from Ag Country Farm Credit Services for the FCCLA \$500 from NFPA Education and Technology Foundation. Bergquist then updated the board on happenings in the school system. Approximately half of the students in grades 7 and 8 are participating in a pilot SEL Curriculum called EMPOWERU.



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commented Bergquist. “Student’s mental health has suffered over the last few years,” commented Bergquist. Bergquist noted that approximately 150 students in grades K-12 are receiving weekly mental health check-ins from the Osakis Mental Health staff. The self-paced EMPOWERU program is designed to build a foundation of resilience, motivation, and confidence. Bergquist is optimistic about the program and hopes to expand the use of the program in the future. The Board also approved a leave of absence request for Kristen Will. The Board then approved the hours of three paraprofessionals; Barb Didier, Jessica George, and Stacia Johnson, by an additional 15 minutes per day. The Board also heard an update from High School Principal Brad Hoffarth. Osakis High School students closed out Snow Week with a dodge ball tournament on Monday, February 14. Each grade had two teams competing in the tournament. The freshmen class won the tournament and enjoyed breakfast from AJ’s Cafe provided by the student council. The Student Council has

Board / 8A



Snow Week Dodgeball tournament

The Osakis High School ended their Snow Week with a dodgeball tournament Monday, February 14th. Teams from each grade competed for a chance to win breakfast for the entire grade. The Freshman class won the tournament and celebrated with breakfast at AJ's Cafe.



Commissioners look to define Vacation Rentals and Short-Term Rentals

Alisha Sunderman
Staff Writer

The Todd County Board of Commissioners came together Tuesday, February 15, for their regularly scheduled meeting.

In the meeting, the Commissioners approved a long list of Consent items including:

- Meeting minutes from the February 1, 2022 meeting.
- Resignation of Connie Spanwick as part-time Correctional Officer as of December 31, 2021.
- Hire part-time Correctional Officer, Jenna Lawin, start date to be determined.
- Hire Karen Christensen, SWCD Resource Conservationist- Wetlands; start date to be determined.
- Appoint Office Support Specialist I, Taylor Lemke; start date to be determined.
- Appoint Office Support specialist II, Abigail Deters; start date to be determined.
- Appoint Eligibility Worker, Mika Jacobson; start date to be determined.
- Gambling permit for Knights of Columbus.
- Gambling permit for Sauk Centre Area Chamber Commerce.
- Gambling permit for Society of St. Pius X; Long Prairie MN Inc.
- American Legion 417, one year Club Liquor License.

- Birchwood Resort, seasonal liquor license.
- Double Eagle Golf and Grille, seasonal liquor license.
- Hub supper Club, one year liquor license.
- Long Prairie Country Club, one year liquor license.
- Sauk Centre Area Chamber of Commerce, one day temporary 'on sale' liquor license.
- Shady's Golden Eagle, one year liquor license.
- Sylvan Shores Association, one day temporary on sale liquor license.

Following the Consent items, the Board approved the following

- Warrants:
- Auditor Warrants for January 2022, at \$2,477,004.04.
 - Commissioners Warrants at \$71,874.56.
 - Health and Human Services Commissioners Warrants at \$73,807.71.
 - Health and Human Services SSIS Warrants at \$48,902.29.

The Board also moved to acknowledge, Benson Air Ag Inc's plan to spray for tent worm caterpillars around lakes in Todd County through 2022. They plan to use a BT insecticide called Foray 48B. Public notifications will be given 48 hours before a spraying event.

The Board of Commissioners also heard a request from

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Lions celebrate service

Lions / From 1A


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First Vice-District Governor Rob Wiener of Sauk Centre recognized five men who have been active in the Osakis Lions for more than 40 years. These are Richard Hoff, John Temple, Kip Emerson, John Peterka, and Neil Ranum.

District Governor Marty Athmann of Bird Island gave the keynote address. Athmann presented MVP pins to Lions Rick Loxter-

camp and Steve Kral, in recognition for countless hours of work they have done for the Osakis community.

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Todd County looks at broadband options

Alisha Sunderman
Staff Writer

The Todd County Board of Commissioners held a work session meeting, following the Commissioner's regular meeting, Tuesday February 15, 2022.

The work session began with a brief discussion on the proposed Todd County Solar Ordinance. It was decided to table the discussion until the next work session.

Next the board heard from the Health and Human Services Division regarding the Estate Recovery and Probate process. The Health and Human Services Division proposed to start a non-interest growing account with a start amount of \$25,000. Funds from the account would be used to make payments on behalf of estates the county is probating, and will then be replenished from those estates when their probate is closed. There is

an estimated 2-4 probate cases on average per year.

County Coordinator Chris Pelzer, and Rick Utech, of Economic Development presented for discussion the upcoming Broadband Survey for the County.

"We are routinely over looked on Broadband projects," commented Pelzer.

"Doing the survey will give us a better idea of what our broadband needs are."

The last survey was completed between 2009 and 2011. The coalition will bring a formal funding request to the Board for the survey.

"We need to hire someone to dedicate their time to this project," commented Commissioner David Kircher.

Broadband, and wireless are important aspects in life, and some of the benefits to having high speed internet available include, public safety, government services, attract business, new residents, education, tourism and much more.

"We need it, we know we need it. We need to go after funding," Kircher said.

"The road block I see is working with providers," offered Commis-

sioner Barb Becker.

Pelzer will continue to work with the coalition and will return at a later meeting with more information and options.

The Board also discussed an update on Rescue Plan Funds ARP/CSLFR. Todd County was awarded \$4,790,693 of ARP/SLFRF funds, and received the first disbursement in September 2021. A decision needs to be made before March on how the funds will be utilized.

The categories that the funds can be used in are:

- Support Public Health Response.
- Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss.
- Water and Sewer Infrastructure.
- Address Negative Economic Impacts.
- Premium Pay for Essential Workers.
- Broadband Infrastructure.

"Replacing Public Revenue Loss is the most flexible option available to us," Pelzer said.

A decision is pending, and discussion will follow at the next meeting.

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Fire destroys Round Prairie trailer home

The Long Prairie Fire Department, along with the Browerville Fire Department responded to the Jeff Kent residence in section 5 of Round Prairie township Feb.

6. Upon arriving, the fire crews witnessed a trailer house with several additions that was engulfed with flames in the interior. Flames were extending through the eaves and vents on the home.

Due to safety concerns, the fire department was unable to perform an interior attack on the structure and instead focused on fighting the fire from the outside. After some time of trying to dampen the blaze from outside, it was decided to let the house burn for a bit to allow crews better access to the seats of the fire.

As the blaze wore down, the fire departments were able to remove some steel to gain access to the hot spots and put the fire out for good.

Though no injuries were reported, a family dog perished in the fire.

The state fire Marshall has been contacted to determine the origin of the fire.



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Council looks at park options

Council / From 1A

January 2022 report for the first responders with 13 total calls in January.

Osakis Fire Chief Craig Dropik presented the report for the Osakis Fire Department. The Osakis Fire Department had 7 calls throughout the month of January, ranging from chimney fires to vehicle roll overs. Kyle Swenstad, Dakotah Revering, and Austin Beier have completed their Firefighters course, and are just waiting to complete their final house burn when weather allows. The Council also approved a quote for new pagers for the Fire Department at \$479 each. There is also a communications grant available that will cover up to \$350. "The current pagers that we have been sending in for repairs, quite frequently are between 5 and 10 years old," commented Chief Dropik. Each fire fighter in the department carries a pager as their primary means of communication with the dispatch center.

Police Chief Chad Gilbranson presented the Osakis Police report for January 2022. A total

of 184 call to the Osakis Police Department occurred during January 2022. The Osakis Police Chief also proposed a change to the Planning and Zoning ordinance for building permits. He suggested a \$1000.00 fine for those not in compliance, stating, "The biggest problem has been people not getting permits."

The council then opened the floor to public comments. Roger Larson and Kimra Boogaard of Osakis addressed the council about their concerns with the current dog license ordinance, which states, "All dog are required to be licensed annually by May 1st, and must have current rabies vaccination on file with the city. Mr. Larson requested that the Council consider updating the ordinance, and making lifetime licenses for dogs available. The Council agreed to consider the request and will review the ordinance.

A brief update was given by Kimra Boogaard on the Osakis Beautification Teams plans for the Osakis spring clean up event. This event is planned for May 21, 2022. The Council

was also presented with some grants, that may be available via application, to the Osakis Beautification Team as well as the Parks and Recreation Team, in the coming months.

Sheila Krohse, from Bolton and Menk updated the Council on the progress of the Highway 27 project. Center Specialties, of Alexandria, had the winning bid. The project is slated to begin in May 2022, at which time HWY 27 will be begin closing to through traffic, with a full detour available for travelers. Shelia also stated that there has been a 15% cost increase to the original project estimate \$195,239 increasing to \$230,973.

A gambling license was then approved for Steve Andersen for the Veterans Support Brigades, at Knights Pub and Grub. This will take effect on either March 1, 2022 or April 1, 2022, depending on availability.

The Council also approved a tobacco license for Northdale Oil Inc., the new owners of Brothers Market in Osakis.

Restroom Project makes progress

The construction of the new public restrooms for the city of Osakis is well under way.

New walls are up separating the former office space from the rest of the building. The lighting, electric and plumbing for the restrooms are in their

final stages.

The new restrooms will be a great asset for the city, and are conveniently located close to the Lake Wobegon Trail which

will be a great relief for those traveling down the scenic trail, or shopping at anyone of our downtown business.

Please clean around fire hydrants

The Osakis Fire department would like to remind residence to please clear fire hydrants through the winter season.

- Clean at least 3 feet all around the hydrants
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"This would save firefighters a lot of time in the event that they were needed" said fire Chief Craig Dropik.

Cleaning around our hydrants is very important life saving task, and while fire trucks do carry a limited supply of water it may not be enough in the case of a fire, and with plenty of snow yet to come it is important to take extra effort in keep hydrants clear through these snowy months.

LP man identified as 3M victim

Dale Skillings of Long Prairie reportedly died as a result of injuries received during an accident while at work at 3M in Alexandria Feb. 9 at about 3:45 a.m.

The accident is currently being investigated by the Minnesota Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to determine how Skillings became trapped, the agency said.

Company officials issued a statement from 3M's headquarters in

Maplewood that said emergency response protocols were enacted in response to the incident, and the local police and fire departments and OSHA were notified.

"We are deeply saddened to confirm that one of our 3M Alexandria team members died overnight at the plant," the statement continued. "We are reaching out to the employee's family to offer support, and our thoughts are with the employee's family and friends."

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NEWS

School board updated on projects

Board / From 4A

also planned an incentive day for students to be held Friday, March 4. Students will have an opportunity to take part in a variety of activities at the following locations; Airmaxx Trampoline Park, Andea's Tower Hills, Bowling Barn, Lake Osakis Ice Fishing/ Snowshoeing, and The Skating Place.

The Board also heard from Elementary School Principal Shad Schmidt. The Osakis Elementry is taking part in 'I Love To Read' month with 'one school one book'. Throughout February

Osakis Elementry students and staff have been reading 'The Mouse And The Motorcycle' together in class and will end the month watching the movie together. The Osakis Elementry has also been running a read-a-thon from February 11-28 and has raised over \$7000 so far.

Athletic Director, Patrick Kalpin updated the board on the school activities. There are open positions available including head golf coach, assistant track coach, head and assistant volleyball coach, and junior high football coach.

The Girls basketball sections are scheduled to start March 3rd and boys basketball sections will be March 10, and the Science Olympiad state competition will be held March 5th.

Spring sports planning is also underway with the following dates.

- Softball March 14
- Track March 14
- Baseball March 21
- Golf March 21
- Boys tennis March 28

During the meeting, the School Board received bids for the new tennis court project. The Board will review and decide on them in a later meeting. The project includes the construction of restrooms and 5 tennis courts "we are excited to see this project come to fruition," commented the board.

Bidding for the new tennis courts project was opened on January 25, through a construction management bid process, and 37 bids were collected for the project. The next process will be to approve the base bids.

The board also accepted bids for the old school busses at \$427 for #19 and \$627 for bus #7.

Redistricting means changes for some

Lions / From 1A

Long Prairie area. He has since announced his intentions to run for his new home district, 10A, in the upcoming election.

As for the remainder of Todd County, currently being served by Republican John Poston, nothing will change all that much. All of Todd County will now fall under a unified district, 5B, that also includes a portion of Wadena County and Crow Wing County. However, the political changes haven't stopped there as Rep. Poston has announced his retirement.

"It has been my honor to serve in the Minnesota House of Representatives since 2017. Thank you for supporting me as your Representative for MN House District 9A," Rep. Poston said.

"Last fall (Sept, 2021); I announced that I would not be running for the House again; but I was planning to run for the Minnesota Senate in District 9."

"The new district maps were announced last week. After prayer, discussion with my family, and council with my fellow Republican lawmakers, I have made the decision to retire at the end of my House term."

"The new map for Senate District 5 includes portions of Becker, Cass, Hubbard, Todd, and Wadena counties. Paul Utke (Republican) resides in Park Rapids. He has been serving in the Minnesota Senate since 2017. I am confident in Paul's commitment to all Minnesotans. He will continue to advocate for tax reform, health care reform, and our 2nd Amendment rights."

"I will finish my House of Representatives position with pride. I will continue to stand on the core principles that I have campaigned for the past 3 terms. I will continue to make



Rep. Mary Franson

your voice heard at the State Capital."

"Thank you for giving me this opportunity to represent you. I am a proud Republican. I am a proud Minnesotan."

No candidates from either side of the aisle have made their intentions known at this time for running in the new District 5 for either the house or senate.

This redrawing of the district lines marks the first time since Rep. Mary Franson represented all of Todd County that the county will receive unified representation.

Todd County will continue to reside in the 7th Congressional District.

Over on the Douglas County side of things, the political lines will remain at the Todd/Douglas boarder.

Rep. Mary Franson, who is currently serving in District 8B, will continue to serve the residents of the Osakis area on the Douglas county side under the new district map in District 12B.

Senator Bill Engibrigtson, who currently represents the Osakis area in Senate District 8, has recently announced his retirement. To date, a new candidate has not come forward yet.

Senate District 8, will see significant changes as it will be essentially split in two under the newly formed Senate District 12 and Senate District 9.

Senate District 12, which will include the Osakis area, will also include a portion of Douglas County, Stevens County, Big Stone County, Swift County, Pope County, and some of Stearns County.

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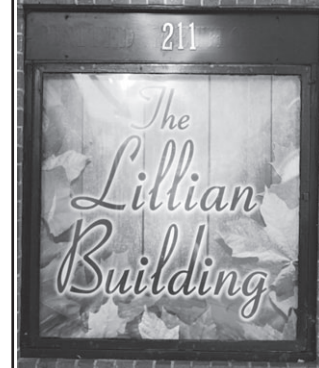
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Commissioners given ag update

County / From 4A

the Staples World newspaper for the publication of legal notices at \$3.50 a column inch on a supplemental basis. As the deadline for bids is passed and the Commissioners have already accepted a shared bid from the Long Prairie Leader, Osakis Anchor, and the Independent News Herald, the process does not allow the board to accept another bid after the deadline has passed. The Board therefore moved to deny the request for the supplemental publication. "It's unfortunate, but the process was not followed," commented Commissioner David Kircher.

The University of Minnesota (U of M) extension updated the Board on livestock and projects they have been working on. Throughout the year, the U of M holds many virtual meetings, videos, and training webinars. In January, they held a lambing and kidding webinar with over 400 registrations.

Todd County is home to fewer dairy farms every year, with only about 145 left in the County. "It's very hard to get into the business, and it is a very tough business to be in" commented Todd County Extension Educator Benda Miller. The U of M plans to have a farm tour this summer at a goat dairy farm. The rextension also has beef quality training available.

The dairy goat and meat goat industry in Todd County has grown in the last few years as has the demand for goat milk and goat meat. Currently, the biggest issue with goat farming is the lack of goat processing facilities in the area.

The Todd County 4H also has fruit available and orders are due March 4.

Adam Ossefoort presented

a request to the Todd County Planning and Zoning, for approval of Lakeside Acres First Preliminary Plat, in Leslie Township, with conditions. The board moved to make the developer responsible to dedicate land for a cul- de-sac, building the cul- de-sac, and updateing the road to Township specifications. David Kircher and Rob Erickson voted against the board actions, "The only reason this hasn't been done in the past is that they didn't have the land" commented Commissioner Rod Erickson. The Board also moved to approve a second additional preliminary plat for Lakeside acres, with conditions.

A request for a Conditional Use Permit from All Energy solar Inc., for a ground-mounted solar energy system with 40 panels for personal use, was presented to the Board. The Board moved to approve the permit with conditions.

The Board also moved to make an amendment for short term vacation rentals to the Planning and Zoning ordinance to include a definition of a 'Short-term Rental', and a 'Vacation Rental'. The amendment will also require a description of how they will be used in each Zoning District.

Next, the Board heard from Emergency Management. They sought the commissioner's endorsement, of a letter, requesting support under HF 2821/SF 2670. This is a communications grant opportunity, for the purchase of new radios by the Todd County Emergency Services. Todd County currently has 441 radios. These radios see daily use by rural emergency departments who rely on them to do their job effectively. There are 8 volunteer fire depart-

ments, 4 ambulance services, 2 hospitals, 2 police departments, and the Sheriff's Office which includes the county-wide dispatch center and the Emergency Management Department. Out of the 441 radios in Todd County, 404 were purchased before 2011, and are no longer supported by Motorola. It is also very difficult to find new or used parts to fix or maintain the current radios. The replacement cost for the radios that are at the end of their life expectancy ranges from \$2,500 to \$4,800 each. This does not include radio programming, or the additional equipment required to add the radios to the Statewide radio system, which is an additional \$400 per radio. "This has been a concern" commented commissioner Gary Knisl, and the Board moved to sign and support the letter in a request of federal funding.

Lastly, on the agenda, the Board heard from the Policy committee with a change to the Personnel Policy regarding Life insurance. The Board approved the change and adjourned the meeting.

Funds available for livestock operations

Minnesota livestock farmers and ranchers seeking to improve their livestock operation are encouraged to apply for an additional round of the Agricultural Growth, Research and Innovation Livestock Investment Grant program. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture anticipates awarding up to \$443,000 using a competitive review process in this round.

The AGRI Program's Livestock Investment Grants encourage long-term industry development in Minnesota's \$7 billion livestock industry through investment in facilities, infrastructure, and equipment. Funding for the grants comes through the AGRI Program to advance Minnesota's agricultural and renewable energy industries.

Applicants may apply for up to 10 percent of the first

\$250,000 of an eligible investment. Grant awards can range in size from \$400 to \$25,000. Each livestock operation is eligible to receive a lifetime maximum of \$50,000 from the grant program. To be eligible for reimbursement by this grant, you must be invoiced and pay for all project materials and services after January 1, 2022.

Project examples include buildings or facilities for the production of livestock or livestock products, development of pasture for use, buy livestock, including but not limited to lanes, watering systems, and fences, and equipment for livestock housing, confinement, feeding, and waste management.

We must receive your pro-

Funds / 10A


Beef webinars scheduled

The University of Minnesota Extension is excited to host a four part spring beef webinar series titled: Genetic Selection with a Vision – An integrated approach to creating profitability and opportunities for every type of beef cattle producer. The Zoom meetings will be held Monday nights - February 21 and 28, and March 7 and 14 from 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm CST. The webinar series will focus on how to select for beef sire selection, associated costs using artificial insemination (AI) versus

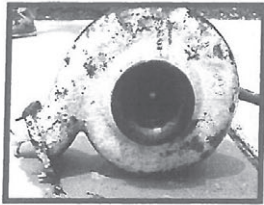
natural service, cost of raising replacement heifers versus purchasing them, and how to care for the bull throughout the year and prior to turnout to ensure a successful breeding season. Farmers, 4-H'ers, ag business professionals who work with farmers, and anyone interested in beef cattle production are invited to attend.

February 28: Breeding Costs – Artificial Insemination versus Natural Service

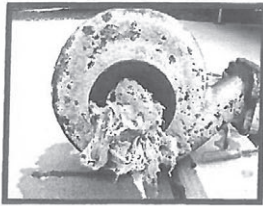
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NEWS/VIEWS

I want to talk about a topic that probably won't be very popular with some of my friends, but I think it will be brought up often in the coming years. I believe that charging fishing guides a fee is something that will gain traction soon. Fishing guides are becoming more prevalent in our region, and they are taking a toll on area lakes.

The combination of advanced technology and more fishing guides are leading to more fish being taken out of our lakes. We have a lot of fantastic guides in our region, so they do a great

Out and About Eric Koep

job of getting their customers their limit of fish. It used to be only in the summer, but now winter guiding is becoming more popular as well. In the winter you see fisherman going back to the spots guides took them too, which just leads to more fish being harvested.

I think it is fair to start the discussion regarding fishing guides

paying some sort of fee and/or donating money to lake association for stocking of fish. If they continue to take large amounts of fish out of area lakes, it will be detrimental to the fishing industry. Current stocking rates can't keep up with the amount of fishing being taken out of lakes.

Fishing licenses continue to rise and it is great to see that people are enjoying the great MN Outdoors, but we need to act sooner than later to preserve the sport of fishing.

Film plastic recycling program has room to expand

The Film Plastic Recycling Program that serves Otter Tail, Todd and Wadena Counties is ready to bring more collection sites on board. The program collects film plastic material from farms and boat storage facilities and delivers it to a regional collection hub in Sauk Center. The collected film plastic is used by Revolution Bag, located in Arkansas, to make commercial trash bags with up to 94% post-consumer content.

Agricultural plastic, boat wrap, and other film plastics are a problem material due to the bulky nature of the waste, and the lack of convenient disposal options. Prior to the program that started in 2016, most agricultural film plastic was either landfilled or illegally burned on site, with no practical option for recycling. Otter Tail County received a grant last year to expand existing film plastic recycling efforts into a regional program with consistent monthly collection. Grant funds were used to purchase a truck dedicated to the program, and monthly collection has been ongoing since June of 2021. Currently, Otter Tail County manages the program and collects over 200 tons of film plastic annually from farms and boat storage facilities for recycling. With 50 additional containers available for collection sites in February, the amount collected is expected to increase to over 280 tons annually.

Sites such as farms or marinas that generate a large amount of film plastic material may qualify for an on-site container

that will be serviced regularly. Smaller sites with film plastic waste or individuals may drop off the material for recycling at any Otter Tail, Todd, or Wadena County Transfer Station at no charge. Material accepted in the program includes silage plastic, bale wrap, and bunker cover (No skim or net wrap), and boat wrap (cords cut off). Drip tape and greenhouse plastic are also accepted in the program.

"We are thrilled that Otter Tail County was able to receive this grant and keep the film plastic recycling program going," said Assistant Director Zach Fjestad. "Additionally, we will add 50 more canisters to the program and with the ability to bring film plastic to the transfer stations, everyone should have access to recycle this material."

Generators of film plastic are overwhelmingly supportive of this recycling program as it takes care of a long-standing problem with disposal of this material. "Great program, no more unsightly piles of plastic around the feed site or stray pieces across the fields" said Brad Johnson, farmer in Orwell Township in southwest Otter Tail County. "We just wish it would have existed 10 years ago!"

For more information about the Film Plastic Recycling Program visit <https://ottertailcountymn.us/film-plastic-collection/>. If you are interested in participating in this program, contact Zach Fjestad, Assistant Director for the Otter Tail County Solid Waste Department at 218-998-8950.

More beef webinars to come

Webinars / From 9A

Topics to be discussed: Compare and contrast the different expenses associated with incorporating Artificial Insemination (A.I.) in the herd versus using bulls for natural service. Overview of most commonly used synchronization protocols will be discussed, as well as best management practices to maintain a tight calving window and improve reproductive efficiency in the herd.

Speaker: Troy Salzer, St. Louis County Extension Educator

March 7: Raising versus Purchasing Replacement Heifers

Topics to be discussed: Expenses associated with raising your own replacement heifers

versus purchasing them, and the trade-offs and considerations of using either management strategy. Will also look at the option of using a bi-annual replacement system, and how to make replacement decisions based on the cattle cycle.

Speaker: Dr. Eric Mousel, Cow Calf Management Extension Educator

March 14: Bull Breeding Soundness Exams & Bull Health

Topics to be discussed: Overview of bull Breeding Soundness Exams (BSE) and when they should be done prior to the breeding season, how many bulls are needed based on the number of females they will be

breeding, bull vaccine protocols, and other year-round bull management considerations.

Speaker: Dr. Joe Armstrong DVM, Cattle Production Systems Extension Educator

Pre-registration is required. Please register online at z.umn.edu/BeefGenetics. You will receive a Zoom link after registration is completed. You only have to register once and you will be registered for all subsequent webinars. If you are unable to attend the live sessions, you will receive the recordings for all the sessions via email at the end of the series. Any questions please contact: Brenda Miller at nels4220@umn.edu.

Operational funds available

Funds / From 9A

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Osakis tightens grip on conference

The Osakis Silvestreaks headed north Tuesday for a Prairie Conference matchup against the Browerville-Eagle Valley Tigers.

The Silverstreaks had been riding high on a 12-game winning streak before facing the Tigers. The Tigers would put a stop to that—handing the Silverstreaks just their third loss of the season.

“This was a trap game for us and definitely disappointing with the loss, especially coming off of the big win on Saturday against Morris,” commented head coach Matt Hoelscher.

“We played flat, we got out hustled, they were more physical than us, we didn’t shoot well or rotate well on defense, got beat off the dribble and we got too emotional and allowed things to get the better of us.”

The Tigers went into the break with a 10 point, 34-24 lead over Osakis.

While Osakis managed to increase their offensive pressure in the 2nd half, it wasn’t enough to challenge the overall outcome of the game as the Tigers were able to maintain that 10 point spread at the end.

“Give Browerville credit as they played a great defense game and nothing came easy for us,” Hoelscher said.

“They attacked the basket and got us in foul trouble, made big threes throughout the game and made free throws down the stretch.”

“We have a target on our back and we are going to get everyone’s best effort and if we don’t match that intensity and

execution, games like this will happen.”

“Browerville is an excellent team and took it to us tonight.”

“We need to learn from it and hopefully understand that we can’t overlook anyone.”

“Hopefully this game made the guys mad enough to make a statement.”

“We’ll only get better if we grow from our mistakes.”

Klimek led Osakis with 19 points.

Mages added another 10 points.

Jones and Mages each brought in another 8 points.

Streaks rebound and eat up conference wins

The Osakis Silverstreaks took their first loss in the Prairie Conference last week in Browerville in stride and took on two more Prairie Conference teams earning wins in both games.

Osakis 77

St. John’s 31

Osakis started off the week Tuesday with a road trip to St. John’s Prep.

The Streaks were quick to establish themselves on the court and built up a 45-18 lead at the break.

Osakis kept that momentum going into the 2nd half as well when they piled on another 32 points with many different players contributing to the win.

“This was a well executed and spread out game for us tonight as multiple guys reached the scoring column and did things really well to help our team win,” comments head coach Matt Hoelscher.

“Bauer made 6 threes in the



first half and that gave us a lot of energy on both ends of the court. Our defense forced turnovers or tough shots and we were able to get out and run. Issac, Mekai, Drew, Grant and Carter all contributed from three point line. Carter and Brady cleaned up the boards, and Tyler and Stewart used their athleticism to do great things on the court as well.”

“This was a game we’ve been waiting for since last Tuesday when we lost to Browerville. The guys were chomping at the bit to get back out on the court after that loss so we could get that bad taste out of our mouth. We had both games last week postponed so we had to sit and

think about that game for far too long. We played angry and aggressive at the start of that game and it was great to see that passion and grittiness come out of our guys after that loss.”

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Upsala 52

The Streaks hit the road again to face the Upsala Cardinals in another Prairie Conference duel. This was an important game for Osakis as each team came into it with just one loss in the conference.

“We had a great start as our posts dominated the offensive boards, Bauer got hot from beyond the arc, and Stewart created a lot of energy by getting to the rim,” Hoelscher said.

“We played excellent team defense against Lampert as Jones used his athleticism to force tough shots and our other players from cutting to the basket and having second chance opportunities.”

“Guys like Grant, Drew, Isaac and Mekai all played their role well but the night belonged to Bauer as he scored his 1,000 point. He’s put a lot of time in during the offseason and it has shown as he’s been one of our staple players the past few seasons. He is a great shooter, has speed to beat guys off the dribble, and I couldn’t be happier for him.”

SPORTS

Streaks gain momentum for playoffs

Osakis secures Prairie Conference Championship

The Osakis Silverstreaks had a lot riding on Thursday's game in Browerville. A win would give them the conference championship.

This road game faced several overtones that went against the Streak's favor. Browerville-Eagle Valley had been playing some of their best ball season and the Browerville-Eagle Valley boys team just upset the Silverstreaks at home earlier in the week. The Silverstreaks however didn't cave to the pressure.

The Tigers used their home court and the momentum from the boys game earlier in the week to their advantage.

Browerville-Eagle Valley established an early lead that Osakis found difficult to respond to. Two key three-pointers by Johanson helped the Streaks get back in contention and gave them a short lead, but missed opportunities and a consistent Tiger offense gave BEV the lead at the end of the half.

"We didn't get off to the greatest start with Browerville building an early lead," said head coach Pat Kalpin.

"We were able to take a short lead in the first half, but missed opportunities on the offensive end, and giving up second chance points gave Browerville a 6 point lead at the half."

The Tigers led Osakis 32-26 at the break.

The Silverstreaks turned up the pressure in the 2nd half and got themselves back in the game trading blows with the Tigers throughout the remainder of the game.

"We were able to get back into the game early and keep it close the whole second half," Kalpin explained.

"We were bale to build a 5 point lead with under 1 minute left in the game."

But, the Tigers would respond in spades and cut that lead to just one point.

"But we were able to hold them off for the win," Kalpin explained.

"It was a fun night of basketball watching two teams compete for a conference championship."

"Our girls definitely earned this win."

"We are very proud of the girls this great team accomplishment."

Alexis Johanson led Osakis with 19 points and 6 rebounds.

Mara VanNyhuis added another 16 points and 8 rebounds.

Tessa Stanek brought in 9 points and 2 rebounds.

Haileigh Niehoff had 7 points and 3 rebounds.

Earlier in the week, Osakis took out Kimball in dominating



win.

"We shot the ball really well tonight and moved the ball well offensively," Kalpin explained.

"The girls did a nice job of dinging the open person to give the team great looks at the basket."

"Fortunately in the first half we were able to shoot the ball well from the three-point line making 10/17 in the first half."

This kind of shooting rocketed the Streaks to a 46-25 first half lead.

"Defensively, we did a nice job of getting out on their shooters and not giving too many open looks."

It was right before the midway point of the first half that the Streaks really took control of the game and they never looked back.

"The second half we moved the ball well again, and took good shots. On the defensive end, we played the same as the



first half."

While the offensive punch wasn't as evident in the 2nd half, it was still outpaced Kimball to the point where Kimball was never really able to threaten the Streak's lead.

"I was really proud of our

total team effort tonight as this was a big section win for us. All of the girls played well and contributed to this win."

Johanson led the Silverstreaks with 19 points, including 5 three-pointers and 7 rebounds.

VanNyhuis followed that up

with 14 points and 11 rebounds for the double-double.

Stanek and Carlee Muenzhu-ber each brought in 11 points.

Niehoff added another 10 points.

Fresh off securing their Prairie Conference Championship the Osakis Silverstreaks hosted the lady Bulldogs from Swanville at home last week.

The Silverstreaks didn't sit back as they look to get into playoff shape for the section tournament.

"Swanville came into the game winning 8 of their last 9 games, we wanted to make sure we ended with an undefeated record in the conference," explained head coach Pat Kalpin.

The Streaks did just that and then some.

Osakis distanced themselves early in the first half securing a 40-15 lead by the break. Lexi Spychalla provided the momentum that saw the Streaks surge ahead with two straight three-pointers. This was followed up by three pointers from Hayleigh Niehoff and Lexi Klimek on the follow two possessions.

"In the 2nd half we continued to play well on both ends of the floor," Kalpin said.

The Streaks were able to rotate more players into the game and give them some good opportunities and experience.

"The girls played really hard tonight and everyone contributed with 11 of the 12 girls scoring," Kalpin explained.

"It's fun to watch the girls play well together with all of them doing their part."

"I thought we defended well again and offensively we took care of the ball and took good shots. It was nice to see so many girls make shots tonight."

"Again, it was fun to see all the girls contribute tonight to earn this win."

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Pierz 44

Wednesday, the Streaks had their work cut out for them when they faced Pierz.

Pierz came into the game with a 16-5 record and 2nd place ranking in Section 7AA.

"We knew this was going to be a battle through the whole game," Kalpin said.

Pierz came out hard and fast early in the 1st half, but the Streaks were able to rebound and take the lead midway through the half. Pierz responded, but Osakis rallied to take a 24-17 lead at the break.

"Defensively they play aggressively, and force you to



Osakis brings home two wins

Playoff run ends with match against New York Mills

The Osakis Silverstreaks wrestlers traveled to the Ortonville Tri two weeks ago and came home with two more wins under their belts.

Osakis 60 Ortonville 18

106: Reggie George (OSAK) over Cody Klepel (ORTO) (Dec 7-5)

113: Simon Jacobson (OSAK) over Marvin Hognes (ORTO) (Fall 1:45)

120: Jacob Taplin (OSAK) over (ORTO) (For.)

126: Christian Nathe (OSAK) over Brooklyn Conrad (ORTO) (Dec 11-6)

132: Anthony Eustice (ORTO) over Lukas Duchene (OSAK) (Fall 5:42)

138: Hunter Sell (OSAK) over Jacob Hartman (ORTO) (Fall 0:16)

145: Gaven Cimbura (OSAK) over Trent Eastman (ORTO) (Fall 3:24)

152: Kale Drevlow (OSAK) over (ORTO) (For.)

160: Carsten Jacobson (OSAK) over (ORTO) (For.)

170: Tyson Hagedon (OSAK) over (ORTO) (For.)

182: Bladen Larson (ORTO) over (OSAK) (For.)

195: Preston Kunkel (OSAK) over (ORTO) (For.)

220: Conner Koep (OSAK) over (ORTO) (For.)

285: James Conrad (ORTO) over (OSAK) (For.)

Osakis 44 Wabasso 33

106: Kaysen Harms (WAB) over Reggie George (OSAK) (Dec 2-0)

113: Ashton Weidemann (WAB) over Simon Jacobson (OSAK) (Fall 1:44)

120: Jacob Taplin (OSAK) over (WAB) (For.)

126: Christian Nathe (OSAK) over Mikale Goblirsch (WAB) (MD 12-4)

132: Lukas Duchene (OSAK) over William Flowers (WAB) (Fall 5:35)

138: Adryen Tietz (WAB) over Hunter Sell (OSAK) (Fall 3:34)

145: Gaven Cimbura (OSAK) over Preston Remiger (WAB) (Fall 0:36)

152: Kale Drevlow (OSAK) over Garret Marotzke (WAB) (Fall 0:27)

160: Tyson Hagedon (OSAK) over Mason Kampsen (WAB) (MD 11-1)

170: Chase Irlbeck (WAB) over (OSAK) (For.)

182: Kaleb Helberg (OSAK) over Ezekiel Olson (WAB) (Fall 2:26)

195: Sam Welch (WAB) over (OSAK) (For.)

220: Wyatt Irlbeck (WAB) over Preston Kunkel (OSAK) (Fall 0:40)

285: Conner Koep (OSAK) over (WAB) (For.)

New York Mills 42 Osakis 25

106: Reggie George (OSAK) over (NYM) (For.)

113: Austin Geiser (NYM) over Simon Jacobson (OSAK) (Dec 2-1)

120: Jacob Taplin (OSAK) over Slade Doll (NYM) (Fall 3:00)

126: Christian Nathe (OSAK) over Elijah Geiser (NYM) (MD 11-1)

132: Jay Mindermann (NYM) over Lukas Duchene (OSAK) (Dec 7-2)

138: Joe Mann (NYM) over (OSAK) (For.)

145: Simon Snyder (NYM) over Gaven Cimbura (OSAK) (Dec 4-2)

152: Dane Niemi (NYM) over (OSAK) (For.)

160: Hunter Rust (NYM) over Kale Drevlow (OSAK) (Dec 7-1)

170: Tyson Hagedon (OSAK) over Blake Unger (NYM) (Dec 7-1)

182: Kaleb Helberg (OSAK) over Jonah Ruther (NYM) (Fall 2:01)

195: Grady Roberts (NYM) over (OSAK) (For.)

220: Braeden Peterson (NYM) over (OSAK) (For.)

285: Sawyer Wedde (NYM) over (OSAK) (For.)

Silverstreaks pick up key wins before sections

Basketball / From 12A

be strong with the basketball,” Kalpin said.

“I thought we did a nice job handling the ball and taking good shots the entire game. We also shot the ball well tonight, which was nice since we had to work hard for every shot.”

“We had some key moments and plays in the first half that helped us build our lead. We were down 14-17, and on consecutive possessions Tessa Stanek got a steal and bucket and their a 3 to give us a 19-17 lead. We ended the half on a

10-0 run to take the lead.”

The 2nd half would prove to be even more of a challenge as Pierz upped their offensive energy and were more consistent from the field.

“The 2nd half was much like the first half,” Kalpin said.

“Pierz hit big shots and we hit big shots. They did take the lead at 39-40, then our next possession Alexis Johanson hit a three-lointer to give us a 42-40 lead. We were able to take care of the ball and hit some big shots late in the game to get the

win.”

“Hayleigh Niehoff had a great game scoring 16 points and leading us with 3 steals, which all came at key moments in the game. Mara VanNyhuis had a solid night scoring 11 points and adding 8 rebounds. Kiley Kranz rebounded well with 11 and also had a key steal late in the game. It was a great team win again for the girls.”

“Playing these close games are fun to be part of. More importantly, learning how to win the close ones like these help the

team gain the confidence needed going into postseason play.”

Osakis 49
Little Falls 22

Tuesday, the Streaks headed over to Little Falls to face the Fliers.

Osakis took nearly immediate control of the game building a nice 24-12 lead at the break.

The Streaks kept that momentum going through the 2nd half as well picking up 25 more points.

“This was a good road win for the team tonight. It took us

awhile to get going, but once we settled down, I thought we played well. Defensively, we did a nice job of picking them up in the full court forcing some turnovers. Offensively, we moved the ball and took good shots, early in the game they weren’t falling, but we stuck with it and continued to move the ball. Anytime you go on the road and win, it’s a good win,” Kalpin said.

NOTICES

Osakis VFW
Charitable Gambling Donations
July - December 2021

<u>July</u>	
VFW National Home for Children	\$100.00
Central Lakes Search and Rescue	\$450.00
Osakis Sportsmen Club	\$750.00
Osakis Lake Association Stocking Walleyes	\$300.00
Wood-N-Hearts	\$1,500.00
Local Hardship donation	\$500.00
Osakis Lions Project... Galeon Veterans Flag display	\$550.00
Osakis Fire Department	\$600.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$4,750.00</u>

<u>August</u>	
Silverstreaks Gridiron Club	\$500.00
VFW National Home for Children	\$100.00
Central Lakes Search and Rescue	\$450.00
Mayo Clinic Cancer Research...Bob Sinot	\$200.00
Osakis Family Foods...Veterans picnic	\$131.46
Douglas County Sheriff's Honor Guard	\$300.00
City of Osakis for Police portable radios	\$3,500.00
Minnesota Softball Tournament...Military appreciation	\$300.00
Local community hardship	\$500.00
Osakis Lake Association	\$150.00
Sauk Centre Eagles Healing Nest	\$250.00
Air Bears	\$250.00
Lakes Area Law Dogs	\$250.00
Under Dog Rescue	\$250.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$7,131.46</u>

<u>September</u>	
General John W Vessey Foundation	\$300.00
VFW National Home for Children	\$100.00
Central Lakes Search and Rescue	\$450.00
Salvation Army	\$200.00
Osakis Public School FFA donation	\$500.00
Alexandria Composite Squad Civil Air Patrol	\$300.00
Galeon Senior Living donation	\$500.00
Sauk Centre Eagles Healing Nest	\$219.93
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$2,569.93</u>

<u>October</u>	
St Jude Children's Research Hospital	\$200.00
Veterans Campground on Big Marine Lake	\$300.00
Someplace Safe	\$300.00
Patriot Paws	\$300.00
VFW National Home for Children	\$100.00
Osakis Women's Association...Halloween party	\$500.00
Osakis Public School...Donation for all athletics	\$5,000.00
Underdog Rescue	\$250.00
Local Community Hardship	\$500.00
St Agnes School Workathon	\$300.00
Minnesota Warriors ice hockey	\$200.00

Wreaths Across America wreath stands	\$547.08
Central Lakes Search and Rescue	\$450.00
Hands of Hope	\$200.00
Samaritan Purse Shoe Box	\$200.00
Todd County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit	\$1,000.00
Toys for Kids Marine Corps League...Alexandria	\$1,000.00
Juvenile Diabetes Research	\$500.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$11,847.08</u>

<u>November</u>	
Salvation Army	\$300.00
Pioneer PBS	\$100.00
American Heroes Outdoor Living Hearts	\$500.00
Central Lakes Area Rescue	\$450.00
Local community hardship	\$500.00
VFW National Home for Children	\$100.00
Wreaths Across America wreaths purchase	\$3,860.00
City of Osakis donation for music at Anniversary Party	\$300.00
Donation to City of Osakis from Purse Bingo event	\$5,656.12
Osakis Women's Association Donation	\$5,000.00
Best Christmas Ever project	\$5,000.00
Fergus Falls, Hastings, Silver Bay, Luverne, & Minneapolis	
Veterans Homes \$1,000.00 each	\$5,000.00
Osakis Public School trip sponsorship	\$400.00
City of Osakis Improvements...Purse Bingo proceeds	\$5,000.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$32,166.12</u>

<u>December</u>	
VFW National Home for Children	\$100.00
Central Lakes Search and Rescue	\$450.00
Christmas Baskets for homebound Veterans	\$950.53
Wood-N-Hearts Veterans donation	\$100.00
St Agnes School kids camp	\$500.00
Praise Live	\$200.00
Elder Network	\$300.00
Folds of Honor...Minnesota VFW Charitable Association	\$1,000.00
Elim Lutheran Church...Veterans Christmas dinner	\$500.00
Presbyterian Church Thanksgiving dinner	\$500.00
Alexandria Industries Charitable Association	\$1,000.00

Total Charitable Gambling Donations...July – December,
2021.....\$64,065.12

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AN ELECTION FOR GORDON TOWNSHIP

The Gordon Township Annual Meeting and Election will be held on Tuesday, March 8th at the Gordon Township Hall located at 14144 State Hwy. 27, Osakis, MN.

The polls will be open from 5-8 p.m. which voters will elect one Supervisor for a 3 year term and one Clerk for a 5 year term. The board of canvas will meet immediately following the close of the polls to certify official election results.

The annual meeting will follow the election at 8:15 p.m.

In case of inclement weather the annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15th.

The regular monthly meeting will be held on March 10th at 7 p.m. If the annual meeting has to be postponed for a week, the regular monthly meeting will be held on March 17th.

Joyce Buntje, Clerk

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**WEST UNION TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of West Union Township, County of Todd, State Of Minnesota, that the Election of officers and Annual Town meeting will be held Tuesday, March 8th, 2022 at the Fire Hall in West Union.

The annual meeting will start at 5:00 p.m., with the polls open immediately following the meeting and closing at 8:00 p.m.

The voters will elect the following offices:

- One Supervisor -- Three year term
- One Clerk -- Two year term

In case of inclement weather, the election and meeting Will be held on the following Tuesday March 15th.

John Chalmers, Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE
WEST UNION TOWNSHIP**

West Union Township Board of Audit meeting will take place Monday February 28th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the fire hall in West Union .

The regular board meeting will follow immediately after the Board of Audit meeting.

John Chalmers, Clerk
West Union Township

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Independent School District No. 213 - Osakis

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 213
OSAKIS, MN 56360
January 10, 2022, 5:30 PM

The regular meeting of the school board was called to order by Chairperson Becky Hensley. The following members were present: Michael Collins, Justin Dahlheimer, Greg Faber, Becky Hensley, Amy Weisser and Superintendent Randal Bergquist. Also in attendance were Brad Hoffarth, Shad Schmidt, Pat Kalpin, Lee Bottelberghe, Travis Gulbrandson, Alisha Sunderman, Jason Brown, and Jason Bock.

Election of Officers: Dahlheimer nominated Hensley as Chairperson. There were no further nominations. The motion carried unanimously. Dahlheimer nominated Collins as Vice Chairperson. There were no further nominations. The motion carried unanimously. Hensley nominated Weisser as Clerk. There were no further nominations. The motion carried unanimously. Faber nominated Dahlheimer as Treasurer. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Faber, seconded by Collins, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Positive Comments

- Things are back to normal after holiday break.
- Scott and the bus drivers did a wonderful job keeping the buses on the road and the students safe.
- Custodians are keeping the building warm with the cold weather.
- Both the girls and boys basketball teams played at the Target Center last week.
- It was nice we were able to have the wrestling meet with the weather.

Superintendent's Report

- Bus garage/Tennis courts update
- Covid Update
- MSBA Policy: 491 – Mandatory Covid-19 Vaccination or Testing and Face Coverings
- School Closings and Extra Curricular Activities
- CMETS Report
- Runestone Ed Report
- Committee Reports
- Principal's Report
- Activities Director Report
- Student Board Representative

It was moved by Weisser, seconded by Faber, to approve the following general consent items: the minutes of the December 13, 2021 regular meeting and December 13, 2021 special meeting; the bills in the amount of \$978,908.66 check numbers 67784-67824; hand payables in the amount of \$265,820.05 check numbers 67694-67783; wire transfers in the amount of \$661,804.84, and the student activity account fund in the amount of \$14,621.44 check numbers 7475-7496. The board acknowledged receiving the treasurer's report. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Faber, seconded by Collins, to approve First National Bank of Osakis, Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund, and MN Trust as depositories. The motion carried unanimously with Dahlheimer abstaining.

It was moved by Dahlheimer, seconded by Collins, to name the Long Prairie Leader as the official newspaper. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Weisser, seconded by Faber, to keep the regular meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:30 PM but hold the February regular board meeting on Wednesday, February 16th at 5:30 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Faber, seconded by Collins, to keep the board compensation at \$65 per meeting plus \$250 annually for the Chairperson and \$200 annually for the Clerk. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Faber, seconded by Collins, to approve the com-

mittee appointments as made by the Chairperson. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Collins, seconded by Faber, to approve Resolution directing Superintendent Bergquist to make recommendations for any adjustments in curriculum, programs, and staff for the 2022-23 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Weisser, seconded by Faber to approve delegating the bookkeeper to make EFT payments. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Faber, seconded by Collins, to approve the Acceptance of Gift Resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Faber, seconded by Weisser, to table MSBA Policy: 491 – Mandatory Covid-19 Vaccination or Testing and Face Coverings. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Faber, seconded by Weisser, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Amy Weisser, Clerk

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Osakis City Council Proceedings

Osakis City Council – Regular Meeting City Hall – 14 Nokomis Street East January 10, 2022

7:00 PM

Present: Tim Thornbloom, Dan Wessel, Randy Anderson, Laura Backes, Alan Larson

Others Present: Angela Jacobson, Greg Gottwald, Craig Dropik, Calvin Uhl, Reenie Goodwin, Jason Schultz, Eric Jacobson, Amber Kral, Sheila Krohse, Echo Press, and Long Prairie Leader

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dan Wessel.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Anderson, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the Liquor Store shingles and Park Plan Agreement. Motion Carries

Motion by Larson, seconded by Thornbloom, to approve the general consent items, including the December city bills in the amount of \$386,781.74, meeting minutes from December 13, 2021, EDA minutes from December 27, 2021. Motion Carries

PROJECT #84: BUDGET
The council adopted the 2022 Budget and Levy at the December meeting. Final: Expenditure Budget \$1,380,067. Revenue Budget \$1,380,067

PROJECT #50: TRANSFER
Request to transfer \$3,575.50 from the General Fund to the 104 Fund to cover the expenses for the Comprehensive Plan update.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Larson, to approve to transfer \$3,575.50 from GL fund 100 to fund 104 to cover the cost of the comprehensive plan expense. Motion Carries

PROJECT #24: LIQUOR STORE
Council received the Liquor Store reports for December.

• Off Sale profit of \$589.16, on sale profit of \$739.82. Total profit for December \$1,329

Inventory was completed on January 1st. Ending total of inventory for 2021 was \$92,466.47. Starting inventory for 2022 is \$89,515.12. This was a decrease of \$2,951.35. The Liquor Store had over 1 million in sales for 2021. Total profit for 2021 was \$73,381.56.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Thornbloom, to approve to buy 69 sq ft of shingles and 15 rolls of felt for the Liquor Store building at a cost of \$8,583.95. Motion Carries

PROJECT #73: FIRST RESPONDERS

Council received the December First Responder reports. First Responder officers for 2022 were approved at the December meeting:

• President – Jason Schultz, Vice President – Brenda Majerus, Secretary/Treasurer – Hattie Thorson.

PROJECT #74: FIRE DEPARTMENT
Council received the December Fire Department report.

Dropik stated that in 2019 the officers received a 3.5% increase and is asking for the same increase in 2022. An increase of 3% was approved in the 2022 Budget.

Fire Department officers for 2022:
• Chief – Craig Dropik, 1st Asst. Chief – Travis Middendorf, 2nd Asst. Chief – Kyle Kostrzewski, Training Officer – Adam Trisco.

Relief Board – 2022:
• President – Kyle Kostrzewski, Vice President – Ryan Larson, Treasurer – Bob Kallstrom, Secretary – Craig Schultz, Board Member 1 – Adam Trisco, Board Member 2 – Matt Kral.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Thornbloom, to approve the Fire Department officers for 2022 and Relief Board members for 2022 as presented above. Motion Carries.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Anderson, to approve to stay with a 3% increase in wages for the officers of the Fire Department as budgeted for 2022. Motion Carries.

PROJECT #76: POLICE
Council received the December Police report and the December/January schedule. Dan Lueth is the new part-time officer and has worked for the Osakis Police Department in the past.

Council discussed complaint forms. Forms can be found on the city website at www.cityofosakis.com Complaint forms from citizens will go to the supervisor and if needed, the liaison will get involved.

Forms must be signed by the complainant or the complaint will not be addressed.

Resolution 2022-01 was presented by Larson, seconded by Backes, approving part-time officer Daniel Lueth into PERA. When put to a vote, the resolution passed unanimously.

PROJECT #205: PUBLIC WORKS
Council was informed that a letter was sent out to an area of residents regarding wipes and rags in the lift stations. These items can plug the pumps and can be costly to fix. Gottwald is looking to upgrade the lift station to a grinder pump that may help with rags.

The skating rink is now open in Central Park.

Will look into snow emergency if needing extra time for big snowfalls. The city crew will blow the extra snow out if needed.

PROJECT #94: GAS BIDS
Three fuel bids were received for 2022 – Brothers Market, Paul's Pump & Pantry and Deluxe Oil.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Anderson, to approve the low bid with Deluxe Oil for gas and diesel for 2022 for a savings of \$.17 per gallon on gas and a savings of \$.10 per gallon on diesel. Motion Carries

PROJECT #451: COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council discussed the meeting time and location of their regular meetings. The only holiday that falls on a regular council meeting is Columbus Day on October 10th, but is an optional holiday and the city is allowed to hold a public meeting on that day.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Anderson, to approve the council meetings to be held the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at city hall unless posted of a change. Motion Carries

PROJECT #196: FEE SCHEDULE
Motion by Anderson, seconded by Larson, to approve the 2022 Fee Schedule as presented. Motion Carries

PROJECT #104: MAYOR APPOINTMENTS

Council reviewed the list of Mayor Appointments with some changes.

Motion by Backes, seconded by Larson, to approve the 2022 Mayor Appointments as presented. Motion Carries

PROJECT #488: NEWSPAPER
Council received bids from the Long Prairie Leader and Echo Press for the 2022 publication year.

The first addition of the Osakis Anchor will be printed Thursday. Alisha from the Long Prairie Leader will have office space at the Visitor's Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday

thru Friday.

Jason Brown wanted to go on record to say the Osakis business community has been very welcoming and open to participate to get the Osakis Anchor off the ground. The Osakis Public School also approved the Long Prairie Leader to be their official newspaper.

PROJECT #109: LICENSES
Council received a list of license renewals for 2022 on January 15, 2022.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Backes, to approve the 2022 license renewals for 2022 as presented. Motion Carries.

PROJECT #198: SPECIAL MEETING

A workshop meeting with the supervisors has been scheduled for February 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

PROJECT #7: COMMUNITY CENTER.

Motion by Thornblom, seconded by Anderson, to approve the quote from Dust Buster for cleaning at the Community Center in the amount of \$1,939.90. Motion Carries.

PROJECT #441: PARK IMPROVEMENTS/PARKS

Amber Kral updated the council on the following:

• Started the Visitor's Center bathroom project. Flyers and donation information flyers were printed to hand out. Discussion of new projects for the beach include a fishing dock, trail, pergola and black topping the parking lot. Repaint the pavilions at Park Osagi. Clean up day in the spring. Coaches are looking for projects for their teams to do. This may be the same day as the City Wide Cleanup.

The Park Committee approved the bid from Hagstrom Engineering with Jillian. She will no longer work with Hagstrom and will need to revisit the bid for engineering.

Backes stated she felt when we approved the engineering bid last month we should have looked at the process to receive funds to get the projects done and grants to pay. Amber needs to look for funds and raise money – we should too. Backes stated she appreciates the work Amber is doing.

Larson stated he felt we are working on different terms.

PROJECT #482: COVID-19 RESCUE FUNDS

No discussion was held regarding COVID-19 Rescue Funds. The council would like to discuss this matter at the workshop meeting.

PROJECT #219: STATE HWY 27 PROJECT

Sheila Krohse informed the council that Central Specialty is low bid. The Osakis portion of the bid is a little higher than the estimate from the initial meeting.

Krohse will send the final bid to Jacobson after DOT approves.

PROJECT #406: EASEMENT / ENCROACHMENT

Council received a letter from the city attorney regarding an encroachment of the property at 16 Main Street East. The attorney does not see an issue because it has been in existence for quite some time.

Motion by Thornblom, seconded by Larson, to approve the encroachment agreement for Terry Henderson to move forward with his sale. Motion Carries

PROJECT #452: TOWNSHIP / GORDON

Council reviewed the 3 year agreement with Gordon Township to maintain their portion of 8th Avenue East. The cost of extra gravel is a concern and could be shared equally between the city and Gordon Township.

\$500 covers the maintenance for the city and if gravel is needed, the city would contact Gordon Township to help share in the cost of the gravel.

PROJECT #110: GAMBLING
The Osakis Sportsman's Club requested a gambling license for April 30, 2022 to be held at the Osakis VFW.

Resolution 2022-02 was presented by Backes, seconded by Thornbloom, to approve the Sportsmen's Club gambling license. When put to a vote, the resolution passed unanimously.

PROJECT #472: HOUSING ASSISTANCE – MCPP

Council reviewed information regarding the MCPP program. This program allocates funds to your community through the State of MN program to use for first time home buyers for a down payment or closing cost help.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Larson, to approve to participate in the MCPP for 2022. Motion Carries

PROJECT #242: WEST CENTRAL INITIATIVE

West Central Initiative requested a contribution in the amount of \$500 for 2022.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Backes, to approve a contribution of \$500 to West Central Initiative for 2022 per budget. Motion Carries

PROJECT #260: COUNCIL INFORMATION

Council received information of upcoming training classes from the League of MN Cities. Larson will attend.

PROJECT #43: BOARD OF REVIEW

For the Board of Review training by the State of Minnesota, board members must be trained by February 1, 2022. Backes is trained until 2022 and Larson is trained until 2024.

PROJECT #444: WASTE WATER PROJECT

Gottwald updated the council on the process of the Waste Water Project issue:

- The cattle exclusion has not been signed or approved by the MPCA.
- They are going through an appeal and will be meeting with the Judge on the case.
- Should have a decision by May 1st.

PROJECT #102: EDA

The EDA recommended Tonya Danielson be appointed to fill the term vacated by Bruce Pederson.

Motion by Thornbloom, seconded by Larson, to approve to appoint Tonya Danielson to the EDA Board if she accepts. Motion Carries

Motion by Backes, seconded by Thornbloom, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Motion Carries

**Mayor–Daniel J. Wessel
City Clerk/Treasurer–Angela A. Jacobson**

Todd County Board of Commissioners

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD ON FEBRUARY 1ST, 2022

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 1st day of February, 2022 at 9:00 AM. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Erickson. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Kneisl and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda

On motion by Neumann and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for January 18th, 2022 as presented.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Becker and second by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 401725 through 401747 in the amount of \$13,068.60 and (Regular) 55587 through 55620 in the amount of \$112,465.95 for a total of \$125,534.55. On motion by Kneisl and second by Neumann, the following motion was

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introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 802416 through 802427 and (Regular) 708644 through 708676 for a total amount of \$212,124.56.

On motion by Kircher and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600558 through 600561 and (Regular) 516707 through 516717 for a total amount of \$38,940.34.

On motion by Neumann and second by Becker, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

2022 PARKS AND TRAILS APPROPRIATION FUNDS TRANSFER
WHEREAS, the 2022 budget for Todd County's allocation of funds to the Todd County Parks and Trails Board has been approved at \$9,000; and
WHEREAS, a letter was received from the Todd County Parks and Trails Board requesting for the appropriation of funds from the General Fund for 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$9,000 from the General Fund to the Parks and Trails Fund.

Board of Commissioners & SWCD Supervisor Joint Meeting
Separate minutes attached.

Solid Waste
On motion by Kneisl and second by Neumann, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

2022 TODD COUNTY TRANSFER STATION CAP GRANT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Todd County has made application for a capital assistance program (CAP) grant to construct a new Transfer Station Building, Scale house, household hazardous waste facility and associated exterior improvements at the existing Transfer Station Facility located at 30433 US Highway 71, Brownsville, Minnesota (hereafter referred to as the Project) and;

WHEREAS, The estimated Project Cost is \$5,512,210.00 (Five Million, Five Hundred Twelve Thousand, Two Hundred Ten Dollars and zero cents). The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has awarded a grant for \$4,000,000.00 (Four Million Dollars and Zero Cents) to complete the Project. The remaining \$1,512,210.00 (One Million Five Hundred Twelve Thousand, Two Hundred Twelve Dollars and Zero Cents) shall be paid for by local (Todd County) funds.

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota has prepared a Grant Agreement between Todd County and the MPCA entitled, "General Obligation Bond Proceeds Grant Agreement – Construction Grant for Todd County Transfer Station and Household Hazardous Waste Facility Project under the Solid Waste Processing Facilities Capital Assistance Program (CAP)" (CAP GRANT AGREEMENT). The CAP Grant funds shall become available for the Project only after Todd County has accepted the terms and conditions of the CAP GRANT AGREEMENT by electronic signature.

WHEREAS, The County Attorney has reviewed the CAP GRANT AGREEMENT and found no objections to the terms and conditions contained therein.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Todd County's Board of Commissioners to authorize the Todd County Solid Waste Director to sign the CAP GRANT AGREEMENT via DocuSign.

County Assessor
On motion by Becker and second by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To schedule the 2022 Todd County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting for June 14, 2022; commencing at 6:00 p.m. and not ending before 7:00 p.m.

Facilities Committee

On motion by Becker and second by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the budgeted request to re-roof Annex 2 with the low bid from Roof 1 for a total of \$81,529.00.

Public Works
On motion by Neumann and second by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the creation of a Todd County Adopt A Highway Program.

On a motion by Kneisl and second by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To set the 2022 Spring Road Meeting for April 4, 2022 at 9:00 AM at the Northern Public Works Shop Location at 23305 County 24, Staples, MN 56479.

County Sheriff
On motion by Neumann and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve and sign the 2022-2023 Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$8,804.00.

Administration & Auditor-Treasurer
On motion by Becker and second by Neumann, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Kircher against:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT UNDER THE HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT (HAVA) GRANT THROUGH THE OFFICE OF MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE (OSS)

WHEREAS, The Office of Minnesota Secretary of State (OSS) is currently soliciting applications from jurisdictions for grants to purchase voting equipment, and;

WHEREAS, during its 2021 1st Special Session, the Minnesota Legislature, via Chapter 12, Article 1, Sec. 41, directed the distribution of \$3 million from Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) appropriations as grants to political subdivisions. Per statute, these funds must be used to improve accessibility to, implement security improvements for elections systems for, and/or fund other activities to improve the security of, federal elections. Regulatory scheduled state elections in Minnesota are also federal elections, and;

WHEREAS, each county shall initially be eligible for the following maximum HAVA grant distribution amount: \$20,000 flat-rate per county +\$.287 per Voting Age Population as capture by the 2020 US Census, and;

WHEREAS, undistributed funds (funds not requested by counties, or funds allocated to counties for which prerequisites are not completed), as well as unspent and returned funds from counties will be subject to follow-on redistribution per a to-be-determined "2nd round" formula, and;

WHEREAS, the HAVA Grants Program does not require counties to match any amount of funding to be eligible to receive a grant award amount, and;

WHEREAS, HAVA Grants Program funds may be used by counties for any improvements or enhancements to accessibility or security of elections. OSS interprets the statutory language to extend to wider IT/network/and physical security and accessibility improvements and enhancements to county environments (virtual and physical), so long as elections funds are covered within. While OSS may be consulted on potential uses under consideration, counties are expected and encouraged to make autonomous decisions on applicability based on statutory language, and be prepared to defend and justify those decisions if audited. Of note, HAVA Grants Program funding may be applied to meet county matching requirements under the Voting Equipment Grants Authorization (VEGA) Program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the grant application in the form presented to this board and to be submitted to the Office of the Secretary of State is hereby approved, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the grant application in the form presented to this board and to be submitted to the Office of the Secretary of State is hereby approved, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs application for any

unused HAVA grant funds to be determined at a later date on the purposes for which the grant is received, and;

BE IN FURTHER RESOLVED, that the chief elections officer of the County and staff are directed to submit this approved grant application at the earliest opportunity, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that when the grant agreement is provided to the chief elections officer of the County, Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor/Treasurer, that person is delegated the authority to execute that agreement and return it to the Office of the Secretary of State without further approval by this Board.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report
The County Auditor-Treasurer reported that Precinct Caucuses will be held today and that absentee voting for the upcoming March Township Elections opens on Friday, February 4, 2022.

County Commissioner's Report
The Commissioners reported on meetings and events attended.

County Coordinator's Report
Coordinator Pelzer informed the Board of the upcoming AMC Legislative Conference schedule.
Recess
Chairperson Erickson recessed the meeting until February 15, 2022.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS	
VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
CUMMINS NPOWER	
LCC	\$4,867.48
FARM-RITE EQUIPMENT, INC	\$2,142.61
INTEREUM INC	\$3,085.83
LITTLE FALLS MACHINE INC	\$2,374.55
MORRIS ELECTRONICS	\$3,258.75
TODD SOIL & WATER CONS	
DIST	\$88,631.00
51 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$21,174.33
Total:	\$125,534.55

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS	
VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
DHS - SWIFT	\$198,915.17
HANDI-XPRESS LLC	\$2,100.80
PERISH/ALAN	2,641.08
42 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$8,467.51
Total:	\$212,124.56

VENDOR NAME		AMOUNT
DHS - ANOKA METRO		
RTC - 412		\$6,137.00
DHS - MSOP - MN SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM		\$6,417.00
DHS - ST PETER		
RTC - 472		\$2,786.90
HOLISTIC FAMILY EDUCATION		
SRVS		\$3,852.23
NORTH HOMES CHILDREN & FAMILY SRVS		\$9,799.41
NORTHWOOD CHILDRENS SERVICES		\$5,547.76
PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000		\$4,400.04
Total:		\$38,940.34

On a motion by Becker and second by Neumann, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held February 1st, 2022 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on February 15th, 2022.

Witness my hand and seal:
/s/ on file
Rodney Erickson,
County Board Chairperson
/s/ on file
Denise Gaida,
Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND TODD COUNTY SWCD SUPERVISORS HELD ON FEBRUARY 1ST, 2022

Call to Order
The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 1st day of February, 2022 with all Board of Commissioner members and all SWCD Supervisors present.
SWCD Chairperson Whitney called

the joint meeting to order.

Todd County Board of Commissioner Chairperson Erickson called the joint meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda
On motion by Williams and second by Katterhagen, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented.

On motion by Neumann and second by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented.

Todd County SWCD Annual Report 2021

Discussion on the 2021 SWCD Annual Report and the SWCD activities was held with the areas of projects and economic activity, 1W1P updates, staffing updates, feedlot and farm updates and SWCD Contributions highlighted.

Todd County SWCD Annual Work Plan 2022

Deja Anton, District Manager reported on the 2022 Work Plan and held discussion.

On motion by Katterhagen and second by Williamson, the 2022 SWCD Work Plan was accepted as read by unanimous vote.

On motion by Kneisl and second by Becker the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote, to accept the 2022 SWCD Work Plan as presented.

General Discussion
A discussion of the Related Party Questionnaire via the CLA Auditors was held with follow-up by the County Auditor for further clarification before submission.

The Todd County Annual Feedlot Meeting & Farmer Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 2022 at Central Lakes College, Staples from 10am-2pm for those interested in attending.

Adjourn
On motion by Buchholz and second by Katterhagen, the SWCD Board adjourned the joint meeting.

On motion by Neumann and second by Kneisl, the Todd County Board of Commissioners adjourned the joint meeting and reopened the regular County Board meeting by unanimous vote.

On a motion by Becker and second by Neumann, the preceding minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Todd County Board of Commissioners and Todd County SWCD Supervisors meeting held February 1st, 2022 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on February 15th, 2022.

Witness my hand and seal:
/s/ on file
Rodney Erickson,
County Board Chairperson
/s/ on file
Denise Gaida,
Todd County Auditor-Treasurer
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, March 3rd, 2022 at 6:00 PM** in the Commissioners meeting room, Historic Courthouse, 215 First Ave South, Long Prairie, MN to consider the following applications.

NOTE: This meeting is again being held in-person and the public is encouraged to attend, but Zoom and phone options are still available for those who are unable to attend in person. If you wish to join via Zoom, please contact our office for the call-in information. Those who do attend in person can find parking atop the hill on the west side of the Historic Courthouse and enter through the north doors, near the American Flag and monument.

Questions? Phone 320-732-4420

or Email toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us

Agenda
• Call to Order.
• Introduction of Planning Commission Members and process review.
- The applicant is introduced
- Staff report
- Public comment
- Board review with applicant, staff, and public
• Approval of agenda.
• Approval of the February 3rd, 2022 Planning Commission meeting minutes.

1. **Moses D. Borntreger:** Section 3, Reynolds Township. Site Address: 19785 270th Street, Long Prairie. PID: 20-0001700
1) Request for Conditional Use Permit for temporary family housing in AF-1 Zoning.

2. **Little Birch Hills Vista (Leslie & Kathryn Schrupp):** Little Birch Lake, Section 26, Birchdale Township. Site Address: N/A Amigo Trail, Grey Eagle. PID: 03-0022400
1) Request to plat one (1) 0.92 acre lot in Shoreland – RD (Little Birch Lake).

3. **Henry Slabaugh Amish Cemetary (Henry Slabaugh):** Section 30, Round Prairie Township. Site Address: N/A 170th Street, Long Prairie. PID: 21-0031400
1) Request to plat one (1) two acre lot for a cemetery in AF-1 Zoning.

4. **Daniel D. Gingerich:** Section 31, Long Prairie Township. Site Address: N/A 210th Street, Long Prairie. PID: 18-0037800
1) Request for rezoning of eighty (80) acres in Section 31 from R-10 to AF-1 for purposes of establishing more animal units for a farm.

Adjournment –
Next meeting: April 7th, 2022
All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing or submit a letter to be heard on these matters. **All correspondence must include name, mailing address and be received 48 hours before the date and time of the hearing.**

Todd County Planning Commission
Michael Wiener, Chairperson
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(ABBREVIATED ADVERTISEMENT)

TODD COUNTY
2022 GRAVEL SURFACING PROJECT
Closing date: March 22nd, 2022

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 A.M., March 22nd, 2022 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction projects:

CP 22-58
CP 22-65
CP 22-99
This is an abbreviated advertisement. A full advertisement can be viewed by going to the Public Works website at <https://egram.co.todd.mn.us/oneoffice/bidding>
Loren Fellbaum
Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer
F23-M9S

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Sheriff's Report

Saturday, February 19
The Todd County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to a house fire at 17694 County Road 4, Rural Osakis. While Deputies arrived on scene, it was determined the house was fully engulfed. Deputies were informed that there was not anyone inside the residence at the time of the fire. The investigation is ongoing at this time.

Sheriff / 17A

NOTICES

Sheriff / From 16A

Todd County Sheriff's Office was assisted by Osakis Fire Department, Long Prairie Fire Department, CentraCare Ambulance, and State Fire Marshal.

Friday, February 18

The Todd County Sheriff's Office, Browerville Fire Department and Browerville Ambulance were dispatched to a one vehicle roll over near the intersection of County 14/275th Ave., rural Browerville. When deputies arrived on scene the vehicle was found flipped over laying on its hood. The driver was identified as Edmund Furman from Richmond, MN. Furman admitted to speeding as a result of the accident. No injuries were reported.

Wednesday, February 16

The Todd County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call reporting a head on collision on County 22, just west of Eagle Bend. A 2006 Chevy Impala, driven by Kory Coyer of rural Clarissa, was eastbound on County 22. Coyer crossed over the center of the road way, colliding with a 2011 Chevy Impala, driven by John Eckel of rural Eagle Bend. Eckel had two passengers in the vehicle with him. Coyer was the lone occupant in his vehicle. Eckel and his two passengers were transported by ground ambulance with serious injuries. Coyer was treated at the scene and released. It is believed the road conditions were a contributing factor in this crash. The Todd County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Eagle Bend Fire Department, Tri-County Ambulance, Bertha Ambulance, Browerville Ambulance, & Petrie's Towing.

Monday, February 14

During the week of February 6th through February 12th, the Todd County Sheriff's Office responded to 172 calls for service. The following were the types of calls: 49 traffic stops, 17 civil process, 7 suspicious activity type complaints, 8 assists to other agencies, 5 accidents, 9 vehicles in the ditch, 4 disturbances/domestics, 3 welfare checks, and 3 scams.

Todd County Dispatch received 115 - 911 Calls during the week.

Wednesday, February 9

On Wednesday February 9th at 12:48 pm the Sheriff's Office responded to a one vehicle rollover crash on County 21 near County Rd 20. Browerville Fire Dept and Browerville Ambulance responded to the scene. The driver, 54 year old Tina Wortham and passenger, Jay Bjerke both of Browerville received minor injuries as a result of the crash. Both were transported to the Long Prairie Hospital to be treated for injuries.

During the week of January 30th through February 5th, the Todd County Sheriff's Office responded to 152 calls for service. The following were the types of calls: 25 traffic stops, 13 civil process, 8 suspicious activity type complaints, 2 assists to other agencies, 4 accidents, 7 vehicles in the ditch, 3 disturbances/domestics, 2 alarms, 4 welfare checks, and 3 car/deer accidents.

Todd County Dispatch received 107 - 911 Calls during the week.

Tuesday, February 8

The Todd County Sheriff's Office responded to a motor vehicle crash on County Rd 7 near 430th St. The vehicle, driven by 20 year old Carson Braun of North Branch lost control on the curve and struck a pedestrian out for a walk. The pedestrian was identified as 64 year old Steven Schmura of

rural Staples. Staples Fire Dept and Staples Ambulance treated Schmura at the scene and he was transported to Lakewood Hospital before being transported by helicopter to North Memorial Medical Center. Schmura sustained life threatening injuries as a result of the crash, his current condition is unknown. The incident is under investigation.

Sunday, February 6

The Sheriff's Office received a report of a house fire at a residence on 204th St near Lake Latimer. The Long Prairie Fire Dept. responded to the scene. They were assisted by the Browerville Fire Dept. and Long Prairie Ambulance. The Fire Departments remained on scene for approximately four hours. The house was a total loss. The incident remains under investigation.

Property Transfers

QC Deed – Kenneth W Zehrer, etux to Pamela G Zehrer – trustees, etal 01/21/2022 pt SE & pt NWSE all in 30-127-33 Rec. 02/04/2022.

Wty Deed – Shawn Ehlert, etux to Shadys Property Investment of Mound Lake, LLC 01/28/2022 Lot 1 Blk 1, Ehlert Division Rec. 02/07/2022.

Wty Deed – Humberto Romero Luna, etux to Luis A Arce Fernandez 01/28/2022 pt Lot 10 Blk 1, of Bassett's 2nd Add to the Village of Browerville, Lot 7 Auditor's Subd of WNE 8-130-33 and pt Lot C of Bassett's Meadow lots in NWNE 8-130-33 Rec. 02/04/2022.

Wty Deed – Randy M. Peter, etux to Peggy J. Peter – Trustee, etal 02/01/2022 pt Lot 9 & pt Lot 8 Blk 1, Taylor's Add Rec. 02/07/2022.

Wty Deed – Wendell E. Kimber, etux to Myron E. Kimber, etux 02/03/2022 SNW & pt NESW all in 36-133-35 Rec. 02/07/2022.

QC Deed – Kevin L. Coomes, etux to Kevin L. Coomes – trustee, etal 01/13/2022 pt of Lots 1 & 4, Auditors Subd of NWNE 35-128-34 and pt NENE 35-128-34 Rec. 02/07/2022.

Deed of Sale – Est. of Margaret K. Strobeck to James N. Strobeck 02/04/2022 pt NENE & pt SENE all in 34-128-34 Rec. 02/07/2022.

QC Deed – Jerome C. Klein, etux to Jennifer C. Klein, etal 02/07/2022 SWNE, SENW & SENW all in 26-132-32 Rec. 02/07/2022.

Deed – David J. Fiemeyer to David J. Fiemeyer – trustee, etal 02/01/2022 Lot 8 & pt Lot 7 Blk 4, Searle's First Add to Staples Rec. 02/07/2022.

QC Deed – Michael A'Jugovich Desist, etal to Mika L. Jugovich 01/27/2022 Lot 5 Blk 3, Timber Ridge Rec. 02/07/2022.

QC Deed – Rita Reimer to Steven Rueter, etal 01/20/2022 pt Lot 1 & all of Lot 2, Anderson's Subd First Add and pt GL 1 23-127-33 Rec. 02/08/2022.

QC Deed – Daniel Ceminski, etux to Steven Rueter, etal 01/20/2022 pt Lot 1 & all of Lot 2, Anderson's Subd First Add and pt GL 1 23-127-33 Rec. 02/08/2022.

QC Deed – Dennis Ceminski to Steven Rueter, etal 01/20/2022 pt Lot 1 & all of Lot 2, Anderson's Subd First Add and pt GL 1 23-127-33 Rec. 02/08/2022.

Trustee's Deed – Dennis Ceminski – trustee, etal to Steven Rueter, etal 01/20/2022 pt Lot 1 & all of Lot 2, Anderson's Subd First Add and pt GL 1 23-127-33 Rec. 02/08/2022.

Deed of Sale – Est. of Elizabeth Schimmel to Steven Rueter, etal 01/19/2022 pt Lot 1 & all of Lot 2, Anderson's Subd First Add and pt GL 1 23-127-33 Rec. 02/08/2022.

QC Deed – Darwin L. Sibell to Abie Gingerich 02/08/2022 pt SWNW 12-128-35 Rec. 02/08/2022.

QC Deed – Peter Lakin to Peter B. Lakin, etal 02/01/2022 Lots 11 & 12 Blk 2, Sharkey's & Grant's First Add to Staples Rec. 02/08/2022.

Wty Deed – Timothy Baston, etux to Spencer Lanners, etal 12/21/2021 pt SWNW 6-133-34 Rec. 02/08/2022.

Wty Deed – Dennis Thiel, etux to Kevin B. Thiel, etux 2-8-22 Pt. WNW & NWSW 8-132-34 Rec. 2-9-22.

QC Deed – James A. Malone to James A. Malone, etux 11-22-21 Lot 10 Dean's Beach Rec. 2-9-22.

Wty Deed – Mark Sieben, etux to Samuel Lange, etal 2-8-22 Pt. NSW 2-128-32 Rec. 2-9-22.

QC Deed – Barbara R. Cooney, etal to James Kimball, etal 2-4-22 Lots 8 & 9, Blk. 2 E & A Abbott's Addition to Eagle Bend Rec. 2-9-22.

Wty Deed – John C. Mudek, etal to Jeff Anderson, etal 1-31-22 Lots 16-18 Pine Island Lake Lots Rec. 2-9-22.

QC Deed – Dennis F. Bacon, etux to Bradley Bacon, etal 5-8-15 Pt. SSW 5-128-32 & Pt. SENW 8-128-32 Rec. 2-9-22.

QC Deed – Gary J. Hoemberg, etux to G&D Property Holdings LLC 2-4-22 Pt. NESE 3-133-33 Rec. 2-9-22.

Wty Deed – Blake Petrich to Roger D. Houselog, etal 2-3-22 Lot 11, Blk. 2, O.T. Staples Mill Rec. 2-10-22.

Wty Deed – Gerard J. Hansen, etux to Edith Esmeralda Meza Herrera 2-9-22 Pt. Lots 1 & 2, Blk. 15, Tweed's Fourth Addition to L.P. Rec. 2-10-22.

Wty Deed – Brad Veldkamp, etux to Jacob A. Johnson, etal 2-8-22 Pt. Lots 1 & 2, Blk. 2,

Burnhams Smith & Lockes Addition to Burnhamville Rec. 2-10-22.

QC Deed – Donald Van Valkenburg, Jr, etal to Thomas Van Valkenburg, etux 1-28-22 Pt. SENE & Pt. NESE 24-129-35 Rec. 2-10-22.

Wty Deed – Michael C. Kennedy, etux to Kim Keiei Smith 2-1-22 Pt. Lot 2 & 3, Blk. 27, O.T. Staples Mill Rec. 2-10-22.

Wty Deed – Kim Keiei Smith to J & M Property Holdings 3 LLC 2-1-22 Pt. Lots 2 & 3 O.T. Staples Mill Rec. 2-10-22.

QC Deed – Richard R. Hlatky, etux to DeVona M. Hlatky 2-10-22 WSE & SESW 5-131-35 and NENW 8-131-35 and Lot 80, Blk. 6, Sylvan Shores Villa Rec. 2-10-22.

QC Deed – Beverly Asmus to Peter Thieschafer, etal 11/05/2022 Lot 6 26-129-34 Rec. 02/11/2022.

Trustee's Deed – Jack E. McCoy – trustee, etal to Michael VanHeel, etal pt SE 23-129-32 Rec. 02/11/2022.

Wty Deed – George H. Kramer, etux to Karen L. Kramer 01/18/2022 pt SENE 8-133-35 Rec. 02/11/2022.

Ltd Wty Deed – Steven

M. Kneisl, etux to Steven M. Kneisl – trustee, etal 03/18/2021 pt NESE & pt NSW all in 1-132-35, pt SSW 6-132-34, SWSE & SESW all in 2-132-35, pt SNE & ENW all in 7-132-34 and ENE 12-132-35 Rec. 02/11/2022.

QC Deed – Lester R. Larson, etux to Larry R. Larson, etal 12/08/1998 pt GL 4 9-128-32 Rec. 02/11/2022.

Wty Deed – Wayne A. Steffen, etux to Wayne Steffen – Trustee, etal 02/10/2022 Lot 34 & 35 Blk 8, Lot 5, 6 & 7 Blk 9 all in Sylvan Shores South Rec. 02/15/2022.

QC Deed – Roger E. Warner to Jeffrey Paul Warner 02/04/2022 pt Lots 3, 4 & 5 Blk 6 & pt Lot 5 Blk 5 all in Powell's Add to the Townsite of Long Prairie Rec. 02/14/2022.

QC Deed – Annette M. Heldmand to Karla L. Stevens, etal 02/11/2022 NNE & SENE all in 10-132-33 and SWSW 2-132-33 and SWNE 10-132-33 Rec. 02/14/2022.

Wty Deed – Leland Buchholz, etux to Grant W. Buchholz, etal 02/04/2022 NESW & NWSE all in 23-128-33 Rec. 02/15/2022.

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Friday, Feb. 25: Great night out featuring a wonderful home-cooked meal beginning at 6:00 PM, followed by Auction beginning at 8:00 PM. Features: New JD riding lawn tractor, hand-crafted items, new tools and accessories, cash prizes and much more. St. John's Catholic Church, Swanville.

Friday, March 18: Large Auction Featuring Nice Herd of Holstein & Composite Dairy Cattle, 4.0% Fat. SCC Under 100,000. Horses, Full Line of Horse Drawn Farm Machinery, Inc Gehl 95 Grinder Mixer in Exc. Cond. Plus Large Amount of Tools & Misc. Items. Sale time: 10 a.m. Edward & Irene Kauffman, owners - Browerville.

Saturday, March 26: This Will Be Another Huge Auction With Several Complete & Partial Farm Retirements as well as Good Quality Individual Consignments. Plus, Industrial Equipment, Livestock Equipment, Trucks, Trailers, Skid Loaders & Attachments Plus More. For More Information PH. Al Wessel 320-760-2979 / Kevin Winter 320-760-1593. Consign your farm equipment, construction equipment, trucks, trailers, RV's or ATV's to one of the largest best attended consignment auctions in the Upper Midwest. Contact us by Wednesday, March 2nd to have your items consigned on our upcoming SPRING CONSIGNMENT AUCTION held in Sauk Centre.

Tuesday, March 29: Huge Browerville area real estate ad equipment auction. Featuring a well designed 100 acre 70 + cow free stall dairy facility selling in two parcels, including all milking equipment, newer cemented young stock building with drive through feed alleys and head locks, 3 bedroom home, support buildings, plus 28 acre +/- tract, mostly tillable with building eligibility. Great location. Also selling all farm machinery and related items. Sale tim: 10:30 a.m. Amstutz Family, owners - Browerville.

Friday, April 1: Large Auction with Very Clean Line of Farm Equipment, Livestock Equipment & Shop items. INC. JD 4650 MFWD, JD 4440, (2) AGCO Utility Tractors, JD 9400 Combine, Heads, Planting, Tillage, Stock Trailer & Much More. Sale time: 10:30 a.m. Gene & Vicki Hollatz, owners Henning.

Tuesday, April 5: Featuring Full Line of Well- Maintained Farm Equipment Inc. JD 4455 PS, JD 4440 PS, JD 4240, JD 4230, JD 4020 PS, (2) Melroe Skid Loaders, JD 466 Net / Twine Baler, JD 6620 Titan II Combine, JD 926 MO-CO, Newer Hagedorn Vertical Beater Spreader, Plus - full line of Planting, Tillage & Forage Equipment. Sale time: 10:30 a.m. Mark & Barb Malmanger, owners - Swanville.

Friday, April 8: Excellent Line of Mostly One Owner Low Hour Farm Machinery. Inc. JD 8435R MFWD 300 Hrs., JD 7630 MFWD 1500 Hrs, MF 9790 Combine _ 1900 Hrs. , Drago 8R X 36 Chopping CH, Cat 315 CL Excavator, 07 IH Pro- Star Premium Ultra-Shift Tractor - 37,000 Miles, 04 Jet 42 FT. Grain Trailer, (2) 650 BU. Gravity Boxes Plus, CIH 12 x 36 Planter, Late Model Tillage Tools Plus Full line of Exceptional Farm Equipment. Sale time: 10:30 a.m. George J. & Sharon Hadrich, owners - Avon.

Tuesday, April 12: Large Auction Including: Case IH 5130 Maxum, IH 186 Hydro, IH 806 D., Case 2470 & 1200 4WD, NH BC 5060 Square Baler W/ Ejector, (2) NH 570 Square Balers W / Wjectors, 21 Bale Throw Racks, NH 1411 Disbine, Plus Planting, Tillage & General Farm Equipment. Sale time: 10:30 a.m. Tim & Alice Bollin, owners - Foley.

Saturday, May 21: Outstanding Auction Featuring: 2015 Harley Davidson Heritage Classis LSTC Soft Tail, Fully Accessorized Only 6024 Miles, Like New, Case 584 All Terrain Fork Lift, Huge Amount of Good Power and Hand Tools, Collectibles Inc. Kouba Prints, JD Gas Engine, Railway Express Model Trains, Model Planes, Dog Sleds, Misc. Farm Equipment and Much More. Sale time: 10 a.m. Patricia Lou Kuklok, owner - Becker.

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Osakis True Value

25 and still going strong

Next month the Osakis True Value Hardware store will celebrate its 25th anniversary under the ownership of Jon and Laura Backes.

The Osakis natives took over ownership of the business March 24th, 1997. While returning to Osakis wasn't the overriding idea, home still had a way of pulling them back. The young couple had started a family and many considerations were suddenly coming into play—including a distinct lack of daycare options in Alexandria where they were living and working. The lack of daycare became the overriding concern as they looked to the future. Included in that future was the children's education and having graduated from Osakis themselves, they felt reassured that this was the right move for them and their family.

"So I quit my job and bought the hardware store," Jon explained.

While Jon had experience managing Tire Associates in Alexandria, and Laura had the customer service experience with working at the Lighthouse, neither had the experience of owning their own business, but this wasn't something that deterred them.

They quickly learned the ins and outs of the business, what was in demand, what wasn't and what would need to be added. Changes were soon to come as they would increase the offerings of many hardware store staples such as nuts and bolts and plumbing fixtures. Some years ago, Weber grills were added to the offerings on hand and have proven to be a steadfast and popular item even during the hardest of times.

"We figured out that you have to have it in order to sell it," Jon quipped.

This would lead to many other changes as the business grew and expanded to include many other products and services too.

Midway through their ownership, the Backes' started True Service, which they would eventually sell off to partner Matt Kral and Jon would become a licensed and bonded handyman, which has proven to be a handy thing to offer indeed.

As they evolved, so too did Osakis, but some of the most tried and true virtues of small town business ownership continue to serve them well just as well as they did 25 years ago.

Upon moving back to town, Jon would join the Osakis Fire Department only retiring a couple years ago after serving as Fire Chief. Laura would serve on the Osakis Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and currently serves on the Osakis City Council. Just like the community has supported them all these years, they believe in the obligation of time, talent and treasure in service to their community.

"We've definitely always felt like you need to give back

to the community," Laura said.

"We're very blessed."

"Being a part of the community is the biggest thing you can do," added Jon.

With any severe economic hiccups like the nation has witnessed the past two years, Osakis True Value has been able to weather the storm as well as anybody. This can be attributed to the personal service and dedication to community that has helped see them through.

"Through the last couple years of craziness we've had great support," Laura said.

"We have a great customer base."

And in turn, when times did get rough and futures were in doubt, they returned the favors and showed their dedication to their fellow local businesses.

It's often said that in times of trouble you quickly find out who has your back and who doesn't. But that also holds true during the good times. In both of those, Osakis True Value has always turned to the First National Bank of Osakis for their needs and they have never been let down. In fact, when closures were first announced by the governor, it was the bank that led the charge to support local businesses and get them through that period of uncertainty.

"They have always been there for us for whatever we've needed to do," Jon said. Whether it's been through their ability to adapt to the times and offer things that are still relevant or hard to find, the couple is in agreement that without Osakis, they wouldn't have made it to this milestone.

"We have everything," Jon said.

"We're a very unique community with a combination of all the amenities."

The first 25 years have seen numerous changes for Osakis True Value. There's been good times, like when they were able to have lunch as a family with their children in the shop and some not so certain, like the last couple years. But if either of these experiences are a barometer for the times ahead, things will continue to evolve, and Osakis will, like their children did, continue to grow and solidify an identity for itself and it's a period of time the Backes' are looking forward to.

"I'm curious to see where it will go," Laura concluded.

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