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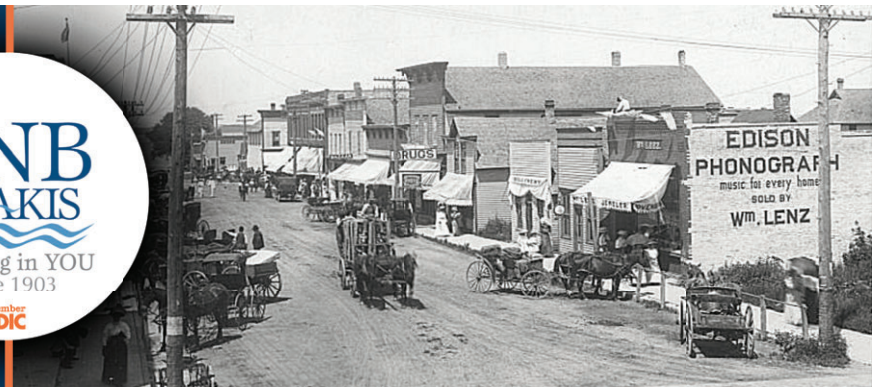


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Staring down the barrel

2nd Amendment supporters called to action in face of pending legislation at Osakis meeting

Jason C. Brown,
Publisher/Editor

Citizens concerned about the whittling away of their Second Amendment rights gathered en masse at the Osakis Community Center Saturday to learn about a number of pieces of legislation aimed at restricting their rights as gun owners.

Numerous elected officials including Rep. Mike Wiener, Rep. Mary Franson, Todd County Sheriff Mike Allen, Rep. Tom Murphy and others were present to discuss the ins and outs of these proposed restrictions.

Front and center were several pieces of legislation including HF 14/SF 116; HF 15/SF 1117; HF 396/SF 916; HF 601/SF 606 and SF 1723.

According to handouts presented at the meeting, HF 14/SF 116 involves universal background checks. These bills would require a criminal background check for firearms transfers and would modify the grounds for disqualification of a transferee permit.

HF 15/SF 1117 would be Minnesota's version of a "red flag" law. This would enable individuals and law enforcement to petition a court to prohibit people from possessing firearms if they pose a significant danger to themselves or others by possessing a firearm.

HF 396/SF 916 would establish safe storage requirements. The law would require the separate storage of firearms and ammunition. Additionally, the law would require a

Guns / 11A



Todd County's Fifth District Commissioner Randy Neumann addressed the crowd gathered at the Osakis Community Center. Neumann was one of many public officials who spoke at a 2nd Amendment forum last week.

New trail plan met with skepticism

Jeremy Pedersen
Staff Writer

On Monday, March 13, about 50-60 residents that include those who live on or near Lake Street filled the Community Center to express their concerns to a proposed trail system on Lake Street from 2nd Ave to the town's beach. Residents primarily wondered if the city and its consultant "put the cart before the horse" in proposing a trail while also expressing con-



A large crowd gathered for the public hearing.

Plan / 10A

Senator Westrom injured in accident

Sen. Westrom has been released and is working from home

On March 12, 2023, at 3:03 p.m., the Douglas County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from Trista Stamness who reported a single vehicle snowmobile accident located on the north end of Lake Ida. Stamness reported a passenger on the snowmobile was injured. Deputies and first responders responded to the scene and located the victim about 200 yards from the shoreline. A juvenile male was operating a 2009 Arctic Cat two-up snowmobile with a passenger iden-



Sen. Westrom

tified as Torrey Westrom. The snowmobile struck a packed snowdrift on the lake causing

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PEOPLE

Obituaries



born December 7, 1974 and son, Ryan, born June 17, 1977. Jeff worked for years at Clinchon Corners in Minneapolis until the family relocated to Osakis, Minnesota in 1986 where they purchased a home on the north end of the lake.

Jeff worked for Rollie's Sales and Service in Osakis until 1993 when he began his own business known as Allied Petroleum. He continued to operate the business until his retirement in 2012.

In 2000, Jeff married Shanda Kapaun and they remained at the home on Lake Osakis until his death.

Jeff loved fishing, hunting, and spending time with his children, step-children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He will be truly and deeply missed for his kindness and his quiet humor. If you were blessed to have Jeff for a friend in his lifetime you should know that he genuinely valued having you in his life.

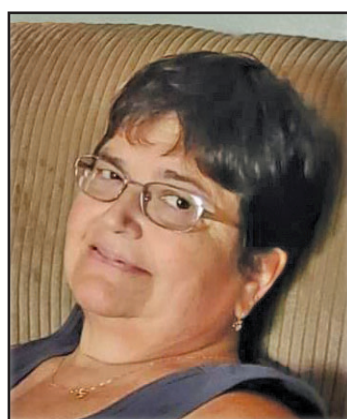
Jeff was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Shanda; daughter, Lisa (Derek) West of Ramsey; son, Ryan

(Joy) Larson of Osakis; step-daughter, Carey (Joe) Hiebel of Nelson; step-son, Joshua (Mandy) Kapaun of Osakis; grandchildren, Breanna Larson, Gage Larson, Taylor Larson, Thomas West, Maya West, Jacey Larson, Austin West and Everette West; step-grandchildren, Makayla Radtke, Jaidah Kapaun, Garek Radtke, Madelyn Kapaun, Eithen Hiebel, Josiah Kapaun and Maddux Kapaun; five great grandchildren, sisters, Kathy Larson of Circle Pines, and Judy Baggenstoss of Blaine; and niece, Toni Baggenstoss.

A celebration of Jeff's life will take place in the summer of 2023.

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RENEE F. MUEHLENHARDT, 62 WEST UNION
OCTOBER 15, 1960 - MARCH 15, 2023

Renee F. Muehlenhardt, age 62 of West Union, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at the Galeon Nursing Home in Osakis, Minnesota.

A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, March 18 at the Osakis VFW. A prayer service

was held with Mike Buffington officiating.

Renee Frances Muehlenhardt was born October 15, 1960, in Baudette, Minnesota to Irvin and Frances (Belanger) Davidson. She graduated from Lake of the Woods High School in 1979 and continued to get her LPN from Rainy River Community College in May of 1992. Renee worked at Pioneer Nursing Home in Baudette, now known as Lake Wood Care Center for 27 years. Renee met the love of her life, Troy, in 2003 while he drove her around as a designated driver. Renee moved to West Union in 2005 and soon they both decided they liked each other and on November 3, 2006, they were married in Las Vegas, Nevada. It was small intimate ceremony with just the two of them.

In 2005, she began working at CentraCare in Melrose for many years and then spent the rest of her nursing career at the Galeon where she retired in 2022 with a total of 45 years in the nursing field.

They enjoyed many adventures together, traveling, playing Bingo, casino trips, going to concerts especially We Fest, taking motorcycle rides, and road trips in Renee's Mustang convertible. Renee also enjoyed cross stitching, crocheting, mowing the lawn, hunting, and fishing on Red Lake; walleye was her favorite food.

Survivors include her husband, Troy Muehlenhardt of West Union; brothers, Donnie, Ronnie, Tom, Tim, Herbie, and Daryl Davidson; and many nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

Renee was preceded in death by her parents, Irvin and Frances Davidson; brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Irene Davidson; brother, David Davidson; niece, Trudy; and great niece, Baleigh Rose.

A special thank you to Troy and Renee's good friends, Jim and Anne Nathe for all the love and support they gave throughout the years. A big thank you to the Galeon staff and CentraCare Hospice, especially Kayla, for the compassionate care they gave Renee throughout her journey.

Arrangements were made with Patton-Schad Funeral and Cremation Services of Sauk Centre.

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KEN POMERLEAU, 81 OSAKIS
JUNE 4, 1941 - FEBRUARY 27, 2023

Ken Pomerleau passed away Monday, February 27, at the Galeon nursing home at the age of 81. He was born June 4, 1941, to Gilbert and Bernice (Patnode) Pomerleau in Minneapolis, MN. Graduated from DeLaSalle High School in 1959 and the Academy of Accountancy after a two-year program. Married Pat Belski in 1964. After moving to several states with his accounting job, they purchased Deluxe Oil in Osakis in 1974 where they worked until retirement.

He volunteered his time to the community by serving on the Osakis Fire Department for 22 years, including as chief and assistant chief, was an EMT with the ambulance service for 13 years, and eight years on the Osakis School Board.

His hobbies included golf, hunting and fishing. Health issues after retirement prevented travelling, but earlier he enjoyed an Alaska cruise, a Hawaii vacation, plus winter breaks in Palm Desert CA for five years.

Survived by wife Pat; sons, Mike (Norma), Mark and Steve (Carrie); brother Al (Renee); sister-in-law Cathy; grandchildren, Jessica (Mike) and Branden (Molly); great grandchildren, Travis, Annabelle, and Hunter; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceded in death by parents; and brother, Dennis.

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RONALD F. BOYS, 82 OSAKIS
MARCH 18, 2023

Ronald F. Boys, age 82, of Osakis died on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at the Galeon in Osakis. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are with the Roy-Hetland Funeral Home in Osakis. www.royhetland.com



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St. John's • Villard

* April 6 Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion | 7 p.m.

* April 7 Good Friday | 7 p.m.

* April 9 Easter Sunday with Holy Communion | 10:30 a.m.

Trinity • Grove Lake

* April 9 Easter Sunday with Holy Communion | 9 a.m.

* April 6 Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion | 5:30 p.m.

* April 7 Good Friday | 5:30 p.m.

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In Review...

25 Years ago
March 1998

For the first time in history an Osakis High School girls basketball team will be competing in the State High School Tournament. The Silverstreaks beat Ashby 61-56 to win the Section 5A Championship and will travel to Brainerd to play MacGregor H.S. The winner of that game will go on to the University of Minnesota Williams Arena for the championship games. The Osakis girls, under first-year head coach Pat Kalpin, had been rated all season and ended up seventh in the final

rankings.

A new 1998 Fire Rescue truck has been ordered. Luverne Fire Apparatus was the low bidder at \$178,524 with optional deducts of \$16,773 for a total purchase price of \$161,751.

The Osakis Chamber of Commerce is running a new promotion this year with Rose Days on March 26. Red, short stemmed roses will be available at Sikaso Greenhouse and Gifts and preorders must be made by March 17. Funds realized will be used for Chamber commu-

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laundered as a part of Feeding Our Future, and the U.S. Attorney, Andrew Luger, says more indictments are to be expected.

Even though we are halfway through session, Democrats have still not passed any legislation that would close the gaps at the Departments of Education or Human Services to prevent future fraud from occurring. The Democrat majority has failed to provide any accountability for taxpayer funding. It is the duty of government to be a good steward of Minnesotans' tax dollars, but our Democrat-controlled state is seemingly failing at every turn.

SWLRT Audit Report

On Wednesday, the Legislative Auditor released their

Franson / 7A



**From the House
Rep. Mary Franson
District 12B**

the Feeding Our Future scandal. According to the Star Tribune, \$66.6 million in property has been seized, including an airplane purchased by one of those charged. It is thought upwards of \$250 million has been

Dear Friends,
Yesterday I presented a bill in the Pensions Committee that was brought to be by a constituent. HF 217 will support our volunteer firefighters. I truly represent the best, and it is wonderful when my conversations with constituents translate to new legislation in St. Paul!

Calls to Remove Portrait of Lincoln from the House Chamber

This week, calls were once again made to remove the beautiful portrait of President Abraham Lincoln that proudly hangs above the Speaker's rostrum in the House Chamber.

Lincoln was one of the greatest presidents in our nation's history. He ended slavery and kept our precious union together when we were bitterly divided. It is shocking that people continue to call for his portrait to be removed from the House Chamber. During a time when Americans seem more divided than ever, all representatives should try emulating President Lincoln's devotion in bringing people together to form a more perfect union.

More Feeding Our Future Indictments

Ten more people were charged this week related to

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Assessments to go up for Osakis

Jeremy Pedersen
Staff Writer

Around March 24, Douglas County will send out their assessment notices for 2023. Homeowners will notice an assessment increase caused by higher selling prices of homes and increased building costs of 5%. Lakeshore owners on Osakis will see an assessment increase due to a still-strong demand for lake homes. Agricultural land assessments will increase significantly not only because of recent sales that far exceeded assessed values, but also because of a state-imposed "time

trend adjustment."

Those are the findings the Douglas County Assessor shared with the Osakis City Council in preparation for the "Local Board of Appeal and Equalization" for Osakis City residents on April 11, 2023.

Residential Sales and Assessments in Osakis

In a follow-up phone interview with Stacy Honkomp, Douglas County Assessor, the County calculates assessments by first looking at "good" real estate sales from October 2021 until September 30, 2022. She stated that this would eliminate new construction

sales, bank sales, sales to family members, and others that would influence its selling value.

Then, they divide the assessed value of these "good sale" properties by its selling price to come up with a ratio. For example, if the assessor valued a house for \$100,000 and it has a "good sale" for \$110,000, it would have a ratio of 90.9%.

Then, they rank the ratios and take the "median" ratio as a figure they report to the state which "requires the assessor to have a median ratio between 90% and 105%." Assessor Honkomp highlighted that "we do not even calculate the average."

Therefore, in the letter to Osakis City Council members, they had "fifteen good residential/seasonal residential sales with a median sale ratio of 102.6%." Asked about

this, Assessor Honkomp noted that their current assessment of Osakis City properties therefore mostly reflects the market sales value. "Sales in Osakis are pretty steady," she said.

However, after they calculate this ratio, "the Minnesota Department of Revenue then applies a time trend adjustment to this ratio." The letter notes that this adjusts sales prices that accounts "for changes in market value since the sale occurred," as it levels out sale values to the same date.

Therefore, the "adjusted median ratio" for the City of Osakis is 93.4%, which would suggest that, in Osakis market value of any property is slightly more than its assessed value. Therefore, to accommodate the difference, residential assessments will go up slightly.

Assessor Honkomp did express some frustrations with some of these "time trend adjustment" findings given by the State Department of Revenue. She noted that the state "does a lot more digging into the numbers" than in prior years, and then the "state knocks you down" with the "time trend adjustments," resulting in higher assessments. "It is really frustrating," she said.

Building Costs Increases

Second, besides land value changes, higher building costs will affect the assessment. According to the letter presented to City Council members, Residential rates for replacement cost increased 5% county wide. The letter also stated that pole sheds increased 10%, Commercial properties increased 10%, and "industrial manufacturing, warehouse (ministorage), and utility buildings" increase 10%.

Agricultural Values

Third, for agricultural lands, the county had twenty-five "good" agricultural sales in the county with a "median" ratio of 79.59%. This met that on a hypothetical \$300,000 "median" agricultural property, the county underestimated its value by over \$75,000.

Further, the state expects

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All dogs are required to be licensed annually by May 1st and must have a current rabies vaccination on file with the city. Dog owners are asked to keep their dogs from running at large and barking habitually day or night.

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A trip through the stars

Jeremy Pedersen
Staff Writer

The first week of March, Osakis Elementary students in grade one through six experienced the stars and the planets through the ExploraDome Planetarium. "I loved zooming through space and it felt so real," one student exclaimed.

Coming from the Bell Museum from the University of Minnesota, the ExploraDome Planetarium allows students to experience the planets and the stars through a "live and interactive program." As highlighted on the web site, this unique experience "brings the universe" to groups across the state of Minnesota with a "priority to reach communities outside of the Twin Cities." It also meets specific Minnesota Department of Education Science standards.

According to Shad Schmidt, elementary principal, Jessie Thornbloom organized this opportunity for the students. In an email, Thornbloom noted that she received information from the Bell Museum at the beginning of the year.

"I was talking to some teachers at the beginning of the year and we were discussing how important it is to expose our students to different activities



and provide them with different learning opportunities beyond the classroom," she said.

She also noted that while field trips have their own costs, she saw this as an opportunity where such a place like the Bell Museum "can come to us."

From that, she sent in an application for a two-day visit. This would allow most students in 1st-6th grade to participate in the experience. She also put in a scholarship request to cover the approximately \$1500 cost, and "to my surprise, the Bell Museum awarded us with a scholarship that paid for the visit in its entirety," Thornbloom

said.

With that, students experienced the planets in 30-minute sessions. They laid on their backs and watched a show that "seemed like they were flying through our solar system and past our galaxy." They saw the various constellations in the night sky, and they saw up close

all the planets. They visited Mars and saw its surface, and they saw the ice chunks of Saturn's rings.

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"Students loved that it was so realistic and compared it to virtual reality games they've played," Thornbloom said.

Overall, Thornbloom appreciated the Administration support and the support of fellow teachers to bring the ExploraDome Planetarium to Osakis schools. "It was great to go beyond our earth, and solar system, past our galaxy, and look at our universe (all within 30 minutes)!" she said.

One student summed up its impact best: "This makes me want to be an astronomer even more."

The annual meeting of the **Gordon Pleasant Hill Cemetery Association** will be held on **Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. on the main level of The Lillian Building.**
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nity events.

The 30th annual Osakis Festival is being planned. There will not be a Miss Osakis pageant this year due to lack of interest from young women. The theme for the parade will be "Life in Osakis" and is chaired by Dave Erickson.

Evie Akervik's Johnny Jump Ups were blooming on March 2. Evie dug some up and brought them to the Community Memorial Home for residents to enjoy.

Kevin and Sally Iverson were highlighted in their work in the Mexican mission field. They are missionaries in Palenque, Chiapas, Mexico. Their mission is to raise up churches, train the nationals so they can take over, and they in turn raise up churches. They say they plan to serve in Mexico for at least two

years, longer if the Lord desires.

Todd County has a new state-of-the-art 911 system. Enhanced 911 or E911 has been in the works for the past year and a half and is now up and running.

**50 Years ago
March 1973**

Now that winter is over the merchants of Osakis will note the new season with a big Spring Opening Promotion. Beginning Friday, March 30, the stores of the village will remain open each Friday until 9:00 pm. They will continue the Friday night openings until after Christmas.

The Mass Media Class of Osakis High School featured Clarence Omacht, Superintendent of Osakis Public Schools for the past 25 years. The article was written by Jim Larson

and Dennis Mostad and gave the history of Mr. Omacht along with several pictures.

The OHS Boys basketball team won the sub-district 22 championship with a victory over Villard by 65-42. The team closed the season with an overall record of 18 wins and 6 defeats. They were eliminated by Long Prairie in the first round of the district tournament play.

The Osakis City Dairy sells Oak Grove dairy products, found at your store or delivered to your door. Call Ron Eldred, prop., for delivery.

The fifth annual Osakis Festival is being planned. It will be co-chaired by Lil Ortendahl and Dennis Suedbeck, with the Osakis Lions Club handling the Festival Parade.

**75 Years ago
March 1948**

Tredal's Our Own Hardware is selling the latest patterns and colors of wall paper. A shipment of open stock, consisting of 40 patterns has been received, ranging in price from 12 cents a roll.

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The Osakis Silverstreaks, rated as one of the best teams in the state this year, failed to survive the second round of District 22 play at Glenwood, when they bowed to a team they had defeated twice in the regular season. The Main Streeters from Sauk Centre defeated Osakis with a score of 43 to 35. The Main Streeters went on to win the district finals by defeating Alexandria 55 to 40. Osakis defeated Long Prairie in the consolation game 67-35 to win third place in the district tournament.

Some of the movies showing during the month of March at the Empress Theater are "The Bachelor and the Bobby Soxer" starring Cary Grant, Myrna Loy, Shirley Temple and Rudy Vallee; "Spring Time in the Sierras" starring Roy Rogers and "Where There's Life" starring Bob Hope and Signe Hasso. Admission - adults 25 cents, students 20 cents and children always 9 cents.

The by-laws of the Osakis Hospital Association will be adopted at their meeting on March 29. The meeting is open to the public and anyone interested in this project, that means so much to the community, is welcome to attend.

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In one of the hottest elections ever staged in Osakis, Dr. A.J. Gilkinson again was elected mayor of Osakis by defeating E.R. Ruggles by a vote of 307 to 200. A total of 514 votes were polled - probably a record for the village.

Osakis defeated Long Prairie on their own floor by a score of 20 to 13. The Osakis quint is the lightest team in the state but has been defeated by only the fast Alexandria five this season and has won a place in the district tournament to be held in Sauk Centre this month.

The Farmers' State Bank has a jar in its window that is full to the rim with pennies. To get a chance to guess on how many pennies are in the jar, you deposit \$1.00 in a savings account and you get one guess; deposit \$5.00 and you get two guesses. Prizes are, the jar filled with pennies to the person making the nearest guess as to the correct number of pennies in the jar, \$3.00 will be given to the person making the second nearest guess and \$2.00 will be given to the person making the third nearest guess. All prizes will be added to the savings account of the winners.

The Osakis Commercial Club has drawn up a letter that will be mailed to owners of farms bordering on Lake Osakis. In the letter it will ask their cooperation in determining just what can be done to maintain Lake Osakis at a higher level than it was at its low water mark last fall. They want to maintain a uniform stage of water in the lake and to conserve the fish supply which is diminishing each year. Places where fish lay their eggs are being destroyed each year due to low water levels. Maintaining a uniform state of water can be done by erecting a dam at the Outlet, in such a way that excess water would run away much faster in spring and therefore allow lowlands, which are affected, to dry off much sooner. They think a 1 1/2 to 2 feet raise would be sufficient to accomplish this, and ask all property owners to write or call C.E. Belding, Chairman of the Lake Level Committee.

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Westrom / From 1A

Westrom to be thrown clear of the snowmobile. Westrom was complaining of upper body pain. The juvenile male was not injured. North Ambulance and Leaf Valley First Responders tended to Westrom on the lake. Westrom was transported

by snowmobile rescue sled to a nearby public access and transported to Alomere Hospital by North Ambulance.

Senator Westrom has since been released and he is at home recovering from his injuries and working from home.

Franson / From 3A

newest report: "Southwest Light Rail Transit Construction: Metropolitan Council Decision Making." The Legislative Auditor found that the Southwest Light Rail Project (SWLRT) project has been grossly mismanaged and that the Metropolitan Council is not being an effective steward of public funds. They also reported the Met Council was not fully cooperative with the Audit process and was not forthcoming with either the legislature or the public. Some key findings from the report include:

• "The Metropolitan Council obligated itself to spend more money on Southwest LRT than the funds committed to the project."

• "The Council did not hold its civil construction contractor accountable for failures to provide an acceptable project schedule."

• "The Council has also not been fully transparent about the project's delays and cost increases."

The Auditor's report reveals the Metropolitan Council has misled the public and the legislature from nearly the begin-

ning. They knew that it would have substantial cost overruns, ignored warnings, and went ahead with the project anyway. The Legislative Auditor recommends that the Legislature "create a framework in which the government entity responsible for light rail transition construction also bears some financial responsibility for construction costs and any potential cost increases."

Once again, government is failing to be a good steward of your tax dollars. The Southwest Light Rail Transit project should be halted because the Met Council cannot continue to mismanage any more funding until accountability measures are in place.

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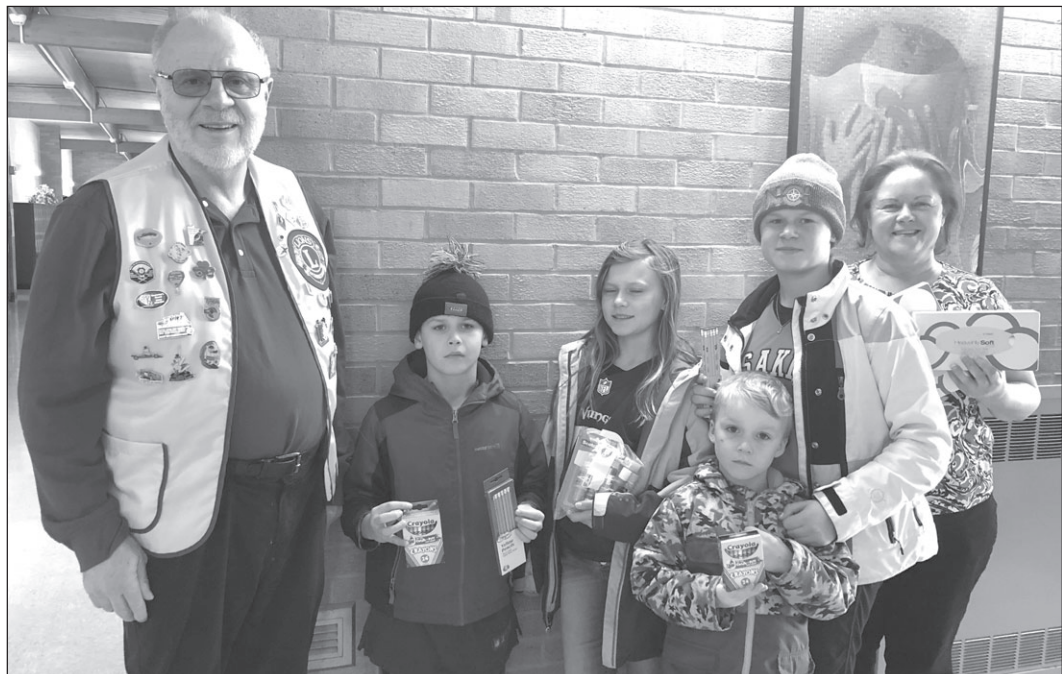
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These guidelines can help couples determine how much to tip the unsung heroes who make their weddings so memorable.

Vendors may be in the background during a wedding, but the roles they play are vital to making ceremonies and receptions memorable for couples and their guests. It's customary to tip wedding vendors who provide great service. The wedding experts at The Knot note that the following guidelines can help couples determine how much to tip the unsung heroes who make their weddings so memorable.

Photographer/videographer: Photographers and videographers are unique among wedding vendors because their work will be looked at for decades to come. The Knot notes that it's not necessary to tip wedding photographers and videographers who own their own studios. Their fees are all the compensation they need. However, many photographers and videographers do not own their own studios, and the efforts of such professionals are worthy of a little something extra at the end of the night. The Knot notes that a tip between \$50 and \$200 is standard for these professionals, and that tip can be given at the end of the reception.

Reception staff: The reception staff works as hard as anyone during the wedding, and those efforts merit a good tip. Many reception venues include gratuities in their food and drink fees, and couples can check to see if they have already tipped staff and if they think the mandatory gratuity is sufficient. A tip between 15 and 20 percent of the food and drink fee is standard. Maître d' fees also may be built into the wedding contract. If not, a tip between \$200 and \$300 is standard and can be delivered at the end of the night.

Band/DJ: Music features prominently at many wedding receptions. Bands and/or DJs can set the tone for a fun night couples and their guests will remember for years to come. Tipping musicians is optional, but it's the norm to do so when they provide exceptional

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Drivers: Many transportation firms also include gratuities in their contracts, so couples should check to see if they've already tipped limo or bus drivers before paying them a little extra. If the tip is not included and the drivers arrive on time and get guests to the wedding on time, then a tip that's between 15 and 20 percent of the total bill is standard.


Delivery personnel: Individuals who deliver items like cakes and flowers are typically given a gratuity upon delivery. A tip between \$5 and \$10 per person is standard, though individuals who deliver items like tables, chairs and portable restroom facilities and then set those items up may be deserving of a little extra.

Officiants: Officiants who are affiliated with a church or synagogue where the ceremony will take place are not typically given a gratuity. However, The Knot notes that a donation to the place of worship between \$100 and \$500 is standard. Couples who still want to give the officiant a little extra can tip between \$50 and \$100. Independent officiants who receive fees directly from the couple need not be tipped.

These figures can serve as guidelines, but couples also can give a little extra if they feel their vendors have gone above and beyond.



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NEWS

Plan / From 1A

cerns about parking. A few expressed concerns about having to take down trees in the right of way with no current sidewalk. Several also asserted that they focus first on Lake Osakis before building any trail system in Osakis. Finally, many noted that they did not see any surveys until they received the public hearing notice in the mail.

At the beginning of the public hearing, Mayor Dan Wessel exhorted those who gathered to “please keep it civil.” He explained to the crowd that they wanted to address some “misconceptions” as “this is only a proposal” that it is “not set in stone.” He also noted that he and council members “welcome all questions and comments” which is “what a good city does.”

Proposed Parks and Trails

After Mayor Wessel’s opening comments, Jillian Reiner of Widseth gave a presentation to those gathered. She commended the “large crowd” in attendance. Like Mayor Wessel, she also emphasized that “we are making a few suggestions, proposals, and we want to hear everybody’s opinion. We are trying to do good things for the city.”

She highlighted that these proposals came because of work since 2020 that included online surveys, booths at the Taste of Osakis and Osakis festival, and surveys sent as part of the city’s newsletter and utility bills.

From that, she went to describe the newly announced “Active Transportation Grant” where they applied for \$450,000. In order to apply, they had to generate some proposals, and the park committee identified as a “first priority” to build a “multi-modal 12-foot shared used path” on the north side of Lake Street that would connect to the City-owned beach. They would put a bike lane on the south side of Lake, thereby eliminating parking on that side. However, they would not change the curb on Lake Street itself.

This proposal further calls for building the trail south on 2nd Ave and connecting it to the trails proposed as part of the “safe route to schools” proposal. Finally, Reiner pointed out that the plan would install “intersection treatments” that would include RFIDs and painted crosswalks that would allow pedestrians to more safely cross County Road 82.

Resident Concerns

After her presentation, the council opened the public hearing. For the next hour, several residents spoke with either questions or outright statements in opposition. Indeed, John Krischuk asked the crowd who is “against” the bike trail, and the majority of those gathered raised their hands.

In response to council member Stephanie Finnigan ques-

tion, “what are your concerns?”, residents then offered several objections. First, many residents questioned the need of building a trail and taking away parking as they felt the “cart was put before the horse.” “I don’t think the amount of traffic I’ve seen and our usage of the road and watching people go to the beach justifies all this disruption for the residents,” Krischuk said.

Moreover, residents didn’t specifically see a need to connect the beach. Phil Gobel noted that he “just don’t see a need to connect the bike trail to the public beach that I just don’t see many people use.”

Later, Rick Lane also questioned the usefulness of connecting to the beach, too. “You don’t see many local people there,” he said.

In response, Reiner defended the purpose of connecting the beach. “The city is trying to think to the future...the city is wanting to upgrade the beach and make it a destination for people who are coming to Osakis...It could be a really good asset to the community,” she said.

Another resident, Mary Pohlmann, who lived at her house “since 1978,” noted that she has never seen any issues—safety or otherwise—involving pedestrians on Lake Street. Conversely, she expressed several concerns over the parking.

She summed up problem

with the project by asserting at the end, “I think it is a little backwards. You saw the money and went after it rather than seeing the need and then going for the money,” and the crowd applauded in response.

Second, Gobel and a few others highlighted that the sidewalk ends just past the Douglas/Todd County Line, so therefore, they might require removing trees and other items in the right-of-way to build a proposed trail.

Third, a couple of residents highlighted they recently paid “large assessments” for improvements on 2nd Ave, and they stated their objections to having their parking taken away. Reiner noted that they can potentially have a proposed trail come on another street.

Fourth, several residents highlighted that they need to focus on problems of Lake Osakis. “We need to address the issues of the lake first...Now is not the time” for the trail, Steve Anderson said to applause.

Later, in support of Anderson, two other residents noted that “the lake is not usable for 30% of the year” and they should prioritize that before they would build out any trail system.

Finally, several residents objected to the proposal because they did not know of these plans until they received a notice with the proposed trail in the mail. They did not see the online sur-

veys or other feedback opportunities offered. Some questioned if the city had enough feedback to make informed decisions on the proposed trail plans.

Council Responses

At the end of the public hearing, Council member Finnigan stood up and addressed the crowd. She noted that as a resident on Lake Street, she emphasizes with the concerns the residents expressed at the meeting. She told the crowd, “Thank you for telling us your concerns.”

She then asked what sorts of “positive impacts” and ideas that can help make Osakis “the best community it can be” and asked them to send them to City Hall for consideration.

In response, Pohlmann thanked the council for the public hearing. “Thank you for giving us this chance to bring out notes and our thoughts and to be a voice,” she said.

Later, during the regular council meeting, Council Member Laura Backes make a motion to incorporate an “affected” resident on the Park Committee on any future trails planning. “This would give these residents voice in the process,” she said. After some discussion, Council Member Larson seconded it, and the council passed the motion unanimously.

Assessments / From 4A

these land values to continue to increase, and so they required Douglas County to apply 17.6% “time trend adjustment.” County Assessor Honkomp noted they “never” had to do such adjustment to agricultural property until this year. Her office considered “appealing the time trend adjustment to the state,” but they decided against it after finding out similar increases of around 15% have happened in both Otter Tail and Todd Counties.

Therefore, the Assessor highlighted to City Council Members highlighted that these low ratios “necessitates large increases to till and non-tillable acreage” on agricultural properties. In the county-wide report, Assessor Honkomp noted that “the average [assessment] increase in agricultural land is 26.67%.”

Lakeshore Property Owners

Fourth, for lakeshore owners, Lake Osakis has one of the largest increases in Douglas County

of \$400 per “frontage foot”. That brings the total “frontage front” increase of \$1500. The letter to the City Council “County-wide, our lake sales remain strong,” and “Douglas County will see quite large increases to our lake front properties.”

In the interview, Assessor Honkomp noted that these lake sales “blew [our assessed values] out of the water.”

Even still, Lake Osakis “frontage foot” of \$1500 is still considerably

less than Alexandria’s Chain of Lakes where Lake Victoria has \$2600, Lake Carlos has \$4700, and Lake Le Homme Dieu has \$5200. Indeed, she noted a trend where, with these high prices on Alexandria’s Chain of Lakes, other surrounding lakes like Lake Osakis have “had an uptick” from the increased sales prices.

However, Assessor Honkomp stated that “very few” Douglas County Lake Osakis Lakeshore owners are assessed the full amount of \$1500 per “frontal foot” due to lakeshore quality issues on their specific property. She gave examples such as a steep embankment, or lots of cattails in front of their shore.

She highlighted that when they “walk all the parcels” when they do their physical inspections every four years, they pay attention to these specific issues when deciding on the “frontage foot” assessment. “We take into consideration each individual property,” she said.

Next steps

Assessor Honkomp highlighted that even if they have an assessment increase, that does not necessarily mean a tax increase. In fact, she noted that, for many

properties, the tax rate actually dropped last year due to the large increases in assessed value of lakeshore properties. “Some jurisdictions actually had double-digit decreases” in the tax rate in 2022 she said.

If landowners have questions about the listed assessment, Assessor Honkomp says to first call the County Assessor’s office at 320-762-3884 to share their concerns. She stated that the appraiser will validate the information that they have to make sure that it is accurate. She emphasized how landowners can make appointments for someone from the assessor’s office to come view the property and see specific concerns that would change the assessment.

However, all homeowners have a right to appeal to the “Local Board of Appeal and Equalization” on April 11, 2023, beginning at 9am for Todd County and 10am for Douglas County. Landowners need to schedule an appointment for consideration.

Overall, Assessor Honkomp expressed her office’s role in the assessment process. “Markets set the value of the property; we just report it.”

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locking device be included in each firearm transfer.

HF 601/SF 606 is a law requiring the mandatory reporting of lost or stolen firearms.

SF 1723 involves the registration of all firearms and banning of others. This law would ban the possession of large capacity ammunition magazines and other weapons, place a ban on purchasing new semi-automatic rifles or assault weapons, establish a purchasing limit of no more than one firearm every 30 days, prohibit the open carry of firearms, require the registering of firearms, require gun owners to carry liability insurance, and require a gun owner license.

Katrina Lunden, an advocate and volunteer with the Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus explained that the proposed bills on universal background checks would apply to almost any situation imaginable, ranging from loaning a rifle or shotgun to a hunting buddy or having someone take care of your house while you're on vacation. Moreover, it establishes an ad hoc version of universal gun registration by the nature of the process.

"That's what it amounts to," Lunden said.

Additionally, Lunden explained that the legislation allows law enforcement to deny a transfer for any contact whatsoever with law enforcement.

"If you do it through the local police, they can refuse you because you've had contact with law enforcement. Contact can be a speeding ticket, a parking ticket, the neighbors called on your kid because of the loud music," Lunden said.

Lunden also explained that if you do get past this, in order to retrieve your property back from the person who was in possession of it, you will then need to submit to another round of background checks to get your property back.

"Anyone see a problem with all this?" Lunden asked.

When it comes to the red flag bills, HF 15 and SF 1117, Lunden is just as vocal about its impacts.

"Every other sheriff in the country is coming in at three o'clock in the morning. And the first thing you know that he's arrived is when the door comes in. Because they don't want you to have any advance notice," Lunden said.

"There is no hearing, there is no due process."

Lunden explained that this law could be triggered by something as petty as a scorned ex in a relationship, male or female.

"There is little to no penalty for them lying," Lunden said.

"There's no law enforcement or a judge that is going to take the chance that in this form they could be lying and risk something going wrong, so they are all going to sign on the dotted line.

"Now you don't know who is coming through your door at three

o'clock in the morning. Somebody on one side or the other is going to end up leaving in a box. That's why this is a bad idea."

"Not only have you lost your due process, but that's how it's going down at three o'clock in the morning, when the door crashes."

Lunden said getting your property back can be even trickier.

"I hope you've got an extra \$10,000 because that's the base that your lawyer is going to cost. And you will need a lawyer. And have you ever tried telling anybody in authority that you're not crazy when they think you are?"

"That conversation goes along these lines—the more they say you're crazy and the more you say you're not, the louder your voice goes up, and the more crazy you will become. That is the very nature of the conversation.

"If you're lucky, you may get the guns back. They won't be in the same condition as when you left them. You'll be out at least \$10,000, if not more. And your name has been told all over town that you are crazy, and you will never ever be able to raise your head again.

"The next major problem with this one is the crazy person has just gone through the trauma of having the door come in at three o'clock in the morning, and the police come and take all his guns. How do you think that affected his mental health?"

"Yeah, I don't think it went well. I think he's angrier, crazier, more upset. The more determined to do whatever it was he was going to do because there is nothing in this bill that says get him some mental health help. There is no requirement for that. They can walk away, drive off, leave him to sit there.

"Let me remind you that they've taken their guns, but the bathroom cabinet is still full of pills. They haven't taken the hammers, the chainsaws, the machetes, any other items.

"Let me tell you the worst one they haven't taken away; they haven't taken the F150 out of the locked garage.

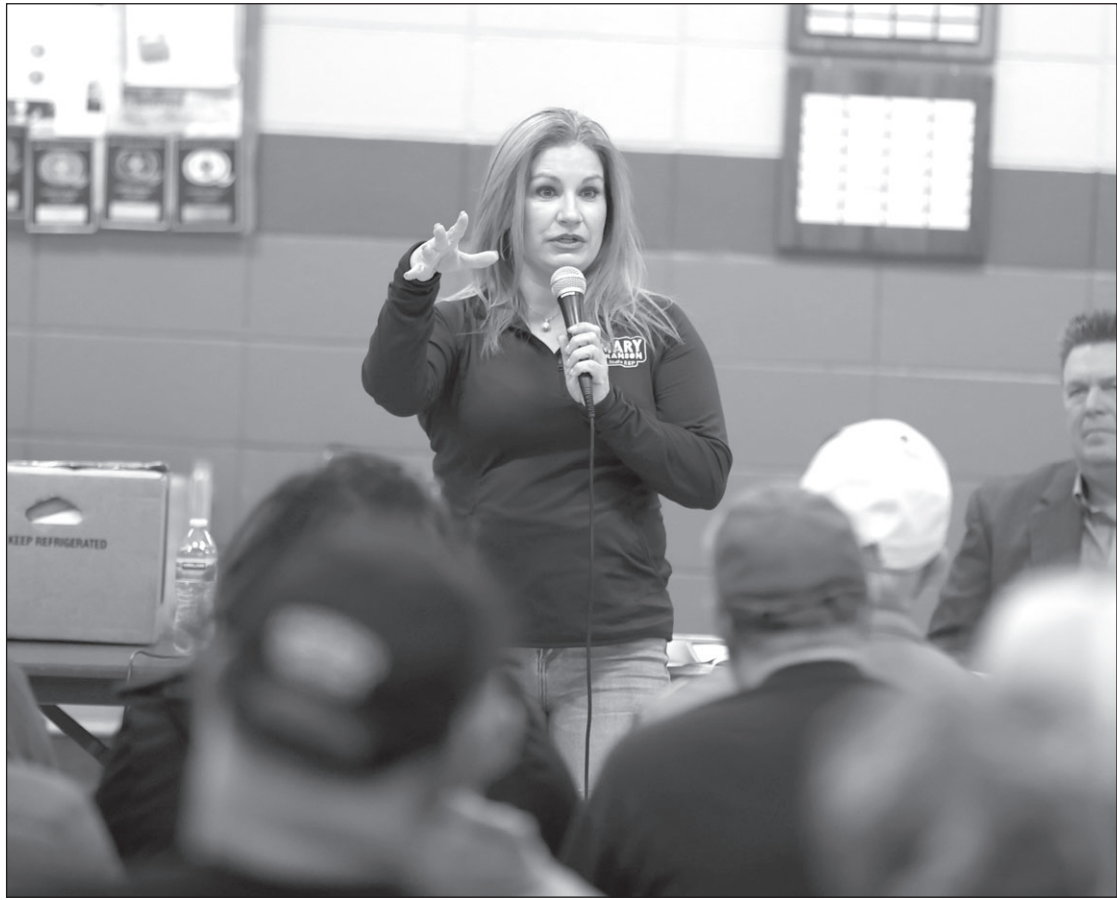
"They've done nothing to remove the threat; they've just royally pissed it off."

When it comes to the safe storage requirements, Lunden likens it to time equals life.

"We have in Minnesota, laws on the books that say that you cannot allow access to small children and crazy people and I find that to be quite reasonable myself," Lunden said.

"If my grandkids will come over, I put things away; but when they're not there, I have bears, I have wolves, I have coyotes. I'm told by my neighbors and the local sheriff that I have meth heads within a mile which means I'm not afraid to admit not everything's always put away.

"I might need to defend myself



Rep. Mary Franson spoke at the 2nd Amendment Forum in Osakis.

or I might need to defend my livestock.

"This is not about safe storage. This is about disarming you. This is taking away your Second Amendment in your own castle."

The lost and reporting bill was felt to fly in the face of reason.

"We don't need a law to tell us to do the right thing. Criminals on the other hand, they're not going to report it. Having a law to tell him to report it also isn't going to make them report it," Lunden said.

One of the more contentious bills was the final one discussed, SF 1723. The bill would ban large capacity magazines, semi-automatic rifles, and assault style rifles while

placing limits on frequency of purchases, require registration of firearms, and require the licensure of gun owners.

"Oh yeah, this is what we call a nuclear bill," Lunden said.

"It takes away everything. Their definition includes, for the purposes of this bill, anything that's a semi-automatic. It includes a lot of bullets too. I go around the room and think, 'Gee whiz, semi-automatic, that's most things people choose to carry.'"

Judi Anderson, the owner of the General Store in Osakis, which was a sponsor of the event, was given the opportunity to address the crowd.

Her concern was what these bills might mean for her customers, how it would affect her business, but also how it would impact the people in our communities.

"The fear that I see in this thing and just as a citizen, is this is gonna make every single farmer that I know a criminal," Anderson said.

"What farmer doesn't have a loaded shotgun in the barn? You know, for the coyote, for the woodchuck, for the whatever. You know, this isn't the Twin Cities here.

"You know, we all live in rural areas. I mean, there's bear coming

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Rep. Mike Wiener addressed the crowd.

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around. You know, there's just, there's a lot of reasons why we may want to have that loaded gun.

"I think we have to kind of think beyond the words of what this might mean. So, my concern, you know, there's components of some of what's in these bills that I think do make a little bit of sense, personally, but it drags things out. It's too broad, the way that it's written, and I think those are the things that we have to look at. Not that these bills in their intent are bad. I think in many cases that the intent is good, but they're too broad. And I think that's the piece that we really have to look at and take into consideration and make sure that our legislators also look at it that way."

Todd County Sheriff Mike Allen was also on hand to present a law enforcement point of view.

"We have great laws in this state for everything, including guns," Allen said.

"If you are not mentally capable of having a gun, there's laws that prevent that. If you are 96 years old, and you're dangerous behind the wheel of a car, and you shouldn't be driving anymore, we have laws for that. We have laws for all these things to keep us safe."

Addressing the possibility of some of the bills becoming law, Allen, a supporter of the Second Amendment, was confident that this would not happen.

"I believe they're not," Allen said. "We have good people that are going to help prevent that. But it's important for us to be here talking about. If we don't talk about it, if we don't gather at events like this, eventually something bad is going to happen. And we need to be here for that."

What does have Allen worried, though, is the potential for legislators to use seemingly well-intentioned legislation to continually eat away at a constitutional right.

"I'm concerned that they're trying to pinch away at things," Allen said. "They're trying to take little pieces of us, little pieces of our rights."

"If we were standing here today and a bill was introduced to say we're going to take your rights of free speech away, there'll be a complete uproar in this world, or in this nation. We would go crazy saying you can't take our rights away from our freedom of religion, right of free speech."

Todd County Fourth District Commissioner Randy Neumann echoed some of what Allen had to say, but laid out a starker picture of what has historically happened when governments have stripped the rights of their people away.

Neumann, however, first informed the gathered crowd that in 2020 Todd County adopted a resolution establishing itself as a sanctuary county for the Second Amendment. While it was admitted that this resolution may not

hold up in court should legislation pass, it does however send a message to the legislature that the County stands behind and will uphold the Second Amendment.

Neumann then relayed a cautionary story of a great uncle of his who had come over to America from Czechoslovakia.

"His big thing—and I was probably five, six years old—was whatever you do, never, never let the government take your firearms because you're going to end up like Czechoslovakia right here in the United States," Neumann said.

"If you want to keep your rights to bear arms, keep voting and vote these people out because they're just going to keep trying."

"We will do everything we can to fight to keep the Second Amendment within Todd County."

Representative Tom Murphy from Otter Tail County told the crowd that to keep this from happening, they need to go after the legislators that are vulnerable with reelection.

"The way that we can do this is by going to the Secretary of State website and you can look there and find out what the races look like and what the margin of victory was," Murphy said.

"They need to know that people in their own communities don't like this."

Rep. Mary Franson, 12B, gave a much more realistic viewpoint of the political situation at the legislature.

"So, we are outnumbered in the House; but in the Senate, it's a one-vote majority over there. And that's where we can really make a difference is in the Senate," Franson said.

"There are a couple of pro Second Amendment Democrats in the Senate, and that is where we can stop these bills. I am afraid that in the House though, these bills that you see here will be passed in an omnibus bill. Those omnibus bills will be coming after our Easter break."

"But your voice has been heard loud and clear. We are getting your emails, your phone calls, visits to the Capitol, and everything helps—even if you can't make it to the Capitol, just phoning our office or emailing."

"We need you actively participating in this because your rights are on the line."

Republican Sen. Nathan Wesenberg was able to echo some of that realism that Franson brought to the meeting.

The Minnesota Senate is split with the DFL in the majority by one person, 34-33.

Wesenberg didn't think the Senate would be looking at an omnibus type approach to these proposed bills. He felt that they would come up for votes individually, as it would allow some of the DFL's more vulnerable members to vote against the more stringent ones but

allow them to vote for something like the magazine law or the red flag law.

"We're putting a lot of pressure on these guys," Wesenberg said.

"We need to get louder. We need to let them know not to not take our rights away."

Rep. Mike Wiener of Long Prairie, took the crowd back to the foundational elements of the amendment.

"It was not just for you to protect yourself, but for the populace to protect themselves against an oppressive government," Wiener said. "That is crucial."

"When governments want to control the people, they take away weapons. If you look at history—the Greeks, the Romans, when they overtook another group—what did you do when you took another army? You confiscated their weapons, so that they were not a threat to you. Does anybody know why the Highland Games started? If you've ever seen these guys in kilts, tossing the Caber, throwing the hammer, the stones? Weapons, the English would not let the Scottish and the Irish have weapons in order to control them."

"So, here we are. Our Second Amendment is not just for personal protection; it is to protect us from an oppressive government as well. And that is crucial to never forget that."

One of the speakers brought up an interesting point that was worth looking into further. The claim was made that violent crime would go down as gun ownership went up.

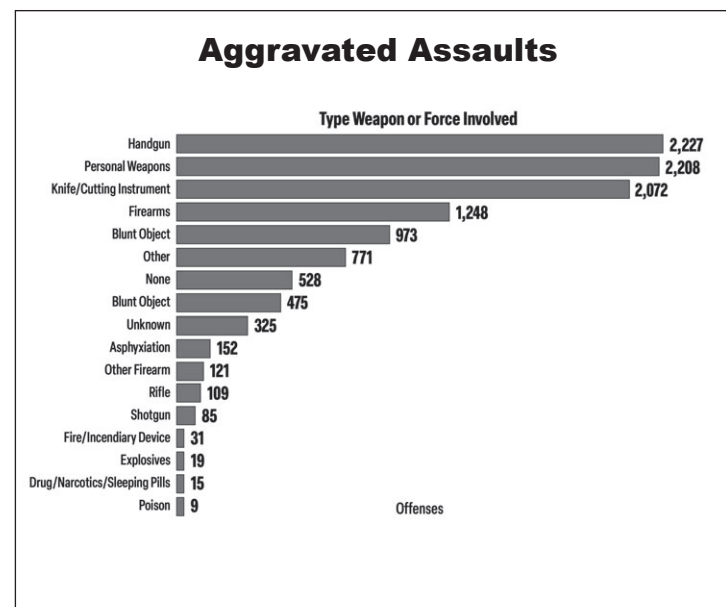
The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension tracks crime for the state and requires that all sheriffs submit data on an annual basis. Typically, a report is issued to the legislature to help guide policy making decisions.

Indeed, the BCA's own numbers paint a similar picture.

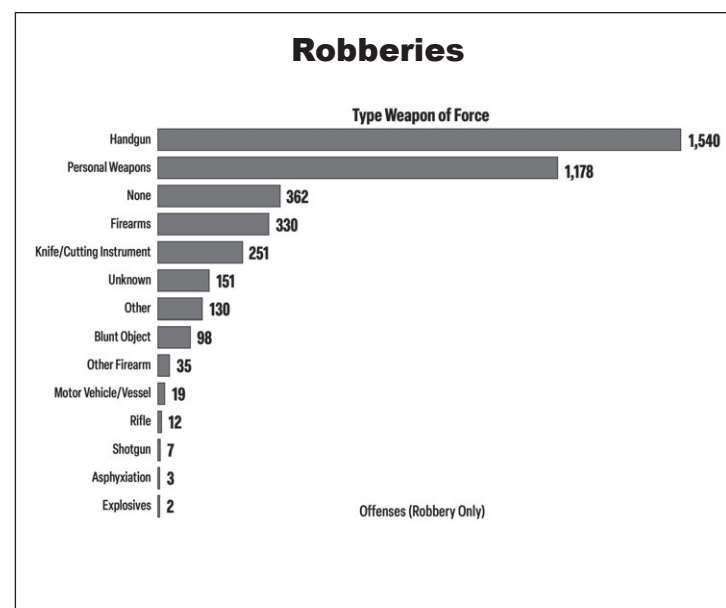
From 2017-2021, violent crime in Minnesota remained somewhat steady with some years of growth and some years of decrease. During those same periods, the BCA reported that the number of permits to carry recorded by county sheriffs and other law enforcement agencies steadily rose. In 2021, the last year violent crime data was available from the BCA, permits to carry applications plummeted by more than 40,000 applications. In contrast to that, violent crime—including aggravated assault, robbery, rape and murder—all rose.

Aggravated assault has been on a three-year trend rising upwards. Robberies have seen only modest increases. Rapes are still not at their five-year high of 2,666 cases in 2018. Homicides saw 16 more cases in 2021 over 2020, rising to 201 cases from 185.

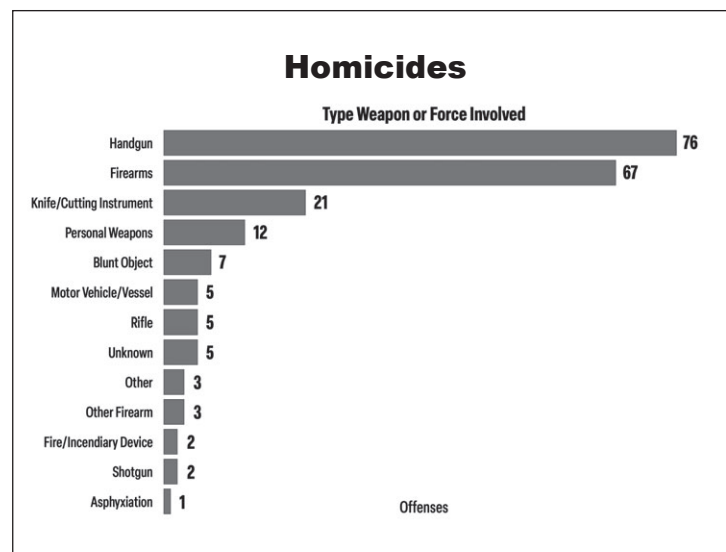
What is possibly most telling is that, according to the BCA, handguns were the single most-used weapon in aggravated assaults.



While handguns were the single most used weapon in aggravated assaults, weapons other than firearms were used in aggravated assaults nearly twice as much as firearms in general throughout the state.



While handguns were the single most-used weapon used in robberies, weapons other than all firearms in general were used more often than not in robberies across the state.



Firearms were nearly three times as likely to have been used in a homicide as any other weapons. In 2021, the last time there was data collected by the Minnesota BCA, 153 cases involved firearms and 56 cases involved a different type of instrument.

However, weapons other than firearms used in aggravated assaults were used nearly twice as much as all firearms involved in aggravated assaults in 2021, the last year data was made public.

Perhaps, as General Zaroff shows in the "The Most Dangerous

ous Game", the means by which an act occurs may only be predicted by that which compels it... man.

NOTICES

Todd County Board Proceedings

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD ON FEBRUARY 21, 2023

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 21st day of February, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Neumann. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

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

Consent Agenda
On motion by Becker and second by Noska, the following motions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2023 as presented.

To approve an Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for T.J.'s Diamond Point Inc dba Diamond Point Supper Club/Lounge at the address of 12867 Bayview Dr, Sauk Centre, MN in Birchdale Township effective April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.

To approve a one year On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Sauk Centre Country Club dba Greystone Golf Club at the address of 10548 Andrews Drive, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.

To approve a one year On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for the Long Prairie Country Club at the address of 406 6th St SE, Long Prairie, MN in Long Prairie Township effective April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.

To approve an Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for The Rock Tavern LLC at the address of 11977 County 47, Grey Eagle, MN in Grey Eagle Township effective April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.

To approve a Seasonal Off Sale and On Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License for Rainbow Lodge at the address of 20576 Banks Trail, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective April 15, 2023 through October 15, 2023.

To approve a Setup License for Rainbow Lodge at the address of 20576 Banks Trail, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.

To approve a Seasonal On Sale Wine License including strong beer for Donald Panitzke dba Rainbow Lodge at the address of 20576 Banks Trail, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective April 15, 2023 through October 15, 2023.

To approve a one year Off Sale, On Sale & Sunday Liquor License for the Rhodes Midway Gas Bar & Grill Inc dba Midway Bar & Grill at the address of 17908 US 71, Long Prairie, MN in Round Prairie Township effective April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.

To approve an Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Full O Fun LLC dba Saukinac Campground at the address of 21914 Bay Loop, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.

To approve an On Sale, Off Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Michael Shattuck dba Shattuck's Hub Supper Club at the address of 30905 County 13, Burtrum, MN in Burnhamville Township effective April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.

To approve an On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Thunder Lodge, Inc at the address of 22056 US 71, Long Prairie, MN in Long Prairie Township effective April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

To approve the promotion of Brittney Hendricks as Sergeant with a starting pay at Grade 11, Step 7, \$34.99/hr with a start date of February 21, 2023. To hire Connie Spanswick as PT Dispatcher with starting pay at a Grade 6, Step 2, \$22.56/hr with a starting date of February 21, 2023.

To hire Doug Rakow for FT Deputy in the Sheriff's Dept with starting pay at a Grade 10, Step 2, \$28.48/hr; a start date is to be determined.

To approve the resignation of eligibility worker Connie Helgeson, effective February 22, 2023

To approve Steven McCoy to fill the Financial Support Services Manager position. Grade 13, Step 1 at \$32.62. Start Date: TBD

To approve Hilary Tumberg to fill the open Waiver Supervisor position. Grade 13, Step 4 at \$35.64. Start Date: TBD

Auditor-Treasurer
On motion by Denny and second by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 402393 through 402418 in the amount of \$19,905.23 and (Regular) 56717 through 56765 in the amount of \$77,411.45 for a total of \$97,316.68.

On motion by Erickson and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 803690 through 803769 and (Regular) 710140 through 710215 for a total of \$99,692.54.

On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number (ACH) 600846 through 600861 and (Regular) 517226 through 517251 for a total amount of \$94,620.33.

Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce
On motion by Erickson and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve waiving the rental and utility fees for the MS Tram event organized by the Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce at the Todd County Fairgrounds on July 27 & 28, 2023.

Board of Commissioners & SWCD Supervisor Joint Meeting
On motion by Noska and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To suspend the current meeting to allow for the Joint Meeting with the SWCD Supervisors to be held.

Separate minutes of the Joint Meeting are attached.

On motion by Denny and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To resume the regular board meeting.

University of Minnesota Extension
Brenda Miller, U of M Extension Educator - Agriculture Production Systems/Livestock provided a program update to the County Board.

Public Works
Todd County Engineer, Loren Fellbaum, provided an announcement from Region 5 Development Commission regarding a 2027 Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program for Todd County's State Aid Highway #11 Project.

On motion by Becker and second by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To set the 2023 Spring Road Meeting for April 3, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at Public Works Northern Shop.

On motion by Erickson and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the purchase of a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 from North Country GM for \$52,760.66 per the attached state bid quote.

County Attorney
On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Approve the 2023 Agreement for Prosecution Services with the Cities of Burtrum, Grey Eagle, West Union, Clarissa, Eagle Bend, Bertha, and Hewitt.

Solid Waste
On motion by Erickson and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Authorize solid waste director to sign Agreement with WSN for final cover design and bidding services.

On motion by Erickson and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Authorize solid waste department to retain Barr Engineering for PFAs evaluation as part of a consortium of landfills, and proceed with other necessary actions to perform PFAs sampling and analysis.

sary actions to perform PFAs sampling and analysis.

Health & Human Services
On motion by Becker and second by Noska, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the out of state travel request for David Determan to attend the National Preparedness Summit for \$2,250 via the COVID Response Grant.

Administration
On motion by Erickson and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the one-time six (6) month extension of probation for Employee #998.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report
The County Auditor-Treasurer reported on meetings attended including the recent MACO Conference and preparations are moving forward for the 2023 Property Tax Statement calculations.

County Attorney's Report
The County Attorney reported on office status and contingency planning due to pending weather.

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

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

Adjourn
On motion by Noska and second by Erickson, the meeting was adjourned for the month of February 2023.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS	
VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
ARC ELECTRIC SERVICE	\$5,117.69
COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA	\$33,336.33
GILSON COMPANY	\$2,537.02
INTRAYDYN	\$2,080.00
LITTLE FALLS MACHINE INC	\$2,297.43
LONG PRAIRIE LEADER	\$10,924.59
MORRIS ELECTRONICS	\$3,938.37
ONSOLVE, LLC	\$9,324.40
TODD CO MIS DEPT	\$2,260.48
66 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$25,500.37
Total:	\$97,316.68

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS	
VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
BRENNY FUNERAL CHAPEL - STAPLES	\$3,500.00
DHS - SWIFT	\$4,370.00
NOW MICRO INC	\$6,535.08
RURAL MN CEP INC	\$13,033.42
V #17218 - COST EFFECTIVE HEALTH INSURANCE	\$2,799.36
WILLIAMS DINGMANN FAMILY FUNERAL HOME - LONG PRAIRIE	\$3,500.00
150 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$65,954.68
Total:	\$99,692.54

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
# 17141	\$3,339.63
CARLSON/BARBARA J DHS - ST PETER	\$5,250.00
RTC - 472	\$2,976.00
# 2925	\$3,807.73
MID MINNESOTA DRUG TESTING INC	\$2,367.00
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR INC	\$2,090.00
# 16668	\$3,331.57
PINE MANORS INC	\$2,925.00
PINEHAVEN YOUTH AND FAMILY SRVS INC	\$7,679.71
# 17183	\$2,399.09
STAPLES MOTLEY	
ISD 2170	\$11,184.76
STEP	\$7,931.91
VALLEY LAKE BOYS HOME INC	\$17,900.00
VILLAGE RANCH INC	\$4,014.50
PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$17,423.43
Total:	\$94,620.33

On a motion by Noska and second by Becker, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held February 21, 2023 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on March 7, 2023.

Witness my hand and seal:
/s/ on file
Randy Neumann,
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 21, 2023

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 21st day of February, 2023 with all Board of Commissioner members present and SWCD Supervisors Buchholz, Katterhagen and Williamson present and SWCD Supervisors James and Wendel absent.

On motion by Erickson and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To call the joint meeting to order.

On motion by Katterhagen and second by Buchholz, the following was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To call the joint meeting to order.

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

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

SWCD Presentation
Deja Anton, District Manager presented the following information for general knowledge and discussion between the board members:

- The role the SWCD plays in County responsibilities.
- Key Roles/Positions within the SWCD
- SWCD Funding and County Reimbursement
- Future Foreseeables
- Highlights of the 2022 SWCD Annual Report
- Presentation of the SWCD 2023 Plan of Action

Todd County SWCD Annual Report 2022

On motion by Katterhagen and second by Buchholz, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the final revision of the Todd County SWCD 2022 Annual Report as presented and posted on the County website.

Long Prairie River Watershed MOA
On motion by Katterhagen and second by Buchholz, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the signing of the Long Prairie River Watershed MOA which adds Ottertail County to the Collaboration.

General Discussion
The Todd County Annual Feedlot Meeting & Farmer Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at Clarissa Ballroom, Clarissa from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for those interested in attending.

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

On motion by Erickson and second by Denny, the Todd County Board of Commissioners adjourned the joint meeting by unanimous vote.

On a motion by Noska and second by Becker, the preceding minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Todd County Board of Commissioners and Todd County SWCD Supervisors meeting held February 21, 2023 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on March 7, 2023.

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

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 2023

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 24th day of February, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Neumann. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

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

Commissioners
On motion by Becker and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To proceed with MIS Director interview.
On motion by Erickson and second by Denny, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To open the MIS Director Candidate Deliberation.

On motion by Noska and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To hire Lisa Parteka as MIS Director with starting pay at Grade 15, Step 1.

Adjourn
On motion by Erickson and second by Denny, the Special Board Meeting was adjourned.

On a motion by Noska and second by Becker, the preceding minutes of the Special County Board meeting held February 24, 2023 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on March 7, 2023.

Witness my hand and seal:
/s/ on file
Randy Neumann,
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, April 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** 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
- Applicant confirms if staff report accurately represents the request
- Public comment
- Board review with applicant, staff, and public
- Approval of agenda.
- Approval of the March 2, 2023 Planning Commission meeting minutes.

1. **Merritt & Jan Pulkrabek:** Section 19, Ward Township Site Address: 23352 County 20, Browerville, MN. PID: 26-0018002

1. Request for a Conditional Use Permit for a ground mounted community solar energy system in AF-1 Zoning.

2. **Finally Home Preliminary Plat:** Section 11, Staples Township Site Address: 27020 490th Street, Staples, MN 56479. PID: 22-0010000

1. Request for a one lot, 5-acre plat in R-2 Zoning.

3. **Kyle & Laura Dalquist:** Section 23, Little Elk Township Site Address: 29161 335th Ave., Browerville, MN 56438. PID: 16-0022600

1. Request for a Conditional Use Permit for the creation of a feedlot for 988.8 animal units in AF-1 Zoning.

4. **Proposed Amendment to Todd County Planning & Zoning Ordinance:**

1. Section 9.08: Sewage Treatment Standards

Adjournment –

Next meeting: May 4, 2023

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
 Jim Pratt, Chair

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Independent School District No. 213 - Osakis

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 213 OSAKIS, MN 56360

FEBRUARY 8, 2023, 4:00 PM

A work session was held on Wednesday, February 8, 2023. The work session was called to order by Chairperson Michael Collins at 4:00 p.m. in the Osakis Public School Board Room. Board members present: Michael Collins, Greg Faber, Corey Goodwin, Becky Hensley, Jeff Kalpin, Amy Weisser and Superintendent Randal Bergquist. Also in attendance were Brad Hoffarth, Shad Schmidt, Justin Dahlheimer, Larry Bomstad, Preston Euerle and Paul Youngquist.

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

Board discussion on agenda items.

- Committee Appointments
- Strategic Facilities Planning Process
- Douglas County Proposal
- Cafeteria Food Service
- Compensatory Pay/Substitutes
- Calendar/Pre-Labor Day Start

It was moved by Hensley, seconded by Goodwin, to adjourn the work session. The motion carried unanimously. Amy Weisser, Clerk

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 213 OSAKIS, MN 56360

FEBRUARY 13, 2023, 5:30 PM

The regular meeting of the school board was called to order by Chairperson Michael Collins. The following members were present: Michael Collins, Greg Faber, Corey Goodwin, Jeff Kalpin and Amy Weisser. Also in attendance were Brad Hoffarth, Shad Schmidt, Justin Dahlheimer, Becky Kraenow, Travis Gulbrandson, Chad Gulbrandson, Dan Wessel, Amanda Tegels, Allison Vogel, Scott Ellefson, Hailey Nierling, Jon Ries, Molly Swenstad, Jody Bender, Shelia Bolstad, Wes Smith and Stephanie Finnegan.

It was moved by Goodwin, seconded by Kalpin, to approve the agenda with additions. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Floor/Forum Positive Comments

- Elementary Teachers are utilizing grants for new opportunities for students and the school.
- Close Up students are organizing a Youth Prom.
- Girls wrestling program is doing well!

Superintendent's Report

- Staff Update
- Special Education Presentation - Allison Vogel
- Mayor Dan Wessel & New Council Liaison Stephanie Finnegan
- Agriculture in Ireland - Hailey Nierling
- Central Lakes Cruzers
- MSHSL - Form B2
- Substitute Teacher Pay

- Food Service RFP
- Business Manager Report
- Legislative Update
- 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 January 9, 2023 regular meeting; the bills in the amount of \$28,194.18 check numbers 69565-69607; hand payables in the amount of \$253,906.41 check numbers 69420-69564; wire transfers in the amount of \$675,767.50, the Revolving Fund in the amount of \$1,620.00 check numbers 11347-11356 and the student activity account fund in the amount of \$34,573.92 check numbers 7786-7822. The board acknowledged receiving the treasurer's report. The motion carried 4-0, with Goodwin abstaining.

It was moved by Weisser, seconded by Faber, to approve the following personnel consent items: approve the following resignation: Clayton Thieschafer, Custodial Aide, Erica Ronsberg, Music/Leap teacher; approve the hiring of the following positions: Olivia Loesch, Head Golf Coach, at per Master Agreement amount of \$4,876, Jacob Rademacher, Jr. High Baseball Coach, at per Master Agreement amount of \$2,841, Raymond Ostendorf, Custodial Aide, at \$18.00 per hour; approve the following leave of absence: Taylor Winberg, High School Interventionist; approve the following increase in hours of Brittany Hanson, paraprofessional, additional 15 minutes per day, Heather Marcyes, paraprofessional, additional 15.5 hours per week, Marie Spoden, paraprofessional, additional 6.84 hours per week. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

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

It was moved by Weisser, seconded by Kalpin, to approve the committee appointments made by the Chairperson. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Goodwin, seconded by Faber, to allow the Central Lakes Cruzers to use the Athletic Complex parking lot on July 8, 2023 for their Car Show. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Weisser, seconded by Goodwin, to approve the MSHSL Form B2 Resolution. The motion carried

unanimously.

It was moved by Kalpin, seconded by Faber, to approve increasing the substitute teacher pay to \$150 per day. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Weisser, seconded by Goodwin, to approve submitting an RFP (request for proposal) for a food service company. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Faber, seconded by Goodwin, to approve a contract for facilities planning services with RA Morton and Paul Youngquist, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Amy Weisser, Clerk

SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 213

**WEST UNION TOWNSHIP
 IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS
 This may affect your
 2024 property taxes.**

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for the West Union Township will meet on April 13, 2023 at 10 a.m. at the Fire Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

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Sharon Marthaler, Clerk

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS
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The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Leslie Township will meet on April 26, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall.

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Teri Haburn, Clerk
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**CITY OF OSAKIS ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #134
 CHAPTER 124.01 DEFINITIONS**

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OSAKIS THAT ORDINANCE 124.01 SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

124.01 DEFINITIONS

LODGING TAX BOARD. The LODGING TAX BOARD, or the appointed agent of the board, shall be the Osakis Economic Development Authority.


OPERATOR. An OPERATOR who provides lodging to others, or any officer, agent, directors, shareholders, members of employee of the OPERATOR located within the city limits.

OSAKIS TOURISM AND VISITOR'S BUREAU. The OSAKIS TOURISM AND VISITOR'S BUREAU, or the appointed agent of the Bureau, as the city in an area wide local lodging tax, hereinafter referred to as "Bureau".

ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Osakis, Douglas and Todd Counties, Minnesota this 13th day of March, 2023.
 -s- Daniel Wessel
 Mayor

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COMING EVENT: March 29, 2023 5-6p.m. Roast beef, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, dinner roll, and desert. Free will offering. Trinity Lutheran Church 610 2nd Ave. SE. Proceeds to Christian Care Committee. —M22X

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