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2022 Voters Guide

City council candidates speak

The Osakis Anchor has developed a number of questions for the candidates seeking seats on the Osakis City Council. Remember to vote Nov. 8. The Osakis City Council has two seats up for election.

1. Please tell us about yourself and why you are running for a position on the city council.
2. What do you believe qualifies you to be on the council? Why should voters vote for you?
3. Most recently, the city lost its pharmacy. How can the City of Osakis work with private businesses to maintain existing businesses, facilitate growth and attract new investment in the community?
4. Housing, especially affordable housing, has become an issue in the region. Surrounding communities have witnessed tremendous growth with few options for affordable housing. How can the City of Osakis meet the housing demands of today in a responsible manner?

5. Osakis has witnessed a lot of infrastructure work lately. How can the city continue to meet the demands for reliable public utilities and infrastructure while still being mindful of the burden placed on residents?

6. A number of small communities have opted to dissolve their police departments and contract through their county's sheriff's department. How do you see the City of Osakis addressing today's challenges of public safety while still maintaining an independent police force.

7. The City of Osakis has discussed at length the need for more public recreational facilities such as parks and other amenities. The council has also addressed the lack of use of the City's lodging tax, which is meant to drive tourism. Do you believe there is a way the two can be addressed independently or together?



Laura Backes

My name is Laura Backes, I am a longtime resident and business owner in Osakis. My husband and I went to school in Osakis and made the decision that we wanted to raise our children here. Jon and I own Osakis True Value, have rental property in Osakis and we also run a handyman service out of our hardware store. I feel like I bring a business background to the table and a love for our community. I will always do what I think is best for our community! I love talking with community members and gaining different insight on things that go on in our town.

I will never take the easy way

Randy Anderson

One thing that makes me a good asset to the city council is my broad background. I was raised by widowed mother from the age of 12 and this has widely shaped my approach to life. I also served in US Navy for six years. When I first left the Navy I started by working in the manufacturing industry. I then spent the next 25 years working in hospital maintenance, 10 of those years as a director. Now I am working in maintenance at Alexandria Technical and Community College. I have always liked to help and support people, and began my city service on Osakis Planning and Zoning. From there I was encouraged to try being on the city council and have enjoyed trying to help the people of our great city.

To begin with, my broad background as I talked about above, makes me a great choice. Additionally, I try to treat everyone equally. I pride myself in my ability to search for the facts before making decisions. Finally, I care about our community as a whole and want to help us strive for bal-



Stephanie Finnegan

My name is Stephanie Finnegan and my parents and I moved to Osakis in 1994. I graduated from Osakis Public School in 2000. After college, my husband and I moved to Osakis to start our family. We both grew up in small towns and wanted that for our children. We currently have lived in our beautiful community for the past 14 years. Our children attend Osakis Public School and are involved with the Osakis Cub Scouts. I have worked with the Cub Scouts for five years and am currently the committee chair which oversees and plans activities for the Pack.

I am running for a position



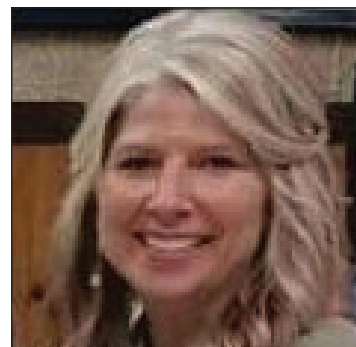
Fran Breiter



Greg Faber



Corey Goodwin



Becky Hensley



Jeff Kalpin



Jonathan Ries

School board candidates speak

The Osakis Anchor has developed a number of questions for the candidates seeking seats on the Osakis School Board. Remember to vote Nov. 8. The Osakis School Board has three seats up for election.

1. Please tell us a little bit about yourself, where do you work, etc...
2. Why do you want to be on the Osakis School Board?
3. What do you believe qualifies you to sit on the school board. Why should someone elect you?
4. The school board recently approved a preliminary levy increase of 16 percent above last year's levy. How do you believe the school district can adequately educate our children, while still being mindful of the district's impact on taxpayers. Are there specific areas that should be eliminated or reduced to less the burned on taxpayers, or are there areas that should be expanded as a result of this?

PEOPLE

Anchor welcomes Jeremy Pedersen

My name is Jeremy Pedersen, and I recently started serving you as the newest staff writer for the Osakis Anchor.

I grew up in a small town in southwest Iowa, and I remember enjoying its weekly paper called the "Danish Villages Voice." It told not only current events happening in our community, but it also told stories of the community. Indeed, that

newspaper served as the "glue" that helped bring our community together.

In the years since I graduated from the local high school in 2002, I earned degrees from Wartburg College in Iowa and Luther Seminary in the Twin Cities.

After graduating seminary and serving our country in the Minnesota National Guard

(which I still do), I started serving as the parish pastor of both Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Nelson and Fahlun Lutheran Church in Osakis township in September 2012.

I have been there ever since and currently enjoy serving as a pastor here.

However, even though I have

Pedersen / 3A

Obituaries



AGNES "AGGIE" LORRAINE (ALBRECHT) SCHOELER, 91 ALEXANDRIA JULY 16, 1931 - OCTOBER 17, 2022

Agnes "Aggie" Lorraine (Albrecht) Schoeler was born on July 16, 1931, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota to Fred and Elsie (Max) Albrecht. She attended school through the eighth grade near Wendall.

On August 15, 1947, Aggie was united in marriage to Reginald "Reg" Schoeler in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. The couple was blessed with four children. They moved to the cities where Reg attended college for his chiropractic license. After completing college, the family moved to Osakis where he set up his chiropractic practice and Aggie worked as his assistant. They lived in Osakis for sixteen years before moving to Alexandria. In addition to being a homemaker, Aggie worked for United Laboratories out of Alexandria and Anderson Florist and Greenhouse, also in Alexandria. In 1984, Aggie started a new venture of her own, a weight loss center featuring Fortunate Products in the Twin Cities, a business that she built up and sold a year later. Aggie and Reg retired in 1989, giving

them the opportunity to travel. They enjoyed spending winters in Florida, Texas and Arizona through the years.

Aggie loved gardening and taking care of her perennial and vegetable gardens. She enjoyed doing crafts with her husband Reg, making wood crafts that she would paint and dolls that they would take to craft fairs. Aggie also enjoyed sewing and baking. She enjoyed sharing her baked goods. She was a member of First Lutheran Church and helped with many funeral lunches.

Aggie died on Monday, October 17, 2022, at Nelson Gables in Alexandria at the age of 91 after a six-year fight with Dementia.

She is survived by her son, Scott (Mary) Schoeler of Milton, WI; daughters, Marla (Kirsten Markiewicz) Feilkema of Mankato; and Jana (Jerry) Luke of Alexandria; grandchildren, Kirsten (Tony) Pedersen; and great-grandchildren, Kourtney and Daniel; Keith (Emily) Schoeler and great-grandson, Harvey; Kyle (Kara) Schoeler, Neal Schoeler and great-granddaughter, Mia; Katie (Daniel) Reed and great-granddaughter due Jan. 8th; Jordan Fisher and Landon Fisher; and nieces and nephews.

Aggie is preceded in death by her husband, Reg; son, Karl; daughter-in-law, Judy; parents, Fred and Elsie; and brothers, Gordon, Freddie, and Bill Albrecht.

A Funeral Service was held Monday, October 24, 2022, at the Anderson Funeral Home in Alexandria. Interment was held at Kinkead Cemetery in Alexandria.

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City, EDA seeking investors for hotel

The City of Osakis and the Osakis Economic Development Authority are in the process of attracting a name brand hotel chain to the community.

The city, along with the EDA, will host an informational meeting Nov. 3 at 6 p.m. at the Osakis Community Center. The event will be centered on attracting potential local and regional investors for the project. The city and EDA hope to raise around 25 percent of the estimated \$1.5 million project.

Local investment in these projects has become necessary before a hotel chain will consider developing a property outside of the traditional high traffic metro areas.

Osakis City Clerk Angela Jacobson said the city and EDA conducted a market and feasibility survey in 2019. The results and consequent analysis found back then that a project in Osakis was feasible. An additional study undertaken this year further confirmed that initial analysis.

As local capacity for travelers has declined over the years, they found that demand still re-

mains high for accommodations in the area.

The desire for a name brand hotel chain will also help drive people to the community and the lake as they are easier to find and promote through the various travel resources. At the present time, hotel accommodations are directed towards Sauk Centre, Alexandria or Long Prairie.

Jacobson said the initial plan would be for a 40-60 unit hotel located near downtown. The hotel may feature amenities like a pool, conference center and fitness center.



Pedersen joins Anchor

Pedersen / From 2A

lived here over 10 years, I still find new things that I learn about our community.

Moreover, I have found many incredible things that make Osakis a great community to live.

First, our school is growing with dedicated teachers who care about our students. That can certainly be seen not only with above average performance on the standardized assessments, but also more importantly, the stories and positive experiences our students have.

Second, as I walk downtown around our community, I see mostly occupied storefronts and a general excitement for the future in our town. Indeed, this whole paper started to serve an important need here.

Finally, our community has many thriving community groups that serve our community. From the Lions to the VFW to the Chamber of Commerce, our community is blessed with servant leaders. Without such support support, events ranging from the Taste of Osakis to the Osakis Beautification project could not happen.

In short, Osakis has so many wonderful things happening that I want to share with the

wider community.

Therefore, I look forward to telling more stories and highlighting the people that call this community home.

I do have some ideas of what to cover, but I would certainly be open to suggestions and ideas. Therefore, if you have any of those ideas, you can send them to me at Jeremy.pedersen1@outlook.com and I will take full consideration of those.

In the end, I hope to serve as the "Danish Villages Voice" served my hometown back in Iowa: to tell stories about our community and the wonderful things happening here.



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Osakis City Council Candidates Speak

Council Candidates / From 1A

Laura Backes

out or not ask the tough ques-
tions to make sure our commu-

nity is taken care of. I have been
on the council for four years,
learned a lot, and now would

like the opportunity to repre-
sent the citizens of Osakis for
another four years. I welcome

anyone to come in and discuss
any questions, comments or
concerns. On a typical week I
am available 6 days a week at
our hardware store to chat with
the citizens of Osakis.

When I first heard about the
pharmacy closing - I immediate-
ly contacted Thrifty White to
express my concerns and then
had several meetings with Kris-
tie Giesler and other communi-
ty/committee members to try
and figure out how to navigate
through this in a way that would
help the people in Osakis. I be-
lieve in going straight to the
source and figuring out a plan.
It's all about working together,
listening and sharing experienc-
es and learning as you go for-
ward.

The City of Osakis offers sev-
eral programs - we (the city)
offer affordable, fixed rates
and down payment loans up
to \$17,000. We also offer fix
up grants. I would encourage
those interested to contact city
hall for program details and to
be guided in the right direction.
Our staff at city hall can provide
a wealth of knowledge of the
programs that are available.

No one likes to deal with de-
tours or utility inconvenience
however it is necessary to con-
tinue to bring our communi-
ty into a future that suits the
needs for future generations.
I have been a "survivor" of a
couple major projects directly
impacting myself and our busi-
ness, we just need to embrace
these improvements. We don't
want to look like a dying com-
munity. It's necessary to have
continued improvement to our
community.

Certainly a hot topic, police
protection, everywhere. As
a city council, we need to do
what is the very best for our

community. Everyone deserves
to feel safe and law-enforce-
ment protected. We also need
to make sure we are giving our
tax payers the very best value.
Every month we get a report
from our law enforcement of-
ficials, and we need to, as a
council, make decisions based
on what is the very best for our
community. We are a constant
changing society and we need
to be open to what is the very
best for the town we all love to
call home! Our community de-
serves the best and I will always
make decisions based on what
is right for our community.

Parks and lodging tax have
the opportunity to work togeth-
er- the lodging tax that is col-
lected needs to be used to pro-
mote our area- and what better
way then to highlight our city
amenities. Osakis has so many
great things to offer and one of
them is parks and green space
for children to play, families to
gather etc. It's important that
we use these funds in the best
possible way, working with the
resorts, townships and city of-
ficials to promote our amazing
town!

In closing, please feel free to
contact me. I represent you,
the community of Osakis, and
I look forward to representing
you for another four years if
you wish. Regardless of who
you choose to vote for, most
importantly it's important to
get out and vote. That is every-
one's duty!

Randy Anderson

ance between history and future
together.

This loss was very disappoint-
ing and will impact the commu-
nity hugely. The Economic De-

Candidates / 5A



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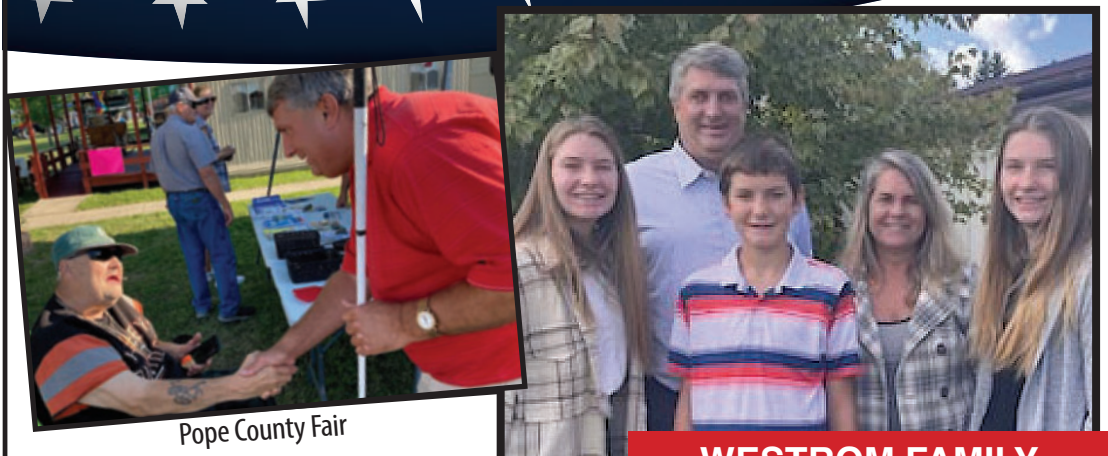
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Osakis City Council Candidates Speak

Council Candidates / From 4A

velopment Authority, an advisory group for the council which I am also a part of, along with other city organizations are always looking for ways to bring in, and maintain, businesses in our city. I think all small cities like our own are struggling with this issue. Things like the large chain box and grocery stores and Amazon make it tough for our small businesses to compete with their pricing. I feel, though, that the personal service and support you get from our smaller establishments goes a long way and is priceless.

This is a difficult problem to approach, especial with the cost of building materials today. We, as a council and a city, have gotten much more proactive and are always looking for options. We have tried to get the word out about the incentives Osakis provides for people moving to our city and wanting to build. The EDA is also trying to work with Habitat for Humanity to possibly build some small startup homes in Osakis.

I feel like the City of Osakis staff really try hard to stay ahead of issues that could become expensive if emergency repairs would be needed for a problem. The public works crew is always trying to project the needs out for the future so we can budget responsibly, allowing the council to work toward spending the taxpayers' dollars wisely. We do have some very old city structures that will need to be addressed in the near future. If you look at other cities around our size, I do feel that we have done well by using what was available for as long as we have. When things get so old that it takes more money to

maintain and safety becomes an issue we need to make decisions that look toward the long-term goals and needs of the city.

We, as a council, have looked into this possibility in the past. In theory, it seems that this would work well and I was seriously considering it as a good option for our city. However, I have heard some citizens mention that they want a greater police presence in the community. The safety concerns I hear about from our city residents does not fit with what the county sherriff's office would be able to provide us. For one, the response for our officers would be reduced. Also, the safety issues regarding the school would also be less supported if we did not have our own police force. The council continues to work with the police department to keep costs to a minimum. Our world right now is not conducive to less police officers and neither is our growing city.

We need to continue to promote recreational areas to attract people and families to our fine city. Like other issues, we need to do it slowly to be mindful of our spending and limit our tax increases. We have some good support groups working on this and it is great to have their support. With their hard work and city support, we can improve our recreation options using grants and donations to try to reduce some of the burden on our city budget.

Stephanie Finnegan

on the City Council because I want to make our community the best it can be. I have enjoyed attending the council

meetings for the last six months and watching how they are impacting our community.

I am hardworking, committed and work well with others which is essential in being a party of the city council. I plan to help keep our growing community moving forward and being the best that it can be. I am a creative thinker and have an open mind about what will work the best for our community and I also like to explore alternative solutions. I am efficient and very organized which will ensure that I am as productive as possible, if elected. Communication is very essential to this role and to me. I will do my best to make sure your concerns are heard and understood and that as a council, we will make the best decision for

the situation.

Communication is a big key to success. Talking to these small businesses to see how they are doing and how to help promote them will be a large step to their success. This can be done at the City level and resident level. Working with advertising during special events, like the Light Parade or Roddin Around the Lake, will drive extra tourists to our community. When our residents make purchases from our small businesses they are helping them thrive and keeping those funds local.

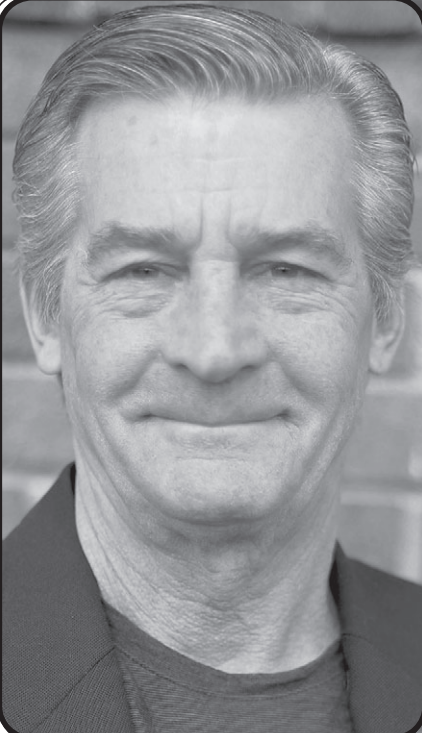
The advantage our community has over larger communities is that our housing market is more affordable. New residents and current residents are able to apply for a housing grant through the City of Osakis to

help with new construction or fix up current homes.

This is a great way to keep our community looking great, moving forward and keeping local contractors and funds in our community.

Infrastructure needs to be kept up-to-date for safety reasons. Routine maintenance is crucial to keep our infrastructure functioning and help identify issues that may need replacement. By doing this it will help decrease the burden placed on our residents. Unfortunately, sometimes things break and we aren't able to predict that but by prioritizing what is most beneficial to the community will help our residents and keep the burden to

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Council Candidates / From 5A

a minimum.

I truly believe the City of Osakis needs our police force. Our city sits on a county line which will be difficult to contract through just one county sheriff's department. Also, if there is an emergency, how

long will it take for a deputy to arrive? Our current police officers are so involved in our community and set a great example for our younger generations. From the Bike Rodeo, talking to Scouts about what it means to be a service member

in our community to stopping kids who are wearing safety gear (helmets) while riding their bikes in the summer to give them a coupon to Tip Top for a free ice cream cone; our police have a great impact in our community.

We are so blessed to live next to Lake Osakis and all the beautiful area around it. I do agree that it would be great to add more amenities to our area that current residents and visitors could take advantage of. Since the city's lodging tax is intended

for tourism, I believe it should be used for that purpose. By advertising more will not only help our small businesses but also bring more tourists to take advantage of our communities attractions.

Osakis School Board Candidates Speak

Board Candidates / From 1A

5. Educational content and curriculum has been sensitive topic nationally, especially regarding critical race theory. How do you propose the Osakis School District should handle such issues that have an impact on daily learning?

6. Schools in some areas have become ground zero reflecting social changes and constructs in the adult

world. How do you believe the Osakis School District can address these changes, keeping community values intact, while at the same time continuing to provide an equal, unbiased and safe learning environment for all students?

7. Do you have any additional comments you would like to make?

Fran Breiter

I work for a swine management company that relocated my family to Osakis about 10 years ago. My wife and I have four kids that are, or have been enrolled in the Osakis School District.

Some of my hobbies include officiating multiple sports for the MSHSL, photography, and spending time with family.

I have a passion for seeing students succeed. Becoming a

school board member would allow me an avenue to help ensure that students have everything needed for a successful learning environment.

I am a very down to earth person. I will take the time to listen to concerns, and help formulate plans that will ultimately best suit the students and staff of the Osakis School District. My current job has taught me to be objective while considering the bigger picture. I believe these traits would suit me well in the position.

The economy is definitely a global issue right now. We need to find the balance of getting kids the tools they need to be successful, while considering the financial implications of the community. It's the board's job to make these decisions. While not all decisions are favorable to everyone, it may be what is needed to ensure a positive learning environment.

Kids today are exposed to way more than my generation was as a student. We need to balance educating kids about history, without placing blame or negative connotations towards specific groups. It's not the schools responsibility to politicize history, we can generalize history and allow individuals to form their own personal

opinions.

Unfortunately, social media has a major role in the influences of our kids. This can affect the perception of what the real world is like. We need to continue to teach our students about integrity, hard work, reliability, how to be a thinker, etc...all values that will help them become successful adults.

I would be honored to have your vote!

Greg Faber

My name is Greg Faber. My wife Jenny and I have three children. Morgan recently graduated college as a Speech Pathologist, Brock is in his second year at M State Wadena in the electrical program and Greta is a sophomore in high school. All of them have benefited from their experience at Osakis Public School. I crop farm near Osakis and work for a company that manages hog operations called Protein Sources.

If elected, this will be my third term on the Osakis school board. I think it is important to be involved in the community and, with my children in the Osakis district, I have an interest in how our school functions.


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Board Candidates / From 6A

I am proud of our school and how our board has navigated through a variety of challenges these last few years, especially COVID.

I believe my background in farming and my experience through my job with project planning and building has been helpful in several areas of responsibilities on the board. I believe in being conservative with our tax payer's money while making sure we move forward with projects to keep our school functioning well through our growth. I am willing to listen and learn from others. During my time on the board I have appreciated how well we have been able to work together.

Most years we approve our maximum dollar amount per student that we are allowed to levy. When we are creating our final budget, we can never go over the amount that was levied in our preliminary budget. Our goal is to always be the lowest we can be, to be mindful of tax payer impact, while still meeting the needs for that calendar year. This process assures we will have the maximum amount of money available to us that we MAY need while typically the final number is much lower than the preliminary levy that was approved.

I am going to combine my answer for questions 5 and 6. Anyone concerned about the political agenda you mention in your questions should vote their beliefs in state and federal elections. For public schools, it starts there because so much of what we do has to meet the guidelines and standards given to us. As a parent and board member, I believe school is a place for students to learn and think for themselves. School is not a place for students to be told what to believe. We have an excellent administration and staff that I believe meets students where they are at and genuinely cares about them as unique individuals.

Corey Goodwin

I was born and raised in the Osakis area and am a graduate of Osakis High school. I have worked in our family-owned business Rose City Inc. for 27 years. My wife and I have raised our four boys in the Osakis area. Our youngest boy will be graduating next year! I enjoy family time, hunting, fishing, and anything that lets me get outside to enjoy our beautiful area.

I have been on the school board for a year now and have had the opportunity to be involved with some projects and many things that the board has been working on. I really enjoy it. The reason I want to continue to be on the school board is that I want to do my part to make the school the best it can be for the students, staff and families. I also want to give back to a great school/community that has been a part of my life for the last 46 years. I really feel like this is a place I can make a positive difference.

I think life experience is a big advantage to me on the school board. I have been a student in this school, I have followed my four sons through their schooling here, I care about this place and these students and our staff. I want the Osakis school experience to be the best that it can be for everyone. I am also a business owner; and I was involved in starting the Silverstreak Gridiron club. I know a lot about managing business affairs and finances, I work well with people and un-

derstand what it takes to keep things flowing and growing in a positive direction. I am a hard worker and driven to make sure things are done right. One of my strengths in life is talking with people and listening to their concerns or ideas. If the community re-elects me they can feel comfortable expressing concerns to me and knowing their voice is being heard.

This is just preliminary levy. There will be more information coming from the school regarding this matter.

As for how we adequately educate our kids while still being mindful of the districts tax payers. I think the school has done a good job of being mindful when it comes to the taxpayers and that is the mindset of the current board. It is my opinion that it's important to keep making sure that we invest in our school system to make sure we can continue to keep up with the educational system and to have the proper equipment and resources to handle that. If we don't continue investing in the school, I fear we would put ourselves in a position where a big investment would be needed to catch up, which would then put a burden on the taxpayers

Areas eliminated – I don't feel that we have what I call "fluff". We typically run with just enough staff and frankly it's a little bit lean at times.

Areas expanded – Areas that will need to be addressed? To name a few, parking, pick-up areas, auditorium and keeping up with changing technology.

This is definitely a sensitive and passionate subject that I have already taken many calls on. I'm a believer that we don't need a curriculum that has a hidden agenda, and I will do my part to oppose things like that. That being said, I truly believe that a powerful community needs to address and hear everyone's concerns and do our best to come up with solutions that are best for our student's needs.

I think the biggest thing we can do is communicate and address each issue when it comes up. There are values that this community and its families have always lived by and if we keep those in mind and stay close to our roots when these issues arise, I think we will be able to come up with solutions that will move us forward in the best way for our students.

As for providing an equal, unbiased, and safe learning environment for all students I feel like the school and its policies have done a good job of that for our students.

I would like to encourage the voters in the community to reach out and get involved in the school district! We have many needs, and it takes "a village" or a "great community" to reach all our goals for our schools. We as the Osakis school board, staff and educators all do our best to do our part, but parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles and community members all play a role in reaching our goals!

I would also like to thank the community for trusting me in this position for the last year. It's been a great experience for me!

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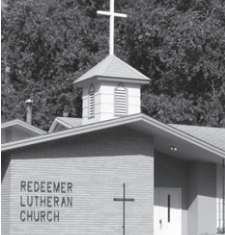
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Board Candidates / From 7A

Becky Hensley

I have worked for Brenton in Carlos for the past 26 years. My husband Darrin and I own Hensley Trucking in Osakis. Darrin and our children, Kiara and Jayden, are alumni of Osakis Public School.

For the past eight years, I have been blessed to be a part of the Osakis School Board. I am invested in helping provide the best education for our children by empowering and supporting our staff, and remaining fiscally responsible to our stakeholders.

I am invested and care about the community of Osakis.

The school board always approves a preliminary levy to be the highest possible amount allotted to the school district.

This is due to not having the final allocations of funding from State and Federal agencies. We (the board) have to set the preliminary budget at max, as we can never increase, only decrease this amount. Once the funding is determined, the levy is then decreased to what is only necessary to operate the district in a conservative manner, respecting the pocket books of the taxpayers. I have the utmost faith that the board will continue to be conservative and keep the district running in the black, while continuing to provide educational opportunities for the children of this district. Last year for example, we did the preliminary level at the max and came back to certify the levy in December for less

than a 2 percent increase.

Educational content and curriculum is a highly sensitive matter. As much as we have our own views on these topics, until it becomes a requirement to be taught in the classroom, it should stay out of the classroom. The administration and board are actively engaged in upcoming changes that may impact our district and notify stakeholders. We need to get back to the basics and stick to the values that America was built on.

Osakis is a very warm and welcoming community, and one very strong fact that demonstrates this is our high open enrollment numbers. If we continue to put the education of our students first, which includes character and leadership education, it will cultivate the values of this community.

Any candidate running for School Board should be doing so because they want what is

best for our kids, staff and community with no personal agenda.

Jeff Kalpin

My name is Jeff Kalpin. I was raised in Osakis, graduated from high school here, and have always called it "home." With that said, I have also lived in Hopkins, Minnesota, Makakilo, Hawai'i (Oahu), and Shanghai, China. I moved back to Osakis in 2013 and am a special education teacher at Long Prairie-Grey Eagle High School.

I would like to serve on the Osakis School Board for a couple reasons. First, I want to do something to be part of the community. In my mind, this means that I am actively doing things to help make the school and community of Osakis improve. It always makes me feel good when I hear people I meet from other communities or states tell me that they love Osakis. Because of this, I simply want to do my part in maintaining and improving Osakis' positive persona. Secondly, I have nieces, a nephew and am hosting a foreign exchange student, all of whom attend school in Osakis. It may seem a little strange to some, but I feel like I should get more involved with the school because of them. By serving on the school board I hope I can better understand the school environment and help to make it the best school in the state or country. There has to be a "best" so why not Osakis?

I am qualified to be on the school board because of my

years of experience in education and as a business owner. I was co-owner of a successful restaurant and have been teaching for many years. I believe I am very capable of understanding everybody's point of view as well as incorporating my own ideas.

The headline or question related to "the school board recently approved a preliminary levy increase of 16 percent above last year's levy" might be a little misleading. I look at the word "preliminary" in that statement and realize that the actual increase will most likely be much less. In fact, it is my understanding that it's possible property owners in the district can see their District 213 levy amount stay the same or even decrease on their property tax. It is also my understanding that the vast majority of school districts in Minnesota approve the maximum levy increase allowed knowing that they will most likely not need the full amount. It is my understanding that Osakis also approved the maximum amount. Districts have to basically wait until late fall for the state to tell them how much money they will be getting. That is why most districts approve the maximum amount possible and then finalize the levies in the December. Even though the Osakis School Board approved a levy increase of 16 percent, I would expect it to be finalized at a much lesser rate. In case people don't know, the district has recently hired a very knowledgeable Business Manager to help with this process. I'm sure he is working on lessening the financial burden on Osakis residents. Financing education is another topic that has really intrigued me recently. That is another reason I would like to serve on the school board. I can't wait to learn more about school financing and budgets! If you are at all interested in taxes and what your money is being spent on, I want to encourage people to attend the Truth in Taxation Hearing that is typically held in December.

Educational content and curriculum is an important part of schools, probably the most important aspect of schools. The curriculum basically guides teachers, so they are teaching standards that are required by the state. Content is the actual method the teacher uses to deliver curriculum to students. I believe most educators think of content as the actual material and method used to present to students. I believe the media has sensationalized critical race

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Board Candidates / From 8A

theory (CRT) a bit. The topic of CRT is actually kind of interesting and frustrating because it's been around for years. I believe it has been discussed in post-secondary institutions for years. It's just had different titles like: Current Issues in Human Relations, Understanding Oppression, Exceptionalities in Human Diversity, etc. I remember taking a course over 20 years ago in the Human Relations realm that focused heavily on race relations and racial stereotypes. I don't remember anybody having a problem with it back then. Who knows why it wasn't a hot topic years ago; maybe it was because I actually had to pay to attend the class in college. Maybe it was because it was a required course and we didn't question requirements. Maybe we simply thought it was kind of an interesting topic worth discussing and having a better understanding of it. Speaking of "discussing" I think that might be the word to use. Because some people know that I am a teacher, they have asked me about "teaching" critical race theory and how it's being "taught" in the schools now. Maybe it's a play on words, but I don't think CRT is "taught." I believe it can be discussed, but actually having curriculum on this topic that "teaches" is a difficult concept for me to grasp. To my knowledge the Osakis School District has not had an "issue" with this topic. If became an issue or topic I would recommend that we follow the state standards for social studies.

I think that the school district can continue to practice the six most important values that they have adopted to continue to guide future decisions based on the topic of social change. Even though there are six values adopted at Osakis Public Schools, I believe the most relevant for this topic are: a welcoming climate based on respect, critical and creative thinking and our positive relationship with our community. I'm going to consider these the "community values too." If or when changes need to be made, I am sure there will be extensive discussions, but if we let these values lead us we will make the right decisions for the students, staff and community. With that said, I believe we will also have to consider law and policy regarding social changes. Following law and policy while trying to incorporate values can be difficult, but if we are creative we will be able to maintain our values. If you really look at it simply, one might say that it's easy to provide an equal, unbiased

and safe learning environment for all students, because all we have to do is continue to have a welcoming climate based on respect.

I would truly appreciate the opportunity to serve the students, staff and community as a school board member. The current board consists of six people, five of whom I know in some capacity. Knowing them, I think it would be a great group of people to work with in helping to continuously improve Osakis Public Schools.

Jonathan Ries

I'm a product engineer at Felling Trailers and father of five boys (ages 3 to 14) originally from Carlisle, PA. My career brought our family to Osakis almost four years ago and we have been enjoying the small town atmosphere. I am heavily involved in the adult ministries of Lake Community Church where I am a member. Outside of work and church, I can often be found around the house fixing or maintaining something mechanical or working on a home improvement project. Any remaining free time often gets devoted to learning about history, philosophy, theology, or politics.

I'm running because I've seen where schools have gone on the East Coast. Narrative and the agendas of unions, academia, the Department of Education, and other special interest groups have taken priority over parental wishes in those institutions. These groups have been the driving force behind the adoption of policies and curriculum that promote revisionist history, critical race theory, radical gender theory, comprehensive sexual education, mask mandates, vaccine mandates, etc. I find it refreshing to have a school district where the parents and students still come first. I want to keep it that way. Furthermore, kids are the future and I hope to play a small part in preparing

our kids to lead in that future.

I have five boys, two of which are currently in the district. Eventually, all five of my sons will be in Osakis schools. I have a vested interest in what they are learning and experiencing. Additionally, I am taxpayer just like every other property owner in the district. I'd say character also matters in this discussion, but I feel it's self-serving to judge my own character. Other than those items, I don't think there really are any other qualifications that matter. It is the so-called expert class that has created the school board issues we've seen in places like Carlisle, PA, Loudon County, VA, Fairfax County, VA, etc. Everyday parents, grandparents, and tax-payers should be the ones serving on school boards. Elect me because I believe in traditional American values; because I also like low taxes; because I believe that kids should be raised by parents not by schools; because I believe in education, not indoctrination.

I think the key word in this question is the word "preliminary". The only reason we increased preliminary levy is that the preliminary levy sets the maximum amount that the levy can be raised. This ensures that there are no surprises and that we can cover all of the district's current financial obligations should projected tax revenues come up short. However, I believe that most of us on the board have every intention of bringing that increase to an absolute minimum. Speaking for myself, I approved the preliminary increase to make sure that the budget balances, but I do not want to see any increase in the final levy. We are expecting to review the preliminary budget in the next few weeks.



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I have every expectation that if the proposal has any increase, it will be minimal. Once we see the proposal, we can determine what or if anything needs to be cut. If it does come to that, my focus will be cutting the things that impact our educational priorities the least. However, I am hopeful that we won't need to make those hard decisions.

Unfortunately, this is a complicated discussion. Some of this is dependent on the standards dictated to us by the Minnesota Department of Education. In general, I think we need to keep CRT, the 1619 project, so-called "comprehensive" sexual education, and radical gender theory out of all of educational content and curriculum. We need to work on updating district policies and principles to protect against this kind of narrative based content as much as possible. This may also require a re-evaluation of our relationships with certain organizations we have relied on to develop legal policies. Once that is done, our curriculum should be reviewed for this kind of content and evaluated for impact with the goal of eliminating as much of it as legally possible.

I reject the premise of this question. Children should not be the guinea pigs for the social changes some adults would like to push on society. However, the ideologies and theories be-

ing pushed in the educational institutions on the coasts do require us to review and update our policies. For example, I think current trends around gender, sexuality, and mental health do necessitate the development of a parental notification policy surrounding these issues. Currently, I believe school staff does a good job of informing parents about the emotional, physical, and mental well-being of their children while the young person is at school. But there is no guarantee that future staff members will continue that policy if it is unwritten. Similarly, our policies need to be reviewed and updated to reflect biological sex, particularly in athletics and bathroom facilities. Unfortunately, protecting fair competition for young women and maintaining privacy for both genders necessitate these updates.

If you're like me; if you desire to see the next generation of central Minnesotans believe in traditional American values; if you want to continue to have a school that assists parents rather than indoctrinating young people into radical ideologies; if you want a school that teaches equal opportunity not equal outcome, then I'd be honored to represent you on the Osakis ISD#213 school board.



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State candidates speak

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2. Why are you running for office and should the voters vote for you?
3. Please give us your official position on pro-life/pro-choice issues, 2nd Amendment, the role of government in our individual lives, education and the environment?
4. What state-wide issue in particular would you like to tackle if elected. Also, what district-wide issue would you like to tackle if elected?
5. Public safety has become a hot topic recently. Do you support reforms to public safety training and use of force? Along with that, do you believe law enforcement should be forced to act as mental health professionals?
6. Along those lines, there has been an increased focus on school safety and the mental health of students while in school. What steps do you believe the legislature or the department of education can take to increase student safety and mental/emotional wellbeing?
7. The governor just released a new environmental action plan. Please give us your position on this.
8. Do you support Minnesota being a safe-haven for abortion?
9. Red Flag laws have been gaining support through the nation in response to recent mass shootings. Is this something you would support for Minnesota?
10. Property taxes and local level evaluations have seen a dramatic increase which has led to significant increases in local levying authority. How do you propose some of these property-taxed-based levying systems could be reined in since these are based off of a market/demand economy?
11. Do you have any other comments or issues you would like to address?

Minnesota House of Representatives District 12B



Mary Franson

It has been an honor to represent the best for the past 12 years at the Capitol. As a former childcare provider, I was the Republican Lead on the Early Childhood Finance and Policy Committee this past session. I also served on the Preventive Health Policy Division and the Climate and Energy Finance and Policy Committee to tackle some of the most important issues facing our state.

I have always stood up for

our way of life. I will champion common sense approaches to the challenges facing our state. We need to put more money back in the hands of our families, not raise taxes on the middle class. We need to recruit and retain law enforcement officers and hold criminals accountable, not defund the police. We need to make sure parents voices are heard when it comes to their children's education. I hope to continue being your voice in St.

Paul to stand up for the values we hold dear.

I am pro-life and I have proudly defended the sanctity of life while serving at the Capitol. I will always protect the right of Minnesotans to own a gun and I am honored to have endorsements from the NRA and MN Gun Owners Caucus.

I believe in limited government. Under Democrat control, our state government has only grown larger and gotten more

expensive. As our economy faces challenges, we need to rein in the cost of government just as our families rein in their budgets. Our government needs to be a good steward of your tax dollars and we need to bring common sense solutions to the Capitol.

My top three priorities next session will be the economy, inflation, and crime. Minnesotans

House /11A



Jeremy Vinar

"I want accountability and transparency in leadership. I want the people we elect to office to represent all of their constituents, not just those who agree with partisan talking points or special interests. Most of all, I want to help people, starting with those who need it most, because I believe that's what leadership is.

I won't allow what I believe to dictate what information I share. If I find new information

that counters a previous belief, my belief evolves. I think a representative has an obligation to be as accurately informative as they can be, and that our current representation has fallen far short of that. I would rather pass on accurate information and have you disagree with my politics, than participate in partisan misinformation. More than that, I want to offer and work toward solutions, not use fear or place blame on others to

avoid accountability.

Some things I believe in are:

Creating living wage paying jobs and making/buying quality American made goods.

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Prescription drugs should be affordable to everyone who needs them.

Responsible gun ownership.

Listening to medical experts regarding public health.

Reducing our dependence on fossil fuels and our carbon

footprint.

Protecting social security for current and future generations.

Strengthening education, from pre-k through college, and better compensating educators.

Reducing the costs of post-secondary education.

Closing tax loopholes and making the richest Americans pay their fair share.

Dispelling misinformation

House /11A

Minnesota Senate District 12B



Torrey Westrom

I grew up on a dairy farm. I worked my way through college earning degrees from Bemidji State University and William Mitchell College of Law. My wife and I are blessed with three children. We live in rural Alexandria, MN, where we also attend New Life Church.

With my experience in agriculture, and a small business owner, I am deeply rooted in rural traditional values-which I'll fight for in St. Paul. In 1987 I

lost my eyesight in a farm-related accident. I have worked hard to find a way to get things done with a 'can-do' attitude.

As the first blind Minnesotan elected, I serve as the Senate Agriculture Committee Chair. Additionally, I serve on three other Senate committees and the Lottery Commissioner (LCCMR)-presently Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen are two of the five senate appointed members. The LCCMR helps fund hundreds of local

and statewide environmental improvement projects, including several that have helped west central Minnesota over the recent years, with Senator Ingebrigtsen's and my support.

I am running for this office to be a strong voice for rural values in St. Paul. My great concern is how President Biden and the Democrat party has been trying to negatively change the direction of our state and country, with high inflation, defund-

ing the police- resulting in high crime and unrest, and high gas prices. This comes with a big expense to family budgets and our individual freedoms. Our kids' future is at stake!

Conservative values are under attack, and we need to fight back against the Democrat's high inflation, high energy costs, excessive regulations agenda. This hurts our farmers, small

Senate /11A



Kari Dorry

I'm a mom and a teacher from Ortonville where my husband, Chris, and I are raising our three teenage sons, Owen, Eliot, and Archer. My Big Stone County roots span five generations. I am currently in my 21st year of teaching Early Childhood Special Education. I'm also president of my teachers' union, am active in my church and volunteer throughout my community. Having the trust and respect of one's community

is the most important qualification for anyone seeking elected office. I believe I've earned that respect by being a good listener, a bridge builder, and problem solver with a reputation for getting things done.

To serve in our democracy voters deserve to have clear choices when choosing their elected leaders and they have a clear choice this year with me and two other candidates on the ballot. In my community I

know from experience that we all have way more in common than we have differences. My campaign is not built on furthering division or stoking fear and distrust. I'm a community builder. I believe we're all capable of finding common ground, using our common sense, and actually focusing on what really matters. I believe that good government thrives on fresh ideas and fresh approaches and that none of us should seek

elected office as a long-term career move.

I oppose any change to current state law that would weaken a woman's right to make her own reproductive health decisions.

I support the 2nd amendment and the right to bear arms. However, with rights, come responsibilities. Minnesotans support common sense gun laws

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State candidates speak

Minnesota Senate District 12B



Ashley Klingbeil

I am a real estate agent, mother and a patriot. I am running as a first-time candidate because I believe that it is my duty to get involved in the governance of my state, especially if I feel that my and my fellow citizens' freedoms are being threatened. I have a devotion to the constitution and a fiery passion for the preservation of our great Republic.

I am running for the Senate seat in District 12 because I

am tired of the two-party system and the terrible situations they have put us in. I want to expose the corruption and fight for what the people want. I also want to inspire other everyday citizens to get involved in local, state and federal level politics and run for office so that our system of government can return to what it was designed to be in the first place, a government of, by and FOR the people!

We need to create a society that values life so much that abortion is unthinkable. My generation and the generations after have been indoctrinated to view children as burdens and undesirable. We need to realize and affirm the value and potential of young life. No tax dollars should go to fund abortions.

The government has gotten far too pervasive in our everyday lives. I will work to eliminate positions and agencies

from government.

Medical and educational freedom are very important and are regularly being threatened. I will be working to preserve our patient rights to informed consent and expanding opportunities to educate our children the way a parent sees fit. Locally, I will work to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to vote in person and small precincts

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Minnesota House 12B candidates speak

House / From 10A

Mary Franson

pay some of the highest taxes in the country. We need to make our state economically friendly so that people can invest in their family or business instead of paying more taxes. We also need to address the rising cost of living that is a result of the disastrous policies of the Biden/Walz agenda. When Minnesotans can't afford to buy groceries or fill up their gas tanks, government must enact permanent, meaningful tax relief.

Crime is rising across our state. We must hold criminals accountable and ensure judges and prosecutors enforce our laws. Next session I will reintroduce my bill, the BANE Act,

which will stop non-profits, like the Minnesota Freedom Fund, from providing criminals with get out of jail free cards by paying their bail.

The rise in crime is impacting communities across our state. In conversations with law enforcement, a recurring theme I hear is the need for more mental health support. One officer recently said to me: "We are dealing with mental health issues nearly on a daily basis, we have no avenues to help them, if we bring them to the emergency room, they get released without any services if they aren't suicidal or homicidal, which is about 95% of the people we deal with. Eventually these people end up being charged

criminally for something that could've been avoided if they had proper treatment or mental health resources. This is a problem statewide not just here."

We need to tackle these mental issues while also ensuring criminals are held accountable, law enforcement has the resources they need to recruit and retain officers, and judges and prosecutors enforce our laws.

The safety and mental health of our students are incredibly important. We need to make sure that schools have the public safety resources they need to protect students. Schools also need to have the resources to support the mental health of students.

Minnesota is a beautiful state rich in natural resources. We need to preserve and maintain these resources, but we cannot do it at the cost of harmful policies that will grow government and provide little impact in our environment. Governor Walz is pushing for California Clean Cars emission standards which would put unelected bureaucrats in that state in charge of policy in Minnesota while driving up the cost of new cars by \$1,000 or more. I would oppose these radical policies to protect Minnesota families and businesses.

Abortion is a constitutional right in Minnesota. I am 100% pro-life and I will continue to fight for the health and safety of

mothers and babies.

I will always defend Minnesotans' Second Amendment rights.

Property taxes are rising across our state. As families face a rising cost of living, we need to cut taxes so Minnesotans have more money in their pocket. When Republicans take the majority, we will be focused on providing all Minnesotans with permanent, meaningful tax relief.

I'm proud to represent THE BEST and I'd be honored to earn your vote and be your voice, for another two years. at the Minnesota State Capitol.

Jeremy Vinar

and disinformation.

Providing more relief and support for farmers.

Reforming our criminal justice system to reduce incarceration for non-violent offenders, expand access to treatment programs for substance abuse,

and hold discriminatory LEOs accountable.

Providing a more just, empathetic, and equitable society for every Minnesotan.

I have no interest in only representing my echo chamber, I want to represent everyone in this district. If you have concerns, I want you to know

there's someone willing to listen and work with you to find common ground. If there's a way I can help improve your life, I want to know how."

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Senate / From 10A

Torrey Westrom

businesses, and every family's budget.

Gov. Walz's abuse of Emergency Powers during COVID violated our constitution and excluded so many voter's voices. This dangerous style of government the Democrats are trying to usher into our state, needs a strong conservative voice to fight back and speak up. I have been and will continue to be that common sense conservative voice!

I am a strong supporter of individual personal liberties and constitutional rights. This includes the First Amendment

and the Second Amendment! I've also been endorsed by the MN Gun Owners Caucus and the NRA again because of my support of the Second Amendment.

I support a "smaller less intrusive government" and we should try to keep as many decisions made at the local level, rather than at the state or federal level.

The big government overreach and unconstitutional shutdowns and mandates we've witnessed over the past two years needs to be stopped. We can never return to this style of heavy-handed government we've experienced under Gov.

Walz.

He unconstitutionally excluded the legislative branch and supported mandates that eventually have been struck down by the courts. In the meantime, many businesses and livelihoods were ruined, and personal property rights were trampled. Let's learn from that, but not let it happen again! That's why it's so important to vote on Nov. 8! But know who you are voting for to take charge in GETTING Minnesota back on the right track.

I have a longstanding history of being pro-life and standing up to protect those who cannot stand up or protect themselves,

which includes people with a disability and the unborn. I will continue to advocate for those defenseless babies among us, because we all know that was us at one time, and those young babies grow up to be our next preschoolers, kindergartners, and eventually the next generation of leaders, parents, and grandparents. That's the life cycle we were all given, so we should take that sacred responsibility to pass it on seriously.

I am the endorsed pro-life MCCL candidate in this race. My opponents would not be strong advocates to stand up and protect the life of the unborn.

A few statewide issues to tackle are:

1. We should give the surplus money back through tax cuts to Minnesota taxpayers, to also help families deal with high gas prices and inflation under President Biden.
2. Let's also get the energy pipeline known as "LINE 3" built in northern Minnesota to open up more domestic energy supply and sources to become energy independent again. This can help bring down gas/diesel prices at the pump in our state also, among other strategies to improve available supplies.

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Let's get back to gas prices like we experienced under President Trump just a few short years ago.

Locally: We need to keep revitalizing our rural communities across Senate District 12 by finishing rural broadband in areas that are unserved yet. This is a big economic benefit to our rural cities and townships-especially now with so many people being able to work from home. This means people can move back to the rural areas and keep jobs that are hundreds of miles away. As I travel the senate district and as chair of the Senate AG. Committee and Rural Broadband, I continually hear from constituents who have relocated to our small communities because of this 21st Century option-high speed broadband. That's why I have and will keep championing the Rural Broadband program that helps make rural broadband a reality in many rural areas-just like electricity was brought to rural Minnesota eighty years ago. It's great for rural economic development in our local communities!

Two years ago, there were some reforms passed to the training which police officers can or would receive in their profession. At this time, I think it's best to let those changes filter into the system and let's not make knee-jerk reactions with more changes right now. Let's see if what was done two years ago is working, or if it has other unintended consequences first.

The Democrat led efforts to defund the police and weaken police officer training has resulted in many rural communities also struggling to find enough qualified local police officers. This means some of our areas are going without sufficient officers, which can delay responses to criminal or emergency situations. Rather, we need to

promote more young people to go into the profession of law enforcement by making sure we respect the profession, adequately fund the police, offer scholarships and bonuses for going into a police career. These incentives will benefit our rural area too.

We need to make sure there are tougher penalties for repeat offenders of criminal activity and to make car-jacking a specific crime and felony in Minnesota (which it currently isn't), before it continues to move out further into rural Minnesota. However, this effort is often blocked by DFL legislators. I am the only candidate in this senate race that is endorsed by the MN Peace and Police Officers.

Lastly, while we want our police officers to have some training in learning about mental health conditions and challenges, we should not turn them into "mental health professionals" instead of the important job they have to do, which is to protect us-the public when a harrowing or dangerous situation arises and threatens innocent civilian's lives. Once the dangerous situation is under control, that's when officers can work with mental health professionals to try and get help to those struggling with mental health issues as well.

The state can continue to offer some school safety grants, which I've supported in the past. These one-time safety grants can match local dollars to improve security in our schools, such as hardening targets like doors, windows, etc. Also, to install video monitoring systems, have central access points in buildings, or other innovative measures that local districts desire on their existing buildings to help make them safer. Have more staff trained with more security and self-defense safe-

ty training to recognize or stop any pending threats. We also need to make sure our school counselors are equipped with adequate resources to help students struggling with mental health issues. It's also important to have families, churches and the community being engaged in the local schools to be a resource when students are facing struggles in their lives, including mental health issues.

Any of the Governor's environmental actions plans need to go through the legislature and the legislative process to enable all areas of the state to weigh in on his proposals. His track record of wanting an unelected board in California to tell rural Minnesotans what vehicles they can, or cannot drive, is an example of a terrible and bad policy direction for our state. This proposal has the potential for just being more big handed government controlling individuals' lives, property, or businesses/livelihoods. Therefore, any of these proposals must go through the legislative process first! Let's remember, the Executive branch of government does not get to write the rules-they are only to enforce laws the legislative branch passes. As the Minnesota Soybean Growers Association has said, "there's no room in 'One Minnesota' for California standards".

No. We can find better ways to be more compassionate to both mothers and the life of the unborn baby.

These proposals have many constitutional problems, with due process being one of them. We've witnessed how unfair and non-objective government agencies can be over the past two years, so these bureaucratic proposals have lots of problems and unintended consequences potentially, and simply seem to be unconstitutional violating

the premise of being "innocent until proven guilty." Let's be sure we stick with the principles our country was founded upon-and let's also enforce the current laws we have first, as often current laws are being violated in most of the mass shooting situations already.

I have supported local levy limits that would set a max percentage of how much local taxes can be raised or else a reverse referendum process that voters could petition for a referendum, if they felt the local levy increases were too much. For example, a local levee limit might be set at up to 3%, otherwise the local voters get to have their voices heard for a local budget to go higher than the 3% level. Some years local levy limits have passed in the legislature, and I've supported them because of the local control they bring to the process. Some years they haven't passed or continued.

Given the high rates and increases in property taxes that homeowners are experiencing right now, it's probably time to bring this tool back for local taxpayers. I would support some form of a local-control levy limit process to help keep down property taxes, unless there is a strong reason taxpayers want a higher levy for a certain project or program. This helps every property taxpayer feel more engaged in the process and setting local budget priorities-which is a good thing.

This is the most local control you can get-directly to the taxpayer, if a local levy would go up higher than a certain percentage.

We need to root out the waste, fraud and abuse that has been occurring under the Democrat administrations. This past year, Governor Walz and his DFL cronies have been trying to cover up this massive fraud

scandal known as "Feeding our Future". Now, 48 arrests or indictments have come down recently on some of those involved. While Gov. Walz was trying to blame it on the district judge for ordering payments to keep being made, the district court judge actually came forward with his own news release exposing Gov. Walz for being the one that ordered state money to keep being paid to these corrupt people who were scamming the taxpayers. It was COVID-19 money that was intended to feed children. Instead, they didn't feed hardly any kids, rather the 'non-profits' syphoned off nearly \$250 million to a posh lifestyle of expensive cars, vacations and high living. We need to hold Governor Walz and his Democrat cronies accountable for this. The DFL is trying to cover this up as much as they can because they could have stopped this much sooner.

We also need to keep digging into a similar fraud scam that happened under former Gov. Dayton with the child-care grants from the state of Minnesota. In both cases, the Democrat governors have tried to sweep this fraud under the "rug" rather than investigate, prosecute, and recapture the money from their cronies. I want to make sure voters are aware of this and urge them to read up on these scandals. Republicans want to get to the bottom of this but have been stonewalled by the DFL administrations.

Lastly, I have been endorsed by the Farm Bureau, MCCL, MN Chamber of Commerce, Care Providers, MN Gun Owners Caucus, NRA, and Minnesota Landscapers Association.

Kari Dorry

and so do I.

Democracy is more a verb than a noun. It is the thing we have agreed to do together to debate issues and choose our representative decision makers. We should create the government that best serves our diverse and growing country. Through our democratic participation we get the government we deserve. In doing so, I believe that the government should serve to make our individual lives and our lives together better.

Public education has been and is the backbone of our country's best future. We should

always provide the best possible public education for our children from pre-K through job training and college.

The environment is our life support system and future generations are counting on us to protect and restore the natural spaces; land, water, and air we all depend on. Conservation is environmental protection and I'm a conservationist.

State-wide issue? The state budget surplus. The state has amassed a budget surplus of more than \$7 billion. With rising costs hitting Minnesotans hard, state budget surpluses should flow back to every Minnesotan with a portion of the surplus earmarked to support

those most at risk, especially the poor and elderly struggling the most with higher costs.

District-wide issue? Accessible and Affordable Childcare. This issue concerns families throughout the district. Without the availability of safe, reliable, affordable childcare, we all suffer. It's hard to work if you can't find childcare. Employers suffer when their best people resign over the lack of childcare. New workers coming into a community make the decision where to relocate based in part on access to reliable childcare. This is an issue where the state can help advance local solutions to this widespread community concern.

Whenever an issue rises to the point of needing to be addressed in the daily news cycle, we should pay attention. We should strive to lessen the likelihood that law enforcement will be questioned for their actions as often as they are. Defunding the police was an incredibly bad idea and bad approach to reform. Increased interaction between law enforcement and the community is a good idea. Understanding why police take the actions they take in difficult situations is a good idea. Protecting individual rights and saving lives is a good idea. Police are often first on the scene when a mental health crisis occurs and officers should be

trained to take actions to de-escalate these situations to protect the lives of everyone involved. In those cases police must act as mental health professionals until others can step in.

I believe that the first action the legislature should take is to fund and support student counselor positions across Minnesota. Minnesota has one of the worst school counselor-to-student ratios in the nation. All states bordering Minnesota have counselor-to-student ratios that are less than 400 students per counselor and with mandates in place to support lower ratios. Minnesota's ratio

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Kari Dorry

is 1:743, far from the recommended rate of 1:250 - according to the Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare. Student counselors are often the first point of contact for students reaching out with issues of concern. The legislature should also fund infrastructure needs in every public school to ensure safe and secure buildings; cameras, suitable door locks, etc.

Minnesota's communities can't thrive without clean air, water, and healthy soil. The governor sought the advice of citizens over several years to create an action framework to protect Minnesota's great out-

doors for our enjoyment for generations to come. Minnesota will be served by having this roadmap to address our many environmental concerns with smart conservation strategies.

Yes. Abortion is healthcare and should be accessible to all women.

I fully support all common sense measures to reduce gun violence. I am committed to keeping families safe. The American Academy of Pediatrics supports the enactment of Extreme Risk Protection Orders or red flag Laws which allow families or law enforcement to petition a judge to remove a firearm from the possession of a person deemed at risk of

harming themselves or others. I agree. I support Minnesota becoming the 20th state to enact Red Flag Laws.

The state provides two types of property tax refunds. One is based on your income and property taxes and the other is based on your property tax increase. Minnesotans can qualify for either one or both of these refunds. Ultimately, it's up to

local levying authorities to keep taxes in check and only tax their citizens to serve local needs.

In our democracy voters deserve to have clear choices when choosing their elected leaders and they have a clear choice this year with me and two other candidates on the ballot. Once again, my campaign isn't built on furthering division or stoking fear and dis-

trust. I'm a community builder. I believe we're all capable of finding common ground, using our common sense, and actually focusing on what matters. I believe that good government thrives on fresh ideas and fresh approaches and that none of us should seek elected office as a long-term career move. I don't intend to out-stay my welcome as your senator.

Ashley Klingbeil

have the resources necessary to operate on election day.

I support reforms to public safety and use of force training along with criminal justice reform. Crimes with victims need to have severe consequences and ease of victim restitution. However, citizens should not be imprisoned for victimless crimes. I do not believe that law enforcement is properly equipped to act as mental health professionals. We must reform our mental healthcare model as well. Reliance on mood altering pharmaceuticals has replaced positive counseling and it is to our detriment.

The legislature and department of education can better align the typical school day and year with realistic expectations of school-aged children. Sitting in a classroom for 8 or more hours a day to learn is not conducive with how science says children learn best.

This plan, like most from the DFL, relies on the heavy hand of the government to implement rules and regulations that have not even been vetted to explain how the expectations are achievable. A prime example is the goal of having 20% of vehicles on the road being electric by 2030. Currently it doesn't seem like the manufacturer output of electric vehicles would make that possible, let alone probable.

Though currently, abortion is a protected right in Minnesota, we must become a nation that holds all life sacred. We cannot achieve that goal by promoting our state as an abortion destination.

Red flag laws are an infringement of our 2nd Amendment right and I would fight any attempt to implement them in our state.

Part of this issue stems from preferential tax increment financing being provided to developers that build "low income housing". These programs are touted to bring equity to our housing situation, yet it never seems to improve. Incentives for multimillion dollar developers to build "low income housing" (that remains unaffordable for most low-income citizens) that artificially inflates property values should cease. I also think that the market is in for a big correction in the near future.

People feel that they are stuck with choosing the "lesser of two evils" because the two major parties have such a stranglehold on our politics, but I am running to prove that there is a better option. The incumbent has been in the Senate for 3 terms, if you believe in term limits, prove it, by voting for another candidate this election. I encourage you to visit my website www.klingbeilforsenate.com and find me on Facebook for more information.



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State candidates speak

The Osakis Anchor invited the candidates running for office in the Minnesota House District 5B and Senate District 5 to participate in a candidate profile. The candidates were asked the following:

1. Please tell us about yourself, what do you believe qualifies you for office.
2. Why are you running for office and should the voters vote for you?
3. Please give us your official position on pro-life/pro-choice issues, 2nd Amendment, the role of government in our individual lives, education and the environment?
4. What state-wide issue in particular would you like to tackle if elected. Also, what district-wide issue would you like to tackle if elected?
5. Public safety has become a hot topic recently. Do you support reforms to public safety training and use of force? Along with that, do you believe law enforcement should be forced to act as mental health professionals?
6. Along those lines, there has been an increased focus on school safety and the mental health of students while in school. What steps do you believe the legislature or the department of education can take to increase student safety and mental/emotional wellbeing?
7. The governor just released a new environmental action plan. Please give us your position on this.
8. Do you support Minnesota being a safe-haven for abortion?
9. Red Flag laws have been gaining support through the nation in response to recent mass shootings. Is this something you would support for Minnesota?
10. Property taxes and local level evaluations have seen a dramatic increase which has led to significant increases in local levying authority. How do you propose some of these property-taxed-based levying systems could be reigned in since these are based off of a market/demand economy?
11. Do you have any other comments or issues you would like to address?

Minnesota House of Representatives District 5B



Mike Wiener

I was born and raised in Todd County. Grew up working on the family farm and for the family business. I moved to St Cloud in 1994 to attend college for business management and sales. There, I met my wife of 21 years and moved home to start our family. God blessed us with nine wonderful children. We started our business Wiener Custom Craft in 2002, producing animal bedding and biomass. We also have stayed

active in agriculture, raising our Texas longhorn cattle. I have been on the Todd county Planning and Zoning board for 15 years. I've also been active in the Todd County Republicans for the last few years and deputy chair for one year.

I'm running for office to put the people first. We have seen how politicians make a career of politics and their decisions are made on how it affects their career not for the people. Our

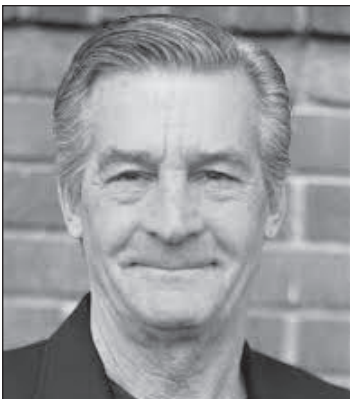
government is intended to be of the people, by the people, and for the people. If elected I will serve the people and always put them first.

I am pro life and am endorsed by the MCCL. Life begins at conception to natural death. Taxpayers should not be paying for abortions. The 2nd amendment states "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed". This right is under constant at-

tack by politicians who say they want "common sense gun control". Their end goal is to take away our guns.

Taxes and Government growth, these are both state and district issues. We are being overtaxed and over-regulated in our state. Last year, approximately 20,000 people moved to lower tax states. Regulations are driving business to oth-

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Gregg Hendrickson

Gregg Hendrickson, Independent Candidate for House 5B. U.S. Army veteran, Business degree with 40 plus years in management, finance, sales and marketing. As a swing voter in St. Paul and my years in business, I will bring a unique set of skills to St. Paul with one goal in mind, to work for the people of House 5B and not a political party.

The two-party system is broken, and the people we have

been electing in this area have been no help. Our property taxes are out of hand, and our commissioners need help with this at the state level. I live three miles out of Long Prairie, and I still don't have broadband. My great, great grandfather was a state representative 100 years ago. It was a non-partisan position then. They got things done for their districts. Just 100 years ago in this state it was, "By the people for the people." Now

it's, "By the people, for the party." As an Independent, I don't vote along party lines, but will vote for bills that will make the lives better for people in House 5B.

I believe the government should stay out of individual lives. We should empower our people to live their lives as they choose. I'm against all government medical mandates from COVID vaccines to women's health care. Individuals have

the right to make their own decisions without the interference from the government. As a U.S. Army Veteran and avid hunter, no one will take away my guns or yours. Minnesota is not a red flag state, and I'm not convinced they work. Education, we all know our children and our school systems did not benefit from COVID. Our kids fell behind, and now we must

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Minnesota Senate District 5



Paul Utke

My wife and I have lived in Park Rapids for 29 years and we have two adult daughters. My work history includes 15 years with Mack Truck dealers, we owned and operated a Retail Hardware and Equipment Rental business for 16 years, I have been a Certified Legal Videographer for 15 years and a Licensed P&C Insurance Agent for 12 years. I bring a lot of practical experience to St. Paul and now with six years of leg-

islative experience, I am able to tackle any issue that comes to my office.

I am the incumbent in this race, currently representing Senate District 2. Yes, redistricting did change things up a lot so a large part of the district is new to me. I have what I see as six successful years in the legislature. Senate Republicans have done a good job for Minnesota, and for four out of the six years we were the only body

stopping a lot of irresponsible/bad legislation. We have had a lot of good legislation that is still on the shelf as the House and Governor would not pass it. I look forward to getting good things done with a new house and governor once we get back to St. Paul in January.

I am 100% pro-life. And my voting record validates that. I support life from conception until natural death. I fully support the 2nd Amendment and

will not allow anything that infringes on our right to keep and bear arms. I have authored and co-authored numerous pro-gun bills like Constitutional Carry and Stand Your Ground. Education has more work to be done. The cross-subsidies currently taking place in special education and transportation need to be fixed, and the per pupil payment gap between the metro

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John Peters

I am John Peters. I am running for MN Senate in Todd County, Wadena County and parts of Becker, Cass, Hubbard, and Morrison Counties. I grew up in Shelby, Iowa, baling hay, shelling corn, digging graves, and clerking and delivering groceries in my parents' small grocery store. My career path included being an educator in high school and college, a coach, intern on the space program, a computer programmer for major corpo-

rations, a mathematician for insurance companies, and a small business owner for 30 years. I am currently the chair of Hands of Hope Resource Centers and a member of the Todd County Broadband Coalition. I am a rural Democrat, not a city Democrat. We may disagree on what is happening in Washington but remember, I will put the people in MN first. My votes will be based on:

·My conscience

·What is best for the people in my district. I will work with the people across the aisle if it is best for our area.

All my decisions are based on facts, not internet memes and urban legends. I also have shown the ability to negotiate. This last term, money was left on the table to that would have helped ease the problems of bad roads, shortcomings on our education system and ability to provide physical and mental

healthcare.

I believe that we must reduce the need and want of abortion. I have studied this issue, and every study I have found show that where abortions are illegal there are more abortions reported. We do not know how many unreported abortions there are. In the Netherlands, all health care is provided, abortions are free, and the age of consent is

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5B / From 14A

Mike Wiener

er states as well. We need less government and lower taxes in order to keep business and people here.

I am endorsed by the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association. We have seen public safety deteriorate especially in the cities where politicians have supported defunding the police and police reform. But it affects us here as well. Rural Minnesota is seeing issues with hiring and retaining police because of the environment in the cities. The mental health issues that our police are facing is challenging. I have talked to the sheriff's candidates in different counties, and after the election

will work with them to find the best solution to improve public safety in our area.

School liaison officers are an option, but that needs to be a decision between the parents, school board, and schools. Mental health is an issue that is affecting people throughout Minnesota. Finding solutions will take time and input from many different sources.

The governor's plan is another example of the government picking winners and losers. The plan to copy the California emission standards and eliminate internal combustion motors will not work in our Minnesota climate. The power grid across the United States would need trillions of dollars of investment to

handle energy demands. While carbon emissions in the U.S. have not changed significantly since 1970. China is the biggest polluter in the world and is investing more in fossil fuels. The plan would negatively impact agriculture, logging and mining in our state and do little to offset the pollution from China and other countries.

NO
Our law system grants us the presumption of innocence or "Innocent until proven guilty" The red flag laws have the potential to trample on the rights of law abiding citizens. They are touted as stopping suicide but have shown no decrease in the overall number of suicide. Red flag laws are another

er means of attacking our 2nd amendment right and are backdoor gun confiscations.

California has a max 2 percent increase on property taxes. What this means is your property taxes can only increase by 2% each year as long as you own the property. This protects the property owner from fluctuation in markets and helps owners from getting taxed out of their homes. Another item that affects the county levy is unfunded mandates from the State. These mandates often start as funded or partially funded, and after time, fall on the local taxpayers. Working with the county commissioners, we can pinpoint which ones can or need to be eliminated.

Thanks to all of the people for your support through this process. We live in the greatest country in the world. But we're going through some challenging times. Record inflation, high energy prices, excessive taxes, crime, and unsustainable government growth. These things are not new, and changes can be made to put us back on the right course. I truly believe our best days are not behind us, but in front of us. We all need to roll up our sleeves and work together.

Gregg Hendrickson

catch them up. I also believe we should encourage and support the High School Trap leagues. The coaches in District 5B are doing a great job of teaching our kids, not only sportsmanship but gun safety. Environment, I believe our farmers are the best stewards of the land. That being said, it doesn't take a scientist to know our weather patterns are becoming more unpredictable.

Property tax and Infrastructure: Our rural areas are declining in population, and our county governments keep expanding, resulting in a higher tax burden for the ones that live here. Wadena County is trying to figure out their over \$1 million increase to their levy for

2023 and Todd County has not announced theirs yet, but I'm sure it is going up also. This is not sustainable. We must fix this at the State level by changing the tax codes, and I have a plan that will get it done. Infrastructure, I live three miles south of Long Prairie, and I still do not have broadband. The livelihood of our businesses, farms and families depends on this basic service to prosper. These neglected simple fixes can be achieved.

We don't have the same situation in the rural areas that they have in the metro area. Our local police departments and sheriff departments are doing a great job here. I will support our law enforcement 100%. They keep us safe. Their training

should be how they see fit.

Minnesota Schools now have access to \$10 million for school mental health and safety that was bi-partisan passed by the U.S. Legislature this year. Let's take advantage of that.

I think it is going to be a stretch in District 5B with electric vehicles. I see it working to some extent in the metro areas, but not here. Our battery technology isn't there yet for our winter months. I have not seen any electric vehicle charging stations anywhere in Todd County. I hope we don't follow California's lead on this. Maybe it's time to take another look at nuclear energy that was not brought up by Governor Walz in the environment plan.

I believe that women's health

is between her and her doctor.

I'm not convinced they are working in the states that have red flag laws. I believe in the 2nd Amendment, like many, I'm struggling for a good answer to our current problem of gun violence. In the U.S. Congress, there has been some bipartisan negotiations to expand the red flag laws in the nation. In August 2019, Donald Trump called on the states to implement red flag laws. Since he stated that, the most traction on red flag laws are coming from the Republican Party.

The tax code needs to be changed for the rural areas that are losing population, put a levy limit on local governments and offset the loss taxes with a payment from the State.

Inflation is affecting everyone. If you drive to work, eat or play, everything is more expensive now. We must become more local with our goods and services. Need more farm to table operations to lower the cost on the retail end, and the local farmer can get a fair price on their goods. Manufacturing more of our essential parts locally so they are not affected by the whims of China. We also need more biofuels to help lower the cost at the gas station. We can do this and become a better community for all that live here. Remember to vote, by the people for the people, not by the people for the party.

Minnesota Senate 5 candidates speak

Senate / From 14A

Paul Utke

and the rural schools needs to be closed. We have great natural resources and they are being well cared for.

We have a couple that rise to the top. Public Safety and the Economy. Public Safety is extremely important and must be addressed right away. A big part of Public Safety is controlled by our cities and counties, so we are a partner and not in control. We must all work together and support all of our law enforcement personnel so they can do the tough job we want them to do. And finally, we need our judicial system to

enforce the laws we have in place and hold the criminals accountable.

We must all support our law enforcement personnel. We do not need any reforms for our law enforcement officers, we need society to reform and respect the men and women in uniform again! Law enforcement has a very tough job in today's environment. We must help them all across the state and help get the bad people off the streets.

We have worked on both issues over the past few years. More will continue, but we have appropriated funding for school districts to upgrade

and secure their entrances and also for more access to mental health personnel available to the schools.

It is ill-advised and irresponsible. We all care about the environment, but common sense must be used as we move forward. We do not want to be "California 2". The industry will move forward with their development of electric automobiles, and they will need to engage with the consumers. Government should not be mandating the buying or selling of anything. Wind and solar electrical generation, again the industry must build out as it can handle the renewables. We want and

need reliable and affordable electricity which involves coal, natural gas and nuclear generation. Nuclear is the true carbon free electricity and must once again be looked to for expansion.

No.
No. The 2nd Amendment must be protected. We have laws currently to address unlawful possession of firearms. We do not need any additional restrictions on our constitutional right to bear arms.

Yes, the assessed property values have increased a lot in the past couple years. An increase in assessed value does not increase what you pay as long as

everyone is assessed fairly. One exception is that the homestead credit diminishes as the assessed value goes up which increases what you would pay. An increase in the amount of property tax we pay comes from our local governments-our counties, our schools and our cities or townships. The state does affect our C/I taxpayers. At the state level we proposed raising the homestead credit 25 percent, but the tax bill did not pass the House this past spring. It will come up again as it will help offset the spike in increased assessments.

ELECTION 2022

Minnesota Senate 5 candidates speak

Senate / From 15A

John Peters

lower. They have half as many abortions for 1,000 people as the U.S. and people start having sex at a later age. Education, proper support for the mother before and after birth is the way to get lower the number of abortions.

The 2nd amendment gives

people the right to own guns and protect themselves. I am fully on board with that. I do believe in background checks, and waiting periods are safe and sane ways of protecting our children and preventing suicides. It is a nuisance to have a waiting period, not a prohibition. By waiting, we will stop spur of the moment suicides,

possible anger reactions and possible domestic violence. This will not get rid of all our problems but reduce them.

The government should stay out of our personal lives. It should not tell us who we should love, how we identify ourselves or what personal medical decisions we make. It should only intervene, when

our actions affect others safety or purchasing power.

I believe in public education. It is currently underfunded. The government should make standards for basic education that must be met.

Our schools do not teach CRT, they teach history. If you think teaching about the Tulsa massacre (Juneteenth) or the young girl in Alabama being escorted by a U.S. Marshall in school is inappropriate, then you are the snowflake.

A few years ago, the state wanted to mandate Age-Appropriate Sex Education. A legislator from southern MN found a book that was totally inappropriate and said that this was what was the State was mandating. It caused a major uproar, and no education standard was approved. There were at least 60 other programs that the school boards could have used. This took this out of control of local school boards and effectively halted needed education.

I believe our local farmers are the best stewards of our land. They know what is needed for our descendants. As far as climate change, I feel it is real and already affecting our economy. We are not ready to go completely carbonless. I trust our scientists to create workable solar, wind and battery solutions within five to ten years. We should also start working on providing nuclear energy for our grid. In Wyoming, there is a new project there is a safer and less costly nuclear plant being built. If you did that in our district, it would create 2,000 well paying jobs and provide electricity for, Todd, , Wadena, Hubbard, Morrison, Becker and Cass counties at a lower cost than what we are paying today.

I would like the State to provide affordable drug coverage. To do this, we would need to expand Medicare and Medicaid and then allow the State to negotiate drug prices. I would also like to provide more diesel gas depots to reduce the cost to farmers and truckers.

For the district I would like to expand affordable fiber broadband to all residents and businesses.

I support our police force and I believe that our rural officers are up to the tasks needed. Examples in Minneapolis have shown us that there are some officers that do not follow existing rules. Those officers should be stripped of their badge and prosecuted as needed.

More training never hurts.

I believe that our 911 operators need to train on when an armed police officer is needed and, a mental health worker with armed support is needed and when just a mental health worker is needed. Iowa is studying the use of mental health task teams and we should follow that study closely.

The above implies that we need more mental health workers.

We do not have enough counselors and mental health counselors in the state. We have one of the lowest ratios of mental health counselors to students in the country. We need to increase funding specifically to address this problem.

While there are a few items that I may disagree with (Public Transportation budget), I agree with the parts that create new clean jobs. Missing, is a plan to use the newly developed nuclear energy plants that are safer, use old spent fuel, provide enough energy for Todd, Wadena, Cass, Morrison, Hubbard and Becker counties. This would also produce 2,000 new high paying jobs for at least 20 years and probably long term.

One thing that is left out about clean energy is the fact that 5-10-15 years is an eternity in science and technology. I am following at least five studies for new longer lasting batteries and eight solar energy technologies. Things will be cheaper and longer lasting soon.

I do not like the term "a safe haven". It implies that crossing a state boarder is like going to a new country. I went to South Dakota for a beer when I was 19. Did that make South Dakota a safe haven? If MN allows abortions, then Wisconsin should not prosecute women or doctors coming here.

Not as currently presented. As the chair of Hands of Hope Resource Center, there is a need for protection from domestic abuse. There needs to be a way that protects families and does not abuse individual rights.

Townships and schools need to move away from our property tax system. I have lived in states that have high property tax and low state tax, and I had a greater percentage of my income taken by the State. We need to reduce taxes on people earning less than \$400,000 and increase them on the others. We then need to use the taxes for roads, broadband and schools.



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Tyson Hagedon broke free for some big gains against Pillager at home last week.

Streaks close out regular season on a high note

Osakis to host Section 6AA semifinal game Oct. 29

The Osakis Silverstreaks football team closed out its regular season at home last week with a Section 6AA game against Pillager.

The Streaks kept their offense pumping as they surged ahead to win 42-13.

The Silverstreaks are now 7-1 on the season with their lone loss to Barnesville in a Section 8AA game

midway through the season.

The Streaks went 7-1 overall, 3-0 in Section 6AA play and were 5-1 in Midwest White District.

Osakis now heads into the Section 6AA playoffs. The Streaks earned a first round bye as they were seeded #1. Osakis will face off against the winner of the West Central Area/Ashby and Pillager game in

Osakis Oct. 29 at 2 p.m. in the semifinals round.

If Osakis wins Oct. 29, they will move on to the Section 6AA Championship at the Fargodome Nov. 4 in a showdown between either Sauk Centre, Wade-na-Deer Creek and Staples-Motley. Sauk Centre is the high seed on that side of the bracket.

Osakis takes third at conference meet

The Osakis Silverstreaks cross country team took 3rd place overall in the boys Central Minnesota Conference Championships in Royalton last week.

"It was quite the change in weather from the week prior in Royalton; about a 50 degree swing," commented Osakis head coach Justin Dahlheimer. "The colder weather brought

faster times for nearly every runner."

These changes in conditions helped the Streaks secure a high ranking.

"We really put together a team effort to take 3rd place in a very competitive Conference," Dahlheimer said.

"Jacob Taplin has been managing an injury and his team-

mates stepped up and had their best races of the year to help us finish as high as we possibly could have."

Marcus Wolf set the tone of the chase pack that finished out our score only a few points ahead of 4th place.

"That's exactly the type of leadership he's been providing all season," Dahlheimer said.

Wolf came in with a time of 20:24.

Kale Drevlow took All-conference honorable mention with a 19:05, and Zackery Bruder went after it today with an aggressive first mile as he prepares for having to compete with kids of this caliber for a state appearance. Zack was able to secure an All-Conference spot with

that effort and a time of 18:12.

Jaxon Christner and Chase Johanson had great races for 8th graders that are just gaining experience. They came in with times of 20:05 and 22:32 respectively.

"They have a ton of potential that we are getting a great

SPORTS

Osakis tennis takes 2nd at sections

Maddock heads to state tennis meet in singles action

The Osakis Silverstreaks girls tennis team wrapped up an impressive season capped off with a 2nd place finish in the Section 6A team tournament.

The Streaks started off the postseason with a match against St. John's Prep in the quarter finals.

Osakis handily took care of Prep 7-0 to advance to the semi-finals where they would face New London-Spicer.

Just a couple weeks ago, the Streaks fell to NLS 2-5, but this time around, they were able to turn the tables and take the match 5-2 to advance to the finals.

However, the finals proved to be more difficult as they went up against the heavily favored Litchfield Dragons.

Litchfield took the finals around 6-1 leaving the Streaks in 2nd place.

"We had a great win over NLS in the semis," commented head coach Ryan Maddock. "It was nice to flip that score today."

"All the girls played well. Litchfield was just too good for us today but we feel that reaching the section finals in this section is a great accomplishment for this team."

"We had a really good year finishing 18-7 while playing a lot of AA and top 10 A schools this year."

This year's team success was

carried by a core group of seniors that Maddock is sad to see move on.

"We had seven senior this year in Larissa Hoffarth, Ellie George, Madi Collins, Lyndsey Middendorf, Ambrosia Steinbrecher. Kayla Kulzer and Cora Mathews," Maddock said.

"They were really good to work with and will have good things ahead in their future as they are hard workers and kind, talented people."

Individuals

The Osakis Silverstreaks, after securing a second place finish in the Section 6A team tournament, sent several players on to the Section 6A individual tournament.

Leah Maddock took first place overall and will head to the Minnesota State Tennis Tournament.

Maddock took out Mya Mathew from New London-Spicer 6-2 and 6-0 in the semi finals. Maddock then went on to defeat Isle Dille from Litchfield 6-2 and 6-1 in the finals.

Ellie George and Madeline Anderson took part in the doubles competition and secured a fourth place finish overall.

They lost to Ryan Steinhaus and Karlee Praha from Litchfield 1-6 and 0-6 in the semi finals. They then lost to Lauren Erickson and Olivia Olson from Litchfield 1-6 and 4-6.

and prove that they have what it takes," Dahlheimer said.

"Fifth place is a great start for them as most will have 4-5 more years of high school varsity cross country in front of them."

Kaia Fiskness ran another smart race, getting her first All-Conference designation in

Streaks close out regular season

The Osakis Silverstreaks volleyball team had a rough week leading up to a big Prairie Conference matchup between the Streaks and the Swanville Bulldogs Thursday on the road.

The Streaks hit some bumps on the road to Swanville with a busy week against Morris and Paynesville.

Osakis 0

Morris 3

The Streaks were tenacious against Morris, but Morris was able to stay a few steps ahead of Osakis throughout the entire match.

Osakis kept things really close and showed that they weren't going to give away the game as the 1st set went to extra points 24-26.

Morris was able to create a little more breathing room in the 2nd set downing Osakis 25-18.

With the momentum squarely in Morris' favor, Osakis dropped the final set 15-25.

The Streaks didn't lack for offense on the night as the girls combined for 20 kills on the night. Nearly everyone saw action at the net, but an active Morris defense was able to counter most attempts.

Osakis 0

Paynesville 3

Tuesday's game against Paynesville saw Osakis come out swinging again as they put forth a serious challenge for the 1st set win. Paynesville would distance themselves however for the 20-25 set win.

Paynesville kept that momentum alive and took the 2nd and 3rd sets 15-25 and 13-25.

Kiley Kranz had a bigger night at the net with 7 kills.

Hartshorn added another 3 kills and 9 assists.

Greta Faber kept the ball in action with 10 digs.

Osakis 3

Swanville 2

The Streaks closed out their busy week with a trip to Swan-



ville for their final Prairie Conference game of the season. Though the Prairie Conference championship was already secured by the Browerville-Eagle Valley Tigers, this provided a grudge match between the two rivals.

Osakis came into the game and quickly got the upper hand in the first set, which they would take 25-16.

The Bulldogs however would rebound in the 2nd set and take that 25-21.

Again, Swanville kept the pressure on the Bulldogs in the 3rd set and were able to distance themselves more. Osakis took the 3rd set 25-12.

While it became clear that it wasn't the Bulldog's night, the girls didn't give up and battled it out in the 4th set to take it 25-23.

But, as was the case for tonight, the Streaks again turned the screws and were able to come away with the 15-11 win in the 4th set for the game.

Kranz led with 13 kills.

Harshorn followed that up with 10 kills, 24 assists and 11 digs.

Asiah Froemming and Kiana Kendall each had 6 kills.

Faber kept the action moving

with 40 digs. Grace Rousslang also had 20 digs.

Osakis 3

Pierz 0

The Osakis Silverstreaks volleyball team closed out the regular season last week Monday on the road at Pierz.

The Streaks got off to a hot start taking the 1st set 25-17. They followed that up with winning the next two sets 25-19 and 25-22 for the 3-0 sweep.

Kiley Kranz enjoyed a big night at the net leading with 10 kills.

Asiah Froemming followed that up with 5 kills.

Eva Moore, Kaelyn Walker and Josie Hartshorn had three kills each. Hartshorn also had 10 assists and Moore had eight assists and 7 digs.

Greta Faber kept things moving for the Streaks with 18 digs.

The Streaks also took part in the annual Upsala MEA volleyball tournament where they went 1-3. Osakis lost to Mille Lacs 2-0, Bertha-Hewitt 2-1, beat St. Cloud Apollo 2-0 and lost to Swanville 2-1.

The Streaks now enter the playoffs with a 7-19 record overall. Osakis was 1-5 in Section 6AA play and 5-3 in the Prairie Conference.

Cross country team leaves it all on the course

CC / From 17A

glimpse of," Dahlheimer said.

Girls Race

The Osakis Silverstreaks took 5th place for their first effort as a full team.

"We are so proud that this young team, with four of the girls running their first 5k ever or first of this season, was able to compete, beat some teams,

and prove that they have what it takes," Dahlheimer said.

"Fifth place is a great start for them as most will have 4-5 more years of high school varsity cross country in front of them."

Kaia Fiskness ran another smart race, getting her first All-Conference designation in

her first ever varsity CMC race.

Fiskness came in 5th place overall with a time of 21:52.

Katie Collins just missed All-Conference Honorable mention with her 16th place finishing time of 24:03.

"She's running so well right now."

"We are proud of the efforts

that Harlie Schwope, Olivia Christians, and Ann Marie Ruegemer made in their first ever 5k races."

"Stephy Marthaler's leadership has been key for developing confidence in these young girls; and a big reason we were able to debut them at the varsity distance later in the season

and see such great success."

Schwope came in at 25:05.

Christians had a 25:17.

Ruegemer finished with a 25:48.

Marthaler came in at 31:26.

Also running for the Streaks was Abigail Fiskness with a 32:39.

Sample Ballot

State General Election Ballot Todd County, Minnesota November 8, 2022		
Instructions to Voters: To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ●		
City Offices	City Questions	City Offices
Council Member City of Osakis Vote for Up to Two	To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question.	City Clerk City of West Union Vote for One
<input type="radio"/> Laura Backes		<input type="radio"/> Janet Macey
<input type="radio"/> Randy Anderson	City Question 1	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> Stephanie Finnegan		write-in, if any
<input type="radio"/>	IMPOSITION OF SALES AND USE TAX AND ISSUANCE OF BONDS	Town Offices
write-in, if any	Shall the City of Staples be authorized to (a) impose a sales and use tax of one-half of one percent (0.50%) for approximately 25 years or until approximately \$1.6 Million plus an amount equal to interest and the costs of the issuance of any bonds is raised, and (b) issue its general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1.6 Million, plus the cost of issuing the bonds, to finance any or all of the following: the equipment replacement and renovation of the existing community center?	Town Supervisor Seat A Town of Bruce Vote for One
write-in, if any		<input type="radio"/> Brad Mollner
Mayor City of Staples Vote for One		<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> Douglas M. Case	<input type="radio"/> Yes	write-in, if any
<input type="radio"/> Ron Murray	<input type="radio"/> No	Town Supervisor Seat A Town of Germania Vote for One
write-in, if any		<input type="radio"/> Matthew Cardinal
Council Member City of Staples Vote for Up to Three	BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A SALES TAX INCREASE.	write-in, if any
<input type="radio"/> Lisa Toepper	City Offices	Town Supervisor Seat C Town of Germania Vote for One
<input type="radio"/> Benjamin Johnson	Mayor City of Swanville Vote for One	<input type="radio"/> Darin Dean
<input type="radio"/> Blake Gerard	<input type="radio"/> Sandra Lange	<input type="radio"/> Vern H. Desotell
<input type="radio"/> Mary Jo Goff	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> Bhogadia Sean	write-in, if any	write-in, if any
<input type="radio"/> Roy Miles	Council Member City of Swanville Vote for Up to Two	Town Treasurer Town of Germania Vote for One
write-in, if any	<input type="radio"/> Tony Maciej	<input type="radio"/> Lisa Stange
write-in, if any	<input type="radio"/> James Molitor	write-in, if any
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	Mayor City of West Union Vote for One	<input type="radio"/> John Young
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	Council Member City of West Union Vote for One	<input type="radio"/> Ronald Frericks
	<input type="radio"/> Mark Quistorff	<input type="radio"/> Alan N. Roering
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	write-in, if any	Town Supervisor Seat A Town of Leslie Vote for One
		<input type="radio"/> Douglas Kaiser
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Vote front and back of ballot		

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Town Treasurer Town of Leslie Vote for One	School Board Member No. 213 (Osakis) Independent School District Vote for Up to Three	School Board Member No. 486 (Swanville) Independent School District Vote for Up to Three
<input type="radio"/> Mark Grinstead	<input type="radio"/> Fran Breiter	<input type="radio"/> Molly Gerads
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> Jeffrey G. Kalpin	<input type="radio"/> William (Bill) Johnson
write-in, if any	<input type="radio"/> Jonathan Ries	<input type="radio"/>
Town Supervisor Seat A Town of Little Elk Vote for One	<input type="radio"/> Corey Goodwin	write-in, if any
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Town Treasurer Town of Little Elk Vote for One	write-in, if any	School Board Member No. 487 (Upsala) Independent School District Vote for Up to Three
<input type="radio"/> Elizabeth Vetsch	write-in, if any	<input type="radio"/> Dean Wayne Peterson
<input type="radio"/>	Special Election for School Board Member No. 213 (Osakis) Independent School District To fill vacancy in term expiring January 6, 2025 Vote for One	<input type="radio"/> Trevor Soltis
write-in, if any	<input type="radio"/> Becky Hensley	<input type="radio"/> James Warga
Town Supervisor Seat A Town of Villard Vote for One	write-in, if any	<input type="radio"/> Darin Kisin
<input type="radio"/> Reuben Neterval	School Board Member No. 482 (Little Falls Community Schools) Independent School District Vote for Up to Three	<input type="radio"/> Mike Kiason
<input type="radio"/> Justin Larson	<input type="radio"/> Cassie Fredregill	write-in, if any
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write-in, if any	<input type="radio"/> Sharon Ballou	School Board Member No. 740 (Melrose) Independent School District Vote for Up to Three
Town Supervisor Seat B Town of Villard Vote for One	<input type="radio"/> Mark A. Gerbi	<input type="radio"/> Carrie Austin
<input type="radio"/> Shawn Jordahl	<input type="radio"/> Molly Jean Nelson	<input type="radio"/> Melissa M Poepping
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> Brad Laager	<input type="radio"/> Mark Heidgerken
write-in, if any	write-in, if any	<input type="radio"/> Becky Feldewerd
Town Treasurer Town of Villard Vote for One	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> Keith Fischer
<input type="radio"/> John Reese	write-in, if any	<input type="radio"/>
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Town Supervisor Seat B Town of Ward Vote for One	write-in, if any	write-in, if any
<input type="radio"/> David Fragodt		write-in, if any
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Town Treasurer Town of Ward Vote for One		
<input type="radio"/> Dale Gimbel		
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write-in, if any		
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Todd County Board Proceedings

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD ON OCTOBER 4TH, 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 4th day of October, 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 Becker and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented with confirmation that item 13.1 Part-Time Office Assistant – Assessor's Office was a discussion item only.

Consent Agenda

On motion by Kircher and second by Kneisl, the following motions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

- To approve the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for September 20th, 2022 as presented.
- To hire Brian Blaeser, FT Correctional Officer, start date TBD.
- To approve the resignation of Ben Larson, Seasonal Recreational Assistant, effective 8/31/2022.
- To approve Michael Vazquez Garcia to fill the open eligibility worker position, start date TBD.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Neumann and second by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the September 2022 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 902606 through 902655 in the amount of \$631,761.74, (Manual) 750 through 757 in the amount of \$96,839.96 and (Regular) 239912 through 240036 in the amount of \$953,188.10 for a total of \$1,681,789.80.

On motion by Becker and second by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 402138 through 402160 in the amount of \$15,379.19 and (Regular)

56273 through 56317 in the amount of \$22,310.99 for a total of \$37,690.18.

On motion by Kircher and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 803218 through 803239 and (Regular) 709581 through 709618 for a total amount of \$23,241.94.

On motion by Kneisl 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) 600738 through 600743 and (Regular) 517022 through 517040 for a total amount of \$100,496.48.

Hands of Hope Resource Center

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

TODD COUNTY 2022 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, domestic violence is not just a family issue, it is a crime, and therefore is a concern of all Minnesotans. Victim rights and offender accountability need to be taken seriously and with the utmost concern, and WHEREAS, agencies such as

Hands of Hope Resource Center work diligently to advocate and support the victims/survivors of this crime by assisting them through the criminal justice system, by providing resources to assist survivors to move forward, to find housing, safety, support and encourage their move from living with violence to a safe and secure living situation for them and for their families,

WHEREAS, resources and support are provided to all victims by professional, trained advocates with care and compassion at no cost. To date in 2022 our program has served a total of 87 men and women, 47 of which are new for the first time in 2022. This number is down from last year, and we are hoping to see that trend continue into fiscal year 2023. We do, however, know that there are many domestic violence incidents that no one ever hears about,

WHEREAS, Hands of Hope Resource Center will continue to advocate and support victims/survivors, as they search for justice and safety. Our hope and our request are for continued support from our judicial system, our law enforcement, and our communities in Todd County,

THEREFORE, we ask the Todd County Board of Commissioners to proclaim October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Todd

County and continue to support Hands of Hope Resource Center in educating, advocating, and promoting positive change for those living with violence and abuse.

County Ditch/Ag Inspector

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

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT DITCH MAINTENANCE – COUNTY DITCH 22

WHEREAS, Kyle Pesta is requesting to clean approximately 1320 feet of lateral 2 on County Ditch 22, located between parcel 13-0028800 (Brian Ritter) and parcel 13-0028500 (Emmett Hoffner). A Hold Harmless Agreement has been signed by all landowners and submitted to the Ditch Authority, and;

WHEREAS, an onsite inspection has been done, and;

WHEREAS, Kyle Pesta is allowed to maintain the drainage ditch to the original width, depth and grade. An improvement by lowering or widening the ditch bottom is not allowed. Sediment and vegetation can only be removed to the extent of the original ditch bottom elevation. Spoil must be side cast and leveled, staying within 16.5 feet of the

NOTICES

Sample Ballot

State General Election Ballot
Todd County, Minnesota
November 8, 2022

Instructions to Voters:
To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ●

School District Offices	School District Offices	School District Questions
<div>School Board Member No. 743 (Sauk Centre) Independent School District Vote for Up to Four</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/> Ann Hess</div><div><input type="radio"/> Joe Borgerding</div><div><input type="radio"/> Joshua Rieland</div><div><input type="radio"/> Scott Pearson</div><div><input type="radio"/> Jeremy J. Hartigan</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>write-in, if any</div></div>	<div>School Board Member No. 2155 (Wadena-Deer Creek) Independent School District Vote for Up to Three</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/> Brandon Kern</div><div><input type="radio"/> Julie Bushinger</div><div><input type="radio"/> Melissa Seelhammer</div><div><input type="radio"/> Kyle Lehmkuhl</div><div><input type="radio"/> Ryan Damlo</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>write-in, if any</div></div>	<div>To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question.</div> <div>School District Question 1</div> <div>Renewal of Expiring School District Referendum Revenue Authorization</div> <div>The board of Independent School District No. 2170 (Staples-Motley) has proposed to renew its existing referendum revenue authorization of \$173.06 per pupil which is scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2023. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for ten years beginning with taxes payable in 2024 and increase each year by the rate of inflation beginning with taxes payable in 2025 unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.</div> <div>Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 2170 be approved?</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/> Yes</div><div><input type="radio"/> No</div></div> <div>BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING TO EXTEND AN EXISTING PROPERTY TAX REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE.</div>
<div>School Board Member No. 786 (Bertha-Hewitt) Independent School District Vote for Up to Four</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/> Keith Bauch</div><div><input type="radio"/> Kim Gavin</div><div><input type="radio"/> Sharon Thiel</div><div><input type="radio"/> Jean Ashbaugh</div><div><input type="radio"/> Janelle Bright</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>write-in, if any</div></div>	<div>School Board Member No. 2170 (Staples-Motley) Independent School District Vote for Up to Three</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/> Kyle Reese</div><div><input type="radio"/> Bruce Dione</div><div><input type="radio"/> Shelly DeCamp</div><div><input type="radio"/> Erich J. Heppner</div><div><input type="radio"/> Chandler Trout</div><div><input type="radio"/> Ryan Wright</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>write-in, if any</div></div>	<div>School District Offices</div> <div>School Board Member No. 2753 (Long Prairie-Grey Eagle) Independent School District Vote for Up to Three</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/> Lisa Wright</div><div><input type="radio"/> Tanja Levin</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>write-in, if any</div></div>
<div>School Board Member No. 787 (Browerville) Independent School District Vote for Up to Four</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/> Nathan Deyle</div><div><input type="radio"/> Robert Bryniarski</div><div><input type="radio"/> Marty Host</div><div><input type="radio"/> Treg M Schultz</div><div><input type="radio"/> Gram Bentz</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>write-in, if any</div></div>	<div>School Board Member No. 818 (Verndale) Independent School District Vote for Up to Three</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/> Scott Veronen</div><div><input type="radio"/> Tahna Rurup</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>write-in, if any</div></div>	<div>Special District Offices</div> <div>United Hospital District Board Member Town of Moran United Vote for One</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/> Sara J. Grove</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>write-in, if any</div></div>
		<div>United Hospital District Board Member City of Staples United Vote for One</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/> Mary M Theurer</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>write-in, if any</div></div>
Vote front and back of ballot		

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Judicial Offices	Judicial Offices
Supreme Court	Court of Appeals
Associate Justice 3 Vote for One	Judge 17 Vote for One
<div><div><input type="radio"/> Gordon Moore Incumbent</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>write-in, if any</div></div>	<div><div><input type="radio"/> Matthew E. Johnson Incumbent</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>write-in, if any</div></div>
Associate Justice 6 Vote for One	Judge 18 Vote for One
<div><div><input type="radio"/> Natalie E. Hudson Incumbent</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>write-in, if any</div></div>	<div><div><input type="radio"/> Jeff Bryan Incumbent</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>write-in, if any</div></div>
Court of Appeals	Judge 19 Vote for One
Judge 1 Vote for One	<div><div><input type="radio"/> Francis Connolly Incumbent</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>write-in, if any</div></div>
<div><div><input type="radio"/> Theodora Karin Gaitas Incumbent</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>write-in, if any</div></div>	7th District Court
Judge 5 Vote for One	Judge 3 Vote for One
<div><div><input type="radio"/> Louise Dovre Bjorkman Incumbent</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>write-in, if any</div></div>	<div><div><input type="radio"/> Daniel A. Benson Incumbent</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>write-in, if any</div></div>
Judge 7 Vote for One	Judge 4 Vote for One
<div><div><input type="radio"/> Susan Segal Incumbent</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>write-in, if any</div></div>	<div><div><input type="radio"/> Laura A. Moehrle Incumbent</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>write-in, if any</div></div>
Judge 8 Vote for One	Judge 18 Vote for One
<div><div><input type="radio"/> Denise D Reilly Incumbent</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>write-in, if any</div></div>	<div><div><input type="radio"/> Michael D. Fritz Incumbent</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>write-in, if any</div></div>
Judge 10 Vote for One	Judge 19 Vote for One
<div><div><input type="radio"/> Jennifer L. Frisch Incumbent</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>write-in, if any</div></div>	<div><div><input type="radio"/> Johnathan R. Judd Incumbent</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>write-in, if any</div></div>
Judge 11 Vote for One	Judge 25 Vote for One
<div><div><input type="radio"/> Michelle A. Larkin Incumbent</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>write-in, if any</div></div>	<div><div><input type="radio"/> Nathaniel D. Welte Incumbent</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>write-in, if any</div></div>
Judge 16 Vote for One	
<div><div><input type="radio"/> Peter M. Reyes, Jr. Incumbent</div><div><input type="radio"/></div><div>write-in, if any</div></div>	
Vote front and back of ballot	

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ditch and moved to an approved upland site.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Ditch Authority gives permission to Kyle Pesta to maintain approximately 1320 feet of Lateral #2 on CD22 that is located on parcels 13-0028800, and 13-0028500, Iona Twp. section 30.This maintenance will be done at Kyle Pesta’s own expense.

On motion by Neumann and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Acting as Ditch Authority, acknowledge receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement petition from Tom Miller, to clean part of County Ditch 12 located on parcel 39-0000200, West Union Twp section 16.

County Fee Schedule – Public Hearing

The Todd County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing to gather any public input on the proposed 2023 County Fee Schedule.No public comment was received for this matter.

Public Works

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

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT REGARDING THE CITY OF STAPLES LETTER OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE MINNESOTA ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, \$3.5 million in Active Transportation Infrastructure Program Funding is available statewide in Minnesota, with a minimum of \$50,000 and cap of \$500,000 for each project, and;

WHEREAS, City of Staples is interested in applying for Safe Routes to School plan funding through the MN Active Transportation Infrastructure Program for a project that provides trail and sidewalk connections to both the Staples-Motley High School/Middle School and the Staples-Motley Elementary School, and;

WHEREAS, City of Staples is required to have Todd County act as a state aid sponsor in order to apply for funding, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Staples and Staples-Motley Schools are requesting sponsorship for this project, and;

WHEREAS, The City of Staples understands that it will be responsible for all costs not covered by the Active Transportation Infrastructure Program including but not limited to consultant engineering, right-of-way acquisition, construction administration and inspection,

utility construction, as well as construction costs above the SRTS award, and;

WHEREAS, The City of Staples and Staples-Motley School has agreed to maintain such improvements for the lifetime of the improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Todd County agrees to act as project sponsor for the project should the City of Staples be awarded the Active Transportation Infrastructure Funds, and that such sponsorship may include the following responsibilities:

- Act as the fiscal agent on behalf of the City of Staples
- Request State Aid Project number for the project
- Ensure the project meets milestones and dates
- Assist the City of Staples in execution of a state bond grant agreement
- Assist the City of Staples’ engineer in the develop, review and approval of the construction plans
- Submit the construction plans, engineers estimate, and proposal to the MnDOT District State Aid Engineer
- Publicly advertise, let, and award the construction project
- Submit State Aid Payment requests to the MnDOT State Aid Office
- Communicate progress and updates with MnDOT District State Aid Engineer

and State Aid Programs Engineer

- Ensure that the project is being supervised and inspected by the City of Staples’ Engineer
- Assist with project close out

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County will require that the City of Staples to enter into a Cooperative Construction Agreement with Todd County for the development of this project if said project is selected to receive the Active Transportation Infrastructure Program Funds.

Solid Waste

On motion by Kneisl and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:Authorize signature of Addendum 1 from Stantec for \$19,900 for design of an on-site domestic wastewater treatment system and authorize project committee to make 5 decisions up to \$10,000 in value and to continue discussion with the City of Browerville regarding this project.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Becker and second by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:To approve the revisions to the Environmental Health Policies & Procedures document.

On motion by Neumann and second by Becker, the following motion was

introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:To approve the 2023-2024 Sanitarian Services Contract with Morrison County Health & Human Services.

Planning & Zoning

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

Final Plat Approval – “Little Birch Hills Vista”

WHEREAS, Applicants Leslie and Kathryn Schrupp applied to subdivide a property owned by Marc and Julie Brinkman that is described as:

SE4 SE4 & GOVT LOTS 5, 6 & 7 EX PART OF SE4 SE4 DESC AS COMM AT SE COR OF SE4 SE4, N 100 FT TO PT OF BEG, THENCE W 465.60 FT, NW 173.48 FT, SE 26.43 FT, NE 161 FT, NE 283.44 FT, E 279.21 FT TO E LINE, S 572 FT TO BEG & PART OF SE4 SE4 DESC AS BEG AT SE COR OF SE4 SE4, N 100 FT, W 465.60 FT, NW 173.48 FT, NW 222.57 FT, SW 351.35 FT TO S LINE, E 782.30 FT TO BEG & EX PARTS PLATTED AS BEAVER POINT LAKESHORE LOTS & BEAVER POINT LAKESHORE LOTS 2ND ADD & EX PART OF GOVT LOT 5 LYING W OF CARTWAY & EX PART OF GOVT LOT 5 DESC AS BEG AT

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E'RLY PT OF LOT 1 BEAVER POINT LAKESHORE LOTS, THENCE NW'RLY SLONG NE LINE OF LOT 1 TO LK-SHORE, N'RLY ALONG LKSHORE 100 FT, SE'RLY 200 FT, SW'RLY 100 FT TO BEG & EX PARTS OF GOVT LOTS 6 & 7 LYING W & SW OF DESC LINE: BEG AT NE'RLY COR OF LOT 6 OF BEAVER POINT LAKESHORE LOTS 2ND ADD, NE 129 FT, NE 119.76 FT, NE 172 FT, NE 79.56 FT, NE 150 FT, NW 207 FT TO LKSHORE & TERMINATING & EXC PT PLATTED AS SUNSET VIEW DEVELOPMENT 145.47 ACRES in Section 26 of Birchdale Township with the plat to be known as 'Little Birch Hills Vista',

WHEREAS, Little Birch Hills Vista consists of 1 lot; Block One Lot 1, 40,622 Square Feet; located in Shoreland- RD zoning (Little Birch Lake) in Birchdale Township,

WHEREAS, On March 3rd, 2022, the Todd County Planning Commission recommended the following property be considered for Subdivision pursuant to Todd County Subdivision Regulation and Ordinance:

That part of Government Lot No. 5, Section 26, Township 127 North, Range 33 West, Todd County, Minnesota described as follows: Commencing at the south quarter corner of said Section 26: Thence South 89°46'46" West, assumed bearing, along the south line of said Government Lot No. 5, a distance of 110.68 feet to an iron pipe and said point being on the westerly line of an existing 33.00 feet wide cartway; Thence North 08°27'00" East, along said westerly line, as monumented, 202.32 feet; Thence North 89°46'00" East, 33.38 feet to the easterly line of said existing 33.00 wide cartway and the point beginning of the land described; Thence North 08°27'00" East, along said easterly line, 178.29 feet; Thence North 89°46'00" East, 216.65 feet; Thence South 00°28'18" East, 176.25 feet; Thence South 89°46'00" West, 244.30 feet to the Point of Beginning.

WHEREAS, On March 15th, 2022, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the Preliminary Plat for the above described property and approved the Little Birch Hills Vista preliminary plat with one condition,

1. Applicant must abide by all other applicable federal, state, and local standards.

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Department has completed the necessary final plat review and find that all items required for final plat approval have been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the final plat of "Little Birch Hills Vista" be approved as presented.

On motion by Kircher and second by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge the violation for Timothy Forcier on parcel 15-0079700 and place a \$3000 assessment on the property for the 2023 tax year and further allowing the opportunity for the property owner to resolve the violation

by December 27, 2022 at which time the County Board may choose to rescind this official action.

On motion by Becker and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge the violation for Timothy Wagner on parcel 19-0024700 and place a \$3000 assessment on the property for the 2023 tax year and further allowing the opportunity for the property owner to resolve the violation by December 27, 2022 at which time the County Board may choose to rescind this official action.

On motion by Kircher and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge the violation for Georgann M & David W Larson on parcel 20-0030703 and place a \$3000 assessment on the property for the 2023 tax year and further allowing the opportunity for the property owner to resolve the violation by December 27, 2022 at which time the County Board may choose to rescind this official action.

On motion by Neumann and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge the violation for Jeffrey J & Kristine Kuhlmann on parcel 21-0040200 and place a \$3000 assessment on the property for the 2023 tax year and further allowing the opportunity for the property owner to resolve the violation by December 27, 2022 at which time the County Board may choose to rescind this official action.

On motion by Becker and second by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge the violation for William J & Marsha K Owen on parcel 22-0007001 and place a \$3000 assessment on the property for the 2023 tax year and further allowing the opportunity for the property owner to resolve the violation by December 27, 2022 at which time the County Board may choose to rescind this official action.

On motion by Becker and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge the violation for Harold G Harkcom on parcel 25-0007500 and place a \$3000 assessment on the property for the 2023 tax year and further allowing the opportunity for the property owner to resolve the violation by December 27, 2022 at which time the County Board may choose to rescind this official action.

On motion by Becker and second by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge the violation for Marianne Gerving on parcel 25-0046200 and place a \$3000 assessment on the property for the 2023 tax year and further allowing the opportunity for the property owner to resolve the violation by December 27, 2022 at which time the County Board may choose to rescind this official action.

On motion by Becker and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge the violation for Linda Jean Hansen on parcel 08-0036300 and place a \$3000 assessment on the property for the 2023 tax year and further allowing the opportunity for the property owner to resolve the violation by December 27, 2022 at which time the County Board may choose to rescind this official action.

On motion by Kneisl and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge the violation for Gideon & Ella Swartzentruber on parcel 09-0002900 and place a \$1000 assessment on the property for the 2023 tax year and further allowing the opportunity for the property owner to resolve the violation by December 27, 2022 at which time the County Board may choose to rescind this official action.

On motion by Kircher and second by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge the violation for Marvin Drayna on parcel 12-0012500 and place a \$1000 assessment on the property for the 2023 tax year and further allowing the opportunity for the property owner to resolve the violation by December 27, 2022 at which time the County Board may choose to rescind this official action.

County Assessor
Discussion was held regarding the

Assessor's Office request for additional front office staff for customer service, data entry, filing, etc. Direction was given for this topic to return to the Personnel Committee for discussion of other methods to meet the office's service needs. If the scope of the position changes, it may also require discussion by the Finance Committee before returning to the County Board at a future meeting.

Administration
On motion by Neumann and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve changing the ancillary benefits providers from Hartford to Lincoln Financial and Cigna.

County Auditor-Treasurer's Report
The County Auditor-Treasurer reported on meetings attended and stated that absentee voting for the upcoming General Election remains open either in-person at the office, by requesting via application submitted online, or by postal delivery. A reminder that 2nd half real estate taxes for non-ag parcels are due on or before October 17, 2022.

County Attorney Report
The County Attorney reported that office pace continues to go well.

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

Recess
Chairperson Erickson recessed the meeting until October 18th, 2022.

AUDITOR WARRANTS	
VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
CENTRAL LAKES RESTAURANT SUPPLY	\$5,928.00
CENTRAL SPECIALTIES INC	\$52,865.92
LONG PRAIRIE OIL COMPANY	\$8,225.76
NOTCH/TIM PETERS LAW OFFICE, P.A.	\$9,000.00
ROOF 1 RBR INC	\$100,241.00
STANEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC	\$3,704.75
TODD CO AUD-TREAS	\$5,053.85
VERIZON	\$5,336.25
WATERGUARDS, LLC	\$22,879.25
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC	\$19,218.50
27 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$15,922.84
CENTRA CARE	\$10,983.33
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	\$5,475.00
COUNTRYSIDE RESTAURANT	\$4,734.00
FLEET SERVICES/WEX BANK	\$9,717.05
FRATTALONE COMPANIES, INC	\$277,217.90
HEALTH PARTNERS DENTAL	\$6,358.70
LONG PRAIRIE SANITATION INC	\$4,290.62
MADDEN GALANTER HANSEN, LLP	\$14,387.24
MARVIN TRETTER, INC	\$22,740.50
MN DEPT OF FINANCE	\$7,823.00
MORRISON COUNTY	\$65,413.84
NORTHERN STAR COOP	\$4,775.03
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE SCHOOL	\$84,388.00
DISTRICT 786 SHIRLEY'S GAS & GROCERIES INC	\$10,068.84
\$5,655.05	
\$13,319.19	
TRAFFIC MARKING SERVICE INC	\$6,355.90
WONDERLICH/SCOTT A	\$2,970.00
37 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$16,772.28
CARD SERVICES COBORNS	\$3,019.90
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	\$4,223.02
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE	\$375,814.34
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	\$12,070.00
GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES INC	\$2,000.00
LONG PRAIRIE OIL COMPANY	\$2,924.72
MINNESOTA POWER & LIGHT	\$20,988.25
SANDGREN/MICHAEL OR CINDY	\$14,075.00
SHI CORP	\$3,600.00
STANEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC	\$13,981.69
TRI-COUNTY FOAM INSULATION LLC	\$2,800.00
VOYANT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	\$3,570.77

WEST CENTRAL TECH SERVICE AREA	\$6,240.06
40 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$14,436.22
BARR ENGINEERING COMPANY	\$3,703.64
REGENTS OF THE UNIV OF MN	\$5,610.79
SANDERS CONSTRUCTION, INC	\$233,368.64
STAPLES SPORTS LINCOLN LLC	\$23,495.98
25 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$12,845.23
MN DEPT OF REVENUE	\$76,551.83
TODD CO AUD-TREAS	\$2,065.54
US BANK	\$9,267.71
MN DEPT OF REVENUE	\$6,227.00
4 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$2,727.88
TOTAL	\$1,681,789.80

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS	
VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$4,611.71
EAGLE BEND WELDING	\$2,440.00
FRIEDRICH'S TIRE & OIL CO	\$2,093.70
LONG PRAIRIE PLUMBING & HTG INC	\$4,064.53
64 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$24,480.24
Total:	\$37,690.18

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS	
VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$2,120.99
DHS - SWIFT	\$3,606.08
MORRISON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES	\$3,303.76
PERISH/ALAN TAYLOR FUNERAL HOME - STAPLES	\$3,265.46
\$3,500.00	
55 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000	\$7,445.65
Total:	\$23,241.94

VENDOR NAME		AMOUNT
DHS - ALEXANDRIA CBHH 491		\$5,040.00
DHS - MSOP-MN SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM		\$6,649.50
DHS - ST PETER RTC - 472		\$3,075.20
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE OF MN - ST		\$2,203.35
MID MINNESOTA DRUG TESTING INC		\$2,275.00
NORTH HOMES CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES		\$5,411.84
NORTHWOOD CHILDRENS SERVICES		\$5,146.32
PINEHAVEN YOUTH AND FAMILY SRVS INC		\$55,212.53
VALLEY LAKE BOYS HOME INC		\$4,305.00
WEST CENTRAL REG JUVENILE CTR		\$3,069.00
15 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 2000		\$8,108.74
Total:		\$100,496.48

On a motion by Becker and second by Neumann, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held October 4th, 2022 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on October 18th, 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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TODD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
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Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, November 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
- Applicant confirms if staff report accurately represents the request
- Public comment
- Board review with applicant, staff, and public
• Approval of agenda.
• Approval of the October 6th, 2022 Planning Commission meeting minutes.

1. **Jesse Fabio:** Section 34, Reynolds Township. Site Address: 21892 County 11, Long Prairie, MN 56347. PID: 20-0038400

1. Request for Conditional Use Permit for weekly consignment sales in AF-1 zoning.

2. **Charles & Pam Rapp:** Section 30, Fawn Lake Township. Site Address: 28895 County 26, Browerville, MN 56438. PID: 08-0030500

1. Request for a Conditional Use Permit for temporary family housing in AF-1 zoning

3. **John Allen:** Section 30, Staples Township. Site Address: 46647 County 9, Staples, MN 56479. PID: 22-0027002

1. Request for a Conditional Use Permit for temporary family housing in AF-2 zoning

Adjournment –

Next meeting: December 1st, 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
Jim Pratt, Chair

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CITY OF OSAKIS NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
City of Osakis will be holding a General Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at the Edward Pollard Community Center. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.
• A sample ballot below
• For the City of Osakis,
• Mayor race and Council Member race

City Offices	
Mayor City of Osakis Vote for One	
<input type="radio"/>	<u>Daniel J. Wessel</u>
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Council Member City of Osakis Vote for Up to Two	
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<input type="radio"/>	<u>Randy Anderson</u>
<input type="radio"/>	<u>Stephanie Finnegan</u>
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Angela A. Jacobson
City Clerk/Treasurer

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COMING EVENT: Peace United Church Bazaar and More will be held Saturday Nov. 5, 9am-1pm. Bake Sale, lunch, crafts, Granny's Attic, ORDER HOLIDAY WREATHS. - Local Crafters & Consultants. 524 Central Ave, Long Prairie—O26-N2PC

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MISC.

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If you reside in Todd County, are in the Sauk River Watershed District, and are interested in the appointment to the SRWD Board of Managers please submit your application form with an optional letter of interest available on the Todd County Website: www.todd.co.mn.us

Please deliver the application with your Letter of Interest to:

**Todd County Auditor-Treasurer
215 1st Ave South - Suite 201, Long Prairie, MN 56347.
Please list "SR Manager" on the envelope.**

You may also contact Todd County Auditor Treasurer Denise Gaida (320) 732-4472 or contact your County Commissioner no later than November 18th.

CLOSING DATE: November 18th, 2022.

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NURSES (RN AND LPN)

We are in search of a R.N. or L.P.N. who is looking for a rewarding career in the nursing field, has a care giving personality, and wants to make a difference in our older adult population.

Various shifts are currently available (including every other weekend and holiday).

Must be a TEAM player and possess a special interest in working with Long Term Care residents, families, and visitors.

You may pick up an application in the Business Office, or after hours at the Nurse's Station.

CTCCC offers a wide variety of benefits and is an equal opportunity employer.

Contact Tyler Kliniske at tkliniske@ctcccinc.com

or call 218-756-3636 ext. 12

Business hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

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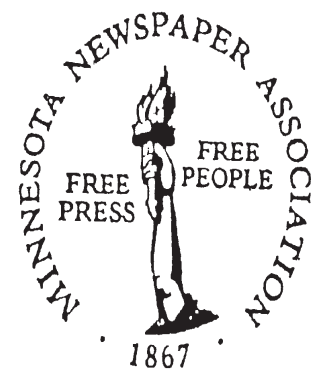
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