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## New fish regulations

Sunfish anglers need to closely check the 2022 Minnesota Fishing Regulations booklet and signs at water accesses for new sunfish limits in effect on 52 Minnesota lakes and connected waters which began March 1.

The new regulations lower limits on specific waters as part of a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources initiative to protect and improve sunfish sizes. These changes are in response to angler-driven concerns over the declining sizes of sunfish in Minnesota.

"This is the final batch of new sunfish regulations that will be part of the Quality Sunfish Initiative. We're pleased to be at our overall goal of 200 to 250 lakes with these special regulations," said Dave Weitzel, Grand Rapids area fisheries supervisor. "We've had an impressive amount of public



support all along for these regulations. Anglers spoke up that they want large sunfish in our lakes."

The new regulations modify daily limits on the affected waterbodies. Anglers can keep only the prescribed number of fish per day but can return the next day for another limit if they don't exceed the statewide inland water possession limit of 20 sunfish per angler. Beginning in 2022, nearly all lakes with

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# Minnesota Republicans propose tax relief and end to social security tax

Minnesota Senate Republicans proposed major changes to the state's tax code. The proposal reduces the first-tier income tax rate from 5.35% to 2.8% and eliminates the tax on Social Security. If passed, the changes would be the biggest tax cut ever in Minnesota and provide \$8.51 billion in tax relief to taxpayers over the next three years.

"Every single Minnesotan will benefit from our plan," Senator Justin Eichorn (R-Grand Rapids) said. "Minnesotans deserve a reduction in their taxes after paying some of the highest rates in the country. This includes eliminating the unfair tax on Social Security which has been a long-time goal of mine and this year we can make it possible."

According to the National

Tax Foundation, Minnesota's lowest tax bracket is higher than the highest tax bracket in 17 other states. Under the Republican proposal, a Minnesota family making \$100,000 would see a tax savings of \$1,000 each year. A typical individual making \$37,000 would receive about a \$500 annual reduction. Under the Governor's tax proposal, the same family would receive one \$375 check, and an individual filer would receive a \$175 check, with no long-term savings or reductions.

The proposal also eliminates the tax on Social Security and Disability Income, something Republicans have advocated for years. Minnesota is one of just 13 states who tax Social Security benefits and is partially surrounded by states who

do not tax this benefit – Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, and South Dakota. Estimates show for the 410,900 Minnesotans who pay this tax, the average relief would be \$1,313. Eliminating the Social Security tax would put \$539 million back into the hands of beneficiaries. **Minnesota's budget surplus swells to \$9.25 billion**

Minnesota Management and Budget issued its February economic forecast Monday and it projects a \$9.3 billion biennial surplus.

State officials indicate "A higher income, consumer spending, and corporate profit forecast results in an improved revenue projection while spending is slightly lower in E-12 education and Health and Human Services."

As Minnesota's budget sur-

plus continues to snowball, State Rep. Dale Lueck (R-Aitkin) said Minnesotans are long overdue for permanent tax relief and indicated there is no excuse for any further delay. He said the state already is fully funded for the biennium with Minnesota taxpayer dollars and the governor has yet to spend all of the COVID-19 related federal dollars.

"Now is the time to correct this chronic over-taxation," Lueck said. "I ask our friends across the aisle and the governor to stop with the lame excuses and join us in permanently fixing this problem. Minnesota's lowest state income tax rate is higher than the top income tax rates in 17 states and that should be fixed. We also need to stop punishing our seniors and end Minne-

sota's income tax on social security retirement pensions."

In its report, MMB indicates the structural balance in the FY 2024-25 planning estimates remains positive and largely unchanged from November. It also says uncertainty due to inflation and geopolitical conflict pose risk to the budget and economic outlook.

"The future always holds risks, Lueck said. "However we are on a path that will drive businesses and our seniors citizens to other states that have a more rationale tax policy. We are surrounded by states with much more competitive tax policies, as well as states across the south that have no state income tax. The real risk is failing to act."

Representative Ron Kresha (R-Little Falls) said, "Min-

nesotans are overtaxed. We need to return the money and offer permanent tax relief. This money needs to go into Minnesotan's pocketbooks, fix the unemployment fund, and end the social security tax. With unprecedented inflation, people need relief."

Senator Justin Eichorn (R-Grand Rapids) echoed the sentiment, "The budget surplus shows that Minnesotans are being overtaxed. Historic inflation is devastating our family budgets meanwhile government's budget is doing better than ever. It is time we return the surplus back to the people who created it. We need to pass our plan to eliminate the social security tax and slash income tax rates for every Minnesotan to help give Minnesota families the relief they deserve."

## LEGAL NOTICES

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**HAZELTON TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF 2022 ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Hazelton Township, County of Aitkin, State of Minnesota that the Annual Election of Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at the Hazelton Townhall. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March, - March 15th, 2022, at the same time and location.

The Election Poll hours will be from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at which time voters will elect:

One Supervisor for a 3 year term and one Clerk for a 2 year term.

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:01 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Board of Canvass will meet on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 immediately following the Annual Meeting to certify the official election results.

Dated this 22nd day of February 2022  
KAY OLSON,  
Clerk Hazelton Township  
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**LIBBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF AUDIT**

The Board of Audit of Libby Township will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at the Palisade Community Center. In case of inclement weather, the meeting may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

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February 2022  
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Clerk Libby Township  
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**LIBBY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual meeting of Libby Township will be held beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at the Palisade Community Center. In case of inclement weather, the meeting may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

Dated this 7th day of

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**WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given to the voters of Wealthwood Township.

The annual election of Wealthwood Township will be held at the Wealthwood Town Hall on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, to elect one Supervisor for a three (3) year term. The polls will be open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The annual meeting will convene at 8:15 p.m. to conduct all necessary business as prescribed by law.

In case of inclement weather, the election and meeting will be postponed until Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

Dated: February 20, 2022  
LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk  
Wealthwood Township  
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**WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP CHANGE OF MEETING NOTICE**

Wealthwood Township Board regular meeting will be changed to Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. due to the Annual Meeting and Election at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

Dated: February 20, 2022  
LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk  
Wealthwood Township  
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**KIMBERLY TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING**

The meeting will start at 8:15 p.m. on March 8, 2022 to conduct all necessary business as prescribed by law and held at Glen/Kimberly Town Hall. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be postponed until March 15, 2022.

Please contact the clerk at 612-619-6742 or kimberlyclerk06@gmail.com for copies of reports or any questions.

Dated: February 23, 2022  
MIA RAPOPORT,  
Kimberly Township Clerk  
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## Thank You

We would like to thank everyone (friends and family) for their support, following the sudden and untimely death of Alan Horner. This is a very difficult time to get through and it means a lot to us to have the support.

We would also like to thank the fire departments for their support and the firetruck procession to the cemetery. (Alan was a Cuyuna firefighter.)

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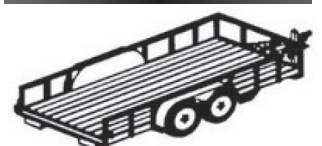
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# Crosby Council discusses 1st Street SW and 4th Street NE road projects

A tribute of silence was observed at the beginning of the Feb. 28 Crosby Council meeting in honor of Alan Horner who died Friday, Feb. 11, 2022. Councilman Paul Heglund who is also Alan Horner's father-in-law showed his appreciation for all of the community support, as well as the support from Pastor Paul Mattson of Immanuel Lutheran Church Crosby, Nick and Mary Zillmer and Dan Beseman of Koop Funeral Home and area Fire Departments.

City Engineer Phil Martin opened the Public Hearing on the 1st St SW and 4th St NE improvements of 2022 Assessments. City Administrator Matthew Hill read a letter written from a resident that could not attend. The public expressed opinions on including curb and gutters, sidewalks, and holding engineer responsible for results of water drainage and cost vs. benefit.

The residents along the 1st Street SW project—estimated to cost \$1,585,400—will pay \$58.81 per assessed foot. The residents along the 4th St NE project —estimated to cost \$146,500 —will pay \$58.32 per assessed foot. Owners of the property will be assessed 25% of their portion of the projects cost.

The width of 1st Street will be 38 feet between Holiday station to Graphic Packaging where it will be made 44 feet. The curb and gutter will be along 1st Street SW excluding the wetland area saving \$30,000. There will be no lines striped to designate parking space. A five foot sidewalk to the edge of the curb on the North side of 1st Street was approved. The 4th Street project will have a 35 foot street with curb and gutter and no sidewalk.

The consent agenda included approving the minutes of

the Feb. 14 meeting, claims and application from the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber for Music in the Park. One invoice for \$4,676.57 loader repair was pulled from the claims list pending further review.

Matt Steele, Cuyuna resident participated in the public comment portion of the meeting. He gave his opinion during the Public Hearing on the two street projects.

The council discussed the Planning and Zoning resident composition depending on level of interest. The issue was tabled until the March 28 meeting.

Administrator Hill read the language change to the ordinance about parking on city streets. City Attorney Joe Langel was absent due to illness. The change would prohibit larger vehicles from parking for longer than 72 hours. A clarification of the language on specific size of a larger vehicle will be added and brought back to the council.

Dr. Christopher Davis, a rental property owner, talked about a water flooding problem on his property. It was suggested a French drain

might remedy the problem. Councilman Traylor wanted to know who would pay for it. Councilman Heglund said he remembered this was an old problem for this property. Councilman Ryan said he would like the city attorney to look into who should be responsible.

The council approved Linda Peoples request to waive the fee for the use of the cook-shack and band shell by the Heritage Days Committee.

Council approved one polling place for the general election at City Hall, 2 Second Street SW.

A proposed land annexation was recommended by the Economic Development Commission because the city is land locked. David Gray Deerwood Township Board Chair who was at the meeting invited Mayor Diane Cash and Administrator Hill to attend the next Board meeting to discuss the annexation.

A new file server and one year maintenance was purchased from Deerwood Technologies for \$4,693. It will replace a six-year-old server.

City Building Inspector Scott Sadusky said there was an all time record of over 160 permits issued in 2021. When he started in 2013 there were less than 20.

Both City Engineer Martin and City Building Inspector Sadusky submitted a written report to the council.

## Lakes Area Unlimited Learning

On Monday, March 14, at 1:30 p.m. in the Forum Room at Crosby-Ironton High School, Lakes Area Unlimited Learning will celebrate that history and commemorate Brainerd's sesquicentennial celebration (150 years) with a panel discussion on the past, present and future of Brainerd.

LAUL has invited two dedicated historical investigators Carl "Fert" Faust and Julie Jo Larson, to present samplings of Brainerd's very colorful history.

Faust, the 2021 Brainerd Citizen of the Year, is well known for his passion for

Brainerd history. In 2006, Faust organized the first Downtown Brainerd History Walk, which continues today. His ongoing leadership in local history initiatives has resulted in Faust being often called Brainerd's "History Hero."

Julie Jo Larson is a writer and storyteller as well as the founder of MsStorians, a group of local women historians who study cemeteries, century-old buildings and vanishing communities. In April of 2021, Larson released a book of some of her adventures, "100 Things to do in Minnesota Northwoods

Before You Die."

The panel will also look to Brainerd's future. Brainerd Mayor Dave Badeaux and City Administrator Jennifer Bergman will share their views of the opportunities and challenges that face our dynamic community during the next few years.

The panel moderator will be Jack Hickerson, Brainerd native and retired Southwest Minnesota State University faculty member.

The fee is \$5.00 for non-members, and it's free for members.

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