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Group sues for right to carry guns at Minnesota State Fair

By STEVE KARNOWSKI Associated Press | AUGUST 10, 2021 — 5:40PM

MINNEAPOLIS — A gun owners' group sued the Minnesota State Fair and Ramsey County on Tuesday, demanding that permit holders be allowed to carry handguns on the fairgrounds during the Great Minnesota Get-Together.

The lawsuit filed by the Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus in Ramsey County District Court argues that the State Fair's ban on weapons violates the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms. The plaintiffs also include a preacher and a group member who say they want to carry their guns for self-defense when they visit the fair.

The lawsuit asks the court to order that Minnesotans who have valid carry permits be allowed to carry pistols at the fair, and that Ramsey County Bob Sheriff Fletcher's office, which will provide law enforcement at this year's fair, be prohibited from enforcing the ban.

Bryan Strawser, chairman of the gun owners group, said at a news conference outside the fairgrounds' main gate, that the fair's governing board and Fletcher "must follow the laws of the state of Minnesota, and they must honor the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. There is no legal or constitutional justification for their prohibition on lawful, permitted carry of firearms at the Minnesota State Fair."

The State Fair and Ramsey County issued statements saying they do not comment on pending litigation.

"We will maintain our time-honored Minnesota tradition of peaceful, family-friendly fairs by protecting the safety and security of our guests," the State Fair statement said, without elaborating.

Ramsey County's agreement with the State Fair's governing body says the fair is responsible for security screening at entrances to the fairgrounds, including bag checks and metal detectors, and that the sheriff's office is not. The sheriff's office said in a statement that the fair sets its own admission practices, which have been consistent over the years, and that it has law enforcement responsibility only inside the gates.



The lawsuit argues that the State Fair, which is run by the quasi-independent Minnesota State Agricultural Society, is subject to the same state laws that allow permit holders to bring their guns into the State Capitol and other public places. And it says those laws supersede local regulations.

The society gets its authority from state statutes but neither it nor the fair receives public funding, so its autonomous status could provide a defense against the lawsuit.

The Minnesota State Fair opens Aug. 26 and runs through Labor Day.

"This is not about whether or not it is a good idea to carry at the fair. That's not what this case is about," said Rob Doar, political director of the caucus. "There are over 300,000 law-abiding Minnesotans who have a permit to

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carry, who make the responsible decision about their carry of firearms every single day. You're encountering them on a daily basis whether you know it or not. The issue here is that the Minnesota State Fair is openly violating Minnesota law."

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RetiredAndHappy
1:24PM

It dawned on me: this will be the first year there are metal detectors at the State Fair; people joked in the past about what they sneak in since there were never body checks, just bag checks..... and now everybody who has the 'permit to carry' wants to tote their gun for fun at the MN Get Together. Cuz we know the detectors are going to go 'beep, beep, beep' this year if there is no legal order in place.

LIKE REPLY

iphoney
AUGUST 10

Thought there was plenty of open carry at the TX state fair, lots of polite conversation & manners there.

LIKE REPLY

iphoney
AUGUST 10

obviously this needs Walz emergency powers to get resolved. get them powers back before the fair starts.

LIKE 1 REPLY

fritzy111
AUGUST 10

Let them pack heat as long as they wear masks and carry proof of vaccination.

LIKE 2 REPLY

jhb8426
AUGUST 10

Just why do you need a gun to go to the fair? Maybe you just need to stay home if it's that intimidating.

LIKE 5 REPLY

markeyboy
AUGUST 10

Last I inquired, CC training did not include live training to discharge a firearm safely in a confined space of a couple hundred thousand people. And, training to be sure you are not pulling your gun on real police. It is time to go out hunting squirrels rather than be present in a huge crowd to hunt people.

LIKE 10 REPLY

md56482
AUGUST 10

Here's a tip for the gun owners afraid that they'll need to defend themselves with a weapon at the State Fair...don't go there. It's that easy. If you need a gun to go somewhere, don't go there. It's called common sense.

LIKE 15 REPLY

MRRichfield
AUGUST 10

I was questioning going to the fair due to Covid is spreading at events again

But after reading this I may need to invest in Kevlar clothing to go to the state fair

LIKE 8 REPLY

rswanson1
AUGUST 10

So if I see a sign that says 'No Guns' on the door of a public building, I can take a permitted gun inside??

LIKE 1 REPLY

rkaputnik
AUGUST 10

Covid and hotheads toting guns two good reasons to avoid the fair.

LIKE 14 REPLY

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- Eleanore**
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AUGUST 10 Good grief. What about the rest of us who have the right to be free of guns?

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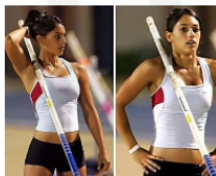
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Wisconsin poll finds 'unsettling' feelings about government

A "very unsettling" majority of Wisconsin residents think both state and national government is broken, and there is also a growing feeling that the state is on the wrong track, the latest Marquette University Law School poll released Wednesday found.

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Southwest Airlines said Wednesday that it no longer expects to turn a profit in the third quarter as a surge in COVID-19 infections fueled by the highly contagious delta variant darkens the outlook for travel.



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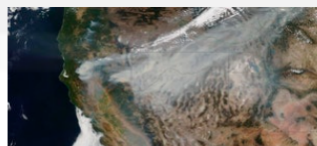
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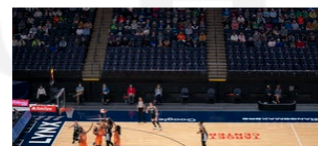
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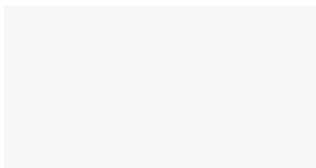
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- Kellen Mond won't play in Vikings preseason opener

LYNX

- Lynx lift attendance restrictions as WNBA season resumes
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- Restaurant roll call: The latest openings and closings in the Twin Cities
- Get homestyle cooking at these two new Minneapolis restaurants

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- Who controls the colorful lights in Minneapolis' night skyline?

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- Incumbents, new faces advance in Duluth City Council primary
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