Osakis General Store/Guns Galore LLC

"Everything outdoors" is the motto Gregg and Judi Anderson claim with their hometown business, Osakis General Store and Guns Galore, located at 204 Central Avenue, Osakis.

The business has evolved over the past 30-plus years, when Gregg was originally the pharmacist/owner of the Gillis Drug on Main Street and Central Avenue. In 1987, several years into the pharmacy-drugstore business, Gregg saw the need to open a hardware store in the community. The need and the focus later shifted to become the General Store, which has now evolved into a sporting goods shop featuring hunting and fishing supplies and accessories.

Guns Galore LLC is located within the General Store and features a full line of handguns, rifles, ARs, muzzle loaders and shotguns. Guns Galore has more than 900 new and used guns on display, including about 100 used handguns and long guns.

Guns Galore stocks ammunition and accessories, gun cleaning supplies, holsters, magazines, targets, muzzle loader accessories, reloading supplies and opticals. Scope installation is free with the purchase of the scope at Guns Galore. Only the better scopes are for sale, including those manufactured by Leupold, Nikon, Vortex and Redfield, which come with a lifetime guarantee.





Judi Anderson and her husband, Gregg, make the General Store and Guns Galore a fun place for all who enter their doors.

Guns Galore is a direct gun buyer from Winchester and Browning and a stocking dealer with Glock and Smith & Wesson.

In addition, the store hosts permit to carry classes one Saturday each month with seasoned instructor Jerry Pommerenke.

Anglers find the General Store a one-stop shop, starting with fishing licenses.

Leeches, Waxies, angleworms and night crawlers, red tails, suckers, shiners, fatheads and crappie minnows are available in the live bait department.

For the sportsman, General Store also has game calls, scents and reloading supplies in stock.

The Andersons are very committed to conservation. They have personally put about 40 acres of their home property in CRP buffer strips along the Sauk River, as well as the Conservation Reserve Program to maintain wildlife habitat.

Gregg is a committee member of the local chapter of Ducks Unlimited, and has been a life-sponsor for the past 30 years. He is also a member of the Alexandria Pheasants Forever Chapter, and a sponsor of their banquet.

The business provides firearms for many fundraising banquets and raffles in the area for schools, regional firefighters and non-profit organizations like Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, Northwest Turkey Federation, Elk Breeders, Muskies Unlimited, etc.

They also order in trap loads in bulk for use by the expanding high school trap shooting leagues, in order to provide better pricing to the districts.

General Store and Guns Galore offers very personal customer service.

"Our staff is knowledgeable," Gregg said. "They're all sportsmen and sportswomen, hunters and fishermen. Our staff knows what people are asking for and they know what works. That advice component is something people really value."

A visit to the General Store and Guns Galore website is almost as much fun as visiting the store in person.

Search osakisgeneralstore.com for important information including dates and registration forms for the permit to carry classes, as well as local events and sales.

One section of the website features the "Brag Book," with photos of local sportsmen, women and children, with their big buck or big fish.

"Absolutely anyone can brag on our site," Judi said. "I guarantee you though, once they set foot in the store, they become a customer. It's not unusual for people to bring in their phones and show off their game. I give them my email and tell them to email me the pictures. Then I'll put them on the Brag Book. People who are sportsmen and women are kindred spirits, and enjoy sharing their successful hunting and fishing stories with one another."

After 30 years, Gregg and Judi are contemplating



Gregg Anderson started the General Store in Osakis in 1987. He enjoys it so much, when retirement comes, he'd love to stay on part-time.

retirement, and putting the General Store and Guns Galore up for sale. Judi retired in June from her position at Alexandria Technical and Community College. Their children are grown and they are thinking about doing a bit of traveling.

Gregg hedges, though, hoping to work part-time at the General Store and Guns Galore after a sale is finalized.

Business hours at the General Store and Guns Galore are Monday - Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call the General Store at (320) 859-5159 or Guns Galore at (320) 304-7046, for more information.

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