

Ham Lake appoints new City Councilor

On February 4, 2013, Al Parranto was selected by the Ham Lake City Council to fill the seat vacated by Julie Braastad, who was elected to the Anoka County board in the November 2012 election.



Al Parranto

At the time of his appointment, Mr. Parranto served on the city's planning and zoning commission. He has been a resident and business owner in Ham Lake for the past seven years, and has operated a real estate appraisal company for the past thirteen years. His family is involved in local sports programs and church, and he is also a volunteer on the Snowbowl committee.

One of Mr. Parranto's goals is to help Ham Lake continue to be the lowest taxed city in Anoka County without sacrificing services. He believes that low taxes enhance the community by benefiting residents and helping to strengthen the base of big and small busi-

nesses. In addition, he believes strongly in personal property rights and thinks that decisions made about land, water, sewer, etc. are best handled at the local level by local elected officials. He believes that the preservation of "rights" for the people is achieved through limiting the size and scope of government.

In his application to the city council, Mr. Parranto stated, "I love the rural feel of this community, and I am ready to contribute to Ham Lake by continuing the responsible growth and development. I believe my business experience has developed the leadership, decision-making skills and fiscal responsibility needed for this position."

"I am pleased to be working with such a focused and effective team in Ham Lake."

— Al Parranto, newly appointed Ham Lake city council member

Mr. Parranto will fill the remaining two years of Ms. Braastad's term which expires at the end of 2014. He can be reached by e-mail at parranto@comcast.net, by telephone at (763) 355-5191, or by old-fashioned postal mail sent to 16750 Xylite Street NE, Ham Lake, MN 55304.

WILL GRAVES CHALLENGE BACHMANN TO RE-MATCH?

by Devin Henry, *MinnPost*

WASHINGTON — Jim Graves has said he'll decide by April 1 if he'll challenge Rep. Michele Bachmann again in 2014.

Graves told the St. Cloud Times' Mark Sommerhauser that he's watching Bachmann's movements closely and will decide whether to jump into the race depending on how she handles congressional debates over the debt ceiling and the federal budget.

Graves came within 4,300 votes of Bachmann in 2012, despite being vastly outspent and running in a district far too conservative to normally consider voting out a Republican. He said supporters have already asked him wto consider running again next cycle.

He'd probably face tougher conditions should he run in 2014: It's a midterm election, so turnout will be down, and members of the incumbent president's party tend to struggle more in the off-years. Bachmann, meanwhile, has been virtually silent since the campaign, refusing interviews and focusing more on district work. But she's still a fundraising machine, raising more than \$500,000 since November. It's early, but prognosticators say the district leans Bachmann's way.

Graves sounds like a man who's all but made up his mind about running. He told the Times he's putting together "a proposal to overhaul and streamline the federal tax code" and sharply criticized Bachmann for being so quiet since the campaign.

"We're not seeing any leadership. We're not seeing much going on there," he said. "One thing I'm not going to do is play it safe if and when I get elected."

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Rep. Michele Bachmann
(File photo)

UNION ACTS LIKE JILTED LOVER IN LEGAL NEWSPAPER SPAT

In late January, Michael Streater, of the law firm Briggs and Morgan, sent letters to Anoka County, the City of Ham Lake, and the City of Oak Grove, threatening to sue all of them relating to their selection of legal newspapers for the calendar year 2013. Mr. Streater sent the threatening letters on behalf of his client, the *Anoka County Union*.

In the letter to Anoka County, the *Union* is threatening to sue them for selecting the *Anoka County Record* and the *Quad Community Press* to publish certain categories of the county's legal notices. The *Union* was selected to publish many of the county's legal notices, just not as many of the categories as in years past.

In the letters to the cities of Ham Lake and Oak Grove, the *Union* is threatening to sue them for selecting the *Anoka County Record* as their legal newspaper. The *Union* was the legal newspaper for both cities in 2012.

The *Union* is disputing the Anoka County Record's "known office of issue" and their distribution audit, which was conducted by Verified Audit Circulation, an auditor of various print publications in Minnesota and across the nation.

In the *Union's* letter to the county dated January 22, 2013, they are also disputing their selection of the *Anoka County Record* and the *Quad Community Press*, claiming that doing so violated the designation selection process described in Minnesota law. The *Union* states that they believe that the law only allows for the selection of one newspaper for the publication of legal notices, not multiple newspapers. They furthermore state that the, "*Quad Community Press* does not have its known office of issue located in Anoka County (or in an adjoining county), and thus does not even qualify for consideration with the Anoka County Union under the highest priority scheme." (According to the Minnesota Secretary of State's office, the *Quad Community Press's* known office of issue is in White Bear Lake, Ramsey County, which adjoins Anoka County's southern boundary.)

In a written response to the *Union's* demands, Ham Lake city attorney Wilbur F. Dorn, Jr. issued a letter on behalf of the city council stating that they have chosen to decline the *Union's* request to reconsider the decision to appoint the *Anoka County Record* as their legal newspaper. In addition, Mr. Dorn called into question many of the claims made by the *Union's* attorney. Mr. Dorn furthermore stated, "While we understand the efforts of your client (Anoka County Union) to continue to maintain its current level of revenue from taxpayer dollars, the Ham Lake City Council feels that it has a duty to its citizens to spend those taxpayer dollars wisely."

The attorney representing the *Anoka County Union* concluded by stating that they will consider taking legal action against the county and the cities of Ham Lake and Oak Grove if they do not take an action that would be assumed to be one in the *Union's* benefit by Tuesday, February 5, 2013.

Editor's note: The Anoka County Record's rate for publishing government legal notices is 40% less than that of the Anoka County Union.



Tom Murray, general manager of ECM-ABC Newspapers, the owner of the *Anoka County Union*, made additional comments at the Feb. 4 meeting of the Ham Lake City Council which had at the time received threatening letters from an attorney retained by ECM.

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Minnesota Lottery sets new sales record

Feb. 1 — The Minnesota State Lottery set a sales record for the fifth straight year. The \$520 million in 2012 sales surpassed the former record by nearly \$16 million.

House District 31B — including Linwood Township and the cities of Columbus, East Bethel, Ham Lake and parts of Oak Grove and Andover — contributed \$2.7 million in lottery sales last year. Those sales included \$1.8 million in scratch games and more than \$848,000 in million in lotto games.

The lottery is one source of state revenue which not only stayed level during the recession, but has increased each year. This has helped Minnesota continue to fund important natural resources and environmental projects during tough economic times.

A total of 17 businesses in District 31B served as lottery retailers in 2012, earning nearly \$160,000 in commissions and incentives. Those sales resulted in estimated contributions \$347,577 to the General Fund, \$158,141 to the Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund and \$62,323 to each the Game and Fish Fund and the Natural Resources Fund.

The \$520 million in statewide sales eclipsed the former record of \$504.4 million, set in fiscal year 2011. The 2012 total resulted in contributions of \$124 million to state programs, with \$68 million to the General Fund, \$31 million to the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, and \$12 million to both the Natural Resources Fund and the Game and Fish Fund.

A chart illustrating the details of how lottery revenue is appropriated can be found at www.mnlottery.com. Select the “Where the Money Goes” dropdown under the “News and Info” tab.



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The Health Insurance Exchange bill: Sen. Benson urges constituents to make their concerns known to lawmakers

Thank you to the Anoka County Record for the opportunity to update you on the activities of the Minnesota Senate. At the top of my list is the Minnesota Health Insurance Exchange.

As the Republican Lead on the Human Services Policy Committee, I spend considerable time understanding and preparing for hearings on the Exchange. As part of the implementation of the ACA (ObamaCare) states can choose to build their own exchange or opt into a Federal Exchange. The Dayton Administration favors a state built exchange.

Thus far the Administration has spent nearly \$110 million to build the IT infrastructure for the Exchange. This infrastructure will be used to gather data for people who enroll in the Exchange. This data will be compared to IRS, Homeland Security, and Social Security databases.

As the bill is drafted, a seven member board will be managing the Exchange. This board will be most powerful board in Minnesota with less legislative oversight, more taxing authority, and more policy making authority than the PUC or Met Council. By January 1, 2014, 1.2 million Minnesotans will be enrolled in the exchange and a seven member board will oversee their health insurance choices.



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There are many reasons to be concerned about the Exchange as currently structured:

- There is little oversight on activities of the board.
- The board has the power to limit the insurance plans that can be offered in the Exchange.
- Many of Minnesota's data standards are exempted and the board is given the power to share data with governmental entities “as deemed necessary.”
- The board budget will not be submitted to the legislature, but will be certified by a commissioner.

This is the most fundamental transformation of our health care system in 50 years. The bill is moving very fast for something of this

magnitude and as you can see from this partial list, there are big problems. It is critical that you contact your legislator and ask them:

- What will this cost me? Will it increase my premium?
- How will you protect my data?
- If the board can pick the plans in the Exchange, can I keep my doctor?

Legislators and Governor Dayton need to hear from Minnesotans about the future of Minnesota's healthcare:

<http://mn.gov/governor/contact-us/>

<http://www.gis.leg.mn/OpenLayers/districts/>

White Bear Lake water bill; health care exchange and town hall meetings set for Hugo and WBL

The State Departments and Veterans Committee approved the public employee contracts that were negotiated last year. I offered an amendment that would require lawmakers to contribute to their health insurance and their pensions, but it was rejected on a party-line vote.

While I believe that our valuable public employees are deserving of raises, I have concerns about these contracts. For one, the 5 to 9 percent raises are out of line with what is occurring in the private sector. For another, the contracts still don't require public employees to contribute anything to their insurance.

Considering the uncertainty that is happening globally, nationally, and here in Minnesota, approving these contracts is risky business.

The first piece of legislation relating to the White Bear Lake water level problem has been introduced. I am a co-author of SF 108, authored by Sen. Wiger, appropriates money from the clean water fund to study lake outflow data and contamination issues. There is a second piece of legislation we've been working on that addresses the issue more directly. It should be ready to be introduced in the coming days.

On Feb. 23 Rep. Matt Dean will be joining Rep. Linda Runbeck and myself at a town hall meeting in Hugo:

Saturday, February 23

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Hugo City Hall, Council Chambers
14669 Fitzgerald Ave N

Bring your questions and concerns about the state budget, gun rights, the health care exchange and any other legislative issues of interest to you. We will also have a second town hall meeting with Rep. Matt Dean and myself in White Bear Lake:

Saturday, March 2

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

White Bear Lake City Hall
4701 US Highway 61

In his recent State of the State address, the Governor is proposing is nothing less than government gone wild. It's an enormous expansion of government that is the wrong direction that we should be headed. With our fragile economy still trying to recover, we should be focusing on taking responsible steps to promote pro-growth policies that attract business and are friendly to taxpayers. The proposal from the Democrats accomplishes none of that, but I am committed to working with them to make it as friendly for Minnesotans as possible.

The Health Insurance Exchange bill has passed the Senate Taxes Committee and the Commerce Committee. I've talked before about the numerous problems with this bill: it's a massive new bureaucracy with no accountability and oversight. It will increase costs for taxpayers and decrease quality of service. And it will do nothing to improve health care for Minnesotans. Over the past two years we worked on a number of reforms that would improve choices, improve quality of care, and give consumers more control over their health care decisions. It's disappointing to see Minnesota's nation-leading health care system subject to this new overhaul.

I support competition and more choices for consumers. There are a number of ways to do this, some of which we worked on last year. But greater government involvement is not the answer.

The House of Representatives heard a series of gun control bills last week. The Senate has not seen any action on these items, but I want to make clear to everyone that I will not support any of these measures. The gun

violence we're seeing is symptomatic of larger cultural issues. Banning certain types of weapons will not solve our problems; it will only impact law-abiding citizens. Reducing gun violence transcends simplistic solutions.

I had a hearing for my Angel Investment Tax Credit bill. In short, the bill encourages technology-based businesses to move here or expand here by offering tax credits to investors in those companies. It was held over for further discussion in the Tax Reform Committee last week. It will be moved to the Judiciary Committee next, where I am hopeful I will get a hearing for it.

There are currently talks to bring toll roads to 35W. MNDOT will be holding two open house meetings to discuss this possibility. The meetings are as follows:

Meeting 1:

Tuesday, February 19

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Blaine City Hall, Cloverleaf Farm Room
10801 Town Square Dr NE

Meeting 2:

Thursday, February 21

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Minneapolis Public Library, Doty Board Room
300 Nicollet Mall

I've been working on a community public safety modernization bill with Rep. Runbeck that will help local fire departments, give more control to local officials, and provide some property tax relief. It has bipartisan support, as well as support from fire departments and cities around the state. As a final reminder, if you want to keep up with what's happening down here at the capitol, be sure to follow me on Twitter (@rcchamberlain1), and “like” my official Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/senator.roger.chamberlain>.

As always, please feel free to contact me any time if you have questions or concerns.



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County Board Observations...

I have heard of people having short memories, but this is ridiculous

At the January 8, 2013 Anoka County Board meeting, Commissioner Carol LeDoux asked several questions about the Anoka County Record. Questions like, who are they, where are they located, etc. She acted as if she had no idea who we were even though we have been sending her newspapers for over a year. What I can't get past though, is apparently how she forgot about my personal phone call to her less than 24 hours earlier, at approximately 4:30 p.m. on January 7, 2013.

In that call, I introduced myself to her and said that this was a courtesy call and that I was available to answer any questions. She said, "I received all of your materials in the mail." I replied that I was glad to hear this, and asked if she had any questions. She then replied, "I'm sure you will do all right tomorrow, I know you will be well taken care of." A rather bizarre response in my opinion, since as the low bidder on a project, I didn't think I needed to be taken care of by anyone. But regardless, I thanked her and said that I would be available before the board meeting if she had any questions.

Needless to say, I was rather taken aback by the questions that she asked less than 24 hours later at the board meeting, acting as if we had just arrived from Mars. I guess next year I should schedule an in-person meeting with her and bring a video camera. That way I can leave her with the tape in case she forgets who we are the next day.

Why you don't put your name on your vehicle

On January 22, 2013, 9:30am, the Anoka County Board held their meeting at Circle Pines City Hall. City Hall is also next door to a branch of the Anoka County Library system. I was told that Commissioner Carol LeDoux showed up late to the meeting. Everyone else at the meeting parked in the main lot behind the buildings, including the other six commissioners and staff. Instead of parking in the main lot, LeDoux chose to park in one of the few spots located in front of the building. These were spots which were clearly marked "15 minute parking". Yes, these are the spots where library patrons park to return library books or maybe quickly drop off something at City Hall. I admit, maybe I was wrong and it wasn't LeDoux's vehicle, but when you have your name emblazoned all over it in massive letters...

"If you built it, he will come"

Movie buffs will recall this quote from the baseball movie Field of Dreams, where there is that whispering voice that says, "If you build it, he will come." A little twist of this saying may apply to the Anoka County Board. If so, it would be rephrased to, "If we move the meeting, the citizens will come."

On January 22, 2013, 9:30am, the Anoka County Board found out otherwise. On this morning, they held their regular meeting in the City of Circle Pines council chambers. I had the impression that it was sort of billed as an opportunity to make board meetings more accessible to the public, plus I was informed that the county board chambers were undergoing some renovations.

I was at the meeting and there were twenty-nine people in attendance. Seven of them were commissioners, including the one who showed up late (see above), the county administrator, the county attorney, nineteen staff and presenters, and then myself. Number of private citizens there to observe? Zero.

For one person on county staff, it certainly was a major event. The staff photographer was snapping away nonstop on her camera. It had the feeling of a Hollywood or sports press conference at times. It was great to see everyone smiling. It sure seemed like she took over 100 photos. I presume these will be used in future county promotional materials.

Since there was little promotion of this new meeting location, I can't really be sure if it was more about getting out in the community or their chambers being under renovation. If it was about the community, then I have a suggestion. At 9:30 a.m., most people are at work and unable to attend county board meetings.

Publisher's Column



John Kysylyczyn

January & February 2013 Sheriff's Crime Report

Andover Burglaries

Jan. 16 — 160xx Vale St NW — overhead garage door left open; 2 Nintendos, laptop, tools, CD's stolen from vehicles in garage

Jan. 19 — 34xx 133 Lane NW — no forced entry; an envelope of cash stolen

Jan. 25 — 2xx 139 Lane NW — overhead garage door open; purse stolen from inside a vehicle in garage

Feb. 5 — 43xx 145 Ave NW — the victim was gone over the weekend; when she arrived home she noticed someone broke out the basement window and entered her home — nothing taken

Andover Thefts & Damage to Property

Jan. 14 — 19xx 148 Ave NW — graffiti spray painted on a pump house, retaining wall, and building

Jan. 18 — 30xx 162 Lane NW — a lock was cut off a work vehicle; tools stolen

Jan. 18 — 30xx 162 Lane NW — a work vehicle was stolen from an unsecured lot; the theft was caught on tape happening at 0514 hours — it was found at 1414 hours in St. Francis, abandoned

Jan. 19 — 20xx 175 Lane NW — theft from unlocked vehicle; fishing equipment

Jan. 19 — 176xx Quay St NW — theft from unlocked vehicle; phone chargers, gloves

Jan. 19 — 175xx Quay St NW — theft from an unlocked vehicle; garage door opener in the vehicle was used to gain access to the garage too - 2 DVD players

Jan. 22 — 33xx 178 Ave NW — theft from unlocked vehicle; GPS

Jan. 23 — 176xx Blackfoot St NW — theft from two unlocked vehicles; phone chargers

Jan. 24 — 30xx 162 Lane NW — locks cut off multiple work vehicles; tools stolen

Jan. 25 — 15200 Hanson Blvd NW — a wallet was stolen; the victim states he locked the vehicle and there was no sign of forced entry

Jan. 27 — 133xx Poppy St NW — vehicle stolen from a driveway; about 2 weeks ago the keys for that vehicle were stolen from another vehicle (not reported to police)

Jan. 28 — 43xx 145 Ave NW — forced open door; prescription pills taken

Jan. 28 — 7xx 141 Lane NW — license plate stolen off a vehicle; was used during a gas drive off in Blaine

Jan. 29 — 136xx Round Lake Blvd NW — purse stolen from an unsecured file cabinet at a workplace

Jan. 31 — 140xx Underclift St NW — theft of a Velix; suspect and victim know each other and the item was pawned

Feb. 2 — 176xx Blackfoot St NW — trees damaged by a bobcat that drove through the yard

Feb. 4 — 15200 Hanson Blvd NW — a vehicle parked in the YMCA lot had its window smashed and a diaper bag was stolen

Andover Arrests

Jan. 13 — Obstruction with Force, Theft of Service; deputies were called to a business: male not wanting to pay his bar tab. When they arrived the male was uncooperative, aggressive with deputies and was arrested.

Jan. 15 — No Driver's License, Alcohol Restriction Violation, Interlock Violation, Open Bottle, No Proof of Insurance; a deputy ran a plate and the registered owner had no driver's license. Deputy stopped the driver, identified him — did not have a license and was arrested.

Jan. 24 — 5th degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a mother/son domestic. The son was arrested.

Jan. 24 — Trespassing/GM Obstructing for Force; a person who was trespassed from a location showed up. When deputies arrived he refused to leave and became combative. He was arrested.

Jan. 25 — Disorderly Conduct, Assault; deputies responded to a group home where a female resident was fighting with staff, and was arrested.

Jan. 26 — Trespassing; deputies were called to a domestic which turned out to be a burglary type situation in progress. The homeowner found a male in his garage and was detaining him. Deputies arrived and took control of the male who appeared intoxicated. He was arrested.

Jan. 27 — 3rd degree DWI; a deputy stopped to assist a female driver whose vehicle was in the ditch. The driver appeared intoxicated (.26) and was arrested.

Jan. 30 — 5th degree Domestic; deputies responded to a Grandmother/Granddaughter domestic. After speaking with everyone, the granddaughter's boyfriend was arrested.

Feb. 3 — Driving After Cancellation, Ignition Interlock Violation, No Seatbelt, No Proof of Insurance; a deputy stopped a driver for not wearing a seat belt. His driver's license was cancelled and had an interlock restriction on it — and there was not interlock in the vehicle he was driving. He was arrested.

Bethel Arrests

Jan. 21 — Cancelled Driver's License, DL Restrictions, Fleeing on Foot, Careless Driving; a deputy stopped a driver for suspicious behavior and poor driving conduct. When the suspect stopped his vehicle, he fled. Through investigating, the male was located and arrested.

Bethel Burglaries

Jan. 27 — 2x Main St NW — business; pried garage door; scrap metal stolen

Jan. 28 — 236xx University Ave NW — business; cut lock on the security gate and pried the side door — vandalism inside the business and hundreds of feet of extension cords were stolen off industrial machinery

Columbus Arrests/Incidents

Jan. 12 — Accidental Self Inflicted Gunshot Wound; a male shot himself with a handgun. The gun was in his hand and loaded when he was getting out of his vehicle and slipped on some ice. The gun went off.

Jan. 19 — 75xx 152 Lane NE — theft from 3 unlocked vehicles in the driveway; backpack, security badges, change

Jan. 19 — 148xx Lake Dr NE — attempt to steal a vehicle off a used car lot — steering column damaged

Jan. 19 — 151xx Quinalt St NE — theft from two unlocked vehicles; change, jumper cables

Jan. 19 — 152xx Lake St NE — theft from an unlocked vehicle; wallet

Jan. 19 — 153xx Potomac St NE — theft from an unlocked vehicle; cigarettes, sunglasses

Jan. 19 — 75xx 152 Lane NE — theft from unlocked vehicles; Ipod, change, wallet

Jan. 21 — 152 Potomac St NE — entered through an unlocked garage service door; vehicles were went through — cigarettes, shoes, book, ear-buds stolen

Feb. 4 — 5th degree Domestic; deputies responded to a father/daughter domestic. The father was arrested.

Columbus Thefts & Damage to Property

Jan. 28 — 168xx W Iverson St NE — theft from an unlocked vehicle; change

Jan. 28 — 97xx 167 Lane NE — thefts from unlocked vehicles; laptop, misc. items

Jan. 28 — 167xx W Iverson St NE — the laptop from the report above was recovered at this address in the yard

Jan. 28 — 157xx W Iverson St NE — theft from an unlocked vehicle; wallet, change

Jan. 28 — 167xx W Iverson St NE — several unlocked vehicles in the driveway were gone through, nothing taken

Feb. 4 — 75xx 152 Lane NE — theft from an unlocked vehicle; tools, arrows

Feb. 4 — 156xx Williamette St NE — x 2 theft from an unlocked vehicle; Rolex watch, sports watch and 2014 tabs were stolen off one of the vehicles

Feb. 4 — 71xx Camp 3 Rd NE — a vehicle with keys in it was stolen out of a driveway; was found abandoned in a driveway near 160 & Xingu St NE

East Bethel Thefts & Damage to Property

Jan. 16 — 184xx Hwy 65 NE — theft from a vehicle; GPS, Ipod — the victim thought he locked it but there were no signs of forced entry

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Jan. 21 — 184xx Buchanan St NE — business; copper stolen from a construction site

Jan. 28 — 12xx 237 Ave NE — snowmobile stolen from a trailer parked on the side of a detached garage

Jan. 30 — 196xx Taylor St NE — theft of tools; suspect and victim knew each other and the items were pawned

East Bethel — Arrests

Jan. 13 — 4th degree DUI, .08 or more; a deputy stopped a driver for running a red light. The driver appeared to be intoxicated (.171) and was arrested.

Jan. 16 — GM Criminal Vehicular Injury, 3rd degree DUI, Driving After Revocation; deputies responded to a personal injury crash where one vehicle rear-ended another. Both parties were injured. One of the driver's appeared intoxicated and refused to PBT. The driver was taken to the hospital for her injuries and to have blood drawn. She was arrested.

Jan. 30 — Theft; a man was arrested for stealing items from a home where he is a renter and pawning them.

Jan. 31 — Warrant Arrest, Driving After Suspension; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding. When identifying the passenger in the vehicle he was found to have three outstanding warrants; he was arrested. The driver had a suspended license and she was issued a citation.

Feb. 3 — 4th degree DWI, .08 or More, Underage Drinking and Driving; deputies were called to a vehicle that had possibly went through the ice. When they arrived, they located the vehicle which appeared to be stuck in a hole, and the driver appeared intoxicated (.084). He was arrested.

Feb. 5 — Vehicle vs. Pedestrian at 241 Ave NE & Johnson St NE — a vehicle struck a juvenile who was walking with his family on the side of the road. The driver was possibly reaching for his cell phone.

Feb. 7 — Warrant Arrest; a male had a felony warrant out of Wright County. Deputies spotted him in a parking lot and he was arrested.

Ham Lake — Burglaries

Jan. 14 — 137xx Aberdeen St NE — business — cut locks off fenced area; misc. items stolen out of work vehicles parked inside

Jan. 14 — 168xx Hwy 65 NE — business — lock cut off a storage unit; ladder, welder, motor

Jan. 17 — 154xx Hwy 65 NE — forced entry through front door; prescription meds

Jan. 22 — 160xx Tippecanoe St NE — lower level door pried; safe and misc. items taken

Ham Lake — Thefts & Damage to Property

Jan. 11 — 90xx Chestnut Lane NE — ID theft; a female from Texas reported a woman in Ham Lake stole her identity and has filed taxes and gotten a driver's license with it

Jan. 13 — 181xx Hwy 65 NE — theft of a vehicle from the street; keys were in it

Jan. 14 — 178xx Hwy 65 NE — attempted theft of a vehicle; someone punched the ignition but was unable to get the vehicle started

Jan. 15 — 13xx 153 Lane NE — business; theft of vehicle, ignition punched — vehicle was located abandoned a short distance away

Jan. 15 — 13xx Crosstown Blvd NE — copper stolen from AT&T and Verizon cell sites

Jan. 16 — 167xx 3 St NE — damage to mailbox

Jan. 19 — 176xx Central Ave NE — theft of license plates from a vehicle parked at a bar

Jan. 25 — 37xx Bunker Lake Blvd NE — theft of 2 otter sleds from the side of a garage

Jan. 29 — 135xx Hwy 65 NE — business; 2 people seen on surveillance system seen attempting to steal a vehicle — unsuccessful

Jan. 30 — 164xx Isanti St NE — 4 homes shot with an orange paintball gun

Jan. 30 — 40xx Bunker Lake Blvd NE — a window and siding was damaged by a BB gun

Jan. 31 — 171xx Hwy 65 NE — gas siphoned from vehicles in the driveway

Feb. 1 — 14xx 147 Ave NE — Identity Theft; victims AAA card was being used — he had lost his wallet earlier in the day

Feb. 2 — 15xx 175 Lane NE — a purse was stolen from an employee break room

Feb. 2 — 9xx Andover Blvd NE — batteries were stolen from 4 vehicles parked outside

Ham Lake — Arrests

Jan. 13 — Domestic Assault, Interfering with a 911 Call; deputies responded to a boyfriend/girlfriend domestic. The boyfriend was arrested.

Feb. 3 — DUI, .08 or More, Open Bottle, Small Amount of Marijuana in a Motor vehicle; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding. The driver appeared intoxicated. While searching the vehicle prior to towing it deputies found an open beer and marijuana in the vehicle.

Feb. 6 — DNR Warrant; the DNR requested a deputy's assistance with an Iowa DNR Warrant for poaching. They located the male and he was arrested without incident.

Feb. 6 — Assist Other Law Enforcement Agency; deputies were asked to take custody of an old military artillery round at a home. Deputies contacted the Minneapolis Bomb squad who took custody of the artillery.

Linwood — Arrests

Jan. 16 — 3rd degree DWI, .08 or More; a deputy stopped a driver for acting suspicious in a neighborhood — driving slow, blacking out the vehicle's headlights. The driver appeared intoxicated (.260) and she was arrested.

Jan. 29 — Disturbance; a neighbor reported a male shooting 5 to 6 rounds outside his home. Another caller reported that he was shot by the male. Deputies arrived and set up a perimeter. They made contact with the male who stated it was fireworks.

The case is being investigated by the Criminal Investigation Division for possible charging.

Nowthen — Arrests/Incidents

Jan. 31 — Personal Injury Crash Vehicle vs School Bus; deputies responded to a crash where a truck rear-ended a school bus. The children and bus driver are all fine and the driver of the truck was transported to the hospital and issued a citation for failure to drive with due care. The State Patrol came out to inspect the scene.

Feb. 3 — 2nd degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding 76/55. The driver appeared intoxicated (.224). He was arrested and charges were elevated due to two prior DWI convictions.

Oak Grove — Burglaries

Feb. 3 — 17xx 181 Ave NW — unsecured out-building; acetylene torch

Oak Grove — Thefts & Damage to Property

Jan. 21 — 33xx 202 Lane NW — gas siphoned from an RV parked on the property

Jan. 25 — 207xx Xavis St NW — Identity Theft; victim's social security number being used

Jan. 30 — 215xx Linnet St NW — theft of work tools from an unlocked enclosed trailer

Jan. 31 — 36xx 197 Ave NW — "game cameras" stolen from the property

Oak Grove — Arrests

Jan. 18 — Drugs, Warrant, Open bottle, False Name; a deputy observed a driver of a vehicle stop and place something in the trunk along the roadway. The driver then continued on and displayed poor driving conduct so the deputy stopped him. The deputy was identifying the occupants of the vehicle and one person lied about who she was, and was arrested. Another female occupant was identified and was arrested for two outstanding warrants. While searching the vehicle drug and paraphernalia were located; the driver was also arrested.

Jan. 20 — Trespass; on routine patrol a deputy heard an audible alarm and responded to it. He observed fresh foot prints in the snow and checked around the home. The deputy noticed an unlocked sliding glass door and went in. He found a male who did not belong there sleeping on a couch. He appeared intoxicated and stated he thought he was at his friend's house. He was arrested.

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Anoka Senior Center, 1500 S. 6th St, Anoka — Wed. (1 pm-4pm), Thurs, (9 am-Noon)

Anoka Historical Society, 2135 3rd Ave N, Anoka — Sat., (10:30 a.m. - 2 pm)

Anoka County Library, Northtown Branch, Blaine — Sun, (1:30 pm-4:15 pm)**

****You can also complete your own Fed & State returns (Free) by using FAST (Fast Assisted Self-Serve Taxes) during these hours.**

Blaine Human Services Bldg., 1201 89th Ave NE, Blaine — Tue & Thur, (1-4 pm)

Blaine — Mary Ann Young Senior Center, 9150 Central Ave NE, Blaine — Mon, (9 am-1 pm — by appointment only, Call 763-786-9375)

Columbia Heights Senior Center, 510 Mill St, Col Hts., — Tue & Thur, (9 am-Noon)

Coon Rapids, Epiphany Church-School, 1913 111th Ave NW, Coon Rapids — Sat. only, (9am-Noon)

Coon Rapids Senior Center, 11155 Robinson Dr NW, Coon Rapids — Tues. & Wed., (8:30 am-Noon)

Fridley Senior Center, 6085 7th St NE, Fridley — Wed., (9 am-Noon, & 1 pm-4 pm)

Fridley Unitarian Church, 6565 Oakley Dr NE, Fridley — Mon, (5:30 pm.-8:30 pm)

Ham Lake Senior Center, 15544 Central Ave, Ham Lake — Tues (8:30 am-Noon)

Please bring a copy of your 2010 tax return and all 2011 tax information; such as any W-2s from employment, 1099s for pensions, interest, social security, miscellaneous income, records of contributions and medical expenses. To complete the rent credit, we will need the CRP form from your landlord. For the real estate refund, please bring your property tax statement payable in 2012.

This **FREE** Service is sponsored by the AARP Tax Aide Foundation, the IRS, and the MN Dept of Revenue.

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS CALENDAR

ANOKA COUNTY

Anoka County Govt. Center
2100 3rd Ave.
Anoka MN 55303-5024
Ph.: 763-323-5700
www.co.anoka.mn.us

Fri. Feb. 15

Public Works Cmte, 9 am,
Rm 772, ACGC

Tues. Feb. 19

Human Services Cmte, 8:30 am,
Rm 715, ACGC
Anoka County HRA, 10:30 am,
Rm 705, ACGC

Information Technology Cmte,
10:30 am, Rm 772, ACGC
Finance & Capital Improvemnts
Cmte, 1 pm, ACGC, room
unspecified

Thurs. Feb. 21

Public Safety Cmte, 3 pm,
Sheriff's office, Andover

Tues. Feb. 26

Management Committee, 8:30 am,
Rm 772, ACGC
County Board, 9:30 am, Rm 705,
ACGC

Thurs. Feb. 28

Public Works Committee, 9 am,
Rm 772, ACGC

FRIDLEY

Fridley City Hall
6431 University Ave NE
Fridley, MN 55432
Ph: 763-571-3450
www.ci.fridley.mn.us

Wed. Feb. 20

Planning Comm., 7 pm

Thurs. Feb. 25

City Council, 7 pm

HAM LAKE

Ham Lake City Hall
15544 Central Ave NE
Ham Lake, MN 55304
Ph: 763-434-9555
www.ci.ham-lake.mn.us
Hours: M-Th 7 AM - 4:30 PM
Fri: 7 AM-12 NOON

Tues. Feb. 19 & Mar. 4

City Council, 6 pm

Wed. Feb. 20

Park & Tree Comm., 6 pm

Mon. Feb. 25 & Mar. 11

Planning Comm., 6 pm

LINWOOD TWP

Linwood Town Hall
22817 Typo Creek Dr. NE
Linwood, MN 55079
Ph: 651-462-2812
linwoodtownship.org

Tues. Feb. 19

Planning Comm., 7 pm

Mon. Feb. 25

Park & Rec. Comm., 7 pm

Fire Dept., 7 pm

Tues. Feb. 26

Town Board, 6 pm

OAK GROVE

Oak Grove City Hall
19900 Nightingale St. NW
Oak Grove, MN 55011
Ph: 763-404-7000
www.ci.oak-grove.mn.us

2nd and last Monday of month

City Council, 7 pm (EDA
follows council mtg on last
Monday)

3rd Wednesday

Parks Comm., 7 pm

3rd Thursday

Planning Comm., 7 pm

RAMSEY

Ramsey Municipal Center
7550 Sunwood Dr. NW
Ramsey, MN 55303
Ph: 763-427-1410
www.ci.ramsey.mn.us

Thurs. Feb. 14

EDA, 7:30 am
Park & Rec. Comm., 6:30 pm

Tues. Feb. 19

Strategic Planning Session —
5:30 pm (City Council)

Thurs. Feb. 21

Planning Comm "workshop" —
5:30 pm

City Council Special Mtg., 5:30 pm,
followed by joint meeting with
Park & Rec. Comm.

Fri. Feb. 22

Anoka Area Chamber of Comm.
Fundraiser, Greenhaven Golf
and Banquet Ctr, Anoka —
5:30 pm

Tues. Feb. 26

Flaherty & Collins Project Tour,
Main foyer, Noon and 4 pm
City Council "work session" —
5:30 pm; Council regular mtg,
7 pm; followed by HRA

ANOKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT

1318 McKay Dr NE #300
Ham Lake, MN 55304
Ph.: (763) 434-2030
anokaswcd.org

Tues. Feb. 19

Board of Supervisors, 5 pm

CENTENNIAL ISD #12

4707 North Rd
Circle Pines, MN 55014
Ph.: (763) 792-6000
isd12.org

Thurs. Feb. 21

School Board "work session",
5:30 pm

Mon. Mar. 18

School Board, 6:30 pm

School Superintendent candi-
date interviews: Feb. 19, 20,
Finalist interviews: Feb. 25, 26
all 4:30 pm

FRIDLEY ISD #14

6000 W Moore Lake Dr
Fridley, MN 55432
Ph.: (763) 502-5000
fridley.k12.mn.us

Tues. Feb. 19

School Bd "work session,"
5:30 pm, Public Comment
7 pm, Business Mtg 7:30 pm,
Fridley City Hall

SPRING LAKE PARK ISD #16

1415 81st Ave NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432
Ph.: (763) 786-5570
springlakeparkschools.org

Tues. Feb. 26

School Bd "work session", 6 pm

Tues. Mar. 5

School Board, 6:45 pm

QCTV Cable Commission

Ramsey, Andover, Champlin, Anoka
Thurs. Feb. 21, 5 pm, Anoka
City Hall

North Metro TV Cable Commission

Ham Lake, Blaine, Spring Lake Park, Lino
Lakes, Lexington, Centerville, Circle Pines
Wed. Feb. 20, 6 pm, Cable
Commission meeting, Spring
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Job Announcement 2013 Park and Recreation Internship



The City of Ramsey is seeking a motivated individual to work with the Parks and Recreation Department on various projects from May until September in the city of Ramsey, Minnesota. Responsibilities include the coordination, promotion, set-up and day-to-day operations for The 2013 Draw Summer Event Series (outdoor concerts) and 2013 Farmers Market. Together with the Parks Lead Person, the successful candidate will also have the opportunity to work with youth athletics and other aspects of park system operations. Responsibilities include but are not limited to tracking field usage, billing, creating Excel spreadsheets and performing athletic field maintenance.

Minimum Qualifications: Must be pursuing a degree in Parks and Leisure Services, Public Administration or related field (graduates with a degree looking for this type of experience will also be considered); possess the ability to work effectively with City staff, elected officials and community members; communicate effectively both orally and in writing; maintain a clear and accurate record of activities and have the ability to work independently with minimal supervision; must be proficient in Microsoft programs such as Word, PowerPoint and Excel; must possess a valid Minnesota Driver's License.

Schedule/Wages: The schedule for this position is Monday through Friday, May/June through approximately September, depending on availability. The hours are 7:30 am to 3:30 pm, up to a maximum of 40 hours per week, with up to a 12-hour shift Thursdays. Please note that resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a completed application packet. The starting wage is \$8.75 to \$11.00 per hour, D.O.Q.

To Apply: Discuss the placement with your advisor to see if this internship meets your needs. Also, go over any additional projects or ideas that you may want to discuss to add value to the internship. Your completed application must include the following: 1) city of Ramsey application, 2) Current resume with prior work experience, 3) List of goals and objectives for your internship. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled; however, the **first review of applications will occur on March 01, 2013.** EEO/AA

Questions: Contact Mark Riverblood, Parks and Assistant Public Works Superintendent at 763-433-9853 or e-mail at mriverrblood@ci.ramsey.mn.us. Mail all applications to: The City of Ramsey, Human Resources Office, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, MN 55303

NO GAINS FOR EITHER PARTY IN STATE LEGISLATIVE SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Two special elections for State Representative seats that were vacated in Districts 19A and 14A were held Tuesday, February 14.

Resigning their seats were Republican legislator Rep. Steve Gottwalt of District 14A and DFL legislator Terry Morrow of District 19A.

Gottwalt announced in early January that he was taking a job as a lobbyist for the Center of Diagnostic Imaging. Morrow announced in December that he was taking a job in Chicago with the Uniform Law Commission. Morrow made the announcement about a month after winning a fourth term in the November elections. The win however was an easy one as Morrow ran unopposed.

The results of the Feb. 14 special elections saw no changes in terms of political party makeup of the House. The DFL retained the Morrow seat in the Mankato area, in a three-way race. The winner was Clark P. Johnson with 2,680 votes; Republican candidate Allen Quist, a former legislator who ran for U.S. Congress in District 1 in 2012, had 1,801 votes. Independence Party candidate Tim Gieseke had 511 votes. The turnout was 19%.

The turnout in the District 19A special election was only one point higher, as Tama Theis kept the seat in the Republican column with 54.5% of the vote. Theis tallied 2,670 votes, Joanne Dorsher (DFL) had 2,091 and the IP's Todd McKee had 130 votes. The seat includes 11 precincts in St. Cloud, 3 in Waite Park and St. Augusta. All precincts in the House district are in Stearns County.

The Secretary of State's office announced Wednesday that the State Canvassing Board would meet today, Feb. 14, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 400 North in the State Office Building to certify the election results.

State Canvassing Board members are: Secretary of State Mark Ritchie, Chair; The Honorable Alan C. Page, Associate Justice, Minnesota Supreme Court; The Honorable Wilhelmina M. Wright, Associate Justice, Minnesota Supreme Court; The Honorable Denise D. Reilly, Judge, Fourth Judicial District; and The Honorable Ivy S. Bernhardson, Judge, Fourth Judicial District.

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ANOKA COUNTY BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING SUMMARY

The Anoka County Board met on January 8, 2013. Resolutions #2013-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 related to county organization for 2013 were adopted and committee appointments were approved. A full copy of the agenda and minutes may be found on the Anoka County Web site: www.anokacounty.us (Published Feb. 14, 2013 Anoka County Record)

ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The Anoka County Board met on January 8, 2013. Standing county committee information reports and action items were considered, and action was taken as necessary. A full copy of the agenda, minutes, accounts, and claims greater than \$2000 may be found on the Anoka County Web site: www.anokacounty.us (Published Feb. 14, 2013 Anoka County Record)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF OAK GROVE COUNTY OF ANOKA STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Oak Grove Planning Commission will be conducting a Public Hearing on March 21, 2013 in the Oak Grove Council Chambers, 19900 Nightingale St NW, 55011. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be an annual meeting to receive public opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP).

Anyone wishing to make a comment on the SWPPP is invited to attend the Public Hearing. If you are unable to attend, written comments are welcome and will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. March 13, 2013. A copy of the SWPPP will be available at the City Hall for review.

Hearing impaired persons planning to attend who need an interpreter or other persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids should contact City Hall at (763) 404-7006 no later than Wednesday, March 13, 2013.

Sheryl F. Fiskewold
City Clerk

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/s/ Jacob R. Grassel, Authorized Agent

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CITY OF HAM LAKE 2013 SALARY NOTICE

Minnesota Statutes Chapter 471.701 requires that a city or county with a population of more than 15,000 must annually notify its residents of the positions and base salaries of its three highest-paid employees. For the City of Ham Lake, titles and salaries of the three highest-paid employees as of January 1, 2013 are: Fire Chief, \$89,580; Public Works Superintendent, \$84,360; and Finance Director, \$84,360.

CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS 2013 SALARY NOTICE

Minnesota Statute 471.701 requires that "a city or county with a population of more than 15,000 must annually notify its residents of the positions and base salaries of its three highest-paid employees." For the City of Columbia Heights, titles and salaries as of January 22, 2013, are: City Manager — \$124,258, Public Works Director — \$117,030, Police Chief — \$109,914. Date of Publication: January 22, 2013.

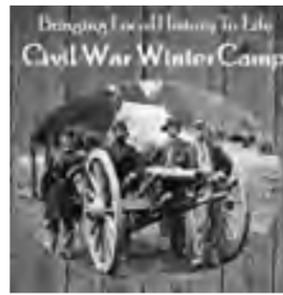
LAST CHANCE TO ORDER TREES FROM ANOKA CO. SOIL & WATER DISTRICT

The Anoka Conservation District is still taking preorders for the annual tree and shrub sale. You don't have to be an Anoka County resident to take advantage of this program that sells trees and shrubs in bare root and seedlings, approximately 18"-24" in height in bundles of 10 and 25, amounting to a little more than \$1 per tree. Order soon as stock is getting low! **The tree/shrub pick up is on April 27th** at the Anoka County Fair Grounds from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

The tree sale products section of the Anoka Conservation District's website (www.AnokaSWCD.org) has detailed descriptions and photographs of each of the varieties being offered. The website also contains information about the kinds of trees and shrubs to plant in your particular situation along with planting directions. If you would prefer you may talk directly to Anoka Conservation District staff by calling 763-434-2030.

Legacy Fund Programming at Anoka County Libraries Civil War Winter Camp

Battles did not occur every day in the Civil War, especially in the winter months when weather conditions made it difficult to maneuver and supply large armies. Winter camps were set up to allow the soldiers a more permanent place to rest, train, and prepare for the return to battle in the spring. The life of Civil War soldiers has been described as long months of boredom punctuated by moments of sheer terror.



"The Civil War Camp gives participants a new appreciation for the hardships faced by our soldiers during this time period," said Anoka County Commissioner Scott Schulte. "We've come to know the battles, but it's the time in between that provided some of the greatest tests."

Anoka County Library invites you to come to Mississippi Library located at 410 Mississippi Street in Fridley, on **Saturday, February 23rd** from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm, to find out what soldiers did during the long and often grueling yet boring months of winter. Authentically costumed re-enactors from the Second Minnesota Battery of Light Artillery will set up Winter Camp at Mississippi Library and share their in-depth knowledge of the Civil War with visitors. This is an interactive, self-paced program, with activities for both children and adults.



Civil War Winter Camp is sponsored by the Anoka County Library and is presented by the Anoka County Historical Society. Library programs are free and open to the public. This program is funded with money from Minnesota's Art and Cultural Heritage Fund.

For more information about this and other library programs, call 763-571-1934 or visit your local Anoka County Library or the website at anokacountylibrary.org.

SCORE Small Business Counseling available at the Anoka libraries

Would you like to start a small business but have no idea where to start? Are you a business owner facing a challenge and need a place to turn to for sound business advice? Find answers at Rum River Library with a SCORE business counselor!

SCORE Minneapolis is a volunteer, nonprofit organization dedicated to educating entrepreneurs and helping small businesses start, grow, and succeed. SCORE business counselors are volunteers with experience in all areas of business management, and they have the knowledge and experience to help any small business owner get the help they need.

Meet individually with a SCORE business counselor in a private and confidential setting to develop your business plan, discuss a new idea or tackle a business problem. Sessions are offered on a first come, first served basis on the third Thursday of the month, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

The next session will be offered on **Thursday, February 21st**. The counseling sessions will be held in a conference room at Rum River Library, located at 4201 6th Avenue in Anoka. Counseling sessions are free, and walk-ins are welcome.

This program is presented in collaboration with SCORE Minneapolis. More information about SCORE Minneapolis can be found on their website, minneapolis.score.org.

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