



## Sivarajah's lukewarm commitment to open government Open Meeting Law Trampled

On January 7th, Rhonda Sivarajah was elected as the chair of the Anoka County Board of Commissioners for a fourth consecutive year. After her fellow commissioners elected her to this position, she gave an acceptance speech that touched upon taxes, debt, and open government. In fact, she actually mentioned open government not once, but twice. It was the only topic in her speech that was mentioned twice.

While Sivarajah should get credit on taxes and debt relief, I have to question her commitment to open government. You can't give a speech on open government, only to violate key principals of open government less than five minutes later as she moved to the next agenda items.



John Kysylyczyn

Minutes after her speech, Sivarajah took up the agenda item of board appointments. When she announced the item, staff hurriedly passed out a multi-page packet titled "Chair's Packet". The packet had multiple resolutions for the board to vote on. Seconds after Sivarajah's fellow commissioners received the packet, she called the first of several votes. Only some of us regular people sitting in the audience received the packet before the first vote was called. I was not one of them. Yes, this is a violation of the open meeting law.

Minn. Stat. § 13D.01, subd. 6 states, "... at least one copy of any printed materials relating to the agenda items of the meeting prepared or distributed by or at the direction of the governing body or its employees and: (1) distributed at the meeting to all members of the governing body; (2) distributed before the meeting to all members; or (3) available in the meeting room to all members; shall be available in the meeting room for inspection by the public while the governing body considers their subject matter.

Prior to the start of the meeting, I inspected the public copy of the meeting documents which are located in the adjoining room behind the county board chambers. The "Chair's Packet" was not included in the three-ring binder. The materials were distributed at the meeting to all members of the board. The documents were NOT available in the meeting room for inspection by the public prior to the first vote being called.

There were a dozen ways Sivarajah could have avoided this violation of the open meeting law. She could have added her "Chair's Packet" to the meeting packet posted on the board's website. She could have passed out the document before the meeting started. She could have placed a copy in the public three-ring binder. Instead, she did what she has done the past four years, which is to have staff scramble to pass it out seconds before a vote is called. I complained about this last year and apparently it continues to fall on deaf ears.

Let me be clear that Sivarajah's action was not a simple one time oversight. She also did the same thing in 2013 when one of the resolutions included the awarding of contracts worth an estimated \$45,000. It appears that she did the same thing in 2012 and 2011. Last year, one commissioner stopped the meeting stating that he wanted to read the information before voting.

I'm sure that the official response I will get to this open

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## Korin to run for 31A seat

# OAK GROVE MAYOR ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR STATE HOUSE

Oak Grove mayor Mark Korin announced his candidacy last week for the House seat in District 31A, now held by House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt (R-Crown). Daudt has served in the House for two terms, having been elected in 2010 and reelected in 2012.

Candidates for state offices need to file between May 20 and June 3. The primary election will be August 12 and the general election November 4.

Korin said in a news release, "we need a leader that will be a loud voice for the silent majority and will speak up for constitutional conservative values in all decisions at the State Capitol."

"Over the past four years, the legislature has increased spending and drastically amplified the size and scope of the bureaucracy within our government, shackling businesses and citizens while stifling any possibility of our economy to grow. I believe working with other like-minded conservative legislators we will energize the leadership and focus on taking our state back. I will legislate with a foundation based on common sense actions and find ways to minimize state government overreaching and get this great state to focus on essential services," Korin said.

Leana Linder is Korin's campaign manager and Oak Grove city councilor Dan Denno will be the campaign's treasurer. — *ACR staff*



Mark Korin to run for state legislature

## EMMER BIG WINNER IN CD6 GOP CAUCUS STRAW POLL

February 4th was caucus night in Minnesota — where attention was mostly drawn to the Republican Party. Since the DFL did not take a straw poll at its meetings, Republican candidates for governor and candidates for congressional seats were in the spotlight.

Former state legislator and the 2010 Republican nominee for governor, Tom Emmer, outpolled all his opponents combined in the 6th Congressional District.

Emmer, former state legislator Phil Krinkie, and Anoka County Board chair Rhonda Sivarajah are vying for the seat of retiring Rep. Michele Bachmann.

The 6th District Republican Party reported there were 2,146 votes cast in the straw poll, and Emmer had 68% of the vote with 1,457.

Sivarajah placed second with 376 votes (17.5%) and Krinkie had 218 votes for 10%. There were 95 undecideds.

Below is a table showing the results of the CD6 straw poll for the congressional candidates:

BPOU/Senate/ House Districts	Emmer	Krinkie	Sivarajah	Undecided	Total
Carver	137	7	1	0	145
Benton	46	13	4	2	65
Wright	419	48	13	30	510
SD13	97	9	22	6	134
SD14	85	26	39	5	155
HD15A	15	7	7	3	32
HD15B	60	29	12	3	104
SD30	78	8	12	3	101
SD31	204	12	64	12	292
SD35	160	29	55	19	263
SD37	55	9	68	0	132
HD38A	28	14	71	4	117
HD38B	19	0	3	2	24
SD39	54	7	5	6	72
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1457</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>2146</b>

### The race for governor

Six Republican candidates for governor were the subjects of straw polling on caucus night; the Secretary of State's office reported the statewide totals as follows: 14,128 votes were cast, with 10% undecided. Marty Seifert, former state legislator and 2010 gubernatorial candidate came in first in popularity with 28.5% (4,037 votes) and Sen. Dave Thompson of Lakeville scored second place with 3,607 votes or 25.5%. Thompson two weeks ago announced that his running mate for the lieutenant governor's office will be Sen. Michelle Benson (SD 31 — Ham Lake).

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## Rep. Hackbarth scores perfect 100

A number of groups complete scorecards following each legislative session, rating legislators for their votes. Here is a look at how I fared on three of them (all based on a 100-point system):

The Taxpayers League scored me a perfect 100. I am proud to have earned this recognition.

I also received a 91 from Minnesota Majority and carry a career score of 97 with that group. The Legislative Evaluation Assembly scored me 79 points, just two points behind the House minority leader.

Sometimes we have a beef with exactly how votes are interpreted and scored but, by and large, they do a pretty good job of showing the big picture on how legislators are voting in important areas. And, although I have not seen published scorecards for them, I always receive an "A+" rating from the National Rifle Association, and I always have proudly voted 100 percent with Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life.

Below are links to the three legislative scorecards I cited in this letter. They break down each vote scored, legislator by legislator.

Taxpayers League: <http://www.taxpayersleague.org/pdf/legscorecard2013.pdf>

Minnesota Majority: <http://www.mnmajority.net/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/2013-Minnesota-Majority-Scorecard-final-1.pdf>

Legislative Evaluation Assembly: <http://www.mnlea.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/2013report-12-16.pdf>

### The Propane Shortage

A widespread propane shortage is impacting many Minnesotans, driving up prices and causing a number of states – including ours – to declare a state of emergency.

A hotline is now available to provide citizens with information regarding energy assistance programs, resources in their home county and more.

There is concern the persistent cold weather we are experiencing and the increased risk that households may run out of heating fuel may pose an immediate threat to public safety. The state of emergency declaration activated the Minnesota's Homeland Security & Emergency Management procedures and provides for:

- coordinating response efforts across all state agencies of state government and helping local governments respond and recover from the emergency;
- And the Adjutant General of Minnesota will order to state active duty such personnel and equipment of the military forces of the State as required, and for such a period of time as necessary to provide assistance and emergency relief services.

Also, the Commerce Department has increased Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program crisis payments to \$1,000 for applicants currently heating their homes with propane and heating oil. Information on how to apply for assistance and more is available from the Department of Commerce by calling that new hotline at (651) 297-1304 between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or at [www.mn.gov/commerce/energy/consumers/Heating-Assistance](http://www.mn.gov/commerce/energy/consumers/Heating-Assistance).

Other details regarding this issue are available at <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ooc/news-releases/Pages/Update-2-Propane-Shortage.aspx>.

## Letters to the Editor

### Sen. Alice Johnson Caught Cheating

Recently, the Minnesota Campaign Finance Board came to the conclusion that there was illegal coordination between 13 DFL Minnesota Senate candidates and their caucus campaign committee. The Board fined the MN Senate DFL campaign committee \$100,000, one of the largest fines in state history.

What this means is that Sen. Alice Johnson cheated and got elected to the Minnesota State Senate. I can't believe that in a state like Minnesota that demands fair and open campaigns that a person would cheat to get elected.

What has been the benefit of Sen. Johnson being in the State Senate? Tax increases, voting herself a pay raise, increasing wasteful government spending by over \$2 billion, and spending over \$90 million on a new office building just for State Senators.

It's time that Sen. Johnson apologizes for her cheating. She needs to start representing our district and not the special interests at the State Capitol.

Sarah Biers  
Blaine

### Bullying bill only appeases group's political agenda

According to Health and Human Services Secretary, Kathleen Sebelius, children are sexual beings from the time they are born. Therefore, young children exploring their own sexuality through experimentation is the norm and promoting this in classrooms across our state is to be accepted without challenge. Just how far is the state of Minnesota willing to go to promote human sexuality at birth to our children? The answer might be found in the bullying legislation that will be on the Senate floor soon.

Strongly prohibiting bullying of any form for any reason against any

## Rep. Runbeck expects a session jam-packed with onerous legislation

In the 2014 session of the Legislature, I expect Governor Dayton and the DFL to cram in a lot of onerous legislation! If we can appeal to any sensible Democrats, we may defeat one or two. One that deserves defeat is the bullying bill. Here's why:

### BULLYING BILL IS ANTI-PARENTING

We all agree bullying has no place in our schools. That's why school districts are already required by law to have anti-bullying policies in place. But H.F. 826, known as the Safe and Supportive Minnesota Schools Act, is being pushed hard by liberal special interests.

The bullying bill would create a 24-member unelected board of state bureaucrats responsible for crafting bullying policies that would apply to all Minnesota schools, rather than allowing for local control.

The bill is an unfunded mandate on our schools. The Minnesota Office of Management and Budget (MMB) estimates the bill would cost schools about \$40-50 million every two years to implement. The reason? Each school would be required to hire staff to handle all bullying reports, and compile and send them to the state's School Climate Council.

Parents may not be required to be notified. The bill passed the House last year, but a key provision requiring parent notification was stripped out by the Senate — and the bill stalled. Without this provision, there would be no requirement that a parent be notified if their child is accused of bullying.

The bill says all school volunteers must undergo mandatory training. If you want to volunteer to work the concession stand at your child's football game, you would be required to have anti-bullying training. The message is that government does not believe parents are capable of recognizing and appropriately responding to bullying unless they undergo state-run training.

As one Centerville Elementary teacher told me, "We work on eliminating bullying every day in the classroom. We don't need this bill." This responsibility should be with parents and school officials in local communities. I can assure you, I will be speaking out and voting against this bill.

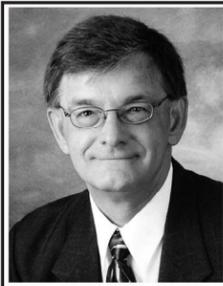
### VIKINGS STADIUM - NOT A NICKEL MORE

In the 2013 legislative session, Governor Dayton and the DFL-controlled Legislature broke promises and stuck taxpayers with a big chunk of the bill to construct a new stadium for billionaire Zygi Wilf. E-pulltab revenues continue to lag well behind projections and budget shortfalls and cost overruns threaten Minnesota taxpayers with another wallop.

How the "hole" in the Vikings funding is filled will be a tricky subject. In my opinion, we should not be adding another nickel of burden on the middle-class taxpayer for this boondoggle.

## Missed Something?

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child should be addressed at the local level in every school district. Statistics have shown that 30% of American children report being bullied. Because of the widespread nature of the problem, bullying policy shouldn't be designed to appease the narrow political agenda of the sexually diverse advocacy group, GLSEN.

Inclusive curriculum meant to promote a sexual diverse lifestyle may soon trump parental rights and religious freedom should this legislation pass. Frequency of victimization based on sexual orientation and/or gender identity is the explicit reason for this anti-bullying legislation. According to the 2011 GLSEN National School Survey Climate Report, policies and practices that particularly affect a specific sexual class of students are gender segregated locker rooms and gyms. In other words, our girls might be forced to shower with boys in

schools around Minnesota in an effort to prevent discrimination and "bullying" of teenagers exploring their gender identity. Will our senators allow this war on young women and children to occur in our public schools? How will this affect young women in their growth and development as they are asked to surrender their safety and privacy?

The bullying legislation has little to do with prevention and everything to do with political advocacy and indoctrination.

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# Anoka County Watchdog

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## THE STATUS OF THE RACE

It's been sometime since we've weighed in on the governor's race and there are some very interesting developments of late. Here are three developments were watching, in no particular order.

First, Dave Thompson chose Ham Lake state Senator Michelle Benson as his running mate.

For Thompson, both the substance to the pick and the timing were savvy and sophisticated.

The timing made a lot of sense because it provides Thompson an opportunity to change the conversation away from fundraising numbers.

It was a savvy move to announce a running mate and step on the conversation around money.

Moreover, picking Benson was a very good move and will yield a variety of advantages for the Thompson campaign.

First, for a candidate who has pledged to abide by the GOP endorsement, it makes sense to "double down" with the delegates by teaming up with a fellow conservative.

Benson's conservative credentials are sterling, and she will offer a voting record sure to please those who will confer the endorsement.

In addition, Benson has assumed a prominent role in fighting the MnSure debacle, a hot button issue with not only conservatives, but every Minnesotan except the most partisan liberal mouth breathers.

Second, she offers gender balance. Like or not readers, identity politics is something to consider given today's voting demographics. It makes sense to team up with a strong female leader of Benson's caliber.

The Watchdog also admits that this is a big point of pride since we're headquartered here in Anoka County.

On many occasions, we have expressed our pride in boasting of so many excellent female conservative leaders in our county. Michelle Benson for LTG, Rhonda Sivarajah for Congress, state Rep. Peggy Scott, Commissioner Julie Braastad, and so many more. The Good Ol' Boys got replaced by the Effective Ladies.

By the way, don't be surprised if another female conservative leader from this county makes a jump up the political ladder soon. Stay tuned.

Third, for those unfamiliar with Benson, she also offers some geographic balance, albeit one by proxy.

She grew up in rural Minnesota, in western part of the state. Suffice to say, she is familiar with farm life and rural life and can intelligently speak to issues of importance to Greater Minnesota.

Fourth, her personal story is compelling and will resonate with delegates and Minnesotans at large.

She's a dedicated mom, highly educated, with a resume that includes a demonstrated commitment to both professional and family life.

Her husband is a veteran and an entrepreneur, who is working on a recent business start up.

Some have observed that Sen. Benson is not well known and her lack of a higher profile is a drawback.

The Watchdog agrees but that isn't a fatal issue. Most Lieutenant Governor picks don't have a high profile. The immediate task is to introduce her to the delegates, which shouldn't be difficult since it's January, making this a fairly early pick.

The bottom line is that this publication believes Benson is a good pick and we're proud that one of our own is stepping up.

Having said that, it should be disclosed that this is not an endorsement of Thompson's candidacy by either this publication or Harold Hamilton personally. The Watchdog never offers endorsements and Hamilton is neutral on the governor's race for the time being, except to offer unbridled criticism of Governor Dayton, who doesn't deserve to be elected to student council, much less as chief executive of this great state.

The second big development of the race is the impressive fundraising haul by Kurt Zellers, coming in at an impressive \$403,000, which was more than Dave Thompson and Jeff Johnson combined.

These numbers demonstrate that Zellers is a heavyweight contender in this race and a viable primary candidate.

This fundraising report was critical for Zellers as he has not pledged to abide by the endorsement.

The simple fact is that a candidate who doesn't pledge to abide by the endorsement rarely wins the endorsement.

Therefore, Zellers needed to demonstrate to the GOP universe that he is a viable primary candidate, which in turns means proving that he has the financial resources to mount a credible primary challenge to both Scott Honour (who has declared he will run in a primary), and the endorsed candidate.

These numbers establish that Zellers can raise the cash needed to compete in an August primary, in what is shaping up to be at least a three-way competition.

Thus, Zellers's fundraising numbers are significant by establishing him as a bona fide primary contender, making for at least a table for two in the GOP primary later this summer.

Finally, the Watchdog is following with interest the Marty Seifert campaign.

Seifert's second run for governor is unique in that the candidate himself is unique among the contenders.

First, he's the only candidate hailing from Greater Minnesota. How will that play out? There is no doubt that he's playing to this fact by ardently courting rural delegates. Hardly a day goes by that Seifert doesn't post on social media describing a visit to some faraway corner of the state.

As far as the Watchdog knows, he is the only candidate who has a campaign airplane on retainer to generate economies of scale regarding these visits. There is little doubt that a cornerstone strategy is to lock up rural delegates.

Second, he's the only candidate who has previously sought the office, and having done so recently.

This fact appears to offer many advantages to Seifert. Primarily, it offers the advantage of a campaign infrastructure that can be resurrected quickly.

There is also an experiential advantage. Although other candidates in the race have run races themselves, running for governor is unique and Seifert can draw upon lesson learned from 2010 to emphasize the things that went well and avoid the things that didn't work so well.

The Watchdog will watch with special interest how the Seifert campaign unfolds, given the candidate's unique position as a rural person with very recent experience running for the office.

The bottom line is that the GOP is blessed with an embarrassment of riches regarding this race.

We know many of our readers have a favored candidate they believe the best and we know that when there is a small difference between candidates, those differences are magnified, which can lead to some nasty exchanges.

Such is life in politics. It's a huge deal to step forward and make a run for governor. We've got some great candidates to take on Mark Dayton and that's a wonderful thing.

## BITS AND PIECES

*The Bystander Governor — Again.* Governor Mark Dayton once again demonstrated his bizarre brand of Governance-By-Vicarious-Witness when his staff jumped out of the way of a bus full of taxpayer disgust when it was revealed that the state paid some \$26,000

in bonuses to managers of the failed MnSure health exchange web site.

Spokesman Matt Swanson covered for his boss's limping backside by claiming that "It is led by an executive director and governed by an appointed board of directors. They have complete authority to set and administer MNSure's personnel policies. The governor's office was neither involved in, nor aware, of MNSure's bonuses."

Governor Mark Dayton led the fight to create this Leviathan and he appointed each and every director who thought it a good idea to reward abject failure.

Here is the press release in which the governor touted his exclusive appointments to the board.

Back then, Dayton was happy to be associated with this "leadership" group: "The individuals chosen to serve on this board represent a broad diversity of experience and expertise," said Governor Mark.

*John Kline is Slacking.* Heritage Action, the political action arm of the Heritage Foundation, just released its 2013 scorecard and the results aren't pretty for Congressman John Kline.

Kline scored a miserable 49% approval on the scorecard.

Numbers like that are in Jim Abeler territory. In fact, the Watchdog hereby announces that 50% approval on a legislative scorecard is now known as the "Abeler Line." With Kline below the Abeler Line, there is great cause for concern.

By comparison, Michele Bachmann scored a very respectable 82% while Erik Paulsen scored 61%. The House GOP average was 65%..

## CAUCUS NIGHT

Feb. 4 was Precinct Caucus Night across the state, with activists from every major party conducting these localized meetings of their faithful.

With the DFL featuring no real contests for their races, the focus was on the GOP.

Here in Anoka County Watchdog country, eyes have been on the Sixth District race.

Tom Emmer won the straw poll going away, garnering nearly 68% of the vote. County commissioner Rhonda Sivarajah was in second place with nearly 18%. Former state Rep. Phil Krinkie took third with about 10%.

On one hand, this is an impressive total for Emmer and is indicative of a strong level of support.

On the other hand, both Krinkie and Sivarajah have both declined to pledge to abide by the endorsement, so it isn't a huge surprise that those who attended caucus night didn't show a whole lot of love for them in return.

Moreover, the straw poll has been a poor historical indicator of the eventual winner.

But there can be no denying that it was a good week for Tom Emmer.

In addition to his straw poll success, he posted impressive fundraising totals, far outpacing both Sivarajah and Krinkie.

He has established a good deal of momentum going into the April endorsing convention.

It will be interesting to see how Sivarajah and Krinkie attempt to arrest that momentum.

What's the next "game changing" point in the race?

It's going to be an interesting few weeks.

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meeting law violation is that I wasn't watching the meeting carefully enough. Staff will claim that they did pass out the packet seconds before the first vote was taken, not seconds afterwards. Sivarajah may claim that she is not responsible for staff passing out documents too slowly. Staff may fall on the sword and claim that it was their fault. In other words, excuses meant to cover up bad ethical decisions.

Getting back to Sivarajah's speech about open government, I am sure that there have been improvements since she has taken over as chair. I question though whether the improvements are actually measurable. They certainly are overshadowed by the tactics used in the board chamber to cut out not only the public, but also cut out the commissioners who are not part of the majority (read Kordiak & LeDoux).

The practice of dumping a packet in front of commissioners and the public seconds before a vote violates all ethical definitions of open government. Commissioners are prevented from doing their due diligence to review materials prior to a vote. They cannot review materials for accuracy in seconds. They cannot consult with their constituents or staff prior to casting a vote. Certainly no citizen can speak to their commissioner about an issue when government is practiced in this manner.

Sivarajah's open government actions also played a role in the board repeal of the county's prevailing wage rules which generated a lot of media coverage. Prevailing wage was a policy which provided a guaranteed level of wages to workers on construction projects. What few know is that one of the most controversial things about this action wasn't the action itself, but how it was done.

On the prevailing wage repeal, the public and commissioners who were not in the majority were kept in the dark about the repeal until the day before the meeting. According to one commissioner, meeting documents were posted online the week before the meeting which said nothing about the repeal. Then the day before the meeting, changes were made that repealed the prevailing wage provision. For those who reviewed the board packet days before the meeting, instead of hours, they were blindsided. Labor union members and other residents of the county who wished to weigh in for or against this action were denied a reasonable opportunity to voice their opinion. Sivarajah had the four votes needed for repeal and that was never in question. Her failure to follow a sound and ethical process to accomplish this change demonstrated her indifference towards open government principles.



Sivarajah

This indifference towards open government isn't restricted to full board meetings. The same thing also occurs on a regular basis at committee meetings, including a Management Committee meeting I attended that was chaired by Commissioner West. After I arrived, I discovered that there were not one, but actually two agendas. One was posted on the county's website, but the other was a surprise. On top of that, there were supporting documents for agenda items that were available days prior to the meeting that were withheld from the public and only provided seconds before the committee took up the agenda item. The same tactics seen at full board meetings are also practiced in the board's committee meetings.

It also has to be noted how the county board selectively records and televises meetings. The committee meetings where the real work is done are not recorded or televised. The meetings that get recorded, televised, and posted on the board's website are those where the votes are typically known in advance and much of what the board is doing is window-dressing.

I challenge Sivarajah and the board to do what several cities and school districts have been doing for years in Anoka County. Here are just a few highlights:

- Post ALL agendas and meeting materials online at least 72 hours before every meeting.
- Prohibit new items or changes within 72 hours of a meeting unless it is being done for discussion purposes only.
- Record, televise, and post ALL meetings on the internet.
- End the practice of "Chair's Packets".

Only when Sivarajah makes these changes, can she honestly and accurately claim that she is an advocate for open government.

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In third place was Jeff Johnson, a Hennepin County commissioner and former state legislator, who received 2,435 votes for 17.2%. Scott Honour was 4th, with 1,225 votes (8.6%) and Rep. Kurt Zellers was 5th with 1,164 votes (8.2%). The sixth candidate was Rob Farnsworth of Hibbing, who received 218 votes (1.5%). Actually "Undecided", if counted as a category, came in 4th place after Johnson because there 1,442 undecided votes cast, more than the votes for Honour, Zellers or Farnsworth.

**Statewide turnout for the Republican caucuses**

Among the political party units, which are organized by counties, senate districts or house districts, the largest turnout of caucus goers was 487 for the Wright County Republican party meeting. 412 came to the SD 49 (Bloomington-Edina) meeting.

Scott County GOP had a turnout of 378; SD 33 (Chanhassen-Excelsior-Wayzata) 370; SD 51 (Burnsville-Eagan) 363; Carver County 351; SD 31 (Ham Lake-East Bethel-Oak Grove-St. Francis) 303.

Some of the lowest turnouts were in the rural counties. Mahnomon County had 7 attendees; Red Lake County 15, Kittson County 19, Lake County 20, Cook and Norman counties 21; Murray, Pope and Wantonwan counties each had 31, among others.

**The U.S. Senate race**

Leading the straw poll was State Senator Julianne Ortman with 31%, Mike McFadden with 22%, Rep. Jim Abeler, 15%; Chris Dahlberg, a county commissioner from Duluth had 11%; Harold Shudlick 3% and Monti Moreno 2%. 16% were undecided.

**Cold weather did not deter Ham Lakers from "SNOWBOWL" fun last Saturday**



**LEGACY FUND PROGRAMS AT ANOKA COUNTY LIBRARIES**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER MATT LOOK SAYS "YOU'RE CERTAIN TO LAUGH!"**

The Looney Lutherans return to the Anoka County libraries for two shows Saturday, March 1st at 1 and 3 p.m. at the Rum River Library, 4201 6th Avenue in Anoka.

"Hot dish, casseroles, potlucks and church basements are all synonymous with Minnesota and the many Lutherans who call it home," said Anoka County Commissioner Matt Look. "Whether or not you're Lutheran, if you're a Minnesotan, you're certain to laugh!"

The Looney Lutherans use music, comedy, and some help from the audience to share age old wisdom for living a long and healthy life...the Lutheran way! (But you don't have to be Lutheran to love 'em!) The fun, interactive, family-friendly show includes a variety of segments on healthy living the Lutheran way, including discussion of the Lutheran "food wheel" (all roads lead to hotdish), a performance of the Lutheran food rap (Eat Like a Lutheran), and helpful beauty tips (using items from your very own kitchen). Their show last February drew a standing room only crowd that had everyone laughing and asking when they would be back.



Both shows will feature the same content. The programs are free and open to the public, but seating is limited. The Looney Lutherans are presented by the G.L. Berg talent agency in partnership with MELSA, and the program is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund which was created to distribute monies collected from a sales tax that was approved by voters statewide in 2008. Rum River Library is located at 4201 6th Ave in Anoka. For more information, call 763-576-4695 or visit [anokacountylibrary.org](http://anokacountylibrary.org).

**Living Stories: World War II**

Anoka County Library invites you to see what life was like for Army infantry soldiers during World War II. The 117th 30th Division Historical Reenactor unit will be displaying items that the U.S. Army infantry soldier would see and use in the field, and will share their in-depth knowledge of World War II with visitors. This interactive,

self-paced program will be at Rum River Library, 4201 6th Avenue in Anoka on Saturday, March 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

"It's hard to imagine the circumstances and hardships faced by our military in its early years but this is a rare opportunity to get a better understanding of their service and sacrifice that's truly unforgettable," said Anoka County Commissioner Scott Schulte.

Visitors will see displays of equipment, rations, and the different uniforms used. You can even meet a reenactor playing the role of General Omar Bradley. Visitors are encouraged to talk with the soldiers to learn more about the life of an infantry soldier during World War II.

Living Stories: World War II is presented by the 117th 30th Division Historical Reenactors and is sponsored by the Anoka County Library. This program is free and open to the public; and funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



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**GOVERNMENT MEETINGS CALENDAR**

**HAM LAKE**  
Ham Lake City Hall  
15544 Central Ave NE  
Ham Lake, MN 55304  
Ph: 763-434-9555  
[www.ci.ham-lake.mn.us](http://www.ci.ham-lake.mn.us)  
Hours: M-Th 7 AM - 4:30 PM  
Fri: 7 AM-12 NOON  
**Tues. Feb. 18**  
City Council, 6 pm  
**Wed. Feb. 19**  
Park & Tree Comm., 6 pm

**Mon. March 3**  
City Council, 6 pm  
**Mon. March 10**  
Planning Comm., 6 pm  
**Mon. March 17**  
City Council, 6 pm  
**Mon. March 24**  
Planning Comm., 6 pm

**Mon. April 7**  
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Planning Comm., 6 pm

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City Council, 6 pm  
**Mon. May 19**  
City Council, 6 pm

**Mon. June 2**  
City Council, 6 pm  
**Mon. June 16**  
City Council, 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](http://www.ci.oak-grove.mn.us)

**Mon. Feb. 24**  
City Council, 7 pm  
**3rd Wednesday, Feb. 19**  
Parks Comm., 6:30 pm  
**3rd Thursday, Feb. 20**  
Planning Comm., 7 pm

**ANOKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
1318 McKay Dr NE #300  
Ham Lake, MN 55304  
Ph.: (763) 434-2030  
[anokaswcd.org](http://anokaswcd.org)

**Tues. Feb. 18**  
Board of Supervisors, 5 pm

**North Metro TV Cable Commission**  
Ham Lake, Blaine, Spring Lake Park, Lino Lakes, Lexington, Centerville, Circle Pines

**Wed. Feb. 19**  
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Spring Lake Park City Hall

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## Legislators set Easter/Passover session break for April 10-21

By Joe Kimball - *MinnPost*

Minnesota legislators will take a break from their lawmaking duties for the Easter/Passover holidays in mid-April.

Leaders of both the state House and Senate said work will cease after Thursday's session on April 10, and begin

again Tuesday morning, April 22.

Passover begins at sunset April 14 and ends in the evening of April 22. Easter is April 20.

The 2014 session begins Feb. 25 and ends May 19.

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## Minnesota to host National Conference of State Legislatures summit in August

By Joe Kimball - *MinnPost*

Minneapolis will host the 2014 National Conference of State Legislatures annual summit in August.

The organization, a support group for legislatures around the country, says it will bring 6,000 elected officials and staffers to town for the event, which has presentations, panels and trainings on subjects such as taxes, health care, transportation, veterans, natural resources and jobs.

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## Franken's latest Hollywood helper:

### 'Mad Men' star Jon Hamm

By Devon Henry - *MinnPost*

Jon Hamm is the latest Hollywood star Sen. Al Franken has enlisted to help raise campaign cash.

Hamm will be in Minneapolis later this month and Franken's campaign is raffling off a chance for donors to meet both the senator and the "Mad Men" star.

In a note to supporters, Franken wrote:

The new season of "Mad Men" premieres in April, and it's sure to be the talk of your office and/or household.

But you can prove your super-fan credentials by telling everyone about the time you won a trip to a really fun event in Minneapolis, where you got to meet the man who plays Don Draper and hound him with demands for spoilers on the upcoming season (note: please don't do that).

Like you, Jon's a proud progressive and a great supporter. Of course, he's also a Golden-Globe-award-winning movie and TV star. But I'm confident you'll get along great, especially when we're all hanging out talking about how to move our country forward (and maybe a little about "Mad Men").

Franken's campaign previously raffled off a Los Angeles meeting with comedian Conan O'Brien last year and had planned a D.C. get-together with singer Paul Simon before the government shutdown (that event was canceled). Donors also had the chance to meet Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a liberal star if not a Hollywood one, last summer.

Hamm has backed Democratic causes and candidates in the past, as Politico notes, attending the Democratic National Convention in 2012 and asking voters to support Barack Obama.

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### OAK GROVE LIONS START TO PLAN ACORN DAYS

Lion Tim Newell informed the *Record* the Oak Grove Lions are now holding meetings to plan the next Acorn Days event.

Newell is the secretary-treasurer of the local organization and is the chair of the Acorn Days committee. All interested citizens are invited to attend the Lions' next planning meeting, Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Oak Grove City Hall, south side.

The Lions are seeking volunteer help and suggestions for the event.

Acorn Days has been set for Saturday, August 9, 2014 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Oak Grove City Hall. Newell can be contacted by phone at 763-753-4492 and by e-mail at [mnewell5258@msn.com](mailto:mnewell5258@msn.com). See our coverage of last year's Acorn Days in the Aug. 15, 2013 edition of the *Anoka County Record*.

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2. Principal Place of Business:

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/s/ Joseph Levitt

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**9743 Quincy St NE, Blaine MN 55434**

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**Nicole Marie Mak, 9743 Quincy St NE, Blaine MN 55434**

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/s/ Nicole Marie Mak

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**Jan Lehman, Inc., 4710 Village Plaza Loop, Suite 165, Eugene OR 97401**

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/s/ Jan Lehman, Owner and President

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**Stephen's Piano Tuning**

2. Principal Place of Business:

**1041 Fremont St., Anoka MN 55303**

3. List the name and complete street address of all persons conducting business under the above Assumed Name, OR if an entity, provide the legal corporate, LLC, or Limited Partnership name and registered office address:

**Stephen Philip Carlon, 1041 Fremont St., Anoka MN 55303**

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FILED: Jan. 31, 2014, # 730567900024

/s/ Stephen Carlon

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## CITY OF HAM LAKE ORDINANCE NO. 14-03

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A PORTION OF CHAPTER 9 OF THE CITY OF HAM LAKE, COUNTY OF ANOKA, STATE OF MINNESOTA.

The City Council of the City of Ham Lake does hereby ordain as follows, pursuant to Chapter 9, Article 1050 of the Ham Lake City Code.

That the zoning classification for the following described property situated in the City of Ham Lake, Anoka County, Minnesota is hereby designated R-1 (Residential Single Family) (Lake Life Estates).

The Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 32, Range 23,

AND

A 66.00 foot strip of land in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 32, Range 23, Anoka County, Minnesota, the centerline of said strip is described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the West line of said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and a line drawn parallel with and 33.00 feet northerly of the South line of said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence easterly, along said parallel line, a distance of 755.00 feet and said centerline there terminating. The sidelines of said strip are prolonged or shortened to terminate at said West line of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter.

Together with a parcel of land in said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, not included in the above described strip, which lies within the circumference of a circle having a radius of 60.00 feet, the center of said circle is the point of terminus of the above described centerline.

Presented to the Ham Lake City Council on January 21, 2014 and adopted by a unanimous vote this 3rd day of February, 2014.

/s/ Michael G. Van Kirk, Mayor

/s/Denise Webster, City Clerk

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## CITY OF HAM LAKE ORDINANCE NO. 14-04

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A PORTION OF CHAPTER 9 OF THE CITY OF HAM LAKE, COUNTY OF ANOKA, STATE OF MINNESOTA.

The City Council of the City of Ham Lake does hereby ordain as follows, pursuant to Chapter 9, Article 1050 of the Ham Lake City Code.

That the zoning classification for the following described property situated in the City of Ham Lake, Anoka County, Minnesota is hereby designated R-1 (Residential Single Family) (Lake Netta Preserve).

Government Lot 1, Section 15, Township 32, Range 23, except the West 432.52 feet thereof and also except Parcel 30, Anoka County Highway Right-of-way Plat No. 44, Anoka County, Minnesota.

Presented to the Ham Lake City Council on January 21, 2014 and adopted by a unanimous vote this 3rd day of February, 2014.

/s/ Michael G. Van Kirk, Mayor

/s/Denise Webster, City Clerk

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## CITY OF HAM LAKE ORDINANCE NO. 14-05

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A PORTION OF CHAPTER 9 OF THE CITY OF HAM LAKE, COUNTY OF ANOKA, STATE OF MINNESOTA.

The City Council of the City of Ham Lake does hereby ordain as follows, pursuant to Chapter 9, Article 1050 of the Ham Lake City Code.

That the zoning classification for the following described property situated in the City of Ham Lake, Anoka County, Minnesota is hereby designated R-1 (Residential Single Family) (Hidden Forest North).

The Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 32, Range 23, Anoka County Minnesota, except that part platted as Sherman Woods.

Presented to the Ham Lake City Council on January 21, 2014 and adopted by a unanimous vote this 3rd day of February, 2014.

/s/ Michael G. Van Kirk, Mayor

/s/Denise Webster, City Clerk

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## CITY OF HAM LAKE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COUNTY OF ANOKA STATE OF MINNESOTA

TAKE NOTICE, that pursuant to the requirements of Minnesota Law, a public hearing shall be held before the Ham Lake Planning Commission on Monday, February 24, 2014 at 6:01 p.m. at the City Hall located at 15544 Central Avenue NE for the purpose of considering an amendment to Article 9 of the City Code relating to certain non-conforming uses in commercial zoning districts. At such hearing both written and oral comments will be heard.

DATED: February 13, 2014

Dawnette M. Shimek

Zoning Official/Building Clerk

City of Ham Lake

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**Klingbeil Construction**

2. Principal Place of Business:

**2316 145th Ln NE, Ham Lake MN 55304**

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**Paul W. Klingbeil, 2316 145th Ln NE, Ham Lake MN 55304**

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/s/ Paul W. Klingbeil

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