

## First round of candidate filings completed Next step: Aug. 12 primary election

The first round of candidate filings for elected offices was completed June 3. The result of the two-week filing period was a mixture of surprise and predictability.

The surprise factor was noted across the state, as nine State House seats uncontested. Eight belong to Republican legislators: Tony Cornish (23B), Kurt Daudt, House Minority Leader, whose district (31A) includes the northwest corner of Anoka County, Joe Hoppe (47B), Joe McDonald (29A), Marion O'Neill (29B), Joyce Peppin (34A), Tim O'Driscoll (13B) and Duane Quam (25A). The lone DFLer who does not have an opponent is Kim Norton (25B) of Rochester.

Quam's district covers an area immediately west and north of Rochester, including Kasson, Byron and Mantorville. The seats of Hoppe, McDonald, Peppin and O'Neill are in Chaska, Delano, Rogers and Buffalo, respectively. Cornish's district is immediately south of Mankato. Peppin and O'Driscoll had opponents who filed but withdrew. O'Driscoll's district is in the Sartell-Sauk Rapids area.

The predictable part of the candidate filing process was the number of incumbents who are going unchallenged in county, city and school board races.

The *Record* gathered a list of all the candidates who have filed for elected office in Anoka County thus far:

### School Board:

#### Elk River ISD 728

Only one of four seats is being contested — in District 1, where incumbent Shane Steinbrecher is being challenged by Larry Farber. Both candidates live in Zimmerman. Farber is a former Elk River city councilor and Sherburne County Commissioner. For two at-large seats, only Jamie Plantenberg-Selbitschka and incumbent Tony Walter filed, and incumbent Jane I. Bunting will also be returning to the school board's District 2 seat.

#### Columbia Heights ISD 13

Three seats will be on the ballot but only two incumbents, Scott Bardell and Laura Palmer filed for re-election. Missy Lee did not seek another term. Three other candidates filed: Grant Nichols, who ran unsuccessfully in 2012, Molly Lewis and Bobby Jensen. On the 'voluntary disclosure form' that candidates can choose to include with their filing papers, Nichols said his occupation is a print operator, Lewis is a child protection social worker for Hennepin County and Jensen identifies his occupation as "rock star". Jensen gave his campaign website address as "hairballonline.com". This

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## Columbia Heights City Council ready to borrow money for city library \$7 million bond issue expected to be passed at next meeting

by Bryan Olson — Special to the *Anoka County Record*

The goal of a small group of library lovers to build a new city library that would replace the current building constructed in 1960, may soon be realized as part of a city council action. The people who have been visibly advocating for a new library, by participating in various city meetings, have been a mixture of Library Task Force appointees, Library Board members, Library Foundation members, Friends of the Library members and library staff.

The Columbia Heights City Council met June 9 for its regularly televised meeting, which was preceded by an off-camera meeting in city hall's tiny conference room. There, the numbers were discussed and the first reading of an ordinance to borrow approximately \$7 million for the library project was held.

City staff has apparently settled on two possible sites for the library — only these were discussed June 9: the former Mady's bowling alley-Burger King site next to the Heights Theatre on Central Avenue, and the parking lot area at 42nd and Jackson Street, behind the city's Public Safety Building. Judging by the discussion throughout the evening, it seemed the Mady's-Burger King site was the most favored, because of its visibility. (The 42nd and Jackson site would not be visible from Central Avenue).

Details given at the pre-meeting revealed an estimated construction cost of \$6.9 million for the 42nd Ave. site and \$7.4 million for the Mady's-Burger King site.

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## Lexington City Council accepts committee recommendation not to pursue government-controlled garbage plan

by Bryan Olson — Special to the *Anoka County Record*

Without deviating from its prepared June 5th meeting packet, the Lexington City Council accepted the recommendation of a citizens' committee of "not continuing with the process of organized solid waste collection at this time."

The meeting packet admitted there were two meetings of the citizens' committee held, on April 28 and May 12. Initially the city administrator informed the *Record* that these meetings would be closed to the public and notice would not be given.

City councilor Betty Bailey was a liaison to the committee and read aloud much of what was in the meeting packet. She said "we (the committee) all agreed to this recommendation." The main concern of the committee, she stated, was the cost of hiring a consultant to guide the committee through the fact-finding process. "We don't have the money to pay for a consultant," Bailey said.

Organized garbage collection is a means for city government to control waste collection by government contract, where one hauling entity is allowed to operate in the city. The state statute 115A.94, which defines organized collection, was changed considerably during the 2013 legislative session. The Lexington citizens' committee said this was another reason it did not recommend pursuing the matter — because the legislation is only a year old and "no city has (yet) completed the process of organizing solid waste collection under the new legislation." Bailey said the new legislation had not been tried and tested, but couched her remarks by adding, "we are not saying we should never look at this again."

Russ Baker, who was on the committee, was present at the June 5th council meeting and offered a suggestion that the city newsletter be used to inform the citizens they can organize their own street or block. Bailey questioned whether this was appropriate for the city newsletter to advocate, but city attorney Kurt Glaser expressed no objection when queried by Bailey. Baker said all his neighbors but one have the same trash hauler.

Baker's suggestion was incorporated into the committee's recommendations. Another recommendation was that the city council take a look at the city's waste hauling ordinance, licensing and enforcement. The council voted all ayes to accept the committee report as presented.

Mayor Michael Pitchford said he counted 38 people who had contacted him about the issue, reporting that the sentiments ran "50-50" for and against. Bailey described the committee meetings as "respectful." Councilor Jack Plasch reiterated past statements made at council meetings, that the issue "shouldn't be our (the council's) pick; it should be up to the residents." Once a city council has put the issue on the table, the council eventually has to make a final decision whether to, or not, implement organized garbage collection. The creation of a study committee is required by statute 115A.94, subd.4a.

Subdivision 4b defines the committee's duties. Nowhere in the process is the public allowed to decide anything, thus the reason why elected officials and city staff are often on the receiving end of constituents' comments. During a Lexington council meeting a few months ago, it was said that the garbage question should be put on an election ballot. This is not allowed by law unless the city uses the Charter form of government, and most charters are written not to allow initiatives but rather only a reverse referendum by petition. Since Lexington is not a chartered city, the point is moot.

### Other City Council business

The June 5th council business also saw unanimous approval of a 2% pay raise for municipal liquor store employees; a landscaping project at city hall for the low bid of \$22,378 awarded to ColorScapes Landscaping of Ham Lake; and an on-sale, 7 days-a-week liquor license to the El Loro restaurant that is soon to open in the space that was vacated by the Monterrey Mexican Restaurant at 9141 South Hwy. Dr. Fees associated with the license totaled \$6,700.

The city also entered into an inspection services contract with Inspectron Inc. of Rosemount. For building inspections, the company will be paid 65% of the building permit fee and 100% of the plan review fee, which will be 65% of the building permit fee. For rental housing inspections and property maintenance code enforcement, the company will bill the city \$60 per hour.

Annual population estimates made by the Metropolitan Council were presented to the city council. The agency said the city had 2,029 residents and 790 occupied households as of April 1, 2013. The figures are used to allocate state aid road funding and Local Government Aid funds (LGA).

The Met Council estimated there were 460 single-family detached homes (occupied by 1,250 people); 60 townhomes (162 residents), 70 Duplex, 3- and 4-unit dwellings (187 residents); 145 apartment units (177 residents) and 110 trailer homes (249 residents).

Approximately 55 total units were estimated as being vacant. *ACR*

## Johnson files for U.S. Senate

I am concerned and angered by the current political landscape in America. I represent a growing desire for personal identity and liberty. Like many citizens, I am sickened by the partisan squabbling in D. C. and I am appalled by the nature of political actions from crony and career politicians to blatant corruption between big money and our elected representatives.

It is long past time to challenge crony politics.

As the Libertarian Party candidate for U. S. Senator, I challenge Mike McFadden, Al Franken, and Kevin Terrell this November as the candidate willing to counter the machinations of D. C. and fight for individual liberty.

I am not a career politician. I was asked to run, because my unique and diverse experiences and Minnesotan roots provide me a great deal of commonalities between me and a wide range of citizens. I've observed the struggles and triumphs of my family and friends and just how intrusive government behaves in the lives of ordinary people.



Heather Johnson

My family settled in Minnesota in the late 1800s. They were farmers, helping to build towns like Willmar and Appleton, Holloway, and Benson. Some of them were laborers, some have served in the military, and some of my relatives and friends serve today. I know what it means to suffer poverty and illness, the pains of a broken home, and I know what it means for people to work for everything they have. Today, I am a single mother, a returning student at Hamline University, a contributing writer for Calamities Press, and actively working to change the bully tactics of big government forced upon we the people.

I am proud to be a Minnesotan and an American. As a citizen and voter, I aim to work for limited government. I desire ethical politicians and accountability for any misuse of power. The government has violated trusts granted by Minnesotans and the nation. It is time for we the people to check the imbalance of power and to check the violations of our trust.

No, I am no career politician. I am not wealthy. I have clear long-term personal goals outside politics. However, I do believe in standing by my principles and convictions. I believe in being the change we want to see and as I strive for better in my own life, I consider taking up public service for a limited time period a facet of living my principles.

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## Abeler announces solution to attack health care fraud

Submitted by candidate

The Federal Government, the state of Minnesota, seniors, health providers, and taxpayers have been taken for a ride, and we have to stop it.

The Government Accountability Office and the Center for Public Integrity have revealed the largest potential case of medical payment fraud in United States history.

Health insurance companies managing Medicare have overcharged the Federal government by \$20-70 billion over 5 years by reporting that patients are sicker than they actually are. Through a process called "risk adjustment", companies get more money for patients who look like they are sicker than somebody else. The companies report the "score", and the Feds increase the rate. No comprehensive proof or review is required. The money comes whether they really are sicker or not.

The Government mandates that people buy insurance through these private entities, but no one is examining the legitimacy of the rates they are setting for themselves. These companies have been acting as our watchmen to guard the integrity of the program, but who is watching the watchmen?

Risk adjustment overcharging could amount to \$140 billion over a decade, or as much as 9% of the Medicare Advantage program.

This is not new. We have seen symptoms at the state level for many years. It is only recently in Minnesota that we learned we have no auditable data or information regarding the operation of these programs. Now we are learning the same thing is true at the Federal level.

This has not happened by accident. Health insurance companies who should be providing this information have intentionally withheld it. This has now spread from the state to Federal programs and also threatens to add massive costs to the Affordable Care Act.

If we are to avert the impending disaster in these vital government programs, it is time that we demand integrity and accountability in government and it's vendors. The current rate of government spending is unsustainable. Many individuals fear for Medicare's long-term viability. If these deceitful and corrupt practices continue they will bankrupt Medicare.

All senior citizens have spent decades paying for social security and Medicare. It is both immoral and irresponsible to rob them of the programs and benefits they were promised.

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## Sen. Hoffman comments on session

The 2014 legislative session adjourned on May 16, the first time the legislature has finished early in many years. In a biennium many are calling 'the most productive in a generation,' the 2014 Session's theme was 'giving back to Minnesotans.' The DFL-led legislature and Governor ended the session by cutting \$550 million in taxes for more than 2 million Minnesotans and businesses.

For the first time in 13 years the Legislature increased the State Budget Reserve, adding \$150 million into a 'rainy day fund.' In this bonding session the state invested over \$1 billion in infrastructure improvements, which will create thousands of jobs and continue Minnesota's strong economic growth, while completing needed infrastructure projects.

The bonding bill which invests heavily in business and economic development, higher education, transportation and public infrastructure was passed on the very last day of session. Sen. John Hoffman (DFL-Champlin, Brooklyn Park and Coon Rapids) spent months advocating on behalf of several projects that were ultimately funded in the final bonding bill.

"Having completed a full biennium as a first-term State Senator — I'm so proud of the work we've accomplished. In particular, I'm thrilled the bonding bill includes significant dollars that are headed to Champlin, Brooklyn Park and Coon Rapids as well as the entire Northwest Suburbs. These are

important projects that will improve the quality of life in our communities," said Sen. Hoffman.

The nearly 80-year-old Elm Creek Dam at the Mill Pond project in Champlin was granted the \$2.75 million plus an additional \$250,000 from the DNR. The equally high-profile Highway 10 interchange project was also fully funded. "The Elm Creek Dam is the first Champlin bonding project funded by the state, and I am very pleased we were able to deliver," said Hoffman. He added, "The \$8 million allocated to the Highway 10 project is essential for economic development in the area and will solve a major public safety issue on this 'gateway to the north' highway."

Other projects that received funding in the bonding bill include the Brooklyn Park Armory, which was granted \$1.244 million for renovations. The Minnesota Historical Society-run Oliver H. Kelley Farm — a working 1860's farm, was also granted its full request of \$10.562 million. "I'm so grateful to both the Senate and House bonding committees for visiting these projects and for really understanding the great need in our community for these repairs. The Committee had an up-hill battle in terms of choosing from the more than \$3 billion worth of projects across and state, and the fact that so many of our projects received funding is a real testament to their importance," said Sen. Hoffman. — *Press release prepared by DFL Senate Caucus*

## Thankfully, this session is behind us

The 2014 legislative session is now in the rear mirror — thankfully.

It was billed as the "Unsession", but it proved to be more about continued government growth. Governor Dayton high-fived the elimination of over 1,000 obsolete laws, but this was mostly a charade. Meanwhile Democrat legislators were proposing bucketloads of new legislation, new programs, regulations, intrusions. The large omnibus spending bill had 1,029 new provisions by itself!

**Unnecessary \$2.4 billion in tax increases:** Following four years (2009-2012) in which Republicans emphasized no new taxes and priority-only spending, Democrats in 2013-14 raised taxes by a historic \$2.4 billion when they didn't need to. Republicans unanimously voted "no". With new taxpayer money, they hiked spending by a historic \$4 billion, or 12 percent.

**Increased property taxes:** Democrats promised to lower property taxes. Now, according to the state's Dept. of Revenue, Minnesotans are facing the highest property tax levies in state history, increasing by \$125 million statewide. The exception is Anoka County where property taxes dropped by 1% - 10% depending on the city and school district you live in. Local elected officials here are delivering on promises to tax citizens less.

**Increased cost of goods and services:** Taxes on business get passed on to consumers -- that's a fact in study after study by the MN Dept. of Revenue and others. Yet, Democrats raised taxes on businesses by \$1 billion! Later, when they realized what a disastrous effect these taxes would have (on industries —w warehousing, storage, computer repair and telecommunications equipment), they repealed them and trumpeted these as tax cuts!

**Increased childcare costs:** Democrats ignored pleas from small business owners and passed legislation that forces a unionization vote of in-home childcare providers. This will increase childcare costs for moms and dads who work outside the home, as well as divert funding intended for low-income families to union bosses.

**Increased energy costs:** Renewable energy mandates will raise home heating costs while shifting more energy production to unreliable sources such as wind and solar. The new solar mandate also requires ratepayer subsidies.

**Pay raises for politicians:** Democrats placed a constitutional amendment on the 2016 ballot designed to increase salaries for legislators. They also approved a pay raise for the governor, constitutional officers and commissioners.

**New offices for politicians:** Democrats sneaked a provision into the 2013 tax bill for a \$90 million office complex for Senators. Spent wisely, these tax dollars could have filled more than 3.5 million potholes or employed more than 1,400 teachers.

**Bailed out underwater public pension funds:** Democrats bailed out failing teacher retirement plans in Duluth and St. Paul. They committed over \$420 million in taxpayer money over the next 28 years to cover the pensions of 3,000 Duluth teachers and \$200 million more for retired teachers in St. Paul. This may not be enough. Payouts are exceeding contributions, yet Democrats are listening to the public sector unions and resisting reforms.

**Historic Spending Increase:** To put it in perspective, the majority party increased overall spending by more than \$1,500 for every man, woman and child in Minnesota. And this spending comes at the expense of freedom, jobs and economic opportunity.



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**Quote of the Week:** "We came out of the White House not only dead broke, but in debt ... We had no money when we got there, and we struggled to, you know, piece together the resources for mortgages, for houses, for Chelsea's education." — Hillary Clinton

**When the Clintons left the White House, this was their situation:**

- A \$200,000 annual pension payment for Bill;
- An \$8 million book advance for Hillary;
- A \$2.85 million home in Washington, DC;
- A \$1.7 million home in suburban New York City;
- Tuition, room and board at Stanford University for Chelsea.

The median household income that year in America was \$42,228.

**Poor Hillary and Bill. Perhaps they could have bunked up with other similarly situated liberals like George Soros or Tom Steyer until they got back on their feet with those speaking fees at \$200,000 a pop.**

## TEA-ING OFF

America's Tea Party movement scored a history-making, game-changing victory Tuesday night when House Majority Leader Eric Cantor of Virginia's 7th District was ousted in the Republican primary by a little known and woefully underfunded challenger.

The odds against Dave Brat seemed overwhelming and constituted a classic David versus Goliath match up.

Cantor raised \$5.5 million during the cycle, receiving support from 377 registered political action committees.

His opponent raised about \$200,000 and spent about \$122,000.

Brat had 2 paid staffers. Cantor 23.

Cantor had an internal poll showing him up by 34 points.

The result was a convincing 12 point victory for Brat.

There are three major takeaways from this race.

First, populism will be a powerful theme this cycle.

Dave Brat was successful fundamentally because he effectively appealed to the populist sentiments pulsing through the veins of the Republican Body Politic.

He successfully painted Cantor as a tool of corporate and political elites while also painting him as an ally of unfettered and open immigration.

While Left Wing populism finds fault only at the top (think the "1%"), Right Wing populism sees issues

with the middle class being squeezed from the top and bottom.

Start at the top. Brat, like many on the Left, spoke out against the abuses of corporate interests and Wall Street.

To be clear, the criticism was not against capitalism. The outrage came from special interests leveraging governmental influence to gain wealth and protections the free market would never grant.



In one of the great quotes of this year's election cycle, Brat argued, "Many of these Wall Street guys should have ended up in jail. Instead, they ended up on Eric Cantor's rolodex!"

Regarding downward pressure, Brat labeled Cantor as "100% all in" on amnesty for illegal immigrants.

There is little doubt that many voters, feeling the economic

pressure of stagnant wages, have grown angry with what they see as governmental favoritism and cronyism for those above and below them on the economic spectrum.

The rich enjoy bailouts and loan guarantees while the ranks of those who don't work or pay taxes grows exponentially.

The stock market is booming at the same time the number of Americans on welfare booms as well.

All of this is a recipe for middle class outrage and the rise of populism.

Second, reports of the Tea Party's death have been greatly exaggerated.

While this movement certainly hasn't batted a thousand, there is no doubt that the Tea Party never went away and will continue to play a major role in our political discourse.

This state of affairs isn't a surprise to this publication.

The Tea Party is the real keeper of the Constitutional flame in today's politics.

It is the political faction dedicated to not only stamping out graft, corruption, favoritism, nepotism, and crony capitalism. It is also dedicated to the fundamental American values of liberty, free markets, and the rule of law.

The massive and powerful special interests in both the DFL and the GOP who benefit from the status quo have unleashed a smear campaign against the Tea Party that rivals the worst the country has seen in politics.

"Wing nuts," "crazy," "wackos," "haters," and "dangerous," are just a few of the adjectives hurled against them.

We've always wondered what was so "wacko" about supporting our Constitution, but it never really was

about the facts. Instead, it was always about tearing down a group opposed to the status quo. Since they didn't have the facts, the Establishment did what came naturally — ad hominem attacks and appeals to emotion.

Finally, the Legacy Media has been quick to report upon, and exaggerate, the rift between the Tea Party and GOP establishment.

The Legacy Media are all over the supposed "GOP Civil War."

And while there are certainly tensions between the camps, the media is happy to point to the splinter in the GOP eye while ignoring the log in the DFL party eye.

To begin, both the hard line ideology of the Tea Party and the obsequious pragmatism of the Establishment have both been overplayed by the media to feed a story line.

An excellent example is the endorsement of Mike McFadden for U.S. Senate, a consensus, if not a compromise, pick of both the Tea Party and the Establishment in the name of getting rid of Minnesota's embarrassing junior senator.

This cycle has seen both "Tea Party" and "Establishment" candidates prevail.

And what of the DFL civil war over the environment?

What of the war between the environmentalists (talk about wing nuts) and the blue collar union folks?

Silica sand mining, copper/nickel mining and the War on Coal have sparked nothing short of a deeply divisive battle within the party.

The recent state convention, at least behind the scenes, was devoted to keeping this war under wraps and pretending, at least until after the elections, that all is happy in the DFL family.

And while the Cantor election proved that the Tea Party faction is alive and well, readers can rest assured that the GOP family will go to the polls united in November to deliver a well deserved butt kicking to Democrats who have run the nation into the ground, led by a president mired in failure and a governor who can't seem to remember where he stands on the critical issues.

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## Heights to bond for new library project *continued from page 1*

Both sites are owned by the city and have considerable soil and pollution-related issues that would need to be corrected. Either site would feature a 22,000-square foot building.

The plan for the Mady's site would be to place the building butted up to the Heights Theatre parking lot, where the Burger King restaurant stood. The least amount of contaminated soil on the double-parcels is located here. The worst contamination has been found under the parking lot the bowling alley and the prior National Tea grocery store used. It has been said that this area was a dump at one time. The bowling alley building has been demolished, leaving a hole that could be used for a holding pond.

Provided in the council's meeting packet were figures that showed that \$6 million of general obligation

bonds, over 20 years, would cost about \$2.5 million in interest, at an estimated average of 3.26%. When asked about the differences between all the bond figures being given, City Manager Walter Fehst explained that the numbers would be finalized in time for the second reading, at the June 23 council meeting. He expected the final bond amount for council approval would be around \$6.5 million.

To take care of extra costs such as equipping and furnishing the library, architects' fees, etc., another \$2.3 million may be procured from various city funds, including the cable television franchise fees. All told, the cost of the project is expected to be in the vicinity of \$9 million.

City councilor Bruce Nawrocki said that by taking the \$2.3 million that exists in city coffers, another burden would be put upon city taxpayers. He argued there would be a need to recoup that money over time, which simply means raising taxes to shore up the

depleted funds.

Nawrocki has often asked about the ability of putting the bonding question to the voters. Martha Ingram, bond attorney for Kennedy and Graven cited state statute 134.41 as a means for the city council to avoid a referendum.

The statute reads,

### 134.41 LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION; JOINT FINANCING.

"...A local government unit may agree with other local government units to subject taxable property within their boundaries to taxation to discharge debt incurred for the construction of a library and related facilities. The portion of the debt to be discharged by taxation in each unit must be set by agreement. A unit may also agree to discharge a portion of the costs of construction or debt incurred for the costs by a transfer of money available to the unit that the unit is not obliged by law to use for some other purpose. A proposed agreement that has a town as a party must be approved at the town's annual meeting by the electors

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## Candidates for 2014 elections

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intrigued us here at the *Record*.

It's not a political campaign website but instead promotes a rock band called Hairball. An intensive show itinerary is among the pieces of information found on the site, but there is no mention made of a school board campaign at all. Jensen and Bardell live in Fridley, the other candidates reside in Columbia Heights. Bardell's filing says he is employed as a patent attorney for Medtronic. He has been on the school board for about ten years, with a brief gap of service between a re-election loss in 2008 and appointment to fill a vacancy in October 2009.

Candidate filing begins July 29 for the school boards of Centennial ISD 12 and Forest Lake ISD 831. Other school districts within Anoka County hold their elections in the odd years.

*City Council:*

### Anoka

Mayor Phil Rice will run for re-election unopposed; incumbents Carl Anderson and Jeff Weaver have also filed for re-election to their seats. They are being challenged by Pat Walker, who has run for Anoka City Council previously.

### Blaine

Three council seats in wards 1, 2 and 3 are up for election this year. Incumbent Wes Hovland is unopposed in Ward 1, incumbent Dave Clark will face challenger Ben Deggendorf in Ward 2, and Ward 3 has three candidates, which will put this race on the primary election ballot. Incumbent Katherine Kolb did not file for re-election. Jason King, Matthew Knutson and Karen Varian are the Ward 3 candidates.

### Columbia Heights

Christopher R. Beskar has filed as the challenger to incumbent Gary L. Peterson for the mayor's seat, a two-year term. Peterson has been on the council since 1984 and has been mayor since 1999 with the exception of one term.

Two city council seats are to be elected, with Donna Schmitt seeking a second term and Catherine Vesley forging another campaign after missing a council win in 2012 by 12 votes. Vesley is on the city's Charter Commission, the Library Board, the board of directors of the Anoka County Historical Society, and participates in the local arts scene. Eight candidates in total have filed for the two council seats; the remaining candidates are, John Murzyn Jr., who recently retired after working 38 years for the city's public works department, Adrian Durand, who has run for council twice previously, Gregory K. Sloat, Clinton Hartwig, Michael Ahrens and John H. Bristow. Sloat is on the city's Charter Commission and ran in the 2012 primary for mayor. City councilor Tami Diehm did not file for re-election, after serving three consecutive four-year terms. A ninth candidate filed for city council, Eric Penniston, but withdrew.

### Coon Rapids

Three open seats drew a total of 15 candidates. Seven will be vying for Mayor Tim Howe's seat. Howe was first elected in 1991 as the Ward 1 city councilor. Two current councilors will be running for mayor, Jerry Koch of Ward 4 and Ron Manning of Ward 2. The Ward 3 and Ward 5 seats are also on the ballot this year — Paul Johnson and Bruce Sanders did not seek re-election. Among the candidates are residents who have brought forth issues at city council meetings and a few have run for city office in recent elections.

Besides Koch and Manning, the other candidates for mayor are Phil Rosar, Jerry Pierce, Ronald R. Bradley, Ted Schmolke and Eric Sykes.

Ward 3 council candidates are Ethan Campbell, Wade Demmer, Scott C. Nellis, Alan Williams and Ethan S. Yang. Ward 5 council candidates are Travis Johansen, Brad Johnson and Valerie A. Weaver. All three seats will be on the primary election ballot to narrow the field.

### Fridley

Three city council seats, for Wards 1, 2, and 3 will be elected. In Ward 1, incumbent Jim Saefke (elected in 2006, unopposed in 2010) will face John Anderson; in Ward 2 Dolores M. Varichak (elected in 2006 and 2010) faces her third match-up against Pam Reynolds, and in Ward 3 Ann Bolkcom is unopposed. Bolkcom recently observed her 20th anniversary on the city council, after winning a special election in January 1994. That November, Bolkcom ran again in the regular election,

and again every four years thereafter, but has had an opponent on only two occasions.

### Ramsey

Three city council seats are on the ballot, and two are open seats. Ward 3 councilor Jason Tossey did not file for re-election, nor did Randy Backous who holds an at-large seat. Jill Johns won a special election to fill the remaining term of Ward 1 councilor David Elvig, who resigned in April 2013 (see *Anoka County Record*, May 9, 2013). Johns is running for re-election without an opponent.

Two candidates have filed for the Ward 3 seat, Frank E. Howsmon V and Melody (Hesselgrave) Shryock, who ran for the seat four years ago. The at-large candidates will face each other on the primary election ballot since four filed for the one seat: Thomas J. Towberman, Wayne Buchholz, Kristine Williams and Terry Hendriksen. Towberman and Buchholz were candidates in 2012 (see *Anoka County Record*, Aug. 16 and Aug. 30, 2012). Voter turnout in Ramsey for the 2012 primary was 13% and 82% for the general election.

### St. Francis

Although the city charter was changed earlier this year to call for primary elections for city offices, one will not be needed since not enough candidates filed. In fact, no candidates have any opposition.

After serving three 2-year terms, Mayor Jerry Tveit did not file for re-election. City councilor Steve Kane has filed for the mayor's seat.

Three council seats are up for election this year:

Amy Lazere did not seek re-election after serving a two-year term she won in the Nov. 2012 general election. That was to fill the remaining term of resigned councilman Leroy Schaffer. Lazere was a leader in the effort to recall Schaffer which resulted in a special recall election in December 2008. Schaffer retained his seat 341 votes to 300 and was re-elected in 2010. He resigned in July 2011.

Kane was appointed to a council seat that had been won in 2012 by Mike Haggard. Haggard resigned in late 2013. The remaining time on Haggard's term is on this year's ballot as a 2-year council seat. Richard Orpen, who has run for city council previously, filed for the seat and has no opposition after Trent Blake withdrew.

City councilor Chris McClish has filed for re-election (his seat is in the normal 4-year cycle) and Rick Skordahl filed for the other 4-year seat, putting the former Schaffer seat back to the normal cycle. Neither candidate face opposition.

### County candidate filings

Few races for county offices will be competitive. Sheriff James Stuart and County Attorney Tony Palumbo are unopposed. County Board members Jim Kordiak, first elected in 1986, and Scott Schulte are also running for re-election unopposed. Two seats on the county's Conservation District (commonly referred to as the Soil and Water Board) are on the 2014 ballot. Incumbent Karl Tingelstad will face Nick Proulx in District 3, and Mary Jo Truchon, seeking re-election to a 5th term, is unopposed in District 4.

The race that will be watched is the District 5 County Board contest that will first go to the primary election since three candidates have filed: Andover mayor Mike Gamache, former state senator Debbie Johnson of Coon Rapids, and Reid Oines of Andover seek the seat now held by Carol LeDoux.

### State Representative candidate filings in Anoka County

Eleven House seats are in Anoka County and the following candidacies have been filed:

31A — Rep. Kurt Daudt (R-Crown) seeks re-election to a third term, with no opponent filed.

31B — Rep. Tom Hackbarth (R-Cedar) has served 9 non-consecutive terms; his opponent is J. D. Holmquist of Wyoming (DFL).

35A — Three candidates are vying for the seat held by Rep. Jim Abeler, who is running for U.S. Senate. Justin Boals and Abigail Whelan, both of Anoka, are the Republican candidates and Peter Perovich of Ramsey for the DFL. Boals ran against Abeler in 2012 as an Independence Party candidate; Perovich ran in 2012 for state senate.

35B — Rep. Peggy Scott was first elected in 2008 and is seeking a fourth term; her opponent is Sam Beard, who was a DFL candidate for the seat in 2012 but was defeated in the primary.

36A — Former Champlin mayor Rep. Mark Uglem (R) seeks a second term, facing Jefferson Fietek (DFL).

36B — Brooklyn Park city councilor Peter Crema (R) will challenge incumbent Rep. Melissa Hortman (DFL).

37A — A rematch in Coon Rapids between incumbent Rep. Jerry Newton (DFL) and Mandy Benz (R).

37B — Rep. Tim Sanders (R-Blaine) will be challenged by DFL candidate Susan Witt.

38A — Long-time incumbent Rep. Linda Runbeck (R-Circle Pines) will have a rematch with Patrick Davern (DFL) of Lino Lakes.

41A — Rep. Connie Bernardy (DFL) has Jeff Phillips of Fridley as her Republican opponent.

41B — Incumbent Rep. Carolyn Laine (DFL-Columbia Heights) has two opponents, Camden Pike (R) and Tim Utz (Constitution Party). Utz has run for the seat a number of times as a Republican and in 2012 and this year under the Constitution Party, whose candidates have to gain ballot access by collecting voter signatures.

The second wave of candidate filings, for offices where a primary election is not scheduled or required, will begin July 29 for two weeks through August 12, followed by a withdrawal deadline of 5 p.m. August 14. Cities in Anoka County not mentioned in this article will have their candidate filing period from July 29 to August 12, with the exception of Lino Lakes and Circle Pines, the only cities in the county that have their city elections in the odd year. All school districts in the county not mentioned in this article, have their elections in the odd year.

State and county candidate filings were collected during the May 20-June 3 filing period. The primary election will be held Aug. 12 and the general on Nov. 4.

## Columbia Heights Library Bonding

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before the agreement is effective. **Obligations for the purpose may be issued jointly by the agreeing units without an election** and are not subject to the general limit on net debt in any unit. In other respects, the debt must be incurred and discharged in accordance with chapter 475."

Columbia Heights' charter allows for a reverse referendum on any ordinance passed by the city council if a petition signed by 10% of the voters in the last regular municipal election is delivered to the city clerk within 30 days after the ordinance was passed. There were 10,100 voters for the 2012 general election.

13 people testified during the televised meeting. 5 were not entirely supportive.

There was a question about the usage of the city library. Answers were shouted out from the peanut gallery — "17,000 people in the city have library cards." That however was not the answer being sought — how many of those 17,000 actually use the library? (A recent figure given by Anoka County Libraries said that 24% of the system's library card holders had used their card within the last year).

Another skeptic commented that she didn't feel anyone in the city knew about the library project or its property tax ramifications. Mayor Gary Peterson used this moment to beat down the idea of a voter referendum, uttering the old chestnut about how officials are elected to make decisions and their decisions should stand without voters interceding. He suggested that maybe the city's residents don't need a city council — maybe they should just vote on every week on mundane questions "such as whether the streets should be plowed tomorrow." To the skeptic's remark that the city's residents were in the dark about the project, Peterson said, "if they don't care enough to know about it, then we don't want them voting on it."

For the first reading, only a simple majority was required to move the ordinance to the next step, by a vote of 3-1 with Nawrocki dissenting. (Bobby Williams was absent from the June 9 meeting). Passage of the expenditure is expected at the city council's June 23 meeting; a 4/5ths vote is required.

An off-camera meeting of the Economic Development Authority (before the council meeting) will have the Huset Park townhomes issue on the agenda: Habitat for Humanity has expressed interest in adding 16 more units to the development. A large number of townhome owners are opposed.

# ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF CRIME REPORT

## ANDOVER

### Burglaries

June 12 — 17xx 146 Ave NW — unsecure garage; bike

### Thefts & Damage to Property

May 31 — 22xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW — license plate stolen off a vehicle

May 31 — 153xx Yukon St NW — forced entry into a vehicle; CC, iphone

June 1 — 133xx Partridge St NW — unsecure vehicle; ipod, cash

June 2 — 138xx Redwood St NW — locked punched on a vehicle; tools

June 6 — 137xx Partridge St NW — vandalism to a wire fence; clamps cut off

June 6 — 29xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW — license plate stolen off a vehicle at the location

June 6 — 15400 Hanson Blvd NW — Oakview; cash stolen from the gym locker room

June 8 — 14xx 154 Lane NW — vandalism to a house; decorative lights damaged

June 8 — 14xx 154 Lane NW — vandalism to a house; decorative lights damaged

June 9 — 145xx Drake St NW — unsecure garage; tools

June 12 — 142xx Woodbine St NW — unsecure vehicle; stereo

### Arrests

May 31 — 22xx 137 Lane NW — 3rd Degree DWI; deputies responded to a report of two males fighting in a vehicle at the location. The male driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.20)

June 3 — 5xx 139 Lane NW — 5th Degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a mother/son domestic. The son was arrested.

June 5 — 134xx Marigold St NW — 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance, Warrant Arrest; deputies responded to the location in an attempt to arrest a male for a DOC warrant. The male was located. During the search of the male narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

June 10 — 13600 Block Round Lake Blvd NW — DAC-IPS; a deputy a driver for driving without a valid driver's license. The female was arrested.

June 10 — 180 Ave NW/Swallow St NW; 2nd Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for not having a working brake light. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.12)

June 12 — Bunker Lake Blvd NW/Heather St NW — Stolen Vehicle, 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance; a deputy stopped a vehicle because it was coming back stolen. The female driver and male passenger were detained without incident. The female was arrested for the theft of the vehicle and the male for a felony warrant.

## COLUMBUS

### Thefts & Damage to Property

June 8 — 152xx Zurich St NE — business; counterfeit bills used at the location

### Burglaries

June 11 — 156xx Zodiac St NE — forced entry through the front door; jewelry, TV

June 11 — 172xx Potomac St NE — unlocked front door; nothing was stolen

### Arrests

June 8 — 92xx Lake Dr NE — 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. While speaking with the driver the deputy could see instruments used to smoke narcotics. The k-9 was requested to do a sniff of the vehicle. Narcotics were located during the search. The female was arrested.

## EAST BETHEL

### Thefts & Damage to Property

05.31 186xx Ulysses St NE — trailer hitch and ball stolen off a vehicle

June 2 — 5xx 196 Ln NE; June 9 — 204xx Hwy 65 NE; June 11 — 4xx Grove Rd NE — license plate stolen off a vehicle at these locations and dates

June 12 — 21xx 229 Ave NE — vandalism to a house; rocks thrown through the windows

### Arrests

June 8 — Hwy 65 NE/181 Ave NE — 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.174)

## HAM LAKE

### Thefts & Damage to Property

May 30 — 153xx Hwy 65 NE — fence cut; scrap metal stolen

May 31 — 163xx Taconite St NE — female reporting her SS# was being used fraudulently in Oklahoma

June 1 — 146xx Aberdeen St NE — business; mailbox damaged

June 3 — 6xx Heather Dr NE — unsecure vehicle; medications/en from a purse left unattended

June 8 — 136xx Hwy 65 NE — business; building graffiti

June 8 — 175xx Jefferson St NE — unsecure vehicle; purse

June 9 — Quemoy St NE/139 Ave NE — cable wire stolen from the location

June 10 — 14xx Flamingo Dr NE — paver blocks stolen from the location

### Burglaries

June 2 — 169xx Baltimore St NE — business; front door pried open; checks, files

### Arrests/Incidents

May 30 — Constance Blvd NE/Hasting St NE — Reckless Driving, Cancel-IPS; deputies responded to a report of a reckless driver at the location. The driver did not have a valid driver's license. The female was arrested.

May 30 — 20xx Flamingo Dr NE — Warrant Arrest; deputies went to the location attempting to arrest a female for a confirmed warrant. The female was located and arrested.

May 31 — 23xx 145 Lane NE — House Fire; a lighting strike started a house on fire at the location. Ham Lake Fire Department extinguished the fire. No one was injured in the fire.

June 8 — 15300 Block Hwy 65 NE — 3rd Degr. DWI; deputies responded to a vehicle in the ditch at the location. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.274)

June 8 — 2xx 170 Ave NE — DAC-IPS; a deputy stopped a driver for driving without a valid driver's license. The male was arrested.

June 10 — 167xx Xylite St NE — Warrant Arrest; deputies responded to the location attempting to locate a male with a warrant. The male was located and arrested.

June 11 — 30xx Meadow Lane NE — Warrant Attempt

## LINWOOD TOWNSHIP

### Thefts & Damage to Property

May 31 — 56xx South Linwood Dr NE — vandalism to a home; siding spray painted

June 9 — 91xx 242 Ave NE — portable outhouse set on fire at the location

June 9 — 84xx 241 Ave NE — portable outhouse and 2 garbage cans set on fire at the location

June 9 — 82xx 242 Ave NE — unsecure vehicle; I-pod

### Arrests/Incidents

May 31 — 66xx 231 Lane NE — House Fire; a lighting strike started a house on fire at the location. Linwood Fire Department extinguished the fire. No one was injured in the fire.

June 9 — 234xx Typo Creek Dr NE — 4th Degr. DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The male appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested.

June 10 — 97xx 241 Lane NE — Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a mother/daughter domestic at the location. One of the females was arrested.

## NOWTHEN

### Thefts & Damage to Property

June 12 — 184xx Waco St NW — driveway lights broken

June 12 — 190xx Vicuna St NW — check card stolen

June 12 — 190xx Vicuna St NW — vehicle stolen from the location; keys were in it

## OAK GROVE

### Thefts & Damage to Property

June 4 — 190xx Lake George Blvd NW — business; damage to mailbox

June 10 — 221xx St Francis Blvd NW — vehicle stolen from the location; keys were in it

### Arrests/Incidents

June 5 — 228xx Zion Parkway NW — House Fire; ashes from a fire pit were put into a garbage can starting the home on fire. The home was a total loss. Oak Grove, Nowthen, Andover and other area fire departments responded and extinguished the fire. No one was injured.

June 8 — Rum River Blvd NW/183 Ave NW — 2nd Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for a traffic violation. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.027)

June 10 — 22100 Block Lake George Blvd NW — 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested.

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**CITY OF OAK GROVE  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Oak Grove City Council will hold a Public Hearing at or around 7:00 P.M. on Monday, June 30, 2014, for the purpose of considering an On-Sale and Sunday Liquor License application for OakRoads Grille & Bar Inc. (dba: OakRoads Grille & Bar) located at 2351 181st Ave NW, Oak Grove, MN 55011

All written and oral comments will be heard at this meeting. 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 by Wednesday, June 25, 2014.

Sheryl F. Fiskewold  
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**CITY OF HAM LAKE  
ORDINANCE NO. 14-11**

An Ordinance relating to Fireworks Sales; permitting summary issuance of renewal licenses by City Staff.

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Ham Lake, Anoka County, Minnesota, as follows: Article 9-330.6 of the Ham Lake City Code is hereby amended by adding thereto an Article 9-330.6 (F), to read as follows:

**F. Renewal Licenses**

A license for renewal of a license for fireworks sales may be summarily issued by the City Administrator without Planning Commission or City Council review if the site for which the license is sought has been previously issued a license, and the new application does not present any significant changes in the scope of the previous license, and under conditions in which activities under the previous license did not generate any significant complaints or verified allegations of violations of the conditions of the previous license.

Presented to the Ham Lake City Council on June 2, 2014 and adopted by a unanimous vote this 16th day of June, 2014.

Michael G. Van Kirk, Mayor  
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/s/ Tania Uhde, Manager

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**Health care fraud** *continued from page 2*

The solvency of Medicaid and Medicare are threatened by this corruption, the Affordable Care Act will fall victim of these same deceitful practices. These problems could cripple the healthcare system, which represents one-sixth of our nation's economy. Immediate action is needed.

The most concerning part of all is, although the media is talking about this, our elected officials stand idle. What has Al Franken done about this? Nothing. And silent Mike McFadden has no understanding of this problem, nor does he have any experience in governing.

One has to wonder how many government leaders have been bought-off or scared off by these health insurance companies. Newspapers have reported that politicians are being threatened with attack ads in this election year in the unlikely event that they have the courage to speak, let alone act, on this issue.

Washington needs someone who understands the problem, knows how to solve it, and isn't afraid. Jim Abeler is the only one. Franken has no interest, and McFadden doesn't have the knowledge or skills. Jim does.

Jim Abeler is knowledgeable, independent, and not afraid. He will do what is right. In this case, that means standing up to these corrupt health insurance practices to ensure that seniors are not being cheated out of all the healthcare they have paid for and protecting taxpayers and providers.

This problem is real. It is a crisis. This is not only a question of middle aged adults who are concerned about the long-term future of Medicare. It's also a problem for current seniors who may not get the benefits that they were promised and rely on. We need to act, and we need to act now.

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/s/ Motassim Mohamed Sorkaty

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The most important first step is to demand transparency and accountability from government and the health insurance companies. The government must audit and verify the true cost of care, then compare this against representations made to them by the health insurers. This is a precaution that should have been taken hundreds of billions of dollars ago.

These health insurance companies have refused to disclose this data, claiming that it is confidential and a trade secret. Health care programs that are paid for entirely by taxpayers can never be confidential or invoke "trade secrets." Medicare fee-for-service discloses this information, and publishes provider-specific cost data. Managed healthcare public programs such as Medicare Advantage and prepaid medical assistance disclose none of this same information. Concealing this information practically guarantees victimization through fraud and abuse.

This blatant theft from the government is sadly just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to ensuring that every dollar in Medicare and other public healthcare programs is well-spent. It is no secret that our health programs are a complicated tangle, with plenty of waste throughout. This \$140 billion is in addition to those other wasted dollars. Currently our fraud prevention efforts touch upon only petty theft. It is time to go after the major thieves.

Washington needs leadership on this issue. We need to send Dr. Jim Abeler to the U.S. Senate.

Jim Abeler

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