

## Political Junkie's friend: the new Blue Book is out

The Minnesota Secretary of State's office has announced the availability of the new 2015-2016 "Blue Book", a reference directory that is chock full of information about the state legislature, local government, state agencies and judicial contact information, past election results, a list of school districts and cities in the state, and much more.

Its real title is the "Minnesota Legislative Manual" but everyone calls it "the Blue Book", published every other year. Recent editions are on the Secretary of State's website as PDF files, as is the case with the new 2015-2016 edition (find the files on this web page: [www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=1872](http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=1872))

Printed copies of the book can be picked up free of charge at either of the two SOS offices, located in the State Office Building next to the capitol, or the Business Services office at 60 Empire Drive, Suite 100, in Saint Paul. The book will be sent by mail if the requester sends a self-addressed padded envelope no less than 9.5" x 13.5" in size with \$3.72 postage affixed to the envelope. Mail orders should be sent to:

Office of Minnesota Secretary of State  
Legislative Manual Request  
60 Empire Dr., Suite 100  
St. Paul, MN 55103

Orders are limited to one book per individual, per address.

## Candidates start filing for office on Tuesday

The candidate filing period for seats that will be elected in the Nov. 3 general election (no primary election contest) commences this Tuesday, July 28 and will run for two weeks.

Two cities and three school districts in Anoka County will be taking candidate filings for the odd-year general election.

Lino Lakes and Circle Pines each have two council seats and the mayor's seat up for election, while the Fridley school district (ISD #14), the Spring Lake Park school district (ISD #16) and the Anoka-Hennepin school district (ISD #11) will each have three seats on the ballot.

The specific seats to be elected in the Anoka-Hennepin school district are in Districts 1, 2 and 5.

The June 5, 2015 edition of the *Record* had a more detailed article about the coming elections.

## Home-care workers find it difficult to get out of union

By Tom Steward — *Watchdog.Org Minnesota Bureau*

Renee Katz has one question for the Service Employees International Union: What part of "no" don't you understand?

"I can't get out of it. They want me to now do some letter and certify mail it. They didn't certify mail anything to me. And then every time I call or email, they try to talk me into staying," said Katz.

The Oakdale mother works part-time as a personal care assistant for her special needs daughter and other care recipients through subsidized programs designed to avoid institutionalized care. She was outraged to learn 3 percent of their gross wages would be taken for dues for a union she didn't realize she joined.

Her hard-line response stands out because Katz comes from a pro-union family.

"We're a huge union family. My husband's union is wonderful," Katz said. "... It's not that I don't believe in unions. It's just not right for me. I don't want to be part of the union, I don't need it."

Katz failed to realize she became a member in February 2014 when she signed a card supporting an election to form a union. More than 9,000 PCAs signed the same card, though just 3,500 ultimately voted to form the union, approved in a low-turnout vote in August.

"I guess it's not just me, because I thought, 'Oh, what a dummy.' But it's just the way they went about it."



Watchdog photo

**ROCKY ROLL OUT:** Providers and home care workers report confusion and questions over who's in the union, who pays dues and how to get off the membership list from a 2014 organizing drive.

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## Reader surveys that show print preferred over digital are not worth the paper they're printed on

by D.B. Hebbard

*Oddly, print advocates sleep better at night knowing they are producing digital products that readers prefer to read in print – that should give them nightmares*

The readers of magazines and newspapers prefer print to digital. Everyone knows this. We can all go home now and feel better, print wins. End of story.

If you buy this, and have no doubts, I suggest you ask yourself one question: where are you reading this, in print or on a digital device?

In other words, maybe these surveys are asking the wrong questions of readers. Often surveys ask readers if they prefer reading magazines and newspapers, ones designed for print, in printed form, rather than the same print products replicated for display on digital devices. Instead, the questions that should be asked are 1) how much time are you spending today reading print, versus reading on digital devices? 2) has the amount of time you spend reading on your digital device grown over the past few years? and 3) what do you read on that digital device?

That readers would prefer reading the print products of publishers in print, rather than digital, sounds like something that might make a publisher sleep better at night. But when you think about it this way – that readers don't think much of the digital products print publishers are producing – then nightmares may ensue.

A story that might help explain what is going on:

A movie producer, leery of the growth of television, commissioned one of his market research people to survey movie goers, asking them whether they preferred the new medium of television over movies. A few weeks later the marketing man comes back with his results: movie goers overwhelmingly prefer to see their movies in movie houses, with television seen as delivering an inferior product.

Phew, says the movie producer, I can sleep at night.

A few weeks later, though, walking down a NYC street, he passes a store with TVs in the window. A crowd of people are outside watching the TVs. The movie executive smiled, I know something you don't know, you're not going to be happy watching those TVs, he thinks to himself.

But a couple weeks later, passing the same store, he once again sees a crowd of people there. He stops, and notices that they are watching Milton Berle. They laugh at the skits, stare at the screen during the commercials, and suddenly a thought comes to him. We asked the wrong question!

The next day he calls in his marketing man. We asked the wrong question, he tells him. We asked whether a movie viewer prefers seeing films – ones often shot on 70mm stock, in Technicolor – on the big screen, or on tiny black and white screens. We got back the obvious answer. Instead, we should

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**HOME-CARE WORKERS** *continued from page 1*

Emails Katz traded with SEIU representatives — shared with Watchdog Minnesota Bureau — provide an unusual window into the rocky rollout of the home-care worker union's first contract that took effect July 1.

"What is the process to rescind my union membership? I have emailed a couple of times and called the SEIU to opt out of the union, and it does not seem to get me anywhere," Katz wrote in an email to SEIU Healthcare Minnesota's Member Action Center.

SEIU can no longer compel non-members covered by the collective bargaining agreement to pay "fair share fees," under a 2014 U.S. Supreme Court ruling. But Katz got the heads up July 2 that she was on the list for the automatic "voluntary" deductions from the Adena agency that coordinates her services.

"My agency seems to think she still needs to take union dues out, when I have requested to opt out. I am getting very frustrated and will be filing a complaint!" she emailed SEIU.

Adena engaged in a phone and email tit-for-tat of its own, demanding legal proof of Katz's union membership before deducting dues.

"When they come and they're screaming at me because this is so wrong, what am I supposed to do?" said Dena Belise, the agency's owner. "I'm not one of those providers that say, 'Oh, tough, good luck to you.' We're family, and I'm going to do what I can to protect you."

Union representatives did not respond to Watchdog Minnesota Bureau inquiries. But SEIU reluctantly emailed the signed card to both Katz and Belise, as proof of purchase.

"Thanks for checking in and I'm sorry to hear about your frustration," SEIU organizer Galen Smith said in an email to Katz. "... The membership card that you signed authorizes your agency to deduct your dues payment from your paycheck and transmit that payment to your Union."

Smith's email assured Katz a letter mailed July 10 would walk her through the process of opting out.

"If you do choose to resign your membership we will notify any agency that you work through as soon as we receive your certified letter notifying us of your resignation. Until then the agency is required to deduct your dues payment from your paycheck," Smith said in an email signed "in solidarity."

SEIU urged Katz to reconsider, pitching perks like deals on credit cards and travel. The union also touted the contract's paid time off and a higher wage floor, though Katz and many other PCAs already earn more than the \$10.75 hourly minimum.

"Home-care workers may choose not to be members of the Union. If they do, they no longer enjoy any of the rights and privileges of membership," said the letter signed by Sumer Spika, an SEIU organizer and home-care worker.

But Katz turned to a different opt-out option. The care recipients she helps have since switched to another state plan, under which PCAs cannot be union members, due to employment laws.

"They (care recipients) didn't want to deal with the union. They didn't want them calling anymore, they didn't want them hounding them," said Belise. "And they believe that their salary and tracking information the union wants, their address, their phone numbers and everything else, they don't believe they (unions) have a right to them."

Altogether, eight care recipients at the agency have switched to the non-union PCA plan. The domino effect resulted in union dues deductions from three of Adena's 50 or so home-care workers — \$12 for Katz — in the current payroll.

"I just got an email from the union," Katz said. "I told them I'm not even returning this junk that you're telling me I have to do certified mail, because I'm switching services."

**ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF  
CRIME REPORT****ANDOVER****Burglaries**

July 13 — 140xx Round Lake Blvd NW; business; forced entry through front door - cards

**Thefts & Damage to Property**

July 16 — 14xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW; bike stolen from the property

July 13 - 142xx Bluebird St NW — mailbox damaged

July 13 — 15200 Hanson Blvd NW; business; wallet stolen from a unsecure locker

July 13 — 155xx Linnet St NW; unsecure vehicle; GPS

July 10 — 38xx 174 Ln NW; vandalism to a vehicle; tires slashed

**Arrests**

July 16 - 7th Ave NW/155 Ave NW; Warrant Arrest, DAR, Expired Plates; a deputy stopped a driver for not having a valid driver's license. The male was arrested.

July 13 — 24xx 133 Ln NW; 5th Degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a husband/wife domestic. The male was arrested.

July 12 — 138 Ave NW/ Crosstown Blvd NW; 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for not having a valid driver's license. The female appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested. (.09)

July 11 — 22xx 158 Ave NW; 5th Degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a husband/wife domestic. The male was arrested.

July 10 — 24xx 135 Ave NW; 5th Degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a husband/wife domestic. The male and female were both arrested.

**COLUMBUS****Thefts & Damage to Property**

July 13 — 146xx Lake Dr NE; radio stolen from a tractor

**Arrests**

July 15 — Broadway Ave NE/ Kettle River Blvd NE; DAC-IPS, a deputy stopped a driver for not having a valid driver's license. The male was arrested.

July 10 — I-35W; 4th Degree DWI, 3rd Degree Test Refusal; deputies responded to a property damage crash. One of the drivers appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested.

**EAST BETHEL****Burglaries**

July 13 — 182XX Greenbrook Dr NE; locks cut off a cabinet; tools

**Thefts & Damage to Property**

July 15 — 155xx Jackson St NE; unsecure vehicle; purse

July 14 — 181xx Hwy 65 NE; unsecure home; medications

July 11 — 237xx Hwy 65 NE; business; damage to a gas pump

July 10 — 15xx 229 Ave NE; bike stolen from the property

**Arrests**

July 17 — 200 Ln NE/Wild Rice Dr NE; 3rd 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. (.22)

July 12 — Viking Blvd NE/ Rendova St NE; 2nd Degree DWI, DAR; deputies responded to a single motorcycle crash. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.344)

July 11 — 243xx Hwy 65 NE; 5th Degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a husband/wife domestic. The male was arrested.

**HAM LAKE****Thefts & Damage to Property**

July 15 — 13xx Andover Blvd NE; air conditioner stolen from the property

July 13 — 14xx Crosstown Blvd NE; business; Redbox damaged at the location

July 11 — 158xx Terrace Rd NE; vandalism to a garage door

July 11 — 13xx Andover Blvd NE; GPS and sonar stolen from a boat

**Arrests**

July 12 — 14500 Block of HWY 65 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 female was arrested.

July 10 — 13800 Block of Hwy 65 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. (.176)

July 10 — Central Ave NE/153 Ave NE; 2nd Degree DWI; deputies responded to a hit and run car crash at the location. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested. (.222)

**LINWOOD****Thefts & Damage to Property**

July 12 - 241xx West Fawn Rd NE — vehicle stolen from the property; key was in it

July 10 — 90xx 245 Ave NE; vandalism to a vehicle; tires slashed

**NOWTHEN****Thefts & Damage to Property**

July 13 — 219xx Typo Creek Dr NE; school; siding removed from the building

July 12 — 194xx West Tri Oak Cir NW; vandalism to a vehicle; keyed

**Arrests**

July 14 — 224xx St Francis Blvd NW; 5th Degree Assault; deputies responded to an client/staff assault. The male client was arrested.

**OAK GROVE****Thefts & Damage to Property**

July 15 — 30xx 208 Ave NW; mail stolen from the mailbox

July 15 — 29xx 204 Ave NW; mail stolen from the mailbox

July 14 — 204xx Ivywood St NW; mail stolen from the mailbox

July 14 — 29xx 204 Ave NW; mail stolen from the mailbox

July 14 — 29xx 209 Ln NW; mail stolen from the mailbox

July 14 — 205xx Gladiola St NW; mail stolen from the mailbox

July 14 — 6x 212 Ln NW; snowplow stolen from the property

**Arrests**

July 11 — 500 Block Viking Blvd NW; 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance, Warrant Arrest; deputies stopped a vehicle for a barricade violation. The female driver and her passenger had warrants. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The females were arrested.

**OAK GROVE  
CRIME ALERT  
in the area of  
221st & Lake George Blvd.**

**Last weekend over a dozen cars were rummaged through and miscellaneous items were stolen.**

**ALL THE VEHICLES WERE UNLOCKED.**

**It appears that it is the same suspect and the items that he/she is stealing are increasing in value being they are having success.**

**Protect yourselves. Remove valuables from your vehicles, lock your doors, and report suspicious activity immediately to 911.**

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for a compilation of  
January-June 2015  
crime statistics**



# ANOKA COUNTY WATCHDOG

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*Always on the lookout for governmental waste, fraud, and abuse in Anoka County*

**Quote of the Week:** "Money is only a tool. It will take you wherever you wish, but it won't replace you as the driver." — Ayn Rand

## THE DOOR DOESN'T EVEN REVOLVE ANYMORE

Democrats are a lot not known for their modesty or discretion. In fact, it's just the opposite. The audacity, bravado, and plain ol' chutzpah of your average Democrat can be breathtaking.

Right here in the Land of 10,000 Lakes, our Democrats are no different even though we have a Scandinavian tradition of quiet introspection.

Apparently the DFL DNA outweighs the other genes.

We have a DFL Senate leader who demanded a \$90 million office building to serve his part-time wants for one.

We have a DFL senator under FBI investigation for misappropriation of state funds used by a non-profit in which he helps oversee.

We have yet another DFL senator who proposed to simultaneously serve as a senator and work as the highly paid executive director or a group that frequently seeks favors from the legislature.

Not content to let the Senate DFL hog the ignominious limelight, the House has now gotten into the act, with a DFL state Rep. who has taken a job with a company he helped with legislation that recently passed.

Remember when we beleaguered taxpayers only worried about the revolving door of politicians leaving office and then trading in their connections to make money?

Back in the good old days, we worried about the short amount of time between leaving office and cashing in?

The DFL has taken things to a new and brazen level.

The door no longer revolves.

Now, the Democrats simply stand on both sides of the line, with one foot in elective office and one foot in making a living for those they help at the Capitol.

Rep. Schoen, a DFLer from Cottage Grove, has been a driving force behind the legalization of medical marijuana, helping pass the legislation that became law last year.

This week, it was announced that Schoen had taken a paid position with LeafLine labs, a company that holds one of two state-issued licenses to produce and sell medical pot.

The company stated that Schoen would be paid to consult on security issues because their last security consultant had left.

The same news report indicated that Schoen was a patrol officer with the Cottage Grove department.

With all due respect, what is so special about that? There must be thousands and thousands of

patrol officers around the state. Why pick this one?

It appears that the distinction is that this one also happens to be a legislator.

It stands to reason that a security consultant for the pot industry would come with a more specialized knowledge of security issues, perhaps a retired FBI agent or Secret Service agent.

This publication is left to wonder what the skills required for routine policing have to do with the specialized skills needed to analyze and create protocols for transporting cannabis, hardening a building against theft, or protecting employees against sophisticated threats from high level criminals.

What is more troubling is the timing of all this.

When we say "recent" we mean recent. As in this year.

On March 5th, Schoen co-sponsored a bill that offered a suite of helpful items to LeafLine Labs and the other medical marijuana licensee.

For example, the bill extended the duopoly enjoyed by LeafLine from one to three years, which is a big benefit.

To restate, this is an extension of an artificial fencing of the market in favor of LeafLine for an additional two years.

On April 7th, the bill was passed out of a House committee.

On May 18th, near the end of session, the House voted on a bill that contained language nearly identical to the language in the bill Schoen co-authored, including a two-year license protection period instead of the three in the original bill.

The bill, House File 1792, passed 107-26, with Schoen voting in the affirmative.

This timing begs the question of when Schoen was offered employment by LeafLine and when he accepted that offer of employment.

Did he ever vote in support of the helpful language after he had been offered or accepted employment?

This situation bears further investigation, to say the least.

It is highly unlikely that Rep. Schoen would have been offered this job had he not been in the legislature.

Clearly, there appears to be a link between Schoen's legislative service and the employment with LeafLine.

Is this the new standard? Help a business at the Capitol and then get a job with them while you still hold your elective office?

This is a new political low.

The House now needs to determine exactly what the relationship is between Schoen and his new employer.

## THE CIRCULAR FIRING SQUAD

This publication has regularly reported on the various circular firing squad activities of various Republicans who spend ten times as much time and energy going after fellow Republicans as

they do trying to defeat Democrats.

While most thoughtful activists have realized that this activity rarely results in a better result at the polls, some have not — and probably never will.

This past week, the Watchdog received an email from a guy named Jake Duesenberg asking us to invest in some program called the "Bounty Hunter Program."

The email claims that the GOP is "controlled by RINOs," which stands for "Republican in Name Only."

The stated purpose of this program is to "rid the GOP of its liberal faction."

Ok. Then what?

The dream of having 201 fire-breathing, government-loathing legislators is one the Watchdog shares.

The one small problem with that dream is that it's a full-blown fantasy.

Like wishing you were Tom Brady and married to Giselle.

Or like wishing you were Derek Jeter, with the net worth of Bill Gates.

Simply put, it will never happen.

So how does this plan, if successfully implemented, get us to a sustainable Republican governing coalition in Saint Paul?

Who are these RINOs? Is the district they represent one where a conservative can win? For example, Sen. Jeremy Miller represents the Winona area, which is DFL leaning. He is probably considered a "RINO." He would probably agree that he is a moderate. And he's also the most conservative candidate who can carry that district.

So is the goal to oust a guy like him and concede the seat to a Democrat?

Is there a plan to get the successful conservative challenger elected?

Perhaps the answer is to snort some more pixie dust and believe a hardcore conservative can win there.

Next, is there a DFL Bounty Hunter Program? Is there a plan in place to defeat Democrats?

Just what is the strategic purpose of this program?

From what we can discern, it's about a few people feeling good about attacking fellow Republicans with whom they disagree.

And, by the way, what is the criteria for being a "RINO" and who gets to define the term?

This is just another in a series of bad ideas.

The strategic goal is a sustainable center-right governing coalition.

We get there by getting behind the most electable, most conservative candidate that any given district will support.

Step three is to whip the Democrat opponent like a wayward dog.

Step four is to win and govern.

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## Legislators pressure Minnesota board to license out-of-state teachers

By Tom Steward — *Watchdog.Org Minnesota Bureau*

It's been 10 years since Kirstin Rogers moved to Minnesota in hopes of continuing her 12-year teaching career, but state regulations forced her out of the classroom.

Now, new legislation requires the Minnesota Board of Teaching to overhaul the arbitrary licensing process that too often keeps qualified, out-of-state educators like Rogers out of the schoolroom.

"I asked them, explain to me how I could have this many credits and not be qualified to teach? And their response was, 'It doesn't work like that in Minnesota.' I was angry," said Rogers, who earned a master's degree and held endorsements from Utah to teach history, English, geography and reading.

The reforms mark the latest attempt to overhaul and increase accountability in Minnesota's convoluted procedures for certifying out-of-state applicants. In years past, the state agency has stubbornly resisted implementing legislation to change the way it does business.

Now the teaching board faces a higher level of outside scrutiny. The Office of the Legislative Auditor has begun a 10-month investigation of the agency's practices. Meantime, 20 out-of-state teachers — Kirstin Rogers among them — have sued the board for "consistently refusing to follow Minnesota law."

"What would be ideal is if there was a clear cut path of what I would need to do. Because as I'm looking next year at getting a job, it would be nice to be able to teach like I used to, history and reading or just to have the option of what I'm qualified to teach," said Rogers, who resides in Burnsville with her husband and two children.

Minnesota approves some 8,000 teaching licenses annually. Currently, many out-of-state applicants receive temporary teaching licenses, contingent on completing additional hours of remedial coursework and student teaching.

The legislative fixes require the teaching board to green light teachers with compatible out-of-state licenses, provide more transparency in the application process, reinstate a portfolio system to enable teachers to demonstrate practical skills and quit making experienced educators repeat student teaching.

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We don't get there with goofball ideas like this one.

It won't fly anyway.

What's the over/under that this "program" won't raise \$5,000 anyway?\*

(\*Excludes the profligate amounts of money Bob Cummins wastes donating to losing causes, potentially including this one.)

We'll take the under.

### A MOST DUBIOUS DISTINCTION

The news has been filled with all sorts of fawning accolades for state Reps Phyllis Kahn (DFL - Minneapolis) and Lyn Carlson (DFL - Crystal), who now share the record for the longest tenure in Minnesota House history.

Taking office in 1973, both have served 15,532 days each.

Color us unimpressed.

Making a career out of politics is no achievement.

Yuk.

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*Sincerely,*

*Harold E. Hamilton, owner.*

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## Spotlight on some of the new laws

It was great to see many of you at the 20th Annual Andover Family Fun Fest this past weekend! My volunteers had a great time handing out candy and stickers at the parade, and I enjoyed having the opportunity to meet many new residents and reconnect with old friends. This was my third year calling bingo in the Bingo tent on Friday night — congratulations to the lucky winners! As always, the Fun Fest wrapped up with a fantastic fireworks show. Thank you to the many volunteers that put on this successful community event — I am already excited for next year's celebrations!



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In addition to the many celebrations in our community, we are blessed to have great facilities where we can gather and participate in fun activities. Congratulations to the Andover YMCA and Community Center on 10 great years of serving our community!

Many new laws took effect July 1, 2015. Some to note:

### Education Laws Focused on Students

The Anoka-Hennepin School District received a per-pupil increase of \$435 over the next biennium, and the St. Francis School District received a per-pupil increase of \$424. We put dollars directly onto the formula, making a real difference for our students. We also provided more funds for early education scholarships and school readiness programs, putting our youngest learners first. In addition to education funding, we reduced student testing and streamlined teacher licensure to ensure that all of our students have an opportunity to engage in effective teaching.

### Ensuring High-Quality Long Term Care

This session, we implemented a statewide rate of reimbursement for our long-term care facilities. We also implemented a new loan forgiveness program for long-term care workers to attract and retain caring professionals to this important field, and made long-term care insurance plans more affordable for Minnesotans planning ahead.

### Improving Parenting Time to Meet the Needs of Children

My legislation to ensure that all custody and parenting time decisions reached by the court are in the best interests of the child has taken effect. This legislation will help the courts to more strongly take into consideration the vital roles of both mom and dad in their children's lives, and take into account new factors for reaching parenting time and custody decisions.

Please continue to stay in touch throughout the interim with any thoughts, questions, or concerns. You can reach me via phone at (651) 296-4231, or via email at [rep.peggy.scott@house.mn](mailto:rep.peggy.scott@house.mn).

The teachers union and the Board of Teaching opposed most changes, but school districts across the state embraced the effort to open the door to experienced educators, particularly with a shortage of applicants in some areas.

"You're always looking for that one issue that will bring all of the districts together, and this is one of those," said Kirk Schneidawind, executive director of the Minnesota School Boards Association. "We had districts from Thief River Falls to Minneapolis that had the same issue about finding qualified people, who were running into licensure barriers, when they'd come into Minnesota."

Board of Teaching officials did not respond to Watchdog Minnesota Bureau inquiries, but have indicated the agency will move forward with changes. First up will be working on license reciprocity agreements for teaching in surrounding states.

Yet education reformers remain wary, given the teaching board's recent track record. While buoyed by the licensure upgrades mandated by legislators, they continue to back the lawsuit moving forward in district court.

"The fact the Board has not in the past followed the laws set out by the Legislature is why the litigation continues to be so important. We just haven't seen a willingness by the Board to do what they're directed to do by the Legislature," said Daniel Sellers, executive director of MinnCan, an education reform advocacy group. "So we'll continue to put pressure on them through the courtroom until they do what they're required to by law."

The Board of Teaching argued at a June 25 hearing the case should be thrown out because teachers can appeal licensure decisions in administrative court.

"The mere fact that plaintiffs prefer to avoid the administrative process set out in Minnesota law does not give them the right to sidestep that process," the state board argued in court documents.

But the teachers' attorney said it may take a court order to force some reforms.

"The lawsuit alleges that the Board systematically fails to tell teachers why their application has been denied, what requirements they failed to satisfy, or how they might satisfy those requirements," said Rhyddid Watkins, a Faegre Baker Daniels attorney who's representing the teachers pro bono. "...I do not believe the Legislature addressed those concerns."

As a teacher, Rogers knows history has a way of repeating itself when it comes to implementing licensure reform in Minnesota.

"All those years of teaching history and talking about people doing what is right, it's just the current system is wrong," Rogers said. "If my joining the lawsuit and speaking out and sharing my story helps other people, then I feel I should do that." **WD**

## ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF — CRIME STATISTICS

### January-June 2015

#### HAM LAKE CRIME STATISTICS

	JAN 2015	FEB 2015	MAR 2015	APR 2015	MAY 2015	JUNE 2015	TOTAL	TOTAL ENTIRE YEAR 2014	TOTAL ENTIRE YEAR 2013
Radio Calls	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,303	5,841
Incident Reports	478	414	429	434	466	510	2,731	5,263	6,247
Burglaries	4	0	7	6	2	3	22	55	77
Thefts	31	17	11	16	14	32	121	310	287
Crim Sex Conduct	0	0	0	0	2	3	5	7	12
Assault	1	2	4	3	0	0	10	14	19
Damage to Property	17	13	15	5	7	14	71	94	92
Harass Comm.	5	3	1	0	3	3	15	28	35
Felony Arrests	4	2	3	5	0	5	19	61	41
Gross Misd Arrests	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	9	8
Misd Arrests	11	8	9	2	3	13	46	112	116
DUI Arrests	5	4	3	4	8	3	27	44	36
Domestic Arrests	1	0	5	3	2	0	11	20	27
Warrant Arrests	8	7	8	4	9	8	44	104	72
Traffic Arrests	102	77	99	65	85	92	520	1,090	1,174

#### NOWTHEN CRIME STATISTICS

	JAN 2015	FEB 2015	MAR 2015	APR 2015	MAY 2015	JUNE 2015	TOTAL	TOTAL ENTIRE YEAR 2014	TOTAL ENTIRE YEAR 2013
Radio Calls	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,310	1,344
Incident Reports	139	96	122	113	121	130	721	1,560	1,649
Burglaries	4	0	1	1	0	2	8	10	8
Thefts	3	2	4	6	2	7	24	43	33
Crim Sex Conduct	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	3	6
Assault	0	6	1	3	5	4	19	41	26
Damage to Property	0	0	4	0	1	1	6	20	23
Harass Comm.	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	12
Felony Arrests	9	3	1	2	1	2	18	19	18
Gross Misd Arrests	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	6	1
Misd Arrests	1	6	6	4	5	7	29	50	38
DUI Arrests	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	1	10
Domestic Arrests	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	4	3
Warrant Arrests	0	1	2	0	3	0	6	4	16
Traffic Arrests	45	11	29	25	23	26	15	420	514
Bar None Facility	0	16	5	4	9	7	41	123	75
Alarms	9	4	2	7	8	9	39	61	43
Animal Complaints	3	1	8	4	6	5	27	66	63
Fire	2	2	2	1	1	0	8	22	14
MV Complaints	1	2	1	2	1	4	11	17	22
Medicals	11	7	5	11	7	9	50	80	92
Ordinance	0	0	1	1	2	4	8	15	12

#### OAK GROVE CRIME STATISTICS

	JAN 2015	FEB 2015	MAR 2015	APR 2015	MAY 2015	JUNE 2015	TOTAL	TOTAL ENTIRE YEAR 2014	TOTAL ENTIRE YEAR 2013
Radio Calls	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,303	5,841
Incident Reports	478	414	429	434	466	510	2,731	5,263	6,247
Burglaries	4	0	7	6	2	3	22	55	77
Thefts	31	17	11	16	14	32	121	310	287
Crim Sex Conduct	0	0	0	0	2	3	5	7	12
Assault	1	2	4	3	0	0	10	14	19
Damage to Property	17	13	15	5	7	14	71	94	92
Harass Comm.	5	3	1	0	3	3	15	28	35
Felony Arrests	4	2	3	5	0	5	19	61	41
Gross Misd Arrests	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	9	8
Misd Arrests	11	8	9	2	3	13	46	112	116
DUI Arrests	5	4	3	4	8	3	27	44	36
Domestic Arrests	1	0	5	3	2	0	11	20	27
Warrant Arrests	8	7	8	4	9	8	44	104	72
Traffic Arrests	102	77	99	65	85	92	520	1,090	1,174

#### Paper vs. Digital *continued from page 1*

have asked what do you like to see TV screens, what kind of programming

The marketing man comes back a couple weeks later and gives his report: movie goes still love seeing films in movie theaters. But they are now spending more time watching TV. While watching TV they are viewing variety shows, comedies shot specifically for TV, live events, and such. If you want to succeed on TV, the marketing man says, you have to produce the kind of content viewers will want to watch on the TVs they are buying.

Today, when I read that consumers still prefer print I immediately wonder the questions were that were asked. I wonder why one even bothers asking them for their preferences? That is a judgement call, made by the consumer and subject to interpretation. I'm a digital publishing professional, and I can tell you that I definitely prefer reading the print version of Martha Stewart Living in print than the print replica edition now being produced by Meredith. So do the readers of the replica edition. Look at the reviews in iTunes! So, what's the point? Asking me that question gives me no usable data.

Instead, any survey comparing print to digital should not include questions involving judgement. Instead ask the reader how often they find themselves reading content on their mobile devices, tablets, desktops? Has the amount of time increased in the last few years or decreased? What do they read on this devices? These can be answered with data that can be confirmed (preferences cannot).

I can probably tell you what the findings will be, and so can you: more time is being spent on mobile devices than ever before and that when reading on those devices they are not reading, for the most part, products being produced by print publishers. They are on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, etc. They are also on the NYT's mobile website or mobile app, the BBC, and other sites and apps designed for mobile reading – see some print publishers are reaching digital readers.

Many digital-only publishers are asking themselves whether it is wise to think of the print model when creating new digital publications. Should they stick to the traditional monthly publication schedule? Should their digital publications look and feel like a print product? or should they replica the web? be something new? what do digital readers want and expect that print readers do not? how can the features and capabilities of the digital devices themselves change their digital publications (social sharing, use of the camera, calendar, notifications, etc.)?

A publisher should never be proud that their print product is preferred over their digital product. Instead, they should be creating great products in print and great products in digital. They know they are succeeding in this when the reader answers a badly designed question like 'which of these products do you prefer, this print one or this digital one?' with the answer 'I don't know, you can't compare them.'

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**CITY OF HAM LAKE  
NOTICE TO  
CONTRACTORS**

Sealed bids will be received and publicly opened by the City of Ham Lake, Anoka County, Minnesota at the office of the City Clerk, on the 14th of August, at 11:00 A.M. for the furnishing of work and material for the City of Ham Lake 2015 Bituminous Sealer Project.

The project consists of the following approximate quantities:

70,000 square yards - application of a bituminous asphalt sealant and rejuvenating agent

All in accordance with specifications prepared for the City of Ham Lake, Minnesota, by RFC Engineering, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 13635 Johnson Street, Ham Lake, Minnesota, 55304, telephone 763-862-8000.

Specifications may be examined at City Hall, may be obtained from the Engineer and are available for download from [www.rfceengineering.com](http://www.rfceengineering.com) under the Ham Lake heading under Contractor Information. Bids must be made on the basis of cash payment for the work accompanied by a cash basis, a certified check (from a responsible bank in the State of Minnesota), or a bidder's bond and made payable without condition to the City of Ham Lake, Minnesota, in an amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in any bids received without explanation.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the bid opening.

By order of the City Council of the City of Ham Lake, Minnesota.

Dated this 20th day of July  
Denise Webster, City Clerk  
City of Ham Lake

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**ANOKA COUNTY  
SUMMARY OF BIDS**

Bid #2015-30  
Description of Bid/RFP:  
Advertisement for Proposals - Design, Engineering and Project Management RFP for Anoka County Mississippi River Regional Trail Expansion

Bid Opening: August 26, 2015

For more information regarding the above published bids/RFPs, please visit the Anoka County Web Site at: [www.AnokaCounty.us/bids](http://www.AnokaCounty.us/bids).

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**ANOKA COUNTY  
BOARD MEETING  
SUMMARY**

The Anoka County Board met on June 23, 2015. Standing county committee information reports and action items were considered, and action was taken as necessary. The following resolutions were adopted: #2015-78 Federal Participation Via the Force Account Method, #2015-79 Construction Agreement, #2015-80 Property Conveyance, #2015-81 Performance Measurement Program, #2015-82 Economic Assistance Payments, #2015-83 Family Homelessness Prevention, and #2015-84 Fees. A public hearing was held related to Anoka County user fees. A full copy of the agenda, minutes, accounts,

and claims greater than \$2000 may be found on the Anoka County Web site: [www.anokacounty.us](http://www.anokacounty.us)

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**ANOKA COUNTY  
SUMMARY OF BIDS**

Bid #2015-31

Description of Bid/RFP:  
Bids Invited for Anoka County Project No. S.P. 002-624-026 Intersections of CSAH 24 Bridge Street and CR 72 Rum River Blvd., Also CSAH 24 Bridge Street and CSAH 9 Lake George Blvd. and Kerry Street Connection in Anoka County

Bid Opening: August 18, 2015

For more information regarding the above published bids/RFPs, please visit the Anoka County Web Site at: [www.AnokaCounty.us/bids](http://www.AnokaCounty.us/bids).

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**ANOKA COUNTY  
SUMMARY OF BIDS**

Bid #2015-32

Description of Bid/RFP:  
Bids Invited for an Anoka County Project County Project C.P. 15-02-00 Bituminous Crack Sealing

Bid Opening: August 18, 2015

For more information regarding the above published bids/RFPs, please visit the Anoka County Web Site at: [www.AnokaCounty.us/bids](http://www.AnokaCounty.us/bids).

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**NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS AND  
CLAIMANTS  
CMDF27223 LLC**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that CMDF27223 LLC has dissolved and is in the process of winding up its affairs. The limited liability company has filed with the Secretary of State a notice of dissolution. The notice was filed May 13, 2015. Claims against the company must be presented in writing to: Kirscher Law Firm PA, 2489 Rice Street, Suite 75, Roseville, MN 55113. Claims must be received by Oct. 15, 2015.

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**CITY OF ANDOVER  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC  
INFORMATION  
MEETING  
WELLHEAD  
PROTECTION PLAN  
AMENDMENT  
PROJECT 13-42**

The City of Andover is in the process of developing a wellhead protection plan amendment for its drinking water supply wells. Part 1 of the Plan amendment includes the delineation of the Wellhead Protection Areas (WHPAs); the delineation of the Drinking Water Supply Management Areas (DWSMAs); and the vulnerability assessment of both the drinking wells and the aquifers within the DWSMAs. Part 1 of the Plan amendment is available for review. Consistent with the Wellhead Protection Rule (4720.5330, subpart 7), notice is hereby given that a public information meeting will be held at the Andover City Hall Council Chambers on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to discuss Part 1 of the Plan amendment.

Michelle Hartner  
Deputy City Clerk

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**CITY OF NOWTHEN  
ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE 2015-02**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF THE NOWTHEN CITY CODE TO REDUCE STRUCTURE SETBACKS FROM WETLANDS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOWTHEN DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

Section 1. Chapter 11, Section 11-4-20.A.10.b is hereby amended as follows: (see chart on right)

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and publication according to State Statute.

This represents the official summary of Ordinance 2015-02 which was approved by the City Council of the City of Nowthen on July 14, 2015. A printed copy of this ordinance is available for inspection by any person at the office of the city clerk during normal business hours. The ordinance can be viewed in its entirety at the Nowthen City Hall, 8188 199th Avenue NW, Nowthen, MN 55330. Call 763-441-1347 with any questions.

By: Mayor Jeff Pilon  
Attest: Corrie LaDoucer,  
City Clerk

**OF CITY OWNED REAL  
ESTATE  
THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS  
ORDAINS:**

Section 1. The City is hereby authorized and shall sell the following described real property at such time, under such terms and for amounts that the City Council deems appropriate at the time of sale: Property ID# 17.122.0100 Sect-22 Twp-034 Range 024 SE 1/4 FCT & E/2 of SW/4; (183.55 Acres in Isanti County)

Section 2. The Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the necessary documents to convey the interest of the City of St. Francis to said property.

Section 3. That pursuant to Section 12.03 of the City Charter and state law, any net cash proceeds of the sale of said property shall be used to retire any outstanding indebtedness incurred by the City in the acquisition or improvement of the property. Any remaining proceeds shall be used to finance other improvements in the capital improvement budget or to retire any other bonded indebtedness within the same City fund that proceeds were used to purchase the property.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS THIS 20th DAY OF JULY, 2015.  
APPROVED:  
/s/ Steve Kane  
Mayor of St. Francis  
ATTEST:  
/s/ Barbara I. Held  
City Clerk

**RICHARD ALAN HALL**

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ANOKA In Re the Marriage of: Richard Alan Hall Petitioner, and Delores Ann Hall Respondent

STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon petitioner's attorney, an Answer to the Petition For Dissolution of Marriage which is herewith served upon you, within thirty days from the date of service of this Summons and Petition For Dissolution of Marriage, exclusive of the date of service.

If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.

This action involves real property located in Stacy, Minnesota, Chisago County, Minnesota, and Kanabec County, Minnesota. Said real properties are legally described on the attached exhibit A.

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY RESTRAINING PROVISIONS Under Minnesota law, service of this Summons makes the following requirements apply to both parties in this action, unless they are modified by the Court or the proceeding is dismissed:

- Neither party may dispose of any assets except:
  - For the necessities of life or for the necessary generation of income or preservation of assets.
  - By an agreement in writing; or
  - For retaining counsel to carry on or to contest this proceeding.
- Neither party may harass the other party; and



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