

House and Senate State Fair Polling Results Are In

Attendance at the 2015 State Fair reached the fourth highest number in its history, a tally of 1,779,738 visitors. The record of 1,824,830 was set in 2014.

The State House and Senate conducted their annual polling of visitors who stopped by their fair booth inside the Education Building. This year however, the number of people who took the poll was among the lowest since the early days of the annual effort, which began in the 1990's. The 2015 fair set a new record for attendance on Labor Day, but there appeared to be little interest in politics in the odd year.

Observations from the Field

Bryan Olson



The House poll was taken by 6,338 people (down from 7,607 the year before) and the Senate had 4,585 (down from 5,340 in 2014). The banner year for participation was 2011, where nearly 21,000 surveys were collected by the House and Senate combined.

The House poll asked if one supported public funding of pre-school for all four-year-olds. 60% said yes.

81% of respondents feel that parents and guardians of young children should be required to have a chat with a physician before they choose to not have their child vaccinated.

68% thought Social Security should be exempt from state income tax. The controversial "tip credit" was nixed by 54% of respondents. The proposal would allow restaurant owners to pay a lower wage with the expectation that tipped workers would ultimately be paid well above the minimum wage required by law, once tips were figured in.

61% said proof of "lawful residency in the United States" should still be the requirement to obtain a driver's license or I.D. card.

The trend toward people willing to tax themselves more for buses and light rail was evident again in the House polling, as 55% believed the metro-wide "transit sales tax" should be increased to a full cent. It's now a quarter of a cent.

73% were agreeable to a constitutional amendment to "protect electronic messages from unreasonable government searches and seizure."

70% said boaters who want to purchase a license for their boats should be required to take classes about preventing "the spread of aquatic invasive species."

73% did not agree that seniority should be the first priority when determining teacher layoffs.

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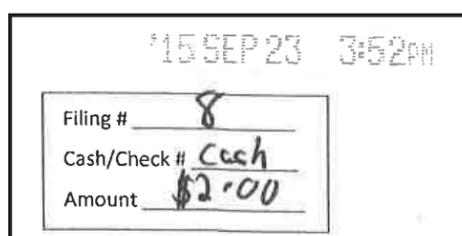
The Columbia Heights School Board December 1st Special Election Primary will have at least six and maybe seven candidates on the ballot. The first six candidates who filed and did not withdraw are, in order of filing: Jennifer Laine, Tenecia Kirk, Tim Utz, Scott Bardell, Naty Severson, and Hala Asamarai.

The filing affidavit submitted by the last candidate, Cahen Barret, is in question because while it was accepted by School District Filing Clerk Adam Nelson, along with a \$2 cash payment, it appears to have been accepted one day after the filing deadline in violation of Minnesota election law. All of the filing affidavits, along with Barret's were forwarded by the School District to Anoka County, which is responsible for conducting the election.



The filing period for the School Board Special Election closed on September 22. Barret's affidavit is signed, along with the date of September 22, 2015, but then had a "3" written over the "2" to make it September 23, 2015. The notary public, Leslie Velez Espinoza, dated her verification of the signature as having been done on September 23, 2015. At the top of the affidavit are two date time stamps which each state "15 SEP 23 3:52PM"

Casey Mahon (left) ordered Adam Nelson (right) to not answer questions about a candidate affidavit that Nelson appears to have illegally accepted the day after candidate filing closed. Mahon has been unavailable for comment and has not responded to questions.

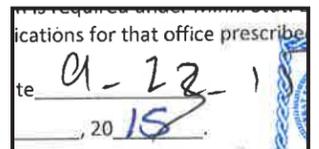


Filing Clerk Adam Nelson's notation that Barret was the eighth candidate to file, paid \$2.00 cash, and filed on September 23, 2015 at 3:52 pm, which was 23 hours after filing had closed.

School District Filing Clerk Adam Nelson, in an interview at district headquarters, stated that he was the employee that accepted all candidate affidavits. When asked to verify if he accepted the Barret affidavit, and on what date he accepted it, he refused to answer the question. He refused to verify the filing deadline and refused to respond to any questions about the date discrepancies. He also refused to verify if it was the school district that placed the "15 SEP 23 3:52PM" stamp on the affidavit. He refused to answer why he accepted an affidavit that was dated the day after the filing deadline. He stated that he was under orders from School District Communications' Director Casey Mahon

not to speak on this issue. Mahon was unavailable for comment and has not responded to our questions.

Anoka County Elections Manager Cindy Reichert was unable to speak specifically to the Columbia Heights School District filing issue. She indicated that while her department conducts the election, the district chose to retain control over the filing aspects of the election process. In other school districts such as Anoka-Hennepin #11, Reichert is responsible for all aspects of the election process.

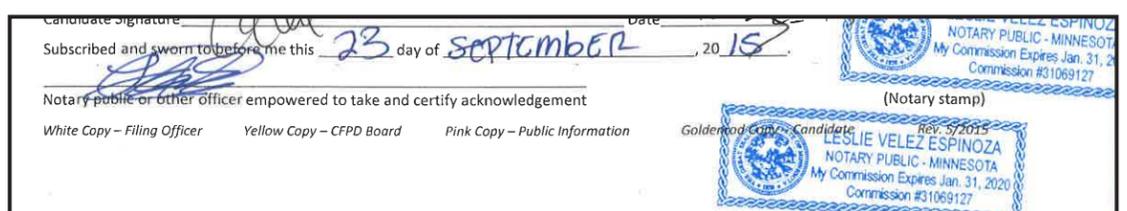


Barret overwrites the second "2" in 9-22-15 to make it 9-23-15

In elections where Reichert is responsible for accepting candidate affidavits, she stated that the filing deadline is an absolute. After the office closes on the last day of filing, affidavits of candidacy are no longer accepted that day, or any day afterward.

According to Ryan Furlong at the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State, an affidavit of candidacy has to be submitted before the end of the filing period. In this situation, that would have been Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 5:00 pm. Under Minnesota Statutes 204B.44, the District Court would decide the validity of an affidavit.

Any individual could file with the District Court to seek judicial review of the Barret affidavit. The Court would have the authority to remove Barret's name from the ballot. Depending upon the timing of such a request and the response from the Court, the School District could be put in a position where they would have to pay to have new ballots printed. - ACR Staff



Leslie Velez Espinoza, Notary Public, confirms signature date as September 23, 2015, one day late.

Anoka County closes the tap on 'hydration stations'

By Tom Steward, Watchdog.org

Workers in Anoka County, Minnesota like their bottled water, and officials, in the interest of keeping them hydrated and getting rid of those pesky plastic bottles, got an expensive idea.

They want to replace 38 old-fashioned water fountains with more user- and environmentally friendly "hydration stations." But the price tag — \$133,000 to \$190,000 — got county commissioners thinking about another sort of waste.

Bids came in at \$4,170 per filling station, roughly four times the county's cost for a standard water fountain.

"They tabled it and said you need to do better," Martha Weaver, Anoka County public information manager, said after a Finance and Capital Improvements Committee meeting Sept 15. "They felt that the cost of the installation was not in line with the cost of what it should have been. So they asked staff to come up with a different proposal that was considerably less expensive, and perhaps on a much smaller scale."

The "healthy initiatives" proposal submitted on behalf of Anoka County's 1,700 employees heralded the units' hygienic and environmental advantages.

"Installation eliminates the need for bottled water consumption allowing for germ free reusable water bottle refills," according to a county facilities management and construction memo summarizing the project.

Poor water quality and pressure is a problem in some of the county's public buildings.

"Because the age of county buildings varies, several of our drinking fountains are either non-functioning or failing," said Brad Fields, Anoka County director of Recycling and Resource Solutions and License Bureau Services. "The need to replace them coincided with a request made from Anoka County employees to replace existing fountains with hydration stations."

Anoka County faces state pressure to meet tougher goals in reducing solid waste. Counties that fail to reduce municipal waste from sources such as plastic bottles 4 percent to 6 percent by 2030 are threatened with a reduction in state money.

"The state has mandated new recycling goals on us, and this helps get you there," Anoka County Commissioner Matt Look says. "However much it helps you, that's

subject to quantitative analysis. A lot of these new hydration stations have a counter on them that'll say how many water bottles have essentially exited from that machine, in terms of volume of water."

The Twin Cities metro area county installed five pilot hydration stations earlier this year to monitor interest and usage. Money for the test run came from state grants for recycling and waste reduction. The refilling units were installed in buildings with a high volume of traffic and deteriorating water pipes.

"I love it," Weaver said. "I use it because I used to fill up my water bottle out of the sink in the little office kitchen, and I did not really appreciate the chunks of white calcium that I was getting with my water."

The refilling stations have put a dent in the county's waste stream, eliminating the equivalent of about 2,000 plastic bottles per month for recycling.

"The counters are really the best indicator. The high count means they're being used heavily," Fields said.

In addition to the water stations, commissioners have discussed hiring an in-house plumber to cut expenses on repairs

and projects in public buildings countywide, including water fountains due for replacement.

"On the low end, if we can do it for \$1,000, \$200 bucks of labor and materials, \$800 for the unit, that would be reasonable," said Look. "I think that gets us closer to what it would probably cost us for an existing fountain to be replaced or tearing it apart and trying to fix it."



IT ALL ADDS UP: So-called hydration filling stations track the number of plastic water bottles no longer going into the trash due to reusing bottles.



Rep. Scott Update

Data Practices Commission

Last week, I took part in the first post-session meeting of the Legislative Commission on Data Practices. This commission, which is made up of legislators from the House and Senate, reviews data privacy and security issues and state government transparency, then makes recommendations to the legislature. In the coming months, we will cover topics ranging from police body camera data classification to health plan provider data. I look forward to ensuring our government agencies protect the private information of our citizens, while also being transparent to the public.



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Angel Tax Credit Program

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) has \$3.6 million in Angel Tax credits to award. Until September 30, these funds are reserved for minority or women-owned businesses, or businesses located in Greater Minnesota. On October 1, the remaining funds open up to other investors. Already, companies in our state received \$1.2 million in tax credits, with each business averaging about \$140,000. If you own a business, or know someone who may qualify, be sure to apply for this great program! If you would like more information on the DEED Angel Tax credit, please contact my office.

A side note from DEED, October 1-10 is Minnesota Manufacturing Week. Manufacturing accounts for over 300,000 private sector jobs, one in every eight, in Minnesota. What a great opportunity to honor this industry in our state!

Committee Visit

I joined the House Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy and Finance Committee in Becker to tour the Sherco power plant and discuss energy issues. During the hearing, we discussed the EPA Clean Power Plan that threatens this power plant's future. Sherco provides around a quarter of our state's electricity and is home to numerous good-paying jobs. In the coming session, we will work toward an energy policy that ensures affordable prices while protecting jobs in our state.

City of Nowthen

Planning and Zoning Commission

The Planning Commission reviews, comments, holds public hearings and makes recommendations to the City Council Regarding:

Growth, land use and development in the City conformance to the Comprehensive Plan, City Code and Ordinances.

The Planning Commission is a 7 member committee with a 3 year term length.

Anyone interested in the position must complete the Application for Appointment. Also review the Planning and Zoning City Code, with Code of conduct.

All applications must be submitted to the City Offices no later than October 16, 2015 at 4:30 PM.

All applicants must attend the 7:00 PM, October 27, 2015 Planning and Zoning Meeting for interviews and recommended appointment.

Contact the City Offices at 763-441-1347 for more information or contact the City Council directly.

City of Nowthen

Road and Bridge Committee

The Road and Bridge Committee participates in developing the road, bridge, ditch, culverts parts of Comprehensive Plan and MS4 Plan; participates in additional planning projects stemming from these plans; participates in the capital improvement programming process.

The Road and Bridge Committee is a 5 member committee with a 3 year term length.

Anyone interested in the position must complete the Application for Appointment. Also review the Road and Bridge City Code, with Code of conduct and duties and functions.

All applications must be submitted to the City Offices no later than October 9, 2015 at 4:30 PM.

All applicants must attend the 7:00 PM, October 20, 2015 Road and Bridge Committee Meeting for interviews and recommended appointment.

Contact the City Offices at 763-441-1347 for more information or contact the City Council directly.

All Anoka County License Centers and Passport Centers will be closed Monday, October 12, for staff training.



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Quote of the Week: "We need the jobs. Jobs are important. But those aren't the jobs we want. In this modern age, these projects are going to be man camps ... that clear out the community, create a lot of crime, prostitution, gambling. All kinds of community problems and tend to drive out other sustainable jobs."

- **Bill Hansen, DFL Candidate for House District 3A**, referring to construction workers who would build the Polymet Mine

Quote of the Week II: "Mr. Hansen has degraded our members for his own personal and political gains. He clearly has a delusional and skewed view of current-day construction workers and the value they bring to their families and community."

- **Mike Syversrud, President of the Iron Range Building and Construction Trades Council**

FAREWELL, BP

Big news this week was the sudden and unexpected resignation of state Senator Branden Petersen (R - Andover).

Petersen, who had earlier announced that he would not seek re-election in 2016, had previously said he would finish out his term.

In an interview with local media, Petersen observed that he had "checked out" from his legislative duties and didn't think it was right for him to occupy the office if he wasn't fully engaged.

While Petersen's vote on gay marriage hogs the biographical spotlight of his legislative service, Watchdogs will long remember his important role in re-asserting the role of liberty in conservative thought and Republican legislative action.

Unfortunately, Republican mainstream thought has been dominated by a "Big Government Conservative" view that is comfortable with Big Government so long as it is deployed in the service of Republican legislative goals.

Government funding for "faith-based" non-profits, domestic surveillance in the name of "security," prisons overflowing with non-violent offenders in the name of a "war" on drugs.

Petersen's service should be noted for his efforts, many successful, to help change the GOP conversation and add liberty considerations to policy deliberations.

Petersen's resignation will trigger a special election to replace him.

Because of when the resignation took place, Governor Dayton has fairly large leeway in deciding when to call the special election. Essentially, he can call whenever he wants, so long as the winner is elected in time to join the next regular legislative session, which will convene in March of 2016.

There is a crowded GOP field, which is mostly populated with conservatives and Jim Abeler, the

former ultra-moderate who became a registered lobbyist who now wants to be a Senator, perhaps to get his Northstar train running up to Saint Cloud.

The field is wide open and unsettled. It will be interesting to see which candidates make the cut, especially with a couple of them toting significant baggage from Internet rants that unfortunately for them cannot be deleted from the permanent record.

Leadership, judgment, and temperament will be the things delegates in this district will be looking for in candidates.

To be honest, with the exception of Abeler, these candidates are very close on the issues and are all conservative. Thus, the discriminators will turn on personality traits like poise and bearing.

Over the next few weeks, the Watchdog will be exploring the candidates in more detail, helping our readers get a better idea of who exactly are the men who want to be the next senator from District 35.

SO WHO GOT REJECTED?

Unions, especially government worker unions, are having themselves a real good time dancing on Scott Walker's political grave.

Social media is rife with union leaders spiking the ball in Walker's end zone, claiming that Walker's political demise is some sort of evidence that voters - Republican voters! - have rejected the reforms that he implemented to bring unions under some sort of reasonable control.

Well, if that's the case, then why have over 100,000 Wisconsin government employees rejected THEIR OWN union, and walked away from paying dues and having membership?

It looks to this publication like the ones who got rejected are the very union bosses who are claiming victory.

Walker went down like the Titanic because he was a horrible candidate not ready for prime time.

His only good policy idea was that regarding unions, and freedom from them. The fact that 100,000 Wisconsin government employees agree with him is proof positive.

WHY WALKER FAILED

Ugh, that was ugly. Very ugly. Scott Walker ran one of the worst presidential campaigns we've seen in a long, long time.

There were four essential reasons his campaign blew up like the Hindenburg.

First, Walker was boring, stale, and scripted.

The hype said he was a tough talking, Harley riding, straight shooter from a blue state who took on the biggest kids on the block and beat them like a rented mule.

Instead, we saw a mealy mouthed, boring, and way too predictable candidate who did everything according to the tired old playbook.

He had the starched white shirt, the red tie, and sleeves rolled up. He had the video of him walking through the corn field talking with old guys in John

Deere hats. He had the family photos with the wife and kids holding the fishies they caught on wonderfully sunny day at the local lake.

In short, Walker was the Stepford Wife of the campaign. Robotic, bourgeoisie, and suburban.

In this day and age, America wants candidates who can inspire and entertain. If your guy can't do things like wow them on Jimmy Kimmel or appear in a Sports Center ad, he won't win.

This is especially true in a year when every voter hates the status quo. The more you walk, talk, look and smell like the Establishment, the worse off you are.

Walker was as exciting and tasty as a rice cake found under the couch cushions.

Second, Walker was unfocused and failed to stay on message.

His critics want to say he was obsessively focused on union busting.

To the contrary, he spent too little time on this subject. In a crowded field where the candidates are similar on most issues, it's imperative to craft a narrative, to carve your niche in the political market place.

Instead of focusing on strengths, led by union reforms, Walker spent a great deal of time talking to voters about his weaknesses, especially in the area of foreign affairs, which led to the third big problem.

Once Walker got off message, he tended to say some really dumb things.

He reinforced his lack of foreign policy expertise by claiming, for example, that he ready to be Commander-in-Chief because he survived all those unwashed hippies banging on pots and pans down at the Capitol protesting Act 10.

He thought building a wall along the Canadian border was an idea worth exploring.

Embarrassing. Face in palm embarrassing.

He claimed he wasn't a career politician even though he's been in office nearly his entire adult life.

Fourth, Walker was a flip flopper whose inability to decisively take a stand on important issues make him look weak and equivocating.

Walker adopted multiple positions on abortion, immigration, and ethanol.

He signed into law a \$250 million public subsidy for the NBA's Milwaukee franchise to build a new stadium.

He even screwed up his signature issue on union reform.

After passing Act 10, which applied to government unions, Walker should have stopped.

In politics, you have to know when you've won.

Instead, Walker went on to push very controversial reforms in the private sector, ones opposed by many Wisconsin businesses and other groups friendly with Republicans.

By doing so, Walker muddied the waters of his victory and moved away from a clear cut victory the public clearly supported.

It's like Walker quarterbacked his team to a

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ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF — CRIME REPORT

ANDOVER

Burglaries

Sept. 21 138xx Sycamore St NW – attempted break in through front door; access was not gained

Thefts & Damage to Property

Sept. 22 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – counterfeit bill used at the business

Sept. 21 36xx 142 Ave NW – vandalism to a pop up camper; roof vent smashed

Sept. 21 170xx Barium St NW – license plate stolen off a vehicle

Sept. 19 21xx Andover Blvd NW – bike stolen from the property

Sept. 18 174xx Ward Lake Dr NW – vandalism to a sod field; tire tracks

Arrests

Sept. 20 Yukon St NW/Crosstown Blvd NW – 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance; deputies stopped a driver for not having a front plate. While speaking with the driver of the vehicle the deputy saw and open pill bottle on the floor. Narcotics were located in that pill bottle. The male was arrested.

Sept. 19 Bunker Lake Blvd NW/Rose St NW – 2nd Degree DWI, 2nd Degree DWI Test Refusal; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested.

Sept. 18 137xx Vale St NW – OFP Violation; deputies responded to an order for protection violation at the location. It was determined that the male did violate the order. The male was arrested.

BETHEL

Arrests

Sept. 21 237xx University Ave NW – Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, Canceled-IPS; deputies responded to a report of a male going through vehicles at the location. The male was located in a stolen vehicle and did not have a valid driver's license. The male was arrested.

COLUMBUS

Thefts & Damage to Property

Sept. 21 141xx Furman St NE – vandalism to a garage; smashed garage door

Sept. 18 67xx Camp 3 Rd NE – unsecure vehicle; airbags

EAST BETHEL

Thefts & Damage to Property

Sept. 22 186xx Ulysses St NE – mail stolen from the mailbox

Sept. 21 23xx 7 St NE – unsecure vehicle; laptop

Arrests

Sept. 25 2xx Elm Rd NE – 5th Degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a girlfriend/boyfriend domestic. The male was arrested.

Sept. 20 201xx Austin St NE – Disorderly Conduct; deputies responded to a neighborhood dispute at the location. One of the males was intoxicated and refused to listen to the deputies. The male was arrested.

Sept. 20 11xx 231 Ln NE – 2nd degree DWI; deputies responded to a report of a drunk male at the location. The deputies located the male in a vehicle driving. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .34

Sept. 19 Hwy 54 NE/237 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. .13

HAM LAKE

Thefts & Damage to Property

Sept. 23 175xx Hwy 65 NE – vandalism to a fence; broken

Sept. 22 7xx 152 Ave NE – female's personal information used fraudulently

Sept. 21 152xx Hwy 65 NE – tools stolen from the property

Sept. 21 137xx Petersburg St NE – boxes of siding stolen from the property

Sept. 20 172xx Staples St NE – unsecure vehicle; tablet

Arrests

Sept. 20 168xx Taconite St NE – 4th Degree DWI, Test Refusal, Open Bottle; deputies responded to a report of loud music disturbing at the location. Upon arriving the deputies located a male passed out in the driver seat of a vehicle. The male appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested.

Sept. 19 Hwy 65 NE/Bunker Lake Blvd NE – 3rd Degree DWI Test Refusal, Hit and Run Property Damage Crash; deputies responded to a hit and run property damage crash. The driver and vehicle that left the crash were located. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .207

LINWOOD TOWNSHIP

Thefts & Damage to Property

Sept. 22 241xx West Typo Dr NE – mail stolen from the mailbox

Sept. 18 9000 Block Viking Blvd NE – lawn equipment stolen from the property

NOWTHEN

Thefts & Damage to Property

Sept. 24 94xx Viking Blvd NW – vehicle window smashed; wallet, tools

Sept. 18 224xx St Francis Blvd NW – vandalism to a vehicle; kicked

Arrests

Sept. 25 5800 Block Viking Blvd NW – 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for having ahead light out. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested. .122

OAK GROVE

Burglaries

Sept. 20 45xx 214 Ave NW – unsecure garage; snowboard

Thefts & Damage to Property

Sept. 21 31xx 206 Ln NW – yellow steel foot lock braces stolen from the property

Arrests

Sept. 19 229th Ave NW/Raven St NW – 2nd 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. .15

Investigator Insight:

We have received multiple reports this week about the “Fake Help Desk Scams”. Victims are contacted via phone, email, or pop-up on their computer. The thieves state that they are a legitimate software or hardware vendor (Microsoft, Dell, Comcast) or a business or university you have an email account through. They tell you that your computer is malfunctioning and they need to fix it. The scam varies its tactics from there; some ask to remote into your computer and then they steal information, some require

you pay them via a credit card or Western Union before they will help you, others lock up your computer and just mess with you.

If you are contacted by a “help desk” that you did not contact first – do not respond or do anything they tell you to do. It would be helpful if you contact your official computer manufacturer, service provider, or email provider to let them know this is happening. Public education is the only way to combat this scam so please share this information with your friends and family.

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Super Bowl win and then came out for the fifth quarter.

Who is Scott Walker and what does he stand for, exactly?

In short, as the campaign wore on, GOP voters became unsure as to who he was and what he stood for.

With numerous alternatives, voters and donors moved away from Walker and towards others like Fiorina and Rubio.

The final act was Walker's proposal to gut federal unions. In what should have been a supreme moment of strength for the man who conquered unions in Wisconsin, his proposal reeked of desperation.

The man who marched his team down the field for the big win in Wisconsin was down to throwing a hail mary.

It failed. There would be no immaculate reception for Scott Walker.

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STATE FAIR POLL

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The House asked if school districts, cities and counties should be required to hold all special elections for levy referendums in November "on Election Day". A better question to ask would be, "Should there be a state mandate that all regular elections be held in the even year?"

63% said they would like to see the levy questions asked in November, presumably on the day of the general election. 20% replied no, and 16% had no opinion.

The "fluff" question in the House poll was in reference to the higher strain of fireworks that are still illegal in the state. 48% want to be able to buy more impressive fireworks and 41% said they were not in favor. The question is most likely being asked with sales taxes in mind. Neighboring states are collecting revenue that should be in Minnesota's coffers, so some officials think.

About two-thirds of the respondents to the Senate's poll were over the age of 50; the mix between males and females was right down the middle, and roughly 16% came from outside the metro area.

The first question was a dilly: "Which source of energy should be the state's top priority in its efforts to reach carbon emission reduction goals?" The respondents had six choices including "None of the Above." The leaders were solar (35%), wind (25%) and nuclear (15%).

62% thought the video footage taken by the body cameras on police officers should be available on a limited basis to the public. 14% thought the footage should be "strictly private" but 20% felt the public should have "extensive access" to the video.

70% believe "eligible Minnesota residents" should be automatically registered to vote when they apply for or renew a driver's license. How eligibility to vote would be determined, was not addressed by the question. The question did include however, a caveat that the person would have to consent to the automatic voter registration.

47% think we need legislation requiring employers to provide paid sick time to their employees. An additional 24% agreed, but with a rider that it be required only of employers that have 21 or more employees.

The Senate poll also posed this question: "In order to graduate, should Minnesota high school students be required to pass the same civics test that immigrants must pass before becoming U.S. citizens?"

75% said yes, but the question should have been, "Should high school students be required to pass a civics test conditional upon graduation?"

The civics test given to immigrants is on a 5th grade level, and we should expect a more difficult test for a high school student. It can be said however that many people, students or not, could not pass the test given immigrants. Among the items on the test are knowing the names of your two U.S. senators and other federal elected officials.

54% said they were not in favor of allowing felons to vote while their probationary periods were not yet completed. 38% were in favor and about 8% had no opinion.

What to do with a surplus?

Taxpayers often seem reluctant to ask for their money to be returned. Only 9% had that on their minds. The three answers most often given are, "put the surplus into transportation" (26%), or "spend more on education"

(17%), or "the government can keep it for a rainy day" (14%).

How would you pay for road and bridge projects in the state?

29% said raise the gasoline tax. 17% suggested a combination of raising the gas tax, creating toll roads, taking monies from the general fund, and borrowing money.

The Senate poll also touched upon the child immunization issue. Shockingly, 60% believed that no exemptions, whether for religious or personal reasons, should be allowed, effectively mandating that all children in public schools must be immunized. 34% wanted no change. 6% had no opinion.

Surveys often have a question that is of great interest to this newspaper. In the Senate poll, it was phrased this way: "What is your primary source for acquiring governmental or political information?"

There was no decisive winner, due to the many options people have available today.

14% said they receive political information by spending time on "social media" sites, described in the survey as including "Twitter, Facebook, etc." and "blog"-style web sites. Much of this sector is comprised of anonymous rantings lacking in fact-based analysis and below average writing.

28% said they still read a printed newspaper and 17% are instead using an online newspaper, or presumably the online version of a printed newspaper. Television newscasts and radio newscasts were cited by 15% and 13% of the survey respondents. One has to wonder where people are finding radio newscasts these days. I can think of only two radio stations in the metro area that have even a semblance of local news reporting. Perhaps the radio "newscasts" that the respondents were thinking of were actually talk shows, and not newscasts.

Two-and-a-half percent said they get their political information by chatting with family and friends, and an even smaller percentage receive information from newsletters and direct mailings. Over 6% however, with all of these categories on their ballot, marked "Other." What could this mean?

The Senate poll concluded by asking "how accessible do you find your state legislators?"

21% said they had never attempted to converse with a legislator, and 10% complained they were "not accessible". 24% labeled legislators as "very accessible" and 38% said "somewhat accessible."

The legislature will be back in session in March. If you go to the State Fair next year, be sure to stop at the obscure Education Building, which is near the Snelling Avenue gate. Let's get those numbers up.
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Neha Damle
**11171 Aberdeen St NE,
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF HAM LAKE
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

TAKE NOTICE, that pursuant to the requirements of Minnesota Law, a Public Hearing shall be held before the Ham Lake Planning Commission on Monday, October 12, 2015 at 6:01 p.m. at the City Hall located at 15544 Central Avenue NE for the purpose of considering the application of Heriberto Dominguez Bravo to operate Bravo Auto Body and Auto Repair at 17159 Highway 65 NE, a parcel of land situated in the City of Ham Lake, Anoka County, Minnesota and which is described as follows to wit:

PIN #08-32-23-13-0005 UNPLATTED HAM LAKE TWP TH PT OF THE SW1/4 OF THE NE1/4 SEC 8-32-23 ANOKA CNTY, MN THAT IS DESC AS FOL-COM AT A PT ON THE FOL DESC LINE WHICH IS 1168 FT NLY OF THE S LINE OF SD SW1/4 OF NE1/4 AS MEASALONG SD LINE BEG AT A PT ON THE S LINE OF SD SEC 8 DIST 225.2 FT E OF THE S 1/4 COR THEREOF-TH RUN NLY AT AN ANGLE OF 92 DEG 9 MIN WITH SD S SEC LINE(MEAS FROM W TO N) FOR 4100 FT AND THERE TERMINATING PROCEEDING -TH E AND PRL WITH THE S LINE OF SD SEC 8 FOR A DISTOF 275 FT PROCEEDING-TH N AND PRL WITH THE E LINE OF SD SW1/4 OF NE1/4 TO THE N LINE OF SD SW1/4 OF NE1/4 PROCEEDING-TH W ALONG SD N LINE OF SD SW1/4 OF NE1/4 AND TO THE LINE FIRST DESC HEREIN AS SAME IS EXTENDED N TO INTERSECT THE SD N LINE OF SAID SW1/4 OF THE NE1/4 PROCEEDING-TH S ALONG SD LINE FIRST DESC HEREIN AND THE EXTENSION THEREOF N TO THE SD N LINE OF SD SW1/4 OF NE1/4 TO THE PT OF COM (SUBJ TO AND RESERVING AN EASE FOR RDWAY PURPOSES OVER THE N 3 3 FT THEREOF) (SUBJ TO ANY E XISTING EASERESTRICTIONS OR RESERVATIONS)

At such hearing both written and oral comments will be heard.

DATED: October 2, 2015
Dawnette M. Shimek
Zoning Official / Building Clerk

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THE SOUTH 146 FEET OF THE EAST 298 FEET OF THE NORTH

396 FEET OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 32, RANGE 23, EXCEPT FOR ROAD SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS OF RECORD

At such hearing both written and oral comments will be heard.

DATED: October 2, 2015
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The North Half of the Northwest Quarter, Section 11, Township 32, Range 23, Anoka County, Minnesota lying Northerly of Anoka County Highway Right-of-way Plat No. 6, according to the recorded plat thereof, Anoka County, Minnesota except the East 331 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter thereof as measured along the north line thereof.

At such hearing both written and oral comments will be heard.

DATED: October 2, 2015
Dawnette M. Shimek
Zoning Official/Building Clerk

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**CITY OF OAK GROVE
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Oak Grove Planning Commission's Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall, 19900 Nightingale St NW, to hear the following public hearings in the order that they appear:

PUBLIC HEARING to consider a Conditional Use Permit for Michael Rivard, 21560 Cedar Dr NW, to operate an outdoor commercial recreational facility with disc golf as the primary use at 855 Sims Road NW legally described as the SE ¼ of SE ¼ of Sec 11 Twp 33 Rge 24; further described by PID #11-33-24-44-0002 and the NE ¼ of SE ¼ of Sec 11 Twp 33 Rge 24; further described by PID #11-33-24-41-0001.

All written and oral comments will be heard. The hearings of this request are not limited to those receiving copies of this notice, and if you know of any neighbor or affected property owner who for any reason, has not received a copy, it would be appreciated if you would inform them of this public hearing.

Hearing impaired persons planning to attend who need an interpreter or other persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids should contact City Hall at 404-7006 no later than Wednesday, October 7, 2015.

Sheryl F. Fiskewold
City Clerk
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF OAK GROVE
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Oak Grove City Council, at their Regular Meeting of October 12, 2015, will be conducting a Public Hearing at or around 7:00 p.m. in the Oak Grove Council Chambers, 19900 Nightingale St NW, to consider Ordinance 15-05 which is an ordinance amending Part 1 of Chapter 16 of the Oak Grove City Code creating regulations for the discharge of firearms.

If you are unable to attend, written comments are welcome and will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. Friday, October 9, 2015. A copy of the complete ordinance will be available at the City Hall, 19900 Nightingale St NW, for review.

Hearing impaired persons planning to attend who need an interpreter or other persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids should contact City Hall at (763) 404-7000 no later than Wednesday, October 7, 2015.

Sheryl F. Fiskewold
City Clerk
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF ANDOVER
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Andover will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at the Andover City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Blvd NW, Andover, Minnesota to review the following request:

PUBLIC HEARING: Consider adoption of Andover City Code Title 14, Chapter 1 Floodplain Regulations to comply with Statewide Standards and Criteria for Management of Floodplain Areas of Minnesota, Minnesota Rules, Parts 6120.5000 to 6120.6200, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103F. This includes the adoption of the effective Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) for the City of Andover and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report. This adoption will be effective December 16, 2015. This adoption will rescind Andover City Code Title 14, Chapter 1 Flood Control Regulations.

There are several ways to participate in this process. You can attend the public hearing or send a letter or an e-mail to be added to the public record. A staff report summarizing the item also will be available prior to the meeting. A printed copy of the entire code is available for inspection by any person during the City's regular office hours. Please contact Stephanie Hanson, City Planner, with any questions at (763) 767-5147 or s.hanson@andovermn.gov

Stephanie L. Hanson, City Planner

**CITY OF NOWTHEN
ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA
SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE 2015-04**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9 OF THE NOWTHEN CITY CODE CONSISTENT WITH MPCA REQUIREMENTS OF THE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS GENERAL PERMIT

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

Section 1. EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

Chapter 9, Section 9-4-3.E.3 is hereby added:

E. Security:
3. The City Council may, at its discretion, establish an erosion and sediment control escrow amount and/or an administrative fee for the administration of the escrow amount as part of the fee schedule in Section 1-2-2 to be submitted at the time of permit issuance.

Chapter 9, Section 9-4-5.a.5 requires proposed cut and fill slopes to be no greater than 3:1 (previously 2:1), except as approved by the City Engineer to meet other community or environmental objectives.

Chapter 9, Section 9-4-5.B.1 requires ALL exposed soil (including stockpiles) to be stabilized immediately where activity has permanently or temporarily ceased on any portion of the site and will not resume for a period exceeding 14 calendar days.

Chapter 9, Section 9.4.5 includes addition of the following language:

F. Compliance with MPCA NPDES Construction Permit.

1. All projects disturbing one acre or more of land shall be in conformance with the General Permit to Discharge Stormwater Associated with Construction Activity under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/ State Disposal System permit issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), including but not limited to the following:

- Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)
- Temporary Sediment Basins – Where 10 or more acres of disturbed soil drain to a common location
- Dewatering – turbid or sediment laden water from dewatering activities must be discharged to a temporary or permanent sediment basin
- Waste Controls – the applicant must provide proper waste controls and designated concrete washout areas
- Pipe Outlets must be provided with energy dissipation within 24 hours after connection to a surface water.
- Inspections of the construction site must be performed by a trained person at least once every 7 days during active construction and within 24 hours after a rainfall event greater than 0.5 inches
- Inspection reports shall be submitted to the City Engineer upon request.

Section 2. POST CONSTRUCTION STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Chapter 9, Section 9-5-2 is hereby amended to replace the Redevelopment definition with the following:

Redevelopment: means any construction activity where, prior to the start of construction, the areas to be disturbed have 15 percent or more of impervious surface.

Chapter 9, Section 9-5-3 is hereby amended as follows:
9-5-3: PERMITS:

No land owner or land operator shall receive any of the building, grading or other land development permits required for land disturbance activities without first meeting the requirements of this Section prior to commencing the proposed activity. The permit application must be accompanied by the following in order that the permit application be considered: a Grading, Drainage, and Erosion Control Plan, a Stormwater Management Plan, and a permit review escrow, a sediment and erosion control escrow and/or administrative fee for the administration of the escrow amount as may be established at the City Council's discretion in Section 1-2-2 of the City Code.

Chapter 9, Section 9-5-3.B. requires all new development and redevelopment sites to prevent the adverse impacts of stormwater runoff. These standards apply to any construction activity disturbing one (1) acre of more of land or creating ten thousand (10,000) square feet of new or fully reconstructed impervious surface unless eligible for an exemption or granted a waiver.

Chapter 9, Section 9-5-6 is hereby replaced with the following:

9-5-6 DESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: Projects shall be designed in accordance with the most recent version of the Engineering Manual, the latest edition of the MN Stormwater Manual as published by the MPCA, and the following:

- Rate Control
1. All projects will be required to control the rate of runoff from the site. Proposed discharge rates shall be equal to or less than the pre-development discharge rates for the 2-year, 10-year, and 100-year return frequency events.
- Volume Control
1. A volume equal to 1 inch of runoff from the new or fully reconstructed impervious area of the site shall be retained on-site through infiltration or other volume reducing BMPs as approved by the City Engineer.
2. Infiltration prohibited. The use of infiltration techniques are prohibited when the infiltration structural stormwater BMP will receive discharges from, or be constructed in, the following areas:
a. Where industrial facilities are not authorized to infiltrate industrial stormwater under an NPDES/SDS Industrial Stormwater Permit.
b. Where vehicle fueling and maintenance occur.
c. Where less than three (3) feet of separation from the bottom of the infiltration system to the elevation of the seasonally saturated soils or the top of bedrock exists.
d. Where high levels of contaminants in soil or groundwater will be mobilized by infiltrating stormwater.
e. Infiltration restricted. The use of infiltration techniques will be restricted when the infiltration device will be constructed in areas with predominately Hydrologic Soil

Group D (clay) soils, within 1,000 feet up-gradient, or 100 feet down-gradient of active karst features, within a Drinking Water Supply Management Area (DWSMA) and where soil infiltration rates are more than 8.3 inches per hour.

- Linear projects
a. Linear projects that create one acre of new impervious shall meet the above volume control standard
b. Mill and overlay and other resurfacing activities are not considered fully reconstructed
c. A reasonable attempt must be made to obtain right-of-way during the project planning process for volume control practices.

4. Exceptions. A lesser volume control standard on the site of the original construction activity may be applied, at the discretion of the City, under the following circumstances:

- The owner and/or operator of a construction activity is precluded from infiltrating stormwater due to limitations under sections 9-5-6.B.2., 3, or 4, above, and
- The owner and/or operator of the construction activity implements to the Maximum Extent Practical (MEP) volume reduction techniques, other than infiltration, on the site of the original construction activity
- The applicant provides water quality calculations showing that there is no net increase in stormwater discharges of Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and Total Phosphorous (TP) on an average annual basis for new development.
- The applicant provides water quality calculations showing that there is a net decrease in stormwater discharges of TSS and TP on an average annual basis for redevelopment.
- Mitigation. If the owner and/or operator of a construction activity believe that the requirements for TSS and/or TP cannot be met on the site of the original construction activity, the owner and/or operator must provide appropriate documentation to the City Engineer.
- Mitigation projects must involve the creation of new structural stormwater BMPs, the retrofit of existing structural stormwater BMPs, or the use of a properly designed regional structural stormwater BMP.
- Routine maintenance of structural stormwater BMPs required by this section cannot be used to meet mitigation requirements.
- Mitigation projects must be completed within 24 months after the start of the original construction activity.
- If the mitigation project is a private structural stormwater BMP and the City is not responsible for long-term maintenance of the project, the City will require written and recorded documentation of maintenance responsibilities.
- A permanent public easement shall be provided to the City for access for inspection and/or maintenance purposes.
- If site configurations or structural stormwater BMPs change, causing decreased BMP effectiveness, new or improved structural stormwater BMPs must be implemented to meet the requirements of this section.

C. Flood Protection

1. The High Water Level (HWL) for all waterbodies on the site shall be determined by the applicant, consistent with local and regional watershed plans and acceptable to the City Engineer.

2. The lowest opening for all structures shall be set 2 feet above the HWL of adjacent water bodies and stormwater BMPs.

D. Discharges to Impaired Waters with a United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). Additional BMPs will be required for projects that discharge to impaired waters with a USEPA TMDL.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and publication according to State Statute.

This represents the official summary of Ordinance 2015-04 which was approved by the City Council of the City of Nowthen on September 8th, 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

**CITY OF LINO LAKES
CHARTER COMMISSION OPENINGS**

The Charter Commission of Lino Lakes has openings for membership.

To request an application, please call Charter Commission Secretary Caroline Dahl at 651-484-4678 acting on behalf of Charter Commission Chair Connie Sutherland, or Lino Lakes City Hall at 651-982-2406, or visit the City website at www.ci.lino-lakes.mn.us. Applications due October 31, 2015.

Julie Bartell, City Clerk

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