

EXCLUSIVE

## Columbia Heights Library Board Briefs

Library Board met on March 21

The library board spent a brief amount of time on routine agenda items before interviewing applicants for the new Public Library Art Committee. After having to extend the period of time for taking applications in order to find at least three interested people, the applicants who came forward were Lindsay Edwards, Denelle Bing and Walter Horishnyk.

The committee seems to be a reorganization of an old idea — that the city needs an Arts commission. An attempt to start one a few years ago failed miserably when this reporter found that the Arts commission members were holding meetings in private homes and did not always post meeting notices. City administration failed to instruct this commission as to how to operate within the state’s Open Meeting law. The Arts commission disbanded in a huff when this reporter informed its members of their violations of state law. According to recent meeting minutes, city administration and the city attorney seem to have taken an interest in preventing another embarrassment and have been advising the body as to the proper procedures to follow.

The new body however is being created as a subcommittee of the Library Board, skirting past the City Council, which will not be reviewing or approving the applicants.

The Feb. 7 Library Board meeting minutes state that board member Catherine Vesley and Library Director Renee Dougherty will be assembling the Arts Committee agendas “for release to the public.” The library board and especially the Director do not have a good record of transparency. This reporter has twice witnessed the library board violating the open meeting law. There has also been a long history of library staff keeping Library Board’s meeting packets out of public view.

### Volunteers needed to deliver library books to shut-ins

The Library Board also discussed the need to recruit a few more volunteer delivery drivers to bring library materials to about a dozen people on a shut-ins list. These users receive a 6-week loan period on materials. They call the library with their wants, which are then gathered by staff and boxed for delivery. Interested parties should contact the Library Director.

The 90th anniversary of the city establishing a library will be observed this year with various activities. Also mentioned at the meeting was the surge in the use of the library’s wireless internet service. Board discussion likened the library’s wireless internet as a critical need in the city, especially for students after school.

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## Columbia Heights City Manager again lambastes an elected official



We have observed Columbia Heights city manager Walter Fehst during his entire 22-year tenure and he never fails to be predictable.

Griping for years about the ‘negative reputation’ of the city, he somehow never includes himself as a contributor to that perception.

Once again, during the March 26 city council meeting, he took the city backward by making derogatory comments about an elected official.

Fehst often fails to follow a common rule of political protocol: no official, elected or not, should make comments against another official in a public meeting. (They do it all the time at the bar, but Fehst does it at *televised meetings*.)

Fehst’s outburst was inspired by a legislative report given to the council by Sen. Carolyn Laine

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### Observations from the Field

Bryan Olson

COMMENTARY



## Observations from the Field: Officials take a few swipes

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(DFL-41) and Rep. Mary Kunesh-Podein (DFL-41B).

Fehst is known to hijack the meeting for his speeches. We call this type of city manager “the sixth elected official,” because that’s how they see themselves. In Columbia Heights, the administration has been long-accustomed to a weak city council and mayor who will not use the gavel to restore order.

As city councilor Connie Buesgens was about to speak to the next agenda item, Fehst interrupted and took the floor:

“I think there has been a bill that was put in (this year’s legislative session) to eliminate fiscal disparities . . . there’s somebody that’s on — I think (he’s) in the House, from Mazeppa — I don’t know, I think he must have been hit by a city bus or somethin’ — ‘cause he’s always opposed to city stuff . . . I’m not even sure where this comes from. I thought fiscal disparities was working pretty well . . .”

Fehst went on to finish his thought and asked Sen. Laine if there was any chance that fiscal disparities subsidies (wealthier cities are forced to share some of their riches with less fortunate cities) are in jeopardy. She didn’t think so, adding a quip, “I have found that the Senate is more level-headed.”

The object of the city manager’s tangent was Rep. Steve Drazkowski, a Republican legislator from southeastern Minnesota and Wabasha County.

The *Record* asked Rep. Drazkowski if he was carrying any bills regarding fiscal disparities. He said no, but House File 3776, authored by Rep. Jenifer Loon (R-48B) does contain some changes to fiscal disparities calculations. Drazkowski thought that maybe a recent newspaper editorial of his may have sparked Fehst’s grunting.

In the editorial, Rep. Drazkowski, who chairs the House committee that grapples with property taxes and local government finance, said that a year ago his committee was promised by lobbyists that if the state would hand over more money to local governments, they wouldn’t have to raise their tax levies.

Drazkowski reports today that levy increases are “embarrassing” and “have escalated \$455 million, or a 5.4% increase,” according to the State Department of Revenue.

Drazkowski opined, in so many words, that reductions in property taxes through new legislation gives direct relief to taxpayers, while local governments cannot be trusted to lower tax levies even if they receive more Local Government Aid (LGA) or other subsidies from state coffers.

His editorial summarized, “...say what you will about LGA and County Program Aid (CPA), but never again do I want to hear that a funding infusion into these programs will lead to lower property taxes because doing so does not convince the locals to stop looking for new ways to spend your money. It’s time to start investigating the future of LGA, because this program is broken and it will not be fixed unless we act. . . . the likelihood that your property taxes are rising – again – is strong, and pouring tens of millions into this program did nothing to stop it from happening.”

Drazkowski told the *Record* that he felt it was a “badge of honor” to be a target of Fehst.

## Observations: Library Board

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We found however that the library is not the only source for using the internet.

Comcast, which services Columbia Heights, offers its program “Internet Essentials” in any locality where the company provides internet service. The sharply discounted rates of this program should allow many people to afford internet service.

There is criteria to meet in terms of income and whether there is a student in the home. Computers can be purchased for \$150 and internet service is discounted to \$10 a month.

The Library Board also held a regularly scheduled meeting on April 4. The bulk of the board discussion focused on plans for participation in the city’s annual parade on June 22 and other events to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the city library.

The April 4 meeting packet was not posted on the city website again, an off-and-on problem for several years now, however it was available in the meeting room. The meeting packets can be reviewed by the public at the library. The materials are held in a three-ring binder held by library staff. The packets can also be found on <http://www.publicinfoonline.com>

## Special Election April 10 for Ramsey City Council At-Large seat

Chris Riley and Ida Theis are the two candidates on the ballot for a special election to be held in Ramsey this Tuesday. A televised candidate forum with the candidates was held a few weeks ago and can be seen on the qctv.org website.

The special election was needed due to the resignation of Kristine Williams last fall. A primary special election was held in February where two other candidates were eliminated (*see ACR Lite, March 6, 2018*).

Following usual election procedures, absentee balloting has been taking place for several days. Votes can also be cast at Ramsey City Hall this Saturday, April 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Monday, April 9 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All eight polling places in the city will be open on Election Day April 10 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The voter turnout for the primary was barely above 1 percent.

Riley is currently the Ward 4 city councilor, and at-large city councilor John LeTourneau has filed a campaign committee with the Minnesota Campaign Finance Board to run for the 35B House seat under the Republican Party label (the Senate District 35 Republicans endorsed John Heinrich for the seat at its endorsing convention March 24).

### Ramsey City Council Special Election April 10, 2018 Polling Places

#### Ward 1, Precinct 1

Pathways Community Church  
6341 167th Avenue NW

#### Ward 1, Precinct 2

Cross of Hope Church  
5730 179th Lane NW

#### Ward 2, Precinct 1

Park Center Building at Central Park  
7925 161st Avenue NW

#### Ward 2, Precinct 2

Independent Baptist Church  
15650 Sunfish Lake Boulevard NW

#### Ward 3, Precinct 1

Ramsey Municipal Center  
7550 Sunwood Drive NW

#### Ward 3, Precinct 2

Ramsey Fire Station No. 1  
15050 Armstrong Boulevard NW

#### Ward 4, Precinct 1

Ramsey Fire Station No. 2  
5650 Alpine Drive NW

#### Ward 4, Precinct 2

Lord of Life Church  
14501 Nowthen Boulevard NW

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## Two candidates in the running for Kordiak seat

Sean Broom and Mandy Meisner are the first two candidates to file campaign finance reports with Anoka County Elections. Both have announced runs for the District 4 Anoka County Commissioner seat. Incumbent Jim Kordiak announced in early February that he would not seek re-election to continue representing Columbia Heights and Fridley on the Anoka County Board. He won the seat in 1986, after the retirement of his father Albert Kordiak, who had held the seat since 1954. The elder Kordiak was also the chair of the Anoka County Board for several years.

Meisner, a resident of Fridley, filed a campaign finance report on March 6, showing \$1,500 cash on hand. Broom, a Columbia Heights resident and a 2016 city council candidate, filed a report on March 26 for the time frame of Feb. 5 to Mar. 9. Broom's campaign report showed expenditures of \$391. Cash contributions totaled \$1,645. \$800 of these donations were itemized by donor on the report.

Such itemization is required after any donor has contributed \$100 or more during a calendar year. The first campaign financial report is required once the candidate's committee has raised, or spent \$750. These were the first reports for each candidate — both will now follow established reporting deadlines. The next report is due by August 3, a few days before the primary election.

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On his campaign website, Broom says he is employed by the Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce as its Public Policy Director. He previously had been a staff aide to 5th District Congressman Keith Ellison and one-term Minneapolis city councilor Blong Yang, of the 5th Ward.

Broom's special interests lie in the areas of housing and transportation. One of his main campaign planks is to increase transit, particularly "Bus Rapid Transit" (BRT) in Columbia Heights and Fridley. Broom ran in 2016 as a city council candidate in Columbia Heights but was defeated in a primary.

Meisner touts a number of activities with business, non-profits and charitable organizations. She is employed by the North Metro Mayors Association as its Community Relations Manager. The organization lobbies on behalf of city governments.

Two other county board seats will be on the 2018 ballot — Districts 5 and 7, which are those of Mike Gamache and Scott Schulte, respectively.

Candidates are to file between May 22 and June 5 for these races and all state constitutional offices, all State House of Representatives seats, and most cities and school boards. A specific list of the seats to be elected this year will be forthcoming in the *ACR Lite*. — *Bryan Olson for ACR*



*Broom*

*Campaign promotional photos*



*Meisner*

## School Safety

Last week, I joined other House Republicans at a press conference to talk about a number of bills we'd like to see passed to make our schools safer. As a parent, I always wanted to know my kids were safe when they went off to school. I fully support the measures we're moving forward to help create safer environments in classrooms. Improving building security, using more funds for safety personnel, and addressing mental health in schools are all important ways to increase safety for Minnesota students. The plan includes bills relating to:

- School resource officers, student support personnel, and other school security programs funded through increased Safe Schools revenue, including a floor level of funding for small schools.
- School building security upgrades, and expanded use of Long-Term Facility Maintenance revenue for security projects, including emergency communications systems.
- School-linked mental health programming to ensure better outcomes for all kids.
- Physical security audit grants to provide state assistance to review facility security and crisis manage-

ment policies.

- Suicide prevention training for teachers to help educators learn how to engage and assist students experiencing mental distress.

### Governor's Tax Increases

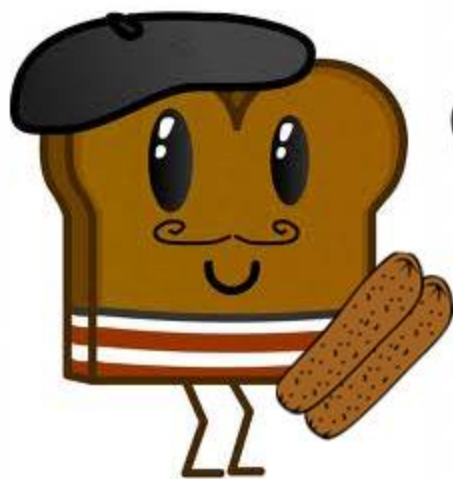
Recently, Governor Dayton unveiled his budget proposal and it's not a pretty sight. Hidden beneath the rhetoric is a \$1 billion tax on Minnesotans' doctor visits as well as almost \$50 million of fee increases at the DMV. When we have a surplus, this is simply the wrong thing to do to our residents. When we come back from break, House Republicans will have our tax conformity proposal where we'll focus on holding Minnesotans harmless instead of trying to raise their taxes.



**Rep. Peggy Scott  
District 35B**

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# Oak Grove Lions

## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual French Toast Breakfast

Sunday, April 15, 2018

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Oak Grove Senior Center  
19900 Nightingale St. N.W.

Ticket prices –

Family \$20

Adults \$6

Children (12 & under) \$4

Proceeds from ticket sales  
help area youth groups

The Oak Grove Seniors  
will be hosting a bake sale  
during this event



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March 29, 2018

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Low Interest Loans for Well and Septic Fix-Ups**

Low interest loans are available to eligible property owners and businesses located in Anoka County to repair or replace private well and septic systems under a program offered by Anoka County Community Development and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Best Management Practices Program (AgBMP).

The program targets projects that prevent or reduce water pollution. In Anoka County, some eligible projects include:

- Repair or replace failed or failing septic systems;
- Relocate a private well to meet setback requirements;
- Repair broken casings in a private well;
- Seal a well that is no longer in use or is contaminated;
- Solve an existing or potential groundwater pollution problem;
- Repair or replace non-compliant septic systems;
- Repair a failed or failing drain field.

The program provides loans up to \$200,000 at below market interest rates. Property owners who are current on their mortgage payments and property taxes are encouraged to apply. Loans will be repaid via a special assessment on the property tax statement through Anoka County.

For more information or to obtain a loan application, call 763-324-4605 or go to [anokacounty.us/cd](http://anokacounty.us/cd).

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March 26, 2018

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Anoka County Compost Sites Open for Extended Hours Beginning April 1**

Anoka County's two compost sites will be open for extended hours from April 1 through November 30, 2018, weather permitting. The sites are located in Bunker Hills Regional Park in Coon Rapids and Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Regional Park in Lino Lakes.

**Leaves, Grass and Non-Woody Yard Waste:** Yard waste includes debagged grass clippings, leaves, garden waste, weeds, soft-bodied green plant materials, straw, acorns, pine cones and needles. There is no charge to drop off up to four cubic yards. (Approximately eight lawn bags equal one yard.) A \$5.00 fee will be assessed for each additional four cubic yards.

**Tree Waste:** Tree waste includes brush, evergreen boughs, logs and stumps. Tree waste may be loose or bundled. Fees vary based on the amount and the diameter of the materials. The more compact the load, the lower the fee.

**Organics:** Organics include all food scraps, most non-recyclable and uncoated food-soiled paper and BPI (Biodegradable Products Institute) certified compostable products. FREE to county residents. For additional details visit [AnokaCounty.us/Organics](http://AnokaCounty.us/Organics).

Please keep yard waste, tree waste and organics separate as they are unloaded by residents in different areas of each site.

Free unscreened compost is available at both sites. Please remember to bring your own shovel and containers with you.

**Compost Site Information:**

Bunker Hills Compost Site

13285 Hanson Blvd NW, Coon Rapids - 763-767-7964

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Monday through Friday: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday: Noon-5 p.m.

Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Compost Site

7701 Main Street, Lino Lakes - 651-429-3723

Tuesday and Thursday: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday: Noon-5 p.m.

For more information, go to [AnokaCounty.us/Recycle](http://AnokaCounty.us/Recycle) or contact Anoka County Recycling & Resource Solutions at [recycle@co.anoka.mn.us](mailto:recycle@co.anoka.mn.us) or 763-324-3400.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Anoka County Household Hazardous Waste Facility Hours to Change**

The Anoka County Household Hazardous Waste Facility schedule will change to warm weather hours of operation beginning April 1 and running through October 2018. The facility will be open Wednesday from 2 - 8 p.m. and Monday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The facility will be closed Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday.

In addition, the facility will be closed on Memorial Day (Monday, May 28), Independence Day (Wednesday, July 4), and Labor Day (Monday, September 3).

The facility is located at 3230 101st Avenue NE in Blaine, off Radisson Road.

Household hazardous wastes accepted include acids, aerosol cans with product remaining, drain cleaner, driveway sealer, fluorescent bulbs, liquid paint, liquid mercury, mercury thermometers, motor oil, oven cleaner, paint stripper, paint thinner, pesticides, pool chemicals, stains, varnishes, and wood preservatives.

Residents dropping materials off at the site must provide proof of county residency, such as a driver's license. The facility accepts household hazardous waste from residents of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, and Washington counties. The use of this facility is for residents only; businesses, organizations and schools may not bring hazardous waste to the facility.

Waste materials not accepted include ammunition, appliances, batteries, dried paint, electronics, empty containers, medical wastes, radioactive wastes, railroad ties, and tires. For disposal options for unacceptable wastes, more information, or directions to the facility, call Anoka County Recycling & Resource Solutions at 763-324-3400 or visit [AnokaCounty.us/recycle](http://AnokaCounty.us/recycle).

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## ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 03.25.18\***

\*You will notice that we are just putting the end date on the Friday Update starting this week. Some weeks, not all the reports that would be in the Friday Update get entered before we start creating our report. Incidents are prioritized based on a multitude of factors. Sometimes when there are a lot of reports, incidents with no leads, losses, or criminal circumstances are moved to the back-of-the-line while we work to complete reports to keep people in Jail, or get them into court :) By removing the beginning date, we will be able to include prior week's reports that weren't entered without confusion.

Parents: This week we received a report regarding a 10-year-old female that had an app on her phone called - Live.me. We understand how hard it is for parents to keep up on all the apps that are out there, and to truly understand what they do and the amount of risk they may present. I thought I would do some research. Instead of re-writing what I learned, I want to direct you to this web-page. It gives you a great breakdown of what this app is. I would highly recommend checking for the app on your child's phone and removing it if it is there. There is also a "Parent App Guide" on this site you may want to check out for information on other apps.

The information on Live.me is here: <https://smartsocial.com/live-me-app-guide/>

\*This website - Smart Social - is for information only and we are not encouraging or discouraging you to sign-up or buy a subscription.

### **Andover**

#### **Thefts & Damage to Property**

03.16 143xx Zilla St NW – unsecure vehicle; electronics

#### **Arrests**

03.22 14200 Block of Eagle St NW – DAR, Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a report of a male hitting a female in a vehicle at the location. The vehicle was located. The male was arrested.

03.21 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW – Warrant Arrest. Theft; deputies responded to a female shoplifting at the location. The female had an active warrant. The female was arrested.

03.17 12xx 153 Ln NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a "text to 911" message that the sender was being stuck by her significant other. The male was located and arrested.

03.17 18xx Bunker lake Blvd NW – Stolen Vehicle; deputies stopped a driver for driving a stolen vehicle. During the search of the female narcotics were located. The female was arrested.

### **Bethel**

#### **Arrest**

03.20 238xx Dewey St NE – Recovered Stolen Vehicle; deputies responded to a stolen vehicle at the location. The vehicle was located and the male driving it was arrested.

## Columbus

### Thefts & Damage to Property

- 03.17 142xx West Freeway Dr NE – catalytic converter stolen off a vehicle  
03.13 91xx 149 Ct NE – a pallet of foam board stolen from the property

## East Bethel

### Thefts & Damage to Property

- 03.18 227xx 3<sup>rd</sup> St NE – vandalism to the siding of a home; egged

### Arrests

- 03.22 232xx Kissel St NE – Domestic Assault – deputies responded to a step-son/step-father domestic. The step father was arrested.

- 03.20 38xx 189 Ave NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a grandmother/grandson domestic. The male was arrested.

- 03.18 Hwy 65 NE/Viking Blvd NE – Warrant Arrest, Domestic Assault; deputies responded to an attempt to stop a vehicle to detain a male that was involved in a domestic. The vehicle was located and the male was arrested.

## Ham Lake

### Thefts & Damage to Property

- 03.16 13xx Andover Blvd NE – business; fence cut through; 4 boat motors stolen  
03.16 51x Lincoln Dr NE – mail stolen from the mailbox

### Arrests

- 03.22 17600 Block of Chisolm St NE – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. .163

- 03.21 154xx South Ham Lake Dr NE – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree DWI, 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance; deputies responded to a single vehicle property damage crash. The female appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested.

- 03.18 34xx 149 Ave NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a girlfriend/boyfriend domestic. The male was arrested.

- 03.18 Bunker Lake Blvd NE/Lexington Ave NE – DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested.

## Linwood

### Arrests

- 03.20 39xx 227 PI NE – Felony Warrant Arrest, 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance; deputies responded to a domestic situation at the location. One of the males had an active warrant. During the search of the vehicle and person narcotics were located. The male and female were arrested.

## **Nowthen**

### **Thefts & Damage to Property**

03.15 199xx Iguana St NW – lock cut off a trailer; tools

## **Oak Grove**

### **Thefts & Damage to Property**

03.21 8xx Viking Blvd NW – vandalism to a building; hand broken off a door

**Laura Landes & Missi Reeder**

**Crime Prevention**

**Anoka County Sheriff's Office**

*\*Information shared in this report covers crimes that may affect you - things like burglaries, thefts, damage to property, identity theft, etc. We only include a fraction of the calls that deputies regularly respond to.*

*If you want to see data about what types of calls and how many we respond to log on to [www.anokacounty.us/crimewatch](http://www.anokacounty.us/crimewatch) and click on Crime Statistics on the left side. Stats are updated monthly.*



## **ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART**

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 03.30.18**

This week in Andover, a deputy took the report below. I haven't seen any local reports involving a kidnapping of a family member so we wanted to share it with you.

The caller advised that at 1100 hours this morning he received a phone call from the number +526624802955. The caller advised the number showed it was from Mexico and he answered. The caller advised a female voice spoke yelling that she had been kidnapped and then a male voice got on the line. The caller advised the male said he had his daughter kidnapped.

The caller advised he has a daughter but felt the call was a scam. The caller advised he asked the male what his daughter's name was and he could not answer. The caller advised he disconnected the call. The caller advised he then contacted his daughter who was fine.

It is crazy the lengths people will go to in-order-to take your money. We want to make sure you are aware that this stuff happens and advise research before trusting. If you receive a call you think is a scam, please let us know about it. You can email us, or call 911 and speak to a deputy. This is the only way we can keep current on all the different types of scams happening.

### **Andover**

#### **Thefts & Damage to Property**

- 03.23 13xx 144 Ave NW – unsecure vehicle; rummaged through
- 03.23 142xx Flamingo St NW – unsecure vehicle; wallet
- 03.23 142xx Flamingo St NW – unsecure vehicle; rummaged through
- 03.23 13xx 144 Ave NW – unsecure vehicle; change
- 03.23 14xx 141 Ln NW – unsecure vehicle; cash, jewelry
- 03.22 140xx Yellow Pine St NW – unsecure vehicle; tools
- 03.22 30xx 167 Ln NW – license plate stolen off a vehicle
- 03.22 154xx Hanson Blvd NW – iphone stolen from an unsecure locker

#### **Arrests**

03.28 2800 Block of Bunker LK Blvd NW – DAC-IPS; a deputy stopped a driver for not having a valid driver's license. The male was arrested.

03.28 3200 Block of Bunker Lake Blvd NW – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .196

### **Bethel**

No incidents that would be reflected in this report were reported in Bethel this week.

## **Columbus**

### **Thefts & Damage to Property**

03.23 152xx Zurich St NE – license plate stolen off a vehicle

### **Arrests**

03.24 15000 Block of Potomac St NE – DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The male appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested.  
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## **East Bethel**

### **Thefts & Damage to Property**

03.16 5xx Lincoln Dr NE – mail stolen from the mailbox

## **Ham Lake**

### **Thefts & Damage to Property**

03.26 138xx Aberdeen St NE – license plate stolen off a vehicle

03.26 49xx 170 Ln NE – vandalism to a vehicle; bleach poured into the gas tank

### **Arrests**

03.27 14xx Lombardy Dr NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a girlfriend/boyfriend domestic. The male was arrested.

03.26 17700 Block of Hwy 65 NE – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. .19

03.23 13300 Block of Hwy 65 NE – Drugs; a deputy stopped a driver for having an unsecure load. Narcotics were located on the male. The male was arrested.

## **Linwood**

No incidents that would be reflected in this report were reported in Linwood this week.

## **Nowthen**

No incidents that would be reflected in this report were reported in Nowthen this week.

## **Oak Grove**

### **Thefts & Damage to Property**

03.25 34xx 194 Ln NW – forced entry into a storage unit; nothing of value was stolen

03.22 39xx 192 Ln NW – new construction home; light fixtures

## **Laura Landes & Missi Reeder**

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**Blaine Police Department**

**Media Report**

3/7/18 through 3/12/18

**CASE NUMBER:** 18050986  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:** DWI-2ND DEGREE/OPEN CONTAINER/VEHICLE FORFEITURE  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 3/7/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 85TH AVE NE / NAPLES ST NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** 50 Y.O. ADULT MALE ARRESTED FOR 2ND DEGREE DWI AND OPEN

**CASE NUMBER:** 18051202  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:** THEFT  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 3/7/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 88XX FRAIZER ST NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** THEFT FROM JOB SITE REPORT. HANDLED ACCORDINGLY. CLEAR

**CASE NUMBER:** 18051549  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:** THEFT-SHOPLIFTING  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 3/7/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 3XX NORTHTOWN DR NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** 19 Y.O. ADULT MALE ARRESTED FOR THEFT FROM HERBERGERS.

**CASE NUMBER:** 18052162  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:** SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 3/8/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 15XX 125TH AVE NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY AT ABOVE LOCATION.

**CASE NUMBER:** 18052256  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:** THEFT-SHOPLIFTING  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 3/8/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 43XX BALL RD NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** 20 Y.O. FEMALE CITED FOR SHOPLIFTING.

**CASE NUMBER:** 18052749  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:** DWI-REFUSAL  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 3/8/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** , BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** VEHICLE WAS STOPPED FOR DRIVING WITH NO HEADLIGHTS. DRIVER, A 62 Y.O. MALE WAS ARRESTED FOR DUI. DRIVER REFUSED TEST AND TAKEN TO ANOKA COUNTY JAIL

**CASE NUMBER:** 18054559  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:** THEFT-SHOPLIFTING/TRESPASS  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 3/11/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 99XX ULYSSES ST NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** REPORT OF 2 MALES WHO LEFT THE STORE WITH UNPAID MERCHANDISE. BOTH MALES WERE LOCATED A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY AND ISSUED A CITATION.

**CASE NUMBER:** 18055008  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:** THEFT-SHOPLIFTING  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 3/11/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 10XX BALTIMORE ST NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** DELAYED THEFT REPORT.

**CASE NUMBER:** 18053008  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:** BURGLARY-RESIDENTIAL  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 3/9/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 12XX GOODHUE ST NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** GARAGE BURGLARY

**CASE NUMBER:** 18053212  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:** DAMAGE TO PROPERTY  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 3/9/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 12XX CENTRAL AVE NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** DAMAGE TO VEHICLE

**CASE NUMBER:** 18053526  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:** 4TH DEGREE DWI/3RD DEGREE TEST REFUSAL/OBSTRUCT LEGAL PROCESS  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 3/9/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** UNIVERSITY AVE NE / 113TH AVE NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** 34 Y.O. MALE ARRESTED FOR DWI AFTER A TRAFFIC STOP FOR FAILING TO STAY IN A SINGLE LANE

**CASE NUMBER:** 18054047  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:** MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 3/10/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 10XX QUINCY BLVD NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** PHONE SCAM.

**CASE NUMBER:** 18054076  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:** BURGLARY-RESIDENTIAL  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 3/10/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 4XX 98TH LN NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** BICYCLE STOLEN FROM OPEN GARAGE

**CASE NUMBER:** 18054187  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:** THEFT - SHOPLIFTING, POSS OF PISTOL W/OUT PERMIT, UNCASSED SHOTGUN,  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 3/10/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 10XX LEXINGTON AVE NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** 20 Y.O. ADULT MALE SHOPLIFTER ARRESTED FOR THEFT, POSSESSION OF A PISTOL W/OUT A PERMIT, UNCASSED SHOTGUN IN MOTOR VEHICLE, POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY, AND POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA IN A MOTOR VEHICLE, 102 FORM ISSUED.

**CASE NUMBER:** 18054879  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:** SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 3/11/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 85XX SPRINGBROOK DR NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** REPORT OF FEMALE LOOKING INTO VEHICLES. UNABLE TO LOCATE.

**CASE NUMBER:** 18054182  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:** THEFT-SHOPLIFTING  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 3/10/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 43XX BALL RD NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** 31 Y.O. MALE ARRESTED FOR SHOPLIFTING.

**CASE NUMBER:** 18054198



**CASE DESCRIPTION:**  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 3/10/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 10XX BALTIMORE ST NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** SHOPLIFTING WHERE SUSPECTS LEFT IN A NOT ON FILE WI PLATED VEHICLE.

**CASE NUMBER:** 18054373  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:**  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 3/10/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 85XX ABLE ST NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** VEHICLE THEFT REPORT.

**CASE NUMBER:** 18054821  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:**  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 3/11/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 11XX ULYSSES ST NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** 21 Y.O. MALE DETAINED AND CITED FOR SHOPLIFTING.

**CASE NUMBER:** 18051229  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:**  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 3/7/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 10XX BALTIMORE ST NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** THEFT BY SWINDLE AT LOCATION.