

Hometown Hero



In January, Rep. Hraychuck honored Hunter Shira from Osceola as a "Hometown Hero," for his quick action rescuing four people from the St. Croix River in late July. The Shira Family and Osceola teachers, administrators and school board members joined Hunter on this special day as he was presented with the award in front of the entire State Assembly.

SIGN-UP FOR MY E-NEWSLETTER

I send out regular e-mail updates about what's happening at the Capitol and to keep you informed about events in the district. If you would like to receive my e-newsletter, please provide your e-mail address here or send me an e-mail at rep.hraychuck@legis.wi.gov indicating that you would like your name added to the list. Please be sure to include your name and address.



E-mail:

Your opinion matters to me! Please complete this quick survey, cut along the dotted line, and mail back to me at:

Rep. Ann Hraychuck
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 Madison, WI 53708

If more than one person in your household answers, please use different colored inks. **Thank you!**

1. Do you believe the state has a responsibility to enact comprehensive health care reform that would lower costs and ensure that all residents of Wisconsin have insurance coverage?
 Yes No Undecided

2. Do you believe the state should reform the way public schools are funded so that rural schools get their fair share of state money, thereby relieving some of the property tax burden to citizens in our district?
 Yes No Undecided

3. Current state law allows big businesses to evade taxes simply by maintaining a PO Box in Las Vegas. Do you support closing this massive tax loophole for big business in order to provide Wisconsin taxpayers an average of \$600 in annual savings on their property tax bill?
 Yes No Undecided

4. Do you support increasing the minimum wage to \$7.25 and then raising it every year at the

rate of inflation?
 Yes No Undecided

5. Should the state do more to limit the influence of special interest money in campaigns and elections?
 Yes No Undecided

6. Do you read a local Wisconsin weekly newspaper?
 Yes No

7. Currently, the minimum age for hunting is 12-years-old. Legislation has been introduced to lower the age to 10 if the child is hunting with an adult. Under the proposal, the child must be within arm's reach of the adult. Do you support this legislation?
 Yes No Undecided

8. Should the state provide incentives to develop alternative energy programs, such as solar, wind and geothermal, that reduce greenhouse gas emissions?
 Yes No Undecided

2008 Legislative Survey

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Hraychuck Delivers for Her District



Rep. Hraychuck and Polk County District Attorney Daniel Steffen announce funding for a new assistant district attorney position.

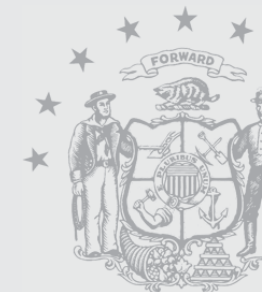
In October, I was proud to announce a significant investment in Polk County's criminal justice system – a much-needed assistant district attorney position.

Polk County has been asking for this additional prosecutor position for over 12 years. The County has had to contract with private bar attorneys to meet current caseload demands.

District Attorney Daniel Steffen and other county officials made their case for this position, and I lobbied the Governor and my colleagues in the Legislature to make the request a reality. The funding for the assistant district attorney position was included in the bi-partisan state budget compromise.

Committee Assignments:

- Committee on Criminal Justice
- Committee on Natural Resources
- Committee on Tourism, Recreation & State Properties



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Returning Government to the People

Great ideas for legislation often come from you. As I travel throughout the district attending community events, holding listening sessions, or going door-to-door, I learn about your ideas for addressing state needs. I want to thank you for taking such an active role! Here's a look at some of the bills you've supported and I've championed in the past legislative cycle:

Reducing the Property Tax Burden: The "Home Owners Property Tax Exemption" bill (AB 452) reduces your property taxes by an average of \$600 each year, by requiring that large corporations pay their fair share of the tax burden.

Supporting Quality Public Education: This legislation (AJR 35) requires the state legislature to revamp the school finance formula by 2009 so that our children continue to get the quality education they deserve, and so that districts aren't forced to raise local property taxes to make ends meet.

Compassionate Care for Rape Victims: Signed into law in March, this legislation protects a victim's right to be informed of all of her health care options including emergency contraception.

Assistance for Veterans: A new law passed in February will provide screening and education for returning soldiers on the dangers of exposure to depleted uranium and creates a committee to review the effects of depleted uranium on soldiers.

Campaign Finance Reform: Passed bi-partisan legislation to create a non-partisan Government Accountability Board responsible for enforcing current ethics and election laws and investigating possible ethics violations.

Access to Affordable Health Care

Health Care Forums: Hosted the first-ever town hall meeting on health care reform in the 28th District in April 2007, and followed up with a second meeting in February 2008.

SeniorCare Saved! Renewed SeniorCare, which over 100,000 Wisconsin seniors rely on for affordable prescription drugs, and extended it through 2009 with the help of a statewide petition drive and lobbying the Federal Government.

Small Business Health Care Plan: Assembly Bill 392 allows small business owners and their employees access to health care coverage provided to state employees.

BadgerCare Plus: Passed as part of the state budget, it provides health care coverage for all Wisconsin kids at a price their families can afford. To find out if BadgerCare Plus is a health care option for you, please contact 485-8400 if you live in Polk County, 349-7600 if you live in Burnett County, and 246-6991 if you live in St. Croix County.

Conservation & the Environment

DNR Secretary (AB 504/SB 15): Restores the appointment authority of the DNR Secretary to the Natural Resources Board.

Stewardship Fund: Extended this vital conservation program which functions to preserve and grant public access to Wisconsin's unique natural resources through 2020 and increased funding by 40 percent.



Ann meets with constituents from Centuria.

Rep. Ann Hraychuck's Summer Listening Session Schedule

Please stop by any of these times to meet and discuss issues important to you!

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| Amery Thursday, July 10th 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. City Hall 118 Center Street | Dresser Tuesday, July 15th 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Community Hall 115 West Main Street | Osceola Wednesday, June 11th 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Municipal Building 310 Chieftain Street |
| Balsam Lake Thursday, June 19th 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Village Hall 404 Main Street | Frederic Tuesday, July 22nd 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Village Hall 107 Hope Road West | St. Croix Falls Thursday, July 17th 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. City Hall 710 Hwy. 35 South |
| Centuria Thursday, June 12th 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Village Hall 305 Wisconsin Avenue | Grantsburg Wednesday, July 16th 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Village Hall 316 South Brad Street | Siren Wednesday, June 25th 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Village Hall 24049 1st Avenue North |
| Clayton Tuesday, June 17th 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Municipal Building 111 Clayton Ave. West | Luck Wednesday, July 23rd 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Village Hall 401 Main Street | Somerset Tuesday, June 10th 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Village Hall 110 Spring Street |
| Clear Lake Wednesday, June 18th 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Village Hall 350 4th Avenue | Milltown Thursday, June 26th 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Village Hall 89 Main Street West | Webster Tuesday, June 24th 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Village Hall 7505 Main Street West |

Using My Experience to Improve Public Safety

I was proud to put my experience in law enforcement to use in drafting Assembly Bill 787, legislation that would require psychological evaluations as a part of the hiring process for all full-time law enforcement officers. I also sought out Republican Rep. Garey Bies, a former Chief Deputy from Door County, to co-author the bill. I saw him as an important ally, both in his knowledge and our ability to form a bipartisan team.

AB 787 came in response to the October shooting deaths of six Wisconsin residents by an off-duty police officer in Crandon. This officer worked in a department that did not require a psychological evaluation prior to being hired. As the former Sheriff of Polk County, I know first-hand the value of using these evaluations in the hiring process, and I feel there is a need for uniform standards to keep communities and officers safe no matter where you live.

I believe giving law enforcement administrators an additional tool to evaluate a potential officer can help prevent a similar tragedy in the future.

This legislation passed the Assembly Corrections & Courts Committee and the Senate with strong bi-parti-



Rep. Hraychuck testifies on her bill, AB 787, before the Assembly Committee on Corrections and Courts. Joining her is the bill's co-author, Rep. Garey Bies (R - Sister Bay).

san support, but unfortunately did not get a vote in the Assembly before the end of the legislative session. I plan to reintroduce this bill next session.



Standing Up for Crime Victims

Taking an important step to protect victims of violent crime, I collaborated with members of both parties to co-author and pass Senate Bill 260 creating tougher penalties in strangulation assault cases.

Strong ties between strangulation and instances of domestic violence and sexual assault made the enactment of the legislation all the more crucial. The bill received support and praise from Wisconsin Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen and numerous organizations across the state. Later named "Angie's Law" in memory of a woman strangled to death in a case of domestic abuse, Governor Jim Doyle signed the bill into law on March 20th, 2008.

The law creates a Class H felony for strangulation and enables prosecutors to treat instances of non-fatal strangulation of suffocation with the severity that they deserve. As your representative, I am committed to being an advocate for victims' rights and bringing strength in attitude and experience to the Assembly in Madison.

Rep. Hraychuck addresses her colleagues on the Assembly floor.