

February Weed of the Month:
2023 New County Finds of Prohibited Eradicate List Noxious Weeds
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Left: A Palmer amaranth seedhead in a native planting. The seedhead is about 2 feet long and 1 inch wide. Right: Red hailstone is a vine with tendrils and bright yellow flowers.

Emilie Justen, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) — with assistance from county agricultural inspectors, township supervisors, and city mayors — helps protect residents of the state from the negative effects of noxious weeds. A noxious weed is an annual, biennial, or perennial plant that damages public health, the environment, public roads, crops, livestock, or other property. Noxious weeds

are regulated by the Minnesota Noxious Weed Law.

Noxious weeds are designated into four categories: Prohibited Eradicate, Prohibited Control, Restricted, and Specially Regulated. The highest priority weeds are in the Prohibited Eradicate category. To prevent these species from becoming widespread throughout the state, the law requires species in this category to have all above and below ground plant parts destroyed.

Collaboration with multiple agencies and organizations throughout the state helps the MDA successfully detect noxious weeds in the Prohibited Eradicate category and confirm unrecognized species. In 2023, two Prohibited Eradicate species were confirmed for the first time in two counties:

- Species: Palmer amaranth (*Amaranthus palmeri*); Wadena County.
- Species: Red hailstone (*Thladiantha dubia*); Fillmore County.

Palmer amaranth is a high-profile noxious weed of row crops. Red hailstone is an herbaceous perennial vine with heart-shaped leaves, tendrils, and showy yellow flowers; the vines have underground tubers that make it a challenge to manage.

The number of new county finds of Prohibited Eradicate noxious weeds has decreased since 2019. Several species (meadow knapweed, poison hemlock, and round leaf bittersweet) were moved from the Prohibited Eradicate category to the Prohibited Control category in 2023; in prior years, those species were found in new counties multiple times. After years of surveying and mapping these species, they were too widespread to be considered for the Prohibited Eradicate category.

The MDA verifies reports and collects voucher samples of Prohibited Eradicate noxious weeds when possible for the official University of Minnesota herbarium records. The MDA also helps local governments with weed management and enforcement of the Minnesota Noxious Weed Law. The MDA provides training to the county agriculture inspectors (CAIs) while the CAIs enforce the Minnesota Noxious Weed Law.

Public Notices

MEETING NOTICE

Paddock Township Board will hold their Annual Audit meeting following the regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 7:30 p.m., at the town hall and do other legal business that comes before the board.
Wayne Isaacson, Clerk
Paddock Township

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INVITATION TO COMMENT ON A PROPOSED COMMUNICATIONS TOWER FACILITY

All interested persons are invited to review and request further environmental processing of an FCC application for a proposed 300-foot (304 feet maximum with appurtenances) guyed communications tower located at 7800 24th Street SW in McKinley Township, Cass County, Minnesota (approx. 46 – 43 – 02.30N, 94 – 40 – 54.66W). The application may be reviewed by entering the 854 file number A1261736 at this website: www.fcc.gov/asr/applications. Interested persons may raise environmental concerns by filing a Request for

Environmental Review” within 30 days of this publication. The structure will be marked/lighted in accordance with FAA Advisory Circular 70/7460-1 M, Obstruction Marking and Lighting, a med-dual system-Chapters 4,8(M-Dual),&15. Instructions for filing requests are contained on the following website: www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest. The FCC strongly encourages requests to be filed online; however, written requests may also be sent by mail to the following address: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. (#38748-FCCC)

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Property Transfers

Carol A. Arent, as Trustee of The Arent Family Revocable Living Trust dated Oct 2, 2006, and any amendments thereto, hereby convey to Porta Libitina Trust dated July 28, 2022, and any amendments thereto, That part of the E1/2 NW1/4 SW1/4, Section 33, Twp 134, Rg 33, described as follows: Commencing a the SW corner of said Section 33; thence N 00 deg 06 min 47 sec W, on an assumed bearing, along the W line of said Section, 2633.60' to the W Quarter corner of said Section; thence S 81 deg 16 min 23 sec E, 851.66' to the point of beginning; thence N 80 deg 02 min 14 sec E, 428.22'; thence S 00 deg 10 min 07 sec E 444.42'; thence S 80 deg 02 min 14 sec W, 428.22'; thence N 00 deg 10 min 07 sec W 444.42' to the point of beginning. Together with a 20' wide utility/access easement over part of the E1/2 NW1/4 SW1/4. The sidelines of said easement shall extend from the Stly right of way line of the township road which runs along the N line of said SW1/4 of Section 33 to the N line of tract. Blueberry Development, LLC, hereby conveys to Stein Properties, LLC, Unit 14 of Wadena County Common Interest Community No. 2, a Plann Community Blueberry Pines.

Mark Devereaux as Personal Representative of the Estate of Donna J. Kresien, Decedent, single at the time of death,

hereby conveys to Thomas and Kristi Kuder Revocable trust, dated November 8, 2022 and any amendments thereto an undivided 80% interest and Hans Peter Kuder and Kaitlin Lezcano Lytle as jt ten an undivided 20% interest, The S 48' of Lot 4, Block 1, of Peake & Murray's Subdivision of Peake's Second Addition to Wadena.

Thomas M. Hanson, unmarried, and Krista M. Hanson, unmarried, hereby convey to Jed Sazama and Anthony Sazama, as jt ten, That part of the NW1/4 of Section 3, Twp 136, Rg 34 described as follows: Beginning at a point on the N line of said NW1/4 which is the S Quarter corner of Section 34, thence N 89 deg 52 min 51 sec E, assumed bearing, 811.43' along the N line of said NW1/4; thence S 04 deg 10 min 13 sec E 1553.12'; thence S 89 deg 44 min 39 sec W 1347.24'; thence N 00 deg 15 min 29 sec W 1548.70' to the N line of said NW1/4; thence N 89 deg 22 min 48 sec E 429.87' along said N line of the NW1/4 to the point of beginning.

Marriage Licenses

Payton Aaron Rondstvedt, Wadena, MN and Corra Grace Endres, Wadena, MN.

Wadena County Sheriff's List of



"Most Wanted"

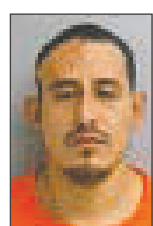
Anyone who knows the location of any person(s) pictured or listed in this column is asked to please contact your local law enforcement agency or the Wadena County Sheriff's Department at (218) 631-7600. Callers identity will be kept confidential. For your own safety do not try to apprehend them. Please call law enforcement immediately.

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Age 31
27280 Cord 7
Verndale, MN
Warrant:
Contempt of Court

Erick Mendoza,



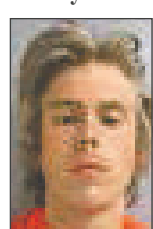
Age 32
312 SE
Bryant Ave
Wadena, MN
Warrant:
Domestic Assault

Anthony Ky Muniz-Feliciano,



Age 24
30 Peral St
Willimantic, CT
Warrant:
Criminal Sexual Conduct

Jeffery Matthew Nyland,



Age 19
Homeless
Warrant:
Liquor-Consumption by persons under 21

Kelly Scott Paradee,



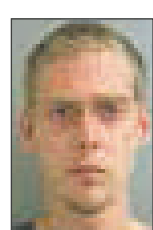
Age 56
309 SE 2nd St
Sebek, MN
Warrant:
Domestic Assault

Brian Michael Pothen,



Age 43
61928 State Hwy 29
Wadena, MN
Warrant:
Criminal Sexual Cond

Shawn Albert Potter



Rodriguez,
3934 S 1st Av
Minneapolis, MN
Warrant:
Contempt of Court

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A Fresh Look
From the Cass County DFL

Precinct Caucuses: Democracy in Action at the Local Level

What is a precinct caucus? Why do we have them? Can anyone go, or just a select few?

A precinct is a neighborhood, so a precinct caucus is a meeting of neighbors to conduct grass-roots political activity. By participating in a precinct caucus, we build and protect democracy according to the principles of our chosen political party.

Caucuses on Tuesday, February 27 are an important opportunity for each of us to act locally to address topics of importance to us. They are also the beginning of the 2024 election season.

2024 is an especially important election year! We will be electing a U.S. Senator and the President of the United States! Minnesotans will also be electing all seats for the US House of Representatives and Minnesota House of Representatives.

At the heart of a Democratic-Farmer-Labor (DFL) caucus are the resolutions that caucusgoers draft and act on. A resolution, simply put, is a statement about an issue or topic that you care about. The issue can be as close to home as clean water or as far-reaching as global warming.

A draft resolution with the title of “Clean Water for Everyone” could state that all Minnesotans should have access to clean, pollution-free water in their homes. If this was your resolution, you would share it with your neighbors at the caucus. They would likely suggest refinements and, quite possibly, combine your resolution with other draft resolutions on the same issue.

Almost certainly, others at your caucus will have resolutions for discussion. They may have drafted them using the DFL Resolution Form located on the DFL website (<https://dfl.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/2024-MN-DFL-Resolution-Form.pdf>), but they are just as likely to have put some thoughts down on a scrap of paper or simply have an idea in mind. Even if you don't have a draft resolution in mind, you can provide valuable input on resolutions brought forward by others.

Resolutions that are approved at precinct caucuses move up the line to the county convention where they are typically combined with resolutions on the same topic from other precincts. Resolutions approved at the county convention flow up to the State DFL Convention. Resolutions approved there form the DFL party platform and action agenda. Through the resolution process, each and every caucusgoer helps to define the DFL party platform and set agendas for candidates, and, ultimately, our elected officials.

That's right. Your resolution on Clean Water for Everyone could wind up in the DFL party platform!

Each Cass County DFL caucus is convened and chaired by a volunteer. You and your neighbors will elect a precinct chair, vice chairs, delegates to the county convention. (Serving in one of these roles is a terrific way to become even more engaged in the DFL.) You may meet candidates for office. Seasoned caucusgoers lend a hand to people new to the process.

Anyone who will be of voting age at the time of the November 5 general election can participate. In 2024, for the first time, Minnesota Democrats who are at least 16 years old by November 5 can also participate in caucus discussions, although they will not be able to vote on caucus business.

Cass County DFL caucus sites are in Cass Lake, Pine River, Lake Shore, Pillager, Remer, and Walker. The precinct you live in determines which caucus you will attend. You must go to the site assigned for your precinct. Use the Caucus Finder at caucus.dfl.org to determine your precinct's assigned caucus site. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m., and caucuses convene promptly at 7 p.m.

Show up on February 27! Hear what your neighbors have to say. Let them know what is important to you. Remember, a precinct caucus is democracy in action at the local level.

For more information, contact the Cass County DFL at CassCoDFL@gmail.com



ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
County Highway Project

Close Thursday, February 22, 2024
Wadena, Minnesota

Sealed proposals will be received by the Wadena County Engineer on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Wadena County, Minnesota, until 10:00 AM on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at the Office of the County Engineer, located at the Wadena County Highway Department, 221 Harry Rich Drive, Wadena, MN 56482; for the contract listed below:

STATE PROJECT NO. SP 080-070-012; Minn. Proj. No. HSP 8024 (069)

LOCATION: CSAH Roadways, County Wide
TYPE OF WORK: Multi Component Edge Line Striping
LENGTH: 77.10 Miles

Approximate major items of work are:

6" SOLID LINE MULTI-COMPONENT, LIN FT 814,654

Minimum wage rates to be paid by the Contractors have been predetermined and are subject to the Work Hours Act of 1962, P.L. 87-581 and implementing regulations.

READ CAREFULLY THE WAGE SCALES AND DIVISION A OF THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS AS THEY AFFECT THIS/ THESE PROJECT/PROJECTS

The Minnesota Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders: in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Act), as amended and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle A Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, it will affirmatively assure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded maximum opportunity to participate and/or to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award;

in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, and Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 230 Subpart A-Equal Employment Opportunity on Federal and Federal-Aid Construction Contracts (including supportive services), it will affirmatively assure increased participation of minority groups and disadvantaged persons and women in all phases of the highway construction industry, and that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be provided to all persons without regard to their race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin;

in accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.08 Unfair discriminatory Practices, it will affirmatively assure that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be offered to all persons without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, membership or activity in a local commission, disability, sexual orientation, or age;

in accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.36 Certificates of Compliance for Public Contracts, and 363A.37 Rules for Certificates of Compliance, it will assure that appropriate parties to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement possess valid Certificates of Compliance.

If you are not a current holder of a compliance certificate issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights and intend to bid on any job in this advertisement you must contact the Department of Human Rights immediately for assistance in obtaining a certificate.

The following notice from the Minnesota Department of Human Rights applies to all contractors:

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that Minnesota Statute, section 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 are incorporated into any contract between these parties based on this specification or any modification of it. A copy of Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 is available upon request from the contracting agency."

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that this agency will require affirmative action requirements be met by contractors in relation to Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules 5000.3600. Failure by a contractor to implement an affirmative action plan or make a good faith effort shall result in revocation of its certificate or revocation of the contract (Minnesota Statute 363A.36, Subd. 2 and 3)."

RACE/GENDER NEUTRAL GOAL: There is no numerical DBE goal assigned to this project.

Plans and Proposals may be examined and obtained at the Wadena County Highway Department, 221 Harry Rich Drive, Wadena, MN 56482; Office Hours: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm M-F. Office Phone: (218) 631-7636. Electronic versions of the Plans and Proposal can be viewed/downloaded from Wadena County's One Office website.

Bids submitted must be sealed, identified on the envelope and accompanied by a Bidder's Bond or Certified Check in an amount equal to at least 5% of the total bid amount, and made payable to the Wadena County Treasurer.

The County of Wadena hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority and disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of religion, sex, race, color or national origin in consideration for an award.

Wadena County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or handicapped status in employment or the provision of services.

Arrangements can be made to accommodate the handicapped upon advance notice to the Wadena County Engineer's Office, telephone (218) 631-7636.

The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities thereof.

No FAXED OR EMAILED BIDS will be allowed.

Darin Fellbaum, PE
Wadena County Engineer

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