

# Drug Take Back Day at LHS collects 35 pounds of unused medications

A successful drug take back day was held on Saturday, April 18, 2026, thanks to the partnership of Lakewood Health System and the Staples Police Department. Thirty-five pounds of unused and unwanted medications was safely collected from community members in about four hours.

The event was conducted through a collaborative effort involving Dawson Waldvogel representing the

Staples Police Department, Lani LongbellaRoberts, RPh, representing Longbella Drug by Lakewood, and Cheryl Tyrrell representing the Todd County Farmers Bureau. Their partnership helped ensure medications were disposed of safely while also providing education and resources to participants.

In addition to medication collection, participants received helpful tools to pro-

mote medication safety at home. Longbella Drug by Lakewood provided small pill reminder containers for attendees to take home, while the Todd County Farmers Bureau offered at-home medication destruction kits. Additional medication destruction kits remain available at Longbella Drug by Lakewood pharmacy locations.

**Safe medication disposal**  
Community members

who were unable to attend the event still have safe medication disposal options available year-round through permanent drop boxes located throughout the region:

**Medication Drop Box Locations**  
**Staples Police Station,** inside front door, 301 2nd Ave NE, Staples, Minn  
Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

**Long Prairie Police Station** (City Hall), inside main doors in lobby, 615 Lake St S, Long Prairie, Minn.  
Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

**Wadena County Sheriff's Office,** inside, down the stairs, 415 Jefferson Street, Wadena, Minn.  
Available 24/7

**Cass County Courthouse,** inside the courthouse entryway (two drop boxes avail-

able), 303 Minnesota Ave W, Walker, Minn.  
Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Organizers expressed appreciation for the strong community participation and are considering plans to host the drug take back event again next year, continuing efforts to reduce medication misuse and protect public safety and the environment.

## BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT PUBLIC NOTICE APPEAL FOR A VARIANCE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, the 21st day of May, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., in the Multipurpose room of the Wadena County Courthouse, located at: 415 Jefferson Street S, Wadena, MN, the Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on the application of Erick and Melissa Kava, 6124 18th St. S., Fargo, ND, 58104, for a variance on property located at: **39661 Twin Lakes Rd., Menahga, MN 56464**, and described as: The West 75 feet of Lot 9, Block 2, Twin Lakes Beach, Section 6, Township 138 North, Range 34 West, Shell River Township and located in an R-1 Suburban Residential District with an S-1 Shoreland Overlay Zoning District.

Application, if approved, would allow the replacement of a garage/storage shed with a bunkhouse with water and septic connections, that would be located less than 50 feet from the right of way of a county road, less than 150 feet from the Ordinary High Water Level of a Natural Environment Lake, and less than 10 feet from a side property line.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on this matter. An agenda for the meeting and associated materials can be found on the County website calendar at [www.co.wadena.mn.us](http://www.co.wadena.mn.us), and clicking on the date of the meeting. Written correspondence must be received by the Wadena County Zoning Office, 415 Jefferson St. S., Room 234, Wadena, MN 56482 before close of business the day of the hearing in order to be accepted and must include the **full name and address of the person sending the correspondence in order to be accepted for presentation to the Adjustment Board at the public hearing.** The correspondence may be submitted in person, by U.S. Mail, or by e-mail to the Zoning Office but it MUST include the required information.

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Application, if approved, would allow the removal of an existing deck and construction of a smaller in area four season porch which will be less than 100 feet from the Ordinary High Water Level of Blueberry Lake, a Recreational Development lake.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on this matter. An agenda for the meeting and associated materials can be found on the County website calendar at [www.co.wadena.mn.us](http://www.co.wadena.mn.us), and clicking on the date of the meeting. Written correspondence must be received by the Wadena County Zoning Office, 415 Jefferson St. S., Room 234, Wadena, MN 56482 before close of business the day of the hearing in order to be accepted and must include the **full name and address of the person sending the correspondence in order to be accepted for presentation to the Adjustment Board at the public hearing.** The correspondence may be submitted in person, by U.S. Mail, or by e-mail to the Zoning Office but it MUST include the required information.

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Application, if approved, would allow an additional split to a quarter quarter section having a width of less than 300 feet.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on this matter. An agenda for the meeting and associated materials can be found on the County website calendar at [www.co.wadena.mn.us](http://www.co.wadena.mn.us), scrolling to the bottom of the page, and clicking on the calendar date. Written correspondence must be received by the Wadena County Zoning Office, 415 Jefferson St. S., Room 234, Wadena, MN 56482 by 12:00 P.M. on the day of the hearing in order to be accepted, and must include the **full name and address of the person sending the correspondence in order to be accepted for presentation to the Adjustment Board at the public hearing.** The correspondence may be submitted in person, by U.S. Mail, or by e-mail to the Zoning Office but it MUST include the required information.

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Application, if approved, would allow the relocation of an existing residential garage to a location on the property that would be situated less than 100 feet from the centerline of the County Road.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on this matter. An agenda for the meeting and associated materials can be found on the County website calendar at [www.co.wadena.mn.us](http://www.co.wadena.mn.us), scrolling to the bottom of the page, and clicking on the calendar date. Written correspondence must be received by the Wadena County Zoning Office, 415 Jefferson St. S., Room 234, Wadena, MN 56482 before close of business the day of the hearing in order to be accepted and must include the **full name and address of the person sending the correspondence in order to be accepted for presentation to the Adjustment Board at the public hearing.** The correspondence may be submitted in person, by U.S. Mail, or by e-mail to the Zoning Office but it MUST include the required information.

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## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

The first half of Wadena County Real Estate Taxes, Payable 2026 are now due and must be paid on or before May 15, 2026. Mail early to avoid late postal cancellations.

All mail postmarked the 16th of May or later will be charged a penalty.

We also have a Drop box located in the Courthouse parking lot for your convenience. Please check your tax statements and enclose stubs with your payment. Your Auditor/Treasurer is not responsible for parcels omitted.

Heather Olson  
Wadena County Auditor/Treasurer

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**WADENA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**  
**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS:**  
**CLOSE 2:00 PM MAY 12TH, 2026**  
**WADENA, MINNESOTA**

**WADENA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS for the APPLICATION OF LIQUID CALCIUM or MAGNESIUM CHLORIDE**  
**Bids Close: CP 080-002-026 - 2:00 PM - May 12th, 2026:**

Sealed bids will be accepted until 2:00 P.M., May 12th, 2026 for CP 080-002-026 by Anthony Maule, Wadena County Engineer, on behalf of the Wadena County Board of Commissioners, at the Wadena County Engineer's Office, Wadena County Highway Department; 221 Harry Rich Drive, Wadena, Minnesota 56482 for the following projects:

**C.P. 080-002-026; Application of Liquid Calcium or Magnesium Chloride on Various Roads in Wadena County.**

**Location:** Various Roads in Wadena County.

**Major Items:** Application of 79,728 Gallons of Calcium Chloride, or 95,673 Gallons of Magnesium Chloride.

Proposal and specifications may be examined and obtained at the Office of the Wadena County Highway Engineer, 221 Harry Rich Drive, Wadena, MN 56482. Proposal and Specifications are also available to download for free from the Wadena County One Office site.

The complete Bid Proposal must be returned in a sealed envelope marked as a bid for this project. Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond made in favor of the Wadena County Treasurer for at least 5% of the total amount bid in the proposal.

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.

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

The Wadena County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities therein, and further reserves the right to award the contract to serve the best interests of Wadena County. No FAXED or EMAILED BIDS will be accepted.

Anthony Maule  
County Engineer  
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## PUBLIC FEE HEARING NOTICE WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Wadena County Board of Commissioners will be holding a Public Fee Hearing regarding the proposed changes to the Wadena County Fee Schedule and provide an opportunity to Wadena County citizens to give comment relating to same.

All current, and proposed fee changes, are located on the Wadena County Website, [www.co.wadena.mn.us](http://www.co.wadena.mn.us), under "News."

The hearing is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, June 9th, 2026 at 9:15 am** in the Wadena County Small Courtroom, 415 Jefferson St S., Wadena, Minnesota 56482.

Heather Olson,  
Wadena County Auditor/Treasurer  
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**Red Eye Township Meeting Date Change**

The Red Eye Township meeting will be held on May 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Hub 71 in Sebeka.

Megan Hilde, Clerk – Red Eye Township  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### SEBEKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING.

Notice is hereby given that the Sebeka Economic Development Authority will hold a public hearing on May 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Sebeka City Hall, 213 Minnesota Ave W, Sebeka, MN, to consider the proposed sale of approximately 9.6 acres of real property located in Sebeka's Industrial Park, south of the cell tower. All interested persons may appear and be heard. Terms and conditions of the proposed sale are available for public inspection at Sebeka City Hall during normal business hours.

Immediately after the hearing the Sebeka Economic Development Authority will meet to decide if the sale is advisable.

Cheryl Hahn, City of Sebeka, City Administrator  
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## HOMESTEAD NOTICE MOBILE HOME OWNERS

If you own and occupy your mobile home, you could qualify for homestead. You must file an application form with the County Assessor's Office in the Wadena County Courthouse. Any one who qualifies is urged to fill out a homestead application by May 29, 2026, as this is the deadline to receive homestead. Applications may be obtained in the Assessor's Office.

Jason Jorgensen, SAMA  
Wadena County Assessor  
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## WADENA COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Commissioners of the County of Wadena, Minnesota (the "County"), will hold a public hearing at a meeting of the County Commissioners beginning at 9:15 am on May 19th, 2026, to be held at the Wadena County Courthouse, Small Courtroom, 415 Jefferson St S, Wadena, MN, 56482 on the proposal that the County will abate property taxes levied by the County on the following property identified as a tax parcel identification number (the "Property"):

02-007-4020

The total amount of the taxes proposed to be abated by the county on the Property for up to a 5-year period is estimated to be not more than \$15,000. The County Commissioners will consider the property tax abatement to promote growth and housing within the County.

All interested persons may appear at the public hearing and present their views to the County Commissioners orally; or if in writing, contact the County Auditor/Treasurer at Wadena County. Written comments must be received prior to the public hearing by Monday, May 18th, 2026.

Heather Olson, Wadena County Auditor/Treasurer for the Wadena County Board of Commissioners  
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