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PFAS treatment plants proposed to be built next to existing and future wells

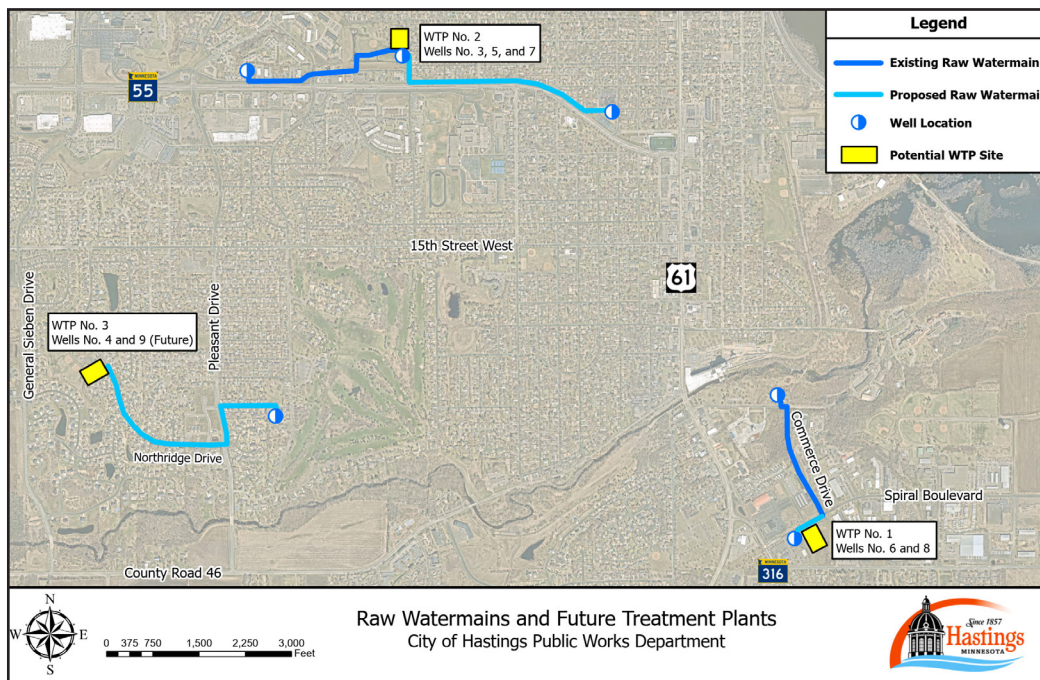
By John McLoone

The City of Hastings has worked diligently for years to come up with a plan to fight PFAS forever chemicals.

Unfortunately, the city didn't start with a level playing field. While other communities in the East Metro were tapping into a settlement fund negotiated with 3M, Hastings has been cut out of that, largely because Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) investigation into contamination from 3M ended at the Mississippi River.

And that's about all that separates Hastings from 3M's Cottage Grove manufacturing facility.

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The map shows the proposed location of water treatment plants that would remove PFAS contamination from the city drinking water supply. Graphic courtesy of City of Hastings

*Hastings
Schools look to
install filters to
keep PFAS out*

By John McLoone

The Hastings School District is working to make sure drinking water in its buildings is free from PFAS contamination.

The schools are served by City of Hastings water which is above the federally mandated guideline of six parts per trillion of forever chemical contamination. While the city works on plans to develop three treatment plants to attach to city wells to treat the contamination, Hastings Schools Superintendent Dr. Tamara Champa told

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Rain doesn't dampen Memorial Day messages

By John McLoone

A little rain didn't do anything to dampen the poignant messages passed at the Hastings Memorial Day program Monday morning.

All but the bravest attendees – or those equipped with umbrellas – fled to the cover of the Levee Park bandshell with a light rain turning heavy, just as flyovers from the Commemorative Air Force Minnesota Wing drew spectator gazes skyward.

For the 17th consecutive year, Pastor Paris Pasch of The Journey Church in Hastings led the invocation, driving home the somber message that Memorial Day is about paying tribute to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for the country they loved.

Josie Rondeau read her

winning Patriot Pen essay contest entry, themed "America is a place that stands for freedom, equality, diversity and unity."

"To be an American is to stand for what you believe is right, and as Americans, we work together to find common beliefs," she said.

Olivia Shuster took the podium to read her Voice of Democracy winning essay.

"Imagine living in a world where choices are not an option. All decisions are made by someone else," she said. "We're fortunate to have the freedom to choose what we want."

The keynote address was made by Korean War Veteran and Hastings resident Richard Hullander.

"Today is a great day. Today we're going to celebrate Hastings. We're going to cel-



The Memorial Day address was made by Richard Hullander, whose message was that of the importance of speaking with a loud voice for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Photo by John McLoone

ebate those who have given their lives for their country," said Hollander, reciting the names of each and every ser-

vice member from the community who died in the line of duty.

"Today we're going to

talk a little bit about who's speaking for those that didn't

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Hastings track & field claims MEC titles!



We are proud to introduce to you the Metro East Conference Champions, the Hastings Raiders! The boys won with a score of 186 and the girls won with a score of 179. Photo submitted



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Four student school board members selected in new ISD #200 program

By John McLoone

The Hastings School Board has four new members. The ISD #200 Board put into place a program for student school board representatives, and the first four will take a seat at the board at its September meeting. The program will be open to sophomores and juniors, and the students will serve a one-year term, attending each monthly board meeting. The first four students chosen are Jenevieve Behnke, Aidan Suarez Garcia, Victoria Steinke and Briseis Rusnacko.

Director Matt Bruns introduced the representatives at the board meeting. Steinke and Suarez Garcia attended the meeting. “Nothing will give me more pleasure than to introduce two of our folks that have accepted this role, because it is a big deal. You threw your hat in the ring. You wanted to advocate. You’re passionate about it,” said Bruns. “Welcome to the team.” The student school board members will sit at the board table and are expected to present at meetings during the school year and contrib-

ute to discussion. They do not vote. They don’t attend closed session meetings. They don’t have access to sensitive information, legal action or negotiations strategy or other confidential matters. The intent is that they represent the opinions of the student body. They receive no compensation. A board committee received and interviewed applicants for the positions. The two students at the meeting said they are eager to accept the role. “I was really excited for this opportunity because I think everybody has their

own opinions and can give their own input,” said Steinke. “Everybody really wants to advocate for the student body. I think there’s no better way to do that than have members of the student body advocate for our peers. I’m really excited to have this opportunity.” Said Suarez Garcia, “What interested me was just being able to have a voice and display what the students say about the community and just make it better overall and grow myself as a person.” The four board members will receive board training in August.



Aiden Suarez Garcia and Victoria Steinke spoke at the Hastings School Board meeting on Wednesday, May 22. They are two of four new student representatives on the school board. Photo courtesy of Hastings Community TV

Hastings Police Department holds outdoor open house

A story in pictures by Bruce Karnick

Each year for Police Week, the Hastings Police Department holds an open house on the 300-400 block of Sibley Street immediately behind the Police Department. Families can enjoy conversation with many of the officers and EMS folks that help keep our community safe. They can explore the vehicles and tools used by the officers, and they can simply enjoy being part of the community.



The garage at the police department is opened so that community members can get a peek inside the Police Department. The garage also provides a great, protected space for community partners to setup and provide information to visitors. This year, Ally Support Services, Dakota County Crisis Services, 360 Communities, Hastings Sharks, Hastings Community Education, the United Way of Hastings and Hastings Family Service all had tables with information about their offerings in Hastings.



The community took advantage of the opportunity to engage with officers in a stress-free, friendly environment. One of the goals of community events like this during police week is to put a human face to the badge which helps people understand these officers are friends and family in our community.



Kids were allowed to explore the various emergency service vehicles around the event. The excitement was clear watching the kids joy while they explored.



The big tactical vehicles are always a hit with visitors. These vehicles provide safety and protection for officers when in dangerous situations.



Local artisans and painters showed off their creations at the “Shine a Light for Autism” event Sunday at the Hastings Art Center.

Shine a Light on Autism: A Celebration of Stories and Artistry

The Hastings Arts Center was busy on Sunday, May 19th, as the community came together for “Shine a Light on Autism,” a two-part event dedicated to celebrating and supporting individuals on the autism spectrum. This unique experience aimed to enhance community awareness and foster support for autism through the power of storytelling and art. The event kicked off in April with a call for those on the spectrum to share their personal stories, coupled with a professional portrait session by Jeannie Tribe Photography. These portraits and narratives provided an intimate glimpse into the lives of individuals with autism. On Sunday, the second part of the event unfolded at the Hastings Arts Center, where attendees were invited to view the compelling images and read the heartfelt stories of people on the spectrum. This exhibit aimed to humanize and highlight the unique perspectives of autistic individuals, fostering a deeper understanding and connection within the com-

munity. In addition to the portraits and stories, the event spotlighted the incredible creations of talented autistic artisans. Their works, ranging from paintings and sculptures to handmade crafts, were on display, demonstrating the remarkable creativity and skills of these individuals. Guests also had the opportunity to participate in a silent auction, featuring various items and artworks. All proceeds from the auction went to the event’s charity partner, Ability 2 Believe, an organization dedicated to empowering and supporting individuals with autism. “Shine a Light on Autism” was more than just an event; it was a celebration of diversity, talent, and community spirit. Through the power of stories and art, it aimed to break down barriers, promote inclusion, and shine a light on the incredible contributions of individuals on the autism spectrum.

-Photos courtesy of Jeannie Tribe Photography



Jeannie Tribe (Jeannie Tribe Photography) presenting the proceeds from the event to Ashley, Brayden and Brooks Carl of Ability 2 Believe in Hastings.



Sydney, posing with her family by her photo and autism story.

Marching for Them



The March for Them group of nearly 60 marchers trekked along the 10-mile loop in Hastings on Memorial Day Monday morning. The group marches in honor of fallen soldiers each Memorial Day, with signs along the route honoring the fallen. They are pictured in Wallin Park at about the halfway point of the route. The march has preplanned stops manned by sponsors of the event for snacks, hydration and restrooms. Photo by Bruce Karnick

Hicks honored by Minnesota House

By John McLoone

Service is in Paul Hicks’ blood.

The former Hastings mayor and longtime city councilmember was honored by members of the Minnesota House Monday with a resolution read in his honor.

Hicks serves as Front Office Supervisor in the Chief Clerk’s Office and is retiring in August. He worked in the House office for 41 years.

Rep. Leon Lillie of North St. Paul introduced the resolution.

“We are truly blessed by amazing staff around here and so with great honor, we’re going to do a resolution for one of the best. He’s

retiring after 41 years. He’s a really neat guy. I call him mayor, because he’s from Hastings and was mayor there and on the council. If you’ve ever been on the bonding tours and you’re in the City of Hastings, he has his picture all over because he was on so long,” said Lillie. “Paul’s been a friend to us all.”

The resolution notes that Hicks was born and raised in Hastings and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science. He was then hired as a temporary administrative assistance in the front office of the Minnesota House in 1983.

“On Nov. 1, 1983, Paul was hired permanently into

the chief clerk’s office. Over the years since, he has been the recipient of numerous promotions, ultimately assuming the role of front office supervisor in 2015,” the resolution states.

The House members noted Hicks’ dedication to all things Minnesota, as well as his professionalism.

“Paul has consistently upheld the highest standards of nonpartisan professionalism. He has run hundreds of mock sessions for groups, provided countless legislative documents to visitors at the front office counter, and he has delivered thousands of messages to the Senate,” the resolution states. “Paul is a well-respected

employee who cares deeply about his work, who makes learning about parliamentary procedure and House rules fun and who has great respect for the integrity of the legislative process.”

The resolution closed, “The House of Representatives of the state of Minnesota extends its deepest thanks and heartfelt appreciation to Paul Hicks for his many years of valuable service and dedication to the Minnesota Legislature and citizens of the state of Minnesota.”

Hicks was presented with a copy of the resolution and received a resounding standing ovation from House members.



Former Hastings Mayor Paul Hicks was honored for 41 years of service to the Minnesota House. He will retire from his position of Front Office Supervisor in the Chief Clerk’s Office in August. Photo courtesy of Minnesota House

ISD #200 Staff Spotlight

Mr. Paul Olson - Math Teacher at Hastings High School

Mr. Olson has taught mathematics in ISD 200 for over 14 years. He moved here after a college friend from Hastings recommended it. Not only is he now employed in our schools, but he has two of his own kids at McAuliffe Elementary!

Paul expresses that the most rewarding aspect of his job is guiding students through the learning journey and witnessing their progress. “Teaching goes

beyond just delivering content. It’s incredibly fulfilling to see former students return after 14 years and observe the personal growth they’ve achieved.” If he could alter one thing about teaching, it would be eliminating grading. “Everyone would consistently strive to do their best, allowing progression to new topics when ready.”

Olson draws inspiration from various individuals. “My parents, former teachers, coaches, students, and my kids inspire me daily,” Paul reveals. During his leisure time, he savors golf,



Paul Olson

basketball, and spending time with his children.

Hastings Arts & Culture Commission approved to move forward with mural project

By Nicole Rogers

On May 20, 2024, the Hastings City Council approved initial plans to install a mural on the southwest wall of the Civic Arena facing Highway 61. The Arts & Culture Commission proposed hiring a Midwest artist to create a mural that would welcome visitors and celebrate Hastings’ hockey history. The mural is to be completed before January 2026, so it can be featured at Hockey Day Minnesota.

The estimated financial impact is between \$40,000 to \$60,000 with \$16,000 from 2023 budget carryover, \$10,000 from 2024 budget, \$13,000 from 2025 budget,

\$21,000 from Arena Project and potential donations. The current Civic Arena Project is projected to come under budget due to receipt of the Mighty Ducks Grant, which frees up money to possibly supplement the mural project.

Artists interested in this project must submit: an artist statement, a project proposal, a resume no longer than two pages, a biography 300 word or less, no more than 10 examples of relevant work, and a descriptive sample list adding to the samples (two pages max). The design will be evaluated on how well it incorporates the theme, how welcoming it is to visitors and its overall aesthetic. Se-

lection criteria will also include installation of artwork on the side of the building, past work samples, and willingness to sign an artist project agreement. The Arts & Culture Commission will meet to select the proposals and present them to the Parks Department and then to the City Council and Mayor for final approval.

The three finalists chosen will receive a stipend of \$1,000 to then submit full proposals. The proposed deadline for entries is 11:59 p.m. September 1, 2024. Finalist to be notified by September 23, 2024, with expected installation date of before November 1, 2025.

Rec+Art+Police series starts June 12

Join us for the 3rd annual Rec+Art+Police Event series beginning in June! As part of the series Recreation and Police will visit different parks and offer a variety of activities, snacks and giveaways! All ages are welcome, and activities are recommended for older elementary and middle school students.

The events will be held June through August on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in various parks in Hastings. Listed below are the details of each series event.

- Levee Park**
- June 12
 - Straw weaving, DJ, contests & prizes
- Sunny Acres Park**
- June 26
 - Popsicle stick bird feeders, hula hoop demo & games
- Pioneer Park**
- July 10
 - Fingerprint animals & obstacle course
- Roadside Park**
- July 24
 - Nature wire sculptures & olympic games

- Lions Park**
- August 14
 - Nature suncatchers, inflatable rock wall & giant slide
- Vermillion Falls**
- August 28
 - Choice art, DJ, contests & prizes
- This series is sponsored by Country Financial and SC Toys and supported by the Hastings Lions Club, Hastings Family Service, Hastings Community Education and Hastings Prescott Arts Council.



SPELLING BEA Time

BY BEA WESTERBERG

Adventure time!

“Tracks may be rough: but the journey is worth it.” – Unknown

“All Aboard!!” Yes, that started my adventure to Oregon to visit my brother Marvin and sister-in-law Pam. I had to start planning late last fall because my trip dates depended on when Rio Gran Boarding would have openings to keep Sitka and Pumpkin. I had decided I would take Amtrak for this trip so a lot of “exploring” had to be done. This would be my first overnight trip on the rails and sister-in-law Pam helped guide me on that journey. Daughter Nissa reminded me that I had in fact been on a train before, but they were short trips and no overnight stays.

Red Wing was my choice to board the train as I could get a free parking permit near the train station from the city and leave my car for two weeks. Finding the right parking lot was a bit of a problem but I had allowed a big time window so it worked out. I had three suitcases and a kind man who saw me trying to balance them, helped me get them to the train station. The Red Wing train station is not staffed with humans so I was a bit uncertain on what the procedure was to board the train once it arrived. The train was scheduled to arrive at 9:45 p.m. Several other passengers went outside when the train arrived and I saw people in uniforms get out of the train. The train was stopped two tracks over and I was unsure if I was supposed to step over them or go to a specific crossing. A uniformed person with a flashlight and phone came to scan my boarding pass and helped me step over the two sets of tracks while another two people came to get my suitcases. They said the train will pull up again and I was to get on the last car. I was welcomed and helped up on the train. WOW! I felt joy knowing I made it this far.

I had booked a roomette which turned out to be on the second level and it was all ready for me to tuck in. And “tuck in” is the correct word as it was comfortable and private, but no dancing room. Glad it was just me and I did not have to get up to the top bunk as a second person would have to. My room attendant filled me in on the meal schedules and explained how to get around on the train.

Shortly after the St. Paul stop, I curled up and almost instantly went to sleep (rare for me). I slept through the night and woke up to my 6 am alarm to see what land I would be going past at that time of the morning. It was the flat lands of North Dakota but they seemed to be filled with water everywhere. I felt I saw all of Minnesota’s 10,000 lakes in North Dakota that morning. Wasn’t North Dakota supposed to be flat and dry?

My big FEAR was how to get from one car to another and I had to go five cars up to get to the dining car. I probably had been watching too many movies showing there was empty area between the cars and you had to jump from one to another. I quickly found out that there are two doors with a flexible enclosure between and hand rails to hold on to. Soon I was kicking or pushing buttons with the best of them to get from one car to another. Not near as good or comfortable as the little kids did it, but not bad for a lady of age. (It was a bit scary at times when it was windy or the tracks were rough).

You never eat alone on a train trip. They seat you so that you have up to three other guests dining with you. Every one of my meals (included with my ticket) was very interesting and I did not have to worry about “what to talk about”. There were a number of menu choices for all meals and the food was good for the most part. Breakfast and lunch were first come – first served, but reservations had to be made for dinner. The same people were in attendance for all meals so I kind of got to know them in the day and a half I was on the train. The dining host remembered my love of ginger ale and asked if I wanted it again for the next meal. He even said I should take one to enjoy in the viewing car after my first breakfast. I did spend almost the whole day in the viewing car where you could see both sides around you if you sat at a table. They had comfortable chairs but they faced only one way. Time flies. It is 6:45 a.m, Pasco, Washington, time to leave the train and on to the next step of this adventure – next week.

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Pictured in front (from left) are scholarship awardees Samantha Gilomen and Clara Gilbert, and 911 dispatchers Melissa Peers and Jenni Buran. In back (from left) are Assistant Chief Burnsville Fire and EMS Counsel chair Neal Dwyer, Dakota County Sheriff’s Deputy Matthew Lohmann, 911 dispatcher Dave Chilson and Dakota County Sherriff’s Deputy Ryan Olson. Dakota County photo

Dakota County first responders recognized for life-saving acts

The Dakota County EMS Council celebrated Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week May 19. The council awarded Dakota County first responders for saving the lives of a toddler in an apartment fire, motorcyclists involved in a crash and a man who suffered a drug overdose. Also, 911 dispatchers were recognized for coaching callers during emergency births. The award recipients are:

Dakota County Sheriff’s Deputy Matthew Lohmann

On April 19, 2023, Deputy Matthew Lohmann responded to the City of Cannon Falls for an apartment fire where there were children trapped inside. When Lohmann arrived, Cannon Falls Police Chief Jeff McCormick ran out of the building and handed him a toddler who appeared to be lifeless. Lohmann and McCormick began administering first aid to the toddler. The toddler’s breathing began to slow and their airway became obstructed.

An ambulance arrived, and Lohmann, along with a Cannon Falls firefighter, took the child into the ambulance and began to clear the toddler’s airway with a suction device. The toddler was transported to a Cannon Falls emergency room and later

airlifted to Regions Hospital in St. Paul. Lohmann did not hesitate to respond to this call and helped saved a toddler’s life.

Dakota County Sheriff’s Detective Ryan Olson

On May 10, 2023, Detective Ryan Olson was driving home from work and overheard a dispatch call about a motorcycle crash in Lakeville. Olson was nearby, responded and provided aid to a female passenger who was still wearing her helmet. While Olson was helping her, he noticed she was passing out. Olson assisted with rescue breathing using a bag valve mask. The female passenger was then brought into an ambulance. Olson also assisted paramedics with the male driver of the motorcycle, who was airlifted to a hospital. Olson’s response to the scene and lifesaving actions made a profound impact on the patients’ recovery.

Dakota County Sheriff’s Deputy Domenic Scudera

On Aug. 31, 2023, Deputy Domenic Scudera responded to Ravenna Township for a reported drug overdose. He found an adult male unconscious and gasping for air. Scudera provided two doses of Narcan, an overdose reversal medication, and placed a defibrillator on the patient.

After this, he began chest compressions. After numerous rounds of compressions, the patient regained consciousness, sat up and was transported by paramedics. Scudera’s quick response saved the patient’s life.

Stork Awards

Stork Awards are given to Dakota County 911 dispatchers when they coach a caller through an emergency birth prior to the arrival of first responders. In the last year, three 911 dispatchers helped bring babies into the world — Jenni Buran, Dave Chilson and Melissa Peers. Thanks to their calm assuredness and attention to protocol, they assured a healthy outcome for both mom and baby under very challenging circumstances.

The EMS Advisory Council also announced its inaugural Post High School EMS Education Scholarship. Two scholarships are awarded annually to assist and support high school graduates as they further their education to become EMS professionals. The awards recognize the importance of maintaining high-quality, successful EMS service for our community. This year’s awardees are Clara Gilbert and Samantha Gilomen, both from the School of Environmental Studies in Apple Valley.

Center for Rural Affairs report: Solar development has minimal impact on ag land use

As renewable energy development grows in rural areas, so do concerns about protecting agricultural land, especially from utility-scale solar projects.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) estimates that by 2050 solar will occupy 10.3 million acres of land nationally, 90% of which will be in rural areas. To address concerns about utility-scale solar systems occupying a large amount of prime farmland, some local and state officials have proposed and even placed restrictions prohibiting it.

Alex Delworth, policy associate with the Center for Rural Affairs, said the restrictions are concerning.

“They can be debilitating for solar development, not to mention raise questions about private property rights,” he said. “In one instance, we found a county-level restriction related to prime farmland that eliminated 75% of potentially developable land in the area.”

While utility-scale solar projects can look intimidat-

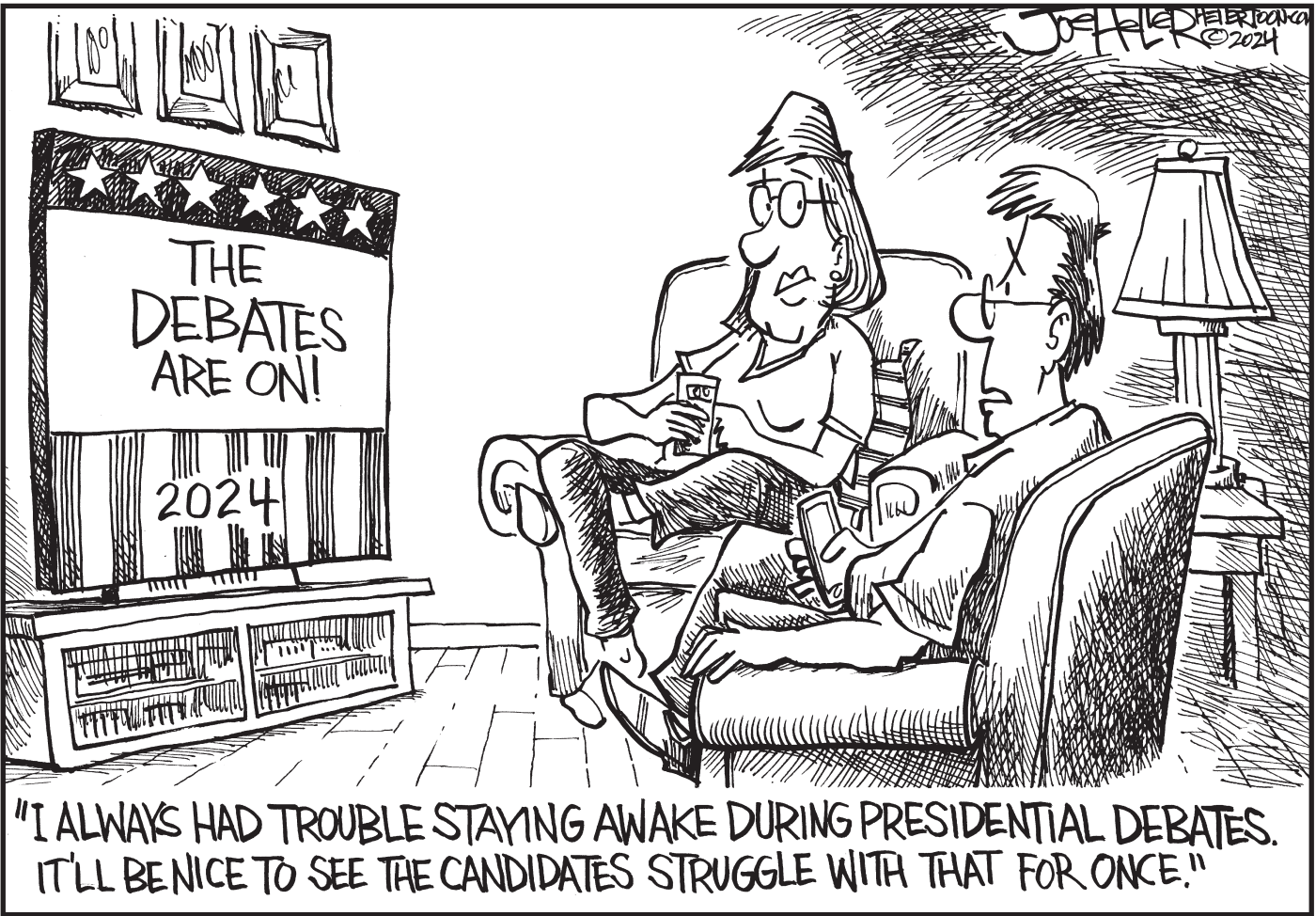
ing amid concerns about taking land out of production, a new report from the Center for Rural Affairs found their overall impact on agricultural land use is minimal.

“Sifting through Solar: Land-Use Concerns on Prime Farmland,” written by Delworth, discusses how restrictions are designed and forecasts solar development’s impact on prime farmland in the Midwest region.

The DOE predicts that between 210 and 420 GWs of solar projects are needed in the Midwest by 2050 to meet federal decarbonization standards. According to the report, if all of the forecasted solar was built on the region’s prime farmland, it would occupy between 1.45% and 2.9%.

The report also addresses potential short-term impacts in Iowa and Minnesota.

Delworth said if every acre currently proposed for solar development in Iowa was built on the state’s top 14% rated farmland (90 Corn



Suitability Rating, or CSR, and above), it would occupy 0.54% of the total acres. Furthermore, the proposed solar would occupy only 0.14% of the top 62% rated farmland (65 CSR and above).

The projected impact in Minnesota is also minimal. According to the report, if

the number of acres currently proposed were located on prime farmland, it would cover less than 0.3% of the land.

Delworth hopes local, county, and state officials will consider the report’s findings as they decide the future of solar development

in their area.

“Implementing rules that work with solar development rather than limiting it will open up economic opportunities for rural residents who want to voluntarily lease their land,” Delworth said. Renewable energy projects also generate tax revenue

for counties, schools, and emergency services as well as create rural employment opportunities.

To read and download a copy of “Sifting through Solar: Land-Use Concerns on Prime Farmland,” visit cfra.org/sifting-through-solar.

PFAS

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One city well contains contamination that’s linked to a proprietary chemical that could only have come from 3M.

Progress has been slow in linking contamination in Hastings to 3M. The MPCA has several monitoring wells in Hastings and has been testing city water.

Last year, Hastings Public Works Director/City Engineer Ryan Stempski laid out the situation to the city council at a work session.

“We’ve learned there’s a big comprehensive East Metro model, but the problem is the modelers drew a line at the Mississippi River and said, ‘OK, we’re going to stop the model here,’” said Stempski. “When you dig into that model, they’re saying the flow path went down the river and stopped at a line. The model is not very effective.”

Stempski said data from the Minnesota Geologic Survey shows the fault lines under the river.

“They’ve learned about many complexities with the river and the river geology and hydrogeology. There are a lot of faults, underground features, and we know there’s a contaminated southern shoreline of PFAS,” Stempski said. “Aligning those fault maps up with maybe Lake Rebecca or

key areas of contamination known at the surface will help understand how it would get into our groundwater. It’s really important to understand the hydrogeology and the geology of the river. There’s an eluvial, or bedrock valley, that shoots from the river’s same elevation down to the middle of Hastings. So is that a conduit or finger that’s transferring things.”

MPCA has four monitoring wells in Hastings to determine the source of the PFAS contamination. Others are located at the former Pine Street dump, as well as at a manufacturing site and at Oak Ridge Manor Apartments, where there was a fire decades ago in which firefighting foam containing contaminants was used.

The city is proposing to build three decentralized water treatment plants that will tie into the eight existing wells and a proposed ninth well that will be needed in the future.

Stempski told the council that the city is going the route of three plants instead of one larger centralized plant because of the cost of running pipe from all wells to that centralized plant.

“That’s a lot more valves and piping we’d have to take on and maintain,” he said. “Decentralized is preferable here. It allows us to do a lot of good things. Construction of facilities can be phased.”

Plants will be located on

the east side of the city, in the middle of the city and on the west side.

“We can start with phase one, which is an area where the well has the highest level of PFAS. It’s a natural spot to start. Then phase two and then phase three. We can start treating earlier, rather than taking five years to build a big, centralized treatment plant. We can get to construction earlier,” said Stempski.

The city is hoping to have final plans and be ready for construction in the fall, so officials hope some funding opportunities – whether it be the 3M Settlement Fund, or state or federal funds – come through.

The first treatment plant would be located adjacent to well six on Spiral Boulevard and serve that well and well eight, located off of Commerce Drive. Both are located in the Hastings Industrial Park. That plant would also connect to the Hastings Veterans Home, which also has PFAS contamination in its water supply.

“Eight is our highest concentration. That’s where we would start,” said Stempski.

Phase two would be built adjacent to well three at Lions Park between 5th Street West and the North Frontage Road to Hwy. 55. It would tie into well five, located behind 1300 N. Frontage Road. Well seven is located off Ashland and 9th Streets near the new pickleball courts.

“These are going next to structures that are already there. It’s not going to look that much different. It’s going to be bigger,” said Stempski. “We’re combining three wells in this location because of its location.”

The third and final phase would be built in Wallen Park, where a new city well will be located in the future.

“We’ve already drilled a test well, so our next city well is going in this approximate location. We’ve drilled that well to find out there’s an adequate water supply in that location. We haven’t been able to test that for PFAS or nitrates. I’m sure they exist, but we don’t have test results there, because you have to pump a lot of water to generate a test. We’ll get there someday,” said Stempski.

Stempski said that projections from the Community Development department project that well will be needed by 2026.

“It’s coming pretty soon,” said Stempski.

That Wallin Park plant would also connect to well four. Wallin Park is located off Northridge Drive east of General Sieben Drive. Well four is located to the east of there off of Pleasant Drive.

The city has five years from this spring to have the treatment plants all operational. They will have a granular activated carbon system to remove PFAS and nitrates will be removed by an ion exchange system.



MY View

BY JOHN MCLOONE

Some important discoveries

Some discoveries have been made.

I don’t like to lose things, but inevitably, it happens to all of us. This is a story in two parts. The first has to do with my pants. The second part is a mess.

I have several pair of identical pants in my daily rotation. I realized a couple months back that the back pocket where I put my wallet somehow had torn. I put my wallet there and a short while later felt it sliding down my left leg. I knew then there was a problem, and I kept my wallet in another pocket.

Fast forward to last week. I went in to conduct business at the local post office and found that I did not have my wallet. When I reached in to look for it, though, I learned that I was once again wearing “those” pants. I never felt it fall this time. I backtracked, and there it was waiting for me in the middle of the road. Lesson learned. I retired those khakis.

Part Two

That very same day, I was shuttling delivery vehicles when the next story unfolded. The van I needed to be driving did not start. This saga is a little more complicated.

I can’t do much when it comes to fixing things. I wasn’t reared in a home where there’s a workbench in the garage and outlines of tools on a pegboard wall. We had a hammer, screwdriver and an adjustable wrench and they seemed to go missing often, so we’d buy a new hammer, screwdriver or adjustable wrench.

I did pick up a thing or two

in shop class in high school, and I’ve driven enough beaters that I can successfully jump-start a car. I set out on a mission to find jumper cables, because I know I own several sets, because like the hammer, the screwdriver and the adjustable wrench, I’ve bought new sets when they went missing.

I started to look through each vehicle, because having them in the trunk is a logical place to put them. Each search came up empty. That led me to the conclusion that they were in a garage, either at my office or at my home. The office garage is neat and tidy. The one at my house is not. Decades full of kids equipment, a piano, a large quilt box and things that actually belong in a garage are packed in there.

So, I started my search in the office garage, holding out hope that I would find a set of jumper cables in there. I did not. I was however able to catalog things in my mind that are located there for the next time I’m searching for something.

I turned to the home garage. We live in a house that’s more than 100 years old, so the garage is compact, one car at best, though I’ve never seen a car in there, so I cannot confirm that. I lifted open the door and did a search, realizing how many things I’d have to move around to either learn if my search was to be successful or not.

I found the jumper cables. It turns out they were at the hardware store. Just like the new hammer, screwdriver and adjustable wrench.

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Schools

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the ISD #200 Board of Education at its meeting Wednesday, May 22 that it is taking proactive measures against PFAS.

The district is seeking to put filtering systems in place at all school buildings.

“We have been having a lot of conversation about PFAS and having conversations with the city as well. Just to let you know, the district is working on replacing filters, filters that do filter for PFAS and are receiving quotes for what we might be able to do at each of our buildings for the entire district,” she said.



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All lot and columbarium owners are invited.

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lakesidecem.org or
Facebook: Lakeside Cemetery Association



OBITUARIES

Bonnie Lunde 1936-2024

Bonnie E. Lunde, 88, of Hastings, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her family on May 20, 2024. She was born on April 12, 1936, to Henry and Ida (McDonough) Sommerfield in Mazeppa Township, MN. Bonnie attended school in Mazeppa, and then married her beloved husband, Paul Lunde, on November 24, 1978. For over 50 years, Bonnie dedicated her professional life as a waitress in Hastings and brought joy to many with her warm service. She was a cherished member of the Woman’s Auxiliary in Mazeppa. Known for her love of travel and creating memories with her daughters, Bonnie found solace in making quilts and tending to her garden, always ensuring her yard was a beautiful sanctuary.

Bonnie is survived by her children, Donald Blanck II, Louis (Deb) Blanck, Amy Haines, Joseph (Deb) Lunde, Christine (Scott) Brown; her 14 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren; her sister, Eva.; brother-in-law, Martin; and many other family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Paul Lunde; daughter, Patsy; her parents, Henry and Ida; brothers, Don (Helen), Harry (Maxine), Carl (Fern); sister, Lucy; and brother-in-law, John. A service to honor and celebrate Bonnie’s life will be held at Starkson Family Life Celebration Chapel, 3075 Vermillion Street, Hastings on May 29 at 11 a.m.. A visitation will take place from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. The burial will take place immediately following the service at Mazeppa Cemetery with a reception to follow at the American Legion in Mazeppa. In memory of Bonnie, memorial contributions may be made to your local American



Legion. For guestbook and further information, please visit www.hastingsmnfuneral.com. Arrangements are being completed by Starkson Family Life Celebration Chapel of Hastings.



Eileen Janssen 1932-2024

Eileen M. Janssen, age 91 of Cottage Grove, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on May 16, 2024. Memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 2, 2024 at Zion Lutheran Church (All Saints Lutheran), 8100 Belden Blvd. S, Cottage Grove, MN with a one hour visitation prior to the service at church. Reception to follow service. Eileen is survived by her children Jeanne (Cliff) Lewis, Marilyn (Larry) Fredin, Kathleen Rodgers and Mark (Cynthia) Calkins; grandchildren Chad (Jess) Lewis, Brad (Mandy)

Lewis, Katy (Brent) Bauer, Lindsey (Jason) Waldron, Rebecca (Austin) Ever-tse, Christine (James) Oak, Lori (Chris) Rux, Andrew (Brooke) Knopf, Abigail (Ryan) Knopf-Smith, Row-an (Valerie Ingram) Calk-ins and Shannon Calkins; great-grandchildren Sunshy-ne, Parker, Evan, Brock, Ci-ara, Briella, Elaina, Brennan, Astra, Sydnee, Hazel, Claire, Bennett, Sonny, Sophie, Wesley, Kylie, Caleb (Aa-liyah), Tarina, Morgan and Carter; great-great-grand-children Everett and Isabella as well as many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents; hus-bands Richard Calkins and James Janssen; brother Fred (Audrey) Johnson; son-in-law Jack Rodgers and former son-in-law W. Todd Knopf.



John Bauer 1974-2024

John L. Bauer, age 50, passed away on May 23, 2024, at UW Health University Hospital in Madison, WI. He was born on January 17, 1974, in St. Paul, MN, and was adopted as an infant by Bernard and MaryLou (Geronime) Bauer. John was raised in Vermillion Town-ship and had a love for the outdoors and wildlife. John loved playing soft-ball and golf and enjoyed fishing. He had a great ap-preciation for agriculture and was actively involved in 4-H. John was known as a skilled and hardworking farmer who especially enjoyed gardening peppers and cooking, with a special love for barbecue. Those who knew John would remember him for his quick wit, humor, and good-natured spirit. He en-joyed telling stories and jokes with family and friends. His siblings fondly called him “baby John” or “little

John” and friends called him “Taco.” John shared a special farming bond with his broth-er, Mike. John is survived by his father, Bernard Bauer; sib-lings: David (Becky) Bauer, Mary Anne Westman, Paul Bauer, Mary Margaret Bau-er, Chris Bauer, Peter Bauer, Clara Bauer, Michael (Amy) Bauer, Joseph Bauer, Bern-adette Bauer, Maria (Troy) Wheeler, and Anna (Chris-topher) Bauer-Pennie. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, his good friend Toby Burr and favorite cous-in Carol Schuhwerck , and numerous other friends who held a special place in his heart. John was preceded in death by his mother, Mary-Lou, and his brother, Vincent Bauer. The Mass of Christian Burial for John will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 106 Main St W, Vermillion, MN 55085. Prior to the service, a visitation will take place from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Fri-day, May 31, 2024, at Stark-son Family Life Celebration Chapel, 3075 Vermillion St,



Hastings, MN 55033, and one hour before the Mass at the church Saturday. Burial will follow at St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery after the Mass of Christian Burial. Starkson Family Life Celebration Chapel is han-dling the arrangements.



PUBLIC Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS DAKOTA COUNTY Farmington Highway Shop Salt Shed Repairs Dakota County, Minnesota

Dakota County will receive a single prime sealed bid for Salt Shed Roof Repairs at the Dakota County Farmington Highway Shop until 2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday June 6th, 2024 at the office of the **Facilities Management (Suite 2500), Dakota County Administration Center, 1590 Highway 55, Hastings, Minnesota, 55033**, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A Pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday May 30th, 2024 at the Dakota County Farmington Highway Shop, 4975 212th Street, Farmington, MN 55024. Representatives of the Owner will be present.

Bidding documents including the bid form and specifications can be obtained from the Dakota County Website after May 20th, 2024.

<https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Government/DoingBusiness/BidProposalsInformation/Pages/default.aspx>

This project will include the evaluation and repair of existing salt shed structure and roof repairs at the Dakota County Farmington Highway Shop, 4975 212th Street, Farmington, MN 55024. All work to be in accordance with the specifications and plans.

Prevailing wages are required on this project.

Bids must be submitted only on the bid form supplied in the Bid Document. No oral, telegraphic or telephonic bids or modifications will be considered. Submit with each bid a certified check or acceptable bidder's bond payable to Dakota County in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total base bid. The successful bidder is required to furnish satisfactory Labor and Material Payment Bond and Performance Bond equal to 100% of the total contract amount.

Bids may not be withdrawn within sixty (60) days after the opening bids. It is anticipated that the Dakota County Board of Commissioners will consider award of the projects at 9:00 a.m. on July 23rd 2024 at its regular meeting at the Adminis-tration Center, 1590 Hwy 55, Hastings, MN and reserves the right to accept any bid or to reject any of the bids, or parts of such bids, and waves informalities or irregularities in bidding.

Owner's representative is Pat LaVallé – (952)-454-4040

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**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF DAKOTA**

**CASE TYPE: OTHER CIVIL
DISTRICT COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
SUMMONS
D.C. File No.
19HA-CV-24-1676**

KATHRYN M. KEENA,
Dakota County Attorney,
Plaintiff,

v.

\$49,044.00 U.S. Currency,
Defendant.

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECT-
ED TO BAINES MICHAEL
JOHNSON:

1. **YOU ARE BEING SUED.** The Plaintiff has started a law-suit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is on file in the office of the court administrator of the above-named court. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this Summons.

2. **YOU MUST REPLY WITH-
IN 20 DAYS TO PROTECT
YOUR RIGHTS.** You must give or mail to the person who signed this Summons a **written response** called an Answer within 20 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Sum-mons located at:

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der Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written re-sponse to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dis-pute.

Date: May 3, 2024

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**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF DAKOTA
DISTRICT COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case Type:
Reduced Redemption
Court File No.
19HA-CV-24-1856
Judge Tracy Perzel

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Mongoose Property LLC,
Plaintiff,

vs.

Susan Ricketts, Cindy Ricketts,
the unknown heirs of Stepha-nie J. Ricketts, also known as Stephanie Jane Ricketts, and the unknown heirs of Michael Daniel Fleming,

Defendants.

**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DE-
FENDANTS:**

Plaintiff Mongoose Prop-erty LLC (“**Plaintiff**”) has filed a Complaint to reduce the owner's redemption period to five weeks pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 582.032, in regard to the foreclosure of that certain Mortgage made by Stephanie J. Ricketts in favor of Long Beach Mortgage Company, as mortgagee, dated Septem-ber 28, 2006, and recorded on October 19, 2006, in the Office of the Registrar of Titles for the County of Dakota, State of Minnesota, as Document No. T599746, and assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, in trust for Registered Holders of Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-10, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-10, by that certain Corporate As-signment of Mortgage dated August 16, 2022, and record-ed on December 14, 2022, in the Office of the Registrar of Titles for the County of Dakota, State of Minnesota, as Docu-ment No. T869619, encumber-ing real property in the County of Dakota, State of Minnesota, legally described as:

Unit No. 1103, CIC NO. 51, FOX RIDGE CONDOMINIUM, a condominium located in the County of Dakota

You, the Defendants, are hereby summoned to appear before this Court on June 16, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., via elec-tronic means as the Court may direct, at which time a hearing will be held. ATTENDANCE IS NOT REQUIRED AT THE HEARING EXCEPT TO CON-TEST THE RELIEF SOUGHT HEREIN. If you wish to contest Plaintiff's Complaint, you must appear at the time specified.

If you do not appear, an or-der may be entered reducing the redemption period to five weeks.

Dated: May 16, 2024

BERNICK LIFSON, P.A.

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
DAKOTA COUNTY
Wescott Library Chiller Replacement**

Dakota County, Minnesota

Dakota County will receive a single prime sealed bid for Re-moval of and replacement of 80-ton Air Cooled Chiller at the Dakota County Wescott Library until 2:00 p.m. local time on Tuesday June 4th, 2024 at the office of the **Facilities Management (Suite 2500), Dakota County Administration Center, 1590 Highway 55, Hastings, Minnesota, 55033**, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A Pre-bid meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday May 22nd, 2024 at the Dakota County Wescott Library, 1340 Wescott Road, Eagan, MN 55123. Representatives of the Owner will be present.

Bidding documents including the bid form and specifications can be obtained from the Dakota County Website after May 20th, 2024.

<https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Government/DoingBusiness/BidProposalsInformation/Pages/default.aspx>

This project will include the removal of existing 80-ton Chiller, and the installation of new 80-ton Air Cooled Chiller at the Dakota County Wescott Library, 1340 Wescott Road, Eagan, MN 55123. All work to be in accordance with the specifica-tions and plans.

Prevailing wages are required on this project.

Bids must be submitted only on the bid form supplied in the Bid Document. No oral, telegraphic or telephonic bids or modifications will be considered. Submit with each bid a cer-tified check or acceptable bidder's bond payable to Dakota County in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total base bid. The successful bidder is required to furnish satis-factory Labor and Material Payment Bond and Performance Bond equal to 100% of the total contract amount.

Bids may not be withdrawn within sixty (60) days after the opening bids. It is anticipated that the Dakota County Board of Commissioners will consider award of the projects at 9:00 a.m. on July 9th 2024 at its regular meeting at the Adminis-tration Center, 1590 Hwy 55, Hastings, MN and reserves the right to accept any bid or to reject any of the bids, or parts of such bids, and waves informalities or irregularities in bidding.

MG Solutions LLC. is the Consulting Engineer on this project. The representative is Michael Mercier

Phone: 612-366-1702 Email: mmerceier@mgsolutionsllc.com

Owner's representative is Bart Pritchett – (952)-891-7234

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PUBLIC

Notice

Board of Education
Independent School
District 200
Hastings, Minnesota

A Special Meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 200, Hastings, Minnesota, was held on Monday, May 13th, 2024, at the Hastings ISD 200 District Office in Conference Room A.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

The following board members were present: Matt Bruns, Jenny Wiederholt-Pine, Philip Biermaier, Melissa Millner, Mark Zuzek, Jessica Dressely, and Carrie Tate. Others in attendance were: Superintendent Champa, Jen Seubert, Cathy Moen.

The item before the board is to move to a closed session for Negotiation Parameters - Pursuant to Minn Stat. 13D.03.

A motion to move to a closed session was made by Jessica Dressely and seconded by Mark Zuzek. Those voting in favor: Matt Bruns, Jenny Wiederholt-Pine, Jessica Dressely, Philip Biermaier, Melissa Millner, Mark Zuzek, and Carrie Tate. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was closed at 7:03 PM.

Meeting Closed

A motion to move to an open session was made by Jessica Dressely and seconded by Philip Biermaier. Those voting in favor: Matt Bruns, Jenny Wiederholt-Pine, Philip Biermaier, Melissa Millner, Mark Zuzek, Jessica Dressely, and Carrie Tate. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business Jenny Wiederholt-Pine made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jessica Dressely. The vote was: 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

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Board of Education
Independent School District
200
Hastings, Minnesota

A Special Meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 200, Hastings, Minnesota, was held on Thursday, March 9, 2024, at the Hastings Middle School Media Center.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carrie Tate at 6:00 PM.

The following board members were present: Jessica Dressely, Melissa Millner, Jenny Wiederholt-Pine, Philip Biermaier, Matt Bruns, Mark Zuzek, and Carrie Tate. Superintendent Champa was also present at the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the changes to the amendment to the 23/24 calendar and end the middle school one day early was made by Mark Zuzek and seconded by Philip Biermaier. The vote was: 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the recommendation to approve the updated non-contracted rates of pay was made by Jessica Dressely and seconded by Mark Zuzek. The vote was: 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Matt Bruns and seconded by Melissa Millner. The vote was: 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 PM.

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Board of Education
Independent School District
200
Hastings, Minnesota

A Regular Meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 200, Hastings, Minnesota, was held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at the Hastings Middle School Media Center.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

The following board members were present: Jessica Dressely, Melissa Millner, Jenny Wiederholt-Pine, Philip Biermaier, Matt Bruns, Mark Zuzek, and Carrie Tate. Superintendent Champa was also present at the meeting.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, a motion to approve the agenda with a few items moved was made by Philip Biermaier and seconded by Mark Zuzek. The vote was: 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the minutes from the 03.27.24 Regular Board Meeting, the 04.22.24 Closed Session Security Overview Meeting, and

the 04.23.24 Closed Session Negotiations Parameters Meetings. This motion was made by Jessica Dressely and seconded by Matt Bruns. The vote was: 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Tate recognized the visitors in the room and those viewing remotely.

Superintendent Champa presented the Raider Spotlight.

The Public Comment Session was held with one person speaking.

Superintendent Champa provided the Board with the Superintendent report which included the Cadence Review.

The Building and Construction Fund Project update was presented by Jen Seubert.

The Native American Parent Advisory Committee Non-concurrence Response update was presented by Superintendent Champa.

The ISD 917 update was given by Mark Zuzek.

The AMSD update was given by Matt Bruns

The BrightWorks update was given by Jessica Dressely

The Community Collaboration Committee update was given by Jenny Wiederholt-Pine.

The Facilities Committee update was given by Melissa Millner, no meeting held since the last update.

The Finance Committee update was given by Mark Zuzek, no meeting held since the last update.

The NAPAC update was given by Matt Bruns

The Student School Board Committee update was given by Jessica Dressely.

Jessica Dressely provided the Board with an update from the Policy Committee which included the first readings of the following policies: 423, 430, 501, 502, 503, 503.2PR, and 529. As well as a second reading of the following policies: 220, 604, 616, 618, 619, and 802.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the Multisite Grounds Improvement Project - Bid Award and the Sunset Policies moved to Items for Individual Action was made by Mark Zuzek and seconded by Jessica Dressely. The vote was: 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

A motion to postpone voting on the Sunset Policies until the May regular board meeting was made by Carrie Tate and seconded by Mark Zuzek. The vote was: 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

A motion to postpone the Multisite Grounds Improvement Project - Bid Award until it goes to the facilities committee to review and bring back more information was made by Jessica Dressely and seconded by Philip Biermaier. The vote was 3 ayes, 4 nays, motion failed. Matt Bruns, Melissa Millner, Jenny Wiederholt-Pine and Mark Zuzek voted nay.

A motion to approve the Multisite Grounds Improvement Project - Bid Award as originally presented in the agenda was made by Mark Zuzek and seconded by Jenny Wiederholt-Pine. The vote was 4 ayes, 3 nays, motion carried. Jessica Dressely, Philip Biermaier and Carrie Tate voted nay.

A motion to approve the Bills Payable was made by Jessica Dressely and seconded by Jenny Wiederholt-Pine. Matt Bruns abstained from the vote. The vote was: 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain, motion carried.

A motion to approve the Donations was made by Melissa Millner and seconded by Jessica Dressely. The vote was: 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the Boston Trip in October 2025 was made by Jessica Dressely and seconded by Melissa Millner. The vote was: 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the last day of school for seniors as Friday, May 31st was made by Mark Zuzek and seconded by Jenny Wiederholt-Pine. The vote was: 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

Future meetings were presented and discussed by Carrie Tate.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jessica Dressely and seconded by Melissa Millner. The vote was: 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM.

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Douglas Township Meetings

Douglas Township meets monthly. Below are the upcoming meeting dates

Board Meetings 7:00 PM at the Town Hall

Monday May 6, 2024

Monday June 3, 2024

Monday July 1, 2024

Monday August 5, 2024

Tuesday September 3, 2024

Monday October 7, 2024

Monday November 4, 2024

Monday December 2, 2024

Tuesday January 6, 2025

Monday February 3, 2025

Monday March 3, 2025

Monday April 7, 2025

PC Meetings 7:00 at the Town Hall

Tuesday May 28, 2024

Monday June 24, 2024

Monday July 22, 2024

Monday August 26, 2024

Monday September 23, 2024

Monday October 28, 2024

Monday November 25, 2024

Monday December 16, 2024

Monday January 27, 2025

Monday February 24, 2025

Monday March 24, 2025

Monday April 28, 2025

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Approved Summary of Proceedings
Dakota County Board of Commissioners
May 7, 2024

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners met on May 7, 2024 and took action with respect to the following matters. Approvals/Authorizations: Approval Of Minutes Of Meeting Held April 23, 2024. Approval Of Final Plats Recommended By Plat Commission. Approval Of Chair To Special Board Of Equalization. Approval Of Legal Strategy And Authority For Acquisition Of Right-Of-Way For County Project 32-65. Authorization To Amend 2024 Budget Workshop Dates For 2025 Budget Discussion And Amend 2024 Committee Of The Whole Meeting Schedule. To Execute Contract With Qualtrics LLC For Renewal Of Survey Software. To Execute Contract For Business Analyst Services. To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With Vermillion Township For Bituminous Resurfacing On Doffing Avenue, County Project 98-49. Appointment To Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board Of Managers. Acceptance Of Gifts To Dakota County Library. Public Hearing To Receive Comments On New Fees And Amendment To 2024 Dakota County Fee Schedule. Proclamation Of Correctional Officers And Police Officers Weeks In Dakota County. Proclamation Of National Nurses Week In Dakota County May 6-12, 2024. Closed Executive Session: Discuss Labor Negotiations Strategy. The next Board meeting will be held, May 21, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. The full text of these official proceedings is available for public inspection at County Administration Center, 1590 Highway 55, Hastings, MN.

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VERMILLION RIVER WATERSHED
PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY

The Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization (VRWJPO) is seeking applicants for their Watershed Planning Commission (WPC). To be considered for appointment, you must live in the Vermillion River Watershed.

The VRWJPO manages water resources in a 335-square-mile area that includes all or part of 20 cities and townships. It is governed by a Joint Powers Board that consists of two Dakota County and one Scott County Commissioner. The Watershed Planning Commission is a nine-member citizen advisory group that advises the Joint Powers Board regarding its duties, which include: guiding implementation of the watershed management plan, developing an annual work plan/budget, and recommending action regarding disputes that occur pursuant to the Joint Powers Agreement.

The WPC meets on the second Wednesday of February, May, August, and November, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Dakota County Extension and Conservation Center in Farmington. Interested citizens may submit an application form for either Dakota County or Scott County residents, found on <https://www.vermillionriverwatershed.org/about-us/planning-commission>. Forms may be submitted via email to VRWJPO Administrator Travis Thiel at travis.thiel@co.dakota.mn.us, or via postal mail to 4100 220th St. W #103, Farmington, MN 55024.

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CITY OF HASTINGS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT - PLEASANT AVENUE ADDITION
COUNTY ROAD 47 & PLEASANT AVENUE

Notice is hereby given that the Hastings Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 10, 2024 beginning at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers of Hastings City Hall located at 101 4th Street E consider the request of Dakota County CDA for Preliminary and Final Plat approval of Pleasant Avenue Addition. The property is generally located northwest of County Road 47 & Pleasant Avenue and legally described as follows:

The South 3016.86 feet of the East 1155 feet of the West Half of the East Half of the Section West of Pleasant Drive, EXCEPT that part platted as Old Bridge 1st Addition AND EXCEPT that part North of Old Bridge 1st Addition all in Section 32, Township 115, Range 17, DakotaCounty, Minnesota.

Please contact the City of Hastings with any questions. All persons are welcome to participate and comment.

CITY OF HASTINGS, Justin Fortney City Planner

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DUBUQUE, Iowa - This spring, the University of Dubuque celebrated the academic accomplishments of undergraduate, graduate, and seminary students with two commencement ceremonies. The University of Dubuque Spring Commencement was held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 27, 2024, in the Chlapaty Recreation and Wellness Center, and the University of Dubuque Theological Commencement was held at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 27, 2024, in John and Alice Butler Hall, Heritage Center.

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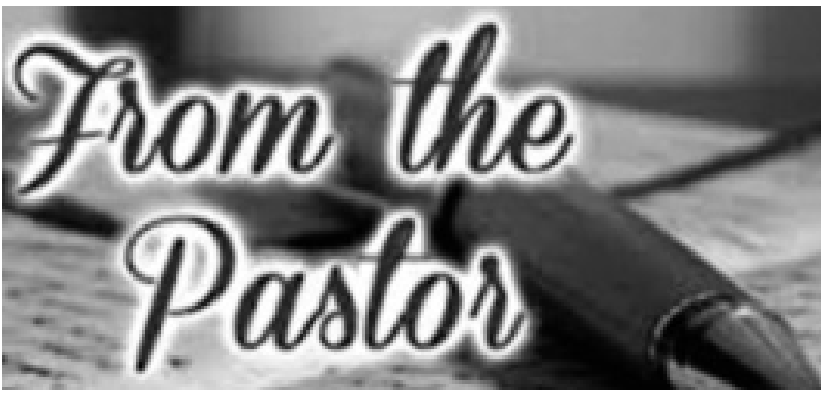
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Mending the World

The world is a mess. Ever since Adam and Eve gave into temptation and allowed Satan a foothold in the cosmos, we have lost the ease of paradise and our carefree and innocent interaction with the Creator (Gen. 2-3). We now live in a broken and fallen world, where every day, people are breaking and falling. Sometimes the fall is a result of their own self-inflicted choice and sometimes the breaking is the proverbial genetic roll of weighted dice or the result of collateral damage. Addiction or illness can be the result of poor life choices, while at the same time cancer or dementia attack without rhyme nor reason. It seems as though we exist in a black-and-white

world, devoid of the warmth of color, hue, and vibrancy. The landscape is harsh and the desert wide in everything from politics to our personal lives. But is that reality? Can nothing counter the countdown to Armageddon, a daring name for the natural conclusion to a self-centered and inherently corrupt social system. These are my pondering questions of late, as I seek to renovate my heart and soul, as well as the church space where I worship. Is change possible? Is it realistic to think that by re-orienting my spiritual and physical spaces to the Good, True, and Beautiful that a renovation of my world might be possible? In a word... yes! But not through any singular action of my own, but through the grace of God (Ephesians 2:8-9), through which all things are

possible (Philippians 4:13), and the conforming of my will to God's will (Romans 12:2). The same holds true for us all. So. The challenge is here and the gauntlet thrown. How will you - channeling the will of Jesus, utilizing your gift of grace - be a part of mending the brokenness of the world, of our country, and of Hastings? It's true that only God, at the end of time, will bring about the perfect renovation, Paradise Recovered, but in the meantime, how is the Lord calling you to renovate and rejuvenate the sacred spaces of your heart and the secular places of your work? It can be done. It can happen, you know. By you and me and the grace of God. And that, my friends, is a massive dose of good news. #springcleaning

A Look Back

Compiled by Joseph Back

30 years ago
May 26, 1994
Taking place 30 years ago, remodeling was underway at the Minnesota Veterans Home. Reported by Jane Lightbourn, the \$2.2 million project came after 10 years of planning and paperwork, a fact not lost on Veterans Home Administrator Catherine Johnson.

“This has been a lesson in patience,” she said of the remodeling project. “It has been 10 years in the planning.”

Also in the news from 1994, a decision was expected soon on the new city aquatic center, with site finalists including the 14th Street Ponding Basin as well as the Veterans Park Athletic Complex. The new aquatic center was planned as a replacement to a leaking pool first built in 1953.

55 years ago
THE HASTINGS GAZETTE
May 29, 1969
Breaking his neck with a dive from the Highway 61 bridge in Hastings, a 20-years Hastings youth had reportedly “decided to take a swim,” diving headfirst from the east side of the bridge into the Vermillion River. Said to have faced being killed instantly if the river bottom had not been muddy, the youth at press time was paralyzed from the chest down, it not yet being known if the paralysis was permanent.

Facing drug charges for possession of narcotics, meanwhile, an 18-year-old Hastings youth had appeared in Hastings Municipal Court Monday morning, being re-

leased on a \$1,000 bond. The youth had been arrested at 2:15 a.m. that same morning.

Just over 60 years ago
September 26, 1963
Obituary. Mrs. Othmar Heinen of St. Paul, on Wednesday afternoon. Funeral from St. Boniface church with interment in church cemetery.

80 years ago
May 26, 1944
Setting the Dakota County quota at \$2,120,000 in the Fifth War Loan drive, the War Finance Committee had set the amount 22 percent higher than the fourth loan, with the drive to start on June 12.

With Millett V. O’Connell of Hastings serving as finance committee chairman, the loan was divided among Dakota County municipalities as follows: South St. Paul \$1,264,000; Hastings \$321,000; Rosemount \$86,000; Farmington \$154,000; Lakeville \$116,000; Vermillion \$37,000; Hampton \$71,000; Castle Rock \$71,000.

Heartened in local efforts by report of the economic position of the farmer and others, the total nationwide ask for the Fifth War Loan was \$16 billion, of which \$6 billion was “expected to come from individuals.”

Receiving a telegram from the War Department, meanwhile, Mr. and Mrs. E.D. Ahern were informed that their son Sergeant John Ahern, aerial gunner on a B-17, was missing in the European war area, having left for England in April with the army air corps. Sergeant

Ahern was a 1937 graduate of Hastings High School, and had been stationed at Las Vegas Nevada as well as San Antonio and Pyote, Texas prior to departure for Europe.

106 years ago
THE HASTINGS DEMOCRAT
May 24, 1918
Given a rousing war send off 106 years ago, several Hastings youth were on their way to battle. With Rev. Lang and A. W. Wilson in charge of the May 28 send off, boys from South St. Paul would also be leaving for war from Hastings. Those departing were to be serenaded by a brass band and brought to Hastings in automobiles. With Rev. Lang as toastmaster, the following would soon be off to serve overseas in the Great War, later known as World War I: Louis Schneider; Harry Leach; Nicholas Mach; Hugo Benson; Anthony Schumacher; Oscar Berglund; Dana L. Wobschall; John King, Francis Ralph; John O’Hara; Leo King; Maurice Murphy; and Henry Oakdale.

“The object of the banquet is not to ‘Eat, drink, and be merry,’”one event organizer told the paper, “but to inspire the boys with the sincerity of their undertaking and to show them that the county appreciates the service which they are about to render to their country.”

156 years ago
DAKOTA COUNTY UNION
May 13, 1868
Women Doctors—A step in advance has been made in London. A fortnight ago,

the court of assistants of the Apothecaries’ Company decided that women should not be excluded from their examinations in arts, and it is probable that this important confession will be followed by admitting them unreservedly to the medical examinations. It is said this decision has been brought about by Dr. N. Buchanan, an influential member of the court of assistants, which is the governing body.

Back home:
Wheat Market—Wheat has ruled the past 10 days steady, bringing on an average nearly \$2.00 and occasionally going up from five to 10 cents higher. The farmers held nearly one third of the wheat raised in this County, over the past winter in hopes of getting better prices. They are now hauling in their wheat, thinking that prices are about as high as they will get this spring. We think that the market will decline, rather than advance, and advise all who have wheat on hand to take advantage of the present high prices.

Almost 160 years ago
THE HASTINGS CONSERVER
June 21, 1864
Married.

In this city on the 12th instant* by P. Harshorn Esq, Adam Stahlman Esq. and Mrs. Elizabeth Stahlman, both of this city.

(Conservor Editorial)
The Presidential Salutation Four years ago, Abraham Lincoln was nominated, by a national convention held in Chicago, for the highest office in the gift of the people, as an

exponent of a great principle. He entered the field on that issue, and was elected. Today, he is presented for re-election, by a similar convention in Baltimore. Although the points at issue are materially changed, still his claims upon the people are not lessened. In fact they are greater. We insist that the electors of the several states of this Union are under stronger obligation to support Mr. Lincoln this canvass than they were four years ago. We have been engaged for three years in the most terrible civil war ever before known. Our brave men have left their homes, their business, their families, in defense of our liberties. Our resources have been taxed to their utmost in providing supplies for large armies, and Mr. Lincoln, as the head of the administration, has occupied one of the most difficult, one of the most responsible, positions which has fallen to the lot of man to fill. Well, nobly, has he done it. True he has committed some mistakes, and what person has not, yet the general tenor of his course has been grand, it has been glorious. Future history will recognize him as the great man of the age—the second father of his country. Then why should we seek elsewhere for a president? Would it be prudent to set aside a man we know to be faithful and competent, for another as yet untried? Would it be just, would it be patriotic? Can the country afford to be trifled with in this dark hour of her history? Certainly not.

We do not wish to be understood as impugning the course of Gen. Fremont, for

whom we have the highest respect. We admire him for his noble qualities, and love him for the firm stand he took at the commencement of the war. Yet we think he is mistaken, and are sorry for the position he is assuming. We cannot think but that the untempered zeal of his friends has become master of his better judgement. We hope to see the matter amicably adjusted, and all classes, whether rich or poor, high or low, who love their country and seek her welfare, rallying to the support of Mr. Lincoln, (in comparison to whom) a better, truer, or more honest man never existed.

War news.

Considerable talk is occasioned by the proposed abolishment of the commutation system, and compelling every drafted man to go in person or send a substitute. It is not yet ascertained whether the measure will be adopted or not.

A Washington correspondent says that the wounded at Alexandria are suffering. There are such large numbers that the energies of the government are taxed beyond their capacity. If it were not for the voluntary associations, there would be an amount of suffering of our soldiers that would appall the stoutest heart. Mr. Stanton is doing as well as he can, and that is remarkably well, under the circumstances, but the friends of the soldier and of humanity everywhere, should instantly exert themselves to do more than they have yet done.

*The 12th instant = June 12, 1864 in context.



American flags were waving at the patriotic Memorial Day Program sponsored by the Nelson-Lucking American Legion Post 47 and the Lyle Russell Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 120, as well as their Ladies Auxiliaries, Monday Morning at Levee Park in Hastings. Photo by John McLoone



A light rain brought out the umbrellas at the Hastings Memorial Day Program Monday morning at Levee Park. When that rain turned heavy, many sought the cover of the bandshell, watching speakers from each side. Photo by John McLoone



Reading their winning essay contests entrants were Josie Rondeau (pictured at left) and Olivia Shuster. Photos by John McLoone

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come home. You... You. Your voice is loud,” he said.

His message was of the dedication of veterans who returned home from service who helped other service members, laying the important foundation of the community’s Nelson-Lucking American Legion Post 47 and the Lyle Russell Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1210.

“Sometimes we have to honor those who are speaking for you, and we’re going to do that,” said Hollander. “Many who came back from the First World War. What did they do? They spoke for those that did not come back.

What did they do? They formed the local posts, VFW and the American Legion. That’s what they did.”

He went through each war, describing how soldiers returned home, vowing to serve the memory of those lost by making life better for veterans.

He credited Shane Hudella of Hastings, who started the United Heroes League non-profit to help families of soldiers with sports opportunities.

“Thank you, Shane,” he said.

He closed his speech with a tribute to Mayor Mary Fasbender, to a round of applause.

“Our mayor never misses us. She is everywhere. We really appreciate that,” he said.

Raiders earn second seed in Section 3AAAAA tournament, host Park of Cottage Grove

By Bruce Karnick
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The Hastings Raiders finished the regular season in a big way with two big wins including a must win against section opponent Eastview. First, the Raiders dismantled Lakeville South 13-3 on May 20, then on May 21 they came from behind to topple the Lightning 5-4 for a key section seeding win. Had the Raiders lost that game, there is a good chance they could

have fallen as far as the fifth seed.

Against Lakeville South, Hastings was on an offensive tear. Each Raider logged at least one hit. Sawyer Tjomsland, Evan Nelson, Jack Seleski and Chuck Wagner all had one. Alex Hendrickson, Blake Vandehoef and Mark DeNoyer each had two. John Teigland and Cade Kimmes both had three hits. Vandehoef stole three bases, Seleski two and Tjomsland, Nelson, Teigland, DeNoyer

and Wagner each stole one.

Carter Lundstrom shut the Cougars down logging five strikeouts with one walk and only three runs allowed on six hits over six innings. DeNoyer came in to close the game in the seventh inning striking out one of the three batters faced, allowing no hits and no walks.

The game against Eastview was a nail biter. Hastings seemed to have the proverbial big win hangover from the previous day, and

they just did not seem to be themselves. Eastview scored two in the first, one in the second and one in the third off starter Jack Seleski. Seleski was pitching well; Eastview was just hitting better.

Coach Ryan Stoffel knew the game was a must win to get a chance to have a good seed in the section tournament, so he was quick to pull the trigger on his starter. Hendrickson replaced Seleski in the fourth and that change seemed to ignite a

fire for the Raiders.

Hastings scored one in the fifth inning that started with Lundstrom walking to lead off the inning. Tjomsland followed suit and Hastings had two on with no one out. Hendrickson struck out, Nelson popped out to short and all of a sudden, the Raiders were looking at two on and two out. Seleski walked to load the bases and Teigland walked scoring the first and only Raider run before the inning ended.

Hastings was not done. Vandehoef struck out to lead off the sixth then Hastings hit four straight singles to cut the lead to one. Hendrickson drove in those two with a shot right up the middle to make the score 4-3 Eastview. Nelson walked and Seleski popped out to second for the second out of the inning. With the bases still loaded, Teigland drove a shot to left field, scoring two and giving

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For the 200-meter race, Ellie Magnus placed first with a time of 25.45. Olyvia Erickson placed third with a time of 26.19. Photo submitted



All three of the Raider's girls Triple Jump participants qualified for the finals round and each made their personal best jumps. Left to Right, fifth place Carlee Kordosky 34-05.75, Coach Hanson, seventh place Jenevieve Behnke 33-01.00, sixth place Alyssa Bauer 33-05.50. Photo submitted

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS!

Hastings track teams earn Metro East Conference titles

By Bruce Karnick
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The multi-day trek up Highway 52 to Mendota Heights turned out to be a worthwhile venture for the Raiders track teams. The boys earned the conference title with a score of 186 and the girls earned the conference title with a score of 179. The boys team results were:

1. Hastings 186
2. Two Rivers 145.5
3. St. Thomas Ac 112
4. Simley 76
4. Mahtomedi 76
6. North HS 47
7. Tartan 33
8. South St. Paul 14.5
9. Hill-Murray 11

The girls team results were:

1. Hastings 179
2. Two Rivers 126
3. Simley 124.33
4. South St. Paul 85
5. Mahtomedi 56.33
6. North HS 45.33
7. Hill-Murray 41
8. Tartan 39

Hastings had one school record broken at the conference meet. Carlee Kordosky broke the 300m hurdles record from 2002 with a time of 44.34. Many personal records (PR) or personal bests were set by so many outstanding athletes for Hastings. The dual championships were a true team win. Every athlete played a part leading up to and as part of this momentous win.

Raiders Boy's Results

- 100 Meters Varsity - Finals**
1. Lane Hoffman 11.34a
 3. Zachary Shatek 11.59a
 7. Cole Zeien 11.89a

- 100 Meters Varsity - Prelims**
3. Lane Hoffman 11.36a
 4. Zachary Shatek 11.45aPR
 5. Cole Zeien 11.49a

- 200 Meters Varsity - Finals**
1. Lane Hoffman 22.27a
 2. Payton Lee-Dean 22.47aSR
 3. Gunner Hanstad 23.12aPR

- 200 Meters Varsity - Prelims**
1. Payton Lee-Dean 22.76a
 2. Lane Hoffman 23.37a
 4. Gunner Hanstad 23.40a

- 400 Meters Varsity - Finals**
1. Payton Lee-Dean 49.70a
 3. Gunner Hanstad 51.06aPR
 5. Sebastian Strauss 52.32a

- 400 Meters Varsity - Prelims**
1. Gunner Hanstad 51.52a
 2. Payton Lee-Dean 51.61a
 5. Sebastian Strauss 52.29a

800 Meters Varsity - Finals

3. Aidan Stoltz 1:59.63aPR
9. Parker McGinnis 2:06.85a

800 Meters Varsity - Prelims

5. Aidan Stoltz 2:03.31a
7. Parker McGinnis 2:05.07aPR
11. Finn Cullen 2:08.57a

1600 Meters Varsity - Finals

1. Aidan Stoltz 4:30.62aPR
11. Tristan Herbst 4:49.75a
12. Noah Quigley 4:50.73a

3200 Meters Varsity - Finals

7. Noah Quigley 10:32.38aPR
8. Tristan Herbst 10:37.09a
9. Parker Stoltz 10:37.42aPR

110m Hurdles - 39" Varsity - Finals

3. Jared Hanson 15.90a

110m Hurdles - 39" Varsity - Prelims

4. Jared Hanson .83aPR
15. Isaac Clark 26.83a

300m Hurdles - 36" Varsity - Finals

2. Jared Hanson 39.89aSR
3. Isaac Clark 41.14aPR

300m Hurdles - 36" Varsity - Prelims

2. Jared Hanson 41.29a
3. Isaac Clark 41.83a
14. Landon Johnson 47.23a

4x100 Relay Varsity - Finals

1. Jackson Reents, Zachary Shatek, Johnathan Vickney, Matthew Jelks 44.05a

4x200 Relay Varsity - Finals

1. Zachary Shatek, Matthew Jelks, Gunner Hanstad, Lane Hoffman 1:30.36a

4x400 Relay Varsity - Finals

1. Jackson Reents, Jared Hanson, Sebastian Strauss, Payton Lee-Dean 3:26.42a

4x800 Relay Varsity - Finals

3. Finn Cullen, Parker McGinnis, Brayden Thomson, Joseph Mann 8:43.11a

Shot Put - 12lb Varsity - Finals

1. Lukas Foss 45-07.50PR
4. Jacob Reuter 43-03.00
6. Lucas Sorenson 42-02.00

Shot Put - 12lb Varsity - Prelims

1. Lukas Foss 45-07.50
5. Lucas Sorenson 42-02.00
9. Jacob Reuter 41-02.50

Discus - 1.6kg Varsity - Finals

2. Lucas Sorenson 136-10PR
3. Lukas Foss 129-05PR
6. Jacob Reuter 124-02PR

Discus - 1.6kg Varsity - Prelims

2. Lukas Foss 127-10
7. Lucas Sorenson 116-03
8. Jacob Reuter 116-02

High Jump Varsity - Finals

14. Ryder Ashcraft 5-02.00
14. Marlowe Strain 5-02.00
14. Tyler Brochman 5-02.00

Pole Vault Varsity - Finals

2. Miguel Navarrette 11-06.00
10. Lucas Carry 8-06.00SR
11. Taylor Schmaltz 8-00.00

Long Jump Varsity - Finals

6. Payton Lee-Dean 19-11.25PR

Long Jump Varsity - Prelims

6. Payton Lee-Dean 19-11.25
10. Ethan Grant 19-02.00PR
20. Cole Zeien 17-06.25

Triple Jump Varsity - Finals

6. Aidan Cullen 39-08.75
20. Jared Hanson 36-04.00
21. Ethan Grant 35-05.25

Triple Jump Varsity - Prelims

6. Aidan Cullen 39-08.75
20. Jared Hanson 36-04.00
21. Ethan Grant 35-05.25

Raiders Girl's results

- 100 Meters Varsity - Finals**
2. Elliana Magnus 12.75a
 7. Siena Sanchez 13.61a
 9. Jersey Appert 14.00a

100 Meters Varsity - Prelims

1. Elliana Magnus 12.39a
5. Siena Sanchez 13.22aPR
9. Jersey Appert 13.39aPR

200 Meters Varsity - Finals

1. Elliana Magnus 25.45aSR
3. Olyvia Erickson 26.19aPR

200 Meters Varsity - Prelims

2. Elliana Magnus 26.29a
4. Olyvia Erickson 26.78a
13. Olivia Schuster 27.91aPR

400 Meters Varsity - Finals

2. Olyvia Erickson 58.04aPR
3. Elliana Magnus 58.13a

400 Meters Varsity - Prelims

2. Olyvia Erickson 59.42a
3. Elliana Magnus 1:02.37a
10. Ava Klug 1:04.13a

800 Meters Varsity - Finals

4. Gavyn Hanson 2:33.68aPR

800 Meters Varsity - Prelims

4. Gavyn Hanson 2:34.23a
12. Elise Atkins 2:41.74a
17. Jaylyn Pistner 2:46.73a

1600 Meters Varsity - Finals

3. Linnea Ronning 5:30.65aPR
10. Lucy Burmeister 6:14.84aPR
10. Sara Siebenaler DNS

3200 Meters Varsity - Finals

2. Linnea Ronning 11:40.80aPR
11. Elsie Jacobs 14:34.25a
10. Sara Siebenaler DNS

100m Hurdles - 33" Varsity - Finals

2. Carlee Kordosky 15.35a
4. Emily Podulke 16.92a
6. Jenevieve Behnke 17.16a

100m Hurdles - 33" Varsity - Prelims

2. Carlee Kordosky 15.23a
5. Emily Podulke 16.81a
6. Jenevieve Behnke 17.01aPR

300m Hurdles - 30" Varsity - Finals

2. Carlee Kordosky 44.34aPR
4. Emily Podulke 48.83aSR
5. Jordan Leos 49.92aSR

300m Hurdles - 30" Varsity - Prelims

4. Emily Podulke 49.14a
3. Carlee Kordosky 49.60a
6. Jordan Leos 50.03a

4x100 Relay Varsity - Finals

3. Olivia Schuster, Siena Sanchez, Avery Klippen, Jersey Appert 51.35a

4x200 Relay Varsity - Finals

4. Olivia Schuster, Jersey Appert, Ava Klug, Siena Sanchez 1:48.12a

4x400 Relay Varsity - Finals

1. Ava Klug, Emily Podulke, Olyvia Erickson, Carlee Kordosky 4:04.69a

4x800 Relay Varsity - Finals

5. Elise Atkins, Jaylyn Pistner, Lucy Burmeister, Gavyn Hanson 11:04.73a

Shot Put - 4kg Varsity - Finals

2. Lauren Whitfield 34-07.50
4. Jolie Pettit 32-02.50
5. Monica Cheney 32-01.00PR

Shot Put - 4kg Varsity - Prelims

2. Lauren Whitfield 34-07.50
4. Jolie Pettit 32-02.50
5. Monica Cheney 31-11.00

Discus - 1kg Varsity - Finals

1. Lauren Whitfield

- 123-01
2. Rylee Kimmes 111-09
5. Monica Cheney 97-00

Discus - 1kg Varsity - Prelims

1. Lauren Whitfield 122-00
2. Rylee Kimmes 111-09
9. Monica Cheney 85-02

High Jump Varsity - Finals

6. Alyssa Bauer 4-10.00
10. Josephine Bauer NH
10. Samira Thompson DNS

Pole Vault Varsity - Finals

4. Olivia Schuster 8-06.00PR
11. Abigail Hilo 7-00.00PR

Long Jump Varsity - Finals

5. Elliana Magnus 16-06.00
7. Mya Bauer 15-09.50

Long Jump Varsity - Prelims

5. Elliana Magnus 15-11.25
6. Mya Bauer 15-09.50

20. Avery Klippen 14-01.75

Triple Jump Varsity - Finals

5. Carlee Kordosky 34-05.75PR
6. Alyssa Bauer 33-05.50PR
7. Jenevieve Behnke 33-01.00PR

Triple Jump Varsity - Prelims

3. Carlee Kordosky 34-05.75
6. Alyssa Bauer 33-01.25
7. Jenevieve Behnke 33-01.00

The Metro East Conference Champion Raiders will travel to East Ridge High School for the Section 3AAA prelims on May 29 starting at 9:00 a.m. Those that qualify for the finals will return to East Ridge for a 9:00 a.m. start on May 31 with a trip to the MSHSL State Meet on the line. The MSHSL State Meet is held in St. Michael/Albertville June 6-8.



Johnny Teigland drove in three of the five runs needed to topple Eastview in the final section game of the regular season. The win gave the Raiders a solid grasp on the second seed for the Section 3AAA tournament. File photo by Bruce Karnick

Baseball

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the Raiders the 5-4 lead and that was all they needed to complete the comeback win.

Seleski struck out two and walked two of the 15 batters he faced while allowing two hits and four runs. Hendrickson also struck out two but walked only one in the 15

batters he faced.

Hastings finished the regular season 16-4 overall with an 11-game win streak to close things out.

With the second seed, Park was scheduled to come to town on Memorial Day, but Mother Nature had other plans. Storms moved in late Monday afternoon forcing the game to be moved to Tuesday so we will get you that game recap next week.

Softball season ends

By Bruce Karnick
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The Raiders softball season came to an end after two straight section tournament losses. Hastings entered the tournament as the fourth seed at 13-5. Their first opponent, East Ridge, entered the tournament at 9-10 with the fifth seed. The second opponent, Burnsville, the eighth seed came in at 4-16.

The first game was scheduled for Tuesday, but the rain forced a move to Wednesday. East Ridge jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the top of the first thanks to a few Raider miscues and then they added one more in the second before the Raiders settled into their game.

The Raptors Anna Koch kept the Hastings batters baffled at the plate for most of the game until the fifth inning.

Allie Leflay led off with a walk and stole second during Lauren Muhl's at bat. A wild pitch to Sienna McCoy moved Leflay to third before McCoy walked to give Hastings runners on the corners. A second wild pitch to Haley Strain moved McCoy into scoring position and a single to right by Strain scored both runners. Hastings was now down 5-2.

That was all the offense that Hastings could muster, and they lost their first game of a double elimination tournament. Strain went the distance for Hastings striking out nine and walking five on 138 pitches.

The elimination game against the eighth seed Burnsville took place the following



The Raiders season ended with a heartbreaking loss to Burnsville 9-7. After the final team meeting, one more team picture was needed for an amazing group of young ladies with their coaches. Photo by Bruce Karnick

day to keep the tournament on schedule and Hastings took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first. McCoy kicked things off with a single to left and followed that up with a stolen base. Strain smacked a line drive single to the gap scoring McCoy and advanced to second on the throw home. The clutch hitting Kylie Evans moved Strain to third and Strain was knocked home by Addie Seleski.

Hastings held the lead until the top of the third when Burnsville scored four in an eerily similar half inning of small miscues adding up to the opponents' scoring. Hastings tied the game at four in the bottom of the fourth. Muhl doubled to lead off the bottom of the inning and McCoy grounded up the middle for a single, scoring Muhl and moving to second on the throw. Strain singled moving

McCoy to third and again Evans delivered a key hit, this time to score McCoy.

Sadly, each time the Raiders scored, Burnsville answered and this time, they scored three in the top of the fifth, then two in the top of the sixth to go up 9-4.

Hastings got two back in the bottom of the sixth. Lauren Jenkins led off with a single to left and Evans logged her fourth hit of the game, a double that was crushed to the centerfield fence. That shot scored Jenkins and Head Coach Jen Thesing made the call to substitute Rachel Notch in for speed on the bases in place of Evans for the second time of the game. A short-term good idea that gave the Raiders another run thanks to a line drive shot by Seleski.

The top of the seventh was quick with Burnsville

clinging to a 9-6 lead. The energy on the Blaze bench was filled with fear but they quickly logged two outs. That brought McCoy up and after a long at bat, she crushed a double to left. Strain took the first pitch she saw and hit the ball to nearly the same spot as McCoy and all of a sudden, Hastings looked like they were about to tie the game. Jenkins copied the previous two batters hitting a shot to left field, but this time the defense was waiting. Strain made it to third and Jenkins quickly advanced to second on the throw giving the Raiders the tying run in scoring position.

This is where the early base running substitutions bit the Raiders. Evans was 4-for-4 on the day with two RBIs including a double on her previous at bat. The issue at hand was that players can only



Kylie Evans had a spectacular game at the plate against Burnsville going 4-for-4 with two RBIs. Photo by Bruce Karnick

re-enter once and she had re-entered earlier in the game. That meant that Notch needed to bat for herself instead of having Evans, the DP, bat. Notch is solid at the plate, but Evans had the hottest bat for the Raiders. There was no doubt that Evans was the one you wanted to bat in that exact moment. It really was that childhood dream scenario, two on in scoring position, two out, and you have the chance to hit the bases clearing home run in the bottom of the seventh to win 10-9.

Notch stepped to the plate and crushed the first pitch right at the second baseman. Burnsville could not have

asked for a cleaner finish to the game, a line drive that was quickly snagged out of the air. Had it been just a couple feet higher, the Raiders would have tied the game and at least forced extra innings. Instead, the season ended with a 9-7 loss.

Hastings ends the season 13-7 overall and 4-2 in the section. There are six graduating from the varsity roster, Lauren Jenkins, Kylie Evans, Elliana Stevens, Madelyn Chandler and Kaylee Hunt. The Journal would like to thank them for their time on the team and to wish these wonderful young adults all the best in the future.



Claire Stoffel has consistently been at the top of the leaderboard for Hastings all season long. She finished the conference meet with an 89. File photo by Bruce Karnick



Gabi McDowell has seen a dramatic improvement in her consistency this season under new head coach Josh Colvin. McDowell finished just two strokes behind Claire Stoffel at the conference meet. File photo by Bruce Karnick

Boys and Girls Golf headed to Section meets

By Bruce Karnick
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The Hastings golf teams are headed to their section meets after playing their conference finals last week. The girls were at Highland National Golf Course in St. Paul and the Boys were at Loggers Trail in Stillwater. The girls finished fifth and the boys fourth in the conference.

Girls Conference Final
Highland National in St. Paul has been a frequent host site for the conference final meet for the girls. As a team,

the girls finished fifth with a score of 370, nine strokes behind fourth place Simley. Mahtomedi won the conference meet with a 329 team score.

Claire Stoffel led the way for Hastings with an 89, Gabi McDowell – 91, Madison Haines – 94, Harmon Brown – 96, Emily Thuet – 103 and Brooke Jelley – 113.

Boys Conference Final
The boys conference finals for the Metro East Conference seem to rotate around more frequently than the girls and this year it was at Loggers Trail in Still-

water. The boys started out strong and at one point were only three strokes out of first place. That was fairly early in the day, which left room for a lot of golf remaining. They finished fourth as a team with a score of 325, just four strokes out of third place and 15 strokes behind the winner Mahtomedi who shot 310 as a team.

Luke Kendall led the way for Hastings with a 79. Jon Harris – 80, Will Rieder and Trey Bremer – 83, David Bauer – 85, and Matthew Schwieger – 90.

Both teams will travel to

Loggers Trail in Stillwater on May 30 for the Section 3AAA Tournament. The boys start at 8:30 a.m. and the girls start at 11:00. If you make the trip to watch, do not let the appearance of the clubhouse and restaurant deceive you. The building is very minimalistic yet exceptionally functional and the course is beautiful. The folks at Loggers Trail believe in keeping things simple and they invest their efforts into the course. You will enjoy following your favorite golfer around the course for a few hours.



Luke Kendall topped the leaderboard for Hastings at the conference meet with a 79. Photo by Bruce Karnick



Matthew Schwieger finished the day at Loggers Trail with a 90. Photo by Bruce Karnick



Front Row, L to R: Vincent Ferguson, Owen Prettyman, Charlie Poepl, Jack Weber, Caden Ackerman, JJ Poepl. Middle Row, L to R: Axel McNamara, Charlie Molitor, Izaak DeGrote, Fritz Elling, Landry Tennis, Ben LaCoursiere. Back Row Coaches, L to R, Assistant Coach Joel Molitor, Assistant Coach Jim Ferguson, Head Coach Eric Weber and Assistant Coach Devon LaCoursiere. Not pictured Leo Bonine, and Team Manager Alison Tennis. Photo Courtesy of Jessica Ackerman

Youth baseball celebrates Mother's Day

The Hastings Raiders 9AA baseball team had a busy Mother's Day weekend. The team took first place in the Farmington Barn Burner Tournament going undefeated. The Raiders beat Wayzata Blue 13-3, Farmington 38-9, IGH Spartans 33-1, Prior Lake 17-7, and Wayza-

ta Gold 11-6 for the Championship title. The tournament win punched the Raiders tickets to both the MBL State Tournament, and the Gopher State Tournament held later in July. The team also earned a special invitation to participate in the Parade of Champions hosted by the MN

Twins on June 18th before the game against the Tampa Bay Rays. The team held a special Mother's Day brunch for the moms of the team and several of the boys wore special eye black and pink wrist bands throughout the weekend to honor their moms.

Trap Team Moves into 5th place and Skeet Team holds 4th with one week of competition remaining

By Dawn Walker

For competition week four, the trap team moves up a spot to 5th place of 7 teams with 52,203.00 points following Owatonna 1st 66,662.00, Rosemount 2nd 56,840.00, Northfield 3rd 56,648.50 and Nicollet 4th 54,450.00. Conference Top 25 Males Tanner Lamb moves up a spot to 5th place along with Brody Anderson (23.50 average) and Tristan Asher returns to the top 25 in 19th place (22.88 average). Conference Top 25 Females Kaitlyn Schutz moves up a spot to 8th place (21.25 average) and Amelia Miller holds 15th place (20.50 average).

The skeet team remains in 4th place of 7 teams with 1,190.50 points following Prior Lake 1st 2,212.50, Wayata 2nd 2,176.00 and New Prague 3rd 1,571.00. Kaitlyn Schutz remains in 8th place for Conference Top 10 Female with an 18.50 average.

Congratulations to the following athletes who shot a straight 25 trap during competition week three: Tanner Lamb (X2), Brody Anderson,



Senior Captain Brody Anderson shot his trap rounds at a recent competition. Photo by Dawn Walker

Reed Anderson and Walter Jung. The week four straight shooters were listed in last week's update.

There's one more week of competition to go. Then we will have a fun week with state practice followed by a 2nd state practice week. Shooters are working very hard to hold or improve their averages hoping for a 19 or above overall season average after competition week 5. National Championship Trap tier one registration opens May 27th at noon for those with a 23 or above average. To be eligible for nationals

you first have to compete during all five competition weeks. When nationals began, they had trouble filling up for a year or two, but now you need to register immediately as the roster filled shortly after tier 2 opened last year. Tier 2 opens May 30th at noon for those with a 21 or above overall season average and Tier 3 opens June 3rd for a 19 or above average. We are hoping to have enough individuals register for nationals to also register a team or even two for the team competition. The roster caps at 1,800 individuals and 240 teams.



The awards portion of the Raider Awards Ceremony kicked off with honoring both the girls and boys three sport athletes. These athletes participated in a sport all three seasons of this school year to earn this award and many of them do this for their entire high school career. There were 19 female three-sport athletes and 48 male three-sport athletes for the 2023-2024 sports season. 67 student-athletes in all. To put that in perspective, there are over 330 female and 360 male students that play at least one sport at HHS. Six percent are three sport athletes for the girls and thirteen percent for the boys. Pictured above are the Raider girls three sport athletes. *Photos by Denny Beck Photography*

Hastings celebrates hundreds of student-athletes at awards night

By Bruce Karnick
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The Hastings Raiders held their second annual athletic awards on May 6 in the high school auditorium. Most of the athletes were in attendance for this hour and a half awards ceremony. 19 categories were presented with the majority covering the student-athletes from over 28 sports with the final few awards going to coaches and community members.

Trent Hanson kicked things off describing the event.

“This event is intended to celebrate the distinguished participation and accomplishments of our athletes, teams and coaches,” explained Hanson.

He then went on to talk about how the event would be facilitated along with the efforts made to include as many athletes as possible given the scheduling challenges of doing an awards event during a sports season. Tom DeSautel was the guest alumni speaker. DeSautel was a large part of the success of the Raiders football team in the late 90’s and is part of the University of North Dakota Hall of Fame.

After DeSautel’s brief speech, the awards were presented by the Raider’s coaching staff. The list of awards is massive and that speaks volumes to the amazing student-athletes that Hastings has each and every year. Over half of the student body participates in at least one sport and of those, 48 percent of the athletes are female, so it was fitting that the night started by honoring the female three sport athletes followed by the male three sport athletes.

Female three sport athletes

- Shiloh Ashcraft (9) - Volleyball, Basketball, Softball
- Elise Atkins (12) - Cross Country, Nordic Ski, Track & Field
- Olyvia Erickson (10) - Soccer, Hockey, Track & Field
- Madison Gangelhoff (9) - Volleyball, Basketball, Softball
- Lauren Judge (10) - Volleyball, Hockey, Golf
- Ellie Levine (10) - Soccer, Wrestling, Track & Field
- Ellie Magnus (10) - Soccer, Basketball, Track & Field
- Jillian McTague (9) - Volleyball, Basketball, Softball
- Claire Montgomery (9) - Soccer, Alpine Ski, Lacrosse
- Fiona Myers (10) - Soccer, Wrestling, Track & Field
- Annabel Norquist (11) - Volleyball, Wrestling, Lacrosse
- Rachael Notch (11) - Volleyball, Basketball, Softball
- Abbi Pelava (12) - Soccer, Alpine Ski, Track & Field
- Jolie Pettit (12) - Volleyball, Wrestling, Track & Field
- Clare Rieder (11) - Volleyball, Hockey, Softball
- Linnea Ronning (10) - Cross Country, Nordic Ski, Track & Field
- Olivia Schuster (10) -

- Cross Country, Basketball, Track & Field
- Haley Strain (11) - Volleyball, Basketball, Softball
- Emily Thuet (12) - Soccer, Hockey, Golf

Male three sport athletes

- Yasir Abdulkadir (10) - Football, Basketball, Baseball
- Ryker Ackley (9) - Football, Wrestling, Baseball
- Ryder Ashcraft (10) - Football, Basketball, Track & Field
- Barret Boardman (10) - Football, Wrestling, Baseball
- William Carry (10) - Cross Country, Nordic Ski, Track & Field
- Cole Caturia (12) - Football, Alpine Ski, Track & Field
- Finn Caturia (11) - Cross Country, Alpine Ski, Track & Field
- Elijah Christopher (9) - Football, Wrestling, Baseball
- Ryan Clemens (12) - Football, Hockey, Lacrosse
- Finn Cullen (10) - Cross Country, Nordic Ski, Track & Field
- Payton Dean (12) - Football, Basketball, Track & Field
- Gabriel Dorham (10) - Football, Wrestling, Lacrosse
- Kasen Esterby (10) - Football, Wrestling, Lacrosse
- Kyan Esterby (11) - Football, Basketball, Lacrosse
- Lukas Foss (11) - Football, Basketball, Track & Field
- Matthew Foss (10) - Football, Basketball, Track & Field
- Tristan Herbst (10) - Cross Country, Swim & Dive, Track & Field
- Hunter Hoff (11) - Football, Wrestling, Golf
- Landon Johnson (10) - Football, Basketball, Track & Field
- Isaiah Lavergne (11) - Football, Wrestling, Baseball
- Ivan Lavergne (9) - Football, Wrestling, Baseball
- Carter Lundstrom (10) - Football, Basketball, Baseball
- Parker McGinnis (12) - Cross Country, Basketball, Track & Field
- Thomas McGinnis (12) - Football, Hockey, Baseball
- Jack Moseman (9) - Football, Wrestling, Track & Field
- Creed Peterson (12) - Football, Wrestling, Baseball
- Fletcher Peterson (11) - Football, Wrestling, Lacrosse
- Gabriel Peterson (10) - Cross Country, Nordic Ski, Track & Field
- Noah Quigley (12) - Cross Country, Nordic Ski, Track & Field
- Jackson Reents (12) - Soccer, Alpine Ski, Track & Field
- Elliot Renneke (11) - Football, Wrestling, Track & Field
- Aiden Reuter (10) - Cross Country, Nordic Ski, Track & Field
- Jacob Reuter (11) - Soccer, Basketball, Track & Field
- Zachary Shatek (9) - Football, Wrestling, Track & Field

- Alex Siebenaler (12) - Football, Basketball, Lacrosse
- Derrick Steinke (12) - Football, Wrestling, Lacrosse
- Aidan Stoltz (12) - Cross Country, Nordic Ski, Track & Field
- Parker Stoltz (10) - Cross Country, Nordic Ski, Track & Field
- Marlowe Strain (9) - Football, Basketball, Baseball, Track & Field
- John Teigland (12) - Football, Hockey, Baseball
- Demeutrese Thomas (12) - Football, Wrestling, Track & Field
- Ben Thome (12) - Football, Hockey, Baseball
- Brayden Thomsen (10) - Football, Basketball, Track & Field
- David Tireman (9) - Cross Country, Nordic Ski, Track & Field
- Sawyer Tjomsland (12) - Football, Hockey, Baseball
- Josiah Trost (12) - Cross Country, Nordic Ski, Track & Field
- Blake Vandehoef (12) - Football, Hockey, Baseball
- Vincent Zeyen (12) - Football, Wrestling, Track & Field

All Conference in Multiple Sports

Cross Country Head Coach Joe Rabaey explained how this award is earned. “Hastings High School is a member of the Metro East Conference, featuring nine schools from across the south and southeast metro area. Each sport in the MEC has developed policies to recognize the best performers in their activity with the designation of All-Conference. In our individual sports, All Conference is determined by how an athlete finishes in a championship race or season-ending tournament against their peers. In our team sports, All Conference is determined by a vote of the conference head coaches,” said Rabaey before introducing the recipients.

- Elise Atkins (12) - Nordic Ski, Track & Field
- Tristan Herbst (10) - Cross Country, Swim & Dive
- Lauren Jenkins (12) - Swim & Dive, Softball
- Keagan McVicker (11) - Soccer, Basketball
- Creed Peterson (12) - Football, Wrestling
- Linnea Ronning (10) - Cross Country, Nordic Ski
- Aidan Stoltz (12) - Cross Country, Nordic Ski
- Haley Strain (11) - Volleyball, Basketball, Softball
- Sebastian Strauss (10) - Soccer, Track & Field

Varsity “Raider Award” winners

Football Head Coach explained the Raider award. “The Raider Award is given on a sport-by-sport basis by most of our athletic teams. This prestigious recognition is given to the athlete that best embodies and represents our six core values on their particular team. Those values are integrity, the whole person, sportsmanship, work ethic, multi-sport athletes,

and fun. Our Raider Award winners were selected based on feedback from their peers and coaches with those collective values in mind.”

- Shiloh Ashcraft (9) - Volleyball, Basketball, Softball
- Elise Atkins (12) - Cross Country, Nordic Ski, Track & Field
- Olyvia Erickson (10) - Soccer, Hockey, Track & Field
- Madison Gangelhoff (9) - Volleyball, Basketball, Softball
- Lauren Judge (10) - Volleyball, Hockey, Golf
- Ellie Levine (10) - Soccer, Wrestling, Track & Field
- Ellie Magnus (10) - Soccer, Basketball, Track & Field
- Jillian McTague (9) - Volleyball, Basketball, Softball
- Claire Montgomery (9) - Soccer, Alpine Ski, Lacrosse
- Fiona Myers (10) - Soccer, Wrestling, Track & Field
- Annabel Norquist (11) - Volleyball, Wrestling, Lacrosse
- Rachael Notch (11) - Volleyball, Basketball, Softball
- Abbi Pelava (12) - Soccer, Alpine Ski, Track & Field
- Jolie Pettit (12) - Volleyball, Wrestling, Track & Field
- Clare Rieder (11) - Volleyball, Hockey, Softball
- Linnea Ronning (10) - Cross Country, Nordic Ski, Track & Field
- Olivia Schuster (10) - Cross Country, Basketball, Track & Field
- Haley Strain (11) - Volleyball, Basketball, Softball
- Emily Thuet (12) - Soccer, Hockey, Golf
- Cross Country, Boys - Gabriel Peterson (10)
- Cross Country, Girls - Ivy Brandenburg (10)
- Football - John Teigland (12)
- Soccer, Boys - Riley Stewart (12)
- Soccer, Girls - Keagan McVicker (11)
- Swim/Dive, Girls - Lauren Jenkins (12)
- Volleyball - Eva Greene (12)
- Alpine Ski, Boys - Jackson Reents (12), Cole Caturia (12)
- Alpine Ski, Girls - Abbi Pelava (12)
- Basketball, Boys - Lukas Foss (11)
- Basketball, Girls - Rachael Notch (11)
- Hockey, Boys - Connor Zgoda (12)
- Hockey, Girls - Emily Thuet (12), Brooke Townsend (12), Haley Siebenaler (10)
- Nordic Ski, Boys - Josiah Trost (12)
- Nordic Ski, Girls - Elise Atkins (12)
- Swim/Dive Boys- Isaac Schalk (11)
- Wrestling - Blake Beissel (12)
- Baseball - Tanner Anselment (Grad)
- Golf, Boys- Jon Harris (11)
- Lacrosse, Boys- Brady Berzinski (11)
- Softball - Sienna McCoy (10)
- Cross Country, Boys - Gabriel Peterson (10)
- Cross Country, Girls - Ivy

- Brandenburg (10)
- Football - John Teigland (12)
- Soccer, Boys - Riley Stewart (12)
- Soccer, Girls - Keagan McVicker (11)
- Swim/Dive, Girls - Lauren Jenkins (12)
- Volleyball - Eva Greene (12)
- Alpine Ski, Boys - Jackson Reents (12), Cole Caturia (12)
- Alpine Ski, Girls - Abbi Pelava (12)
- Basketball, Boys - Lukas Foss (11)
- Basketball, Girls - Rachael Notch (11)
- Hockey, Boys - Connor Zgoda (12)
- Hockey, Girls - Emily Thuet (12), Brooke Townsend (12), Haley Siebenaler (10)
- Nordic Ski, Boys - Josiah Trost (12)
- Nordic Ski, Girls - Elise Atkins (12)
- Swim/Dive Boys- Isaac Schalk (11)
- Wrestling - Blake Beissel (12)
- Baseball - Tanner Anselment (Grad)
- Golf, Boys- Jon Harris (11)
- Lacrosse, Boys- Brady Berzinski (11)
- Softball - Sienna McCoy (10)

State Tournament Participants

- Johnny Bezdicek (Grad) - Track & Field - 200 Meter Dash
- Olyvia Erickson (10) - Track & Field - 400 Meter Dash
- Carlee Kordosky (11) - Track & Field - 100 & 300M Hurdles *Section Champion 2 events
- Ellie Magnus (10) - Track & Field - 200 & 400 Meter Dash *Section Champion 2 events
- Jared Hanson (12), Max Albertson (Grad), Payton Dean (12), Sebastian Strauss (10) - Track & Field 4x400 Meter Relay *Section Champions
- Max Albertson (Grad), Lane Hoffman (10), Payton Dean (12), Johnny Bezdicek (Grad) - Track & Field, 4x200 Meter Relay
- Payton Burow (Grad), Johnny Bezdicek (Grad), Jack Cloutier (11), Lane Hoffman (10) - Track & Field 4x100 Meter Relay
- Linnea Ronning (10) - Cross Country 5K
- Chloe Aarness (9) - Swim & Dive, Diving *Section Champion
- Kira Aarness (11) Swim & Dive, 200 Individual Medley
- Sofia Kovalenko (9) Swim & Dive, 100 Butterfly
- Ashtyn Stewart (12), Lauren Jenkins (12), Kira Aarness (11), Josey Larson (11), - Swim & Dive, 200 Medley Relay * Section Champions
- Kira Aarness (11), Lila Salzman (9), Ashtyn Stewart (12), Sofia Kovalenko (9) - Swim & Dive, 400 Free Relay * Section Champions
- Kira Aarness (11), Ashtyn Stewart (12), Sofia Kovalen-

- ko (9), Lila Salzman (9), Clara Birken (12), Emma Dehmlow (8) - Swim & Dive, 200 Free Relay * Section Champions
- Claire Keller (12) - Tennis, singles
- Brooklyn Keller (10) and Reese Keller (10) - Tennis, doubles * Section Champions
- Jackson Reents (12) - Alpine Ski * Section Champion
- Cole Caturia (12) - Alpine Ski
- Abbi Pelava (12) - Alpine Ski
- Kate Nowak (9) - Alpine Ski
- Josiah Trost (12) - Nordic Ski
- William Bainbridge (8) - Wrestling
- Gavin Lambert (12) - Wrestling * Section Champion
- Blake Beissel (12) - Wrestling * Section Champion
- Trey Beissel (10) - Wrestling * Section Champion
- Jack Bainbridge (11) - Wrestling * Section Champion
- Fletcher Peterson (11) - Wrestling
- Creed Peterson (12) - Wrestling * Section Champion
- Cristobal Estrada Tovar (12) - Wrestling
- Derrick Steinke (12) - Wrestling * Section Champion
- Ivy Brandenburg (10) - Girls Wrestling
- Annabel Norquist (11) - Girls Wrestling
- Skylar Little Soldier (12) - Girls Wrestling * Section Champion
- Amelia Miller (11) - Girls Wrestling * Section Champion
- Tristan Herbst (10) - Swim & Dive, 500 Free
- Charlie Jensen (11) - Swim & Dive, Diving

All-State Athletes

Each year, athletes that compete on the biggest high school stage in the state are given an additional award, the All-State award. These Athletes are chosen from the state competitors in their sports because of their performances, integrity and respect during their competitions.

- Spring 2023**
- Ellie Magnus (10) Track & Field
- Carlee Kordosky (11) Track & Field
- Johnny Bezdicek (Grad), Max Albertson (Grad), Lane Hoffman (10), Payton Dean (12), Jared Hanson (12), Sebastian Strauss (10) - Track & Field
- Winter 2023-24**
- Blake Beissel - (12) - Wrestling
- Trey Beissel - (10) - Wrestling
- Derrick Steinke (12) - Wrestling
- Skylar Little Soldier (12) - Girls Wrestling
- Ivy Brandenburg (10) - Girls Wrestling

Academic All-State Athletes

Beyond their performance on their respective competitive arenas, 38



The Raider boys three sport athletes were honored. Photo courtesy of Beck Photography

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student-athletes were selected as Academic All-State. Head Girls Golf Coach, Josh Colvin explained those details.

“Our athletes at HHS are by definition student - athletes. They are students first, who must maintain academic standards in the classroom in order to enjoy the privilege of participation in their favorite sport. A select few students have excelled at such a high level in the classroom - while participating in sports - that they have been honored as Academic All State. All-State standards are determined by the MN State High School Coaches Association and have a variety of standards and criteria that vary by sport,” said Colvin.

Mitch Iliff (Grad) - Baseball

Max Albertson (Grad) - Track & Field

Johnny Bezdicsek (Grad) - Track & Field

Jack Cloutier (11) - Track & Field

Danny Millner (Grad) - Track & Field

Sebastian Strauss (10) - Track & Field

Alyssa Bauer (12) - Track & Field

Jordyn Doughty (12) - Track & Field

Carlee Kordosky (11) - Track & Field

Ellie Magnus (10) - Track & Field

Emily Podulke (12) - Track & Field

Lauren Whitfield (11) - Track & Field

Linnea Ronning (10) - Cross Country, Nordic Ski

Lauren Jenkins (12) - Swim & Dive

Ashtyn Stewart (12) - Swim & Dive

Brooke Jelley (12) - Tennis

Claire Keller (12) - Tennis

Ruby Rotty (12) - Tennis

Mikayla Schuster (12) - Tennis

Eva Greene (12) - Volleyball

Emma Bakker (12) - Volleyball, Basketball

Jolie Pettit (12) - Volleyball

Haylei Regenschied (12) - Volleyball

Mara Jackson (12) - Basketball

Kate Nowak (9) - Alpine Ski

Gabriel Peterson (10) - Nordic Ski

Parker Stoltz (10) - Nordic Ski

Ava Hoffman (12) - Hockey

Brooke Townsend (12) - Hockey

Madyn Hanson (12) - Hockey

Gabi McDowell (12) - Hockey

Maddy Schuster (12) - Hockey

Athletes Who Broke a School Record

Spring 2023

Grace Gerlach (12) - Lacrosse, Goals in a Season, record 48

Ellie Magnus (10) - Track & Field, 400 Meter Dash 56.86 and 200 Meter Dash 25.06

Carlee Kordosky (11) - Track & Field, 100M Hurdles 14.88

Payton Burow (Grad), Johnny Bezdicsek (Grad), Jack Cloutier (11), Lane Hoffman (10) - Track & Field, 4x100 Meter Relay 43.00

Max Albertson (Grad), Lane Hoffman (10), Payton Dean (12), Johnny Bezdicsek (Grad) - Track & Field, 4x200 Meter Relay 1.27.88

Jared Hanson (12), Max Albertson (Grad), Sebastian Strauss (10), Payton Dean (12) - Track & Field 4x400 Meter Relay 3.20.86

Fall 2023

Chloe Aarness (9) - Diving, 11-Dive 256.05

Kira Aarness (11) - Swim & Dive, 200 IM 2.08.71

Winter 2023-24

Blake Beissel (12) - Wrestling, Career Pins, record 108

Derrick Steinke (12) - Wrestling, Pins in a Season, record 39

Allison Weinzettel (11) - Girls Wrestling, Career Wins, record 49, Career Takedowns (85)

Annabel Norquist (11) - Girls Wrestling, Career Pins, record 39

College athletics commitments

On average, roughly four percent of high school athletes continue to play any level of college athletics. Hastings had 16 students from the awards ceremony make their announcements for their athletic careers to continue into college.

Elise Atkins - Track & Field - Concordia St. Paul (NCAA II)

Blake Beissel - Wrestling - University of Minnesota (NCAA I)

Owen Bernatz - Basketball - Northwestern St. Paul (NCAA III)

Autumn Burt - Hockey - Saint Catherine’s University (NCAA III)

Alex Hendrickson - Baseball - University of St. Thomas (NCAA I)

Kaylee Hunt - Softball -

Lakeland University (NCAA III)

Lauren Jenkins - Softball - University of Minnesota Duluth (NCAA II)

Claire Keller - Tennis - Bethel College (NCAA III)

Cade Kimmes - Baseball - Gustavus Adolphus College (NCAA III)

Gavin Lambert - Wrestling - Southwest Minnesota State University (NCAA II)

Skylar Little Soldier - Wrestling - Grand Valley State University (NCAA II)

Brady Nickel - Soccer - Queens University (NCAA I)

Emily Podulke - Track & Field - Gustavus Adolphus College (NCAA III)

Maddy Schuster - Hockey - Bethel University (NCAA III)

Jack Seleski - Baseball - Dakota County Technical College (NJCAA)

Jack Sieben - Football - Gustavus Adolphus College (NCAA III)

Derrick Steinke - Wrestling - Minnesota State University (NCAA II)

Vincent Zeyen - Football - Bemidji State University (NCAA II)

State Champions (Individual, MSHSL Tournament)

Skylar Little Soldier (12) - Girls Wrestling

This is Skylar’s third consecutive individual state championship in Girls Wrestling.

Athlete of the Year

Girls Tennis Head Coach Marissa Welch explained and introduced the Athlete of the Year award.

The “athlete of the year” category is to recognize those individuals who were selected as conference, section, or state player of the year in their particular sport. In most activities, these honors are decided by a coach’s nomination and vote. We are proud to honor these three different individuals who were selected by the coaches in their conference or section as the “athlete of the year” in their respective sports.

Evan Nelson (12) - Metro East Conference Baseball Player of the Year (2023)

Claire Keller (12) - Metro East Conference Girls Tennis Player of the Year

Chloe Aarness (9) - Section 3AA Diver of the Year

MSHSL ExCEL Award

ExCEL - which stands for Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership – is a unique Minnesota State High School League program designed exclusively for high school juniors who

are active in school activities, who show leadership qualities, and who work voluntarily in their community. Each member school can honor two students for this recognition. The 2023-24 ExCEL award was given to Sienna McCoy and Lukas Foss.

MSHSL Triple “A” Award

Triple “A” – which stands for academics, athletics, and arts - is a unique Minnesota State High School League program designed to honor high school seniors who have excelled in the classroom, on the athletic field, and in the fine arts. Each member school can honor two students for this recognition. The 2023-24 Triple A award winners are Mikayla Schuster and Noah Quigly.

MEC Academic All-Conference

Head Volleyball Coach Elisabeth Curran presented this award to 18 senior students, roughly nine percent of senior athletes.

“The Metro East Conference recognizes seniors who achieve and maintain exemplary standards both in academics in the classroom and on the playing field as an athlete. The MEC Academic All-Conference Awards therefore honor those 12th graders who have been named All-Conference at least one time during their high school career in any conference sport and have also maintained a cumulative GPA of at least 3.65 or higher,” explained Curran.

Mitch Iliff (Grad) - Baseball 3.805

Max Albertson (Grad) - Track & Field 3.871

Johnny Bezdicsek (Grad) - Track & Field 4.0

Daniel Millner (Grad) - Track & Field 3.928

Martin Onnen (Grad) - Golf 4.0

Makayla Berquist (Grad) - Lacrosse 3.775

Grace Gerlach (12) - Lacrosse 3.837

Jaylen Hanson (12) - Soccer, Track & Field 3.831

Alex Hendrickson (12) - Baseball 3.913

Lauren Jenkins (12) - Swim & Dive, Softball 3.955

Claire Keller (12) - Tennis 3.946

Skylar Little Soldier (12) - Cross Country 3.771

Riley Mancl (12) - Soccer 3.883

Jaylyn Pistner (12) - Track & Field 3.683

Noah Quigley (12) - Nordic Ski 3.899

Maddy Schuster (12) - Hockey 3.879

Ashtyn Stewart (12) - Swim & Dive 3.938

Aidan Stoltz (12) - Cross Country, Nordic Ski 3.884

Outstanding Senior Athlete Awards

This honor is given specifically to seniors who have earned six or more letters across two or more sports during their career.

Elise Atkins (15) - Cross Country, Nordic Ski, Track & Field

Emma Bakker (7) - Volleyball, Basketball

Alyssa Bauer (6) - Volleyball, Track & Field

Clara Birken (7) - Swim & Dive, Lacrosse

Cole Caturia (7) - Football, Alpine Ski

Ryan Clemens (7) - Football, Hockey, Lacrosse

Payton Dean (9) - Football, Basketball, Track & Field

Jordyn Doughty (12) - Cross Country, Nordic Ski, Track & Field

Kyra Erickson (7) - Soccer, Hockey, Lacrosse

Grace Gerlach (9) - Swim & Dive, Hockey, Wrestling, Lacrosse

Jaylen Hanson (7) - Soccer, Track & Field

Hannah Hoff (7) - Cross Country, Nordic Ski, Track & Field

Lauren Jenkins (10) - Swim & Dive, Softball

Genevieve Lawson (10) - Cross Country, Nordic Ski, Track & Field

Skylar Little Soldier (8) - Cross Country, Wrestling

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Parker McGinnis (6) - Cross Country, Basketball, Track & Field

Abbi Pelava (10) - Soccer, Alpine Ski

Creed Peterson (7) - Football, Wrestling

Jolie Pettit (11) - Volleyball, Alpine Ski, Wrestling, Track & Field

Noah Quigley (10) - Cross Country, Nordic Ski, Track & Field

Jackson Reents (9) - Soccer, Alpine Ski

Mikayla Schuster (6) - Tennis, Basketball, Track & Field

Alex Siebenaler (6) - Cross Country, Football, Basketball

Derrick Steinke (6) - Football, Wrestling

Aidan Stoltz (12) - Cross Country, Nordic Ski, Track & Field

John Teigland (7) - Football, Hockey, Baseball

Sawyer Tjomsland (6) - Football, Hockey, Baseball

Josiah Trost (10) - Cross Country, Nordic Ski

Blake Vandehoef (6) - Football, Hockey, Baseball

Devon Yang (6) - Wrestling, Tennis

Athena and Apollo Award

Tim Haneberg presented the Athena and Apollo Award.

“Our final individual category this evening is the Athena and Apollo Award. These awards recognize the singular outstanding senior athlete - one female and one male - in the Class of 2024. Consideration is given based on excellence and accomplishments in both individual and team sports, throughout the duration of the student-athlete’s high school career and is voted on by our staff head coaches.

It is my pleasure to present Skylar Little Soldier and Blake Beissel at this time.

Athletes are selected by a nomination and voting process by all Hastings High School head coaches. These two athletes have incredible resumes, featuring a combined 14 varsity letters. Both are individual section and state champions, each with multiple trips to the MSHSL state tournament in wrestling.”

Team Conference Champions

Boys Track - Metro East Conference Champions Spring 2023

Boys Nordic Ski - Metro East Conference Champions

Team Academic Section Champions

Boys Basketball - Section 3AAAA Academic Champions

Team Section Champions and State Participants

Wrestling - Section 3AAA Champions, placed 6th at State

Coach of the Year

Briana Aarness - Section 3AA Girls Diving Coach of the Year

Tom Fritze - MN Football Coaches Association “Butch Nash” Assistant Coach of the Year

Tim Haneberg - Section 3AAA Wrestling Coach of the Year

Matt Klein - Metro East Conference Boys Hockey Coach of the Year

Jason Koch - Section 3AAA Boys Track Coach of the Year

Luke Vaith - Section 3AAA Wrestling Assistant Coach of the Year

Contributor of the Year

Hunter Pinke – Hastings Community Television Sports Director.

Congratulations to all the award winners.



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