

On Saturday, April 22nd at 5:41 PM,

The Wadena County Sheriff's Office and Verndale Fire Department were dispatched to a grass fire located at in Section 34 of Wing River Township. The property owner, identified as Warren Spelderick, (64), said he was burning the flower bed when the wind switched directions. He attempted to put the fire out but it spread quickly. The fire burned the pasture and a couple of older out buildings. No other buildings or equipment were damaged or lost to the fire. Spelderick said that he did not have a burning permit. The fire was extinguished with no other property being damaged. The Wadena County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Verndale Fire Department, Verndale Police Department and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.