



STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER
Pictured (l-r): Laila Abukar, Delphine Harris and Anna Noyes. (photo/F-S School)



ABOVE AND BEYOND WINNERS
Pictured (l-r): Reonnah Gourneau and Sophia Campbell. (photo/F-S School)



TEACHER OF THE QUARTER
Mr. Jonah Williams, high school business teacher (at right) was presented the Teacher of the Quarter Award from Neil Race, high school principal. (photo/F-S School)

Finley-Sharon School announces Quarter 3 awards

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At the conclusion of Quarter 3, Finley-Sharon School announced the Students of the Quarter, Teacher of the Quarter, and the students selected for the Above and Beyond award.

Receiving recognition as Students of the Month were Delphine Harris, Laila Abukar, and Anna Noyes.

Delphine Harris participates in volleyball at school. In her pastime, she enjoys reading, talking to friends, and playing volleyball. When asked who she most admires, she said, "My mom because she is a very hard worker." Harris's advice to other students is, "Get your work in on time."

Laila Abukar is part of the Finley-Sharon FFA chapter. In her spare time, she enjoys listening to music. When asked who

she most admires, she said, "My Mom and cousin Justin, they are always there for me." Her advice to other students is "If you don't know, ASK. It's fine to not understand, but not ok to give up."

Anna Noyes participates in volleyball, track and FFA in school. In her free time, she reads, spends time with family and watches movies. When asked who she most admires, she said, "My Mom. She is a strong and independent

woman. She is determined and pushes through hard times." Her advice to other students is, "Work ahead and stay focused."

Also presented was an award for the Teacher of the Quarter. Mr. Jonah Williams, high school business teacher, was chosen for this award. Students said Mr. Williams is a good teacher, has fun projects, is easy to talk to, engaging, always willing to help, and kind.

The Above and Beyond Win-

ners for Quarter 3 were Reonnah Gourneau and Sophia Campbell. Gourneau was selected for always being prepared and working hard in all classes. She is said to have a great attitude and is a great student and classmate. Sophia Campbell was selected for always doing good work on assignments. Her willingness to help out when asked was also of note, along with her dedication to becoming a first responder.

PICTURES FROM THE PAST



Steele County Historical Society
Courthouse in Sherbrooke in background.

Steele County Courthouse: Vote moves county seat to Finley

(The Steele County Courthouse in Finley, N.D., is celebrating 100 years in 2026, and in preparation for a celebration being held during Finley Days, we will be sharing a series of history on the topic.)

When the Great Northern Railroad was built in 1896-97, it took a direct line from Hope to Aneta, missing Sherbrooke by five miles. In 1908, a petition was circulated to move the county seat. In the fall election, the vote was Hope - 585, Finley - 333, Pickert - 17, Sharon - 86, Sherbrooke - 311, Blabon - 4, and Colgate - 1. Since none of the towns won a two-thirds majority, the county seat remained in Sherbrooke. At that time, the law stated that another vote

could not be put forth for at least 10 years.

Ten years later, in 1918, another petition was circulated, and the June 26, 1918 vote was Hope - 741, Finley - 936, and Sherbrooke - 411. Only the two highest contenders could go on the general ballot in November. In the fall election, Finley received 1294 and Hope received 1026. By this time, the law only required a simple majority, so Finley became the county seat. The first meeting in Finley was held on Jan. 6, 1919 on the second floor of the fire hall.

(Source: Steele County Historical Society: "Steele County 1883-1983: A Centennial Commemoration," published in 1983.)

Finley-Sharon School Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, April 8th, 2026

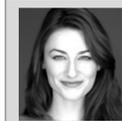
- 7:00 AM
- HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
- A. Call to order
- B. Voluntary recitation of the pledge of allegiance
- C. Confirmation of agenda and any additions to the agenda
- D. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Approval of Minutes
 - 2. Consideration of Bills
 - 3. Financial Reports
- E. Communications
- F. Committee Reports
 - 1. Audit/Finance
 - 2. Building/Grounds
 - 3. Activities
 - 4. Curriculum/Technology
 - 5. Human Resources
 - 6. Policy
 - 7. President
 - 8. Superintendent/Elementary Principal
 - 9. Secondary Principal/Athletic Director
 - G. Old Business
 - H. New Business
 - 1. Teacher Appreciation Week May 4-8th
 - 2. School Board Election
 - 3. Principal Contract
 - I. Public Comment
 - J. Adjournment

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ORGANIZE AMBULANCE DISTRICT

To all residents of the Hope Ambulance District

Notice is given that a public meeting to organize the Hope Ambulance District will be held on

Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 6:30
at The American Legion Building,
Steele Ave., Hope, ND.

The Hope Ambulance District includes the following boundaries located in Steele and Barnes County.

Steele County Cities of Hope and Luverne
Steele County Townships of Melrose, Hugo, Willow Lake, Carpenter, Colgate and Broadlawn
Portions of the following townships located within Steele County, ND

Primrose ; Section 27-34
Sherbrooke; Section 25-35
Edendale; Section 3-6, 7-10, 15-36
Riverside; Section 13, 21-29, ½ 31-36

Barnes County City Of Pillsbury
Barnes County Townships Of Baldwin And Ellsbury
Jana Flaten, Steele County Auditor
Sue Parkman, Sec

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