

PICTURES FROM THE PAST

### STEELE COUNTY COURTHOUSE PASSENGER ELEVATOR ADDITION

**OWNER:**  
STEELE COUNTY  
**LOCATION:**  
FINLEY, NORTH DAKOTA

**ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS:**  
LIGHTOWLER JOHNSON ASSOCIATES

**GENERAL CONTRACTOR:**  
WICK CONSTRUCTION, INC.



MAIN FLOOR RENOVATIONS



MAIN FLOOR PLAN RENOVATION AREA  
(ELEVATOR WILL BE BEHIND THESE DOORS)

Restoration of this property, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is funded in part with the assistance of a matching grant-in-aid from the National Park Services, Department of Interior, which is administered by the State Historical Society of North Dakota.



## Steele County Courthouse: The elevator addition

(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.)

Over the years, there have been renovations to the building, including the addition of an elevator. This architectural drawing hangs on the wall on the first floor near the elevator, and bricks bearing the names of those who donated to the projects frame the elevator entrance. (photos/Larson)

## Election 2026: Ballot measure

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On the Primary Election ballot will be a state measure, Measure No. 1, which was placed on the ballot by action of the 2025 North Dakota Legislative Assembly. If approved, future proposed constitutional amendments, whether by resolution (adopted by the legislative assembly) or by measure (through initiative petition) be comprised of a single subject. A "single subject" is intended to prevent the combination of unrelated topics to ensure voters can make clear choices when voting.

The Secretary of State would be responsible for determining if the proposed constitutional amendment is comprised of a single subject. The Secretary of State

would be able to reject an initiative petition for circulation if it is comprised of more than one subject.

Additionally, the legislative assembly would be required to limit proposed amendments to the constitution to one subject.

The estimated fiscal impact of Measure No. 1 is "none." Voting "YES" means that you desire each proposed constitutional amendment to be about one topic only. A vote of "NO" means you want no change, with a single proposed constitutional amendment continuing to be able to be comprised of multiple topics.

More details on the Primary and General Elections of 2026 can be found on the Secretary of State's website at [vote.nd.gov](http://vote.nd.gov). Anyone with questions on the election can contact the Elections Division at 701-328-4146 or the office of any County Auditor.



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Notice is hereby given that NDCC 57-02-51 requires meetings for the various Steele County Boards of Equalization to be held on the following date:

## 2026 Tax Equalization Meeting Notice

### COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

June 2nd, 2026, held at the Steele County Courthouse in the Commissioner Meeting Room. Meeting will be held at 10:30am, after the monthly Commissioner meeting. Each taxpayer has the right to appear before the appropriate board and petition for the correction of their assessment.

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## SCHOOL ELECTION NOTICE

The Hope-Page Public School District #85 will hold their annual school election on Tuesday, June 9, 2026. Polling locations will be at the Hope-Page High School 740 7th St SE Hope, ND 58046 and the Hope-Page Elementary School 630 May Ave Page, ND 58064. Polling hours will be: 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM CST.

Hope-Page School Board Election Ballot Measures include:

- The School Board Member positions to be filled at this election are:
- Three-year term for three at-large positions

Absentee Ballot Applications can be requested from the Business Manager at the Hope-Page Public School, your County Auditor office, or at [www.hope-page.k12.nd.us](http://www.hope-page.k12.nd.us), or on the ND Secretary of State website. It is strongly encouraged that Absentee Ballot Applications are requested at least seven days before Election Day. Absentee Ballots must be post-marked the day before the election, June 8, 2026. For more information or to request an Absentee Ballot Application, please contact Alli Roller, Business Manager at 701.945.2473 [Alli.Roller@k12.nd.us](mailto:Alli.Roller@k12.nd.us). Applications and Ballots can also be mailed to: PO Box 100 Hope, ND 58046.

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### NEWSCAPSULES

#### FINLEY SENIOR MENU

Call one day in advance by 2 p.m. Monday through Friday to reserve a meal. All meals include 8 ounces 1% milk. For Monday, call by 2 p.m. 1-800-845-1715.

#### VETERAN SERVICES

For veteran transportation contact Myron Brager at 701-789-0308.

For veteran claims and questions contact Steele County Veterans Service Officer, Dennis Kubischta.

He can be contacted at 701-789-0686. The VSO office is located on the third floor of the courthouse.

#### SENIOR CITIZEN MEETING

There will be a Senior Citizen Meeting on June 9 at the Finley Senior Citizen Center beginning at 1 p.m. Special speaker will be Megan Vig. Everyone is welcome.

#### SHE'S TYING THE KNOT!

There will be an open house bridal shower honoring Deena Monson on Sunday, May 31, from 2-4 p.m., at the Front Room in Cooperstown, N.D. The couple is registered at Target and Amazon. Deena is the bride-to-be of Shane Wall, and the daughter of Dean and Carol Monson.

#### GOLDEN LAKE TOWNSHIP MEETING

There will be a Golden Lake Township Special Meeting for variance on Mark Christianson's property at Richard Strand's shop on June 8 at 7

p.m.. There will be a regular Township meeting following.

#### FINLEY BOOK CLUB

The Finley Book Club meets at the Finley Library at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. The book for June 10 will be "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt. The book for July 8 is "The Only Way Home" by Jeanette Minniti. A list of books we will be reading in 2026 is on the bulletin board inside the library entry - help yourself. All are welcome to join the Finley Book Club.

#### FINLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library will be open Thursday evenings 5 - 6:30 p.m. Friday hours are 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Check us out on Facebook.

#### HOPE LIBRARY

Open the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Please contact a board member- Diane Jacobson, Susan Bellon, Shanda Warren or Leigh Gunkel if you want to use the library at a different time.

#### BONE BUILDERS EXERCISE GROUP

The Bone Builders meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Finley Wellness Center (City Auditorium). Classes run from 9 - 10 a.m.

#### VACCINATIONS FOR INFANTS, CHILDREN AND ADULTS ARE AVAILABLE

Steele County Public Health, Finley Courthouse - by appt., 701.524.2060

Eligibility based on insurance status and vaccine availability may vary. If uninsured, you may be eligible for state-supplied vaccine. Please call ahead and have insurance information available.

#### SUICIDE HOTLINE AVAILABLE 24/7

Are you worried that someone you know may be thinking about suicide and don't know how to help? The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-8255 (TALK), is available 24-hours a day to speak with a call specialist.

#### HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP IN MAYVILLE

Hospice of the Red River Valley offers a free ongoing grief support group for adults 18 years and older who have experienced a loss through death. There is a group that meets the third Wednesday of each month from 1:00-2:30 p.m. at Luther Memorial Home; 750 Main St. E., Mayville, ND 58257 (in chapel area). Groups are facilitated by professionals who provide education, practical advice and support. Support groups are free and open to the public. For more information or questions, call (800) 237-4629 and ask to speak to the grief support department.

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