

GIRLS

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host Flasher on Tuesday, Jan. 6, in a matchup that carries both district and regional implications.

Flasher enters the week unbeaten at 9–0 overall and 4–0 in Region 4 play, setting the stage for a challenging and meaningful contest.

“I am excited to see how those adjustments apply in our game against Flasher,” Obering said. “They are a well coached team with some talent, and feel it will be a great game for us to continue finding the best version of our team.”

Following the Flasher game, Washburn will travel to Garrison on Tuesday, Jan. 13, continuing a demanding stretch against quality Region 4 opponents.

In the District 8 and Region 4 standings, Washburn

currently sits at 5–3 overall and 1–0 in district play.

With several league games still ahead, the Cardinals remain firmly in the mix as they look to turn early-season lessons into consistent results heading deeper into the schedule.

**Jan. 29 vs. Park River**  
PR 42  
WSH 35

**Dec. 30 vs. Drayton**  
WSH 60  
DRA 45

**Jan. 3 at Grant County/Mott-Regent**  
GCMR 42  
WASH 38

**Upcoming Contests:**  
Jan. 13 at Garrison

BOYS

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from mounting any sustained run.

Through the three-game span, Washburn showed growth in its ability to respond to adversity, particularly following the close loss to Park River.

The Cardinals’ improved execution on both ends of the floor over the final two contests highlighted their depth and developing chemistry as the season moves forward.

Washburn now turns its attention to a challenging upcoming slate that will further test its progress.

The Cardinals are set to host Flasher on Jan. 6, in a key District 8 matchup before traveling to Jamestown on Saturday, Jan. 10, to face Medina-Pingree-Buchanan.

The week concludes with a road trip to Garrison on Jan. 13, as Washburn continues a stretch heavy with district and region implications.

In the Division B, Region 4, District 8 standings, Washburn currently sits at 1–0 in district play and 1–0 in region action, keeping pace near the top of a competitive field.

New Salem-Almont and Central McLean remain unbeaten, while Wilton-Wing and Washburn continue to position themselves among the early contenders.

With several pivotal games ahead, the Cardinals will look to build on the momentum generated over the break, focusing on consistency, defensive effort, and execution as they work deeper into the heart of the season.

**Dec. 29 vs. Park River at Bismarck State College**  
PR 62  
WSH 59

**Dec. 30 vs. North Border at United Tribes College**  
NB 57  
WSH 71

**Jan. 3 vs. Grant County/Mott-Regent**  
GCMR 49  
WSH 72

**Upcoming contests:**  
Jan. 10 vs. Medina-Pingree-Buchanan at Jamestown  
Jan. 13 at Garrison

YEAR IN REVIEW

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students across all grade levels.

A range of future-facing initiatives took center stage during the April 8 McLean County Commission meeting, including developments from the Park Board and discussions around new equipment for the Highway Department.

A long-standing business serving the Washburn community closed its doors after 46 years of being in business.

The Wilton-Wing Miners hit the diamond for the first time this season with a doubleheader at the Jamestown Softball Tournament on April 5, coming away with a pair of wins and an early confidence boost for the 2025 campaign.

passionate care that follows.

After 43 years of service with the Washburn Volunteer Ambulance Service (WVAS), Nelson has become a cornerstone of her community’s emergency response efforts—an enduring figure in a field where change and challenge are constant.

Both the Southern McLean girls and boys teams placed in the top 10 at the Hazen Bison Stampede track and field invite April 8.

During a meeting of the Mercer & McLean Counties Commission on Aging Board last week, there was a lot of discussion about how best to approach the organization’s balance of funds.

The Washburn-Center-Stanton Cardinals came up short last Tuesday evening in Bottineau, dropping an 8-2 decision to the Varsity Stars in a hard-fought road matchup.

The Washburn Wilton Center Stanton (WWCS) Cardinals hosted Hettinger/Scranton for a home doubleheader this past week, playing one counter game and one scrimmage.

The Washburn/Center-Stanton Cardinals softball team started their 2025 season in dominant fashion on April 8, overwhelming the Garrison Troopers in a 17-0 shutout victory at home.

The Wilton-Wing Miners softball team delivered a statement win Thursday evening, cruising past the Garrison Troopers 18-3 in front of their home crowd.

In a back-and-forth battle that featured 17 combined runs, 17 hits, and several lead changes, the Washburn/Wilton-Wing/Center-Stanton (WWWCS) Cardinals edged out the Central McLean Cougars 10-9 in a dramatic walk-off victory Monday evening.

It was a breakout day for Southern McLean Roughrider and sophomore Brady Vollmuth at the Southern McLean Early Bird Invitational on March 27, as the young pole vaulter set a new personal record and officially secured his spot at the North Dakota Class B State Track and Field Meet.

**April 24**  
Washburn city leaders have voted to immediately cease adding fluoridation to water within city limits.

However, naturally-made fluoride from the Missouri River will not be filtered out at this time.

Southern McLean hosted its first home invite of the season, which left the boys team finish second overall, and the girls rounding out the top five.

**April 17**  
For Molly Jennings, a Washburn native, music has always been more than just a hobby—it’s been a constant thread woven through her life. Now a soprano in the University of Jamestown Concert Choir, Molly recently shared her love for singing and her reflections on a multi-city choir tour showcasing music’s power to connect, inspire, and build community.

The Washburn-Wilton Speech team is headed to the State Speech Meet on April 26th, in Mandan. With students competing in 15 events and the leadership of Region 7 Coach of the Year, Wendy Miller, the team is readying itself for the tournament. As they prepare to compete, the team reflected on a season defined by dedication, teamwork and the transformative power of Speech.

The Beulah Miners put together a dominant all-around performance Monday evening, defeating the Washburn-Center Stanton Cardinals 19-2 in a Region 8 matchup shortened to five innings by run rule.

The Washburn Volunteer Ambulance Service (WVAS) is rallying community support to address critical needs and enhance its life-saving capabilities. The service’s volunteers are working to raise funds for essential equipment like automated stair chairs and to recruit new members, ensuring Washburn residents continue receiving timely and effective medical care.

After three decades of dedicated service, Pastor Rick Torkelson is bidding farewell to the Washburn Baptist Church, marking the end of an era in the small community. Having served as the parishioners’ spiritual leader, mentor and guiding hand since the early 1990s, Pastor Rick leaves a legacy of faith, patience and heartfelt commitment.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING


Notice is hereby given that the Washburn Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 20th, 4:30 p.m. in the Washburn City Hall, Washburn, ND, for the purpose of hearing and considering all testimony regarding an application from Dave & Tammy Peyer, who is requesting a replat submission of 5A Block 1 of Parkway First Addition in Washburn, ND. Documents pertaining to the plat change requested can be found at City Hall during business hours.

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