

LEGALS

City of Wilton Public Meeting Notice

The City will be holding a public meeting on April 22, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Wilton Memorial Hall (105 Dakota Avenue).

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed 1% City sales tax increase and the intended use of the revenue generated from the increase.

Community members are encouraged to attend, learn more about the proposal, and share their questions or comments.

A second meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Wilton Memorial Hall.

(03-19-26, 03-26-26)

Wilson Township Equalization Meeting

Wilson Township Equalization meeting will be held at the Shane Morris residence on April 7, 2026 at 7 pm. A Wilson township zoning meeting will be held immediately following the equalization meeting.

(03-26-26, 04-02-26)

Painted Woods Townships Equalization Meeting

Painted Woods Township Equalization meeting will be held Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 7 pm at the Wilton Senior Center. Anyone with questions or appeals may present them to the board at this time.

(03-26-26, 04-02-26)

Washburn Planning & Zoning Commission Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Washburn Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 6th, 4:30 p.m. in the Washburn City Hall, Washburn, ND, for the

purpose of hearing and considering all testimony regarding an application from George Linz,

who is requesting a plat submission of a portion of Lot D in the NE1/4 and Lot A in the SE1/4,

Section 15, T144N, and R82W adjacent to Washburn city limits in Washburn, ND. Documents

pertaining to the plat change requested can be found at City Hall during business hours.

Chelsey Brandt

Washburn City Auditor

(03-26-26, 04-02-26)

Wilton Rose Hill Cemetery Board Meeting

Wilton Rose Hill Cemetery Board Meeting April 4 at 2 p.m. at Marilyn Hedstrom Residence, 4616 Grey Hawk Lane, Bismarck, ND.

(3-26-26 & 4-2-26)

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Robert Doepke, who has been a patient at the Bismarck Hospital the past six weeks, submitted to surgery Monday morning, having skin grafting done to the left side of his chest. It had been thought that grafting would not be necessary, but it was found recently that the tissue was not healing very well, and Robert was experiencing a great deal of discomfort in the area. Therefore, the Doctors deemed it necessary to hasten his recovery.

While the ballots for the April 5th city election in Washburn don't list a candidate for each office to be voted upon, one other candidate has announced his candidacy. The ballots will contain the name of Albert Chesworth, longtime former city employee, but another man, Gerald "Stork" Nordquist, has announced his intention to run. Two commissioners will be elected; the terms of Merle Larson and Leo Schmaltz expire, and they have not filed for re-election.

**50 Years Ago
March 25, 1976**
Funeral services for Roy

W. Sheldon, 79, longtime Washburn area resident, were held Wednesday, March 24, at First Lutheran Church, Washburn, with Rev. Elmer S. Odland officiating. He died Sunday, March 21, at the Bismarck Hospital after being in ill health for a short time. (Editor's note) "Very few people have left, or will leave, the memories and contributions that Roy Sheldon left for us all. While we mourn his passing and sadly reflect on the loss of not only a friend but another World War One vet, we still smile as we think of the pleased expression that followed your words of appreciation for the sweet corn, or the potatoes, the apple pie or the Legion feed last week. If we all could leave a legacy of that nature, think of how much more pleasant life would be for everyone!"

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin of Brandon, Minn., wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Charlene Ann, to Jeffrey Jay Jennings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jennings of Washburn. Presently Charlene and Jeff are teach-

ing at Medina, N.D. Charlene teaches music and Jeff teaches Vo-Ag. An August wedding is being planned.

The Hi-Way Bar bowling team of the Thursday Night Ladies League went to Grand Forks Friday to participate in a bowling tournament. Ladies taking part were Pauline Slovarp, Edie Sheldon, Kathy Landgren, Rose Winn and Gladys Rothmann.

**40 Years Ago
March 24, 1986**

Six members of the Washburn FFA Chapter attended the Valley City Winter Show crops and livestock judging contest on March 7 and 8. Dave Manderfeld, Bryan Thomas, Tom Streifel, and Jason Sauer were among the members who attended the crops judging show. The Washburn team earned a third-place award with Dave, Tom, and Jason earning bronze awards. Dennis Bauer and Ed Manderfeld were in the livestock judging contest.

The 1986 high school baseball season opened with practices last week, as Washburn

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High School coach Len Stanley reported 20 athletes at practices. Stanley said a good nucleus from last year's team will be returning with several good prospects in the pitching department.

Donald and Cleo Nordquist, Washburn, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Marie, to Aaron Joseph Krauter, son of Adam and Ann Krauter, Regent. The wedding is planned for June 28 at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Bismarck.

Duane and Patrice Gedrose are the parents of a baby girl born Saturday, March 15, at St. Alexius Medical Center. She is named Lindsey Beth and weighed eight pounds and seven ounces.

Washburn City Commissioners are slowly moving ahead with arbitration in the case of Northgate Road. One member of the three-member arbitration board has been agreed upon by both the city and the contractor. Washburn refuses to accept or pay further money for work done on Northgate Road due to dissatisfaction with workmanship.

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love to see it grow as it once was," she said.

For Hollie Matties, the need for additional support became clear as she watched both programs up close.

"As a drama parent, we have seen that the program needs more funding to buy props and costumes," she said. She also noted that speech coaches often pay for banquet decorations and food out of pocket.

"These are just a few of the financial needs that we have seen firsthand," she said.

The new booster club is still small. A few parents have already sponsored meets, and others have expressed interest in helping. The athletic director has shared information on social media and students have responded positively.

The club's first fundraiser is the "Sponsor a Speech Meet" program. For drama, the group plans to launch a "Sponsor a Star" campaign, where community members can sponsor a cast member for \$25. The club also hopes to create hallway posters featuring Speech and Drama students, similar to the posters displayed for sports teams.

Hollie said the group's broader goal is to raise awareness of the time and effort students invest. Speech competitors travel

most Saturdays for four months, often leaving at 6:30 a.m. and returning late in the afternoon. To qualify for state, students must win their category, sometimes competing against 20 to 40 performers.

"These kids are so talented, and they work so hard," she said. "We would love to see them be celebrated by their peers, school and community."

She also hopes the club can help cover costs that currently fall on families, such as drama costumes and the celebratory meal for students who qualify for state speech.

"Not all the kids' parents

can afford to do this," she said.

A year from now, Hollie hopes coaches and students will feel more supported and that the drama department will have staged a well-attended show with adequate funding for props and costumes. She also hopes state-qualifying speech students will receive more recognition.

The group is already thinking about long-term possibilities, including a "Little Cardinals" speech and drama camp for grades 4-6, pending school approval.

Stein-Dockter said she hopes the booster club will

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help increase interest in all areas of the fine arts.

"Students' school calendars fill fast, but I hope they will consider fine arts as an addition and not an option during their high school years," she said.

For Mayer, who spent decades fundraising without formal support, the new club represents a shift she once only imagined.

"This support is very nice," she said. "This will make a lifelong impact on students."

Anyone interested in supporting the new Speech and Drama Booster Club can contact organizer Hollie Matties at hmatties@gmail.com.

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