

What's coming up

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

Cross country meet in Bowdle, 10 a.m.

Volleyball vs. Waubay/Summit, 6:30 p.m. at Waubay

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

Homecoming Parade, 12:30 p.m. in Frederick

Homecoming football game vs. Britton-Hecla, 7 p.m. in Frederick

MONDAY, SEPT. 1

Labor Day (No School)

JV football vs Britton-Hecla, 5 p.m. in Frederick

TUESDAY, SEPT. 2

Volleyball vs. Langford Area, 6:30 p.m. at Langford

THURSDAY, SEPT. 4

Cross country meet in Redfield, 10 a.m.

Volleyball vs. Warner, 6:30 p.m. at Frederick Area

FRIDAY, SEPT. 5

Football vs. Stanley County, 7 p.m. at Stanley County

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6

JV football Jamboree in Warner, time TBD

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AUGUST 2025

Many new faces at Frederick Area

By JESSICA RINGGENBERG
Frederick Area K-8 Principal

Welcome back to school, everyone! We are very excited to see all of your faces in the building again!

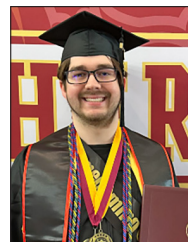
As many of you know, we have a lot of new faces amongst our staff this year. I would like to introduce them to you.

Shelby Nash is our new third-grade teacher. She is from Aberdeen, SD and a new graduate from Northern State University. Some of you may know her from her work at the Boys and Girls Club in Aberdeen. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her dog, family, and friends.

Braden Freeman joins FASD as the PK-12 music teacher. Originally from Groton, SD, Braden is another recent graduate of NSU. He completed his student teach-

ing in Leola last spring. This summer, Braden married Kayla who is also in education. He enjoys playing music in various ensemble groups and spending time with family and friends.

Jackie Kessler will lead the charge in Frederick Area's new agriculture/FFA program! Formerly Mrs. Kessler taught Ag courses in Bowdle, SD. Her programming this year includes many Introduction to Agriculture courses offered at each grade level 6-12. With her experience and connections to the agriculture field, the students of Frederick Area will have the opportunity to learn many new skills.



Braden Freeman

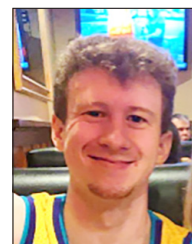


Jackie Kessler

In her spare time, she also enjoys spending time with her family.

Will Kadlec is part of the middle school/high school squad, taking the social studies courses at these grade levels. He also brings his passion for basketball with him and will be the assistant coach for the Titans girls basketball program. From Ipswich, SD, Mr. Kadlec completed his student teaching experience last spring in Brandon Valley as part of his training through SDSU.

Mrs. Zoe Olson is joining the elementary special education staff. Currently residing in Ellendale, ND, she is a recent transfer to the area from Timber Lake.



Will Kadlec



Zoe Olson

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Frederick Area Homecoming candidates and royalty are Westyn Thorpe, Ayden Larsen, King Winston Clark, Queen Kalyce Achen, Malona Cox, and Emily Dallmann. Ringbearers are Nash Geary and Mollie Ulmer.

Homecoming Week is under way

Homecoming at Frederick Area is once again early this year, happening during the second week of school, Aug. 25-29.

The Homecoming parade will be at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, on Main Street in Frederick. The theme for the parade is holidays. The Homecoming game will be against Britton-Hecla at 7 p.m.

There's no need to cook on Friday, as you can find all the sustenance you need in town while supporting community organizations.

A Community/School Break-

fast will be served from 7:45 to 9 a.m. at the school, sponsored by the Elm Valley Men's Community Club.

The Community Store is serving lunch starting at 11 a.m. The cost is \$5 for either a barbecue sandwich or a hot dog and a bag of chips.

After the parade, pie and a beverage will be served at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. There will also be a bake sale.

The Community Store will serve a tailgating meal starting 5:30 p.m. at the football field. Get a burger, chips, and dessert for \$5.



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New: Some are returning in new positions

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Mrs. Olson keeps very busy with her 11-month-old daughter. When able, she enjoys crafting, particularly in yarn crafts.

Caitlin Beckman, a graduate of Frederick Area High School, is returning to school this year in the librarian position. With her she brings her passion for faith, family, and reading. She has three children that keep her busy and looks forward to being a part of their school day!



Caitlin Beckman

Ms. Liz Labesky is returning to the FASD staff this year. After being a long-time beloved music teacher at FASD, then subbing for a few years, she is now going to work with the high school special education staff. She will share her musical talents and love of animals once again with the students and staff here.



Liz Labesky

Mrs. Michelle Sumption is another returning staff mem-

ber. Formally working in the secretary and librarian positions, she is excited to join us again as the assistant cook. Michelle enjoys spending time at her children's sporting events. She is also an animal lover, taking care of goats, dogs, and their pet skunk.



Michelle Sumption

Faith Schulte is the new PK-12 art instructor. She is another new graduate from Northern State University; she completed her student teaching experience in the Aberdeen School District. Faith, originally from Faulkton, SD, enjoys teaching herself new art techniques. One of her particular interests is in the area of digital art, which she is excited to share with students in the future.



Faith Schulte

The faces that are new and the faces that are returning are excited to work together to bring everyone an exciting school year filled with learning, laughter, and possibilities!



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This is your regular reminder that this community service needs the support of readers like you to cover its costs. This is especially important as the cost of printing and postage have increased.

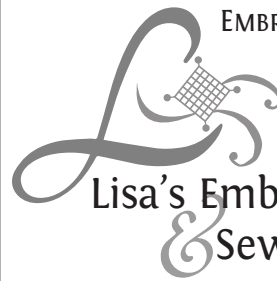
- **Please consider supporting Frederick Area F.Y.I. with an annual \$35 donation.** This can help to cover the cost of printing and mailing. Many people have asked me over the years how they can support the photos I take at many sporting events; this is how! Your \$35 donation helps to keep the newsletter going, which in turn supports the photos I am able to share with students and community members at no cost. Send donations to **Frederick Area F.Y.I., P.O. Box 533, Frederick, SD 57441.** You can also donate via Venmo! Scan the code at right, or go to Venmo.com and search for @FrederickFYI.



Also, if you have news about what's going on in Frederick, Barnard, Westport, or Elm Lake that you'd like to share, please send it to **news@fredericksd.com**. This includes items photos (with captions, including names, please!), short news stories, or items for the calendar.

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—Heidi Marttila-Losure, F.Y.I. Editor



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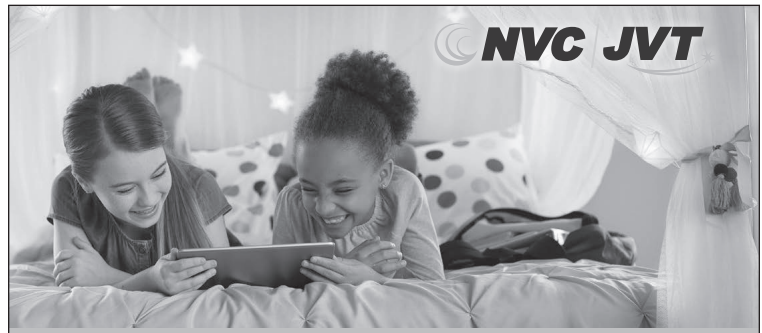
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What's coming up

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9

School pictures at Frederick Area

Volleyball vs. Redfield, 6:30 p.m. at Leola

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10

Cross country meet in Hoven, 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11

Volleyball vs. Tiospa Zina, 6:30 p.m. at Frederick Area

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12

Football vs. North Central, 7 p.m. at Leola

MONDAY, SEPT. 15

Cross country meet in Webster, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 16

Volleyball vs. Faulkton Area, 6:30 p.m. at Faulkton Area

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18

Volleyball vs. Herreid/Selby, 6:30 p.m. at Herreid

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

Football vs. Faulkton Area, 7 p.m. at Faulkton

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

NSU Homecoming (Gypsy Day). Frederick Area Band performs.

MONDAY, SEPT. 22

Volleyball vs. Ellendale, 6 p.m. at Ellendale

TUESDAY, SEPT. 23

Volleyball vs. Northwestern, 6:30 p.m. at Frederick Area

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24

Cross country meet in Faulkton, 1 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 28

Annual Chicken Dinner, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Westport. \$14 for adults, \$6 for ages 6-12, free for ages 0-5. Includes chicken, mashed

potatoes and gravy, dinner roll, cole slaw, vegetable, and pie. Also visit the country store for baked goods and garden produce.

MONDAY, SEPT. 29

Cross country meet in Groton, 4 p.m.

Volleyball vs. South Border, 6 p.m. at Ashley

TUESDAY, SEPT. 30

Volleyball vs. North Central, 6:30 p.m. at Edmunds Central (Roscoe)

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1

Aberdeen Marching Band Festival at Roncalli

THURSDAY, OCT. 2

Parent-teacher conferences at Frederick Area, 3 to 8 p.m. School dismisses at 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 3

Football vs. Northwestern, 7 p.m. at Northwestern (Mellette)

MONDAY, OCT. 6

Volleyball vs. Webster Area, 6

p.m. at Webster Armory

TUESDAY, OCT. 7

Volleyball vs. North Central, 6:30 p.m. at Leola

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8

Lake Region Conference cross country meet, 12:30 p.m. in Ipswich

THURSDAY, OCT. 9

Volleyball vs. Strasburg/Zeeland, 6:30 p.m. at Leola

FRIDAY, OCT. 10

Lake Region Marching Band Festival, 10 a.m. in Groton

Football vs. Ipswich, 7 p.m. at Leola

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15

Region 1B cross country meet, 2 p.m. in Webster

THURSDAY, OCT. 16

Volleyball vs. Aberdeen Christian, 6:30 p.m. at Aberdeen Christian



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Town of Westport General Meeting, July 7, 2025

The Town of Westport met on July 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., with Mitch Wilson, Troy Tschappat, and Deb Schlosser present.

The following bills were presented:

City General: NW Energy- utilities (\$388.12), Groton Independent-June minutes (\$16.56), Runnings-supplies (\$99.06), Elan Financial Services-smoker receptacle, conference expenses, new tablet (\$774.39), Menards-supplies (\$24.98), Jeff Schroeder-mowing (\$447.98), Bobcat of Aberdeen-supplies for mower (\$455.46), US Treasury-quarterly taxes (\$752.67), SD Unemployment-insurance (\$11.68), Runnings-supplies (\$53.47), Dacotah Bank-service charge (\$5.00), Eddies-gas for mower (\$240.97)

Sewer: NW Energy-Lift Station utilities (\$55.48)

Water: Public Health Laboratory-water testing (\$15.00), WEB-water (\$2,297.90), Water Maintenance District-water sampling (\$688.78)

Troy Tschappat motioned, second by Mitch Wilson to pay all bills.

The following deposits were presented:

City General: State of SD (\$780.05), Brown County Collections (\$3257.72), Interest (\$115.65)

Sewer: Resident Payments (\$2099.12)

Water: Resident Payments (\$3391.26)

Old Business: City is waiting for contractor to bring camera out to search drain at LaBay corner.

New Business: Motion by Mitch Wilson, second by Troy Tschappat to table WEB increase. Motion by Troy Tschappat to purchase additional materials for water computer use. Motion by Mitch Wilson, second by Troy Tschappat to approve Brown County Auditor's request to use the town hall for primary and general election (June 2, 2026 and November 3, 2026).

Meeting dismissed at 7:33 p.m.

Deb Schlosser, Finance Officer

City of Frederick July 7, 2025 Minutes

Frederick's town board meeting was held Monday, July 7, 2025 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board member Marty Morlock, Finance Officer Jennifer Morlock and Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine, and Rich Achen.

Playground improvement



FASD PHOTOS

Students and community members helped distribute some new mulch on the playground at Frederick Area earlier this month. Doug Braa provided his skid steer, and Preston Sumption, Milo Sumption, Howard Sumption, Ian Nickelson, McKinley Kosters, and Kennedy Kosters provided some muscle to move it.

Chairman Campbell opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved with a motion by Campbell/Morlock; motion carried. The financial statements were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Morlock/Campbell; motion carried. The July accounts payable were approved with a motion by Morlock/Campbell; motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL \$1162.97; Badger Meter fees Swr \$135.88; Brown County Sheriff's Office deputy svcs Gen'l \$1,041.67; Century Bus Products copies Gen'l \$25; DANR Wtr \$100; D. Durheim gravel Gen'l \$803.01; D. Losure wage Sts/Wtr/Swr \$1,015.85; Dependable Sanitation Grbg \$2,416; DRN Readitech service FO \$21.04; EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cmty \$1129.12; FDC Gen'l \$1,200; J. Morlock wage FO \$1,512.30; JVT Gen'l/Wtr/EBL/FO \$293.97; M. Cox wage EBL \$775.37; M. Heine wage FO \$1,264.90; M. Morlock wage Gen'l \$46.17; M. Morlock mowing wage Gen'l \$323.22; McQuillen Creative Group legals Gen'l \$23.44 Metering & Technology meters Wtr \$660.78; O. Morlock cleaning CC \$23.09; R. Bakeberg supervisor wage Wtr \$240.11; S. Campbell wage Gen'l \$69.26; SD Dept of Hlth test Wtr \$542; SD Dept of Rev sales tax Gen'l \$104.26; T. Millard wage Gen'l \$46.17; USDA-RD loan Wtr \$475; USDA-RD loan Swr \$3,763; WEB Water Wtr \$5,379.32; VISA supplies Gen'l

\$597.86

OLD BUSINESS

Campbell provided a utility report. A volunteer helped clean up the city shop this month. There was discussion about maintenance of city grounds. The board reviewed the Brown County Sheriff's Report. Motion to send nuisance letters to properties in violation of ordinances made by Campbell/Morlock; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve second quarter library report made by Campbell/Morlock; motion carried. Achen addressed the board about using the city shop for a new shop class on behalf of the school board. The board will address again when all board members are present and discuss with the teacher of the class.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, Aug. 4 at 7PM.

Motion to adjourn made by Millard/Morlock at 7:35PM; motion carried.

M. Heine, Assistant Finance Officer

Frederick Area #6-2 Annual Budget Hearing, Reorganizational Meeting, Regular Board of Education Meeting, July 14, 2025

National recognition



Hadleigh Hoggarth and Addison Wolbeck represented Frederick Area at the National FCCLA competition in July. They placed eighth in their division.

This being the time and place as advertised, at 6:45 p.m. the Annual Budget Hearing was held. Printouts of each fund's planned revenue and expenditures by chart of account were presented by the Business Manager. The fiscal year 2026 budget will be finalized and approved in September.

A regular meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education was called to order on July 14, 2025, at 6:51p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Rich Achen, Jon Ellwein, Alex Hart and Eric Sumption. Others present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Kosters, Prek-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg and Business Manager Shauna Severson. A list of community members present at the meeting can be found in the business office.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brock Pashen, Caitlin Podoll and Alex Russo spoke during public comment.

Motion 2025-143 Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to approve the agenda as presented. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

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2025-26 Frederick Area Calendar

AUGUST

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5 In-service 8 a.m.-4 p.m.;
open house 4-7 p.m.

13 NSU workshop

18 First day of school

29 Homecoming (1 p.m. dismissal)

SEPTEMBER

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1 Labor Day (No School)

18 Mid-term

19 Teacher Work Day

OCTOBER

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2 PTC 3:30-8 p.m. (3 p.m.
dismissal)

10 Enhancement

16 1st Quarter Ends (37 days)

NOVEMBER

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7 Enhancement

13 Midterm

26-30 Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

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19 2nd Quarter Ends - 1
p.m. dismissal (35 days)

20-31 Winter Holiday Break

JANUARY

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1-4 Winter Holiday Break

5 School Resumes (3rd
Quarter Begins)

16 Enhancement

FEBRUARY

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5 Midterm

6 Enhancement

19 PTC 3:30-8 p.m. (3 p.m.
dismissal)

MARCH

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12 3rd Quarter Ends (40 days)

27 Enhancement

APRIL

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6 Easter Monday (No School)

9 Midterm

17 Enhancement

MAY

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16 Graduation 1 p.m.

21 Last Day of School - 1 p.m.
dismissal (39 days)

21 Teacher In-service
(1-4 p.m.)



LEOLA/FREDERICK 2025-26 FALL/WINTER ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Football

Regular games start at 7 p.m.
unless otherwise listed

Aug 22	at Redfield
Aug 29	Britton/Hecla (FHC)
Sept 5	at Stanley County
Sept 12	North Central (LHC)
Sept 19	at Faulkton Area
Oct 3	at Northwestern
Oct 10	Ipswich (@Leola)
Oct 17	Warner (@Frederick, Sr. Nite)
Oct 23	First Round Playoffs
Oct 30	Second Round Playoffs
Nov 7	Semi Finals
Nov 13	9AA Championship

Cross Country

Aug 28	Bowdle	10 a.m.
Sept 4	Redfield	10 a.m.
Sept 10	Hoven	1 p.m.
Sept 15	Webster	2 p.m.
Sept 24	Faulkton	1 p.m.
Sept 29	Groton	4 p.m.
Oct 8	LRC (Ipswich)	12:30 p.m.
Oct 15	Region 1B (Webster)	2 p.m.
Oct 25	State Meet (Huron)	TBD



Girls/Boys Basketball

Dec 9	GBB	Strasbourg/Zeeland (L), 6 p.m.
Dec 13	DH	Langford (F), 1 p.m.
Dec 16	BBB	Oakes (F), 6 p.m.
Dec 18	DH	Aberdeen Christian (L), 4 p.m.
Dec 30	GBB	Parker/Marion (NSU Classic), 11:40 a.m.
Dec 30	BBB	Huron Classic, TBD
Jan 3	DH	at Waubay/Summit, 1 p.m.
Jan 6	DH	at Wilmot, 4 p.m.
Jan 8	BBB	at Aberdeen Roncalli, 6 p.m.
Jan 10	DH	Waverly/South Shore (F), 1 p.m.
Jan 13	DH	at North Central (Eureka), 4 p.m.
Jan 17	DH	at Ellendale, 1 p.m.
Jan 22	DH	Northwestern (F), 4:15 p.m.
Jan 24	BBB	Hanson Classic (Mitchell), TBD
Jan 27	DH	at Britton/Hecla, 5 p.m.
Jan 29	DH	Faulkton Area (L), 4 p.m.
Jan 31	DH	South Border (L), 1 p.m.
Feb 3	GBB	at Ipswich, 6 p.m.
Feb 5	GBB	at Sunshine Bible Academy, 6 p.m.
Feb 7	DH	Highmore Classic, TBD
Feb 10	BBB	at Groton Area (F, Sr. Nite), 6:30 p.m.
Feb 12	GBB	at Herreid/Selby Area, 6:30 p.m.
Feb 14	DH	at Webster, 1 p.m.
Feb 17	GBB	North Central (L, Sr. Nite), 6:30 p.m.
Feb 20	DH	at Warner, 5 p.m.
Feb 27	BBB	at Ipswich, 6:30 p.m.
Feb 23,24,25		GBB Region Tourney
Mar 2,3,6		BBB Region Tourney
Mar 5		GBB SoDak 16
Mar 10		BBB SoDak 16
Mar 12-14		GBB State Tourney (Brookings)
Mar 19-21		BBB State Tourney (Aberdeen)

Volleyball

Regular games start at 6:30 p.m.
unless otherwise listed

Aug 26	Britton/Hecla (F)
Aug 28	at Waubay/Summit
Sept 2	at Langford Area
Sept 4	Warner (F)
Sept 9	Redfield (L)
Sept 11	Tiospa Zina (F)
Sept 16	at Faulkton Area
Sept 18	at Herreid/Selby Area
Sept 22	at Ellendale, 6 p.m.
Sept 23	Northwestern (F)
Sept 29	at South Border, 6 p.m.
Sept 30	at North Central
Oct 6	at Webster Area, 6 p.m.
Oct 7	North Central (L)
Oct 9	Strasbourg/Zeeland (L)
Oct 16	at Aberdeen Christian
Oct 20	at Ipswich, 6:15 p.m.
Oct 21	Waverly/South Shore (F)
Oct 24	Sunshine Bible (L)
Oct 28	Gettysburg (L, Sr. Nite), 6 p.m.
Nov 3/4/6	Region Tourney
Nov 11	SoDak 16
Nov 20-22	State B Tourney (Rapid City)

Other Dates

Aug 5	Frederick Area Open House (4-7)
Aug 18	School Begins
Aug 25	Homecoming Coronation (2:45 p.m.)
Aug 29	Homecoming Parade (12:30 p.m.)
Sept 9	School Pictures
Sept 20	Gypsy Days
Oct 2	PTC - School dismisses at 3 p.m.
Oct 10	Groton Marching Band Festival
Oct 29	Picture Retake Day
Nov 7	Pre-School Screening
Nov 12	ASVAB (Juniors)
Dec 11	K-12 Christmas Concert (7 p.m.)
Feb 11	Region 4 Small Group Music Contest
Feb 19	PTC - School dismisses at 3 p.m.
Mar 27	Kindergarten Screening
Mar 28	Joint Prom in Frederick
Apr 1	Large Group Music Contest
May 7	6-12 Spring Music Concert (7 p.m.)
May 13	Sports Physicals
May 13	Awards Night (7 p.m.)
May 14	Elementary Music Concert (7 p.m.)
May 16	Frederick Area Graduation (1 p.m.)
May 21	Last Day of School
May 28-30	State Track Meet (Sioux Falls)

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Motion 2025-144 Motion by Hart, second by Achen to approve Conflict of Interest Disclosures per SDCL 23-3 presented to the board by Jeff Kusters and Eric Sumption. All voted Aye, Sumption abstained. Motion carried.

President Schlosser acknowledged that the board received concerns and stated that the board would look into addressing those concerns moving forward.

Current open meeting laws were reviewed and acknowledged by the board.

Motion 2024-145 Motion by Achen, second by Ellwein to approve the following FY 2025 consent agenda items. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

- June 4, 2025 Joint Meeting and June 9, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
- June 2025 Payroll
- June 2025 Financial Report
- FY 2025 July Bills

FINANCIAL REPORT:

General Fund

Checking: Bal 6-1-25:	\$415,132.10
Receipts:	\$286,027.42
Disbursements:	\$168,338.26
Transfer to Food Service:	\$18,264.50
Bal 6-30-25	\$514,556.76
Investments: Bal 6-1-25:	\$741,527.12
Interest:	\$5,114.39
Bal 6-30-25:	\$746,641.51
Ending Fund Balance:	\$1,261,198.27

Imprest Fund:

Bal 6-1-25:	\$2,630.75
Receipts:	\$2,679.25
Disbursements:	\$2,640.00
Bal 6-30-25	\$2,670.00

Capital Outlay Fund

Checking: Bal 6-1-25:	\$577,590.26
Receipts:	\$92,212.09
Disbursements:	\$2,671.54
Transfer to Investments:	\$600,000.00
Bal 6-30-25	\$67,130.81
Investments: Bal 6-1-25:	\$2,565,519.41
Transfer from Checking:	\$600,000.00
Bal 6-30-25:	\$3,165,519.41
Ending Fund Balance:	\$3,232,650.22

Special Education Fund

Checking: Bal 6-1-25:	\$48,967.24
Receipts:	\$30,663.12
Disbursements:	\$26,231.31
Bal 6-30-25	\$53,399.05
Investments: Bal 6-1-25:	\$1,379,239.75
Ending Fund Balance:	\$1,432,638.80

Food Service Fund:

Bal 6-1-25:	(\$101,925.2)
Receipts:	\$2,572.32
Disbursements:	\$7,535.38
Transfer from General Fund:	\$18,264.50
Bal 6-30-25	\$3,108.92

Drivers Ed Fund:

Bal 6-1-25:	(\$46,498)
Disbursements:	\$1,227.42
Bal 6-30-25	(\$1,692.40)
Custodial Fund: Bal 6-1-25:	\$48,553.65
Receipts:	\$2,051.67
Disbursements:	\$3,963.81
Bal 6-30-25	\$46,641.51
Ovid J Stevens Scholarship: Bal 6-30-25	\$85
Investments: Bal 6-30-25:	\$21,620.27
Ending Fund Balance:	\$21,621.12

CLAIMS APPROVED:

General Fund salaries	83,356.48
Special Education salaries	14,797.64
Food Service salaries	3,569.55
Drivers Education salaries	858.44
AFLAC, supplemental insurance	1,404.19
American Funds, retirement	512.09
Delta Dental, insurance	2,480.12

EFTPS, federal inc tax/SS/Medicare	27,003.86
ID Shield, fraud protection	24.40
Northern Plains Insurance Pool	18,782.50
Optilegra, vision insurance	481.98
SD Retirement	15,079.92
SD Retirement Supplemental,	25.00
Security Benefits, retirement	2,814.18
The Standard, life insurance	261.74
Total:	\$171,452.09

FY25 BILLS APPROVED:

General Fund:

Agtegra-fuel	534.55
Brown County Landfill-garbage disposal	51.94
Cenex-fuel	181.78
Century Business Products-copy overage	181.2
Cole Papers-supplies	89.92
Ellendale Country Club-course fee	150.00
FASD Imprest Fund-misc	2,640.00
JVT-phone/service	1,334.48
Kusters, Jeff-mileage	170.50
Langs-service/dishwasher	1,095.99
Leola School-athletic trainer	1,030.75
McQuillen Creative Group-publishings	132.80
Menards- supplies	69.98
Merchant Services-cc processing	108.47
Mid-American Research Chem-supplies	507.21
Midstates Group-track medals	77.00
Montana-Dakota Utilities-utilities	2,859.11
Prorate Services-DOT testing	40.00
Taylor Music-repairs	112.00
Titan Machinery-mower repair	393.32
Town of Frederick-utilities	623.92
TriShuttle-FBLA airport transportation	376.80
USPS-stamps	73.00

Capital Outlay Fund:

Century Business Products-copier lease	306.66
Mid-Am Re Chem-gym floor refinish	4,560.38

Special Education Fund:

SD Dept of HS-Benchmark/Aspire	628.46
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Imprest Fund:

First National Bank-FBLA meal money	2,640.00
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Custodial Funds:

A&M Products Co-region golf plaques	253.00
Achen, Kalyce-bbb camp worker	120.00
BSN Sports-fb jerseys	604.55
Clark, Winston-bbb camp worker	120.00
Groton Area School-bbb camp	450.00
Hoffman, Zander-bbb camp worker	120.00
Instacart-FBLA	94.42
Kusters, Jeff-region golf chair	500.00
Moorhead State Basketball-bbb camp	600.00
Mueller, Kaitlyn-bbb camp worker	120.00
Pizza Ranch-gbb meal	187.91
Sumption, Milo-bbb camp worker	50.00
Thorp, Westyn-bbb camp worker	170.00
Trophies Plus-region golf medals	94.50
Valley City State University-fb camp	680.00

Motion 2025-146 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to approve Resolution 2025-006 – 2024-2025 Supplemental Budget. Upon roll call, all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the school board of the Frederick Area School District that the budget in the General, Capital Outlay and Special Education Funds be supplemented as follows:

10 2317 000 319 – Audit Services \$250.00; 10 2321 000 113 – Admin Salaries-Supt \$1,469.00; 10 2569 219 461 – Purchased Food-Concessions \$5,450.00; 10 2569 914 461 – FFVP \$560.00; General Fund Total: \$7,729.00.

21 1131 000 471 – Computer Equipment \$24,960.00; 21 2222 000 560 – Library Media \$164.00; 21 2529 000 473 – Computer Licensing Fees \$5,850.00; 21 6900 000 479 – Combined Activities-Non-consumable Supplies \$5,869.00; Capital Outlay Total: \$36,843.00.

22 1222 000 112 – Paraprofessional Salaries-Severe \$7,172.00; 22 1226 000 411 – Early Childhood Supplies \$221.00; 22 2710 000 210 – Special Ed Admin SS \$1.00; 22 2735 000 319 – Specific Learning Disability Services

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51 2569 000 461 – Purchased Food \$7,230.00; Food Service Total \$7,230.00.

Supplements will be funded by the General, Capital Outlay, Special Education and Food Service revenues and cash on hand.

Motion 2025-147 Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to transfer \$286,064.35 from the Capital Outlay fund to the General fund; \$2,825.00 General fund to Drivers Ed Fund; \$120.21 from the Custodial fund to General fund.

President Schlosser dissolved the present board and called a recess to begin the annual organizational and regular meeting at 7:05 p.m. President Schlosser administered the Oath of Office to Shauna Severson for her title as Business Manager.

Business Manager Severson called the annual organizational meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and administered the Oath of Office to Alex Hart for a three-year term.

The new board resumed at 7:07 p.m. and held an election for Board President and Vice President for 2025-2026.

Motion 2026-001 Achen nominated Rich Schlosser as Board President. Hart moved, Sumption seconded that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Schlosser as President. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2026-002 Achen nominated Jon Ellwein as Vice President. Achen moved, Sumption seconded that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Ellwein as Vice President. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

The following reports were presented:

- Jeff Kosters: Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director
- Shauna Severson: Business Manager
- Sumption: NCSEC
- Achen/Hart: Building/Co-op Committee

Motion 2026-003 Motion by Hart, second by Sumption to approve the following 2025-26 custodial duties of the board. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

1. Establish Date, Time, and Place of Regular Monthly Meetings (2nd Monday of Month at 7:00 PM at the School Library)
2. Appoint Business Manager Severson as Custodian of all district funds and to serve as School Board Secretary and Investment Officer
3. Authorize Business Manager to continue existing funds and establish new accounts and to invest/reinvest funds in local institutions which serve the greatest advantage to the District
4. Re-establish Custodial Accounts: 5k Cross Country, Boys Basketball, Cross Country, FBLA, Football, Girls Basketball, Interest, Lake Region Conference, Music Trip, SADD, Teacher Slush, Track, Viking Club; Add Custodial Account: FFA; Eliminate Custodial Accounts: Concessions and FCCLA.
5. Designate First National Bank of Frederick as the official bank depositories and Plains Commerce Bank in Aberdeen and SD FIT as investment depositories.
6. Authorize participation in the South Dakota Public Funds Investment Trust
7. Authorize Electronic Fund Transfers
8. Authorize for prepayment of bills to avoid late fees and to make monthly credit card payments
9. Authorize the Board President to counter sign checks for governmental accounts

10. Authorize Business Manager to Act as Official Representative of all federal funds

11. Authorize transfer of interest earned of all funds, including Custodial, to General Fund

12. Designate Aberdeen Insider as official newspaper

13. Authorize Business Manager to publish 2025-2026 staff salaries

14. Designate Rodney Freeman Jr. as 2025-2026 school attorney

15. Set school board member meeting salary at \$75.00 per meeting plus mileage at .60 per mile

16. Set substitute teacher/para/secretary salary at \$110/day for non-certified and \$135/day for certified (includes current or lapsed, but not revoked); substitute kitchen and custodian salaries at \$13.50/hour, substitute bus route driver salary at \$45/route

17. Identify Frederick Area School District #6-2 as an Equal Opportunity Employer

18. Approve Public Notices of Non-Discrimination and Federal Programs Assurances

19. Authorize Superintendent as:

- Representative for Special Education and to administer all federal programs
- Liaison for Homeless Children and Youth
- Truancy officer
- Public Records officer
- Asbestos Compliance officer

20. Designate Jessica Ringgenberg as Coordinator of Federal Law/Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

21. Designate Title IX Officers: Shauna Severson – Coordinator/Investigator, Jessica Ringgenberg – Decision-Maker, Ashley Schmidt – Mediator, Jeff Kosters – Appellate Decisions-Maker.

22. Designate Superintendent and/or Business Manager as purchasing agents for the district: including state and federal property.

23. Authorize Superintendent and/or Principal to cancel and/or close school due to inclement weather or other emergencies

24. Set travel reimbursement rates: Employees – meals per state rate; lodging at the state or best possible rate; mileage at .60/mile and only to be paid when a school vehicle is not available; if a personal vehicle is used by choice, mileage reimbursement will be at .25/mile; Students – breakfast-\$5, lunch-\$10, dinner-\$15 for state sanctioned events and breakfast-\$9, lunch-\$14, dinner-\$23 for national events.

25. Join the Emergency Bus Pact with South Dakota School Districts

26. Designate Superintendent to authorize DOE Child and Adult Nutrition Service application

27. Set 2025-2026 school lunch prices: Grades K-5 \$3.25, Grades 6-12 \$3.60, Adult \$5.00 Seconds \$1.00 and Milk \$.35

28. Set 2025-2026 activity ticket prices: Adults \$70, Senior \$30 for 65 and older.

- Appoint three surplus appraisers: Julie Brotzel, Jeff Kosters and Zach Kosters
- Appoint board members to the following committees:
- Negotiations: Rich Schlosser and Jon Ellwein
- Athletic Co-op: Alex Hart and Rich Achen
- Building/Grounds: Alex Hart and Rich

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- Voting member of the North Central Special Education Cooperative Governing Board for 2025-2026 school year: Eric Sumption
- ASBSD delegate: Rich Schlosser

29. Designate Division of Criminal Investigation as background check provider

30. Designate Prorate Services as DOT drug/alcohol testing provider

31. Adopt Handbooks with proposed changes:

- 2025-26 Technology Handbook
- 2025-26 Student Handbook with the price of Adult lunch to reflect the direction of Rob Ingalls-SD Child and Adult Nutrition
- 2025-26 Titan Student Activity Handbook
- 2025-26 Leola/Frederick Sports Coop Agreement.

State law requires the wages of School District employees to be published in the month of July. FY 2025-2026 salaries and wages are as follows: Certified Staff: Jennifer Anliker \$52,466.92, Janelle Barondeau \$60,656.34, Jennifer Dallmann \$51,862.06, Braden Freeman \$45,600 + \$5,000 sign on bonus, Ashley Gibbs \$46,410, Sadie Hanna \$46,206, Morgan Johnson \$47,998.14, William Kadlec \$45,600, Jackie Kessler \$46,500, Christine Kosters \$56,850.72, Melissa Meidinger \$51,210.12, Shelby Nash \$45,600.00, Brock Pashen \$51,324.36, Jennifer Pashen \$49,372.08, Caitlin Podoll \$52,967.58, Ashley Schmidt \$53,771.34, Faith Schulte \$45,600 + \$1,000 signing bonus, Sarah Sumption \$56,696.70, Maggie Ulmer \$51,159.12, Tonya Zinter \$65,707.38. Non-Certified Work Agreements: Caitlin Beckman \$16.00/hr (Librarian), Michelle Dosch \$16.24/hr (Paraprofessional), Misty Dosch \$16.24/hr (Paraprofessional), Alicia Eckhart \$15.30/hr (Asst. Cook), Janet Elsen \$28.07/hr (Paraprofessional), Kristi Feil \$16.24/hr (Asst. Custodian) + \$25/mo cell phone reimbursement, Faye Gunther \$22.42/hr (Head Cook), Jeff Kosters (Transportation) \$50.93/bus route, Zachary Kosters \$20.34/hr (Head Custodian) + \$25/mo cell phone reimbursement, Elizabeth Labesky \$16.00 (Paraprofessional), Dana Maunu \$13.92 (Summer Grounds Maintenance), Zoe Olson \$16.00 (Paraprofessional), Lance Podoll (Transportation) \$52.89/bus route + \$25/mo cell phone reimbursement + \$15/mo bus cleaning/maintenance + \$25/mo electricity for three winter months + mileage once per day to and from home address, David Score (Transportation) \$50.93/bus route + \$25/mo cell phone reimbursement + \$15/mo bus cleaning/maintenance, Keith Underberg (Transportation) \$50.93/bus route + \$25/mo cell phone reimbursement + \$15/mo bus cleaning/maintenance + \$25/mo electricity for three winter months + mileage once per day to and from home address. Extra-Curricular: Braden Freeman \$1,500 (Band Extra Duty) + \$1,000 (Chorus Extra Duty), Faye Gunther \$765.00 + \$22.42/hr (Concessions Manager), Jackie Kessler \$2,000 (FFA) + \$287.04/day (SAE – max 20 days), Brock Pashen \$3,102.05 (Yearbook), Jeff Kosters \$2000.00 Classroom + \$25/hr Driving (Drivers Ed), Shauna Severson \$1,606.50 (FBLA), Sarah Sumption \$850.47 (Science Fair). Coaching Staff: Wayne Haas \$4,208.74 (Asst. Track), Alura Johnson \$3,663.93 (Asst. Volleyball), Jeff Kosters \$6,105.15 (Head Golf) + \$6,525.91 (Head Girls Basketball) + \$7,326.95 (Head Football), Kennedy Kosters \$3,493.16 (Asst. Football), Brock

Pashen \$5,353.52 (Head Boys Basketball), Troy Podoll \$2,937.29 (JH Girls Basketball), Megan Russo \$3,599.41 (Asst. Track), Alex Sumption \$3,643.32 (Asst. Boys Basketball), Jim Sumption \$2,562.50 (JH Boys Basketball), Sarah Sumption \$3,954.30 (Head Cross Country). Admin: Julie Brotzel \$54,640.38 (Tech Coordinator) + \$25/mo cell phone reimbursement, Christine Kosters \$8,670 (Special Ed Director), Jeff Kosters \$98,322.90 (Superintendent/9-12 Principal) + \$25/mo cell phone reimbursement + \$6,115.92 (Athletic Director) + \$3,084.48 (Transportation Director), Jessica Ringgenberg \$71,943.66 (K-8 Principal) + \$25/mo cell phone reimbursement, Shauna Severson \$63,591 (Business Manager) + \$25/mo cell phone reimbursement, Stacey Sumption \$40,800 (Administrative Assistant).

2026-004 Motion by Sumption, second by Achen to offer a contract to Caitlin Beckman - Librarian. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

The item to offer and approve contracts were tabled to executive session.

2026-005 Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to approve the payment of FY26 July 2025 bills. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

FY26 Bills approved: General Fund: Amazon-supplies 69.05; ASBSD- dues 945.37; Dakota Electronics-alarm monitoring 240.00; eBoard Solutions-simbli policy 1,000.00; Graves IT Solutions-online backup renewal 2,290.00; McQuillen Creative Group-budget publishing 121.38; Menards-supplies 638.40; Pioneer Athletics-fb field paint 840.75; Porta Phone-fb headsets 2,681.61; Power School-school messenger 214.24; Renaissance-curriculum, 2,125.00; Riddell-fb equipment reconditioning 1,847.40; SDSTE-technology membership 30.00; TMS-timeclock/absence management 2,070.24; Training Room-powerflex 1,004.16. Capital Outlay Fund: Riddell-FB equipment, 5,224.05.

2026-006 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to approve Allied Climate Professionals as HVAC service provider. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2026-007 Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to approve the North Central Special Education Cooperative Comprehensive Plan. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2026-008 Motion by Achen, second by Ellwein to approve Open Enrollments for the 2025-2026 school year: 2526-8, 2526-9, 2526-10, 2526-11. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

The board would like to recognize Addison Wolbeck and Hadley Hoggarth for placing 8th at National FCCLA Conference.

2026-009 Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to go into executive session at 7:30 p.m. for SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Schlosser declared the board out of executive session at 8:34 p.m.

2026-010 Motion by Achen, second by Sumption to offer and approve contracts to William Kadlec for certified teacher and Assistant Girls Basketball. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

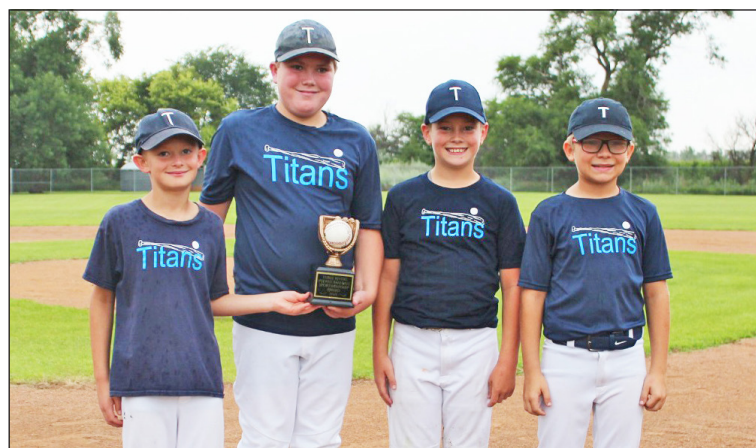
2026-011 Motion by Hart, second by Ellwein to advertise for the following positions: PT event/night custodian, Bus Driver and Bus Maintenance. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2026-012 Motion by Sumption, second by Achen to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. All Aye, carried.

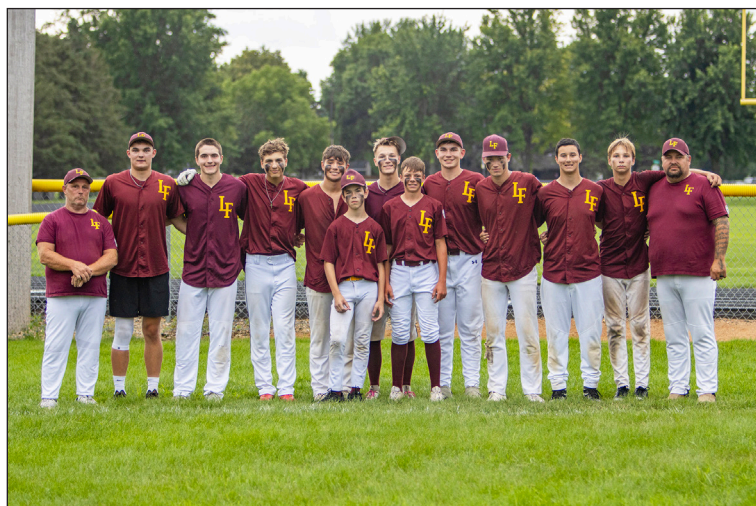
Rich Schlosser, President
Shauna Severson, Business Manager



The Leola-Frederick Midgets took second place during the Three Rivers Midget Tournament in Frederick on July 20. Pictured above are, front row, Lauren Radtke, Brandt Thomas, Liam Strydom, Jaxson Bender, Knox Elsen, Charlotte Rath, Rin Donnell, and Coach Radtke; and back row, Coach John Bender, Samantha Geffre, Nala Hansen, Bentley Sumption, Jonah Strydom, Andrew Arneson, Brady Geffre, Isaac Radke, Chris Black, and Coach Jim Sumption.



The Frederick PeeWees team won the sportsmanship bat at the All-Star game July 22. Pictured above are some of the team members: Beckham Sumption, Fred Sumption, Dylan Dellman and Grayson Bretsch.



The Leola-Frederick Teeners team started post-season play in a best-of-three series against Selby on July 14, losing the first game 1-11 and dropping a heatbreaker 6-7. This put them in a last-chance elimination game against Parker on July 20, where Leola-Frederick suffered a close 2-3 loss. Pictured above are Coach James King, First Base Coach Milo Sumption, Erik Losure, Case Bretsch, Zander Hoffman, Jameson Black, Brayden Heuer, Jace Bender, Winston Clark, Hunter Kern, Jax Holmes, Noah Heuer, and Coach Derik Bretsch.

BASEBALL



The Frederick Pee-Wees took sixth place in the Three Rivers Pee-Wee Tournament on July 12-13 in Leola. Pictured are, from left, front row, Beckham Sumption, Mikah Meidinger, Drew Wolbeck, Ridge Andrews, Rexton Huettl, and Xander Jones; second row, Grayson Bretsch, Dylan Dellman, Briggs North, Arthur Wolbeck, Fred Sumption, Avery Skowran, and Sawyer Podoll; and back row, Coaches Brandon Wolbeck, Chris Podoll, Ryan Dellman, and Justin North.



Frederick Pee-Wee player Dylan Dellman, far right in the photo at left, and Leola-Frederick Midget player Brady Geffre, second from left in the right photo, were nominated for the Jordan "Bubba" Hanson award, which recognizes a player who regardless of athleticism demonstrates a high level of passion for the game, their team and those around them.



LEFT: All-Stars for the Frederick Pee-Wees and Leola-Frederick Midgets were, front row from left, Jaxson Bender, Grayson Bretsch, Beckham Sumption, and Dylan Dellman; middle row, Chris Black and Fred Sumption; and back row, Brady Geffre, Bentley Sumption, and Jonah Strydom.

PEE-WEE & MIDGET PHOTOS COURTESY CARLA CLARK



LEFT: Hunter Kern slides into third base during the Teeners' best-of-three series against Selby on July 14 in Selby.

CROSS COUNTRY

New head coach, same strong traditions

The Frederick Area cross country team begins its 2025 season with a familiar face in a new role. After serving as an assistant, Sarah Sumption steps in as head coach.

"I am so grateful to have had the guidance of Coach (Janelle) Barondeau over the past years, making the transition much smoother," Sumption said. "She has developed such a successful program that I hope we can continue for many years to come. I am excited to carry on the old traditions and make some new ones."

Frederick Area will have 12 runners this fall, the same as last year, though participation has dipped from about 18 athletes three years ago.

This year's roster features nine boys—Milo Sumption, Titus Kippley, Jaxon Ellwein, Jayden Ellwein, Howard Sumption, Tate Dosch, Aaron Kippley, Dawson Clark, Fred Sumption—and three girls—Katie Bretsch, Hadleigh Hoggarth, and Arabella Dosch.

Senior Milo Sumption will not compete in meets due to a knee injury but remains a vital part of the program. "He will continue being a part of the team and use practice to rehab his knee and be the best supporter," Sumption said.

While cross country rewards performance metrics, Sumption says her first priority is something more lasting.

"My number one goal is to build champions of character," she said. "Ten, twenty, thirty years from now—sure, the banners of championships will hang in the gym—but character is what gets remembered. I want effort, energy, and respect for others to be the top priorities of everyone on the team."

That focus doesn't mean competitive goals are forgotten.



Cross country runners took their workout to the Brown County Fair on Aug. 16. Pictured are, front row, Arabella Dosch, Hadleigh Hoggarth, Fred Sumption, Jaxon Ellwein and Coach Sumption; middle row, Aaron Kippley, Dawson Clark, Howard Sumption, and Milo Sumption; and back row, Jayden Ellwein, Titus Kippley, and Tate Dosch.

Some runners have their eyes set on qualifying for the state meet in Huron this October, while newcomers aim to learn the sport and experience being part of a team. Training plans will be tailored to both groups.

Caitlin Podoll will join practices once or twice a week to lead speed training sessions, sharing her expertise to help improve runners' performances.

The team also draws encouragement from community support. This summer, the program hosted its annual Fun Run, which drew 46 participants. "It was awesome to see so many new faces and people cheering each other on," Sumption said. "We hope to continue to make that bigger and better next year."

Frederick Area cross country looks ready for another season.

"Individual and team success will fall in line as we work hard, bring positive energy, and build each other up throughout the year," Sumption said.

Titans aim for growth

VOLLEYBALL

After finishing last year with a 4-23 record, the Titans enter the season optimistic about improving this year.

Twenty players are out for the JV and varsity squads, compared to 21 last season. At the junior high level, numbers have grown from 13 athletes in 2024 to 16 in 2025, giving the program numbers for future seasons.

One of the Titans' biggest strengths this year, according to Head Coach Holly Mueller, is how well-rounded the roster is. "We have multiple players that are willing and able to play many roles on the court, which allows for flexibility during games and from game to game," she said. The team also hopes to build on the strong team chemistry developed over the summer.

One of the things the team

will work on is communication on the court, especially in serve receive and out-of-system situations. "Those are the areas where better communication will make us more consistent," Mueller said.

Mueller hopes that the Titans can stay healthy and injury-free, which is always a challenge for small-school teams.

The schedule brings new excitement, with several first-time matchups that could provide fresh opportunities and challenges.

"I think that we can improve upon last year's record," Mueller said. "I'm excited to see how our schedule plays out this year."

See the calendar for the Titans' upcoming games.

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Titans football is senior-strong this year

BY JEFF KOSTERS
Titans Head Football Coach

The Leola/Frederick Titan Football season began on Aug. 7. We have 24 players participating this season, half of which are seniors.

This year's seniors include Westyn Thorpe, Hunter Kern, Lucas Gulbranson, Zander Hoffman, Ethan Petrich, Brayden Heuer, Erik Losure, Jacob Kindelspire, Milo Sumption, Grant Anderson, Ayden Larsen, and Elijah Stugelmeyer. Juniors are Preston Sumption and Gabe Ketterling; sophomores include Jace Thorpe, Jace Bender, Quinn Huettl, Ian Nickelson, Noah Heuer, and Case Bretsch; and freshmen are Andrew Schlosser, Ryker Van Buskirk, Jacob Bain, and Tristan Tschappat.

We finished 6-2 last year in the regular season and won a first-round playoff game at home in Frederick by defeating Kimball/White Lake in overtime, 22-14. It was the first playoff victory for the Titans in over 10 years. We traveled to Parkston for a second-round matchup, and while we went toe to toe with them throughout much of the first half, injuries began to catch up to us and our season ended there, finishing with a 7-3 record.

We are looking to improve on last year's season, and with a combination of returning experience and a roster filled with seniors, it should be a fun season for us. We will be solid in all areas, both up front on the line and in the backfield with our skill players.

We opened the season in Redfield on Aug. 22. Our second game will be Frederick Area's homecoming when we host the Britton-Hecla Braves. They also went 6-2 last year and return a solid roster. I feel they will be one of our toughest opponents this season. On Sept. 5, we will travel to Fort Pierre to take on the Stanley County Buffaloes. All three of those games have 7 p.m. kick-offs.

FOOTBALL



The Titans started their season with a 54-22 win over Redfield on Aug. 22.

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