

What's coming up

TUESDAY, NOV. 18

Fall Sports Awards Night, meal at 6:30 p.m. with awards to follow at 7 p.m. at Leola

SATURDAY, NOV. 22

Leola/Frederick Snow Queen Contest, 2 p.m. at Frederick Area School gym. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students K-12. Basket raffles and bake sale.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26

Thanksgiving Break begins. Continues through Sunday.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3

Town of Frederick board meeting, 7 p.m. at the Community Center

FRIDAY, DEC. 5

North Area Honor Band at NSU. Continues Saturday.

MONDAY, DEC. 8

Frederick Area School board meeting, 6 p.m. in the school library

TUESDAY, DEC. 9

Girls basketball vs. Strasburg/Zeeland, 6 p.m. at Leola

THURSDAY, DEC. 11

K-12 Christmas Concert, 7 p.m. at Frederick Area

SATURDAY, DEC. 13

Basketball Doubleheader vs. Langford, 1 p.m. at Frederick Area

TUESDAY, DEC. 16

Boys Basketball vs. Oakes, 6 p.m. at Frederick Area

THURSDAY, DEC. 18

Basketball Doubleheader vs. Aberdeen Christian, 4 p.m. at Leola

FRIDAY, DEC. 19

School is in session at Frederick Area

SATURDAY, DEC. 20

Winter break begins at Frederick Area



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NOVEMBER 2025



Six Titans run at state XC meet

Titus Kippley's 15th-place finish adds to Frederick Area's haul of hardware for the season

BY HEIDI MARTTILA-LOSURE

Frederick Area's cross country team showed its strength in the last three meets of the season.

The successful series started with the Lake Region Conference meet on Oct. 8 in Ipswich, where junior runner Titus Kippley won the boys varsity race and led the Frederick team to a repeat LRC victory. Sophomore Howard Sumption's third-place finish was key bringing home the championship, as was freshman Tate Dosch's 10th-place run.

The team's success continued at the Region 1B meet on Oct. 15 in Webster, where four individual runners qualified for the state meet by placing in the top 20: Titus Kippley (5th), Howard Sumption (9th), Tate Dosch (17th) and eighth-grader Hadleigh Hoggarth (18th). The boys team placed second, which meant

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Frederick Area runners Titus Kippley (589) and Howard Sumption (590) take off from the starting line at the state cross country meet Oct. 25 in Huron.



Frederick Area's Hadleigh Hoggarth sprints for the finish at the state meet.

School builds bonds with 'families'

BY JESSICA RINGGENBERG
Frederick Area K-8 Principal



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

This month I would like to take an opportunity to share information about a student program occurring at the Frederick Area School. To increase student engagement and foster a sense of school community this year, we are trying something new. Under the guidance of a teacher-led committee, we have implemented student "families" into our

school. All students in grades PK-12 have been placed in a family group of about 20 students. These families have students from all different grade levels along with some teachers to assist with activities. Once a month our student families will gather to complete various fun activities together along with celebrating positive news in their lives. Through students working together to foster positive peer relationships we can

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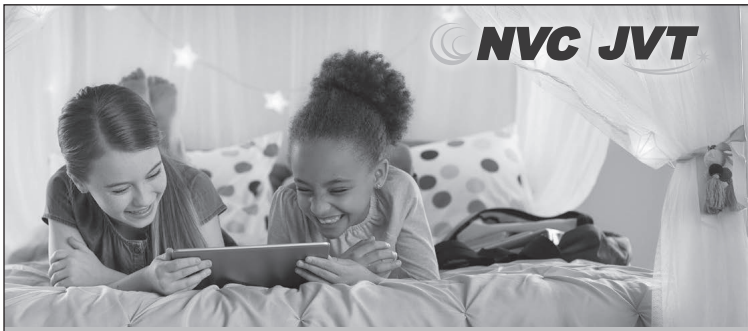
Corner: Juniors will take the ACT as a dual-purpose test

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provide a schoolwide culture of caring and support while having a little fun too. In future *F.Y.I.* editions, instead of the student of the month pictures you are used to seeing, you may find a few pictures of student families in action.

Another change I would like to note is with our state testing this spring. In the past, all students in grades 3-8 and 11 have been required to take the South Dakota English Language Art, Math, and some Science assessments. This will remain the same for students in grades 3-8, but starting this spring, our 11th-grade students will take the ACT in place of the South Dakota assessments. The ACT is typically taken by college-bound students as part of their acceptance criteria. The test has always come

with a fee at the student's expense. Now, our juniors will be given the ACT at the school, one time, free of charge during our state testing window. Their test scores will count toward the school's accountability and report card while also providing the student with an opportunity to submit the scores to colleges for acceptance. It is required for all 11th-grade students to take this proctored ACT just as they did other state assessments in the past. Students may elect to take additional tests outside of the state's testing window, but any additional tests are at the student's expense. This is a great opportunity for our students to demonstrate their skills while saving some money in their application process. This year, keep your 11th grade student calendars open for March 25, 2026, as the date for our ACT.



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Students attend All-State Chorus



FASD PHOTO

Four Frederick Area students attended the All-State Chorus workshop and concert Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 in Sioux Falls. Pictured are sophomore Noah Heuer, freshman Aubrey Bakke, senior Emily Dallmann, and sophomore Jayden Ellwein.

First-Quarter Honor Roll

Ending October 2025 • grade level in parentheses

Straight A Honor Roll

Dawson Clark (7)	Andrew Schlosser (9)	Howard Sumption (10)	Winston Clark (12)
Eden Podoll (8)	Tristan Tschappat (9)	Katelyn Bretsch (11)	Hunter Kern (12)
McKenna Sumption (8)	Arabella Clark (10)	Jax Holmes (11)	Erik Losure (12)
Ruby Dallmann (9)	Jayden Ellwein (10)	Titus Kippley (11)	Milo Sumption (12)

A Honor Roll

Fred Sumption (6)	Addison Wolbeck (8)	Jace Thorpe (10)	Christopher Voeller (11)
Yuri Bain (7)	Mileah Holmes (9)	Gage Burns (11)	Kalyce Achen (12)
Charlie Foley (7)	Case Bretsch (10)	Samantha Dallmann (11)	Emily Dallmann (12)
Abel Janke (7)	Jaxon Ellwein (10)	Adalynn Lloyd (11)	Nevan Jensen (12)
Noah Pies (7)	Eli Nickelson (10)	Abigail Reed (11)	Elijah Stugelmeyer (12)
Hadleigh Hoggarth (8)	Ian Nickelson (10)	Preston Sumption (11)	Westyn Thorpe (12)

B Honor Roll

Arabella Dosch (6)	Tate Dosch (9)	Jameson Winterberg (10)	Zoie Fischbach (11)
Hailey Jones (6)	Kenna Janke (9)		Ella Kempf (11)
Teresa Rojas (6)	Noah Heuer (10)	Karli Achen (11)	Domenick Pool (11)
Taryn Meidinger (8)	Quinn Huettl (10)	Aliyah Eckhart (11)	Mia Bain (12)
Jacob Bain (9)	Allysen Larsen (10)	Abby Elsen (11)	Ayden Larsen (12)

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Town of Westport General Meeting, October 6, 2025

The Town of Westport met on Oct. 6, 2025 at 7 p.m., with Mitch Wilson, Shane Storm, Troy Tschappat, Wyatt Wilson, and Deb Schlosser present.

Public comments: Wyatt Wilson voiced complaints about a Semi parked in his neighborhood. Other residents have also voiced concerns such as engine running early hours of the morning and being parked on the boulevard which hampers emergency vehicles.

The following bills were presented:

City General:

NW Energy- utilities	\$318.62
Groton Independent-Sept minutes	\$16.97
Brown Co Treas-mosquito spraying	\$1080.00
Menards-town hall supplies	\$13.98
Dakota Supply Group-town hall supplies	\$398.66
US Treasury-3rd quarter taxes	\$1169.32
SD Unempl Ins-3rd quarter	\$21.20
Eddies-gas for mower	\$244.21
Runnings-antifreeze	\$29.88

Sewer:

NW Energy-Lift Station utilities	\$47.32
Dakota Pump-lift station service call	\$463.27
Elan Financial Services-lagoon sign	\$51.15

Sewer Surcharge:

DANR-Lift station payment	\$9310.10
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Water:

WEB-water	\$2005.97
Public Health Lab-water testing	\$40.00

Shane Storm motioned, second by Mitch Wilson to pay all bills.

The following deposits were presented:

City General:

State of SD	\$1973.98
Brown County Collections	\$436.92
Interest	\$876.4

Sewer: Resident Payments	\$3236.16
Water: Resident Payments	\$4854.23

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Shane Storm, second by Troy Tschappat to put lift station fence bid back on agenda. More contractors will be contacted about installing the fence. Motion by Shane Storm, seconded by Troy Tschappat to table the fence bid until next spring. The storm drain at the LaBay corner has been fixed. A section of pipe that was closed due to tree roots has been replaced.

NEW BUSINESS

The Town has been notified that B & B Contracting will no longer provide snow removal for the Town. Other businesses will be contacted. A new kitchen stove will be purchased for the Hall.

Meeting dismissed at 7:44 p.m.

Deb Schlosser, Finance Officer

Town of Frederick October 6, 2025 Meeting

Frederick's town board meeting was held Monday, October 6, 2025 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board members Troy Millard and Marty Morlock, Finance Officer Jennifer Morlock and Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine, and Utility Manager David Losure. Chairman Campbell opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved with a motion by Morlock/Millard; motion carried. The financial statements were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Millard/Campbell; motion carried. The October accounts payable were approved with a motion by Millard/Morlock; motion carried. Motion to transfer remaining funds from wastewater project account

and fund into the general account and fund upon completion of the wastewater project made by Campbell/Millard; motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MDU electric BP/Wtr/MunBdg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL	\$1,097.72
Badger Meter fees Swr	\$136.28
Brown Co Sheriff's Office deputy svcs Gen'l	\$1,041.67
Brown Co. Weed & Pest spraying Gen'l	\$817.93
Black Mtn Software pay system Gen'l	\$210
Black Mtn Software cloud hosting Gen'l	\$166.67
Ben Hofer Backhoe fix leak Wtr	\$3264.83
Ben Hofer Backhoe fix leak Wtr	\$2,091.40
Century Bus Products copies Gen'l	\$25
D. Losure wage Sts/Wtr/Swr	\$886.56
Dependable Sanitation Grbg	\$1,654
DRN Readitech service FO	\$21.01
EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cnty	\$1,095.79
FDC Gen'l	\$1,200
Frederick Forward FYI Prmt City	\$1890
J. Morlock wage FO	\$1,512.30
JVT Gen'l/Wtr/EBL/FO	\$293.64
M. Cox wage EBL	\$703.69
M. Heine wage FO	\$1,264.90
M. Morlock wage Gen'l	\$92.35
M. Morlock mowing wage Gen'l	\$161.61
R. Bakeberg supervisor wage Wtr	\$240.11
S. Campbell wage Gen'l	\$138.52
Schwan Electric Inc supplies Wtr	\$234.04
Schwan Electric repair CC	\$335.30
SD Dept of Hlth test Wtr	\$20
SD Dept of Rev sales tax Gen'l	\$64.64
T. Millard wage Gen'l	\$92.35
T. Millard reimburse Gen'l	\$33.94
USDA-RD loan Wtr	\$475
USDA-RD loan Swr	\$3,763
VISA postage, supplies Gen'l/FO	\$220.49
WEB Water Wtr	\$7,710.82

OLD BUSINESS

Losure provided a utility report. The fire hydrants were tested this month to ensure they are able to be turned on and off. The board reviewed the Brown County Sheriff's Report. The board discussed cleanup of nuisance properties. Motion to use FEMA rates on file at the city office for equipment used and labor rates as well as the cost of dumpsters for charges we incur during abatement of nuisance properties Campbell/Millard; motion carried. Thank you to those who have worked to abate nuisances on their properties.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the quarterly report from the Emma Burnham Library made by Millard/Morlock; motion carried. Motion to approve liquor license for the Community Store made by Millard/Morlock; motion carried. Motion to approve temporary liquor license for the Frederick Area Volunteer Firefighters for October 18th made by Morlock/Campbell; motion carried. The City will be offering online bill pay for utility payments and will be sending a letter with the next monthly bill. The board would like to thank those who volunteer their time to help the city.

The next regular meeting will be Nov. 5 at 7 PM.

Motion to adjourn made by Morlock/Millard at 7:45PM; motion carried.

M. Heine, Assistant Finance Officer

Frederick Area School District #6-2 Board Meeting October 13, 2025

A regular meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education was called to order on October 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Rich Achen, Jon Elwein,



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Alex Hart and Eric Sumption. Also present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Kosters, PreK-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg and Business Manager Shauna Severson. Other members of the community were present; a full list is available in the business office.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The following individuals spoke during public comment: Tonya Zinter, Janet Elsen, Braden Freeman, Stacy Bretsch and David Clark. President Schlosser closed public comment with his own address to the public concerns.

2026-034 Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to amend the agenda to include "Approve Winter Board Meeting Time" under Action Items. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest disclosures.

2026-035 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to approve the following consent agenda items. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

- Sept. 17, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
- October 2025 Financial Report
- October 2025 Payroll
- District Bills

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund

Bal 9-1-25:	\$467,782.61
Receipts:	\$97,993.11
Disbursements:	\$297,859.44
Bal 9-30-25:	\$267,916.28
Investments: Bal 9-1-25:	\$1,007,303.66
Interest:	\$5,977.77
Bal 9-30-25:	\$1,013,281.43
Ending Fund Balance:	\$1,281,197.71

Imprest Fund:

Bal 9-1-25:	\$2,052.89
Receipts:	\$3,257.11
Disbursements:	\$1,073.80
Bal 9-30-25:	\$4,236.20

Capital Outlay Fund:

Bal 9-1-25:	\$13,758.56
Receipts:	\$1,798.50
Disbursements:	\$10,573.16
Transfer from Investments:	\$300,000.00
Bal 9-30-25:	\$304,983.90
Investments: Bal 9-1-25:	\$2,915,519.41
Transfer to Checking:	(\$300,000.00)
Bal 9-30-25:	\$2,615,519.41
Ending Fund Balance:	\$2,920,503.31

Special Education Fund-

Checking: Bal 9-1-25:	\$30,862.73
Receipts:	\$608.09
Disbursements:	\$41,096.98
Transfer from Investments:	\$100,000.00
Bal 9-30-25:	\$90,373.84
Investments: Bal 9-1-25:	\$1,379,239.75
Transfer to Investments:	(\$100,000.00)
Bal 9-30-25:	\$1,279,239.75
Ending Fund Balance:	\$1,369,613.59

Food Service Fund:

Bal 9-1-25:	\$8,214.02
Receipts:	\$9,672.00
Disbursements:	\$12,420.85
Bal 9-30-25:	\$5,465.17

Drivers Ed Fund:

Bal 9-30-25:	\$1,132.60
Custodial Funds: Bal 9-1-25:	\$44,917.06
Receipts:	\$15,990.99
Disbursements:	\$2,227.32
9-30-25:	\$58,680.73

Ovid J Stevens Scholarship:

Checking: Bal 9-30-25:	\$85
Investments: Bal 9-30-25:	\$21,627.99
Ending Fund Balance:	\$21,628.84

CLAIMS APPROVED

General Fund salaries	85,963.13
Special Education salaries	11,481.96
Food Service salaries	2,977.08
AFLAC, supplemental insurance	1,294.86
American Funds, retirement	225.00
Delta Dental, insurance	2,023.26
EFTPS, federal inc tax/SS/Medicare	27,404.32
ID Shield, identify theft,	8.45
Northern Plains Insurance Pool	18,782.50
Optilegra, vision insurance	432.33
SDRS, retirement	16,284.14
SDRS Supplemental, retirement	3,483.33
Security Benefits, retirement	2,789.18
The Standard, life insurance	260.21
Total:	\$173,409.75

BILLS APPROVED

General Fund:

Aberdeen Insider-subscription	99.94
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Agtegra-fuel	3,446.80
Amazon-supplies	129.12
ASBPT-Workers Comp Fund-workers comp	
24-25 overage	1,995.00
athletic.net-XC Subscription	9.99
Avera St Luke's-Athletic Training	50.00
Babcock Family Chiro-DOT Physicals	200.00
Cahill Bauer & Associates-FY25 Audit	6,750.00
Cash-Wa Distributing /Concessions	2,071.92
Century Business-Copier Overage/Supplies	554.06
Coca-Cola Bottling Co High Co-concessions	460.63
Churchill, Manolis, Freeman, Kludt & Burns	
LLP-Legal Fees	326.00
Cole Papers Inc-supplies	1,112.71
Dakota Outdoors-Fitness Center Updates	6,442.99
FASD Imprest Fund-Misc.	1,073.80
FBLA-25-26 Dues	420.00
Frederick Forward-Cost Share	1,800.00
Hub City Roofing-Roof Repair	340.00
JVT-Phone	256.26
Ken's Super Fair Foods-concessions	158.53
MB, LLC Gelfodd-Apparel	398.36
McQuillen Creative Group, Inc-Publishing	101.92
Menards-Supplies	222.42
Merchant Services-CC Fees	110.89
Mid-American Res Chem-Supplies	567.02
Midwest Wall Systems-Building Repairs	7,695.90
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.-Utilities	3,811.32
NSU-Science Fair	150.00
Pantorium Cleaners Inc-SUPPLIES	133.40
Planbook-Lesson Plans Subscription	18.00
Savvas-Workbooks/Curriculum	7,027.45
SD FFA-25-26 Member Dues	675.00
Severson, Shauna -Conf Mileage/Meals	106.00
Supreme School Supply-Supplies	88.42
Taylor Music-Repairs	90.00
Teachers Pay Teachers-Curric Supp	23.25
Titan Machinery-Repairs	668.56
Town of Frederick-utilities	647.69
Training Room-Supplies	349.56
Ventris Learning-Title I Curriculum	90.00
WalMart-Supplies	6.69

Capital Outlay Fund:

Century Business-copier lease	306.66
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Special Education Fund:

Avera St. Lukes-OT/PT	1,830.24
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Food Service Fund:

Cash-Wa Distributing-food	8,244.78
Community Store-food	22.55
Kens-food	50.51
Pantorium Cleaners-supplies	130.00

Imprest Fund:

DeVine, Valeriee-VB Ref/Mileage	133.60
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Donat, Eric-VB Ref/Mileage	134.80
Faulton Area School-XC Reg Fee	50.00
Groton Area School-Band/XC Reg Fees	90.00
Hausvik, Richard-VB Ref/Mileage	206.60
Hoven School-XC Registration Fee	40.00
Northern State Univ-Choral Workshop	24.00
Shortt, Chelsee-VB Ref/Mileage	234.80
Webster Area School-XC Reg Fee	60.00
Vancura, Holly-VB Ref/Mileage	100.00

Custodial Fund:

Aberdeen Awards-LRC awards	205.00
Bauer, Dave-LRC CC Meet worker	100.00
BSN Sports-FB apparel	741.20
Frederick Area-concessions CC machine	283.15
Rainbow Resource Center-FFA supplies	113.46
Range Club at SDSU-FFA plants	350.00
Subway-XC meal	130.00
Vistaprint-FFA stamp	21.86

The following reported to the Board:

- Jeff Kosters: Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director
- Jessica Ringgenberg: K-8 Principal
- Shauna Severson: Business Manager

The 2025-26 District Calendar was discussed. No action taken.

2026-036 Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to offer and approve a contract to Janel Bergan for Para-professional - \$16/hr. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2026-037 Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to approve the following Volunteers: Jon Meidinger and Jim Sumption - JH GBB and Don Nickelson - BBB. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2026-038 Motion by Hart, second by Sumption to transfer from General Fund: \$37,036 to Food Service and \$3,615 to Drivers Ed. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2026-039 Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to approve the time change for winter Board Meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

The board would like to congratulate the Boys Cross Country team for winning the LRC Meet and the following for placing in the top 10: Titus Kippely - 1st place, Conference Champ, Howard Sumption - 3rd place and Tate Dosch - 10th place. Also, thank you to Lexi Engelhart, Margaret Sumption and Amanda Wolbeck for donating to our Fresh Fruits & Vegetables program.

2026-040 Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Rich Schlosser, President

Shauna Severson, Business Manager

Students say thank you to veterans



Frederick Area students from preschool through seniors participated in a Veterans Day program on Nov. 11. The program included many musical numbers, including a song of gratitude for veterans from the elementary school. This is the first time in many years the school has had a Veterans Day program for the public.

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Titans have exciting wins late in the season

The Titans 2025 volleyball season, which ended with a record of 6-16 after a loss in the second round of Region 1B play-offs, was one of growth.

"Throughout the season, we had players that had to learn new spots on the court but also had players improve in their skills whether it was hitting, passing, serving, or blocking," Coach Holly Mueller said. "We were very clearly better at the end of the season than we were at the start, which shows the results of their hard work. I believe the players had fun, and that was an important and crucial part of our season. We also improved over last year, increasing our win total while playing fewer games."

Wins against Waverly-South Shore and Gettysburg late in the season were two of the season's big highlights. "Those were both teams that had similar records, and we came away with wins in both those games along with coming back from tough losses in a set

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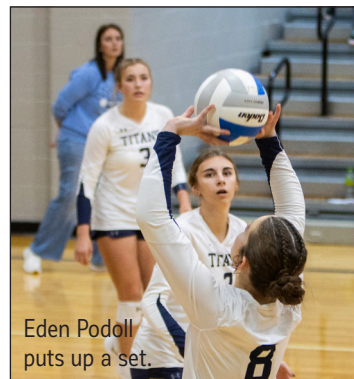
during the game. They were home games, so it was fun to play exciting volleyball in front of the home crowd, and those games were part of the strong finish to the season that we had. Plus, they were both teams that we lost to last year, so it was nice to pick up those wins."

Kaitlyn Mueller's 1,000th dig was also a highlight, Mueller added. "And, even though it was in a loss, the marathon second set against South Border, 35-33, was a lot of fun to be a part of."

Next year, some younger players should help fill gaps left by graduation. "We lose some great senior leadership, but we have quite a few starters coming back, along with our setters," Mueller said. "This makes it a much more smooth transition into next year. We have some talented underclassmen who should slide into some of the open spots in the lineup."



Titans celebrate during their game against Gettysburg Oct. 28 in Leola.



Eden Podoll puts up a set.



Kalyce Achen hits against Gettysburg.



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CROSS COUNTRY



The Frederick boys varsity team won the 2025 Lake Region Conference title Oct. 8 in Ipswich. Pictured above are Coach Caitlin Podoll, Jayden Ellwein, Aaron Kippley, Howard Sumption, Tate Dosch, Titus Kippley, Jaxon Ellwein, and Coach Sarah Sumption.



The runners who qualified for state, with their coaches, are, from left, Coach Caitlin Podoll, Hadleigh Hoggarth, Aaron Kippley, Howard Sumption, Tate Dosch, Titus Kippley, Jayden Ellwein, Jaxon Ellwein (alternate) and Coach Sarah Sumption.

XC: All runners are back for next season

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that the full team of five runners, including eighth-grader Aaron Kippley and sophomore Jayden Ellwein, advanced to the state meet. Sophomore Jaxon Ellwein served as the team's alternate.

At the state meet, held at the Broadland Creek Golf Course in Huron on Oct. 25, those six Frederick runners got to pace themselves against Class B's best. Titus Kippley made it to the awards stand with a 15th-place finish.

It made for an impressive highlight reel to cap off Sarah Sumption's first year as head coach, though she added that the personal improvements and growth she witnessed throughout the season were just as meaningful. "Even when athletes don't place, getting to the starting line and crossing the finish line is an accomplishment," she said.

"My number one goal was to build champions of character, and I am extremely happy with our results," she added. "The kids bought into the new system and worked extremely hard to put themselves in a position of success on the course and as people. They showed up every day with a positive attitude and worked together to make each other better."

The team looks to continue driving forward next year. "We graduate no one," Sumption said. "We are hoping to increase our numbers and keep building champions."

LAKE REGION CONFERENCE MEET, OCT. 8

BOYS VARSITY: 1. Titus Kippley, 11th grade, 17:04.10 (PR); 3. Howard Sumption, 10th grade, 17:52.10 (SR); 10. Tate Dosch, 9th grade, 19:36.50; 16. Jayden Ellwein, 10th grade, 20:42.80 (PR); 17. Aaron Kippley, 8th grade, 21:05.80; 21. Jaxon Ellwein, 10th grade, 22:27.20.

Official Team Scores: 1. Frederick Area, 13; 2. Northwestern, 18; 3. Faulkton Area, 19; 4. Leola, 33.

GIRLS VARSITY: 19. Katie Bretsch, 11th grade, 22:45.30 (SR).

BOYS MIDDLE SCHOOL: 6. Frederick Sumption, 6th grade, 13:30.50 (PR); 7. Dawson Clark, 7th grade, 14:20.50 (PR).

GIRLS MIDDLE SCHOOL: 13. Arabella Dosch, 6th grade, 18:06.20 (PR).

SDHSAA REGION 1B MEET, OCT. 15

BOYS VARSITY: 5. Titus Kippley, 11th grade, 18:23.91 (Q); 9. Howard Sumption, 10th grade, 18:45.12 (Q); 17. Tate Dosch, 9th grade, 19:45.78 (Q); 24. Aaron Kippley, 8th grade, 20:50.78 (Q); 29. Jayden Ellwein, 10th grade, 21:33.22 (Q).

Official Team Scores: 1. James Valley Christian, 11; 2. Frederick Area, 29; 3. Northwestern, 31; 4. Faulkton Area, 46; 5. Leola, 54; 6. Deubrook Area, 57; 7. Castlewood, 66; 8. Ipswich, 72; 9. Estelline/Hendricks, 83; 10. Warner, 85; 11. Hitchcock-Tulare, 122.

GIRLS VARSITY: 18. Hadleigh Hoggarth, 8th grade, 22:18.66 (PR, Q); 26. Katie Bretsch, 11th grade, 23:26.44.

BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY: 6. Jaxon Ellwein, 10th grade, 17:44.50; 16. Dawson Clark, 7th grade, 22:11.53 (PR).

SDHSAA STATE B MEET, OCT. 25

BOYS VARSITY: 15. Titus Kippley, 11th grade, 17:45.81; 92. Tate Dosch, 9th grade, 19:58.87; 96. Howard Sumption, 10th grade, 20:12.56; 100. Aaron Kippley, 8th grade, 20:31.05 (PR); 112. Jayden Ellwein, 10th grade, 21:31.19.

Team Score: 13. Frederick Area, 133.

GIRLS VARSITY: 60. Hadleigh Hoggarth, 8th grade, 22:37.91.



LEFT: Aaron Kippley runs to the finish and a personal record at the state meet Oct. 25 in Huron. **RIGHT:** Titus Kippley shows his 15th-place medal, with Coach Sumption.



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Jayden Ellwein (left photo) and Tate Dosch (center, right photo) head out on their second lap during the state cross country meet Oct. 25 in Huron.



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Titans finish season short of playoffs

BY HEAD COACH JEFF KOSTERS

This was the second and final year of our realignment cycle, and our schedule was the same as last year's. We opened the season with our three non-conference games, including Redfield, Britton-Hecla, and Stanley County. We defeated Redfield in the opener 54-22, but lost Ethan Petrich to a torn ACL on the game's first offensive play from scrimmage. Milo Sumption was already out with an ACL from last basketball season, and the injury bug bit us frequently off and on all season with a variety of ailments. We hosted Britton-Hecla for our homecoming game in Frederick and lost 36-6. We then traveled to Fort Pierre to play Stanley County. We scored a late touchdown with less than three minutes to play to take a 30-28 lead, but couldn't hold on, giving up a touchdown with seconds left in the contest, losing 36-30. We opened our conference season with Leola's homecoming, defeating North Central 44-14. Next up was a date at Faulkton Area, but their field was too wet to play on, so the game was moved to Warner's stadium. We dropped that contest 37-0 and then traveled to Mellette to face Northwestern in our last road game of the season, coming out on top 38-8. Our last two opponents were Ipswich and Warner, two highly ranked teams all season in Class 9A. We lost our contest to Ipswich in Leola 32-6 and did the same with Warner in Frederick in our season finale 33-6. We finished the season with a 3-5 record and fell short of qualifying for the playoffs.

Statistically speaking, on the offensive side of the ball, we averaged 5.65 yards per carry (6.15 last year), 14.74 yards per reception (15.49 last year), and we completed just 28% of our pass attempts (60% last year). We scored

FOOTBALL



Westyn Thorpe leaves a trail of Warner defenders in his wake on Oct. 17.



Noah Heuer makes a tackle against Warner.



Brayden Heuer brings down a pass against Ipswich Oct. 10.



Erik Losure dives into make a tackle against Ipswich.



Quinn Huettl throws a pass against Ipswich.

23 points per game (27.8 last year), and defensively we gave up an average of 27.25 points per game (17.2 last year).

I am unable to share any post-season awards, as we have not held our conference meeting or all-state meetings yet. Our Fall Sports Awards Night will be held in Leola on Tuesday, Nov. 18, with a meal at 6:30 and awards to follow at 7:00.

We will say farewell to the largest senior class we have seen in quite some time, as 11 seniors were on our roster. Next year's squad will look a bit different, as we return just three starters on offense and four on defense (based on starting lineups at season's end). With next year being the first year of a new realignment cycle, our schedule will look different as well. Our conference schools will remain on our

schedule as they always do (Faulkton Area, Ipswich, Northwestern, North Central, and Warner), but our three non-conference games will likely be all different. We have been 9AA for quite a few years, but I believe our enrollment numbers currently may place us in Class 9B for the next two years. The SDHSA will officially release that information sometime in January or February, with the schedule being released later in March or early April.