

## What's coming up

### MONDAY, FEB. 2

Community meeting about the Community Store, 7 p.m. at the Community Center

### TUESDAY, FEB. 3

Girls basketball vs. Ipswich, 6 p.m. at Ipswich

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 4

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

### THURSDAY, FEB. 5

Girls basketball vs. Sunshine Bible Academy, 6 p.m. at SBA (Miller)

### SATURDAY, FEB. 7

Basketball doubleheader — Highmore Classic, time TBD at Highmore

### MONDAY, FEB. 9

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

### TUESDAY, FEB. 10

Boys basketball vs. Groton Area, 6:30 p.m. at Frederick (Senior Night)

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11

Region 4 Small Group Music Contest, ARCC in Aberdeen

### THURSDAY, FEB. 12

Girls basketball vs. Herreid/Selby Area, 6:30 p.m. at Selby

### SATURDAY, FEB. 14

Basketball doubleheader vs. Webster, 1 p.m. at Webster

### MONDAY, FEB. 16

Boys basketball vs. Ethan, 6 p.m. at the Corn Palace. This is a make-up game from the Hanson Classic.

### TUESDAY, FEB. 17

Girls basketball vs. North Central, 6:30 p.m. at Leola (Senior Night)

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## Community Store conversation continues

### Store board to provide an update, get more feedback on Feb. 2

BY HEIDI MARTILA-LOSURE

Members of the community are invited to a second public meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, at the Community Center to hear an update on the Community Store's current situation and discuss possible paths forward.

Store board member Thersia Cox said the situation is better than it was on Dec. 22 when the previous public meeting was held.

"Our sales have gone up," she said. "We appreciate the support that we've gotten from the community."

The board has been working to address the store's financial situation by sourcing from lower-cost vendors and keeping staffing to a minimum. Cox recognized efforts by many people to keep the store running: board members, community member Stacy Bretsch, and employees Daisy Christiansen, Dusty Johnson, Tami Thom-



The Dec. 22 meeting to discuss the Community Store's future had a good turnout.

as, and Olivia Morlock.

"We wouldn't have gotten this far without them," Cox said. "I am proud of what we've done in the last five weeks."

Movement is in the right direction, but the store still has some big problems to solve. The challenges it faces were discussed at the Dec. 22 meeting, when about 40 community members gathered to discuss the store's future. At that point, the situation was dire: The store was financially overextended, its manager had resigned, and many shelves were bare. Board president Miles Bretsch summarized the basic issue as an expenses-to-income

problem: "We can't afford the salaries we've got for the sales we've got. It just don't work."

Board member Wyatt Sumpston started the public conversation by asking for input. "What we want to do tonight is open it up to everyone here, whoever wants to speak, for ideas, concerns, maybe some solutions—any little thing that might help keep the store going, or ultimately let us know that maybe the community doesn't want the store anymore."

Community members there seemed unanimous in their support of the store. They

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## Clark receives agri-business honor

Agtegra Regional Agronomy Sales Manager Dave Clark, of Frederick, received the Leon Wrage Award at the South Dakota Agri-Business Association annual Ag Expo in Sioux Falls in January. "Dave Clark has had a career that reflects the values, commitment and dedication of Leon Wrage, and we are proud to recognize him with this award," said Mark Schaffner, SDABA Board President. "Clark is known for his dedication to the agricultural industry, his exceptional leadership within the cooperative system and his lasting contribution to the SDABA." Over the past 32 years, Dave has built a career rooted in the cooperative model, progressing from operations to agronomy, then into leadership roles. He has served with SDABA for 19 years on the Board of Directors and served three terms as President. The Leon Wrage award honors individuals for exemplary service to the crop production industry.



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## Second-Quarter Honor Roll

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### Straight A Honor Roll

Dawson Clark (7)	Jayden Ellwein (10)	Christopher Voeller (11)
Abel Janke (7)	Eli Nickelson (10)	Winston Clark (12)
Eden Podoll (8)	Howard Sumption (10)	Emily Dallmann (12)
McKenna Sumption (8)	Katelyn Bretsch (11)	Nevan Jensen (12)
Ruby Dallmann (9)	Samantha Dallmann (11)	Erik Losure (12)
Tristan Tschappat (9)	Jax Holmes (11)	Milo Sumption (12)
Arabella Clark (10)	Titus Kippley (11)	

### A Honor Roll

Fred Sumption (6)	Andrew Schlosser (9)	Preston Sumption (11)
Yuri Bain (7)	Case Bretsch (10)	Kalyce Achen (12)
Charlie Foley (7)	Ian Nickelson (10)	Hunter Kern (12)
Noah Pies (7)	Jace Thorpe (10)	Ayden Larsen (12)
Hadleigh Hoggarth (8)	Gage Burns (11)	Elijah Stugelmeyer (12)
Addison Wolbeck (8)	Domenick Pool (11)	Westyn Thorpe (12)

### B Honor Roll

Arabella Dosch (6)	Leah Grotelueschen (9)	Zoie Fischbach (11)
Hailey Jones (6)	Mileah Holmes (9)	Ella Kempf (11)
Teresa Rojas (6)	Kenna Janke (9)	Adalynn Lloyd (11)
Andrew Arneson (8)	Jaxon Ellwein (10)	Abigail Reed (11)
Aaron Kippley (8)	Quinn Huettl (10)	Chloe Akin (12)
Taryn Meidinger (8)	Jameson Winterberg (10)	Mia Bain (12)
Jacob Bain (9)	Karli Achen (11)	
Tate Dosch (9)	Abby Elsen (11)	



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# Parents, remind kids to dress for the weather

By JESSICA RINGGENBERG  
Frederick Area K-8 Principal

As I write this article for the FYI, the temperature is -5 degrees and is getting colder as the day goes on. I am always amazed at the number of teens that come to school in shorts and sweat-shirts, no coats with these kinds of temperatures. Even going uptown for lunch many students tend to either leave warm gear in their car or just "risk it." We do our best to ask them to put on coats, but a reminder from home about the importance of dressing appropriately during these cold temperatures and seeing that they have the appropriate gear is helpful too.

When it comes to riding the bus, we do our best to keep the buses warm, but sometimes things happen that delay our travel or cause a bus to stop. A minimum of pants and coats (with gloves and hat packed) would be the preferred bus dress code this time of year.

For those of you with elementary age students, we do go out to recess daily if the air temperature is above 0°F. We do factor in the "feels like" temperature when wind chills are a concern and will make a judgement call on if it is safe to go outside or not. It is best to always assume that we will be going out to recess and send students with snowpants, boots,



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winter coats, hats, and warm gloves. If you have trouble getting appropriate winter gear for your child, contact the school.

In other news, the school district is actively reviewing English Language Arts/Reading curriculum for grades K-12 to select updated curriculum in this area starting next school year. With new standards being adopted in 2025 and the state's initiative based on the Science of Reading, the timing of this curriculum selection lines up perfectly. Our district has already made strides in using the Science of Reading practices, but having support via curriculum will only strengthen our practices! For those who are curious as to just what the Science of Reading is all about and what it means in the education of your child, here is a link to an article to learn more. <https://www.improvingliteracy.org/resource/the-science-of-reading-an-overview>

## What's coming up

### THURSDAY, FEB. 19

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

### FRIDAY, FEB. 20

Basketball doubleheader vs. Warner, 5 p.m. at Warner

### MONDAY, FEB. 23

Girls Basketball Region 1B Tournament. Continues Tuesday and Thursday.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 27

Boys basketball vs. Ipswich, 6:30 p.m. at Ipswich

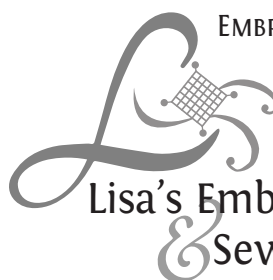
### MONDAY, MARCH 2

Boys Basketball Region 1B Tournament. Continues Tuesday and Friday.

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

### THURSDAY, MARCH 5

Girls Basketball SoDak 16



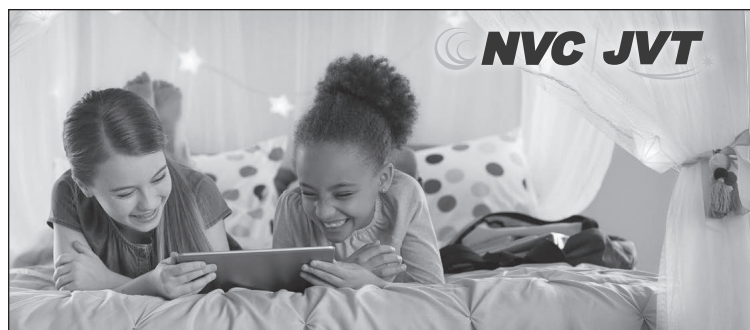
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## Development Corporation plans for 2026

By HEIDI MARTTILA-LOSURE

The Frederick Development Corporation (FDC) held its annual meeting Jan. 28 to review its work over the past year and discuss potential areas of focus for 2026. Board members reviewed the organization's 2025 annual report, which showed a focus on housing, including managing its properties, the sale of a completed twin home, and planning for future housing development.

One topic raised during the meeting as the FDC makes plans for the new year was the possibility of developing a convenience store with truck parking near the existing gas pumps along Highway 281. The board is discussing the idea after being approached by Agtegra, which currently operates the gas pumps under a long-term lease with the FDC. Under the potential structure discussed,

the FDC would own the building, and Agtegra would lease the facility and operate the store, similar to the arrangement currently in place for the gas pumps.

Board members noted that one reason they are considering the project is because it would capture new revenue from highway traffic, particularly vehicles that do not currently stop in Frederick. One board member noted that a recent traffic study showed that the number of vehicles passing by has nearly doubled in recent years, to 2,500-3,000 vehicles a day.

Board members emphasized that the idea is in a planning stage and that no final decision has been made. Any potential project would require further evaluation, including financial analysis and consideration of community input, before moving forward.

In addition to the convenience

store discussion, the board reiterated its ongoing interest in housing-related work, including exploring options for funding a spec home project on a lot on Second Avenue. The FDC's recently completed housing study suggested that rental housing is a potential need for the community, so that will be on the FDC's radar as well.

Those interested in learning more about the FDC's work or in getting involved are encouraged to contact a board member. A list of board members is in the annual report, available here: <https://www.fredericksd.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/FDC-2025-Annual-Report.pdf> Membership in the FDC is open to the public with a one-time \$25 fee, and members are welcome to attend board meetings.

*Note: Heidi Marttila-Losure currently serves as FDC vice president.*

## Perfect score on science



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Frederick Area freshman Tristan Tschappat achieved something extraordinary last spring during the state's South Dakota State testing period: He was one of only 17 students at grade level in the entire state that scored a perfect score on the South Dakota Science Assessment.



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## Sumption receives scholarship



Dakota Wesleyan University recently announced its fall scholarship day recipients. Students with outstanding academic status, leadership potential and commitment to serving others were invited to campus to meet with faculty, staff and students while taking part in academic activities and interviews.

Frederick Area senior Milo Sumption was awarded one of DWU's most competitive scholarships, The Randall Scholarship. The scholarship is \$100,000 over four years.



# Many items donated to Historical Society in 2025

BY MITCH MIKKONEN  
FAHS President

This year proved to be another busy one for the Frederick Area Historical Society (FAHS).

Our facility was used to host gatherings for two different graduating classes for former Frederick High School graduates. The class of 1964 met during mid summer and the class of 1985 met during the latter part of the summer. The participants were pleased to have a place to meet and share memories from days gone by.

One of our priorities is to maintain the buildings and the property for public use. We take pride, along with your support, to be able to provide a meeting place for various events.

Our main project this year was to give the Senn Schoolhouse a good scraping and a couple of coats of paint. Nothing like a fresh coat of paint to give the building a sparkle. We also had the wood trim around the bay windows and door on the west side of the Fylppa Building touched up. Thanks to Zach Mikkonen (Class of 2019) for helping with these projects. We would also like to thank the North Brown Community Foundation for helping fund these projects with a grant sponsored by the foundation. Also thanks to Gappa Electric for their help and support with our projects.

We also had the opportunity to add some memorabilia to our museum for future generations to enjoy. The family of a former Frederick resident and area Lutheran Pastor, Reverend

Thorson, had many of his items used by him during his ministry during the 1950s. There were a number of things that were unique to the Lutheran pastors such as his robe, collar, various literary publications, and a vintage typewriter which was in excellent condition.

Another family donated a beautiful Finnish bible used by a Finnish pastor who served the Finnish community during the 1800s. And finally the Frederick Lutheran church donated an organ which was used in the Lutheran church for more than 70 years.

Former FHS graduate Dave Campbell (Class of 1985), a collector of military memorabilia, donated a footlocker loaded with equipment from WWI. The footlocker belonged to an area soldier. Military clothing, caps, a helmet, ammo belt, goggles, instruction manuals, shovel for digging foxholes and other military items made up the contents in the footlocker. The owner of the footlocker, Private Senn, was also related to the Senn family who owned land north of Frederick. The one-room Senn Schoolhouse located on our property, was moved from the Senn farmstead a few years ago.

As the FAHS enters our 16th year of operations, we are so thankful for the support and contributions we receive from our members and donors to keep our mission alive.

Also a special thanks to all the volunteers who donate their time and energy "to celebrate our heritage and preserve it for future generations."



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## City of Frederick December 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Frederick's town board meeting was held Monday, December 8, 2025 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:02 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board members Troy Millard and Marty Morlock, Finance Officer Jennifer Morlock, 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 November meeting were read and approved with a motion by Millard/Morlock; motion carried. The financial statements were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Millard/Campbell; motion carried. The December accounts payable were approved with a motion by Millard/Campbell; motion carried.

### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MDU electric BP/Wtr/MunBldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL	\$1,162.66
Badger Meter fees Swr	\$137.76
Black Mountain Software utility support Wtr/Swr/Grbg	\$5341.19
Brown Co Sheriff, deputy svcs Gen'l	\$1,041.67
Century Bus Products copies Gen'l	\$25
D. Losure wage Sts/Wtr/Swr	\$627.98
Dependable Sanitation Grbg	\$1,698
DRN Readitech service FO	\$21.04
EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cnty	\$982.08
First National Bank security box Gen'l	\$8
Farmer's Union Oil propane EBL	\$318.25
FDC Gen'l	\$1,200
J. Morlock wage FO	\$1,512.30
JVT Gen'l/Wtr/EBL/FO	\$294.72
M. Cox wage EBL	\$575.90
M. Heine wage FO	\$1,264.90
M. Morlock wage Gen'l	\$46.17

McQuillen Creative Group publishing Gen'l	\$25.22
O. Morlock wage CC	\$46.17
R. Bakeberg supervisor wage Wtr	\$240.11
S. Campbell wage Gen'l	\$69.26
R. Bakeberg wage Cnty	\$265.50
R. Bushby balance due Wtr/Swr/Grbg	\$15.84
SD Dept of Hlth test Wtr	\$696
SDML WC worker's comp fund Gen'l	\$66.92
SD Water & Wastewater dues Wtr	\$10
T. Millard wage Gen'l	\$46.17
USDA-RD loan Wtr	\$475
USDA-RD loan Swr	\$3,763
VISA postage, supplies Gen'l	\$252.24
WEB Water Wtr	\$4,642.59

### OLD BUSINESS

Losure provided a utility report. The board reviewed the Brown County Sheriff's Report. The board discussed cleanup of nuisance properties and will be discussed throughout the winter for cleaning up future properties.

### NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve first reading of Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance, Ordinance No 2025-03 made by Morlock/Millard, roll call vote had ayes by all; motion carried. Second reading will be held December 22, 2025 at 7PM. American Red Cross asked the city about buildings for disaster shelter and it was discussed to utilize both the

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, January 7 at 7PM.

Motion to adjourn made by Morlock/Millard at 7:40 PM; motion carried.

M. Heine, Assistant Finance Officer

## Notice of Vacancy: Municipality of Westport

The following office will become vacant due to

the expiration of the present term of office of the elective officer:

- Mitchell Wilson 3 yr term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on February 2nd, 2026 and petitions may be filed in the office of the finance officer located at 29 East Main Street Westport SD between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. not later than the 24th day of March, 2026 at 5:00pm. For questions, please call finance officer at 605-228-3703.

Deb Schlosser, Finance Officer

## Town of Westport January 5, 2026 General Meeting

The Town of Westport met on January 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., with Mitch Wilson, Shane Storm, Troy Tschappat, Brad and Jan Ellefson, and Deb Schlosser present.

The following bills were presented:

<b>City General:</b> NW Energy- utilities	\$716.53
Groton Independent-December minutes and legal notice	\$32.23
Performance Oil-propane	\$79.16
SD Unemployment-4th Qtr	\$13.71
US Treasury-4th Qtr taxes	\$789.58
US Treasury-Federal Unemployment	\$78.51
CWF-snow removal	\$1750.00
<b>Sewer:</b> NW Energy-Lift Station utilities	\$66.39
Dahme Construction-storm sewer repair and asphalt patching	\$30,200.00
Water: WEB-water	\$2111.87
Public Health Laboratory-water testing	\$20.00
Troy Tschappat motioned, second by Shane Storm to pay all bills.	
The following deposits were presented:	
<b>City General:</b> State of SD	\$1948.43
Brown County Collections	\$794.50
Interest	\$59.14

Mitch Wilson	\$1300.2
<b>Sewer:</b> Resident Payments	\$1887.64
<b>Water:</b> Resident Payments	\$2831.47

**OLD BUSINESS:** Brad and Jan Ellefson presented paperwork for land transfer in the city of Westport. One more step needs to be completed so that will be done at February meeting along with the resolution. New Business: Troy Tschappat motioned, second by Shane Storm to have city election on June 2, 2026 if needed. Motion by Shane Storm, second by Troy Tschappat to approve 2026 Dakota Pump and Control inspection contract.

**SALARIES FOR 2026:** Mitch Wilson, \$50 per meeting, \$200/month for water reading/billing; Shane Storm, \$50 per meeting; Troy Tschappat, \$50 per meeting; Deb Schlosser, \$300/month for Finance Officer, city mower, \$17/hour.

Meeting dismissed at 7:34 p.m.

Deb Schlosser, Finance Officer

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

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Community Store Gen'l	\$743
Century Bus Products copies Gen'l	\$25
D. Losure wage Sts/Wtr/Swr	\$535.63
Dependable Sanitation Grbg	\$1,654
DRN Readitech service FO	\$294.3
EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cnty	\$1,018.62
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SDARWA leak detection Wtr	\$400
SD Dept of Hlth test Wtr	\$20
SD Dept of Rev sales tax Gen'l	\$64.64
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#### NEW BUSINESS

Dustin and Dave Uselman approached the council about adding residences to a lot and the possibility of needing a variance or approaching the zoning board at a later meeting to accommodate the new buildings. Campbell moves to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 7:51. At 8:03, the Board returned from Executive Session to Open Session. Motion to approve wages and salaries for 2026 as follows: Chairman of the Board \$25/month + \$50/mtg; Board Members \$50/mtg; mowing wage \$13/hr; cemetery \$600/yr (semi-annually); utility manager \$500 base + \$21/hr with stipulation of additional water supervisor base wage when certified; utility associate \$17/hr; water supervisor \$260/mo; Community Center maintenance \$25.75/occurrence; Finance Officer \$1850/month; Assistant Finance Officer \$1450/month; Librarian \$14/hr; Assistant Library \$12.50/hr made by Millard/Campbell, roll call vote had ayes by all; motion carried. Motion to accept Emma Burnham Library annual report made by Millard/Morlock; motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 7PM.

Motion to adjourn made by Millard/Morlock at 8:11 PM; motion carried.

M. Heine, Assistant Finance Officer

## Frederick Area School District #6-2 Regular Board Meeting, January 12, 2026

A regular meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education was called to order on January 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Rich Achen, Jon Ellwein, Alex Hart and Eric Sumption. Also

present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Kusters, PreK-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg and Business Manager Shauna Severson. Other members of the community were present via Zoom.

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

No public comment.

**2026-066** Motion by Hart, second by Ellwein to approve the agenda as presented. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest disclosures.

The following reported to the Board: Jeff Kusters: Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director; Jessica Ringgenberg: K-8 Principal, Shauna Severson: Business Manager.

**2026-067** Motion by Achen, second by Sumption to approve the following consent agenda items. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

- December 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes
- December 2025 Financial Report
- December 2025 Payroll
- District Bills

#### FINANCIAL REPORT:

General Fund- Bal	12-1-25: \$236,727.09
Adjustments (\$537.30)	
Starting Balance:	\$236,189.79
Receipts:	\$140,383.36
Disbursements:	\$190,844.95
Bal 12-31-25:	\$185,728.20
Investments: Bal 12-1-25:	\$1,043,102.98
Adjustments	(\$274,333.73)
Interest:	\$3,156.65
Bal 12-31-25:	\$1,188,225.90
Ending Fund Balance:	\$1,204,554.10
Imprest Fund: Bal 12-1-25:	\$5,366.00
Receipts:	\$148.00
Disbursements:	\$1,323.20
Bal 12-31-25:	\$4,190.80
Capital Outlay Fund: Bal 12-1-25:	\$537,712.29
Receipts:	\$65,539.72
Disbursements:	\$306.66
Bal 12-31-25:	\$602,945.35
Investments: Bal 12-1-25:	\$2,639,180.78
Adjustments:	\$174,095.50
Interest:	\$6,435.91
Bal 12-31-25:	\$2,663,026.19
Ending Fund Balance:	\$3,265,971.54
Special Education Fund	
Checking: Bal 12-1-25:	\$111,659.24
Adjustments	(\$16,000)
Receipts:	\$21,025.58
Disbursements:	\$26,232.92
Bal 12-31-25:	\$106,291.90
Investments: Bal 12-1-25:	\$1,293,535.15
Interest Adjustments:	\$10,024.23
Interest:	\$3,888.35
Bal 12-31-25:	\$1,307,447.73
Ending Fund Balance:	\$1,413,739.63
Food Service Fund:	
Bal 12-1-25:	\$30,459.85
Interest Adjustments:	(\$570.00)
Receipts:	\$6,418.98
Disbursements:	\$13,504.11
Bal 12-31-25:	\$23,317.72
Drivers Ed Fund: Bal 12-31-25:	\$4,747.60
Custodial Funds: Bal 12-1-25:	\$69,485.29
Receipts:	\$5,114.29
Disbursements:	\$7,322.37
12-31-25:	\$67,277.21
Ovid J Stevens Scholarship:	
Checking: Bal 12-31-25:	\$85
Investments: Bal 12-1-25:	\$21,907.61
Interest:	\$5.68
Bal 12-31-25:	\$21,913.29
Ending Fund Balance:	\$21,914.14
Claims approved:	
General Fund salaries	94,510.81

Special Education salaries	14,369.86
Food Service salaries	4,375.19
AFLAC-supplemental insurance	1,874.73
American Funds-retirement	225.00
Delta Dental-insurance	2,303.66
EFTPS-federal inc tax/SS/Medicare	29,539.73
ID Shield-identify theft	8.45
Northern Plains Ins Pool-insurance	20,822.50
Optilegra-insurance	442.57
SDRS-retirement	16,931.80
SDRS Supplemental-retirement	3,483.33
Security Benefits-retirement	2,739.18
The Standard-life insurance	180.42
Total:	\$191,807.23

Bills approved:

General Fund: Agtegra-fuel	2,955.82
Amazon Capital Services-Supplies	677.55
Avera St Luke's-PT Athletes	136.64
Cash-Wa Distributing Fargo Division-FFVP/	
Concessions	1,658.64
Century Business Products-Copier Overage/	
Supplies	324.94
Cole Papers Inc-supplies	1,377.38
Comfort Suites University-ag lodging	224.00
Farmers Union Oil-bus service	372.99
FASD Imprest Fund-Misc.	1,323.20
Foreman Sales & Service-Bus Repair	637.72
Fork Farms-ag supplies	399.80
Fred Duncan Performance-track supplies	99.99
Holiday- fuel	89.25
JVT-Phone	249.43
Kapco-library supplies	30.55
Kens-concessions	496.75
Kessler, Jackie-mileage/meal	165.20
McQuillen Creative Group-publishing	157.05
Menards-freezer/supplies	551.18
Merchant Services-CC Processing Fees	92.38
Midco-fitness center cable	102.65
Midwest Wall Systems-house repair	459.00
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.-Utilities	5,201.05
Pantorium Cleaners Inc-supplies	163.40
Pashen, Jennifer-education reimb	111.38
Praxis-test/certification	196.89
Prorate Services-DOT test	878.3
Region 4 Music-small/large group registration	197.50
Scholastic Book Fairs-book fair	1,132.61
SD Assoc of Ag Educators-winter PD	65.00
SD DOE-zoom license	13.20
SD FFA-state lodging	517.59
SDIAAA-AD conference registration	104.00
Target-supplies	44.04
Taylor Music-Repairs	211.00
Teachers Pay Teachers-Curric Supp	42.10
Time Management Systems-red rover hiring	1,300.00
implementation	
Town of Frederick-utilities	643.77
Wal-Mart-Supplies	133.48
Weber Assoc.-prof. presentations/PD	5,800.00
Capital Outlay Fund:	
Century Business Products-copier lease	306.66
Special Education Fund:	
Avera St Luke's-OT/PT	3,216.40
Eventbrite-conference registration	160.00
Food Service Fund: Amazon-supplies	120.08
Cash-Wa Distributing-food	2,655.82
Child & Adult Nutrition-commo proc	559.81
Frederick Area School-food	152.72
Ken's-Food	36.26
Pantorium Cleaners Inc-Supplies	100.00
Imprest Fund:	
Buckwalter, Kurt-ref/mileage	228.20
First National Bank-state FFA meals	266.00
Frericks, Kris-ref/mileage	186.00
Kjellsen, Jordan-ref/mileage	125.00
Lorenz, Daren-ref/mileage	150.00
Planteen, Dave-ref/mileage	210.00
Weismantel, Martin-ref/mileage	158.00
Custodial Funds:	
Anthem Sports-fb supplies	106.10

BSN Sports-gbb warmups	246.24
-youth jerseys	1,036.80
Cenex-fbla supplies	12.48
Crumb Cookie-FFA food	34.76
CWD Direct-FBLA holiday ext. meal	99.86
Frederick Area-conc credit card machine	652.17
Hobby Lobby-FBLA supplies	318
Kesslers-FBLA holiday ext. meal	45.61
MB,LLC-FFA shirts	104.08
myfruitsale.com-FBLA fundraiser	4,780.26
National FFA-FFA supplies	18.00
Plainview Colony-FBLA holiday ext. food	198.00
Target-FBLA supplies	16.97
FFA supplies	46.58
Wal-Mart-FBLA holiday ext. meal	413.73
FFA supplies	473.89

**2026-068** Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to offer and approve a part-time custodial contract to Jean Schmidt. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

**2026-069** Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to accept the resignation from Zoe Olson effective December 19, 2025. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

**2026-070** Motion by Sumption, second by Achen to approve the addition of a custodial account - Class Trip. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

The board would like to recognize Zoe Olson for her time with the district and congratulate Milo Sumption on being one of two recipients of a \$100,000 scholarship to Dakota Wesleyan University.

**2026-071** Motion by Hart, second by Sumption to go into executive session at 6:17 p.m. for 1-25-2 (1) Personnel. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Schlosser declared the board out of executive session at 9:57 p.m.

**2026-072** Motion by Achen, second by Ellwein to adjourn at 9:58 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Rich Schlosser, President

Shauna Severson, Business Manager

## Notice of Vacancy: Municipality of Frederick

The following office will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Frederick Board Member, 3-year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 30, 2026 and petitions may be picked up and filed with the finance officer. Finance Officer may be contacted Monday thru Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at the First National Bank of Frederick 314 Main Street. Final day for turning in petitions is February 27, 2026 by 5:00pm. Finance Officer will be at the Finance Office, located at 406 3rd Avenue, Frederick, SD from 4:00-5:00 pm on the final day.

Jennifer Morlock, Frederick Finance Officer

## City of Frederick: Ordinance No. 2025-03: Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance for the Year 2025

Be it ordained by the Town of Frederick that the following sum is supplementally appropriated to meet the obligations of the municipality.

414.20 Finance Officer \$392.72

432.00 Sanitation 2,615.85  
 437.00 Cemetery 115.46  
 452.00 Parks - Ball 640.46  
 465.30 Promoting the City 3,300.00  
 Total General Fund 7,064.49  
 Total Water Fund 36,840.90  
 Total Appropriations 43,905.39  
 Source of Funding  
 Undesignated Funds \$28,905.39  
 Contingency Fund 15,000.00  
 Total Source of Funding \$43,905.39  
 Signed and Dated by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Frederick;  
 R. Scott Campbell, Chairman /s/ R. Scott Campbell Date 12-22-2025  
 Troy Millard, Board Member /s/ Troy Millard Date 12-22-2025  
 Marty Morlock, Board Member /s/ Marty Morlock Date 12-22-2025  
 Passed First Reading December 8, 2025  
 Passed Second Reading December 22, 2025  
 Published December 22, 2025  
 Effective Immediately

## Notice of Audit of the Fiscal Affairs of the

### Frederick Area School District No. 6-2

Notice is hereby given that the Frederick Area School District No. 6-2, Frederick, South Dakota, has been audited by Cahill Bauer & Associates, LLC for the year ended June 30, 2025. A detailed report thereon is available for public inspection, during normal business hours, at the business office of the School District, and also available at the Department of Legislative Audit in Pierre, South Dakota or on the Department of Legislative Audit website at [http://www.state.sd.us/legislativeaudit/Reports/reports\\_all.htm](http://www.state.sd.us/legislativeaudit/Reports/reports_all.htm).

The following findings and recommendations provide a brief description of material weaknesses in internal control that are described in more detail in the audit report.

**Finding:** A lack of segregation of duties over revenues and expenditures exists, which could result in errors not being found in a timely manner.

**Recommendation:** We recommend a high level of awareness be maintained by management to assist in preventing, detecting, or correcting matters that may arise due to this internal control weakness. Compensating controls should be implemented as necessary.

**Finding:** We proposed material audit adjustments that would not have been identified as a result of the School District's existing internal controls, and therefore could have resulted in a material misstatement of the School District's financial statements.

**Recommendation:** It is the responsibility of management and those charged with governance to make the decision whether to accept the degree of risk associated with this condition because of cost and other considerations.

**Finding:** The School District does not have an internal control system designed to provide for the preparation of the annual financial statements being audited, including required footnotes and disclosures, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. As auditors, we were requested to draft the financial statements.

**Recommendation:** It is the responsibility of management and those charged with governance to make the decision whether to accept the degree of risk associated with this condition because of cost or other considerations.

**Finding:** The School District is required to properly calculate payroll deductions based on the appropriate compensation as defined by law.

**Recommendation:** The School District should implement a review process for payroll that can identify errors and/or miscalculations in payroll.

CAHILL BAUER & ASSOCIATES, LLC

### Frederick Area School District No. 6-2: Notice of Vacancy on School Board

The following school board positions will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office.

- Jon Ellwein, School Board Member, 3-year term
- Eric Sumption, School Board Member, 3-year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on February 2, 2026, and petitions may be filed in the office of the business manager located at 202 E Main St, Frederick, SD on official school calendar days between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., central time, not later than March 24, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., or mailed by registered mail not later than March 24, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Shauna Severson, Business Manager

## Store: Options discussed

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recognized it as a place tied to local history and pride, as well as a local gathering place—one of the few places regularly open during the day. “Every person in here tonight wants the store to stay open,” said Frederick resident Gary Peterson. “So, what we need to do is figure out how we can make that happen.”

But the challenges, many of them out of the hands of the community, aren't easily overcome. Some of the problems have been with the store for years, including more choice at stores elsewhere and produce spoiling before it sells. Other challenges are new, such as not being able to prepare food on-site because none of the remaining workers have the needed food safety training.

One significant new challenge is the availability of grocery delivery in Frederick. “We're up against the Walmarts, the Sams Clubs that deliver right to your door,” Cox said at the meeting. “It's a whole different kind of situation than it was 20 years ago ... People can sit on their couch

and order everything they need.”

There seemed to be general agreement that a new direction for the store was needed. The conversation focused on practical changes that could make the store more viable while preserving its role as a hub of the community. A variety of options were discussed:

- using different vendors with better terms, products, and/or prices
- setting up a pre-ordering system or online ordering with pick-up at the store
- reducing inventory to focus on predictable need
- limiting hours
- focusing on ready-made meals or take-and-heat options
- continuing to use the building as a community gathering space in other ways

The plan at the end of the December meeting was for store board members to meet to discuss these ideas, then bring a plan to the community. Monday's meeting is the date for community members to get that update.

## Elementary athletes get new uniforms



FASD PHOTOS

Frederick Area's elementary basketball teams are sporting their new uniforms thanks to the sponsorship of Frederick Farmers Elevator, Frederick Seed, LLC, and Elm Valley Community Club.





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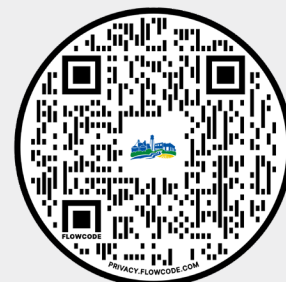
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### Education budget is disappointing

By Ben Korman  
Frederick Area Superintendent  
But School will receive with  
the start of the second semester an  
increase of 1% in the state aid.  
The Governor gave his annual  
budget address recently, and he is  
increasing the state aid to school  
districts by 1% for the next year.  
This year's increase is a disappointment  
for the school district, but it is a  
step in the right direction.

### Public asked for input on store's future

Members of the community  
are invited to a meeting to  
discuss the future of the  
Community Store in Frederick.  
The meeting will be held on  
Thursday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m.  
at the store.  
The store is a community  
asset, and the future of the  
store is a topic of interest to  
many in the community.  
The meeting will be held at  
the store, which is located at  
100 N. 2nd St. in Frederick.  
The meeting is free and open  
to all.



# Scenes from hoops season

**RIGHT:** Fans react during a key moment of the Titans' game against Waubay-Summit on Jan. 3: With the Titans down by one point, Winston Clark put up a three-pointer and was fouled with 1.6 seconds left on the clock. **BELOW:** Clark was sent to the free throw line, where he made two of three free throws to give the Titans the lead and the game. (See the photo of his teammates encouraging him between those two moments on page 11.)



Noah Heuer tries to block an in-bound pass during the Titans' JV game against Britton-Hecla.



Westyn Thorpe sends a no-look pass to his brother Jace during the Waverly-South Shore game on Jan. 10 in Frederick.



Titans and fans celebrate after the win over Faulkton.



Titans led by Kalyce Achen head out onto the court for warmups before their game against Northwestern.



# Titans finding their rhythm as a team

The Titans are sporting an 11–2 record as they prepare for their last matchup of January against South Border. Head coach Brock Pashen said the team has learned how to handle close games without losing focus on what matters most.

“We’ve found ways to win games that I’d consider coin flips,” Pashen said. “Win or lose, we’d still have the same boys in the locker room, so we’re just focusing on the things we can control and on getting better where we need to.”

That approach has led to a balanced offensive effort, with different players stepping up from game to game. The team’s leading scorer has rarely been the same player in consecutive games, reflecting a lineup in which scoring responsibilities are shared.

And on defense, everybody is expected to work. Pashen pointed to the team’s performance following the Britton game as a turning point.

“I think the boys have seen what happens when we focus on the dirty things—defense and rebounding,” he said. “They’ve really bought into accepting their role and being a star in that role. They’ve put their egos aside for the good of the team and are doing what’s being asked of them.”

The team has found its way to the top 10 in Class B seed points, which, if they can stay there, would give them a solid footing from which to compete in the postseason.

## TITAN BOYS BASKETBALL (11-2)

12/13/25 Langford Area	W 63-33	Frederick Area School Gym
12/16/25 Oakes	W 65-54	Frederick Area School Gym
12/18/25 Aberdeen Christian	L 62-70	Leola School
12/30/25 Viborg-Hurley	L 42-57	Huron Arena
1/3/26 Waubay/Summit	W 49-48	Waubay School Gym
1/6/26 Wilmot	W 72-42	Wilmot High School Gym
1/8/26 Aberdeen Roncalli	W 60-49	Aberdeen Catholic Schools
1/10/26 Waverly-South Shore	W 59-28	Frederick Area School Gym
1/13/26 North Central	W 49-42	Eureka High School
1/17/26 Ellendale	W 42-34	Ellendale High School
1/22/26 Northwestern	W 69-54	Frederick Area School Gym
1/27/26 Britton-Hecla	W 47-33	Britton-Hecla High School
1/29/26 Faulkton Area	W 64-45	Leola School
1/31/26 South Border	5:00 PM	Leola School
Jones County	2:00 PM	Hyde Co. Memorial Auditorium
2/10/26 Groton Area	8:00 PM	Frederick Area School Gym
2/14/26 Webster Area	5:30 PM	Webster Armory
2/20/26 Warner	8:00 PM	Warner High School
2/27/26 Ipswich	8:00 PM	Ipswich Public School District
March 2, 3, 6		Region 1B Tournament
March 10		SoDak 16
March 19-21		Class B State Tournament (Aberdeen)

## BOYS BASKETBALL



Westyn Thorpe scores against Waubay-Summit Jan. 3 in Waubay.



Jace Thorpe tries to evade a Britton-Hecla defender.



Winston Clark gets reassurance from Milo Sumption and Westyn Thorpe before shooting critical free throws against Waubay-Summit.



Brayden Heuer puts up one of two three-pointers he scored against Faulkton.



Erik Losure goes to the hoop against North Central.



Milo Sumption saves a wild rebound during the Titans game against Britton-Hecla on Jan. 27 in Britton.





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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Titans weather highs and lows

By JEFF KOSTERS  
*Head Basketball Coach*

The Leola/Frederick Titan Girls Basketball season is beyond the halfway point, with eight games left in the regular season.

Our current record is 4-8 and we have games left with South Border, Ipswich, Sunshine Bible, Philip, Herreid/Selby Area, Webster, North Central, and Warner.

We are currently sitting as the eighth seed in our region and if nothing changes between now and the end of the season, we will host the nine seed, Aberdeen Christian, for a first-round game.

The post-season begins on Monday, Feb. 23, with the second and final rounds taking place on Tuesday, Feb. 24, and Thursday, Feb. 26. The SoDak16 will be played on Thursday, March 5, with the State B Tournament being held in Brookings from March 12-14.

### TITANS GIRLS BASKETBALL (4-8)

12/13/25	Langford Area	L 40-45	Frederick Area School Gym
12/18/25	Aberdeen Christian	W 35-20	Leola School
12/19/25	Strasburg/Zeeland	W 54-10	Leola School
12/30/25	Parker/Marion	L 31-46	Barnett Center
1/3/26	Waubay/Summit	L 28-57	Waubay School Gym
1/6/26	Wilmot	W 48-23	Wilmot High School Gym
1/10/26	Waverly-South Shore	W 54-27	Frederick Area School Gym
1/13/26	North Central	L 19-35	Eureka High School
1/17/26	Ellendale	L 31-43	Ellendale High School
1/22/26	Northwestern	L 34-44	Frederick Area School Gym
1/27/26	Britton-Hecla	L 37-44	Britton-Hecla High School
1/29/26	Faulkton Area	L 34-43	Leola School
1/31/26	South Border	3:30 PM	Leola School
2/3/26	Ipswich	7:30 PM	Ipswich Public School District
2/5/26	Sunshine Bible Academy	7:15 PM	SBA Event Center
2/7/26	Philip	3:30 PM	Hyde Co. Memorial Auditorium
2/12/26	Herreid/Selby Area	8:00 PM	Herreid High School
2/14/26	Webster Area	3:30 PM	Webster Armory
2/17/26	North Central	7:45 PM	Leola School
2/20/26	Warner	6:30 PM	Warner High School
Feb. 23, 24, 26			Region 1B Tournament
March 3			SoDak 16
March 12-14			Class B State Tournament (Brookings)



PHOTOS BY HEIDI MARTILA-LOSURE

**TOP LEFT:** Arabella Clark finds a path to the basket around a Faulkton defender Jan. 29 in Leola. **TOP RIGHT:** Eden Podoll puts up a healthy three-pointer during the Titans' game against Britton-Hecla Jan. 27 in Britton. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Karli Achen shoots over a Waverly-South Shore defender on Jan. 10 in Frederick. **BELOW RIGHT:** Kalyce Achen scores against Ellendale defender on Jan. 17 in Ellendale.

