

## What's coming up

### THURSDAY, MAY 28

State Track Meet in Sioux Falls. Continues Friday and Saturday.

Frederick baseball practice: T-ball at 5 p.m., Pee Wees at 6 p.m.

### MONDAY, JUNE 1

State Golf Meet in Brookings..Continues Tuesday.

Frederick baseball practice: T-ball at 5 p.m., Jr Pee Wees and Pee Wees at 6 p.m.

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

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

Frederick baseball practice: T-ball at 5 p.m., Jr Pee Wees and Pee Wees at 6 p.m.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 4

Frederick baseball vs Leola in Frederick: T-ball at 5 p.m., Jr. Pee Wees at 6 p.m., Pee Wees at 7 p.m.

### MONDAY, JUNE 8

Leola-Frederick Teeners baseball at 6 p.m. vs Claremont in Frederick. Pee Wees batting practice, 6 p.m. (optional)

Frederick Area School board meeting, 7 p.m. in the library

### TUESDAY, JUNE 9

Leola-Frederick Teeners baseball at 6 p.m. vs Britton in Frederick. Pee Wees batting practice at 6 p.m. (optional)

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

Frederick Pee Wees baseball vs Aberdeen at 6 p.m. at north fields in Aberdeen

### THURSDAY, JUNE 11

Leola-Frederick Pee Wees baseball at 6 p.m. vs Bath in Bath

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# Athletes bound for state



TRACK & FIELD



GOLF

PHOTOS BY HEIDI MARTILA-LOSURE (LEFT) AND COURTESY FASD (RIGHT)

**LEFT:** These 10 athletes, plus Jayden Ellwein (not pictured) and Chris Voeller (alternate, not pictured), will represent Frederick Area at the state track meet May 28-30 in Sioux Falls. They are, from left, Winston Clark, Titus Kippley, Milo Sumption, Noah Heuer, Jace Thorpe, Howard Sumption, Hunter Kern, Ian Nickelson, Erik Losure, and Westyn Thorpe. Athletes advance by being the top 24 times or distances in Class B in the state. Frederick Area will compete in seven events: 4x100 relay, 4x200 relay, 4x400 relay, 4x800 relay, medley relay, long jump (Noah Heuer), and 100-meter dash (Hunter Kern).

**RIGHT:** Ruby Dallmann shot a personal best 81 at the Region 1B Golf Meet at Lee Park in Aberdeen on May 18, earning her a third-place finish and punching her ticket to the state meet, which will be June 1-2 in Brookings.

## 'Mrs. B' honored at retirement

Retiring high school math teacher and coach Janelle Barondeau was given a standing ovation for her 32 years of service to the Frederick Area School District at Awards Night on May 13. K-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg presented Barondeau with a plaque. "Mrs. Barondeau has been an instrumental member of the staff, preparing students for the next level of education and coaching them about grit and determination," Ringgenberg said. "Mrs. Barondeau is well respected, and students and staff alike will agree—when she speaks, you listen. High school student respect isn't always easily earned, but with kindness and expectations, she has done that. Students can be heard correcting new students who don't know her, saying, 'You don't talk about Mrs. Barondeau like that.' This speaks volumes of her character and impact. Personally, I want



to thank Mrs. Barondeau for her support and mentorship. Her skill, presence, support, and dedication will be greatly missed here!" In her thank-you message, Barondeau said her time as a teacher at Frederick Area was rewarding for her because of the great kids she had the opportunity to work with over the years.

## WEB Water, CoBank donate to support ambulance purchase



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Frederick Area Fire & Rescue received a \$2,800 grant from WEB Water's Sharing Success program. The funds were matched by CoBank, so the department is receiving a total of \$5,600. The grant is to go toward the purchase of a newer ambulance, which will hopefully happen within the next year. Pictured are, from left, Shane Phillips, general manager at WEB Water; Scott Campbell, EMT; Donna Sumption, EMT; Dave Losure, EMT and ambulance director; Taylor Sumption, EMT; and Les Hinds, WEB Water board member.

## Ready, Set, GO!



Frederick Area students had a track and field day on the last day of school.

See more photos from the event on the school's Facebook page.



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# Finding a new facility for FFA is in the works

By JEFF KOSTERS

*Frederick Area Superintendent*

As hard as it is to believe, we have come to the end of another school year. This past year flew by, and we only had one “snow day” with a few late starts/early dismissals. I think the month of March was warmer than the month of April, as it seems like the weather has been difficult to deal with when trying to attend track meets and golf meets. The spring concerts, awards night, sports physicals, and graduation have all taken place already, and the school year will be coming to an official close on Thursday, May 21, with the last day having a 1:00 pm dismissal.

Spring activities have been in full swing with Track and Golf, and those seasons will both be wrapping up in the next couple of weeks. The State Track meet will take place in Sioux Falls on Thursday, May 28, and run through Saturday, May 30. Based on the current standings, Frederick Area looks to be well represented. We should hopefully have about a dozen athletes participating in the state meet. The State Golf meet will be held in Brookings on Monday, June 1, and Tuesday, June 2, and hopefully we will have at least two participants in the field for that as well. The boys will play at Brookings Country Club and the girls at Edgebrook Golf Course.

As we wrap up the school year and look forward to summer, it is not too early to begin looking ahead to next fall when we return for the 2026-27 school year. We currently have openings listed for a Library/E-mentor and a Paraprofessional, and we are also always looking to bolster our substitute teacher list, so if anyone has an interest in that, please reach out to us here at school.



If you may be interested in any coaching positions, we are currently searching for an assistant volleyball coach, jr high football coach, and jr high girls' basketball coach. Interested parties may contact me at school or via email for more information.

This past school year, an FFA/Ag program was added here at Frederick Area School. It was a successful first year, but our current facilities to house such a program are simply not adequate. We are currently renting space from the building down the street that the former restaurant used to operate out of. Moving forward, the district has been investigating other possible avenues to try and figure out a way to come up with space to adequately serve the program.

The fitness center is going to undergo a small project of its own this summer, as new flooring will be installed. This is planned for some time later in June and will result in the facility being closed for 2-3 days. More information will come closer to the start date, and we will share information via the school's Facebook page and signage in the fitness center itself leading up to that date so that everyone can be informed as best as possible.

Enjoy the summer break that is about to begin! It will go fast, and we will be back here in August for the start of another school year and all of the functions and activities that come with it.

## What's coming up

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### MONDAY, JUNE 15

**Frederick baseball vs Columbia in Columbia:** T-ball at 5 p.m., Jr. Pee Wees at 6 p.m., Pee Wees at 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 16

**Frederick baseball vs Claremont in Claremont:** T-ball at 5 p.m., Jr. Pee Wees at 6 p.m., Pee Wees at 7 p.m.

**Leola-Frederick Teeners baseball vs Aberdeen (B team)** at 5 p.m. in Aberdeen

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

**Frederick baseball practice:** T-ball at 5 p.m., Jr. Pee Wees and Pee Wees at 6 p.m.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 18

**Frederick Pee Wees baseball vs Bath,** 6 p.m. in Frederick

### MONDAY, JUNE 22

**Leola-Frederick Teeners baseball vs Aberdeen (A team)** at 5 p.m. in Aberdeen

**Frederick baseball practice:** T-ball at 5 p.m., Jr. Pee Wees and Pee Wees at 6 p.m.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 23

**Frederick baseball vs Andover in Andover:** T-ball at 5 p.m., Jr. Pee Wees at 6 p.m., Pee Wees at 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 25

**Frederick baseball practice:** T-ball at 5 p.m., Jr. Pee Wees and Pee Wees at 6 p.m.

**Leola-Frederick Teeners baseball vs Claremont** at 6 p.m. in Claremont

### SATURDAY, JUNE 27

**Westport Community Days.** Car show, 1-3 p.m.; little tyke show, 1-3 p.m.; riding lawn mower barrel races, 11 a.m.; tractor pull, 1-3 p.m.; entertainment all day; community meal, 4:30 p.m.. at The Shed; fireworks at dusk.

### MONDAY, JUNE 29

**Frederick baseball practice:**

T-ball at 5 p.m., Jr. Pee Wees and Pee Wees at 6 p.m.

**Leola-Frederick Teeners baseball vs Selby** at 6 p.m. in Leola

### TUESDAY, JUNE 30

**Frederick baseball vs Claremont in Frederick:** T-ball at 5 p.m., Jr. Pee Wees at 6 p.m., Pee Wees at 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

**Frederick baseball vs Andover in Frederick:** T-ball at 5 p.m., Jr. Pee Wees at 6 p.m., Pee Wees at 7 p.m.

**Leola-Frederick Teeners baseball vs Britton** at 6 p.m. in Britton

### THURSDAY, JULY 2

**Frederick baseball practice:** T-ball at 5 p.m., Jr. Pee Wees and Pee Wees at 6 p.m.

### MONDAY, JULY 6

**Teener Playoffs.** Continue Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

**Frederick baseball practice:** T-ball at 5 p.m., Jr. Pee Wees and Pee Wees at 6 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

**Frederick baseball practice:** T-ball at 5 p.m., Jr. Pee Wees and Pee Wees at 6 p.m.

### THURSDAY, JULY 9

**Frederick baseball vs Columbia in Frederick:** T-ball at 5 p.m., Jr. Pee Wees at 6 p.m., Pee Wees at 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY, JULY 11

**Three Rivers Pee Wee Tournament in Frederick.** Continues Saturday.

### THURSDAY, JULY 17

**Teeners State Tournament in Britton**

### FRIDAY, JULY 18

**Midget Tournament in Claremont**

### TUESDAY, JULY 21

**All-Star Game,** 4 p.m. in Bath



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## Losure is part of first class of NDSU's Honors College

FROM NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

North Dakota State University is proud to announce 30 incoming students selected for the inaugural cohort of the NDSU Honors College, including Erik Losure of Frederick Area.

Representing exceptional academic achievement, leadership and curiosity, these students will form the foundation of a bold new academic experience designed to explore the ethical, technical and societal dimensions of advanced technologies, including artificial intelligence, and human progress.

"We are grateful to welcome a group of outstanding students to the Honors College," said James Brown, Ph.D., Executive Director. "We begin our journey with gratitude and an abundance mindset where their curiosity, imagination, and bold thinking will push the boundaries of what is possible."

Losure, who plans to major in natural resource management, is one of five students from South Dakota. The cohort also includes 13 students from Minnesota, eight from North Dakota, three from Wisconsin and one from Alaska. Each brings a distinct perspective and passion for discovery. Students will begin classes this fall.

The Honors College was created to prepare the next generation of leaders and innovators through a highly collaborative, interdisciplinary approach.

Students will interrogate how emerging technologies are built, governed and experienced—learning from leading faculty while collaborating across disciplines and engaging directly with national and global thought leaders. Guest lecturers from leading institutions and compa-



**Erik Losure**

nies will help shape a curriculum designed to challenge students to think critically about the frameworks guiding technological progress.

Students in the Honors College will engage in a unique curriculum that blends classroom learning with hands-on research, mentorship and real-world problem-solving. Drawing from a wide range of disciplines, the program emphasizes collaboration across fields to address complex global challenges.

In addition to academic opportunities, students selected for the Honors College receive a scholarship designed to support their educational experience and remove financial barriers, allowing them to focus fully on their studies and research.

The launch of the Honors College marks a significant step forward for NDSU as a student-focused, R1 research institution committed to innovation and impact. As the first cohort begins its journey, these students will help shape the future of the program while setting a standard of excellence for those who follow.

Learn more on the Honors College webpage: <https://www.ndsu.edu/honors-college>

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# Frederick Area Awards Night honors accomplishments

An Awards Night program was held on May 13. Here are some of the things Frederick Area students achieved in the 2025-26 school year:

## Academic Honors

**Valedictorian:** Erik Losure

**Salutatorian:** Winston Clark

**High Honor Students:** Kalyce Achen, Winston Clark, Emily Dallmann, Nevan Jensen, Hunter Kern, Erik Losure, Milo Sumption

**Regent Scholars:** Kalyce Achen, Winston Clark, Emily Dallmann, Nevan Jensen, Hunter Kern, Erik Losure, Milo Sumption

**Alex Bowman Memorial Scholarship (\$500):** Milo Sumption

**Mark Nuese Scholarship (\$500):** Hunter Kern

**Sam Kenser Scholarship (\$1,000):** Westyn Thorpe, Winston Clark

**Bernice Rollo Scholarship (\$1,200):** Kalyce Achen

**Frederick Booster Club Scholarships (\$500):** Hunter Kern, Milo Sumption, Westyn Thorpe

**Dacotah Prairie Museum Scholarship (\$1,000):** Westyn Thorpe

**DRN Readi Tech Scholarship (\$500):** Westyn Thorpe

**Build Dakota Scholarship at Lake Area Technical College with RDO (full tuition, fees, and books):** Ayden Larsen

**North Dakota State University Honors College Scholarship (full tuition and living expenses):** Erik Losure

**John Randall Memorial Scholarship at Dakota Wesleyan (\$100,000):** Milo Sumption

**Concordia University-Nebraska Powerlifting Scholarship (\$10,000):** Elijah Stugelmeyer

**Frederick Alumni Association Scholarship (\$650):** Hunter Kern, Westyn Thorpe

**Ovid Stevens Scholarship:** Milo Sumption

**Elm Valley Mens Community Club Scholarship:** Hunter Kern, Milo Sumption, Winston Clark

**Columbia Congregational Church Scholarship (\$10,000, renewable):** Hunter Kern

**High School Science Quiz Bowl, third place:** Howard Sumption, Jayden Ellwein, Erik Losure, Milo Sumption, Eli Nickelson

**Junior High Science Quiz Bowl, third place:** McKenna Sumption, Dawson Clark, Andrew Schlosser, Tristan Tschappat

**Science Fair Awards:** Gage Burns, Milo Sumption, Erik Losure, Jayden Ellwein, Howard Sumption, Tristan Tschappat, Andrew Schlosser; Participants: Arabella Clark, Ian Nickelson, Jace Thorpe, Jaxon Ellwein, Abby Elsen, Adalynn Lloyd, Jayden Ellwein

### Music Awards:

**Superior at Small-Group Music Contest:** Katelyn Brestch (2), Adalynn Lloyd (4).

**All-State Choir Participants:** Emily Dallmann, Aubrey Bakke, Noah Heuer, Jayden Ellwein

**Senior Recognition:** Westyn Thorpe, Nevan Jensen, Winston Clark, Brayden Heuer, Mia Bain, Emily Dallmann, Kalyce Achen, Erik Losure, Milo Sumption

**Music MVPs:** Katelyn Brestch, Adalynn Lloyd  
**Junior High Music MVPs:** Eden Podoll, McKenna Sumption

## Extracurricular Letters

### Eighth Grade:

**Cross Country:** Hadleigh Hoggarth, Aaron Kippley

**Basketball:** Eden Podoll, Addison Wolbeck

**Golf:** Addison Wolbeck

**Track:** Aaron Kippley

**Volleyball:** Eden Podoll

### Freshmen:

**Cross Country:** Tate Dosch

**Golf:** Ruby Dallmann

**Track:** Tate Dosch, Andrew Schlosser

### Sophomores:

**Cross Country:** Jaxon Ellwein, Jayden Ellwein, Howard Sumption

**Basketball:** Arabella Clark, Quinn Huettl, Jace Thorpe

**Football:** Noah Heuer, Quinn Huettl, Howard Sumption, Jace Thorpe

**Golf:** Jaxon Ellwein, Eli Nickelson

**Powerlifting:** Case Brestch

**Track:** Arabella Clark, Jayden Ellwein, Noah Heuer, Ian Nickelson, Howard Sumption, Jace Thorpe

**Volleyball:** Arabella Clark

### Juniors:

**Cross Country:** Katelyn Brestch, Titus Kippley

**Basketball:** Karli Achen, Abby Elsen, Titus Kippley

**Football:** Preston Sumption



Graduating seniors receiving high honors are Erik Losure, Emily Dallmann, Hunter Kern, Winston Clark, Milo Sumption, Kalyce Achen and (not pictured) Nevan Jensen.

**Track:** Katelyn Brestch, Gage Burns, Titus Kippley, Christopher Voeller

**Volleyball:** Karli Achen, Ella Kempf

### Seniors:

**Cross Country:** Milo Sumption

**Basketball:** Kalyce Achen, Winston Clark, Erik Losure, Milo Sumption, Westyn Thorpe

**Football:** Brayden Heuer, Hunter Kern, Ayden Larsen, Erik Losure, Milo Sumption, Westyn Thorpe

**Golf:** Westyn Thorpe

**Powerlifting:** Elijah Stugelmeyer

**Track:** Kalyce Achen, Winston Clark, Brayden Heuer, Hunter Kern, Erik Losure, Elijah Stugelmeyer, Milo Sumption, Westyn Thorpe

**Volleyball:** Kalyce Achen

**MVR:** Titus Kippley

### GIRLS BASKETBALL AWARDS:

**MVP:** Kalyce Achen

**Best Defensive Player:** Kaitlyn Mueller

**Hardest Worker:** Arabella Clark

**Most Improved:** Addison Wolbeck

**Best Free Throw Percentage:** Arabella Clark

**Lake Region Conference:** Kaitlyn Mueller (Second Team), Kalyce Achen (Honorable Mention), Arabella Clark (Honorable Mention)

**Academic All-State:** Kalyce Achen, Kaitlyn Mueller

### BOYS BASKETBALL AWARDS:

**MVP:** Westyn Thorpe

**Most Improved:** Erik Losure

**Hardest Worker:** Milo Sumption

**Lake Region Conference:** Westyn Thorpe (First Team), Winston Clark (First Team), Milo Sumption (Second Team)

**All-State:** Westyn Thorpe (Honorable Mention)

**Gym Rats:** Milo Sumption, Erik Losure, Fred Sumption, Titus Kippley, Howard Sumption, Lucas Gulbranson, Ethan Petrich, Kaitlyn Mueller, Jace Bender, Brady Geffre

## Athletic Honors

**Mr. Titan:** Erik Losure

**Ms. Titan:** Kalyce Achen

**Scholar-Athlete Recognition:** Kalyce Achen, Winston Clark, Hunter Kern, Erik Losure, Elijah Stugelmeyer, Milo Sumption, Westyn Thorpe, Karli Achen, Katelyn Brestch, Titus Kippley, Case Brestch, Arabella Clark, Jaxon Ellwein, Jayden Ellwein, Quinn Huettl, Ian Nickelson, Howard Sumption, Jace Thorpe, Tate Dosch, Andrew Schlosser

### CROSS COUNTRY AWARDS:

**Rookies of the Year:** Aaron Kippley and Hadleigh Hoggarth

**Most Improved:** Titus Kippley

**Hardest Worker:** Howard Sumption

Note that football and volleyball awards were presented at a fall awards night. See the list of winners here (page 10): <https://www.fredericksd.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/December2025-January2026-FYI-ONLINE.pdf>  
Also, track awards for 2026 have not yet been announced.

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# Frederick Area FFA celebrates its first year at banquet

Frederick Area's new FFA chapter was off to a strong start in 2025-26, with many members, active participation, and strong results in regional and state competition.

Nine students did well enough in three event categories at the region level to qualify for the state convention. The South Dakota State FFA Convention is perhaps the largest state-level high school gathering in South Dakota, with more than 6,000 members, advisors and guests attending the convention and about 2,400 students competing in events.

Frederick Area's ag business team finished sixth overall at the state convention. Individual results were Erik Losure, 9th; Katelyn Bretsch, 21st; Titus Kippley, 28th; and Winston Clark, 47th. Jax Holmes attended as an alternate.

In the poultry category, Tate Dosch finished 63rd. Three students competed in the nursery/landscape category, where McKenna Sumption placed 57th, Hadleigh Hoggarth was 72nd, and Dawson Clark was 80th.

These successes as well as other accomplishments and the

regular business of the chapter were celebrated at a banquet on May 4. The chapter's 2025-26 officers, Katie Bretsch, Kalyce Achen, Winston Clark, Tate Dosch and Case Bretsch, along with advisor Jackie Kessler, led the evening's program.

Discovery Degree recipients, Greenhand Degree recipients, and graduating seniors were recognized. Fundraising achievements were also honored: Pizza fundraising leaders were Case Bretsch, Addison Wolbeck, and Ethen Groteleuschen. Wreath fundraising leaders were Tate Dosch and Addison Wolbeck.

Outstanding FFA members were Case Bretsch and Tate Dosch. Winston Clark won the Dekalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award.

New officers for 2026-27 were announced: President, Case Bretsch; Secretary, Katelyn Bretsch; Vice President, Tate Dosch; Treasurer, Titus Kippley; Gage Burns, Sentinel; and Reporter, Dominick Borge.

The FFA chapter looks forward to increasing their participation and success in the 2026-27 academic year.



PHOTO COURTESY SOUTH DAKOTA FFA

Pictured are Jackie Kessler, Frederick Area FFA advisor, and FFA officers Winston Clark, Katelyn Bretsch, and Tate Dosch.

## South Dakota FFA welcomes new chapters

BROOKINGS, S.D. — Members at the 98th South Dakota State FFA Convention recognized four new chapters on Wednesday, April 22, during the fourth session at First Bank and Trust Arena, sponsored by the SDSU College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences.

The addition of new chapters reflects the continued growth of agricultural education and FFA opportunities across South Dakota. These programs provide students with opportunities to develop leadership skills, personal growth, and career success through involvement in FFA.

The following chapters were officially welcomed into the South Dakota FFA Association:

- Armour – Advisor Matthew Firsching
- Frederick Area – Advisor Jackie Kessler
- Waubay – Advisor Kennedy Hoven
- White Lake – Advisor Dani Herring

The addition of these chapters expands opportunities for students and communities across the state to become involved in FFA and agricultural education programs.

The National FFA Organization is a national youth organization of 1,042,245 student members as part of 9,407 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. As part of the National FFA Organization, the South Dakota FFA Association encompasses 113 chapters with over 6,500 South Dakota FFA members. FFA strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. Visit [www.sdaged.org](http://www.sdaged.org) for more information.



**ABOVE LEFT:** Winston Clark received the Dekalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Case Bretsch and Tate Dosch were named Outstanding FFA Members. **RIGHT:** FFA members attending the FFA banquet on May 4 were, from left, front row, Leah Groteleuschen, Addison Wolbeck, Aubrey Bakke, McKenna Sumption, Hadleigh Hoggarth, Eden Podoll, Kalyce Achen, Chris Black, Dawson Clark, Jameson Winterberg, Mileah Holmes, Ruby Dallmann, and advisor Jackie Kessler; and back row, Dominick Borge, Katelyn Bretsch, Tate Dosch, Jax Holmes, Erik Losure, Titus Kippley, Winston Clark, Ethen Groteleuschen, and Gage Burns.



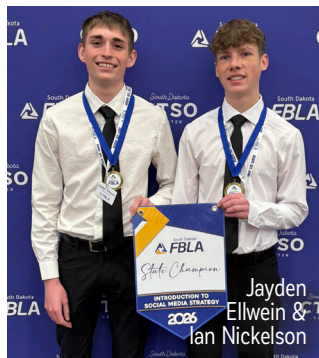
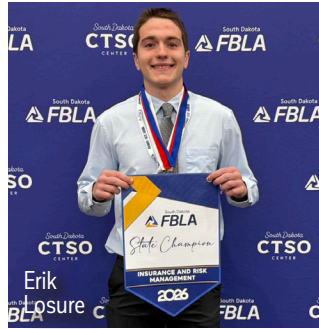
# FBLA students qualify for national conference

Frederick Area FBLA students earned 16 top-5 finishes at the FBLA State Leadership Conference in April in Pierre. Of those, eight were either first or second in their categories, which qualified those students to go to the FBLA National Leadership Conference on June 29 through July 2 in San Antonio, Texas.

“With a total of 489 FBLAers in attendance, I am so proud of our students for representing us well at the FBLA State Leadership Conference!” said FBLA adviser Shauna Severson. “Huge congratulations to Top 5 winners in their contests, for your hard work and dedication paid off in a big way.”

Frederick Area’s top five finishes were:

- **1st Place** - Erik Losure - Insurance & Risk Mgmt
- **1st Place** - Howard Sumption - Intro to Business Presentation
- **1st Place** - Ian Nickelson & Jayden Ellwein - Intro to Social Media Strategies
- **1st Place** - Jax Holmes - Securities & Investments
- **1st Place** - Jax Holmes & Milo Sumption - Sports & Entertainment Management
- **2nd Place** - Erik Losure - Computer Applications
- **2nd Place** - Milo Sumption - Marketing
- **2nd Place** - Erik Losure - Securities & Investments
- **3rd Place** - Kalyce Achen - Business Ethics
- **3rd Place** - Erik Losure - Economics
- **3rd Place** - Erik Losure - Financial Statement Analysis
- **3rd Place** - Howard Sumption, Ian Nickelson & Jayden Ellwein - Management Info Systems
- **3rd Place** - Milo Sumption - Personal Finance
- **4th Place** - Kalyce Achen - Future Business Educator
- **4th Place** - Jax Holmes - International Business
- **5th Place** - Jax Holmes - Networking Infrastructures



## Richard Bakeberg Obituary

The funeral service for Richard Bakeberg, 76, of Frederick, SD, was held April 27, 2026, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD, with Pastor Jeff Whillock officiating. Burial at Wayside Cemetery, Frederick, at a later date. Richard died Saturday, April 18, at Avera St. Luke’s Hospital in Aberdeen, SD. Visitation and a prayer service was held Sunday, April 26, at Spitzer-Miller Funeral Home.



Richard Allen Bakeberg was born on Nov. 9, 1949, in Ortonville, MN to Neola (Winger) and Willard Bakeberg. Rich attended school in Ortonville, graduating in 1967. He attended technical school in Canby, MN for mechanics. After graduating from technical school, he entered the United States Air Force and was proud to have served in Taiwan and Germany. He received an Honorable Discharge in 1973. Upon returning to Ortonville he met Gayle A. Maunu and they were united in marriage on September 21, 1974, at First English Lutheran Church in Ortonville. The couple made their home in Frederick, SD where they raised their three children, Ryan, Jeremy, and Nathan.

Rich became a Frederick local almost instantly and worked various jobs in the area, including the Cenex CO-OP, the Elevator, and School. In 1998 he started working for United Defense/BAE Systems and retired in 2015. He did not slow down in retirement but kept busy by continuing to work and volunteer for Frederick, as a bus driver for vocational students and area farmers.

His passion for serving others was evident as he was awarded the Farmer’s Union Volunteer of the year award in 2019. Some of the committees he was most proud of were his time with the Frederick Area Fire Department and EMT Service, Lynn G. Peterson Legion Post 273, and as caretaker for the Wayside Cemetery. He was a faithful steward of the Frederick Development Corporation, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, and the Frederick Area School District. He appreciated all who helped and supported him.

Rich enjoyed being a member and playing for the Ponderosa men’s softball team. Golfing, hunting and fishing were always special to him. His spirit was fulfilled through his unwavering support of Frederick school activities, remaining a dedicated fan long after his sons graduated. And he was always the first to remind his family of the yearly west river deer hunting trips.

He looked forward to and cherished time with his grandchildren. Often traveling to Warner and Milbank, SD as well as Redwood Falls, MN to watch their activities and cheer them on. Or sharing nature with them—something he loved deeply.

Rich and Gayle made meaningful memories of their travels, spending time on Big Stone Lake, and found joy in simply being together. Time in the backyard, watching, listening and enjoying all nature provided them was especially cherished. Springtime was a highlight with the arrival of all the birds who made the backyard home. His gratitude for the love and support from his wife, family, and friends was unwavering.

Rich is survived by Gayle, wife of 52 years; sons Ryan (Susan), Jeremy (Kristin), and Nathan (Casey). Grandchildren Drew, Noah, Claire, Madsen, Reed and Karlie Bakeberg, Joshua, Sean, and Ryan Keeton. Siblings: Dennis Bakeberg and Cheryl (Steven) Parks; several nieces, nephews and extended family.

He is preceded in death by his parents Willard and Neola Bakeberg, brothers Darwin and David Bakeberg, sister-in-law Paulette Bakeberg, brother-in-law Randall Bakeberg, brother-in-law Donald S. Maunu and nephew Kory Bakeberg.

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# FREDERICK AREA 2026 class of

May 16, 2026 • 1 p.m. • Frederick, S.D.

**Class Motto:** "Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence."  
—Vince Lombardi

**Class Colors:** Navy, Columbia Blue, White

**Class Flower:** White Rose

**Valedictorian:** Erik Losure

**Salutatorian:** Winston Clark

**Honor Guards:** Katelyn Bretsch & Jax Holmes



## Kalyce Achen

**Parents:** Janel and Richard Achen

**Siblings:** Kaylin, Stephen, Karli, Kamille, and Charlie

**Future plans:** Attend Northern State University for Elementary Education

**Favorite memory:** The bus ride after beating Phillip and the excitement from everyone in the stands during the game.

**Advice for younger students:** Don't change yourself for others to fit in; your people will love you for who you are not for who you pretend to be.



## Brayden Heuer

**Parents:** Monica Hein/Ryan Bergan and Tony Heuer/Ashley Heuer

**Siblings:** Noah Heuer and Liam Stieha

**Future plans:** Lineman at Mitchel Tech

**Favorite memory:** 2025 Homecoming Kickball

**Advice for younger students:** Don't live by the saying "Due today or Do today."



## Nevan Jensen

**Parents:** Kim and Wade Jensen

**Siblings:** Nolan Jensen

**Future plans:** Unsure, possibly law school

**Favorite memory:** Track Season Freshmen Year

**Advice for younger students:** Do all the hard stuff Junior year, stress less senior year when it matters the most.



## Hunter Kern

**Parents:** Kyra and Darwin Kern

**Siblings:** One Step-Sibling and Two Biological siblings

**Future plans:** Attend Lake Area Technical College and become a Physical Therapist Assistant

**Favorite memory:** Winning Grand Champion for the first time ever in 4-H

**Advice for younger students:** Take life day by day.



## Ayden Larsen

**Parents:** Joshua Larsen

**Siblings:** Allysen Larsen and Alanis Jones

**Future plans:** Go to college to become diesel technician

**Favorite memory:** Senior Matt ball

**Advice for younger students:** If the teachers are happy, you're happy.



## Chloe Akin

**Parents:** Jamie Hoggarth and Derek Zimmerman

**Siblings:** Hadleigh, Gunner, Paisley, Cooper, Lilly Hoggarth

**Future plans:** Unsure

**Favorite memory:** 2025 Prom

**Advice for younger students:** Never fall behind in any class, and get it done before you need to.



## Mia Bain

**Parents:** John and Larissa Bain

**Siblings:** Jacob and Noah

**Future plans:** I will keep working at Pantorium Cleaners or get a different job.

**Favorite memory:** Hanging out with my class on the front lawn during homecoming

**Advice for younger students:** Study, do your homework, and listen to your teachers.



## Winston Clark

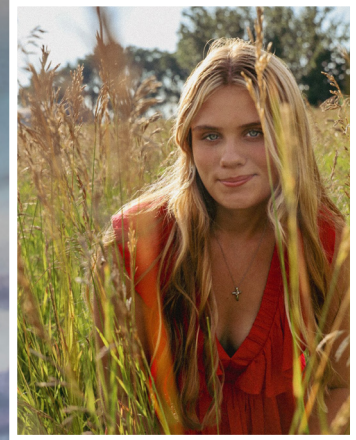
**Parents:** Dave and Carla Clark

**Siblings:** Arabella and Dawson

**Future plans:** Attend SDSU to study Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering

**Favorite memory:** Homecoming when Brayden's car door handle broke trying to leave Westyn's house. We spent hours trying to get into his car.

**Advice for younger students:** Don't compare yourself to others, instead improve your own self instead of worrying about others.



## Emily Dallmann

**Parents:** Rob Dallmann & Jennifer and Josh Bagley

**Siblings:** Daniel Dallmann, Samantha Dallmann, and Ruby Dallmann

**Future plans:** I plan to go to Mitchell Tech and pursue a career as a Radiologist

**Favorite memory:** Spending time with friends and learning new things.

**Advice for younger students:** Use your free time wisely and never feel pressured to fit in.



## Erik Losure

**Parents:** Dave and Heidi Losure

**Siblings:** Sofia Losure

**Future plans:** I plan to attend NDSU for a degree in Natural Resources Management.

**Favorite memory:** Scoring at State B's my sophomore year.

**Advice for younger students:** Try new things; you might surprise yourself.



## Elijah Stugelmeyer

**Parents:** Jade and Brent Stugelmeyer

**Siblings:** Dakota Opie and Sequoia Stugelmeyer

**Future plans:** I'm going to Concordia University of Nebraska to study exercise science to become a physical therapist.

**Favorite memory:** Winning the playoff game against Kimball at home.

**Advice for younger students:** School can be hard, but it is worth it so put effort into your education.



## Milo Sumption

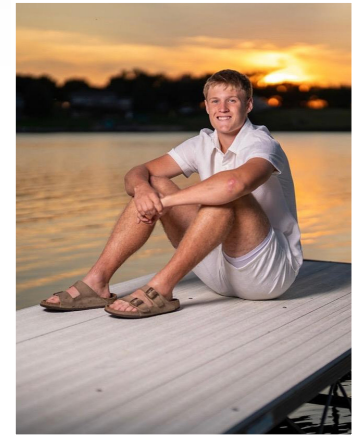
**Parents:** Warren and Sarah Sumption

**Siblings:** Laura, Howard, Frederick

**Future plans:** DWU for athletic training

**Favorite memory:** Playing at State B's

**Advice for younger students:** It's often the strongest people who ask for help.



## Westyn Thorpe

**Parents:** Bryson and Greta Thorpe

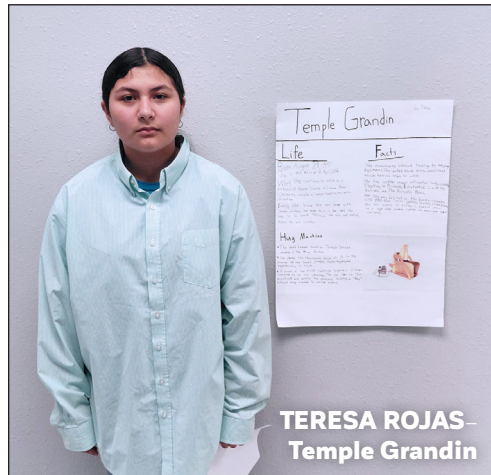
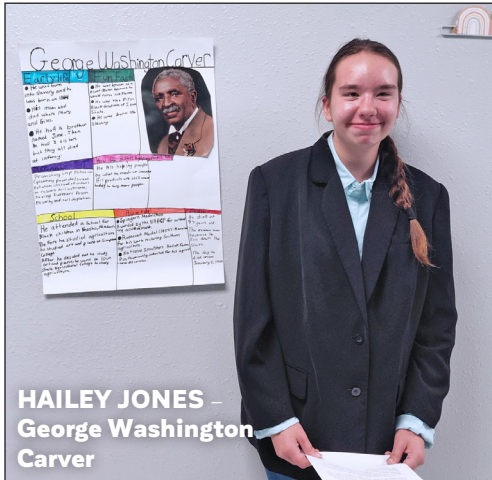
**Siblings:** Jace Thorpe

**Future plans:** Physical Education at Northern State University

**Favorite memory:** My State Basketball Hotel Room

**Advice for younger students:** Haters gonna hate so just be yourself.

## Influencers in agriculture and beyond



Frederick Area's Introduction to Agriculture class presented their wax museum projects on May 11. Each student shared the impact of an individual related to agriculture who has made a difference in the world.

## Spring music from the elementary



PHOTOS BY BROCK PASHEN

The Frederick Area fifth-grade band (top left) and the upper elementary chorus (above) were among the groups sharing music during the PK-6 spring concert on May 14. Departing staff members were also recognized for their service to Frederick Area School District, Tonya Zinter (center) honors Jessica Ringgenberg (left) and Stacey Sumption (right), who are going on to new jobs elsewhere.



## High school groups present tunes at spring concert

The Frederick Area high school band (top left), the high school chorus (left), the sixth-seventh band (second from bottom) and the sixth-seventh chorus were among the groups performing at the 6-12 spring concert on May 7. Adalynn Lloyd and Katelyn Bretsch (above right) also performed solos and duets.

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### Westport Community Days

**Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
(12 miles North of Aberdeen, 1 Mile East off Hwy 281)

**Car Show**

- Registration is 11 am- 1pm @ The Shed
- Registration Fee \$20 Per Entry
- Show 1pm-3pm Rain Or Shine (Main St)
- All Are Welcome: Cars, Trucks, Bikes, Big Rigs & Tractors
- Winners will be chosen by Peoples Choice in front of Post Office

**Little Tyke Show**

- Push, Pull, Ride, or Drive "Best Decorated"
- Registration is 11 am- 1pm @ The Shed
- For ages 12 and under only (FREE)
- Show 1pm-3pm(Main St)
- Winners will be chosen by Peoples Choice in front of Post Office

**Riding Lawn Mower Barrel Races**

- Will be held at the East side of Grain Bins By Ball Park
- Bring your own Mower
- Registration Fee \$20 Per Entry
- Registration is 10:30 am- 11am @ The Shed
- Races from 11am - 12pm

**Tractor Pull By BCOTPA**

- Will be held on the West Side of the Grain Bins by Ball Park
- Pull time 1pm to 3pm
- Registration Fee \$15 Per Entry
- Registration is 11 am- 12:30pm @ The Grain Bins
- Sponsored By Haywire LLC

**Entertainment**

- Bill Schott 1pm-?? 2-3pm Waylon Jennings Tribute on Main St
- Nicole Kluck 3pm-7pm inside @ The Shed
- Bad Dawg 9pm-1am Possibly outside @ The Shed

**Community Meal 4:30pm @ The Shed**

- Contact Toad with questions- Cell (605) 252-2319
- The Shed (605) 225-9751 after 5pm
- Trophies made by The Rust Nut

**Fireworks By Westport Fireworks Club**  
**(Not Responsible for Accident or Injuries)**



## Town of Westport General Meeting, April 6, 2026

The Town of Westport met on April 6, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., with Mitch Wilson, Shane Storm, Troy Tschappat, Dan Schlosser, and Deb Schlosser present.

The following bills were presented:

<b>City General:</b> NW Energy- utilities	\$733.52
Groton Independent-March mtg minutes and Equalization mtg notice and minutes	\$346.00
Menards-Hall kitchen paint and supplies	\$42.48
CWF Concrete & Masonry-snow removal	\$1250.00
US Treasury-1st Quarter federal taxes	\$668.21
SD Unemployment-Unemp Ins	\$12.15
Sewer: NW Energy-Lift Station utilities	\$71.71
DANR-Lift Station payment	\$9310.01
<b>Water:</b> Public Health Lab-water testing	\$200.00
WEB-water	\$2050.21
Water Maint Dist-Feb, March testing	\$1377.56

Troy Tschappat motioned, second by Shane Storm to pay all bills.

The following deposits were presented:

<b>City General:</b> State of SD	\$2183.19
Brown County Collections	\$408.69
Town Hall rental	\$75.00
Interest	\$48.59
<b>Sewer:</b> Resident Payments	\$2183.78
<b>Water:</b> Resident Payments	\$3275.67

**Public Concerns:** Dan Schlosser said the neighbor's dog makes "deposits" in his yard and would like it to stop. The board will send a letter to that resident.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mitch Wilson was the only person to file a petition for the open Board spot. Mitch will continue for a three year term. The May meeting will be held the second meeting of May instead of the first Monday. May meeting will be held May 11, 2026.

Meeting dismissed at 7:16 p.m.

Deb Schlosser, Finance Officer

## City of Frederick April 6, 2026 Minutes

Frederick's town board meeting was held Monday, April 6, 2026 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 March meetings 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 April accounts payable were approved with a motion by Millard/Campbell; motion carried.

### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL	\$1,520.96
Alpha Circle grant passthru PrmtCity	\$850
Badger Meter fees Swr	\$137.77
Brown County Sheriff's Office deputy svcs Gen'l	\$1,041.67
Century Bus Products copies Gen'l	\$25
David Losure utility wage Wtr/Swr/Sts	\$458.72
Dependable Sanitation Grbg	\$1,654
DRN Readitech service/computer FO	\$1,833.46
EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr	\$11,470.2
Farmer's Union Oil propane Gen'l/EBL	\$781.76

FDC Gen'l	\$1,200
Frederick Athletic & Assoc grant passthru BP	\$2,000
J. Morlock wage FO	\$1,558.47
JVT Gen'l/Wtr/EBL/FO	\$289.47
M. Cox wage EBL	\$482.16
M. Heine wage FO	\$1,311.07
M. Morlock brd member Gen'l	\$184.69
McQuillen Creative minutes Gen'l	\$143.84
O. Morlock wage CC	\$23.78
R. Bakeberg supervisor wage Wtr	\$240.11
S. Campbell wage Gen'l	\$277.05
SD Dept of Health labs Wtr	\$20
SD Dept of Rev sales tax Gen'l	\$64.64
T. Millard wage Gen'l	\$184.69
VISA supplies, stamps Gen'l	\$273.46
USDA-RD loan Wtr	\$475
USDA-RD loan Swr	\$3,763
WEB Water Wtr	\$4,222.56

### OLD BUSINESS

Losure provided a utility report. The board reviewed the Brown County Sheriff's Report. Some other old business items were tabled for further discussion next month.

### NEW BUSINESS

The board discussed a local home that discovered termites and options the board could take to prevent any future spread into other homes. The board discussed summer projects including street maintenance and updating ordinances. Motion to accept the first quarter library report made by Millard/Morlock; motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 7PM.

Motion to adjourn made by Morlock/Millard at 7:48PM; motion carried.

M. Heine, Assistant Finance Officer

## Frederick Area School District #6-2 Board Meeting, April 14, 2026

A regular meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education as called to order on April 14, 2026, at 7:02 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. In attendance: Joel Sumption and Steph Sumption; others were also present via Zoom.

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

No public comment.

2026-101 Motion by Hart, second by Sumption to approve the agenda as presented. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest disclosures.

2026-102 Motion by Achen, second by Ellwein to approve the following consent agenda items. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

- March 9, 2026 Regular Meeting and March 24, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes
- March 2026 Financial Report
- March 2026 Payroll
- District Bills

### Financial Report:

<b>General Fund:</b> Bal 3-1-26:	\$15,386.23
Receipts:	\$103,977.59
Disbursements:	\$210,792.94
<i>Bal 3-31-26:</i>	<i>\$15,386.23</i>
<b>Investments:</b> Bal 3-1-26:	\$988,905.08
Interest:	\$982.23
Bal 3-31-26:	\$989,887.31
<i>Ending Fund Balance:</i>	<i>\$898,458.19</i>
<b>Imprest Fund:</b> Bal 3-1-26:	\$5,136.86

Receipts:	\$472.20
Disbursements:	\$354.20
Bal 3-31-26:	\$5,254.86
<b>Capital Outlay Fund:</b> Bal 3-1-26:	\$596,692.83
Receipts:	\$24,177.96
Disbursements:	\$163,735.46
Balance 3-31-26:	\$457,135.33
<b>Investments:</b> Bal 3-1-26:	\$2,693,060.84
Interest:	\$2,187.76
Bal 3-31-26:	\$2,695,248.60
<i>Ending Fund Balance:</i>	<i>\$3,152,383.93</i>
<b>Special Education Fund:</b> Bal 3-1-26:	\$676,617.90
Receipts:	\$5,759.75
Disbursements:	\$23,389.81
Bal 3-31-26:	\$49,987.84
<b>Investments:</b> Bal 3-31-26:	\$1,307,468.23
Interest:	\$1,294.80
Bal 3-31-26:	\$1,308,763.03
<i>Ending Fund Balance:</i>	<i>\$1,358,750.87</i>
<b>Food Service Fund:</b> Bal 3-1-26:	\$17,198.41
Receipts:	\$11,870.33
Disbursements:	\$11,835.27
Bal 3-31-26:	\$17,233.47

### Drivers Ed Fund:

3-31-26:	\$6,747.60
<b>Custodial Funds:</b> Bal 3-1-26:	\$68,840.77
Receipts:	\$19,457.35
Disbursements:	\$23,527.16
3-31-26:	\$64,770.96

### Ovid J Stevens Scholarship:

Bal 3-31-26:	\$85
Investments: Bal 3-31-26:	\$21,913.29
<i>Ending Fund Balance:</i>	<i>\$21,914.14</i>

### CLAIMS APPROVED:

General Fund salaries	110,459.65
Special Education salaries	13,643.01
Food Service salaries	3,814.85
AFLAC-supplemental insurance	1,874.73
American Funds-retirement	225.00
Delta Dental-insurance	2,303.66
EFTPS-fed income tax/SS/Medicare	33,200.31
ID Shield-identify theft	8.45
Northern Plains Ins Pool-insurance	20,822.50
Optilegra-insurance	442.57
SDRS-retirement	18,243.62
SDRS Supplemental-retirement	3,483.33
Security Benefits-retirement	2,739.18
The Standard-life insurance	182.52
Total:	\$201,443.38

### BILLS APPROVED:

#### General Fund:

Aberdeen Awards-GBB awards	60.00
Aberdeen Recreation-title night giveaway	25.00
ACT Education Corp-ACT materials	648.00
Agtegra-fuel	3,756.90
Amazon Capital Services-supplies	2,055.21
American Red Cross-training courses	2,016.00
Avera St. Luke's-PT athletes	409.92
BP-fuel	51.59
Casays-prom supplies	80.35
Cash-Wa Direct-prom	239.05
Cash-Wa Distributing	1,126.10
Century Business-copier coverage	573.10
Cole Papers-supplies	1,182.95
Dakota Outdoors-fitness center service	135.00
Dollar Tree-title supplies	13.28
Dominos-post prom meal	336.00
Farmers Union Oil-repair/parts	77.41
FASD Imprest Fund-misc	354.20
Glazier Drive-FB media	144.00
JVT-phone	252.56
Johnson, Bruce-facility usage	1,000.00
Jostens-diplomas	115.35
JW Pepper-music	43.99
McLeods-checks	125.22
McQuillen Creative Group-publishings	114.40
Merchant Services-CC processing fees	1275.00
Mid-American Research Chem-supplies	516.22
Midco-fitness center cable	109.15
Midstates Group-BBB trophies	102.15
Midwest Pest Control-pest control	58.75
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.-utilities	5,269.32
Mueller, Jeff-winter sports worker	60.00
Northern State University-e-learning	68.42
Panorium Cleaners Inc-supplies	133.40
Power Systems-track supplies	349.26
Prorate Services-DOT testing	40.00
SASD-supt membership	621.00
Schwan Electric-service	323.23
State of SD-Medicaid admin fee	24.59
Taylor Music-repairs	84.00
Teachers Pay Teachers-curric supplements	9.38
The Lodge-AD conference lodging	255.00
Town of Frederick-utilities	636.29
USPS-stamped envelopes	946.50
Valley Plains Equip-snowblower repair	640.57
WalMart-prom/title supplies	368.04
<b>Capital Outlay Fund:</b>	
Century Business Products-copier lease	306.66
Lamb Motor Company-Ford Expedition Max	62,821.00
MRG Hauff-track uniforms	4,450.00
<b>Special Education Fund:</b>	
Avera St. Luke's-OT/PT	7,680.88
Johnson Morgan-supplies	17.74
Parent-mileage	60.00
<b>Food Service Fund:</b>	
Bricks TV & Appliance-service	1,794.83
Cash-Wa Distributing-food/supplies	7,411.73
Child & Adult Nutrition-commodities	638.98
Kens-food/supplies	20.73
Panorium Cleaners Inc-supplies	130.00
<b>Imprest Fund:</b>	
Dacotah Prairie Museum F-art reg	90.00
Kosters, Jeff-AD conf meals/mileage	255.00
SDHSAA-BBB Sodak16 expense	9.20
<b>Custodial Funds:</b>	
Abdn Area Humane Society-FBLA donations	400.00
Aberdeen Awards-LRC	155.00
Aberdeen Christian-hosting site exp	300.00
Amazon Capital Services-FFA supplies	797.60
Creative Rewards & Spec region plaques	80.00
Culvers-FBLA	25.66
DSS Image Apparel-XC/track apparel	796.00
DeSpiegler, Gregg-ref/mileage	217.40
Deutsch, Patrick-ref/mileage	236.76
Deutsch, Scott-ref/mileage	248.20
Dominos-FBLA	51.83
Donat, Eric-ref/mileage	197.80
Frericks, Kris-ref/mileage	194.04
Gaikowski, Bryan-ref/mileage	358.36
Gauer, Brad-ref/mileage	453.12
Groton Area School-FFA CDE	191.00
Hobby Lobby-FFA	3.18
Hutson, Betty Pat-worker	25.00
GBB worker	575.00
Kesslers-FFA	52.64
Kosters, Christine-worker	25.00
Kosters, Jeff-region chair	500.00
Kosters, Kennedy-worker	25.00
Kurth, Travis-ref/mileage	357.74
Leola School-hosting site expenses	150.00
Maag, Josh-ref/mileage	122.76
Milbank School-FFA CDE	212.00
National FFA Organization-supplies	922.50
Northwestern Area School-FFA CDE	115.00
Ole & Lena's Pizzeria-FFA fundraiser	4,200.38
Paulson, Matt-ref/mileage	390.60
Pizza Ranch-LRC	183.83
Redfield School-FFA CDE	118.00
Ruesink, Doug-ref/mileage	304.36
Runnings-FFA	21.19
Sams Club-FFA	138.42
Schlosser, Rich-worker	25.00
SDHSAA-region share	7,001.30
SDSU Ag & Precision-FFA supplies	247.50
Severson, Shauna-treasurer	100.00
Target-teacher slush/FBLA	188.28
Thrill Hills-FFA	318.00
Tospa Zina Tribal School-hosting site	150.00
USPS-FFA	11.95

VanTilburg, Trevor-worker	25.00
Veflin, Wade-ref/mileage	205.56
WalMart-FFA	418.91
Warner School-hosting site expenses	125.00
Watering Can-FFA	200.00
Waubay School-hosting site expenses	150.00
Weismantel, Marty-ref/mileage	171.20
Wilmot School-hosting site expenses	125.00
Zimmerman, Kim-ref/mileage	117.2.

The following reported to the Board:

- Jeff Kusters: Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director
- Jessica Ringgenberg: Prek-8 Principal
- Shauna Severson: Business Manager
- NCSEC Committee: Sumption
- Building Committee: Achen/Hart

Joel and Steph Sumption discussed the Ag Building.

Two valid petitions were filed for two open 3-year school board positions beginning July 1. Pursuant to SDCL, Derik Bretsch and Troy Podoll are declared elected without opposition. No school board election will be held on June 2, 2026.

**2026-103** Sumption introduced and moved the adoption of Resolution 2026-002 – 2026-27 SDHSAA Membership

Resolution, second by Hart. Upon roll call, all voted Aye. Motion carried. A copy of the resolution can be found in the business office.

**2026-104** Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to approve the 2026-27 NCSEC District Membership Agreement. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

**2026-105** Ellwein introduced and moved the adoption of Resolution 2026-003 – ASBPT Bylaws Resolution and approve the 2026-27 ASBPT Workers' Compensation Fund Participation Agreement, Adoption and Renewal, second by Sumption. Upon roll call, all voted Aye. Motion carried. A copy of the resolution

can be found in the business office.

**2026-106** Motion by Achen, second by Hart to accept the resignations of Caitlin Beckman – Library/E-Mentor and Will Kadlec – Asst. GBB Coach. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

**2026-107** Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to amend the 2026-27 School Calendar to move Homecoming to September 4, 2026. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

**2026-108** Motion by Hart, second by Achen to authorize the purchase of a 2026 Ford Expedition Max from Lamb Motor Co. utilizing the State of South Dakota bid. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

The board would like to recognize and thank Caitlin Beckman for her time with the district as well as Will Kadlec for his year as the Asst. GBB coach. Congratulations to the JH and HS teams for taking Third Place at the Quiz Bowl and Erik Losure for being accepted into NDSU's Honors College earning a full scholarship. Special Recognition Science Fair awards were awarded to: Gage Burns (2), Howard Sumption & Jayden Ellwein, Andrew Schlosser & Tristan Tschappat and Milo Sumption & Erik Losure – congratulations to those students. Finally, congratulations to the following FBLA students: 1st Place awards-Erik Losure, Howard Sumption, Ian Nickelson & Jayden Ellwein, Jax Holmes (2); 2nd Place awards-Erik Losure (2) and Milo Sumption; 3rd Place awards-Kalyce Achen, Erik Losure (2), Howard Sumption & Ian Nickelson & Jayden Ellwein; 4th Place awards-Kalyce Achen and Jax Holmes; 5th Place award-Jax Holmes.

**2026-109** Motion by Achen, second by Ellwein to go into executive session at 8:02 p.m. for SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel and SDCL 1-25-2 (4) Negotiations. All voted Aye. Motion carried. Schlosser declared the board out of executive session at 9:51 p.m.

**2026-109** Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to approve the 2026-27 Negotiated

Agreement and Staff Handbook. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

**2026-110** Motion by Hart, second by Sumption to offer 2026-27 Certified Contracts: Jennifer Anliker, Jennifer Bagley, Braden Freeman, Sadie Hanna, William Kadlec, Jackie Kessler, Christine Kusters, Melissa Meidinger, Shelby Nash, Brock Pashen, Jennifer Pashen, Caitlin Podoll, Ashley Schmidt, Faith Schulte, Ashley Sumption, Sarah Sumption, Maggie Ulmer, Tonya Zinter. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

**2026-111** Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to offer 2026-27 Non-Certified Employee Work Agreements: Jennifer Bagley-Transportation, Josh Bagley-Bus Maintenance Supervisor, Janel Bergan-Paraprofessional, Michelle Dosch-Paraprofessional, Janet Elsen-Paraprofessional, Faye Gunther-Head Cook, Christine Kusters-Transportation, Jeff Kusters-Transportation, Kristi Kusters- Asst. Custodian, Zachary Kusters-Head Custodian, Liz Labesky-Paraprofessional, Dana Maunu-Summer Grounds Maintenance, Brock Pashen-Winter Grounds Maintenance, Lance Podoll-Transportation, David Score-Transportation, Michelle Sumption-Asst. Cook, Keith Underberg-Transportation. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

**2026-112** Motion by Hart, second by Sumption to offer 2026-27 Administrative Contracts: Julie Brotzel-Technology Coordinator, Christine Kusters-Special Education Director, Jeff Kusters-Superintendent/Dean of Students & Athletic Director/Transportation Director, Shauna Severson-Business Manager. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

**2026-113** Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to offer 2026-27 FASD Coaching and Extra-Curricular Contracts: Braden Freeman-Extra Duty Band & Chorus, Faye Gunther-Concessions, Wayne Haas-Asst. Track, Jackie Kessler-FFA Advisor/SAE, Jeff Kusters-Drivers

Education, Brock Pashen-Yearbook, Megan Russo-Asst. Track, Shauna Severson-FBLA Advisor, Sarah Sumption-Head Track & Science Fair. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

**2026-114** Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to offer 2026-27 Leola-Frederick Coop Coaching Contracts: Jeff Kusters-Head FB, Kennedy Kusters-Asst. FB, Brock Pashen-Head BBB, Alex Sumption-Asst. BBB. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

**2026-115** Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to adjourn at 9:53 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Rich Schlosser, President  
Shauna Severson, Business Manager

## City of Frederick Special Meeting, April 16, 2026

A special meeting to discuss property variance discussion on Lots 4-6 Block 5 ORIG PLOT Frederick and Revision to Ordinance and Zoning in regards to Mobile Home Park and Meter Pits was held on Thursday, April 16, 2026 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 8:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board members Marty Morlock and Troy Millard, and Finance Officer Jennifer Morlock.

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

Discussed revision to the comprehensive plan of the Town of Frederick that addresses Mobile Home Parks.

Discussed possible property variance on Lots 4-6 Block 5 ORIG PLOT Frederick. Development Corporation purchased this property and would like to make it a campsite with about 12 campers. Motion to adjourn made by Morlock/Millard at 8:40 PM; motion carried.

Jennifer Morlock, Finance Officer



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**GOLF**

# Frederick Area golfers gather medals over season

BY HEAD COACH JEFF KOSTERS

The Frederick Area Golf season will be coming to an end in the very near future. We have had half a dozen varsity meets and three MS/JV meets. The weather wasn't very cooperative for the vast majority of those meets, and a few were either cancelled or postponed along the way.

The Region Meet will take place at Lee Park on Monday, May 18, with the State B Meet to follow two weeks later on June 1 and June 2 at Brookings. Ruby Dallmann qualified for state last year and looks to have a real good shot of doing so again this year. Addison Wolbeck finished 15th at the pre-region meet and the top 17 will advance on to state, so she has a good chance of making it as well. Eli Nickelson and Jaxon Ellwein finished 4 and 7 strokes back respectively from the cut line at the pre-region meet, so if they can play a little bit better, they too may have a chance to sneak into the state tournament field.

Individually, we had a lot of top 10 finishes this past season. McKenna Sumption finished second at the LRC middle school meet in the eighth-grade division, and Addison Wolbeck finished



eighth at the Webster Invitational. Westyn Thorpe placed eighth on April 30. Ruby Dallmann was the medalist at the Leola Invite, finished second at the Webster Invitational, third at the LRC meet and Eureka Invitational and eighth at the Ipswich Invitational. She had a personal best 85 at the pre-region meet, as did Addison with a 96. Hopefully the golfers can finish strong and have a good showing at the region meet and represent Frederick Area at the State B Meet!





Winston Clark and Jayden Ellwein (left lane) and Howard Sumption and Westyn Thorpe, 4x400 relay



Milo Sumption, 400-meter dash



Tate Dösch, 1600-meter run



Katelyn Bretsch, 200-meter dash

# TRACK & FIELD MOMENTS



Noah Heuer, long jump



Titus Kippley, 300-meter hurdles



Kalyce Achen and Arabella Clark, 100-meter dash



Hunter Kern and Leola's Lucas Gulbranson, 200-meter dash



Aaron Kippley, 4x200 relay



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Jace Thorpe, Leola's Tarren Wurtz, and Winston Clark, 400-meter run

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# It's another strong year for boys relays

With its deep roster of boys—22, compared to six girls—Frederick Area's track team was able to compete in many boys relay races throughout the season, often fielding two or occasionally even three teams in one race.

And those teams have had a significant success, with many wins over the season (see results at <https://www.athletic.net/team/5965/track-and-field-outdoor/2026>) and finishing the season with all five relays qualifying for the state meet May 28-30. The top 24 teams advance; most of Frederick Area's relay teams rank in the range of 11th to 13th. The top eight finishes at state get medals, so boosting their performance to get into medal territory will be a focus for those relay runners.

Individually, Noah Heuer will compete at state in the long jump, and Hunter Kern will compete in the 100-meter dash.

Beyond the state-qualifying successes, Frederick Area's athletes had many other wins along the way, including coming back to compete after missing a season due to injury, which was the case for seniors Kalyce Achen, Milo Sumption, and Westyn Thorpe. Athletes also achieved many personal bests throughout the season.

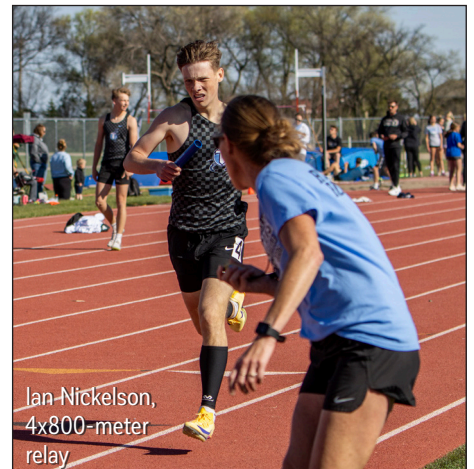
Next year will almost certainly be a different challenge for the team, as seven seniors (six boys and one girl), including four of those competing at the state meet, graduate. There has also been discussion of co-opting with Leola for track and field, though no decision has been made.



Westyn Thorpe went step for step with Aberdeen Christian's Ryder Shaving in the last leg of the 4x100-meter relay in the BankNorth Twilight Meet on May 8, with Thorpe edging Shaving by .05 seconds to win the race.



Jayden Ellwein, 4x400-meter relay



Ian Nickelson, 4x800-meter relay