

What's coming up

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19

JV/C Matchbox
Tournament, time TBD in
Aberdeen

MONDAY, SEPT. 21

Titans volleyball vs.
Ellendale at Frederick Area.
C game at 5:30 p.m., JV at
6:30 p.m., varsity to follow.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 22

Titans volleyball
vs. Northwestern at
Northwestern (Mellette). C
game at 5 p.m., JV at 6 p.m.,
varsity to follow.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23

Titans cross country meet,
noon in Faulkton

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24

Titans volleyball vs.
Wilmot at Leola. JV at 6
p.m., varsity to follow.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25

Titans football vs. Herreid/
Selby Area (Senior Night),
7 p.m. at Leola

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26

NSU Gypsy Days Parade, 9
a.m. in Aberdeen

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

Annual Chicken Dinner,
4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Sacred
Heart Catholic Church in
Westport. \$15 for adults, \$6
for ages 6-12, and free for
ages 5 and under.

MONDAY, SEPT. 28

Titans volleyball vs. South
Border at Leola. C game at
5:30 p.m., JV at 6:30 p.m.,
varsity to follow.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29

Titans cross country meet,
2 p.m. in Groton

THURSDAY, OCT. 1

Parent-teacher conferences
at Frederick Area, 3:30-8
p.m. (3 p.m. dismissal)

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SEPTEMBER 2026



Ag education building rises quickly

By HEIDI MARTTILA-LOSURE

A new building for agriculture classes and FFA activities at Frederick Area is under construction and expected to be ready for use by the second semester.

Ag classes and FFA were new at Frederick Area last year, and when school board members decided to move forward with the program, they knew they would have to find a dedicated place for those activities. "The facilities we currently have are simply not adequate or

conducive to housing an Ag / FFA program," Superintendent Jeff Kusters explained. "We had space for something like this in the plans with a new school, but that failed, so we had to move on to something else. The board discussed purchasing an existing building in town to use for the program and compared that to being in a new building. The board felt it made the most sense long-term to have a new building across the road from the current building, so that is what the district is doing."

The new building will have

two classrooms. One of them will have kitchenettes, and the other will be a more traditional classroom space. A large open area will allow for hands-on work such as welding and woodworking.

"The district will also be able to utilize the space to pull school buses into from time to time, whether to work on a bus, wash the buses, or simply to warm a bus up in the winter-time before a road trip," Kusters said.

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The new ag building is under construction south of the school.

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Kippley, Bretsch are homecoming royalty for 2026

Titus Kippley was crowned homecoming king and Katelyn Bretsch was crowned homecoming queen during a coronation ceremony on Aug. 31 at Frederick Area School. Pictured are the 2026 homecoming court, from left, Preston Sumption, Jax Holmes, King Titus Kippley, Queen Katelyn Bretsch, Samantha Dallmann, and Ella Kempf. Crownbearers are Clayton Brotzel and Madelyn Risty.

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Seventh-graders received the honor of Best Spirit for their "Zootopia" float.

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"Up" was one of the themes for elementary students.



High-schoolers partnered with elementary students in a "Finding Nemo" theme.

HOMECOMING 2026



The homecoming parade was the first of several marching events this fall for the Frederick Area Band.



King Titus Kippley and Queen Katelyn Bretsch make their way through homecoming parade Sept. 4.



Schwan Electric's "Cars"-themed entry won best theme overall in the community category.



Kindergarten + fifth grade won the best theme among the elementary students.



The Elm Valley Veterinary Clinic entry, with canine, equine, and bovine participants, won most enthusiastic in the community category.



The juniors won best theme overall in the middle/high school category.

What's coming up

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MONDAY, OCT. 5

Town of Frederick board meeting, 7 p.m. at the community center

Town of Westport board meeting, 7 p.m. at Westport Town Hall

TUESDAY, OCT. 6

Titans volleyball vs. North Central at Edmunds Central (Roscoe). C game at 5:30 p.m., JV at 6:30 p.m., varsity to follow.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7

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

THURSDAY, OCT. 8

Titans volleyball vs. Strasburg at Strasburg. C game at 6 p.m., varsity to follow.

FRIDAY, OCT. 9

Titans football vs. Warner, 7 p.m. at Frederick Area

MONDAY, OCT. 12

Frederick Area school board meeting, 7 p.m. at school library

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

Titans volleyball vs. Webster Area at Frederick Area. C game at 5 p.m., JV at 6 p.m., varsity to follow.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14

Region 1B Cross Country Meet, 11 a.m. in Webster

THURSDAY, OCT. 15

Titans volleyball vs. Aberdeen Christian at Frederick Area. C game at 5:30 p.m., JV at 6:30 p.m., varsity to follow.

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

Titans football vs. Faulkton Area, 7 p.m. at Faulkton Area

SATURDAY, OCT. 17

Titans volleyball JV tourney at Mellette. Time TBD.

Frederick Fire & Rescue Volunteers Fun Night, serving brisket & pulled pork supper from 6 to 9 p.m., 317 Main St.

Students are busy with fall activities

BY JEFF KOSTERS

Frederick Area Superintendent

The school year is off and running, as we just completed our fourth week of school and first quarter mid-term will be here on Sept. 17. The annual count day for all school districts will be Sept. 25, and our current K-12 enrollment sits at 149. Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, Oct. 1, with school dismissing that day at 3 p.m. and conferences running from 3:30 – 8 p.m. The end of the first nine weeks will be Thursday, Oct. 15. The Frederick Area Marching Band marched previously in our homecoming parade and will also march in the Gypsy Day Parade on Sept. 26 in Aberdeen.

Cross country began practice on Monday, Aug. 10. The cross-country program joins football, volleyball, and basketball as a coop sport with Leola this fall. Sarah Sumption and Jackie Bender are leading the program this season. There are nine kids participating in the activity on the Frederick Area side this fall. Those participants include Titus Kippley (senior); Howard Sumption (junior); Tate Dosch (sophomore); Aaron Kippley and Hadleigh Hoggarth (freshmen); Dawson Clark (eighth); and Fred Sumption, Arabella Dosch, and Moriah Kippley (seventh). The LRC Meet will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 7, with the Region 1B Meet in Webster on Wednesday, Oct. 14, and the state meet in Rapid City on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Volleyball season got underway on Aug. 14. Alura Johnson is leading the program as head coach, following a few years of assisting in the program. There are ten girls from Frederick Area on this year's squad. Those include seniors Karli Achen and Ella Kempf; juniors Arabella Clark and



Allysen Larsen; sophomores Aubrey Bakke, Mileah Holmes, and Kenna Janke; and freshmen Taryn Meidinger, Eden Podoll, and Addison Wolbeck. Senior Night will be held in Leola on Oct. 19, with the regular season ending on Oct. 27 in Gettysburg, and the post-season beginning on Monday, Nov. 2.

The football season started the week before the other two sports, back on Aug. 7. I am leading the program again this year, and my assistants are Trevor Van Tilburg, Kennedy Kusters, and Vincent Petrich. There are 13 players representing Frederick Area, including juniors Case Bretsch, Jaxon Ellwein, Jayden Ellwein, Noah Heuer, Quinn Huettl, Ian Nickelson, Howard Sumption, and Jace Thorpe; sophomores Jacob Bain and Andrew Schlosser; freshman Bentley Sumption; and eighth-graders Abel Janke and Wyatt Speck. Senior Night will be held in Leola on Sept. 25, with the regular season ending on Oct. 16 in Faulkton, and first-round playoffs on Oct. 22.

Hearing screenings will be done on Oct. 21, Picture retake day at Frederick Area School will be on Oct. 28, All-State Chorus will take place in Rapid City on Oct. 30-31, Pre-School screening will be on Nov. 6, the ASVAB test will be administered to juniors on Nov. 11, and a Veterans Day program will be held again that same afternoon.



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The east side of the building will have two large overhead doors.

Ag: Lease-to-own deal in place for land acquisition

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Additional parking is also part of the project.

Construction is estimated to cost \$600,000, with furnishings to be an additional cost. The district will pay for these expenses with capital outlay funds over a period of seven years.

The district has not purchased the land. It has a seven-year lease-to-own agreement with the landowners. "At the end of the lease-to-own agreement, the 2-3 acres of land the building sits on and the parking lot area to the north of it will be donated to the school," Kusters said.

The school district rented space in the old Titans restaurant building last spring so students could do projects. This fall, students

are making do with space in the school as they wait for the new building to be completed.

FFA was formerly known as Future Farmers of America. The national organization has gone by the name National FFA Organization since 1988 to reflect opportunities in the broader agriculture industry. It is one of several activities added at Frederick Area over the past decade, in addition to chapters of FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) and FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America).

"The board has been very supportive of starting new activities for the students in our district," Kusters said. "Having an ag / FFA program seemed the most logical because of being in a major rural and agricultural area."

Two Frederick Area students enlist in the National Guard

Two Frederick Area seniors, Titus Kippley and Jax Holmes, recently signed up for the South Dakota Army National Guard. Both qualified for the Montgomery GI Bill and the Kicker, which provide monthly education benefits, as well as 100 percent state tuition assistance. They also qualified for the College First option, which allows them to attend college full time for up to two years without being federally deployed.



Titus Kippley enlisted Aug. 28 as a Multiple Launch Rocket System Crewmember (13M). He will be joining Alpha Battery, 1-147th FA out of Watertown, S.D. He is pictured with SFC Missy Weigel.



Jax Holmes enlisted Sept. 14 as a Construction Equipment Repairer (91L). He will be joining the 200th Engineer Co. out of Chamberlain, S.D. He is pictured with SFC Missy Weigel.

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Annual Chicken Dinner

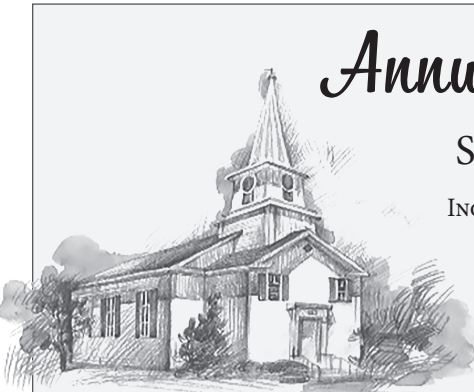
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Frederick Area School District #6-2 Regular Board Meeting, August 10, 2026

A regular meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education was called to order on August 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. by President Derik Bretsch. Members present were Rich Achen, Alex Hart, Troy Podoll and Rich Schlosser. Also present were Superintendent Jeff Kusters, Principal Alexis Liknes and Business Manager Shauna Severson. Other members of the community were in attendance and via zoom.

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

Brock Pashen spoke during public comment.

2027-013 Motion by Schlosser, second by Podoll to approve the agenda as presented. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest disclosures.

2027-014 Motion by Hart, second by Achen to approve the following consent agenda items. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

- July 13, 2026 Regular/Reorganizational Meeting and July 30, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes

- July 2026 Financial Report

- July 2026 Payroll

- District Bills

Financial Report:

General Fund- Bal 7-1-26:	\$341,742.40
Receipts:	\$154,455.99
Disbursements:	\$163,141.46
Bal 7-31-26:	333,056.93
Investments: Bal 7-1-26:	\$953,803.27
Interest:	\$15.43
Bal 7-31-26:	\$953,818.70

Ending Fund Balance:	\$1,286,875.63.
Imprest Fund: Bal 7-1-26:	\$5,867.31
Disbursements:	\$78.00
Bal 7-31-26:	\$5,789.31.
Capital Outlay Fund: Bal 7-1-26:	\$274,824.42
Receipts:	\$11,217.29
Disbursements:	\$166,698.26
Bal 7-31-26:	\$119,343.45
Investments: Bal 7-1-26:	\$2,786,763.06
Interest:	\$34.37
Bal 7-31-26:	\$2,786,797.43
Ending Fund Balance:	\$2,906,140.88.
Special Education Fund	
Checking: Bal 7-1-26:	\$42,518.44
Receipts:	\$4,186.77
Disbursements:	\$16,990.69
Bal 7-31-26:	\$29,714.52
Investments: Bal 7-31-26:	\$1,327,554.16
Interest:	\$20.35
Bal 7-31-26:	\$1,327,574.51
Ending Fund Balance:	\$1,357,289.03.
Food Service Fund:	
Bal 7-1-26:	\$899.97
Receipts:	\$5,292.36
Disbursements:	\$1,709.73
Bal 7-31-26	\$4,482.60.
Drivers Ed Fund: Bal 7-31-26:	\$2,769.85.
Custodial Funds: Bal 7-1-26:	\$63,588.67
Receipts:	\$1,497.96
Disbursements:	\$3,283.94
Bal 7-31-26	\$61,802.69
Ovid J Stevens Scholarship:	
Checking: Bal 7-31-26	\$85
Investments: Bal 7-31-26:	\$19,198.58
Ending Fund Balance:	\$19,199.43.
Claims approved:	
General Fund salaries	68,439.19
Special Education salaries	6,970.21
Food Service salaries	508.20
AFLAC, supplemental insurance	1,794.78

American Funds, retirement	235.00
Delta Dental, insurance	2,379.82
EFFPS, federal inc tax/SS/Medicare	20,575.97
ID Shield, identify theft,	8.45
Northern Plains Insurance Pool	28,102.70
Optilegra, vision insurance	388.50
SDRS, retirement	12,469.30
Security Benefits, retirement	2,356.70
The Standard, life insurance	136.78
Total:	\$144,365.60
Bills approved:	
General Fund: Agtegra-Fuel	1,070.94
Allied Climate LLC-HVAC Services	4,379.30
Amazon Capital Services-Supplies	613.35
ASBPT-Cyber Liability	1,932.29
ASBSD-Workshop	805.39
Babcock Family Chiro DOT Physical	120.00
Bretsch, Derik-Fingerprints	20.00
Brick's TV & Appliance-Service	555.00
Cedar Shore Resort-Conference Lodging	262.70
Century Business-Copier Overage	102.11
Community Store-Supplies/Incentives	82.73
Counselor Keri-Curriculum Supplements	56.50
DSG-Supplies	2,278.15
FASD Imprest Fund-Misc.	78.00
Frederick Athletic Assoc-Leftover Conc	50.00
Innovative-Supplies	141.98
Internal Revenue Service-Tax Increase	10.94
Jostens-Yearbooks	504.40
JW Pepper-Supplies	807.99
Lyft-FBLA NLC Transportation	191.11
Math Stackers-Supplies	89.00
McQuillen Creative-Publishings/Ad	342.91
Menards-Supplies	988.55
Merchant Services-CC Processing Fees	94.45
Midco-Fitness Center Cable	109.15
Midstates Group-Ag Award	7.43
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.-Utilities	2,550.92
MRG Hauff-Supplies	293.75
NetSupport-Technology Services	939.55

NVC-Phone	245.62
Pantorium Cleaners Inc-Supplies	170.90
Price Plumbing-Flooring Services	370.00
Quality Inn-Ag Lodging	229.23
Ramada-Track Lodging	1,944.00
Rochester 100-Supplies	176.74
SchoolMate-Supplies	276.25
Schwan Electric-Service	1,388.43
SDHSCA-Coach Memberships	114.40
SDIAAA-AD Membership	208.00
Shenoyne Transport-Summer Bus Maint	15,445.88
Teachers Pay Teachers-Curric Supp	221.73
Town of Frederick-Utilities	627.69
Watch Game Film-FB Game Film	300.00
Capital Outlay Fund:	
Amazon Capital Services-Laptop	1,649.99
Apple Inc.-Ipad/Cases	10,540.00
BSN Sports-Track Uniforms	2,860.00
Century Business-Copier Lease	306.66
Goodheart-Willcox Publisher-Ag Curric	1,325.80
Innovative-Desk	3,031.95
Rep Fitness-Fitness Center Flooring	520.26
Sumption Real Estate-Building Lease-July	25,000.00
Sumption Real Estate-Building Lease-August	25,000.00
Special Education Fund:	
Avera-OT/PT	2,235.84
Cedar Shore Resort-Conf Lodging	349.66
Kosters, Christine-Conference Meals	60.00
Food Service Fund:	
Amazon Capital Services-Supplies	44.99
Buller Fixture Company-Oven	7,756.00
Sheraton-Conference Lodging	308.96
Uline-Supplies	193.45
Webstaurant Store-Supplies	72.75
Imprest Fund:	
Division of Criminal Inv-Bckgd Check	50.00
Kosters, Jeff-Conference Meals	28.00
Custodial Fund:	



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Leola School District-GBB Account	234.94
Pizza Ranch-FB Meal	230.27
Podoll, Troy-GBB Camp	245.00
Tourism Tickets-FBLA NLC Event	235.44

The following reports were presented:

Administration: Jeff Kusters: Superintendent/
Athletic Director; Alexis Liknes: Principal,
Shauna Severson: Business Manager
Committees: NCSEC: Schlosser; Building:
Achen/Bretsch (Concrete work for Ag Building
as started per Sumptions; TW Construction
general contractor); Co-op: Hart/Podoll
(Trevor Taylor has been hired for JH FB;
Asst VB still open); ASBSD Join Convention:
Bretsch (Surveys to households; Student of
the month).

Scott Campbell with First National Bank
presented.

2027-015 Motion by Podoll, second by Hart
to open advertisement for bids for A/C and
heat in the gym. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2027-016 Motion by Podoll, second by
Schlosser to approve the purchase of an
Autonomous Scrubber and Workstation from
Innovative Office Solutions. All voted Aye.
Motion carried.

Music Concerts were discussed. They will
remain at 7:00 pm.

2027-017 Motion by Schlosser, second by Hart
to increase the hourly driving rate from \$15.00
to \$20.00 for the 2026-2027 school year. All
voted Aye; Podoll abstained. Motion carried.

2027-018 Motion by Schlosser, second

by Achen to approve Don Nickelson as a
volunteer. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2027-019 Motion by Hart, second by Achen
to set Live Ticket Film and Production rates:
\$25.00/game for volleyball and basketball;
\$50.00/game for football. All voted Aye.
Motion carried.

2027-020 Motion by Achen, second by Podoll
approve Open Enrollments 2627-5, 2627-6,
2627-7, 2627-8, 2627-9 and 2627-10. All voted
Aye. Motion carried.

2027-021 Motion by Schlosser, second by
Hart to update Policy BBF. All voted Aye.
Motion carried.

2027-022 Motion by Podoll, second by Achen
to go into executive session at 7:51 p.m. for
1-25-2 (1) Personnel. All voted Aye. Motion
carried.

Bretsch declared the board out of executive
session at 9:31 p.m.

Surveys for parents were discussed as well
as surveys for taxpayers. Administration will
ensure the surveys are sent out and they are
to be returned to the Business Manager.

2027-023 Motion by Hart, second by
Schlosser to adjourn at 9:35 p.m. All voted
Aye. Motion carried.

Derik Bretsch, President

Shauna Severson, Business Manager

City of Frederick Special Meeting Minutes, August 10, 2026

A Special Meeting was held Monday, August
10 in the Frederick Community Center to
discuss extending water services to the other

side of the Maple River beginning at 7:00 PM.
Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott
Campbell, Board members Troy Millard and
Marty Morlock, and Finance Officer Jennifer
Morlock and Assistant Finance Officer Mariah
Heine. Also attending the meeting were Taylor
Sumption, Jeremy Hormann, Doug Braa, Mark
Cutler, and Don Gunther.

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

The discussion included what the cost would
be to get across the Maple split 4 ways between
the city and 3 parties interested in getting
water to the West side of the River. Sumption,
Hormann, Cutler, and Braa discussed the cost
to get across the river compared to the cost
to engage with WEB water directly to get their
water services. After much discussion, the
city had decided that they would like to get
water service across the river. The city will pay
the cost to get water across the river and the
cost of getting water from the baseball field
to each building would be split between the
remaining parties. The discussion ended with
plans to get more concrete numbers before
making final decisions.

Motion to adjourn made by Morlock/Campbell
at 9:00 PM; motion carried.

M. Heine, Assistant Finance Officer

Town of Westport General Meeting, Sept. 8, 2026

The Town of Westport met on September 8,
2026 at 7:00 p.m., with Mitch Wilson, Shane
Storm, Troy Tschappat, and Deb Schlosser
present.

The following bills were presented:

City General:

NW Energy- utilities	\$37465
Groton Independent-August minutes	\$2318
Elan Financial Services -playground	\$183.46
K & S Plumbing-town hall repairs	\$43418
Brown CoTreas-mosquito spraying	\$882.42
Mitch Wilson-payroll	\$1325.00
Shane Storm-payroll	\$587.50
Troy Tschappat-payroll	\$575.00
Deb Schlosser-payroll	\$1000.00
Jeff Schroeder-payroll	\$531.99
Sewer: NW Energy-Lift Station utilities	\$4962
Dakota Pump & Control-Lift Station repairs	\$11600.08

Water:

Public Health Laboratory-Aug testing	\$20.00
WEB-water	\$2195.84
Banyon Data Systems-UB Meter Device & UB Support	\$1260.00
Water Maintenance District-July testing	688.78
Shane Storm motioned, second by Troy Tschappat to pay all bills.	

The following deposits were presented:

City General: State of SD	\$1922.59
Brown County Collections	\$428.85
Kristi Kolb	\$75.00
Interest	\$50.01

Sewer:

Resident Payments	\$2628.39
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Water: Resident Payments

\$3942.59

Public Concerns:

OLD BUSINESS: Zoning Ordinances were
looked at with no changes.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Troy Tschappat,
second by Shane Storm to approve WEB Water
rate increase resolution. Shane Storm motion,
seconded by Troy Tschappat to approve 2027
Budget Ordinance. Motion by Troy Tschappat,
second by Shane Storm to sign agreement



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with SD DOT for Delineation of County and Class II & II City Roads Project. This will be at no cost to Westport City. A letter was received from CWF Concrete & Masonry informing us they will no longer provide snow removal. Town will need to find another company.

Meeting dismissed at 7:38 p.m.

Deb Schlosser, Finance Officer

Resolution #2026-20

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH NEW WATER/ SEWER RATES FOR THE CITY OF WESTPORT, SD.

WHEREAS, the current water rates are not sufficient enough to cover the cost of distributing water and provide for upgrade of the water delivery infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Westport City Council for Westport, South Dakota, that water/sewer rates for all residential and commercial users shall be as follows:

Each consumer shall pay a minimum charge of \$51.00 dollars per month base fee. Water used during such month shall be at the rate of \$9.40 per one thousand (1,000) gallons and the overage rate is \$17.00 per 1,000 gallons for over 12,000 gallons used.

Those consumers that have a hook up to the city water, but it is not currently using, will continue to pay an inactive fee of \$44.00 a month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these water rates shall go into effect payable November 1st, 2026.

Dated this 8th day of September, 2026.

Mitchell Wilson, Board President

Deb Schlosser, Finance Officer

Appropriations Ordinance No. 2026-01

2027 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the Municipality of Westport that the following sums are appropriated to meet the obligations of the municipality.

GENERAL FUND

Governmental Funds

411-419 General Government	
Salary & benefits	15,000.00
Supplies & Materials	18,000.00
Miscellaneous	10,000.00
431 Public Works	
Streets and Lights	7,000.00
441 Health and Welfare	
Mosquito spraying	2,000.00
Total 2027 Appropriations	52,000.00

GENERAL FUND

Means of Finance:

310 Taxes	
311 Property Taxes	14,000.00
313 General Sales and Use Tax	30,000.00
320 Licenses and Permits	
Liquor license & Building permits	980.00
330 Intergovernmental Revenue	
334 State Grants	
335 State Shared Revenue	
335.1 Bank Franchise Tax	165.00
335.2 Prorate License Fee	332.00
335.3 Liquor Tax Reversion	588.00
335.4 Motor Vehicle Licenses	2,150.00
335.8 Local Highway and Bridge Fund	
	12,000.00

338 County Shared Revenue	
338.1 County Road Tax - 25%	30.00
338.2 County Highway and Bridge	400.00
338.3 County Wheel Tax	100.00
Total Means of Finance	60,745.00

Enterprise Funds	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Sewer Surcharge
Operating Funds	38,800.00	3,600.00	18,620.00
Revenue	44,000.00	8,000.00	21,840.00

Mitchell Wilson 9/8/2026
President of the Board Date

City of Frederick Meeting Minutes, Sept. 8, 2026

Frederick's town board meeting was held Tuesday, September 8 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 August meetings were read and approved with a motion by Morlock/Millard; motion carried. The financial statements were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Millard/Campbell; motion carried. The September accounts payable were approved with a motion by Millard/Morlock; motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MDU electric, BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL	\$1,089.46
Badger Meter fees Swr	\$137.77
Brown Co Sheriff, deputy svcs Gen'l	\$1,041.67
Ben Hofer Backhoe repair Wtr	\$908.16
Century Bus Products copies Gen'l	\$25.00
David Losure utility wage Wtr/Swr/Sts	\$873.37
Dependable Sanitation Grbg	\$1,676.00
DRN Readitech service FO	\$29.40



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The Titans varsity boys cross country team won at the Hoven Invitational on Sept. 9. Pictured are Coach Sarah Sumption, Howard Sumption, Tate Dosch, Jace Bender, Titus Kippely, Jaxson Bender, Aaron Kippely, and Coach Jackie Bender.

EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cnty	\$1,162.94
Frederick Area Ambulance Fire/Amb	\$1,000.00
FDC Gen'l	\$1,200.00
J. Morlock wage FO	\$1,558.47
Jensen Rock and Sand repair Sts	\$5,250.00
JVT Gen'l/Wtr/EBL/FO	\$290.05
M. Cox wage EBL	\$546.80
M. Heine wage FO	\$1,311.07
M. Morlock wage Gen'l	\$92.35
M. Morlock mowing wage Gen'l	\$204.10
McQuillen Creative publishing Gen'l	\$477.8
S. Campbell wage Gen'l	\$138.52
SD Dept of Health tests Wtr	\$20
SD Dept of Rev sales tax Gen'l	\$68.07
T. Millard wage Gen'l	\$92.35
USDA-RD loan Wtr	\$475
VISA gas, cert letters Gen'l	\$52.49
USDA-RD loan Swr	\$3,763
USPS Box fee Gen'l	\$172
WEB Water Wtr	\$4,874.79

OLD BUSINESS

Losure provided a utility report. The board reviewed the Brown County Sheriff's Report. The board discussed nuisance properties, notices sent, and abatements. The board discussed continued maintenance of the city streets to keep them in good shape. The variance request from Dustin Usselman at

McKay Lot B NW 11-127-64 has been tabled to be discussed after further clean-up of the property. The board discussed repairing the bathrooms at Simmons Park.

NEW BUSINESS

The board checked with the county about condemning 407 Main St and the associated expenses.

Motion to authorize Jennifer Morlock and Scott Campbell to be authorized signers for DOT paperwork made by Morlock/Millard; motion carried.

Motion to approve resolution 2026-02 to increase water rates to \$35 for the first 1,000 gallons and \$7.50 per thousand gallons after the first 1,000 gallons made by Millard/Morlock, roll call vote had ayes by all; motion carried.

Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2026-04 for 2027 Budget and Appropriation made by Campbell/Millard, roll call vote had ayes by all; motion carried. The second reading for the resolution and ordinance will be September 22, 2026 in the Community Center at 7PM.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, October 5 at 7PM.

Motion to adjourn made by Morlock/Millard at 7:43 PM; motion carried.

M. Heine, Assistant Finance Officer



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CROSS COUNTRY

Co-op shows strength in numbers

The new Leola/Frederick Area cross country co-op is already showing an advantage: strength in numbers.

At the Hoven Invitational Sept. 9, the Titans tied Lemmon with 18 points in the boys varsity race and won the tiebreaker because they had additional runners.

In Class B cross country, the finishing places of a team's top three runners are added for its score, with the lowest total winning. If teams tie, a fourth runner, called a "pusher," is used as the tiebreaker. Leola/Frederick Area had a pusher; Lemmon did not.

Jace Bender, Howard Sumption and Titus Kippely have consistently filled the Titans' three scoring positions. At Hoven, their scoring places were second, fifth and 11th. If any one of the three had finished one scoring place lower, the Titans would have taken second. Howard's fifth-place finish came by just over two seconds.

"Each of the boys matters when looking at the overall team score," Coach Sarah Sumption said.

Freshmen Jaxson Bender and Aaron Kippely have also moved up to the varsity race and competed well at Hoven, adding to the depth created by the co-op.

The team is building toward the Region Meet Oct. 14, with the goal of qualifying the boys team for state.

Younger runners are also making progress. Seventh-grader Ella Kallas excelled in two junior varsity races before moving up to varsity and placing in the top five at Hoven. Junior high runner Moriah Kippely has placed high in her first two races, while Dawson Clark, Fred Sumption and Arabella Dosch have significantly improved their times from last season.

"They may not take home a medal, but their times show their work ethic and commitment to get better," Sumption said. "Success doesn't happen overnight. ... What we preach is hard work will pay off—as a runner and in life. Stick to the grind!"



Jaxon Ellwein brings in a pass before running for a big gain during the Titans' game against Northwestern Sept. 4.



Quarterback Quinn Huettl passes to Jace Thorpe.



The Titan defense prevents a score near the endzone.



Jace Thorpe hauls in a long pass before running for a touchdown.

PHOTOS BY HEIDI MARTTILA-LOSURE

Team numbers down this year

BY JEFF KOSTERS
Head Coach

Our first game of the season was held on August 21st down in Hitchcock when we played Hitchcock-Tulare. We were beaten by a score of 40-12. Our bye week came early this year, so we were off the second week. As we did a few years back, the conference played a slate of games on the campus of NSU on Friday, September 4, and our opponent this time around was Northwestern. We got off to a slow start and dug a bit of a hole for ourselves, trailing 30-0 at halftime. We played better in the second half and lost by a score of 30-14. In our most recent game, we traveled to Ipswich and once again found ourselves down big on the scoreboard at halftime, this time 41-6. The final score ended up

41-14, bringing our current record to 0-3.

Our numbers this year are down from where they have traditionally been for the past few years. We have 20 players listed on our roster, and three of those are eighth-graders. Injuries and other issues have hit us already this season, and we had 16 kids suited up for our past game.

Our next two games will be played in Leola, with North Central and Herreid/Selby Area being our two opponents. We travel to Gettysburg on October 2, and finish with Warner in Frederick on October 9, and travel to Faulkton Area on October 16. We will continue to work hard in the hopes of improving with each week and each game.

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Titans adapt through early season

“Try, change, adapt” was new Titans head volleyball coach Alura Johnson’s motto heading into the season, and the team has had opportunities to put that philosophy into practice through its first eight games.

After a challenging start, the Titans (2-6) picked up their first win in straight sets over Tiospa Zina Sept. 10. They added another Sept. 17, battling through five sets to defeat Herreid/Selby Area, 15-25, 25-23, 24-26, 25-22 and 15-12.

Johnson is in her 10th year of coaching and fifth with the Titans, but her first as head coach.

“I have had the opportunity to work with some really great coaches over the years and gained insight with each one,” she said. “The goal is to continue to use the things that work and change or adapt everything else as we go.”

The program has increased participation this year, with 24 players on the JV/varsity roster. Fifth-graders were also invited to join the junior high program, bringing that roster to 16.

Johnson said experience is one of the varsity team’s strengths. Juniors and seniors make up half the roster, and many have varsity experience and have played together for several seasons.

“These girls have been playing together for multiple seasons and have found ways to adapt to changes as they come,” Johnson said. “With a focus on staying positive and treating every opportunity as a learning experience, they will continue to grow stronger as a team.”

VOLLEYBALL



TOP RIGHT: Karli Achen battles at the net with Waubay-Summit’s Addison Heinje during their game Aug. 27 in Frederick. **TOP LEFT:** Arabella Clark gets a kill. **MIDDLE LEFT:** Mileah Holmes digs up a ball. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Ella Kempf saves a volley from dropping out of bounds. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Eden Podoll puts up a jump serve.

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