

What's coming up

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.

MONDAY, OCT. 19

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

TUESDAY, OCT. 20

Titans volleyball vs. Waverly-South Shore at Waverly. C game at 5:30 p.m., JV at 6:30 p.m., varsity to follow.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21

Hearing screenings at Frederick Area

FRIDAY, OCT. 23

Titans volleyball vs. Sunshine Bible Academy at Sunshine Bible. C game at 5:30 p.m., JV at 6:30 p.m., varsity to follow.

SATURDAY, OCT. 24

Class B State Cross Country Meet in Rapid City

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Six Titans headed to state

Boys team places second at regions; Kallas qualifies in girls' race

BY HEIDI MARTTILA-LOSURE

The first year of Leola-Frederick's new co-op in cross country was already proving to be successful for the boys team, with three team wins and strong individual performances over the course of the season. But the bigger test each year comes on region meet day, when runners hope to punch their tickets to state. On Oct. 14 in Webster, the Titans managed that challenge as well, with four of the five runners qualifying by being in the top 20 and the team qualifying by placing second overall.

On the girls side, Ella Kallas qualified for state with a 20th-place finish. She was one of three seventh-graders at the Region 1B meet to qualify.

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FASD PHOTOS

Six Titan athletes qualified for the state cross country meet with their performances at the Region 1B Cross Country Meet on Oct. 14 in Webster. Pictured are, at left, Ella Kallas, and above, from left, Jaxson Bender, Aaron Kippley, Jace Bender, Titus Kippley, and Howard Sumption.

Truck will provide more water for firefighting



Fire Chief Kevin Barton stands with the 1988 Freightliner Classic water truck.

BY HEIDI MARTTILA-LOSURE

Frederick Area Fire & Rescue has acquired a new water truck.

Well, new-er, anyway. It's a 1988 Freightliner Classic, and even though '88 is longer ago than some of us care to admit, the firefighters now have a truck that's 18 years younger than the water truck they had been driving.

More importantly, "we doubled the capacity," explained Fire Chief Kevin Barton. "We went from a 2,500-gallon tank

to a 5,000-gallon tank." The new truck is also capable of driving highway speed, while the old truck could grudgingly do 55 miles per hour and no more.

Both those advances will help in the critical moments of fighting a fire when every second matters. The department's No. 1 truck always heads out to a fire first, but its capacity (a little over 1,000 gallons) is depleted quickly. Now the water truck with its 5,000 gallons won't be far

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What's coming up

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28

Picture retake day at Frederick Area

SATURDAY, OCT. 31

All-State Chorus

MONDAY, NOV. 2

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

Region 1B Volleyball Tournament begins.

Continues Tuesday and Thursday.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4

ASVAB for Frederick Area juniors

FRIDAY, NOV. 6

Preschool screening at Frederick Area

MONDAY, NOV. 9

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



Great day for a parade

FASD PHOTO

The Frederick Area band took part in a marching band competition on Oct. 9 in Groton.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11

Veterans' Day Program, 2:30 p.m. at Frederick Area School

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25

No school at Frederick Area for Thanksgiving break. Continues through Nov. 29.

MONDAY, DEC. 7

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

TUESDAY, DEC. 8

Titans girls basketball vs. Strasburg 6 p.m. at Strasburg.

THURSDAY, DEC. 10

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

SATURDAY, DEC. 12

Titans basketball doubleheader vs. Langford, 1 p.m. at Langford

Truck: Vehicle came from Bath

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behind, and in many cases, firefighters will be able to keep water on the fire until a truck from a mutual aid department arrives, allowing them to go refill.

The department purchased the truck from Bath Township. "They gave us a really good deal to keep it within the county," Barton said. "The fire district paid for it with minimal funds. It was a gift, almost."

Which is good, since the department still has other needs. Their building, for example, is still being financed.

The old truck was sold to a local farmer.

Getting the truck now is good timing. They will have it to show at their annual fall fundraiser on Oct. 17, and they will also be ready for what is often a busy time of year for fire calls. Barton says they average about 15 fire calls a year, and this year they already had that by the beginning of October.

FREDERICK FIRE & RESCUE
VOLUNTEERS FUN NIGHT
 Saturday October 17th, 2026
 at the Frederick Fire Station
 @ 317 Main Street
 \$50 Ticket includes
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COME GROW WITH US!

Kindergarteners take over fire hall for a morning



FASD PHOTO

In honor of Fire Prevention Week, Frederick Area kindergarteners took a fun trip to Frederick's fire hall. The kids got to explore inside the ambulance and fire truck, try on a firefighter hat, check out a fire suit, and learn about what firefighters do to help keep our community safe. A big thank you to the Frederick Fire Department for sharing your time and talking with our little Titans about fire safety!



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

A regular meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education was called to order on September 14, 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 Kosters, 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.

No public comment.

2027-024 Motion by Schlosser, second by Hart to approve the agenda as presented. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest disclosures.

2027-025 Motion by Achen, second by Podoll to approve the following consent agenda items. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

a. August 10, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

b. August 2026 Financial Report

c. August 2026 Payroll

d. District Bills

Financial Report:

General Fund

Bal 8-1-26:	\$333,056.93
Receipts:	\$98,348.17
Disbursements:	\$182,621.75
Transfer to Investments:	(\$225,000)
Bal 8-31-26:	23,783.35
Investments: Bal 8-1-26:	\$953,818.70
Interest:	\$13.46
Transfer from Checking:	\$225,000
Bal 8-31-26:	\$1,178,832.16
Ending Fund Balance:	\$1,202,615.51
Imprest Fund: Bal 8-1-26:	\$5,789.31
Disbursements:	\$2,890.60
Bal 8-31-26:	\$2,898.71

Capital Outlay Fund:

Bal 8-1-26:	\$119,343.45
Receipts:	\$68,014.38
Disbursements:	\$45,234.66
Transfer to Investments:	(\$125,000)
Bal 8-31-26:	\$17,123.17
Investments: Bal 8-1-26:	\$2,786,797.43
Interest:	\$38.94
Transfer from Checking:	\$125,000
Bal 8-31-26:	\$2,911,836.37
Ending Fund Balance:	\$2,928,959.54

Special Education Fund

Checking: Bal 8-1-26:	\$29,714.52
Receipts:	\$1,815.32
Disbursements:	\$14,095.70
Bal 8-31-26:	\$17,434.14
Investments: Bal 8-31-26:	\$1,327,574.51
Interest:	\$18.40
Bal 8-31-26:	\$1,327,592.91
Ending Fund Balance:	\$1,345,027.05

Food Service Fund:

Bal 8-1-26:	\$4,482.60
Receipts:	\$11,013.50
Disbursements:	\$9,441.95
Bal 8-31-26:	\$6,054.15
Drivers Ed Fund:	
Bal 8-31-26:	\$2,769.85

Custodial Funds:

Bal 8-1-26:	\$61,802.69
Receipts:	\$6,118.32
Disbursements:	\$4,161.67
Bal 8-31-26:	\$63,759.34

Ovid J Stevens Scholarship:

Checking: Bal 8-31-26:	\$85
Investments: Bal 8-31-26:	\$19,198.58

Ending Fund Balance:	\$19,199.43
CLAIMS APPROVED:	
General Fund salaries	66,723.49
Special Education salaries	70,415
Food Service salaries	95.53
AFLAC, supplemental insurance	1,794.78
American Funds, retirement	235.00
Delta Dental, insurance	2,309.76
EFTPS, federal inc tax/SS/Medicare	20,136.40
ID Shield, identify theft	8.45
Northern Plains Insurance Pool	26,723.50
Optilegra, vision insurance	388.50
SDRS, retirement	12,505.28
Security Benefits, retirement	2,356.70
The Standard, life insurance	135.78
Total:	\$140,454.62

BILLS APPROVED:

General Fund:

Aberdeen Awards-Awards/pins	96.00
Agtegra-Fuel	2,721.74
Amazon Capital Services-Supplies	376.24
ARCC Music-Marching Band Entry	50.00
ASBPT-Property/Liability Premium	55,309.00
ASBSD-Workshops	400.00
ASBSD Workers Comp	12,688.00
Avera St. Lukes-Athletic Training	341.80
Babcock Family Chiro-DOT Physical	120.00
Brown County Landfill-Disposal	58.72
BSN Sports-FB Chains	412.50
Cahill Bauer & Associates-Audit	11,250.00
Cash-Wa Distributing-FFVP	955.02
Century Business-Copier Overage	422.90
Coaching Distance-Track/XC Tools	159.75
Cole Papers-Supplies	1,343.56
Collaborative Classroom-Title I Software	1134.00
Community Store-Supplies	24.00
Council on College Admissions-Counselor Workshop	55.00
DSG-Supplies	838.54
EasyVista-Remote Access Renewal	639.54
Farmers Union Oil-Repairs	261.40
FASD Imprest Fund-Misc.	2,890.60
Generation Genius-Curric Supplements	125.00
Gopher Sport-Supplies	176.41
Groton Area School-Marching Band Entry	400.00
Hub City Radio-Ads	1,176.00
Johnson, Alura-Coaching Course	35.00
Kessler, Jackie-Conference Travel	116.50
Kosters, Jeff-Mileage	134.40
Lake Region Conference-Conf Dues	300.00
Lazel Inc-Explore K12-Reflex	1,769.76
Learning w/out Tears-Handwriting Workbooks	683.00
McQuillen Creative-Publishings/Subscription	227.53
Menards-Supplies	1,000.29
Merchant Services-CC Fees	166.16
Mid-American Research Chem-Supplies	2,053.76
Midco-Fitness Center Cable	148.72
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.-Utilities	2,732.95
MRG Hauff-Volleyballs	999.65
North Central Special Ed Coop-26-27 Fees	12,500.00
Northern State-Marching Band Entry	75.00
NVC-Phone	307.57
Pantorium Cleaners Inc-Supplies	170.90
Patrick Vu Music-All State Music	30.00
Pittsburgh Water Coolers-Supplies	119.90
Popplers Music-All State Music	102.70
Ramsey Solutions-Workbooks	519.84
Riverside Technologies-Cases	312.00
Scholastic-Scholastic News	555.87
Schwan Electric-Service	918.41
SDASBO-Conference Registration	150.00
SDHSCA-Coach Memberships	83.20
Severson, Shauna-Fuel/Conf Meals	109.75
South Dakota DOT-Highway Sign	24.00
Sumption, Sarah-Education Reimb	240.00
Taylor Music-Repairs/Instruments	3,131.96
Teachers Pay Teachers-Curric Supplements	24.99
Themes & Variations-Music Subscription	200.00
Town of Frederick-Utilities	631.77
Twin Valley Tire-Repairs	2,592.45

WalMart-Supplies	194.15
Zinter, Tonya-Education Reimb	249.00
Capital Outlay Fund:	
Builder Solutions-FB Field Shed Replacement	13,367.37
Century Business-Copier lease-	306.66
Sumption Real Estate-Building Lease-Sept	25,000.00

Special Education Fund:

Avera St. Lukes-OT/PT	2,535.36
N. Central Special Ed Coop-26-27 Services	22,208.64
Parent-Mileage	156.80
Praxis-Test	82.04

Food Service Fund:

Cash-Wa Distributing-Food/Supplies	7,727.48
Community Store-Food/Supplies	13.14
Pantorium Cleaners Inc-Supplies	88.00
Sumption, Michelle-Conference Travel	185.50
WalMart-Food/Supplies	128.70

Imprest Fund:

Aberle, Spencer-FB Ref	150.00
Brown County Sheriff-Fingerprints	20.00
DeVine, Valerie-VB Ref	135.00
Dickey County Sheriff-Fingerprints	10.00
Division of Criminal Inv-Bckgd Checks	100.00
Donat, Eric-VB Ref	140.60
First National Bank-Cash Boxes	1,500.00
Huber, CJ-FB Ref	150.00
Lorenz, Daren-FB Ref	150.00
Moench, Jordon-FB Ref	150.00
Pitz, Dustin-FB Ref	185.00
Shortt, Chelsee-VB Ref	100.00
Wolf, Muriah-VB Ref	100.00

Custodial Funds:

Amazon CS-Class of 29 Supplies	118.01
Pizza Ranch-LRC Meeting	91.91
Prairie Floral-Teacher Slush	90.00
Ramada-Track Lodging	1,296.00

The following reports were presented:

Administration: Jeff Kosters: Superintendent/
Athletic Director; Alexis Liknes: Principal,
Shauna Severson: Business Manager

Committees: NCSEC: Schlosser; Building:
Achen/Bretsch (Ag Building is enclosed, dirt
work is almost done, parking lot will be gravel)
Online High School was discussed.

Building Project was discussed during the
committee report.

2027-026 Motion by Hart, second by
Schlosser to conduct surveys, including a
back-to-school survey distributed to district
parents on paper and a taxpayer survey
distributed by postcard with a QR code. All
voted Aye. Motion carried.

2027-027 Motion by Podoll, second by
Schlosser to approve the proposal from
Element for HVAC design, cost and fees. All
voted Aye. Motion carried.

2027-028 Motion by Hart, second by Achen
to approve volunteers: Vincent Petrich, Jon
Meidinger and Jim Sumption. All voted Aye.
Motion carried.

2027-029 Motion by Achen, second by Podoll
to Approve Open Enrollment 2627-11. All voted
Aye. Motion carried.

2027-030 Motion by Achen, second by
Schlosser to approve the submission of the
2025-2026 Annual Report according to SDCL
13-8-47. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2027-031 Motion by Podoll, second by Hart
and carried to adopt the 2026-2027 Budget
and certify real tax levy request for payable
2027 to the County Auditor for the fiscal year
July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027:

General Fund:
MAX: 1.051 mills per 1000 ag valuation, 0.669
mills per 1000 non-ag owner-occupied
valuation, 4.867 mills per 1000 non-ag
other/utilities valuation; Opt Out: \$150,000

(Perpetual), \$85,000 Grand
Opt Out: \$34,000 Capital Outlay
\$638,526, 1.443 mills per 1000 valuation;
Special Education: .339 mills per 1000
valuation.

Changes from Published Budget in July:

Expenditures: General – Total (\$14,058):
10 1110 – Elementary Programs +11,734,
10 1120 – Junior High Programs (1,059),
10 1130 – HS Programs (3,308), 10 1140 –
Preschool Programs +200, 10 1273 – Title
Program +1,134, 10 2220 – Ed Media
Services (4,783), 10 2310 – Board of Ed
Services (16,216), 10 6200 – Female
Activities +565, 10 6900 – Combined
Activities +2,675, 10 7000 – Contingencies
(5,000), Capital Outlay – Total +\$251,921:
21 1110 – Elementary Programs +2,061,
21 1130 – HS Programs +250,000, 21
6900 – Combined Activities (140). Special
Education – Total +1,404: 22 2730 –
Special Ed Transportation Costs +1,404.
Revenue: General – Total (\$14,058): 10
1000 – Local (114,875), 10 3000 – State
(76,038), Cash Reserves – +176,855, Capital
Outlay – +\$251,921: 21 1000 – Local +
86,000, Cash Reserves – +165,921. Special
Education – +1,404: 22 1000 – Local +
50,000, Cash Reserves – (48,596).

2027-032 Motion by Achen, second by Podoll
to approve KSB Law as an additional attorney
for the district. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2027-033 Motion by Hart, second by
Schlosser to approve the E-Mentor Stipend
contract for Amanda Wolbeck contingent on
finding a full-time Librarian/E-Mentor-
\$750/quarter. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2027-034 Motion by Achen, second by Hart
to approve the additional custodial accounts –
Class of 2028, Class of 2029, Class of 2030,
and Concessions. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2027-035 Motion by Podoll, second by Hart
to update the mileage rates as of October 1,
2026 to .76/mile. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2027-036 Motion by Hart, second by Achen
to increase the Adult meal prices to \$5.50. All
voted Aye. Motion carried.

The board would like to recognize the Cross
Country Boys team for their 1st Place finish at
the Hoven Invite. The Board also recognized
Stacy Bretsch for stepping in on short notice
to substitute in the kitchen for one week
and Brock Pashen for serving as a long-term
substitute bus route driver.

2027-037 Motion by Achen, second by Podoll
to go into executive session at 8:13 p.m. for 1-25-2
(1) Personnel. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Bretsch declared the board out of executive
session at 9:18 p.m.

2027-038 Motion by Schlosser, second by
Hart to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. All voted Aye.
Motion carried.

Derik Bretsch, President

Shauna Severson, Business Manager

City of Frederick Sept. 22, 2026 Minutes

Frederick's special board meeting was held
Tuesday, Sept. 22 in the Frederick Community
Center beginning at 7 p.m. Attending the
meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell,
Board members Troy Millard and Marty
Morlock, Finance Officer Jennifer Morlock and
Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine.

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

Motion to approve the second reading of 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 second reading of Ordinance 2026-04 for 2027 Budget and Appropriation made by Millard/Campbell, roll call vote had ayes by all; motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Morlock/Millard at 7:02 p.m.; motion carried.

M. Heine, Assistant Finance Officer

Ordinance No. 2026-04 2027 Appropriation Ordinance

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

Section 1: General Fund:

411.1 General Administration	\$43,548.00
414.2 Finance Office	\$44,986.00
414.1 Attorney	\$3,000.00
419.2 Gov't Buildings	\$11,750.00
422 Fire & Ambulance Department	\$17,000.00
452 Parks	\$8,714.00
437 Cemetery	\$5,646.00
432-432.9 Sanitation & Landfill	\$22,000.00
Economic Development	
465 Frederick Dev. Corp.	
\$14,400.00	\$15,400.00
465.3 Misc. community Dev.	
431 Streets	\$1,000.00
	\$58,345.00
455 Library	\$18,312.00
450 Community Center	\$2,303.00
411.5 Contingency Total	\$15,000.00
	\$266,004.00

Self-Supporting Funds:

Water Fund	\$91,970.00
Sewer Fund Garbage Fund	\$61,476.00
Total	\$153,446.00
Total Appropriations (year 2027)	\$419,450.00

Section 2:

Means of Finance for the above expenditures	
Water Fund Receipts	\$71,500.00
Sewer Fund Receipts	\$72,000.00
344 Garbage Fund Receipts	\$22,000.00
313 1% Sales Tax Receipts	\$40,000.00
Other Revenue	\$32,950.00
(License & Permits, State Shared Revenue, County Shared Revenue, Cemetery and and Miscellaneous Revenue)	
Total	\$238,450.00
General Tax Levy	\$166,000.00

Demand Deposits	\$15,000.00
Total Means of Finance (year 2027)	\$419,450.00

Section 3: That the funds raised by taxation pursuant to the preceding section shall be credited to the respective funds set forth.

Section 4: The finance officer is directed to certify the following dollar amount of tax levies made in this ordinance to the Brown County Auditor: \$166,000.00

Passed first reading - 9/8/26 Passed second reading - 9/22/26 Adopted - 9/22/26

Published - 10/1/26 Effective date - 10/1/26 /s/ Scott Campbell

Board of Trustees

Attest: /s/ Jennifer Morlock

Finance Office

Town of Westport General Meeting, Oct. 5, 2026

The Town of Westport met on October 5, 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	\$318.11
Groton Independent-Sept. meeting minutes, budget ordinance, water and sewer rates	\$65.40
Elan Financial Services -sprayer tank	\$289.88
US Treasury-3rd Quarter taxes	\$1398.43
SD Unemployment Insurance Div	\$28.89
Sewer: NW Energy-Lift Station utilities	\$44.98
Dakota Pump & Control-Lift Station repairs	\$1800.00

Water:

Public Health Lab-September testing	\$20.00
WEB-water	\$2096.13
Water Maint District-August testing	\$714.29
Water Maint District-September testing	\$714.29
Sewer Surcharge:	
DANR-lift station payment	\$9310.01

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

The following deposits were presented:

City General: State of SD	\$3280.03
Brown County Collections	\$221.83
Interest	\$48.07
Sewer: Resident Payments	\$2737.18
Water: Resident Payments	\$4105.77

Public Concerns: none

Old Business: None

New Business: Looking for someone to do snow removal for the 2026-27 season. Ads will be placed on Facebook as well as Aberdeen Insider.

Meeting dismissed at 7:12 p.m.

Deb Schlosser, Finance Officer

Notice of Hearing

A PETITION to REZONE has been submitted to Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex on October 20, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: Darrel Napton

Description of property: Lots 1-7, "Replat of Borden's Subdivision" in the S1/2 of the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 3-T127N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (10695 386th Avenue; Frederick Twp.).

Reason: Rezone parcels from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed rezone petition. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission will forward a recommendation to the Board of Brown County Commissioners with a future meeting date in the Commission Chambers. Verify the meeting dates with the Brown County Auditor. Dated this 8th day of October 2026.

Planning/Zoning Commission and Scott Bader - P&Z Director

Notice of Hearing

Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a CONDITIONAL USE PETITION (CUP). A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on October 20, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: Darrel Napton

Legal description of property: Lots 1-7, "Replat of Borden's Subdivision" in the S1/2 of the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 3-T127N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (10695 386th Avenue; Frederick Twp.).

Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) to continue to sell fireworks in a proposed Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG).

The public may attend the hearing and present comments and testimony regarding the proposed Conditional Use Petition (CUP) request.

Dated this 8th day of October 2026.

Planning/Zoning Commission and Scott Bader - P&Z Director

Notice of Hearing

Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a VARIANCE PETITION. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on October 20, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner / Owner: Darrel Napton

Description of property: Lot 5, "Replat of Borden's Subdivision" in the S1/2 of the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 3-T127N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38590 107th Street; Frederick Township).

Reason: Variance to Setbacks in an Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to allow a south Front Yard Setback of 60'-0" rather than the 100'-0" setback required by Brown County Ordinance 4.0606 to build a new shop.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony.

Dated this 8th day of October 2026.

Planning/Zoning Commission and Scott Bader - P&Z Director



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CROSS COUNTRY



LEFT: The Titans take off in the pack at the start of the varsity boys race during the Lakeside Invitational Sept. 23 in Faulkton. **ABOVE:** Moriah Kippley heads for the chute as she takes second place in the junior high girls race at the Lakeside Invitational.

Titans: Injuries have affected runners this season

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"The addition of the co-op this season has been an advantage to us for strength in numbers," said coach Sarah Sumption. "We have some veteran runners who are doing great things and some underclassmen who are competing and pushing each other to be better."

That starts with junior Jace Bender, who placed in the top five in every race this year and won in Groton and at the Lake Region Conference meet in Ipswich before placing third at regions with a time of 17:37.1. "He has been our constant front runner," Sumption said.

Senior Titus Kippley has also been a workhorse for the team. "Titus has been improving every meet," Sumption said, placing in the top fifteen in races in the first half of the season before two top-five finishes in early October. He finished ninth at regions with a time of 18:40.9.

Junior Howard Sumption, a dual-sport athlete, had three top-ten finishes early in the season before a sprained ankle suffered in football sidelined him for a few weeks. "He provides strong scoring when he's able to run," Sumption said. He was able to compete at regions but not at full strength. He is continuing to work on rehab and healing before state.

With Howard dealing with injury, two younger runners stepped up. Ninth-grader Jaxson Bender placed 16th with a personal-best time of 19:14.6, and Aaron Kippley, also a ninth-grader, took 22nd with a personal-best time of 19:44.0.

Sophomore Tate Dosch is the team's sixth runner. He had a strong showing in the junior varsity race at the region meet, finishing second with a time of 15:47.5.

The Titans had just one runner, Ella Kallas, in the girls varsity race, and the seventh-grader was able to grab the last state-qualifying individual spot with her time of 22:01.3.

"She is a strong competitor," Sumption said. "I expect continued success for her."

Ninth-grader Hadleigh Hoggarth, who qualified for state last year, was running well early in September before her season was cut short by injury.

Runners competing at the junior high level have also had notable improvements and successes. One highlight was Moriah Kippley winning the Lake Region Conference meet. "I'm looking

2026 track awards

Frederick Area's 2026 track awards have been announced.

GIRLS

Hardest Worker: Katie Bretsch

Most Improved: Arabella Clark

Team Leader: Kalyce Achen

BOYS

Hardest Worker: Howard Sumption

Most Improved: Jayden Ellwein and Erik Losure

MVP: Westyn Thorpe

for great things to come in the future from her," Sumption said.

But this season still has one big test to go for the varsity runners. The state meet will be Saturday, Oct. 24, at Hart Ranch Camping Resort in Rapid City. That's the moment they've been training for.

"Our latest team talks have dealt with remembering your confidence," Sumption said. "Being the best version of you means being confident in what you have trained to do and what you can do."

Find the Titans' results from all the season's races at <https://www.athletic.net/team/5965/cross-country/2026>

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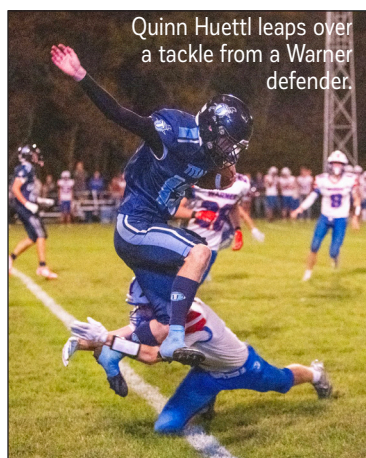
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Captains Gabe Ketterling, Noah Heuer, Case Bretsch and Jace Thorpe head to the coin toss at the start of the Titans' game against Warner Oct. 9.



Quinn Huettl leaps over a tackle from a Warner defender.



Howard Sumption fights to break a tackle during the North Central game Sept. 18 in Leola.



Noah Heuer gains ground against a Herreid-Selby defender Sept. 25 in Leola



Jayden Ellwein runs after a reception Oct. 9.



Jace Thorpe finds a path to run during the game against North Central.

FOOTBALL

Lack of experience makes a rough season

By HEAD COACH JEFF KOSTERS

Through eight regular-season games, we have been unable to find the win column.

The final five games were played since the last *F.Y.I.* was released. We fell to North Central in Leola's homecoming game 40-0. We played Herreid/Selby Area in Leola the following week to end the month of September and were beaten 56-6. October began with a trip to Gettysburg, and the Titans led 12-6 after a quarter of play and trailed 22-18 at the half in a back-and-forth game. Gettysburg pulled away in the second half for a 52-18 win.

We hosted Warner on Oct.

9 in Frederick and were beaten soundly 51-0. The final game was played Oct. 16 in Faulkton, ending at halftime with a score of 50-0.

Neither side of the ball has been able to play with any consistency all season. We have just one senior on our roster, and the decent-size group of juniors we have lacked any real varsity experience coming into the season. The lack of experience has really shown itself this year. We gave up 45 points per game and scored just 8 points per game, and a statistic like that would lend itself to the type of season we've had, ending with a final record of 0-8.



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VOLLEYBALL



ABOVE LEFT: Karli Achen serves during the Titans' game against Webster Area Oct. 13.

ABOVE RIGHT: Eden Podoll hits against Webster Area defenders.

BOTTOM LEFT: The team celebrates a kill. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Ella Kempf jumps to hit.

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Titans grow through tough season

The Leola/Frederick Area Titans have faced a challenging season, holding a 3-13 record with four regular-season matches remaining.

Coach Alura Johnson described the season as a "roller coaster," with some strong performances mixed with difficult losses.

"Lots of growing pains as we've navigated this season together," Johnson said. "We've had a few pretty good games and some very tough losses along the way."

The team's three wins have come against Tiospa Zina, Herreid/Selby Area and Strasburg. The Herreid/Selby Area match was a five-set battle, with Leola/Frederick Area winning the deciding set 15-12.

Throughout the season, players have been learning to adapt to different challenges, including injuries and nights when teammates aren't playing their best. Johnson said learning to work together has been an important part of the team's development.

With the season winding down, the focus is on continued improvement.

"The main goal for the rest of the season is to attempt to improve and play each night better than the last, to learn from our mistakes as a team and leave it all out on the court," Johnson said.

The team will host Ipswich in Leola on Oct. 19 before traveling to Waverly-South Shore on Oct. 20, Sunshine Bible Academy on Oct. 23 and Gettysburg on Oct. 27 to close out the regular season. Region play begins Nov. 2. The team is currently at the bottom of the Region 1B standings, but the No. 8, 9, and 10 teams are all close in seed points. Final standings will determine the Titans' first-round opponent and game location.