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What's coming up

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25

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

TUESDAY, DEC. 1

Junior high girls basketball vs. Northwestern, 6:30 p.m. at Frederick

SATURDAY, DEC. 5

Junior high basketball LRC Tournament, 9 a.m. in Roscoe

SUNDAY, DEC. 6

Holiday Extravaganza at Frederick Area School

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

Junior high girls basketball vs. Langford Area, 11:30 a.m. at Langford

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

MONDAY, DEC. 14

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

TUESDAY, DEC. 15

Titans boys basketball vs. Oakes, 6 p.m. at Oakes

Junior high girls basketball vs. Trinity Lutheran, 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16

Winter Ballet Showcase for Rachel Peterson Dance Studio (Ellendale and Oakes N.D.), 7 p.m. at Oakes High School

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Many projects in the works

By Heidi Marttila-Losure

The town of Frederick has had a buzz of construction activity in recent weeks as mild fall weather has provided good conditions for a variety of projects to move forward.

Starting on the east side of town, construction on the Frederick Area School's ag education building continues. It is expected to be in use for the second semester.

Not far to the northwest, maintenance on the water tower was completed in early November. Some insulation and the steel covering around it had pulled away from the pipes it was protecting. That section of insulation was replaced, although workers found additional insulation lower down that they said should be replaced in the future.

Head west on Main Street and you'll notice activity at the restaurant building, which is being renovated by its new owner. The building has been purchased by Kent Perkins of Claremont. Perkins attended the town of Frederick's November meeting to request a liquor license, which was approved. He plans to operate the business as Sportsman Bar & Grill, Frederick LLC. Perkins also owns the Sportsman Bar and Grill of Akaska.



PHOTO BY DAVE LOSURE

The end of a pipe that will provide water service from the east side of the Maple River to the west side rises above the ground as workers complete the installation on Nov. 13.

Just a little farther west, past the post office, work continues on the lot where Dustin Usselman is preparing the ground for the placement of housing units. He has requested a zoning variance with the town of Frederick, which has been tabled during recent town board meetings as clean-up of the lot continues.

Continuing down Main Street takes you to the Maple River, where a boring project was completed Nov. 13. Water service was extended from the east side of the river to the west by installing a pipe under the river. Now water will be available at the baseball field (a city-owned property), and water service will be available for businesses located west of the river. The town of Frederick paid to get water across the river as

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State report card results are in



By Alexis Liknes
Frederick Area K-12 Principal

Every year, in late October or early November, the South Dakota Department of Education releases state report cards for each school and district in the state. Most of our data comes from the annual state testing that occurs each spring, but other factors such as attendance, high school completion, and college and career readiness also factor into overall scores.

Based on data collected during the 2025-26 school year the Frederick Area Elementary school received an overall score of 69, which showed a drop in score from the 2024-25 school report card. Our elementary proficiency rates for English Language Arts

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Principal: Frederick Area's scores are above state average

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(ELA) were 58%, math was 63%, and science was 90%. The ELA and math proficiency scores dropped by a few percent each from the prior year. Science is a unique category because only fifth-graders are tested at the elementary level. Scores are not reported for a category below 10 students. The prior year did not have a reported score to compare this year's score to.

Our middle school had an overall score of 78, dropping 2 points from the previous year. Overall proficiency rates for English, math, and science were 73%, 55%, and 40% respectively. These proficiency rates show an increase in ELA proficiency and a drop in math and science from last year's proficiency rate.

The high school's scores were above the state average this year with English being 69% proficient, math was 50% proficient, and science was 63% proficient. The high school scores really cannot be compared to the previous year's scores because of the switch in assessment; therefore, the current comparison is to the state averages alone. The overall score of the high school was 79, also showing an overall drop from the previous year.

Statewide, scores in ELA fell by 2 percentage points to 50% proficiency but rose by 1 percentage point to 45% proficiency in math, according to a South Dakota Department of Education statement on Nov. 6. There was no comment on science, but according to the state report card, students across the state tested at 43% proficient. For the whole Frederick Area District, our students performed at 64% in ELA, 58% in math, and 64% in science. All categories tested are well above the state average in each category.

Overall, it is important to see that even if there are some drops, the scores have remained above the state average. When comparing a school the size of Frederick Area from year to year, the enrollment of a class can have the effect of multiple percent per student. Class sizes can have a significant effect when a grade size changes by 10 when a smaller class goes to the next grade and a larger class comes in behind or vice versa. Things like this are a huge reason for a swing in percentage of proficiency. There is not always a reason that can even be noted with curriculum or instruction with this factor driving percentages.

Anyone seeking further information about our local report cards can find the link to access them on our school website.

Thank you to all of the families for supporting and working with your kids at home, as well as ensuring they are in school every day! Having great support from home is the foundation to growing the students' skills and knowledge at school.

What's coming up

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THURSDAY, DEC. 17

Titans basketball doubleheader vs. Aberdeen Christian, 4 p.m. at Aberdeen Christian

MONDAY, DEC. 21

Junior high girls basketball vs. Trinity Lutheran, 6:30 p.m. at Frederick

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23

No school at Frederick Area for winter holiday break. Continues through Jan. 3.

TUESDAY, DEC. 29

Titans girls basketball vs. Freeman, 3:20 p.m. at NSU Showcase at the Barnett Center

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 30

Titans boys basketball at Huron Classic, time TBD

SATURDAY, JAN. 2

Titans basketball doubleheader vs. Waubay-Summit, 1 p.m. at Frederick Area

MONDAY, JAN. 4

School resumes at Frederick Area

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

TUESDAY, JAN. 5

Titan basketball doubleheader vs. Wilmot, 4 p.m. at Leola



Achen honored at Veterans Day program

Frederick Area's FFA Chapter participated in the Veterans Day program. The chapter started a tradition to honor a veteran every year, and the 2026 Veteran is Rich Achen. FFA members also handed out thank-you bags to all the veterans in attendance.

FREDERICK AREA FFA PHOTO

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FFA students are having a busy fall



FREDERICK AREA FFA PHOTOS

Six Frederick Area FFA Chapter members and adviser Jackie Kessler traveled to the 99th National FFA Convention on Oct. 21-24 in Indianapolis. The event included large-group and small-group sessions, tours, a career fair, a concert, and a rodeo. The theme of the event was EVOLVE | ENGAGE | EMPOWER. The event encouraged leadership, personal development, and career success. Pictured above from left are Gage Burns, Jackie Kessler, Chris Voeller, Jameson Winterberg, Tate Dosch, Aubrey Bakke, and Ruby Dallmann.





Members of Frederick Area's FFA Chapter participated in the District 1 LDE (Leadership Development Events) competition on Nov. 9. There were two especially notable developments from the day. First, Katie Bretsch (pictured above left) earned second place in extemporaneous speaking, earning a chance to compete at the State FFA LDE competition on Dec. 6-7 in Rapid City. In addition, Jameson Winterberg (pictured above right) was elected District 1 FFA Vice President, making him the first district FFA officer in chapter history. "Both of these students are wonderful examples of the leadership, dedication, and opportunities that FFA provides," said chapter adviser Jackie Kessler.



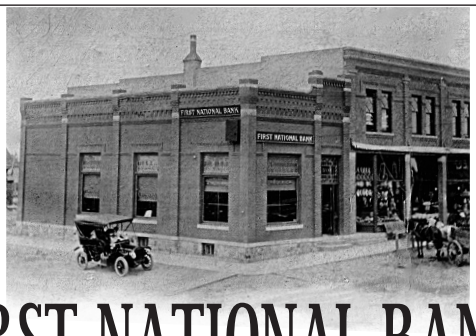
FFA members who participated in the District 1 LDE event on Nov. 9 were, from left, back row: Jameson Winterberg, Chris Voeller, Tate Dosch, Jax Holmes, Titus Kippley, Case Bretsch, Gabe Burns, Katie Bretsch, and Dawson Clark; and front row, McKenna Sumption, Ruby Dallmann, Aubrey Bakke, Chris Black, Kenna Janke, Hadleigh Hoggarth, and Chandler Hart.

FBLA attends fall conference



FASD PHOTO

Eleven FBLA students from Frederick Area participated in the FBLA Fall Leadership Conference at Lake Area Technical College on Oct. 29. They got to meet and interact with fellow FBLA members from across the state, learn ways to become a business leader and brush up on the skills it takes. They will soon choose what competitive events they will be competing in for the State Leadership Conference. Pictured are, from left, back row: Andrew Schlosser, Aaron Kippley, Chris Black, Ian Nickelson, and Howard Sumption; and front row, Hadleigh Hoggarth, Eden Podoll, Ruby Dallmann, Addison Wolbeck, Arabella Clark and McKenna Sumption.



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The frame for the new location for JHC Services LLC is visible on Nov. 13.

Projects: New building for JHC

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far as the baseball field. The cost of extending water service beyond that would be split between the three entities that want to get service to their facilities.

Up the hill toward U.S. Highway 281, a building is going up between the river and the gas station. That building will be the new location of Jeremy Hormann's truck and trailer repair business, JHC Services LLC.

Finally, although no construction is yet underway, preparations to add a convenience store to the gas station owned by the Frederick Development Corporation continue. Currently the corporation is reviewing a new design and general contractor bid for the project, as well as working with lenders to obtain financing. The plan is for Agtegra to run the convenience store under a triple-net lease, the same kind of arrangement that is in place for the gas pumps already on the property.

Podoll receives conservation award



BROWN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT PHOTO

Lyle Podoll of Westport was honored with a 2026 Wildlife Habitat Award at the Brown County Conservation District's meeting on Nov. 12. This is the 74th year of the contest and is sponsored by the South Dakota Division of the Izaak Walton League of America. Award recipients must demonstrate conservation practices of their operations, including responsible natural resource management, exercising good land stewardship and soil health, and the utilization of cost-share programs. Pictured are Lyle Podoll, left, and Doug Alvine, Izaak Walton League of America representative.

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City Of Frederick Oct. 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Frederick's town board meeting was held Monday, October 5 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, Utility Manager David Losure, and Roger Nixon.

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

The minutes of the September 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 October accounts payable were approved with a motion by Millard/Morlock; motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL	$1,071.98
Brown Co Weed and Pest mosq spray Gen'l	$1,153.32
Badger Meter fees Swr	$137.77
Brown Co Sheriff, deputy svcs Gen'l	$1,041.67
Black Mtn Software cloud hosting Gen'l	$5,982.14
Century Bus Products copies Gen'l	$25.00
Darren Dosch curb stop	$599.57
David Losure utility wage Wtr/Swr/Sts	$1,009.13
Dependable Sanitation Grbg	$1,665.00
DRN Readitech service FO	$29.40
EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cmty	$1,186.97
FDC Gen'l	$1,200.00
J. Morlock wage FO	$1,558.47;
JVT Gen'l/Wtr/EBL/FO	$290.05
M. Cox wage EBL	$676.09
M. Heine wage FO	$1,311.07
M. Morlock wage Gen'l	$92.35
M. Morlock mowing wage Gen'l	$84.04
McQuillen Creative publishing Gen'l	$34.32
Metering & Technology device Wtr	$160.94
S. Campbell wage Gen'l	$138.52
SD Dept of Health tests Wtr	$167.00
SD Dept of Rev sales tax Gen'l	$67.50
T. Millard wage Gen'l	$92.35
USDA-RD loan Wtr	$475.00
VISA cert letters, supplies Gen'l	$424.53
USDA-RD loan Swr	$3,763.00
WEB Water Wtr	$4,822.15

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 cost and plans of expanding water service to the West side of Maple River. 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 repairs needed at Simmons Park and needing to demolish the property at 407 Main St.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept third quarter library report made by Morlock/Millard; motion carried. Motion to approve liquor license renewal for the Community Store made by Campbell/Millard; motion carried. Motion to approve temporary liquor license for the Frederick Area Volunteer Firefighters for their fun night fundraiser made by Millard/Morlock; motion carried. The board discussed garbage rate increases needed due to increased cost to the city. Roger Nixon asked about the water charge increases in recent years.

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

Motion to adjourn made by Morlock/Millard at 7:58 PM; motion carried.

M. Heine, Assistant Finance Officer

Frederick Area School District #6-2 Board Meeting, Oct. 12, 2026

A regular meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education was called to order on Oct. 12, 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.

2027-039 Motion by Schlosser, second by Hart to approve the agenda as presented. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest disclosures.

2027-040 Motion by Achen, second by Podoll to approve the following consent agenda items: Sep. 14, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes; September 2026 Financial Report; September 2026 Payroll; District Bills. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

General Fund- Last Checking Bal:	$23,783.35
Fiscal Year Adj:	$1,274.06
9-1-26:	$25,057.41
Receipts:	$91,820.24
Disbursements:	$272,875.02
Transfer from Investments:	$168,338.00
Bal 9-30-26:	$12,340.64
Investments: Bal 9-1-26:	$1,178,832.16
Interest:	$1,833.15
Transfer to Checking:	($168,338.00)
Bal 9-30-26:	$1,012,327.31
Ending Fund Balance:	*$1,024,667.94*
Imprest Fund: Bal 9-1-26:	$2,898.71
Disbursements:	$341.30
Bal 9-30-26:	$2,557.41
Capital Outlay Fund: Bal 9-1-26:	$17,123.17
Receipts:	$114.89
Disbursements:	$38,674.03
Transfer from Investments:	$22,000.00
Bal 9-30-26:	$564.03
Investments: Bal 9-1-26:	$2,911,836.37
Interest:	$4,524.10
Transfer to Checking:	($22,000.00)
Bal 9-30-26:	$2,894,360.47
Ending Fund Balance:	*$2,894,924.50*
Special Education Fund-	
Checking: Bal 9-1-26:	$17,434.14
Receipts:	$30.33
Disbursements:	$45,272.84
Transfer from Investments:	$28,000.00
Bal 9-30-26:	$191.63
Investments: Bal 9-30-26:	$1,327,592.91
Interest:	$2,010.71
Transfer to Checking:	($28,000.00)
Bal 9-30-26:	$1,301,603.62
Ending Fund Balance:	$1,301,795.25.
Food Service Fund: Bal 9-1-26:	$6,054.15
Receipts:	$8,942.39
Disbursements:	$13,760.66
Bal 9-30-26	$1,235.88.
Drivers Ed Fund: Bal 9-30-26:	$2,769.85
Custodial Funds: Bal 9-1-26:	$63,759.34
Receipts:	$12,599.60
Disbursements:	$13,749.35
Bal 9-30-26	$62,609.59
Ovid J Stevens Scholarship:	
Checking: Bal 9-30-26	$.85
Investments: Bal 9-30-26:	$19,198.58
Ending Fund Balance:	*$19,199.43.*

CLAIMS APPROVED:

General Fund salaries	85,871.44
Special Education salaries	12,421.21
Food Service salaries	3,430.79
AFLAC, supplemental insurance	1,760.88
American Funds, retirement	135.00
Delta Dental, insurance	2,309.76
EFTPS, federal inc tax/SS/Medicare	27,585.09
ID Shield, identify theft,	16.90
Northern Plains Insurance Pool	31,714.40
Optilegra, vision insurance	413.49
SDRS, retirement	15,957.76
SDRS Supplemental	150.00
Security Benefits, retirement	2,706.70
The Standard, life insurance	158.02
Total:	*$184,631.44*

BILLS APPROVED:

General Fund: Agtegra-Fuel	5,005.71
Amazon Capital Services-Supplies	62.35
Athletic.net-XC Platform	9.99
Avera-Athletic Training	808.60
Babcock Family Chiro-DOT Physical	120.00
Cash-Wa Distributing-FFVP	1,233.86
Cedar Shore-Lodging	230.08
Century Business-Copier Overage	504.48
Classroom Screen-Classroom Renewal	36.00
Cole Papers-Supplies	590.13
Digital Twin Imaging-Renewal	1,500.00
FASD Custodial Fund-Conc. Workers	1,081.99
FASD Imprest Fund-Misc.	341.30
House of Glass-Supplies	390.00
Humanity Launch-Presentation	1,000.00
JW Pepper-Music/Supplies	1,605.20
Kosters, Jeff-Mileage	44.80
Mcquillen Creative Group-Publishings	111.14
Menards-Supplies	623.12
Merchant Services-CC Proccessing Fees	151.08
Mid-American Research-Supplies	683.03
Midco-Fitness Center Cable	148.72
Miskimins, Mara-Coaching Courses	70.00





Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.-Utilities	3,613.71
Mosyle-iPad Management	19.25
Northern State University-Workshop	24.00
NVC-Phone	246.86
Pantorium Cleaners Inc-Supplies	170.90
Price Plumbing-Service	160.00
Schwan Electric-Service	854.33
Sheyenne Transport-Bus Service	531.25
SD DOE-Zoom License	31.84
SD DOR-Sales Tax Fee	11.95
Servsafe-Ag Course	142.02
Target-Supplies	15.78
Taylor Music-Repairs/Instruments	1,290.99
Town of Frederick-Utilities	638.89
USPS-Postage	195.00
Vevor-Icemaker	671.99
Vistaprint-Supplies	73.65
WalMart-Supplies	219.68
Warner School-HASBO Dues	75.00
Capital Outlay Fund:	
Apple-Laptop	1,374.00
Century Business-Copier Lease	306.66
Collaborative Classroom-ELA Curric	45,925.00
Daktronics-Scoreboard	62,169.00
Goodheart-Willcox Publisher-Ag Curric	4,686.75
Innovative-Scrubber	38,450.00
Schwan Electric-Service	14,901.74
Sumption Real Estate-Building Lease-Sept	25,971.01
Fund Total:	*$193,784.16*
Special Education Fund:	
Avera St. Lukes-OT/PT	5,109.92
Parent-Mileage	333.20
Food Service Fund:	
Cash-Wa Distributing-Food/Supplies	7,188.58
Kens-Food/Supplies	40.37
Meathouse-Beef Processing	1,125.00
Pantorium Cleaners Inc-Supplies	88.00
SD DOE Nutrition-Commodities	577.08
Imprest Fund:	
Brown Co Treasurer-Bus Registration	34.20
Donat, Eric-VB Ref	140.60
Nelson, Mark-VB Ref	166.50
Fund Total:	*$341.30*
Custodial Funds:	
Aberdeen Awards-LRC	143.00
Alfred-Music	41.00
Amazon Capital Services-FFA Supplies	63.96
Bob Rogers Travel-Music Trip Donation	500.00
BSN Sports-FB Jerseys	375.57
Cash-Wa Distributing-Concessions	1,526.71
Coca Cola Bottling Co-Concessions	1,188.00
Community Store-FBLA	47.08
Dairy Queen-XC	141.31
Eureka School-LRC FB Classic Admsn	1,911.67
Frederick Area-LRC FB Classic Admsn	1,911.67
Kens-Concessions	767.45
Kessler, Jackie-National FFA	360.00
Kosters, Jeff-LRC Chairman	300.00
National FFA-FFA	170.00
NSU-LRC FB Classic Facility	2,000.00
Sams Club-FFA	451.64
Severson, Shauna-LRC Treasurer	300.00
Sumption, Stacey-XC	74.00
Target-Teacher Gift	50.00
Thatzza Pizza-XC	107.11
Ticketmaster-National FFA	675.00
Valley Athletics-FB	479.70
WalMart-FFA	78.84
Warner School-LRC FB Classic Admsn	1,911.66.

The following reports were presented:

- Administration: Jeff Kosters: Superintendent/Athletic Director
- Alexis Liknes: Principal
- Shauna Severson: Business Manager
- Committees:
  - NCSEC: Schlosser;
  - Building: Achen/Bretsch (Cabinets are about 2-3 weeks out; waiting on gravel bids)

A committee of board members Bretsch and Podoll and administrators Kosters, Liknes and Severson will review and compile the parent surveys. Building surveys were sent via postcard and QR code; due October 31.

A co-op with Leola for Track was discussed and tabled.

2027-041 Motion by Hart, second by Schlosser to approve the contract offered to Amanda Wolbeck for E-Mentor $750/quarter. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2027-042 Motion by Hart, second by Achen to offer and approve a contract to Mara Miskimins for Assistant Volleyball $1,271.00. Aye: Achen, Bretsch, Hart, Schlosser; Nay: Podoll. Motion carried.

2027-043 Motion by Schlosser, second by Achen to declare surplus with $0 value: Nautilus Leg Press and Nautilus Compound Row. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

The board would like to recognize the Cross Country Boys team for their 1st Place finish at the LRC and Groton Meets. The Board also recognized the Marching Band for receiving Silver at the Roncalli Marching Band Festival and Ms. Liknes for receiving positive feedback regarding her work with students and parents.

2027-044 Motion by Achen, second by Podoll to go into executive session at 7:30 p.m. for 1-25-2 (1) Personnel. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Bretsch declared the board out of executive session at 8:54 p.m.

2027-045 Motion by Podoll, second by Achen to open a position - K-12 Sports Coordinator. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2027-046 Motion by Schlosser, second by Hart to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Derik Bretsch, President

Shauna Severson, Business Manager

Notice

An application has been made by Darrel Napton to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on Nov. 17, 2026 for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use.

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.).

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to the Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the property described. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 340.

ATTEST: /s/Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

Frederick Area School District #6-2 Board Meeting Minutes, Oct. 27, 2026

A special meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education was called to order on Oct. 27, 2026, at 8:15 a.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.

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

No public comment.

2027-047 Motion by Hart, second by Podoll to approve the agenda as presented. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest disclosures.

K-12 Sports Coordinator discussion was tabled to executive session.

2027-048 Motion by Schlosser, second by Achen to approve the resignation of Megan Russo, Assistant Track Coach. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2027-049 Motion by Schlosser, second by Podoll to go into executive session at 8:17 a.m. for 1-25-2 (1) Personnel. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Bretsch declared the board out of executive session at 9:49 a.m.

2027-050 Motion by Podoll, second by Achen to hire Brian Dolan as the K-12 Sports Coordinator - $4000.00. Roll call vote: Podoll-Aye, Schlosser-Nay, Achen-Aye, Hart-Nay, Bretsch-Aye. Motion carried.

2027-051 Motion by Hart, second by Podoll to adjourn at 9:55 a.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Derik Bretsch, President

Shauna Severson, Business Manager

Town of Westport General Meeting

The Town of Westport met on Nov. 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., with Mitch Wilson, Shane Storm, Troy Tschappat, Jason Bender, Jennifer Bender and Deb Schlosser present.

The following bills were presented:

City General: NW Energy- utilities	($306.87)
Groton Independent-Oct meeting minutes	$17.17
Elan Financial Services -Microsoft	$21.23
Dan Schlosser-tree trimming	$216.26
Wyatt Wilson-weed spraying	$40.00
Menards-antifreeze	$26.91
SDML-work comp insurance renewal	$520.00
Jason Heagley-cemetary mowing	$5100.00
Sewer: NW Energy-Lift Station utilities	$48.14
Water: Public Health Laboratory-October testing and yearly testing	$230.00
WEB-water	$2174.32

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

The following deposits were presented:

City General: State of SD	$7138.09
Brown County Collections	$777.89
Interest	$48.73
Sewer: Resident Payments	$2255.63
Water: Resident Payments	$3383.44

Public Concerns: none

OLD BUSINESS: Troy Tschappat motioned, second by Shane Storm to approve Snow Removal contract for J & S Lawn Care & Snow Removal.

NEW BUSINESS: Troy Tschappat motioned, second by Mitch Wilson to approve 2027 Liquor license for The Shed. Shane Storm abstained from voting.

Meeting dismissed at 7:14 p.m.

Deb Schlosser, Finance Officer

City of Frederick Nov. 4, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday, November 4 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, Utility Manager David Losure, and Kent Perkins

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

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved with a motion by Millard/Morlock; motion carried. The financial statements were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Millard/Campbell; motion carried. The November accounts payable were approved with a motion by Millard/Morlock; motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL	$1,049.73
Alpha Circle Cmty	$429.52
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	$1,028.52
Dependable Sanitation Grbg	$1,643
DRN Readitech service FO	$29.40
EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cmty	$1,170.27
Frederick Area Volunteer Firefighters fire hall pmt Fire/Ambl	$14,384.14
FDC Gen'l	$1,200
J. Morlock wage FO	$1,558.47
JVT Gen'l/Wtr/EBL/FO	$291.68
M. Cox wage EBL	$753.67
M. Heine wage FO	$1,311.07
M. Morlock wage Gen'l	$46.17
M. Morlock mowing wage Gen'l	$48.03
McQuillen Creative publishing Gen'l	$80.51
Nuvei portal fee Gen'l	$15
Quality Quick Print envelopes Sts/Swr/Wtr	$237.89
S. Campbell wage Gen'l	$69.26
SD Dept of Health tests Wtr	$424
SD Dept of Rev sales tax Gen'l	$66.35
T. Millard wage Gen'l	$46.17
USDA-RD loan Wtr	$475
VISA cert letters, supplies Gen'l	$206.41
USDA-RD loan Swr	$3,763
WEB Water Wtr	$4,557.96

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 variance request from Dustin Usselman at McKay Lot B NW 11-127-64 continues to be tabled and discussed after further clean-up of the property. The board has asked for estimates for repairs needed at Simmons Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve liquor license for Kent Perkins DBA Sportsman Bar & Grill Frederick LLC made by Campbell/Millard; motion carried. Motion to accept renewal of SDML Workers' Compensation made by Morlock/Millard with Campbell abstaining; motion carried.

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

Motion to adjourn made by Morlock/Millard at 7:38 PM; motion carried.

M. Heine, Assistant Finance Officer


Ella Kallas


Howard Sumption


Jace Bender


Jaxson Bender and Aaron Kippley


Titus Kippley

FASD PHOTOS

Titan boys place 9th, Jace Bender places 19th at state

CROSS COUNTRY

Six Leola/Frederick Area Titans participated in the SDHSAA Class B Cross Country Meet on Oct. 24 in Rapid City. Notable finishes included one in the top 20 and several personal bests.

Junior Jace Bender finished 19th with a time of 17:20.6, a personal best.

Senior Titus Kippley was the second Titan finisher, placing 40th with a time of 18:03.0.

Freshman Aaron Kippley finished 79th in a time of 19:09.7, which was a personal best for him. Freshman Jaxon Bender finished 94th with a time of 19:25.6, and Howard Sumption, who rallied to compete despite an injury, finished 108th with a time of 20:16.9.

The Titan boys finished in ninth place overall out of 17 teams.

In the girls race, seventh-grader Ella Kallas finished 73rd with a time of 22:02.9.

"Congratulations to all our runners on a great season," said coach Sarah Sumption. "A special shoutout to Jace Bender and Aaron Kippley for setting new personal bests at the state meet!

"We are proud of the hard work, dedication, and determination these athletes have shown all season long. Way to represent Titan Territory!"

Kippley honored with XC Academic All-State

Titus Kippley, a senior at Frederick Area, has earned 2026 Cross Country Academic All-State honors.

The South Dakota Cross Country and Track & Field Coaches Association (SDCCTFCA) presents this award to student-athletes who demonstrate excellence both in the classroom and in cross country.

To earn this honor, students must be high school seniors, have participated in cross country for at least three years, and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Thorpe is football all-conference

The Titans' Jace Thorpe, a Frederick Area junior, has been named to the football all-conference team of the Lake Region Conference. Leola senior Gabriel Ketterling received an honorable mention.


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Frederick Area students take part in All-State Chorus



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Four Frederick Area students joined more than 900 vocalists representing 133 schools and more than 150 instrumentalists representing 27 schools at All-State Chorus and Orchestra on Oct. 30-31 in Rapid City. Pictured above are Kristen Dunlap, awards chair for the South Dakota Music Education Association; Jayden Ellwein; Noah Heuer; Frederick Area music teacher Braden Freeman; Katelyn Bretsch; and Aubrey Bakke. Frederick Area was one of 20 schools recognized for oustanding levels of student participation in music programs.

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT IS HIRING

Frederick Area School has several employment opportunities available! We are looking for great people to join our team and make a difference in the lives of our students and school community.

Current Openings:

- Librarian/E-Mentor
- Substitute Teacher
- Bus Driver

Interested in joining the Frederick Area School team? We would love to hear from you! Apply online: https://jobs.redroverk12.com/org/2137

Lloyd and Hoggarth are Frederick Area Snow Queens



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Adalynn Lloyd, right, was named Frederick Area Snow Queen and Hadleigh Hoggarth, left, was named Frederick Area Junior Snow Queen at the Snow Queen Contest on Nov. 14 at Leola High School. The event was held in conjunction with Leola's Snow Queen Contest. Pictured in front is Little Miss Frederick Area Victoria Perez.