

What's coming up

THURSDAY, FEB. 15

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

FRIDAY, FEB. 16

Boys basketball vs. Herreid/Selby Area (Senior Night), 6:30 p.m. at Leola

MONDAY, FEB. 19

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

FRIDAY, FEB. 23

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

MONDAY, FEB. 26

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

THURSDAY, FEB. 29

Girls basketball SoDak 16

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

Boys basketball SoDak 16
National Career Readiness Certificate assessment (juniors)

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

Girls basketball Class B State Tournament. Continues Friday and Saturday.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

Boys basketball Class B State Tournament. Continues Friday and Saturday.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

All-State Band in Pierre. Continues Friday and Saturday.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Leola-Frederick Prom

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Large Group Music Contest, Aberdeen

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Frederick Area School District opt-out election, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.



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Opt-out goes before voters April 9

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In an upcoming vote on April 9, 2024, residents of the Frederick Area School District will have the opportunity to voice their opinions on a proposed \$450,000 opt-out. This vote holds significance because of various factors related to previous budget allocations and future planning needs of the district.

Previously, the Frederick Area School District passed a \$200,000 opt-out, which is set to expire this year. The new proposed opt-out includes an amount of \$450,000 for a period of five years. Looking

ahead, there are uncertainties regarding the upcoming teacher accountability review and the changes this may bring to teacher compensation packages, which will in turn affect all employee expenses and general fund as a whole. With teacher shortages still being a concern statewide, compensation packages will need to remain competitive to find quality teachers in coming years.

Changes to the capital outlay funding formula are also part of the reason for the higher proposed opt-out amount. The capital outlay fund is established by

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What does “opt-out” mean?

Here's the explanation from the South Dakota Department of Revenue:

“Opting out is to impose an excess levy above any current limitations. If the school district cannot operate on the revenues generated by the maximum allowed for the general or capital outlay funds, then the school district may choose to “opt-out” of the limitations.

Laura Sumption scores her 1,000th career point Feb. 10



PHOTOS BY HEIDI MARTILA-LOSURE

A free-throw in the Titans' game against the Webster Bearcats on Feb. 10 took Laura Sumption, a senior at Frederick Area, over 1,000 points in her high school career. She joins an elite local “Club 1K”: Players who have scored at least 1,000 points (for the Leola-Frederick Titans, Frederick-Hecla Northstars, or Frederick Vikings) include Kelsea Barondeau, Mikayla Barondeau, Lindsay Ruenz, Brittany Klipfel, and MacKenzie Heilman, as well as Isaac Sumption, Brian Sumption, Adam Dutenhoffer, Aaron Kappes, Tanner Knecht, Jimmy Sumption, Dean Marske, and Lee Wilson. **LEFT:** Sumption received a banner to mark the achievement on Feb. 15. Pictured are, back row, Coach Sarah Sumption, Olivia Morlock, Chloe Arneson, Jocelynn Ellwein, Sofia Losure, Morgan Sumption, Kaitlyn Mueller, and Coach Jeff Koters; and front row, Karli Achen, Zoe Cox, Arabella Clark, Jillian Ellwein, Kalyce Achen, Laura Sumption, Tayler Vetter, Parker Hoffman, and Samantha Geffre. **RIGHT:** Sumption puts up her 1,001st point.

January Students of the Month



FASD PHOTOS

Junior high/high school Students of the Month for January, based on the trait of polite, were Hunter Kern, Tristan Tschappat, Jacob Bain, and Tristan Sumption.



Elementary Students of the Month for January were, front row, Scarlett Huettl, Ava Christianson, and Liv Geary; and back row: Noah Pies, Chloe Pool, Riley Anliker, and Avery Skowron. The trait for the month was polite.

Sumption named runner-up at SD Snow Queen Festival



PHOTOS COURTESY SOUTH DAKOTA SNOW QUEEN FESTIVAL

Morgan Sumption, Frederick Area's 2024 Snow Queen, received runner-up honors at the South Dakota Snow Queen Festival on Jan. 13. She is pictured above, center, as her name was announced. She is pictured below with Miss Britton Area, Jayden Bender, left, and the 2024 South Dakota Snow Queen, Miss Faulkton Area, Olivia Hadrick, center.



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A reminder about winter weather attire and policies

By JESSICA RINGGENBERG
Frederick Area K-8 Principal

Well, after a warmer extended fall, it appears that the cold temperatures have arrived in our area. Although after the winter we had last year, I don't think anyone is too upset about the delay. That being said, it is a good time to check your cars for your winter emergency gear and make sure your kids are dressed appropriately for school and recess. As a mom of a teenager myself, I often must have the conversation with my son that shorts are not for winter wear in South Dakota, even if you do only have to walk across the parking lot. You never know what could happen—flat tire, deer crossing your path, or a sudden patch of black ice that could cause you to be out of your vehicle for a while. We do



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our best to keep the buses warm, but those of you who rode the school bus know well how cold they can be, a minimum of pants and coats (with gloves and hat packed) would be the preferred bus dress code this time of year.

For those of you with elementary-age students, we do go out to recess daily if the air temperature is above 0°F. We do factor in the “feels like” temperature when wind chills are a concern and will make a judgement call

on if it is safe to go outside or not. It is best to always assume that we will be going out to recess and send students with snowpants, boots, winter coats, hats, and warm gloves.

If you have trouble getting appropriate winter gear for your child, contact the school. The SADD group is currently hosting a winter gear drive for students and the surrounding community. If you are cleaning out closets and have some you no longer need, feel free to drop them in the bin in the entryway at school.

Parents, just a reminder on snow day notifications. We have been lucky up to the time of this writing that we have not had a snow day yet this year. Snow day and late start notifications will be made through the all-call system (both phone and text if you signed up for the text feature),

our Facebook page, on Hub City Radio, and Dakota News Now. Most of the time, we consider a snow day just a snow day, but in circumstances where we have at least a day's notice that a big storm is coming and it is likely that we will have to close, we may call it a distance learning day.

The schedule for distance learning class times can be found on our website, and students will know before leaving the building what is expected. We try our very best to avoid waking up in the morning and announcing a distance learning day; we don't like to catch anyone off-guard if we can avoid it.

With that, I hope we can have a short winter with some above average temperatures. The more we prepare, the better it will be right?



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Co-managers handle different parts of Elevator's business

By DONNA SUMPTION

Frederick Farmers Elevator Coop is a well-established asset to the Frederick area. It has served many local farmers over the years and continues to do so.

In 1998, a group of local farmers invested in the purchase of the current facility from Wheat Growers Inc. They continue to offer many services such as grain handling, buying, and selling, and offering feed supplies. They sold shares in the business and added condo storage for sale to the farmers. Since the initial purchase, they added additional grain bins and updated the existing storage space. As of now they have a storage capacity of 2.14 million bushels.

The current co-managers are John Enge and Kristina Sigaty. The elevator employs a staff of six full-time employees and one part-time employee, and additional seasonal help is hired during harvest time. John manages the general operations, and Kris-

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tina manages the grain marketing and grain origination.

In the future, to better serve the farmers, they are looking to add more options for the grain division with OTC (over the counter) grain marketing programs and expanding storage. They are very proud that this business is kept local and can offer competitive pricing for the farmers. They offer direct shipping to the AGP soybean processing plant in Aberdeen and sell grain to Glacial Lakes in Aberdeen and Mina and to Wheaton Dumont in Britton. On the feed side, they offer a wide variety of feed products for all kinds of livestock, and creep feed delivery.



PHOTO BY DONNA SUMPTION

The staff of Frederick Farmers Elevator is, from left, Dakota King, Kris Cutler, John Enge, Kristi Forsting, Kristina Sigaty and Matt Gisi, as well as Anthony Kocker (not pictured).

The current board of directors are David North, Randy Bretsch, Joel Durheim, Todd Ellwein and Ty Sumption. They are still offering shares to be bought within 30 days after their annual meeting.

Opt-out: Board has not taken the full amount every year

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law to finance the acquisition, lease, or addition of real property, equipment, or software for instructional purposes. For example, this fund can be used for purchasing textbooks, renewing instructional software, equipment, facility construction, grounds, and renovations. Changes to the capital outlay formula will make it impossible for our district to transfer the amount of money we typically would to cover these expenses. Previously, the district could carry over the same amount from the previous year, which was \$366,125. Unfortunately, this is no longer possible. As per SDCL 13-16-6, the district can transfer a maximum of 45% of the total

tax revenue for the current fiscal year. Based on estimates for the next tax year, it is anticipated that \$263,160 can be transferred, which is \$102,965 less than the previous year.

The Frederick Area School Board reviews the budget every year. Outside of the first year, the board has not taken the full \$200,000 amount of the opt-out previously passed. The second year, \$100,000 was utilized and then in this final year, \$170,000. Also, in the past, the school district had a requirement to utilize the entirety of a \$200,000 fund in the first year of opting out. However, this stipulation is no longer in place, allowing for more flexibility in budget management. It is the intention of the board

to continue its review of the budget each year and the practice of only taking what is necessary of the \$450,000 opt-out.

The FASD school board believes that transparency is important and is going straight to the vote of the people on this proposed opt-out. This vote holds significant implications for the future of our school district, and it is crucial for all stakeholders to stay informed and participate in the decision-making process.

Need some fresh Titan apparel?

Check out the Booster Club's online store: <https://www.geffdog.com/stores/fredericktitan>

More MathCounts success



FASD PHOTOS

FASD Middle School MathCounts teams battled again Jan. 17 and had another fantastic showing with the eighth-grade team (from left, Howard Sumption, Jayden Ellwein, Rhylan Tschappat, and Eli Nickelson) receiving fourth-place honors. Eli placed fifth and Jayden placed 10th individually as well. Eli and Jayden also placed fourth and 10th, respectively, in an intense Countdown Competition.

Second-Quarter Honor Roll

Ending December 2023 • grade level in parentheses

Straight A Honor Roll

Eden Podoll (6)	Katelyn Bretsch (9)	Levi Little (12)
McKenna Sumption (6)	Titus Kippley (9)	Sofia Losure (12)
Andrew Schlosser (7)	Winston Clark (10)	Olivia Morlock (12)
Tristan Tschappat (7)	Erik Losure (10)	Audrey Reineke (12)
Jayden Ellwein (8)	Gabby Millard (11)	Brayden Sumption (12)
Howard Sumption (8)	Chloe Arneson (12)	Laura Sumption (12)
Rhylan Tschappat (8)	McKinley Kosters (12)	Morgan Sumption (12)

A Honor Roll

Hadleigh Hoggarth (6)	Samantha Dallmann (9)	Milo Sumption (10)
Addison Wolbeck (6)	Jax Holmes (9)	Raegan Kempf (11)
Ruby Dallmann (7)	Ella Kempf (9)	Noah Kippley (11)
Arabella Clark (8)	Kalyce Achen (10)	Clayton Peterson (11)
Jillian Ellwein (8)	Emily Dallmann (10)	Jocelynn Ellwein (12)
Jace Thorpe (8)	Nevan Jensen (10)	Madelyne Sumption (12)
Gage Burns (9)	Hunter Kern (10)	Tristan Sumption (12)

B Honor Roll

Taryn Meidinger (6)	Zoie Fischbach (9)	Braelyn White (10)
Bentley Sumption (6)	Natalee Foley (9)	Zoe Cox (11)
Jacob Bain (7)	Adalynn Lloyd (9)	Quentin Kolb (11)
Tate Dosch (7)	Domenick Pool (9)	Gavin Nickelson (11)
Leah Grotelueschen (7)	Preston Sumption (9)	Shanda Cox (12)
Mileah Holmes (7)	Christopher Voeller (9)	Daniel Dallmann (12)
Kenna Janke (7)	Mia Bain (10)	Elijah Flynn (12)
Case Bretsch (8)	Malona Cox (10)	Taylor Himanga (12)
Jaxon Ellwein (8)	Ayden Larsen (10)	Keyanna Knife (12)
Olivia Foley (8)	Alivia Little (10)	Danika Lickfelt (12)
Eli Nickelson (8)	Elijah Stugelmeyer (10)	Memphys Storm (12)
Karli Achen (9)	Westyn Thorpe (10)	Brendan Tschappat (12)



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Deadline extended for local grant applications

Local nonprofits: There's still time to get your application in to receive grant funds in the North Brown Community Foundation's 2024 round of grant-giving. The deadline has been extended to **Friday, March 1, 2024.**

Board members of the NBCF, which supports community needs in the geographic area covered by the Frederick Area School District, decided to extend the application period to encourage more nonprofits to apply.

The application was in the December/January issue of *Frederick Area F.Y.I.*, or it can be downloaded from fredericksd.com/nbcf.

Grants can be used for projects that benefit residents of the geographic area served by the NBCF. Applicants must be



501(c)3 organizations; if an organization that doesn't have a 501(c)3 wants to apply, it needs to make a fiscal sponsorship arrangement with a 501(c)3 organization. Talk to Heidi Marttila-Losure if you have questions: 605-290-3335 or email nbcf@fredericksd.com.

The NBCF plans to announce this year's grant recipients at the organization's annual meeting on the second Tuesday in March, which this year is March 12. Grant recipients will also be notified by email or mail.

Musicians bring home honors from Region IV Music Festival



PHOTO BY HEIDI MARTTILA-LOSURE

Attending the music festival were, back row, Katelyn Bretsch, Winston Clark, Clayton Peterson, McKinley Kusters, Sofia Losure, Chloe Arneson, Laura Sumption, Chloe Akin, Olivia Morlock, Gabby Millard, Morgan Sumption, Maddie Sumption, Zoe Cox, Emily Dallmann, Samantha Dallmann, and Adalynn Lloyd. Not pictured are Kira Knife and Zoe Kempf.

Solos and ensembles receiving superior ratings were Adalynn Lloyd, clarinet solo; Adalynn Lloyd and Katelyn Bretsch, clarinet duet; Sofia Losure, tenor sax solo; Gabby Millard and Olivia Morlock, alto sax duet; and Gabby Millard, alto sax solo. Musicians receiving excellent ratings were Morgan Sumption, Maddie Sumption, Sofia Losure and Zoe Cox, sax quartet; Mac Kusters, snare drum solo; Chloe Arneson, Clayton Peterson, Laura Sumption, and Winston Clark, trumpet ensemble; and Kira Knife, Chloe Akin, Zoe Kempf, Emily Dallmann, and Samantha Dallmann, vocal ensemble.



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ABOVE: Sofia Losure, Morgan Sumption, Maddie Sumption, and Zoe Cox perform in a saxophone quartet.

RIGHT: Adalynn Lloyd and Katelyn Bretsch perform a clarinet duet

BELOW: Sofia Losure performs a solo.



Hats off

Some young fans were right on with the appropriate protocol of standing at attention, taking off their hats, and putting their right hands over their hearts during the playing of the national anthem before the Titans' games against Northwestern Jan. 18.

PHOTO BY HEIDI MARTTILA-LOSURE



School mobile app is available for download

Our school's mobile app is now ready to download via the Google Play store or the Apple store. Below are instructions on getting in.

When you allow all alerts, it will send you a push notification anytime a school related message is posted. A key advantage of using the mobile app is a consolidated location for calendars, parent/student links, and alerts.

1. Go to your apple or google store.
2. Search Frederick Area School District. Below is a picture of what you will see.



3. Install the app.
4. After opening the app, click Register.
5. Make a username and password.
6. When you click next, it will ask which school you want to register under. Frederick will be the only option to click on.
7. After you click on the school, click continue and you should be able to see the 9 button links available.



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LEFT, TOP: Bill Gustafson and Doug Braa reeled in the biggest northern to win a \$400 prize. **LEFT, BOTTOM:** The line to weigh in fish was a long one, with 112 teams weighing in. **RIGHT:** The Elm Lake Resort was full before winners were announced. See fishing winners on page 16.

The Elm Valley Community Club wishes to thank the sponsors of the F-5 Fishing Tournament:

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- SAND LAKE SALES- Houghton
- SCHWAN ELECTRIC- Aberdeen
- SDGF&P-Aberdeen
- SHED BAR & GRILL- Wesport
- SODAK SPORT & BAIT-Aberdeen
- STARION BANK-Ellendale, ND
- STATELINE CONCRETE-Leola
- SUMPTION FARMS-Frederick
- VANDYS AG-Westport
- WETONKA VET CLINIC- Wetonka
- ZASTROWS CONOCO-Hecla

RAFFLE WINNERS

- 1st Grand Prize: Ruger AR 5.56 – Matt Waltman
- 2nd: \$250 Cash – Cindy VanDover
- 3rd: Tikka T3X Lite Rifle – Kevin Barton
- 4th: \$250 Cash – Matt Seliski
- 5th: Stevens 55 O/U Shotgun – Jennifer Bender
- 6th: \$250 Cash – Leland Gayman
- 7th: Weatherby VanGuard 6.5 Creedmore – Kade Schimke
- 8th: \$250 Cash – Kevin Lunderoff
- 9th: Remington 870 FM Supermag – Tracy Olson
- 10th: \$250 Cash – Garrett Ortmeier
- 11th: Smith & Wesson SD9VE – Travis Sichmeller
- 12th: \$250 Cash – James Jenkins
- 13th: Ruger 10/22 Synthetic .22 – Jordan Leidholt
- 14th: \$250 Cash – Tim Sheldon
- 15th: Taurus G3C 9mm – Mark Cutler
- 16th: \$250 Cash – Nancy Berreth
- 17th: Savage 93R17 FNS .17HMR – Jennifer Bender
- 18th: \$250 Cash – Craig Rynhart
- 19th: Savage A22 Synthetic .22LR – Justin Downes
- 20th: \$250 Cash – Ken VanDover

Town of Westport General Meeting, Dec. 4, 2023

The Town of Westport met on December 4th, 2023 with Mitch Wilson, Shane Storm, Larry Schmit & Doreen Hertel present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General	
NWPS	\$578.43
Groton Independent	\$1518
Doreen Hertel	\$1,500.00
Larry Schmidt	\$150.00
Shane Storm	\$150.00
Mitch Wilson	\$150.00

Sewer	
NWPS	\$53.85
NRWA loan repayment	\$210.13
DANR Loan repayment	\$9,310.01

Water	
WEB	\$2,149.08
Larry Schmidt made motion to pay all bills; second by Shane Storm.	

The following deposits were presented:

City General	
Brown County Collections	\$4,717.17
State of SD	\$2,223.76
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Interest	\$204.38

Sewer	
Resident Payments-	\$490.00
	\$1,820.00

Water	
Resident Payments	\$3,463.54

NEW BUSINESS:

No new or old business.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer

Town of Westport General Meeting, Jan. 1, 2024

The Town of Westport met on January 1st, 2024 with Larry Schmit, Shane Storm, Mitch Wilson and Doreen Hertel present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General	
NWPS- utility	\$554.27
Groton Independent newspaper	\$23.02
SD Unemployment Insurance	\$18.42
US treasury 941	\$629.33
US treasury -940	\$70.52
Darwin Hinz- dirt work	\$500.00
David Lawn & Snow cemetery mowing	\$400.00

Sewer	
NWPS Utilities	\$53.68
NRWA loan repayment	\$210.13

Water	
Public Health Lab water sample	\$15.00
WEB- water	\$2,124.84

Larry Schmit made motion to pay all bills; second by Mitch Wilson.

The following deposits were presented:

City General	
Brown County Collections	\$542.26
State of SD	\$3,391.71
Interest	\$214.69

Sewer	
Resident Payments-	\$590.00
Loan Surcharge	\$1,820.00

Water	
Resident Payments	\$3,613.26)

NEW BUSINESS:

Yearly insurance was reviewed and approved for 2024. The city has received a water violation for failure to submit lead/copper samples. Concerns were expressed by board, about the contract, with Water District

Maintenance. Reviewed the town hall rental prices which will go into effect March 1st, 2024 will be \$25.00 a day.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer

Notice of Internal Control Review of the Fiscal Affairs of the Municipality of Westport

Notice is hereby given that an internal control review of the Municipality of Westport, South Dakota, has been issued by the Department of Legislative Audit at February 23, 2023, and that a report is filed with the Municipality of Westport and the Department of Legislative Audit in Pierre, South Dakota, for public inspection.

The report provides information concerning internal control deficiencies that were identified during the review.

RUSSELL A. OLSON, AUDITOR GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

Frederick Area School District #6-2 Regular Board of Education Meeting, Dec. 11, 2023

A regular meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education was called to order on December 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Rich Achen, Jon Ellwein, Alex Hart and Eric Sumption. Also present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Kosters, PreK-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg and Business Manager Shauna Severson. Others in attendance: Tonya Zinter.

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

No conflict of interest disclosures.

2024-047 Motion by Achen, second by Ellwein to approve the agenda as presented. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2024-048 Motion by Achen, second by Hart to approve the following consent agenda items. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

- a. November 14, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. November 2023 Payroll
- c. November 2023 Financial Report
- d. December 2023 Bills

FINANCIAL REPORT:

GENERAL FUND	
Checking:	
Bal 11-1-23	\$77,042.61
Receipts	\$362,487.00
Disbursements	\$208,357.92
Transfers from Investments	\$250,000.00
Bal 11-30-23	\$481,171.69
Investments:	
Bal 11-1-23	\$719,327.67
Interest	\$37,625.65
Transfer to Checking	\$250,000.00
Bal 11-30-23	\$506,953.32
<i>Ending Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$988,125.01</i>

IMPREST FUND:	
Bal 11-1-23	\$2,904.03
Receipts	\$2,130.97
Disbursements	\$155.40
Bal 11-30-23	\$4,879.60

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND:	
Checking:	
Bal 11-1-23	\$886,592.95

Receipts	\$187,529.64
Disbursements	\$41,217.14
Bal 11-30-23	\$1,032,905.45

Investments:	
Bal 11-30-23	\$1,553,800.96
<i>Ending Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$2,586,706.41</i>

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND	
Checking:	
Bal 11-1-23	\$13,781.33
Receipts	\$92,371.45
Disbursements	\$28,798.29
Bal 11-30-23	\$77,354.49

Investments:	
Bal 11-30-23	\$1,443,913.67
<i>Ending Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$1,521,268.16</i>

FOOD SERVICE FUND	
Bal 11-1-23	\$13,860.71
Receipts	\$7,239.40
Disbursements	\$15,359.74
Bal 11-30-23	\$5,740.37

DRIVERS ED FUND	
Bal 11-30-23	\$0.4

CUSTODIAL FUND	
Bal 11-1-23	\$47,997.75
Receipts	\$12,043.96
Disbursements	\$10,892.46
Bal 11-30-23	\$49,149.25

OVID J STEVENS SCHOLARSHIP	
Checking:	
Bal 11-30-23	\$85

Investments:	
Bal 11-1-23	\$25,499.86
Interest:	\$262.14
Bal 11-30-23	\$25,762.00
<i>Ending Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$25,762.85</i>

CLAIMS APPROVED	
General Fund salaries	85,474.36
Special Education salaries	16,569.03
Food Service salaries	3,947.57
EFTPS, federal income tax/Social Security/ Medicare	28,884.21
AFLAC, supplemental insurance	1,126.81
American Funds, retirement	638.89
Delta Dental, insurance	2,219.30
Northern Plains Insurance Pool	15,610.47
The Standard, life insurance	241.27
Security Benefits, retirement	2,177.78
Optilegra, vision insurance	470.57
SD Retirement	15,818.44
SD Retirement Supplemental	4,478.22
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$177,656.92</i>

BILLS APPROVED	
General Fund	
Agtegra-fuel	3,697.68
Barondeau, Janelle-education reimb	300.00
Beef Login-build your base	169.32
Cahill Bauer & Associates-FY23 audit	8,050.00
CWD-FFVP 826.08	
Century Business Products-copier ov	528.53
Churchill, Manolis, et al LLP-legal advice	503.35
Cole Papers-custodial supplies	812.32
Dallmann, Jennifer-education reimb	400.00
Farmers Union Oil-bus maintenance	106.75
FCCLA-dues	408.00
FASD Imprest Fund-misc.	155.40
GDI News-publishing	89.13
Holiday-fuel	64.00
Innovative Office Solutions-supplies	876.00
JHC Services-bus maintenance	693.20
Jostens-graduation gowns	126.00
JVT-phone	235.83
Kesslers-FACS supplies	89.00
Merchant Services-cc processing fees	195.91
Mid-American, supplies	1,342.01
Montana-Dakota Utilities-utilities	4,073.95
Pantorium Cleaners-supplies	133.40
Pashen, Jennifer-education reimb	124.99
Push Pedal Pull-fitness center service	1,305.91

Red Roof Inn-FB travel	91.00
Runnings-supplies	107.38
School Specialty-supplies	234.33
Sumption, Alex-DOT physical reimb	120.00
Teachers Pay Teachers-curric supp	55.09
Town of Frederick-utilities	654.36
USPS-stamps	62.30

Capital Outlay Fund	
Amazon-library books	42.59
Century Business Products-copier lease	306.66
Schmidt Construction-gravel at bus stop	570.00

Special Education Fund	
Avera-OT/PT	4,935.44
Event Brite-conference registration	220.00

Food Service Fund	
CWD-food/supplies	3,852.64
Community Store-food	23.04
Pantorium Cleaners-kitchen supplies	84.85
SD Child and Adult Nutrition-comm proc	112.52
SNA SD-membership	53.00

Imprest Fund	
Region IV FCCLA-region registration	155.40

Custodial Fund	
Amazon-FCCLA fall fest supplies	98.10
Brotzel, Julie-SADD expenses	168.86
Carey, Haley-volunteer VB coach	2,600.00
Kesslers-concessions/FCCLA	328.51
KW Prints-GBB warmups	1,155.00
Leola School-powerlifting club transfer	328.51
Nelson Nursery-music fundraiser	4,357.10
Pizza Ranch-LRC meeting	137.11
Ole & Lenas Pizzeria-SADD fundraiser	2,435.50

The following reports were presented:

- JLG Architects Surveys will be mailed out to all in-district and open enrollments households.
- Jeff Kosters: Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director
- Shauna Severson: Business Manager
- Achen/Hart: Building/Co-op

A discussion was had regarding report cards and school to home communication. No action taken.

The ARP ESSER Safe Return Plan was discussed. No action taken.

Our current opt out and the need for a new opt out beginning tax year 2025 was discussed. The current \$200,000 opt out has been used the following: Tax year 2022 - \$200,000 (taking the full amount is required the first year); Tax year 2023 - \$100,000; Tax year 2024 - \$170,000.

2024-049 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to approve the \$10,685.00 transfer from General Fund to Capital Outlay Fund and \$14.73 from Custodial Fund to General Fund. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2024-050 Motion by Hart, second by Sumption to set the Driver Education rate at \$175.00 per student. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2024-051 Motion by Sumption, second by Achen to set the date and time for the 2024 School Board and Opt Out Election to April 9, 2024 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2024-052 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to approve the Frederick Area School District Certified Staff Evaluation Policy. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2024-053 Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to accept the resignation from Paula Tschosik, Title Teacher and thank her for sixteen years with the district. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

The Board would like to recognize the

following accomplishments: Sofia Losure for being named Honorable Mention with her business, Hometown Helpers, at the Big Idea Competition; Leah Grottelueschen for receiving Gold and Ruby Dallmann for receiving Silver at Region FCCLA.

2024-0054 Motion by Hart, second by Achen to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Rich Schlosser, President
Shauna Severson, Business Manager

City of Frederick Dec. 6, 2023 Minutes

Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday, December 6, 2023 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board members Jeff Kosters and joining late, Troy Millard, Finance Officer Jennifer Morlock and Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine.

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

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL	\$1,184.06
Badger Meter fees Swr	\$235.35
Black Mountain utility support Wtr/Swr/Grbg	\$2,330
Brown County Sheriffs Office deputy svcs Genl	\$1,041.67
Century Bus Products printer Genl	\$70.85
Dependable Sanitation Grbg	\$1,723
EFPTS taxes Genl/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cmty	\$804.12
First National Bank of Frederick security box Genl	\$8
FDC Genl	\$1200
Frederick Seed chemical Genl	\$162.50
Farmers Union Oil propane EBL	\$385.59
GDI minutes Genl	\$31.73
USDA-RD loan Swr	\$3,763
J. Morlock wage FO	\$1,373.77
JVT Genl/Wtr/EBL/FO	\$259.90
M. Cox wage EBL	\$620.83
M. Heine wage FO	\$1,126.37
O. Morlock cleaning CC	\$10.62
R. Bakeberg UT wage Sts/Wtr/Swr	\$121.91
S. Campbell wage Genl	\$69.26
SD Dept of Rev sales tax Genl	\$65.78
SD Dept of Health samples Wtr	\$539
SD Govt FO Assoc dues FO	\$70
SDML membership Genl	414.39
SDML WC Fund Genl	\$578
T. Millard wage Genl	\$46.17
VISA stamps Genl	\$264
USDA-RD loan Wtr	\$475
WEB Water Wtr	\$5,535.43

OLD BUSINESS

Scott Campbell provided a utility report. The board reviewed the Brown County Sheriffs report from patrolling the area. The property at 303 2nd Ave will be demolished within the next week by Dahme Construction. Titans Bar and Grill will not be applying for a liquor license and will be closing.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve Ordinance 224 for the Supplemental Appropriations for 2023 made by Campbell/Kosters, roll call vote had ayes by all; motion carried. The second reading will be Wednesday, December 20th at 7PM in the Community Center.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, January 10 at 7 PM.

Motion to adjourn made by Kosters/Millard at 7:46 PM; motion carried.

M. Heine, Assistant Finance Officer

Special Meeting, City of Frederick, Dec. 20, 2023 Minutes

The second reading of the 2023 Supplemental Appropriations was held Wednesday, December 20, 2023 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board members Jeff Kosters and Troy Millard, 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 the 2023 Supplemental Appropriations made by Kosters/Campbell, roll call vote had ayes by all; motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Kosters/Millard at 7:03 PM; motion carried.

M. Heine, Assistant Finance Officer

Special Meeting, Ordinance No. 224: Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance For the Year 2023

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

41110 Board, Council, or Commission	\$3,704.83
43700 Cemetery	157.55
455.00 Library	416.39
Total General Fund	4,278.77
Total Water Fund	154,801.09
Total Appropriations	159,079.86
Source of Funding	
Undesignated Funds	\$34,079.84
Contingency Fund	15,000.00
Sewer Fund	2,064.80
Demand Deposit	107,935.22
Total Source of Funding	\$159,079.86

Signed and Dated by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Frederick;

R. Scott Campbell, Chairman

Troy Millard, Board Member

Jeff Kosters, Board Member

Passed First Reading: December 6, 2023

Passed Second Reading : December 20, 2023

Frederick Area School District #6-2 Regular Board Of Education Meeting, January 8, 2024

A regular meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education was called to order on January 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Rich Achen, Jon Ellwein, Alex Hart and Eric Sumption. Also present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Kosters, PreK-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg and Business Manager Shauna Severson. Others in attendance: Marty Morlock.

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

No conflict of interest disclosures.

2024-055 Motion by Achen, second by Hart to approve the agenda as presented. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2024-056 Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to approve the following consent agenda items. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

- December 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- December 2023 Payroll
- December 2023 Financial Report
- January 2024 Bills

FINANCIAL REPORT:

GENERAL FUND

Checking:

Last Checking Bal:	\$481,171.69
FY23 audit entries affecting cash balance -	
Disbursements:	\$14,370.22
Bal 12-1-23:	\$466,801.47
Receipts:	\$180,468.89
Disbursements:	\$174,734.22
Bal 12-31-23	\$472,536.14.

Investments:

Bal 12-1-23:	\$506,953.32
Interest:	\$1,073.60
Bal 12-31-23:	\$508,026.92
Ending Fund Balance:	\$980,563.06

IMPREST FUND

Bal 12-1-23:	\$4,879.60
Receipts:	\$155.40
Disbursements:	\$1,757.26
Bal 12-31-23	\$3,277.74

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND

Checking: Last Checking Bal:	\$1,032,905.45
FY23 audit entries affecting cash balance -	
Receipts:	\$13,708.24
Bal 12-1-23:	\$1,046,613.69
Receipts:	\$80,655.80
Disbursements:	\$919.25
Bal 12-31-23	\$1,126,350.24

Investments:

Bal 12-31-23:	\$1,553,800.96
Ending Fund Balance:	\$2,680,151.20

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND

Checking:

Last Checking Bal:	\$77,354.49
FY23 audit entries affecting cash balance -	
Receipts:	\$1,468.48
Bal 12-1-23:	\$78,822.97
Receipts:	\$36,023.50
Disbursements:	\$27,066.73
Bal 12-31-23	\$87,779.74

Investments:

Bal 12-31-23:	\$1,443,913.67
Ending Fund Balance:	\$1,531,693.41

FOOD SERVICE FUND:

Last Checking Bal:	\$5,740.37
FY23 audit entries affecting cash balance -	
Disbursements:	\$806.51
Bal 12-1-23:	\$4,933.86
Receipts:	\$17,347.61
Disbursements:	\$10,177.45
Bal 12-31-23	\$12,104.02.

DRIVERS ED FUND:

Bal 12-31-23	\$0.4.
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CUSTODIAL FUND:

Bal 12-1-23:	\$31,886.92
Receipts:	\$8,143.07
Disbursements:	\$4,286.63
Bal 12-31-23	\$53,005.69

OID J STEVENS SCHOLARSHIP:

Checking:	
Bal 12-31-23	\$85

Investments:

Bal 12-1-23:	\$25,762.00
Interest:	\$11.29
Bal 12-31-23:	\$25,773.29
Ending Fund Balance:	\$25,774.14

CLAIMS APPROVED:

General Fund salaries	89,775.59
Special Education salaries	15,350.98
Food Service salaries	3,854.26
EFTPS, federal income tax/Social Security/Medicare	28,851.61
AFLAC, supplemental insurance	1,126.81
American Funds, retirement	638.89
Delta Dental, insurance	2,219.30
Northern Plains Insurance Pool	15,610.47
The Standard, life insurance	243.92
Security Benefits, retirement	2,177.78
Optilegra, vision insurance	470.57
SD Retirement	15,848.86
SD Retirement Supplemental	478.22
Total:	\$176,647.26

BILLS APPROVED

General Fund

Aberdeen School District-Atec	4,876.80
Agtegra-fuel	8,919.43
Amazon-supplies	500.95
American Red Cross-training	285.53
Arrowwood-superintendent travel	98.12
CWD-FFVP/supplies	569.58
Century Business-copier coverage	292.49
Cole Papers-custodial supplies	2,119.34
CommTech-tech service	270.00
Fire Safety First-annual maintenance	225.00
Foreman Sales & Service-bus maint	1,795.74
FASD Imprest Fund-misc.	1,757.26
GDI News-publishing	72.57
Harves Sport Shop-bball supplies	29.88
JVT-phone	236.87
JW Pepper-music	24.98
Kesslers-FACS supplies	99.16
McLeods-supplies	70.64
Menards-maintenance supplies	116.30
Merchant Services-cc processing	101.06
Mid-American-supplies	175.11
Montana-Dakota Utilities-utilities	5,271.32
North Central Special Ed Coop-services	6,000.00
Pantorium Cleaners-supplies	133.40
Pirate Ship- mailings	98.09
Runnings-transportation supplies	67.92
SDHSCA-coach dues	104.00
State of SD-medicaid admin fee	21.83
Teachers Pay Teachers-curric supp	26.98
Town of Frederick-utilities	651.13
USPS-stamps	1,070.30

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND

Amazon-library books	47.80
Century Business Products-copier lease	306.66

EDUCATION FUND

North Central Special Ed Coop-services	10,224.43
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FOOD SERVICE FUND

CWD-food/supplies	3,571.69
Community Store-food	2.89
Pantorium Cleaners-kitchen supplies	92.35

IMPREST FUND

Aberle, Spencer-bb ref	150.00
Donat, Eric-bb ref	302.54
Edgeley Public School-jh gbb entry fee	25.00
Frost, Chris-jv bbb ref/mileage	333.84
Holt, Adam-bb ref	125.00
Roth, Brendan-bb ref/mileage	193.34
Wanner, Andrew-bb ref/mileage	177.54

Wanner, Shaun-bb ref	150.00
Witlock, Scott-bb ref	150.00
Zimmerman, Kim-bb ref	150.00
CUSTODIAL FUND	
Bosten Fern-teachers slush	58.00
CWD-concessions	1123.06
CWD Direct-concessions	577.74
Coca Cola-concessions	93.00
Community Store-concessions	56.75
Kesslers-FCCLA/concessions	342.61
Kiwanis Club-FBLA fundraising cards	90.00
MB, LLC-vb gear	279.00
Target-SADD supplies	53.12

The following reports were presented:

- Jeff Kosters: Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director
- Shauna Severson: Business Manager – The renewal/increase of the general fund opt out was mentioned; the district did not take the full amount these last two years of the three-year opt out. If we decide to increase, we would not be required to take the full amount the first year like we were required to do with this last opt out. There are uncertainties regarding the upcoming teacher accountability review, which is an area of concern for our general fund. Another concern is the change to the capital outlay formula. We were able to transfer \$366,125 from capital outlay to general fund, but fiscal year 2023 was the final year to do so. Discussion items regarding the need for this opt out will be published in the GDI, Frederick Forward and on the school's website.

- Achen/Hart: Building/Co-op

2024-057 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to approve Resolution 2024-001 – Resolution for \$450,000 Five-Year Opt Out and Vote to be Held. Upon roll call, all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

THE GOVERNING BOARD Frederick Area School District 6-2 do state that the above said board is unable to operate under the tax limitation measure currently in statute. We therefore OPT OUT of such tax limitation in the amount of \$ 450,000 starting with calendar year 2024 taxes payable in the calendar year 2025. This opt out will be for five years, which will be through taxes payable in the calendar year 2029. This action has been taken by the board and approved by at least a two-thirds vote of the board.

Also, be it resolved that the GOVERNING BOARD OF Frederick Area School District 6-2 will conduct an election to approve or disapprove the tax levy opt out pursuant to SDCL 10-13-36. The election will be held on

April 9, 2024.

2024-058 Motion by Sumption, second by Achen to approve the \$500,000 transfer from Capital Outlay checking to money market savings. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

The Board would like to recognize the following accomplishments: Sofia Losure for being named a SD SportScene Schwan Financial Premier Performer.

2024-059 Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to go into executive session at 6:49 p.m. for SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Schlosser declared the board out of executive session at 7:51 p.m.

2024-060 Motion by Hart, second by Sumption on intent to renew 2024-2025 Administrative Contracts. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

2024-061 Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Rich Schlosser, President
Shauna Severson, Business Manager

City of Frederick January 10, 2024 Minutes

Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday, January 10, 2024 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board members Jeff Kosters and Troy Millard, Finance Officer Jennifer Morlock and Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine. Chairman Campbell opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the December meetings were read and approved with a motion by Kosters/Millard; motion carried. The financial statements were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Millard/Kosters; motion carried. The January accounts payable were approved with a motion by Millard/Campbell; motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL	\$1,288.73
Bowers Tree Service SP	\$350
Brown County Sheriffs Office deputy svcs Genl	\$1,041.67
Century Bus Products printer Genl	\$71.59
DANR dues Wtr/Swr	\$250
Dennis Durheim gravel Sts	\$843.17
Dependable Sanitation Grbg	\$1,701
EFPTS taxes Genl/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cmty	\$879.51
Farmers Union Oil propane EBL	\$357.23
GDI minutes Genl	\$50.22
USDA-RD loan Swr	\$3,763

J. Kosters wage Genl	\$92.34
J. Morlock wage FO	\$1,373.77
JHC Services LLC plow Sts	\$1,481.47
JVT Genl/Wtr/EBL/FO	\$298.83
M. Cox wage EBL	\$631.92
M. Heine wage FO	\$1,126.37
R. Bakeberg UT wage Sts/Wtr/Swr	\$114.51
R. Bakeberg sexton wage Cmty	\$253.96
S. Campbell wage Genl	\$138.52
SD Dept of Rev sales tax Genl	\$64.64
SD Dept of Health samples Wtr	\$15
SD Water & Wastewater dues Wtr	\$10
Schwan Electric Inc generator Genl	\$217.19
T. Millard wage Genl	\$92.34
VISA stamps Genl	\$196.15
USDA-RD loan Wtr	\$475
WEB Water Wtr	\$5,454.51

OLD BUSINESS

Scott Campbell provided a utility report. The board reviewed the Brown County Sheriffs report from patrolling the area.

NEW BUSINESS

The salaries for 2024 will be as follows: Chairman of the Board \$25/chairman + \$50/mtg; Board Members \$50/mtg; Mowing wage \$12/hr; Cemetery salary \$550/yr (semiannually); Utility Manager \$100 base salary + \$16/hr; Water Supervisor \$250/mo; Community Center wage \$11.50/hr; Finance Officer \$1,725/mo; Assist. Finance Officer \$1,325/mo; Librarian \$13/hr; Assist. Librarian \$11.50/hr. Motion to approve the 2024 wages and salaries made by Kosters/Millard; motion carried. Motion to accept the Emma Burnham Library quarterly report made by Millard/Campbell; motion carried.

The board reviewed correspondence from citizens and municipal news.

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

Motion to adjourn made by Millard/Kosters at 7:36 PM; motion carried.

M. Heine, Assistant Finance Officer

Frederick Area School District #6-2 Special Board Of Education Meeting January 22, 2024

A special meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education was called to order on January 22, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Rich Achen, Jon Ellwein and Eric Sumption. Others present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Kosters, K-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg and Business Manager Shauna

Severson. Others in attendance: Dan Miller with JLG via Zoom.

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

Motion 2024-062 Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to approve the agenda as presented. All voted aye, carried.

No conflict of interest disclosures.

The building was discussed. Based on the surveys received, there is strong support to investigate and propose specific facility solutions.

Motion 2024-063 Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to adjourn at 2:39 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Rich Schlosser, President
Shauna Severson, Business Manager

Notice Of Vacancy Municipality Of Frederick

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Frederick Board Member, 3-year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 31, 2024 and petitions may be picked up and filed with the finance officer. Finance Officer may be contacted Monday thru Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at the First National Bank of Frederick 314 Main Street. Final day for turning in petitions is February 23, 2024 by 5:00pm. Finance Officer will be at the Finance Office, located at 406 3rd Avenue, Frederick, SD from 4:00-5:00 pm on the final day.

Jennifer Morlock, Frederick Finance Officer

Notice Of Vacancy on School Board, Frederick Area School District No. 6-2

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

Richard Achen, School Board Member,
3-year term

Richard Schlosser, School Board Member,
3-year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 27, 2024, and petitions may be filed in the office of the business manager located at 202 E Main St, Frederick, SD on official school calendar days between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., central time, not later than February 23, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., or mailed by registered mail not later than February 23, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Shauna Severson, Business Manager

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JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL

Junior high boys keep a positive attitude

By HEIDI MARTTILA-LOSURE

The Leola-Frederick junior high boys basketball team—made up of six 8th-graders, two 7th-graders, and five 6th-graders—has been working on fundamentals this season.

“Our season has been challenging so far,” Coach Don Nickelson said. “We have not won a game yet—emphasis on ‘yet.’ We anticipated struggling in the wins and losses column before the season began and that it was going to be a challenge as coaches to keep them motivated de-

spite the scores. They have been doing a good job of working to improve individually as well as becoming a good team player.”

One strength of these young players is their positive attitude. They have been working on free throws and breakaway layups recently. “The majority of our games would have looked much different on the scoreboard had we made a higher percentage of those two shots.”

The season’s highlight so far was their third matchups against Ellendale.

“Our first meetings were one-sided, with significant losses in both games,” Nickelson said. “However, in our final matchup, pieces started falling into place, and our 8th-grade team lost by only two points in a down-to-the-wire game.”

Nickelson added that he’d like to thank parents for their support and patience with the inevitable schedule changes throughout the season.



Bentley Sumption puts up a shot against Roncalli Jan. 30.



Jayden Ellwein gets the tip against Aberdeen Roncalli Jan. 30.



Howard Sumption signals for a pass on an inbound play Jan. 30.



Kids of all ages shoot for prizes on the Elm Valley Community Club's plinko board.

Plinko board is for fun and fundraising

In the fall/winter of 2022/23, the Elm Valley Community Club wanted to make halftime at Titan home basketball games fun for kids or adults. What they came up with was a plinko board made to go under a basketball hoop. Kids or adults pay \$1 to shoot a free throw. A made free throw bounces down through the plinko board and lands on prize cards at the bottom. Prizes are tickets for pop, candy, or popcorn. The money

generated is donated to different groups within the school. Last year \$150 was raised for the athletic department, and this year \$175 was raised for the school’s Future Business Leaders of America chapter. —Rich Achen, EVCC member



The line is often long.

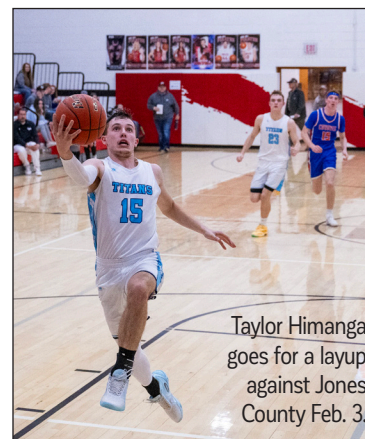
BASKETBALL HIGHLIGHTS



The celebratory human tunnel to the locker room has become a frequent sight at the end of Titans' games.



Milo Sumption gets an offensive putback against Ellendale.



Taylor Himanga goes for a layup against Jones County Feb. 3.



Arabella Clark shoots over Timber Lake defenders.



The Titan bench celebrates.



Brayden Sumption drains a 3 from the corner against Webster.



Kalyce Achen gets after a loose ball.



Gavin Nickelson and Noah Kippley celebrate a score.



Westyn Thorpe gets a fast break ahead of Ellendale defenders.

Titans finish season with winning record

Postseason play will start Tuesday, Feb. 20

BY JEFF KOSTERS
Girls Basketball Head Coach

The Leola/Frederick Titan Girls Basketball team wrapped up a busy month of January, playing eleven games during that span and finishing the month with a 9-2 record. Overall, the Titans are currently 13-6 and have just one game remaining in the regular season. They will finish the regular season in Leola on Feb 15th with senior night when they host North Central.

The post-season will look a little bit different this year, as the region will no longer be utilizing the Webster Armory for the final night of tournament play. The higher seeds will host throughout, and post-season play will begin on Monday, February 19, with the 8 vs 9 matchup. Our girls will play their first post-season game on Tuesday, February 20, and that game will be in Leola at 7:00 pm. We are currently the #2 seed in our region, with Britton/Hecla and Northwestern close behind in the #3 and #4 spots. Should we stay in our current position, we would play the #7 seed on the 20th, which is currently Wilmot. If we win, we would host the #3 vs #6 winner in Frederick on Thursday, February 22nd, at 7:00 pm. The winners of those two Thursday games would advance on to play in the So-Dak16, which will take place on Thursday, February 29th.



Laura Sumption puts up a three against Timber Lake on Jan. 27 in Bowdle.



Sofi Losure scores against Timber Lake.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Langford Area	W	41-37
Aberdeen Christian	W	43-41
Waubay/Summit	L	41-44
Potter County	L	31-49
Wilmot	W	61-43
Waverly-S. Shore	W	45-21
North Central	W	43-40
Strasburg/Zeeland	W	30-20
Ellendale, ND	W	50-41
Northwestern	W	50-38
South Border, ND	W	59-31
Britton-Hecla	L	32-34
Faultkon Area	L	37-45
Timber Lake	W	60-31
Ipswich	W	54-29
Warner	L	51-57
Philip	W	51-41
Feb 15	W	60-30
Feb 19, 20, 22	Region 1B Tournament	
Feb 29	SoDak 16	
March 7-9	State Tournament	



Kalyce Achen looks to pass as Jillian Ellwein signals she is open against Timber Lake.



Jocelynn Ellwein scores against Timber Lake.



Jillian Ellwein drives for a layup against Ipswich.



Olivia Morlock puts up a shot against Ipswich.

At 17-1, Titans have high postseason hopes

BY HEIDI MARTTILA-LOSURE

Hard work every game and a deep bench have combined to give the Titans boys basketball team a 17-1 record, putting them solidly at the top of the Region 1 rankings and near the top of the list of Class B teams in the state — #4 as of this writing.

The Titans have won against strong Class A teams, including Aberdeen Roncalli and Platte-Geddes, as well as teams that stymied them last year, such as Ellendale and Warner. Their lone loss came in a close showdown with Faulkton on Jan. 25. With two games remaining in the regular season, the Titans hope to enter the postseason in a strong position to make it to the SoDak 16 and from there fight for their spot in the state tournament.

The season is exceeding Coach Brock Pashen's expectations.

"You can't expect to go 17-1 with the quality of a schedule that we have," he said. "The boys have competed every practice, caught on to what we are trying to do, and are applying it in games. Our one loss we didn't play well and didn't do the things we had been doing in our wins, and we paid for it."

The Titans' success has been a team effort.

"Brayden Sumption and Noah Kippley are leading us in scoring, but it is the 3-8 points we get from Gavin, Milo, Ethan, Westyn, Titus, Taylor, and Winston that can demoralize

and put teams away. We have a lot of unselfish kids who play well together, support each other, and play well in their role."

Team members have adapted to the team's new style and tempo, which can be described as fast and relentless. They are able to keep up that speed because of the number of players who can keep up defense at that level, allowing substitutions when necessary without allowing any slack on the court. "They have bought in to the constant pressure and harassment that we are able to put on teams," Pashen said.

They are also showing they can adjust and dig even deeper when necessary. Finding a way to win against Warner after not playing well for three quarters showed some maturity in the team, he said. "We forced some mistakes and started the fourth quarter on a 13-0 run and closed the game with defense, rebounding and some good possessions offensively."

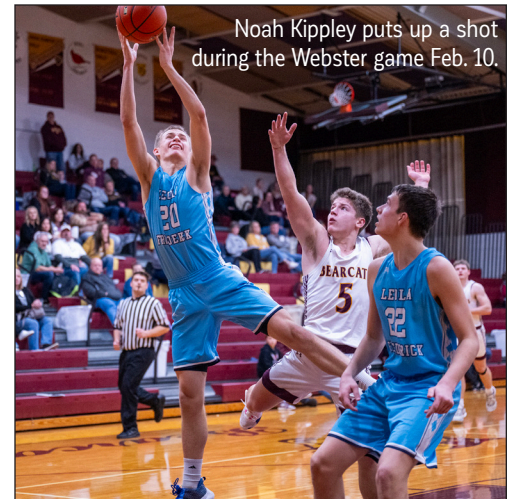
The games remaining in the season will require their full effort. Herreid-Selby is traditionally solid, though they have a losing record this year, and Ipswich has been winning against tough competition. "There are no gimmies in February which should have us tested for the playoffs," Pashen said.

"Right now we are sitting #1 in the Region and still feeling like we can do things a lot better. We need to do things right each game, find a way to win, and move on."



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Titus Kippley and Winston Clark trap a Warner player on Feb. 1. Maintaining relentless defensive pressure has been a key to the Titans' success this season.



Noah Kippley puts up a shot during the Webster game Feb. 10.



Gavin Nickelson drives to the basket against Jones County Feb. 3.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Langford Area	W	58-28
Oakes, ND	W	70-56
Aberdeen Christian	W	66-56
Waubay/Summit	W	58-51
Potter County	W	72-41
Wilmot	W	69-41
Aberdeen Roncalli	W	65-51
Waverly-South Shore	W	63-50
North Central	W	59-28
Northwestern	W	69-31
South Border, ND	W	61-47
Britton-Hecla	W	58-20
Faulkton Area	L	55-63
Platte-Geddes	W	60-52
Warner	W	49-36
Jones County	W	64-52
Ellendale, ND	W	71-59
Webster Area	W	77-58
Feb 16 8:00 PM	vs Herreid/Selby Area	Leola (Senior Night)
Feb 23 8:00 PM	@ Ipswich	Ipswich
Feb. 26-29	Region 1B Tournament	
March 5	SoDak 16	
March 14-16	Class B State Tournament	



Brayden Sumption puts up a three as his teammates on the bench prepare to cheer during the Titans' game against Jones County Feb. 3.



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Under beautiful skies and in great temperatures, a record number of 132 teams competed in the 16th Annual F-5 Fishing Tournament on Jan. 27 at Elm Lake.

One hundred and 12 teams weighed in fish, and a total of 233 fish weighing 315.29 pounds were caught. The event is put on by the Elm Valley Community Club and is supported by many sponsors—see the list on page 8. Raffle winners are also listed on that page.



LARGEST CRAPPIE



LARGEST PERCH



SMALLEST NORTHERN

Pictured are some prize-winning catches: Top row, largest walleye, Mike Nguyen and Camden Nguyen; total pounds - panfish, Jordan Leidholt and Tanner Woehl; largest northern speared and total pounds speared, Tim Duffney and Colleen Duffney; second row, largest crappie, Brenda Pigors and Eric Pigors; largest perch, Debe Garber and James Unson; and smallest northern, Jennifer Bender.

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CATEGORY	POUNDS	NAME
Largest Walleye (\$400):	5.18	Mike Nguyen & Camden Nguyen
2nd Largest Walleye (\$275):	3.54	Codie Jones & Clayton Warner
3rd Largest Walleye (\$175):	3.50	Mike Bishop & Braxton Bonn
Largest Northern (\$400):	4.70	Doug Braa & Bill Gustafson
2nd Largest Northern (\$275):	4.69	Tyler Thayer & Trey Barrett
3rd Largest Northern (\$175):	4.22	Will Weber & Kyle Rockensock
Smallest Northern (\$100):	0.60	Jason Bender & Jennifer Bender

CATEGORY	POUNDS	NAME
Largest Crappie (\$100):	1.33	Brenda Pigors & Eric Pigors
Largest Perch (\$100):	0.94	James Unson & Debe Garber
Largest Catfish (\$100):	9.49	Lance Burns & Gage Burns
1st Total Pounds - Walleye (\$275):	14.00	Chris Bretsch & Luke Vogel
1st Total Pounds - Northern (\$270):	9.98	Doug Braa & Bill Gustafson
1st Total Pounds - Panfish (\$275):	8.72	Jordan Leidholt & Tanner Woehl
Largest Northern - Speared (\$150):	13.70	Tim Duffney & Colleen Duffney
1st Total Pounds - Speared Fish (\$275):	113.60	Tim Duffney & Colleen Duffney

