

# What's coming up

## THURSDAY, MARCH 14

Boys basketball Class B State Tournament, Barnett Center, Aberdeen. Continues Friday and Saturday. The Leola-Frederick Titans play Castlewood in the first round at 7:45 p.m. Thursday. A hospitality room is available for Titan fans at the Ramkota from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Welcome home celebration for Titans returning from State B Tournament, 2:30 p.m. at Frederick Area School

## TUESDAY, MARCH 19

NSU Invite indoor track meet, 4 p.m. (field) and 5:30 p.m. (track) at Barnett Center, Aberdeen

## SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Leola-Frederick Prom. Grand march at 7 p.m. in the Frederick gym

## TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Northern State Open indoor track meet, 2 p.m. (field events) and 3:30 p.m. (running events) at Barnett Center, Aberdeen

Community Store annual meeting, 7 p.m. at St. Paul's

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### Burn ban in effect

This notice is from Brown County Emergency Management on March 12:

"Brown County Commissioners have acted on a request for a county wide open burn ban. This was approved and will be in effect until further notice. Dangerous conditions exist and in order to protect health and public safety it was decided this is best until we get some spring moisture and things start to green up. This ban is in place until further notice and will be reviewed weekly."



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**MARCH 2024**

# ON TO THE BIG B

BY HEIDI MARTTILA-LOSURE

An epic season that currently stands at 22-1 — tied for the best Class B record in the state — will continue at the revered State B Tournament March 14-16 after the Leola-Frederick Area Titans defeated Potter County, 72-56, in the SoDak 16 on March 5.

"It has been a really fun season so far, and I am so glad the boys and communities will get to have the State Tournament experience," Head Coach Brock Pashen said.

The momentum has been building for several weeks now: Attendance at the Titans' games has steadily increased as the team's successes mounted. It was standing-room-only for the Titans' last Region 1B game against Warner in Leola and for the SoDak 16 game against Potter County in Northwestern's new gym in Mellette.



Titans Head Coach Brock Pashen, right, accepts the State Qualifier plaque from Leola K-12 Principal Brett Flemmer after the Titans' win over Potter County on March 5.

"It was absolutely awesome to see the stands packed for those three playoff games," Pashen said. "It has been fun to catch up with former players and students who are coming back to support this current group. The view from the bench at Northwestern of the high

bleachers filled with our fans is only going to be topped by seeing our fans at the Barnett Center."

For small towns like Leola and Frederick, a state tournament appearance is a community-wide

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The Titans pose with their State B Qualifier plaque. Pictured are, back row, Coach Alex Sumption, Clayton Peterson, Winston Clark, Lucas Gulbranson, Connor Spitzer, Ethan Petrich, Milo Sumption, Titus Kippley, Gavin Nickelson, Noah Kippley, Erik Losure, and Coach Brock Pashen; and front row, Dawson Clark, Preston Sumption, Westyn Thorpe, Brayden Sumption, Austin Jenkins, Taylor Himanga, Zander Hoffman, Jace Thorpe, and Fred Sumption.





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## February Students of the Month



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Junior high/high school Students of the Month for February, based on the trait of honesty, were Gage Burns, Audrey Reineke, Sofia Losure, and Erik Losure.



Elementary Students of the Month for February were, front row, Ella Hoffman, Charlie Achen, and Arthur Wolbeck; and back row: Evelyn Ellwein, Lilly Smith, Cara Wade, and Teresa Rojas. The trait for the month was honesty.



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# Legislation puts a new floor under teacher salaries

By JEFF KOSTERS

*Frederick Area Superintendent*

As I am writing this column, we are entering mid-March and in the first week of our final nine weeks of school. Track practice began this week with a near 70-degree day and no snow on the ground. In my almost 30 years of education as a teacher and administrator, I do not think I have ever experienced an entire year of school without a snow day or late start or early dismissal, but that is where we are this school year. (Knock on wood!)

## Teacher pay

The legislative session recently ended, and one of the more important bills affecting education came down to one of the final days before its passage. The Governor had recommended a 4 percent increase for education, and there was also an effort to improve the state's standing in teacher pay, as we have been near the bottom of that list for several years. Initially it started out as HB1048, but what ended up getting passed was SB127. Beginning with FY25 (the next school year), a minimum teacher salary will be set at \$45,000. Also included within that bill is a benchmark for average teacher compensation, which considers the benefits that are received on top of salaries (health insurance being the primary figure). Districts must now be accountable to that target moving forward as well. Frederick Area's current average teacher compensation is \$59,627. Those two benchmarks (minimum salaries and aver-



age teacher compensation) will increase each year based on the percentage the legislature allocates toward the increase in educational funding. District's failing to meet these benchmarks will see their state aid reduced.

## Opt-out election

There will be no school board election this time around, but there will be an election on Tuesday, April 9, to vote on whether to approve a proposed \$450,000 opt-out for the next five years. Three years ago, voters approved a \$200,000 opt-out, and it is in its final year. The Board has made the decision to try to pass a new opt-out to replace the current one that is expiring.

There are two primary reasons for this proposed opt-out. The first is that the ability for the district to continue transferring funds from its Capital Outlay to the General Fund in the same capacity as we have been able to for the past few years will no longer be possible. Many districts were negatively affected by legislation passed about 4-5 years ago, which limited how much revenue they could generate in the capital outlay fund. The legislation immediately

decreased our district's annual revenue to the tune of about \$350,000 annually. At that time, districts were able to transfer up to 45 percent of revenues from capital outlay to the general fund each year. Up until now, districts were still able to transfer the same amount as they were before passage of that bill, but that will no longer be possible, and now the transferable amount must be within the 45 percent threshold of revenues generated any given year.

The new teacher funding bill is the other reason the district feels this proposed opt-out is necessary. An overwhelming majority of general fund expenditures go toward salaries and benefits of district employees, and without the opt-out, it would become much more difficult for the district moving forward in the same capacity.

## Basketball

The boys' basketball season will come to its conclusion at the end of this weekend, as our boys qualified to compete in the State B Tournament held at the Barnett Center in Aberdeen. They defeated the Potter County Battlers in the SoDak16 on Tuesday, March 5, to advance on. We enter the tournament as a #6 seed and will play #3 seed Castlewood in the final game of the opening day.

The girls' basketball season ended on February 22 in the final round of region play. The team finished the season with a 15-7 record, and I'd like to recognize a few of our student-athletes for their accomplishments during

this past winter season. Laura Sumption and Sofia Losure both received 1st team All-conference honors and were repeat recipients to the list from last year, and Jillian Ellwein received Honorable Mention recognition. Laura was also named as the MVP of the conference, an award she shared last year with Warner's Ava Nilsson.

## New seasons

As for the upcoming Spring activities, Coach Marty Morlock will once again lead the track program, with Wayne Haas, Janelle Barondeau, and Megan Russo assisting again. As I mentioned earlier, track practice began this past week, with 19 boys and 19 girls in grades 6-12 participating this spring. I will be coaching the golf program again this spring, and the season officially begins toward the end of the month. I believe there will be 15 students participating.

Other activities/events that will be coming as we enter the final portion of the school year include Kindergarten Screening on March 22; Prom in Frederick on March 23, Large Group Music Contest on March 27; State FBLA on April 7-9; State FCCLA on April 21-23; Elementary Spring Concert on May 2, at 7:00 pm; Jr High / High School Spring Concert on May 9, at 7:00 pm; Awards Night on Wednesday, May 15, at 7:00 pm; and Commencement on Saturday, May 18, at 1:00 pm.

The last day of school for Frederick Area students will be Thursday, May 16, with a dismissal time of 1:00.

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## What's coming up

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### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Large Group Music Contest, Aberdeen

### TUESDAY, APRIL 2

Ipswich Early Bird track meet, 2 p.m. (field) and 3:30 p.m. (track) at Ipswich track

Bob Judson Invitational track meet, 11 a.m. (field) and 1 p.m. (track) at Hollister Field, Pierre

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

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

### MONDAY, APRIL 8

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

### TUESDAY, APRIL 9

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

### FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Junior high track meet, 1 p.m. in Sisseton

### SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Rotary Relays track meet, 10 a.m. (field) and noon (track) at Tiger Stadium, Mobridge

### MONDAY APRIL 15

Ipswich Middle School Meet, 2 p.m. (field) and 4 p.m. (track) at Ipswich Athletic Complex

### TUESDAY, APRIL 16

Orville Pfitzer Relays track meet, 2 p.m. (field) and 3 p.m. (track) at Hugh Schilling Field in Britton

### FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Eureka Lions Club Middle School Meet, 1 p.m. (field) & 3 p.m. (track), Eureka Track Complex

Junior high track meet, 2 p.m., Groton Area HS Doney Field

### SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Tiger Relays track meet, 10 a.m. (field) and noon (track), Ipswich Athletic Complex

### MONDAY, APRIL 22

Britton-Hecla Junior High Invite, 3 p.m. (field) and 3:30 p.m. (track) at Hugh Schilling Field in Britton

Junior high track meet, 2 p.m. in Redfield

### TUESDAY, APRIL 23

Miller Booster Club Meet, 2 p.m. (both track & field), Miller track

Rob Luecke Invitational track meet, 11 a.m. (field) and 12:30 p.m. (track), Groton Area HS Doney Field, Groton

### THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Oakes Invitational, 2 p.m. (field) and 3 p.m. (track), Starion Track & Field Complex, Oakes

Redfield Relays track meet, 10

a.m. (field) and 11 a.m. (track), Redfield

### FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Al Sahli Invite track meet, 3 p.m. (field) and 4 p.m. (track), Swisher Field, Central High School, Aberdeen

Junior high track meet, time TBD, Warner

### MONDAY, APRIL 29

Junior high track meet, 3 p.m. at Starion Track & Field Complex, Oakes

### TUESDAY, APRIL 30

Miller Invitational track meet, 10 a.m. (field) and noon (track), Miller

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

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

### THURSDAY, MAY 2

Oakes Varsity track meet, 2 p.m. (field) and 3 p.m. (track), Starion Track & Field Complex, Oakes

Elementary Spring Music Concert, 7 p.m. at Frederick Area School

### FRIDAY, MAY 3

Twilight Meet, 1 p.m. (field) and 2:30 p.m. (track), Sisseton Athletic Complex

### SATURDAY, MAY 4

Quarterback Club Invitational, junior high track meet, 11 a.m., Ellendale Track Complex

Eureka Legion Meet, 10:30 a.m. (field) and noon (track), Eureka

Track Complex

### TUESDAY, MAY 7

Lake Region Conference track meet, junior high and varsity, 11:30 a.m. (field) and 1:30 p.m. (track), Ipswich Athletic Complex

### THURSDAY, MAY 9

6-12 Spring Music Concert, 7 p.m. at Frederick Area School

### FRIDAY, MAY 10

Waubay Summit (in Webster!) Track Meet, junior high and high school, noon (field) and 1 p.m. (track), Webster Area Sports Complex

### MONDAY, MAY 13

Oakes Last Chance track meet, 3 p.m. (field) and 4 p.m. (track), Starion Track & Field Complex

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

### TUESDAY, MAY 14

Sports physicals

Ipswich Middle School Meet, noon (field) and 2 p.m. (track), Ipswich Athletic Complex

Warner track meet, time TBD, Warner

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Awards Night, 7 p.m. at Frederick Area School

### THURSDAY, MAY 16

Last day of school at Frederick Area

*Note: More track meets are on the schedule than Frederick will attend. The schedule will be adjusted based on weather and track conditions.*

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## City of Frederick February 7, 2024 Minutes

Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday, February 7, 2024 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board member Jeff Kusters, 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 January meeting were read and approved with a motion by Kusters/Campbell; motion carried. The financial statements were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Kusters/Campbell; motion carried. The February accounts payable were approved with a motion by Campbell/Kusters; motion carried.

### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL	\$1,602.63
Ashley Gunther wages EBL	\$37.17
Badger Meter fees Swr	\$244.32
Brown County Sheriffs Office deputy svcs Genl	\$1,041.67
Century Bus Products printer Genl	\$72.81
DANR dues Wtr	\$100
Dependable Sanitation Grbg	\$1,690
DRN Readitech service FO	\$90.56
EFPTS taxes Genl/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cmty	\$848.31
Farmers Union Oil propane EBL	\$1,272.17
FDC Econ Devlp	\$1200
GDI vacancy Genl	\$1710
USDA-RD loan Swr	\$3,763
JC Campbell bond FO	\$525

J. Kusters wage Genl	\$4617
J. Morlock wage FO	\$1,443.03
JVT Genl/Wtr/EBL/FO	\$298.98
M. Cox wage EBL	\$567.27
M. Heine wage FO	\$1,195.64
R. Bakeberg supervisor wage Wtr	\$230.87
S. Campbell wage Genl	\$69.26
SD Dept of Rev sales tax Genl	\$64.28
SD Assn of Towns dues Genl	\$218.75
T. Millard wage Genl	\$4617
VISA postage Genl	\$318.02
USDA-RD loan Wtr	\$475
WEB Water Wtr	\$5,086.06

### OLD BUSINESS

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

### NEW BUSINESS

There is a board member vacancy for a 3-year term. Petitions are due by 5PM February 23, 2024. The citys copier lease is ending and there is a buy-out option. Motion to buyout the lease for the copier in the amount of \$1,250 plus tax made by Campbell/Kusters; motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, March 4 at 7 PM.

Motion to adjourn made by Kusters/Campbell at 7:13 PM; motion carried.

M. Heine, Assistant Finance Officer

## Town of Westport General Meeting, February 7, 2024

The Town of Westport met on February 7th, 2024 with Jennifer & Jason Bender, Larry Schmit, Shane Storm, Mitchell Wilson and Doreen Hertel present.

The following expenses were presented:

### City General

NWPS- utility	\$679.00
Groton Independent Paper	\$16.56
Hall Sand & Gravel- Gravel	\$1,733.60
Kevin Bourdon-hauling gravel	\$2,100.00

### Sewer

NWPS Utility	\$61.91
NRWA loan repayment	\$210.13

### Water

WEB	\$2,169.69
Dept. of Health	\$15.00

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

The following deposits were presented:

### City General

Brown County Collections	\$378.59
State of SD	\$6,895.00
Interest	\$216.92

### Sewer

Resident Payments	\$980.00
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### Water

Resident Payments	\$4,207.04
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### NEW BUSINESS:

2023 Annual report was presented and approved. Salary was discussed and approved to pay city board \$25.00 an hour, because they are missing work and this will still be less than what they get paid at their full time jobs. Doreen submitted her resignation as finance officer. Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer

## Frederick Area School District #6-2 Board Meeting, Feb. 12, 2024

A regular meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education was called to order on February 12, 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 Kusters, PreK-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg and Business Manager Shauna Severson. Others in attendance: Jordan Arthurs, Christine Kusters, Tom Grimmond, Jenny Anliker, Dan Miller. The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2024-062** Motion by Achen, second by Sumption to approve the agenda as presented. All voted Aye. Motion carried. No conflict of interest disclosures.

**2024-063** Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to approve the following consent agenda items. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

- January 8, 2024 Regular and January 22, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
- January 2024 Payroll
- January 2024 Financial Report
- February 2024 Bills

### FINANCIAL REPORT:

#### General Fund

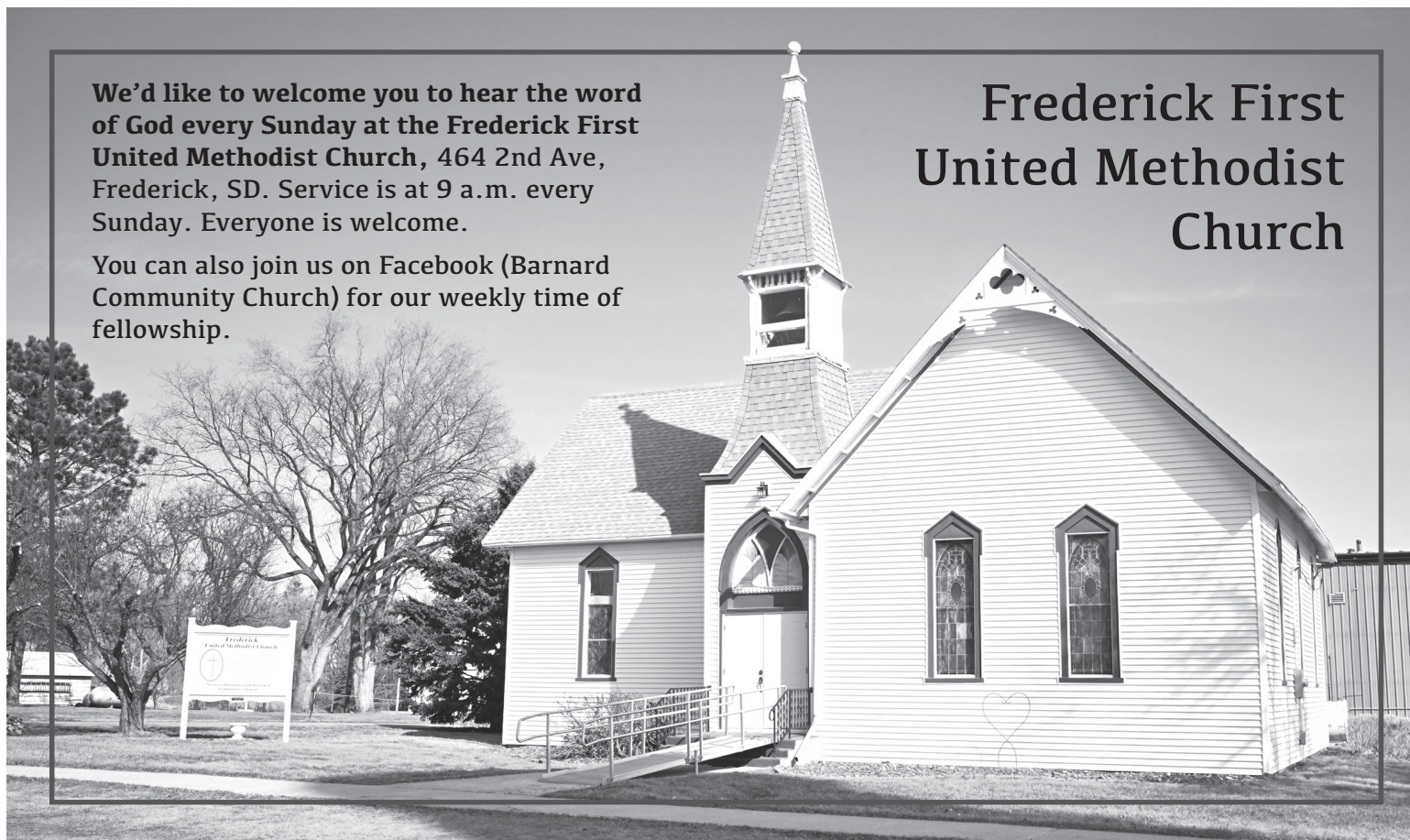
#### Checking:

Bal 1-1-24:	\$472,536.14
Receipts:	\$132,412.21
Disbursements:	\$180,719.41
Bal 1-31-24:	\$424,228.94
<b>Investments:</b>	
Bal 1-1-24:	\$508,026.92
Interest:	\$83.74

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# Frederick First United Methodist Church



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Bal 1-31-24:	\$508,110.66
Ending Fund Balance:	\$932,339.60
<b>Imprest Fund:</b> Bal 1-1-24:	\$3,277.74
Receipts:	\$1,757.26
Disbursements:	\$1,574.88
Bal 1-31-24	\$3,460.12
<b>Capital Outlay Fund:</b>	
<b>Checking:</b> Bal 1-1-24:	\$1,125,350.24
Receipts:	\$7,742.73
Disbursements:	\$624.46
Transfer to Investments:	\$500,000.00
Bal 1-31-24: \$633,468.51	
<b>Investments:</b> Bal 1-1-24:	\$1,553,800.96
Transfer from Checking:	\$500,000.00
Bal 1-31-24: \$2,053,800.96	
Ending Fund Balance:	\$2,687,269.47
<b>Special Education Fund</b>	
<b>Checking:</b> Bal 1-1-24:	\$87,779.74
Receipts:	\$3,582.97
Disbursements:	\$27,793.08
Bal 1-31-24	\$63,569.63
<b>Investments:</b> Bal 1-1-24:	\$1,443,913.67
Ending Fund Balance:	\$1,507,483.30
<b>Food Service Fund:</b>	
Bal 1-1-24:	\$12,104.02
Receipts:	\$11,841.43
Disbursements:	\$7,588.31
Bal 1-31-24	\$16,357.14
<b>Drivers Ed Fund:</b>	
Bal 1-31-24	\$.04
<b>Custodial Fund:</b>	
Bal 1-1-24:	\$53,005.69
Receipts:	\$5,175.09
Disbursements:	\$3,265.28
Bal 1-31-24	\$54,915.50
<b>Ovid J Stevens Scholarship:</b>	

<b>Checking:</b> Bal 1-31-24	\$85.
<b>Investments:</b> Bal 1-31-24:	\$25,773.29
Ending Fund Balance:	\$25,774.14
<b>CLAIMS APPROVED:</b>	
General Fund salaries	84,405.95
Special Education salaries	12,169.58
Food Service salaries	2,270.27
EFTPS, fed income tax/SS/Medicare	26,486.72
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	243.58
Security Benefits, retirement	2,177.78
Optilegra, vision insurance	470.57
SD Retirement	14,768.90
SD Retirement Supplemental,	3,811.55
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$166,400.37</b>
<b>BILLS APPROVED:</b>	
<b>General Fund:</b>	
Agtegra-fuel	1,198.26
Amazon-supplies	271.93
Barondeau, Derek-bb official	240.00
Brown County Treasurer-sewer tax	416.8
CWD-FFVP/supplies	1,248.63
Century Business-copier overage	345.58
Clark, Winston-bb clock	30.00
Cole Papers-custodial supplies	1,630.16
CommTech-IT annual tech renewal	149.99
Farmers Union Oil-transp supplies	146.9
FASD Imprest Fund-misc.	1,574.88
FBLA-national registration	25.00
GDI News-publishing	150.08
Girard, Dan-bb official	265.00
Goehring, Troy-bb official	485.00
Hoffman, Zander-bb clock	15.00
Jensen, Nevan-bb liveticket	270.00
JHC Services-bus maintenance	493.46

JVT- phone	231.41
JW Pepper-music	16.98
Kosters, Jeff- bb official	25.00
McLeods-checks	226.37
Menards- heaters/supplies	455.27
Merchant Services-cc fees	182.20
Mid-American Research Chem-maint	1,355.60
Montana-Dakota Utilities-utilities	6,790.68
Morlock, Marty- bb shot clock	270.00
Mosyle-ipad manager	583.00
Napa Central-transportation supplies	59.96
NFHS-coach course	35.00
Pantorium Cleaners-supplies	133.40
Pashen, Brock-bb official	100.00
Runnings-transportation supplies	74.90
Schlosser, Andrew-bb liveticket	270.00
Schlosser, Rich-bb clock	315.00
SD FBLA-SLC registration	1,260.00
Schwan Electric-outside lights	1,620.81
State of SD-medicaid admin fee	19.12
Sumption, Austin-bb official	365.00
Sumption, Laura-bb clock	15.00
Sumption, Milo-bb clock	45.00
Sumption, Warren-bb official	50.00
Teachers Pay Teachers-curriculum	42.78
Test Out-HS computer certification	375.00
Town of Frederick-utilities	649.49
WalMart-FFVP supplies	22.32
Zinter, Tonya-bb book	270.00
<b>Capital Outlay Fund:</b>	
Amazon-books,	109.04
Century Business Products-copier lease,	3,066.66
Double D Body Shop-bus repair	7,784.84
<b>Special Education Fund:</b>	
Avera-OT/PT	9,221.48
Eventbrite-SPED conference registration,	1,600.00
<b>Food Service Fund:</b>	
CWD-food/supplies	7,283.48

Community Store-food	20.94
The Meathouse-meat processing	1,580.00
Pantorium Cleaners-kitchen supplies	92.35
WalMart-food	18.10
<b>Imprest Fund:</b>	
Eisemann, Kelly-ref/mileage gbb	169.88
Kusler, Brandon-ref dh bb	150.00
Logan, Mark-ref/mileage gbb	169.88
Region Music Contest-registration	127.50
Steinwandt, Joshua-ref dh bb	150.00
Steinwandt, Timothy-ref/mileage dh bb	177.54
Ulrich, Mark-ref gbb	125.00
Waage, Tom-ref/mileage dh bb	177.54
Weismantel, Martin-ref/mileage dh bb	177.54
Zimmerman, Kim-ref dh bb	150.00
<b>Custodial Fund:</b>	
Alleivity Entertainment-post prom	1,935.20
Alleivity Entertainment-SADD	3,264.3
Amazon- prom	477.04
CWD-concessions	278.72
Cash-Wa Direct-concessions	420.97
Coca Cola-concessions	1,259.50
Cox, Malona-concessions fill in	50.00
Target-FCCLA	237.88
WalMart-SADD	32.22
WalMart-FCCLA	22.28
The following reports were presented:	
• Jeff Kosters: Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jessica Ringgenberg: K-8 Principal	
• Shauna Severson: Business Manager Achen/Hart: Building/Co-op	
The Community Open Forum agenda item was tabled until remodel costs of the current high school building, kitchen, etc. are further investigated.	
<b>2024-064</b> Motion by Sumption, second by	

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Ellwein to approve Colliers as Bond Agent. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

**2024-065** Motion by Hart, second by Achen to declare the following items surplus: icon timeclock, pencil sharpeners and an ipad at no value; smart TV appraised at \$5000. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

**2024-066** Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to approve the resignation of Leesa Ware and thank her for years as Head Coach. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

**2024-067** Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to approve the 2024-25 School Calendar. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent Kosters recognized the Board for School Board Recognition Week. The Board would like to recognize Mrs. Langley for her accomplishments at the Region Small Group Music Contest. The following received Superior Ratings: Adi Lloyd-Clarinet Solo, Sofia Losure-Tenor Sax Solo, Katie Bretsch and Adi Lloyd-Clarinet Duet, Olivia Morlock and Gabby Millard-Alto Sax Duet (received a perfect score) and Gabby Millard-Alto Sax Solo; Excellent Ratings: Mac Kosters-Snare Drum, Sax Quartet, Trumpet Quartet, Vocal Ensemble.

**2024-068** Motion by Achen, second by Sumption to go into executive session at 7:07 p.m. for SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Schlosser declared the board out of executive session at 9:27 p.m.

**2024-069** Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to adjourn at 9:27 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Rich Schlosser, President  
Shauna Severson, Business Manager

## Notice Of Deadline For Voter Registration Frederick Area School District 6-2

Voter registration for the 2024 Opt Out Election to be held on April 9, 2024, will close on March 25, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Failure to register by this date will cause forfeiture of voting rights for this election. If you are in doubt about whether you are registered, check the Voter Information Portal at [www.sdsos.gov](http://www.sdsos.gov) or call the county auditor at 605-626-7110.

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# 2024 - 2025 Frederick Area School District Calendar

**August 2024**

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**August**  
 6 - In-service 8:00 - 12:00 (Open House 1:00 - 7:00)  
 14 - NSU Back to School Workshop  
 19 - First Day of School

**8 Student Days 9.5 Staff Days**

**January**  
 6 - School Resumes (3rd quarter begins)  
 17 - Enhancement

**16 Student Days 17 Staff Days**

**September 2024**

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

**September**  
 2 - Labor Day (No School)  
 19 - Mid Term  
 20 - Teacher Work Day

**17 Student Days 18 Staff Days**

**February**  
 6 - Mid Term  
 7 - Enhancement  
 20 - 3:00 Dismissal, PTC 3:30-8:00

**16 Student Days 17 Staff Days**

**October 2024**

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**October**  
 30-8:00 (3:00 dismissal)  
 11 - Enhancement  
 17 - 1st Quarter Ends (36 days)

**19 Student Days 21 Staff Days**

**March**  
 6 - 3rd Quarter Ends (36 days)  
 7 - Enhancement

**16 Student Days 18 Staff Days**

**November 2024**

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

**November**  
 8 - Enhancement  
 14 - Mid Term  
 27 - 29 - Thanksgiving Break

**14 Student Days 15 Staff Days**

**April**  
 10 - Midterm  
 11 - Enhancement  
 21 - Easter Monday (No School)

**17 Student Days 18 Staff Days**

**December 2024**

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

**December**  
 6 - Enhancement  
 20 - 2nd Quarter Ends - 1:00 dismissal (35 days)

**13 Student Days 14 Staff Days**

**May**  
 9 - Enhancement  
 17 - Graduation 1:00 pm  
 22 - Last Day of School - 1:00 dismissal (43 days)  
 22 - Teacher In-service (1:00-4:00)

**13 Student Days 14.5 Staff Days**

Student Contact Day

Teacher Work Day

Mid-Term

8:00-10:00 Teacher Collaboration / 10:00-12:00 Enhancement

End of Quarter

Parent/Teacher Conf

**STUDENT DAYS 8:10 AM - 3:40 PM**

**Total Student Days: 151 Days**

**Total Teacher Contract Days: 164 Days**  
 SB approved: 2/12/24  
 Last updated



# Strong season ends just short of SoDak 16

By JEFF KOSTERS  
Girls Basketball Head Coach

The Leola/Frederick Titans finished their 2023-24 season with a record of 15-7. Like last year, we finished the regular season with a 14-6 record. Unfortunately, we did not advance to the round of 16 as we did last year, losing to Northwestern in the third round of regional play.

Three players received conference recognition this year. Laura Sumption and Sofi Losure were again named to the 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference, just as they were last year, and Jillian Ellwein received Honorable Mention recognition. Laura was also recognized as MVP of the conference, an honor she shared with Warner's Ava Nilsson last year. A much-deserved honor for Laura to say the least! Laura notched her 1,000th point during our contest in Webster and ended her career just shy of 500 rebounds and had over 200 assists. Sofi Losure finished just shy of 1,000 points at 991, but pulled down over 750 rebounds in her career, which I believe is second all-time in Titan history. As a team we scored more points per game (47) than the previous season and also held teams to an average of under 40 points per game (39) again this season.

We struggled a bit early in the season, defeating Langford Area and Aberdeen Christian, the latter coming in overtime, which was followed by losses that put us 2-2 before Christmas break. We started January with seven straight wins to move to 9-2 before dropping our game at Britton/Hecla. We finished the season and post-season from that point on by going 6-4.

We again entered the post-season as the #2 seed in our



Sofia Losure scores against Northwestern.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

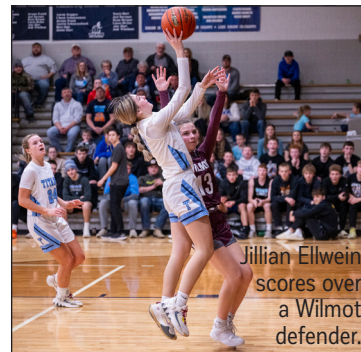
### TITANS 2023-24 SEASON RECORD: 15-7

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
Faulkton Area	L	37-45
Timber Lake	W	60-31
Ipswich	W	54-29
Warner	L	51-57
Philip	W	51-41
North Central	W	60-30
Wilmot	W	52-35
Northwestern	L	47-49

region and hosted Wilmot in Leola. We got off to a slow start, leading 10-9 after the first quarter and 24-21 at the half, but outscored Wilmot 28-14 in the second half to pull away with a 52-35 victory. Laura Sumption had a game and season high 32 points in that contest. We then played #7 seed Northwestern in Frederick for a chance to advance to the SoDak16. After scoring the first bucket of the game, we would not hit another for the rest of the first quarter, and we trailed 11-3 after one. The second quarter was a draw, and we entered halftime with that same eight-point deficit. We were outscored 14-7 in the third quarter. Down 16 points with roughly four minutes to



Laura Sumption puts up one of five three-pointers she scored in the fourth quarter of the Titans' Feb. 22 game against Northwestern.



Jillian Ellwein scores over a Wilmot defender.



Olivia Morlock gets one of several steals that she had during the Titans' game against Northwestern.

play, a three-pointer from Laura Sumption cut it to thirteen. It was the first of five 3-point buckets for Sumption in the fourth and resulted in a furious comeback attempt that cut the lead to just two points with eight seconds to play. Northwestern hit both free throw attempts, and our hopes of a comeback win were no more.

Next year's team will have a much different look to it, as we say goodbye to six seniors, two of which have been starters since their eighth-grade year. Their hard work, leadership, and dedication to the program will be sorely missed. With that said, that opens up opportunities for the girls who return to write their story for Titan ball.



Jocelynn Ellwein shoots a free throw in the Titans' game against Wilmot.

Lastly, thanks to all the support received from our fans this past season. It certainly did not go unnoticed, and it was greatly appreciated by all of us!





Milissa Podoll, right, assisted by Carla Clark and Holly Mueller, hang a banner during a community decorating event March 10.



Posters and clothing are among the items decorated on March 10 that will be advertising Titan pride during the tournament.

A pep rally on March 12 included a “fashion show” by players who had to make their fashions out of garbage bags and tape. Here, Jace Thorpe shows off his talent.



The pep rally ended with the whole school—elementary on the left, middle school and high school on the right—giving their “V-I-C-T-O-R-Y” battle cry.

# TITAN PRIDE

Fans get ready for the State B Tourney with community events



Hadlie Pashen decorates a poster that reads “Small town, BIG DREAMS” at a community decorating event March 10.



The Titans and support staff were introduced at the pep rally, including hydration specialists Fred Sumption (walking right, blue shirt) and Dawson Clark (beige shirt).





# State: Titans face Castlewood in first tournament game

celebration. Many community activities are planned: Pep rallies at both schools, a hospitality room at the Ramkota from 3 to 5 each day of the tournament, and a welcome home celebration at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Frederick. Parents and community members also gathered in Frederick on March 10 to decorate signs, banners, and denim clothing.

## Fast and furious

The Titans have built their success this season on a fast pace and relentless defense that they can sustain because of their deep bench. At least 10 Titans can be subbed in while still maintaining the team's signature defensive pressure. This has showed in up a pattern for many of the Titans' games: The first quarter tends to be close, but the Titans pull away later in the game as their opponents start to flag.

That was the case in the SoDak 16 game against Potter County in which the Titans snagged a one-point lead at the end of the first quarter with a long buzzer-beater by Brayden Sumption. They built a six-point lead going into halftime before finishing with a 16-point advantage.

"I think it just goes back to believing in what we do," Pashen said. "Our pressure and speed is going to wear you down. The physical and mental fatigue of our style can wear teams down."

Beyond that, Pashen said that skill in ball movement, cutting, and vision add to the magic of this year's team.

Senior Brayden Sumption and junior Noah Kippley typically lead the Titans in scoring, but many other players can be relied on to make shots if the defense gives them the opportunity.

"They are athletes who play well together and are fun to watch," he said.

The Titans' first opponent at State is Castlewood, which finished fifth at State last year. They

## Theme Days

Fans are invited to dress for the Titan crowd's theme days:

**March 14 - Neon.** Dress in bright colors.

**March 15 - St. Patty's Day.** Dress in green & gold.

**March 16 - Spirit Day.** Dress in Titan gear. "GO BIG or GO HOME"

## Previous State B Tournament Appearances

Leola/Frederick Titans - 2003-04 (6th), 2004-05 (7th)

Frederick/Hecla NorthStars - 1997-98 (8th), 1998-99 (7th)

Frederick Vikings- 1963-64 (7th), 1965-66 (3rd)

Leola Pirates- 1968-69 (6th), 1973-74 (8th)

## 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
Herreid/Selby Area	W	75-40
Ipswich	W	69-46
Wilmot	W	70-41
Warner	W	77-44
Potter County	W	72-56
March 14-16	Class B State Tournament	

have a 6'9" junior post (Bryon Laue) and a versatile senior guard (Lane Tvedt). Castlewood has been ranked in the top three all year, along with White River and De Smet (the Titans were in the "receiving votes" category for much of the season but didn't break into the top five).

"Like all the teams we play, each game will be tough," Pashen said.



Fans anticipate Noah Kippley's 3-point shot against Potter County March 5.



Ethan Petrich helps to make a path for Gavin Nickelson on his way to the basket.



Brayden Sumption puts up a shot from the Titan logo against Wilmot in Frederick.

Games will be broadcast on SDPB-1. They will also be streamed on SDPB's YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/SDPBdotORG](http://www.youtube.com/SDPBdotORG).



Taylor Himanga drives to the basket against Wilmot in Frederick on Feb. 29.





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## Winning the SoDak 16

**LEFT:** Noah Kippley smiles as he cuts down his portion of the net after the Titans' SoDak 16 victory over Potter County March 5. Each player got a piece of the net to remember the moment.

**RIGHT:** The moms stormed the court first to start the celebration. This included Rachel Kippley, giving a hug to son Noah, and Brayden Sumption's mom, Stephanie.



Brayden Sumption (left, shooting) put up a three from downtown with about a second left in the first quarter of the Titans' game against Potter County. The crowd erupted after it banked in (right). Westyn Thorpe was ready to rebound but only needed to celebrate after the ball fell in his hands. The shot gave the Titans a one-point lead.