

# What's coming up

## SATURDAY, FEB. 5

Junior high boys basketball vs. Ellendale, 10 a.m. at Ellendale

Basketball doubleheader, Highmore Classic: girls play Gregory at 3:30 p.m. and boys play Philip at 5 p.m. at Hyde County Memorial Auditorium in Highmore.

## TUESDAY, FEB. 8

Parent-teacher conferences – school dismisses at 3 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9

Region 4 Music Contest

## THURSDAY, FEB. 10

Junior high boys basketball vs. Langford Area, 4:15 p.m. at Leola

Girls basketball vs. Sunshine Bible, 6 p.m. at Leola

## SATURDAY, FEB. 12

Basketball doubleheader vs. Webster Area, 1 p.m. at Webster Area

## MONDAY, FEB. 14

Basketball doubleheader vs. Potter County, 4 p.m. at Leola (Senior Night)

## TUESDAY, FEB. 15

Basketball doubleheader vs. Waverly-South Shore. No girls varsity game. Girls 'C' game at 4 p.m.; boys JV, girls JV, and boys varsity to follow.

## THURSDAY, FEB. 17

Junior high boys basketball vs. North Central, 4 p.m. at Leola

## FRIDAY, FEB. 18

Boys basketball vs. Herreid/Selby Area, 6:30 p.m. at Leola. Junior high games at 4 p.m.

## FRIDAY, FEB. 25

Boys basketball vs. Ipswich, 6:30 p.m. at Ipswich. Junior high games at 4 p.m.



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**FEBRUARY 2022**

# Great weather for fishing tournament

The weather cooperated for the 101 teams that competed in the 14th Annual F-5 Fishing Tournament on Jan. 29 at Elm Lake. Temperatures reached the high 30s, and the sun was shining much of the day, even if there was some wind to go with it. Thirty-three teams weighed in fish, and a total of 124 fish weighing 171.77 pounds were caught. The event is put on by the Elm Valley Community Club and was supported by many sponsors—see the list on page 6. Pictured, clockwise from top left, are some of the prize-winning catches: Largest walleye, Clayton Warner and Codie Jones; largest northern, Brian Hertel and Carson Hertel; second-largest northern, Jennifer Bender; and largest catfish, Zach Sumption. PHOTOS BY WYATT SUMPTION, COURTESY RICH ACHEN



LARGEST WALLEYE



LARGEST NORTHERN



LARGEST CATFISH



SECOND-LARGEST NORTHERN

### FISHING AWARDS

#### CATEGORY

Largest Walleye (\$400):

2nd Largest Walleye (\$275):

3rd Largest Walleye (\$175):

Largest Northern (\$400):

2nd Largest Northern (\$275):

3rd Largest Northern (\$175):

Largest Crappie (\$100):

Largest Perch (\$100):

Largest Catfish (\$100):

Smallest Northern (\$100):

1st Total Pounds - Walleye (\$275):

1st Total Pounds - Northern (\$270):

1st Total Pounds - Game Fish (\$275):

1st Total Pounds - Rough Fish (\$100):

#### POUNDS NAME

7.42 Clayton Warner / Codie Jones

1.89 Max Waltman / Richard Reis / Jake Reis

1.80 Adam Dutenhoffer / Andrew Hoffman

15.04 Brian Hertel / Carson Hertel

11.74 Jason Bender / Jennifer Bender

3.37 Kendall Stoddard / Wyatt Henningson

1.50 Doug Klein / Andrew Klein

0.98 Craig Miller / Brock Rose

7.21 Zack Sumption / Kaitlin Schimke

1.13 Jeremiah Heinzman / Kyle Blubaugh

12.56 Clayton Warner / Codie Jones

15.04 Brian Hertel / Carston Hertel

9.84 Tyson Meyer / Chris Erickson

3.36 Jeff Sippel / Cole Sippel

### RAFFLE WINNERS

Stevens 555 Over/Under 12 Gauge Shotgun – Shawn Hanson

\$500 Cash – Bill Asmus

\$500 Community Store Gift Card – Addison Wolbeck

Savage Axis II FDE 6.5 Creedmoor Rifle – Dorene Sheldon

\$450 Cash – Sarah Sumption

\$400 Cash – Bryson Thorpe

Benelli Nova Synthetic – Lance Burns

\$350 Cash – Jordan Engelhart

50 Pounds Buffalo Meat – Kortney Nash

Savage 93R17 Laminate Stainless .17 HMR Rifle – Jim H

\$300 Cash – Dan Johnson

\$250 Cash – Tiffany Assman

\$200 Cash – Aaron Kappes

\$150 Cash – Carmon Ulmer

\$100 Cash – Craig Miller



Ice fishing shacks got on the ice at Elm Lake early, as seen in this drone camera view. PHOTO BY KEVIN BARTON

## Second-Quarter Honor Roll

Ending December 2021 • grade level in parentheses

### Straight A Honor Roll

Katelyn Bretsch (7)  
 Titus Kippley (7)  
 Erik Losure (8)  
 Gabby Millard (9)  
 Chloe Arneson (10)  
 Madison Dettler (10)  
 Jocelynn Ellwein (10)  
 McKinley Kusters (10)  
 Sofia Losure (10)  
 Olivia Morlock (10)  
 Audrey Reineke (10)  
 Brayden Sumption (10)  
 Laura Sumption (10)  
 Madelyne Sumption (10)  
 Morgan Sumption (10)  
 Tristan Sumption (10)  
 Nolan Jensen (11)  
 Ethan Morlock (12)  
 Kierah Nickelson (12)

### A Honor Roll

Gage Burns (7)  
 Samantha Dallmann (7)  
 Jax Holmes (7)  
 Kalyce Achen (8)  
 Winston Clark (8)  
 Emily Dallmann (8)  
 Hunter Kern (8)  
 Alivia Little (8)  
 Milo Sumption (8)  
 Raegan Kempf (9)  
 Noah Kippley (9)  
 Clayton Peterson (9)  
 Daniel Dallmann (10)  
 Levi Little (10)  
 Brendan Tschappat (10)  
 Stephen Achen (11)  
 Johnathan Bretsch (11)  
 Samuel Vetter (11)  
 Anna Brotzel (12)  
 Kash Cutler (12)  
 Mason Hinz (12)  
 Darin McGaugh (12)  
 Katelyn Mehlhaff (12)  
 Wil Nordine (12)  
 Allena Shell (12)

### B Honor Roll

Karli Achen (7)  
 Natalee Foley (7)  
 Ethen Grotelueschen (7)  
 Ella Kempf (7)  
 Aubrey Kraig (7)  
 Domenick Pool (7)  
 Preston Sumption (7)  
 Christopher Voeller (7)  
 Chloe Akin (8)  
 Mia Bain (8)  
 Malona Cox (8)  
 Nevan Jensen (8)  
 Kira Knife (8)  
 Ayden Larsen (8)  
 Westyn Thorpe (8)  
 Peter Voeller (8)  
 Zoe Cox (9)  
 Autumn Hebl (9)  
 Kierra Johnson (9)  
 Zoe Kempf (9)  
 Miranda Kolb (9)  
 Gavin Nickelson (9)  
 Elijah Flynn (10)  
 Taylor Himanga (10)  
 Memphis Storm (10)  
 Jericho King (11)  
 Cole Peterson (11)  
 Jesse Hartman (12)  
 Aiden Nickelson (12)  
 Patrik Popovics-Duzsej (12)  
 Jakob Sumption (12)



## What's coming up

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### MONDAY, FEB. 21

**Girls basketball Region 1B tournament.**  
 Tournament continues Tuesday and Thursday.

### MONDAY, FEB. 28

**Boys basketball Region 1B tournament.**  
 Tournament continues Tuesday and Friday.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 3

**Girls basketball SoDak 16**

### TUESDAY, MARCH 8

**Boys basketball SoDak 16**

### THURSDAY, MARCH 10

**Girls basketball State B Tournament**  
 in Watertown. Continues Friday and Saturday.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 17

**Boys basketball State B Tournament**  
 begins in Aberdeen. Continues Friday and Saturday.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 2

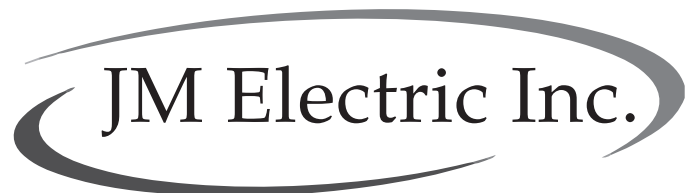
**Leola/Frederick Prom** in Frederick



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# Keep yourself in the loop

By JESSICA RINGGENBERG  
Frederick Area K-8 Principal

As I write the update for this month's FYI, my thoughts are with you. I truly hope that you and your family are keeping warm and staying healthy!

It is mid-January right now, and we at the Frederick Area School are hoping we are seeing the peak of illness. We have seen a few more COVID cases in kids and staff this year, as well as more flu and common colds than we did last year. We are grateful that the symptoms have appeared to be mild and short lived, so everyone has been able to return to school relatively quickly.

As you monitor your and your children's health, remember that you know your body and your kids best and understand the difference between your typical annual allergies and when you feel a little more than that. So for the health and safety of those around you, if you are not feeling well, stay home and rest. We will be ready for you when you feel better!

This is a good time to check that you know where to find important information related to school policies and events. On the school website, [www.frederickarea.k12.sd.us](http://www.frederickarea.k12.sd.us), you will find the current COVID plan and policies under the Parent and Student Resources tab



## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

(Back to School Plan). Should the school need to implement short-term distance learning (school from home for a day or two), the schedule for on-line class meeting times is also found under the Parent and Student Resources tab. The school's Facebook page is a good place to find current announcements as well as fun things happening in the district. You can find our Facebook page by searching for Frederick Area School District. You will notice a picture of our Titans logo and school building. If your child attends school in the district, you should also receive calls from our all-call messaging system about closures and general announcements. Of course, if you have questions or are having trouble finding the information you need to know, you can always call the school at 605-329-2145.

So again, be warm, be well, and be informed. Maybe these are good goals for 2022 for all of us!

# January Students of the Month



Elementary Students of the Month for January were, front row, Teresa Rojas, Chandler Hart, and Ellie Ulmer; and back row, Jill Ellwein, Kenna Janke, Bentley Sumption, and Abel Janke. The trait for the month was healthy habits.



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Junior high/high school Students of the Month for January, based on the trait of healthy habits, were Katie Bretsch, Winston Clark, Mason Hinz, and Ethan Morlock.

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**Unofficial Board  
Proceedings Frederick  
Area School District #6-2  
January 10, 2022**

The meeting was called to order on January 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Richard Achen, Alex Hart and Eric Sumption. Jon Ellwein was excused. Others present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Kosters, K-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg and Business Manager Janel Hettich.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Members of the public are allowed three minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members wishing to speak, the board moved on with their remaining agenda items.

**Action 22-056** Motion by Achen, second by Sumption to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, carried.

**Action 22-057** Motion by Hart, second by Sumption to approve consent agenda which included the following items as presented: minutes of meeting held December 13, 2021; December 2021 financial report, district bills and December 2021 payroll. All aye, carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED**

December 2021 Payroll	
General Fund salaries	74,593.51
Special Education salaries	14,617.75
Food Service salaries	3,413.97
EFTPS, federal income tax/Social Security/ Medicare	25,529.17
AFLAC, supplemental insurance	1,105.29

Frederick Area School District Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, Cash Balances and Payroll For the Month Ended December 31, 2021									
	GENERAL FUND (10)	CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND (21)	SPECIAL ED FUND (22)	FOOD SERVICE FUND (51)	DRIVERS ED FUND (53)	GOV. & ENT. FUND ACC. TOTALS	Custodial Fund (71)	Ovid Stevens Scholarship Trust (76)	FIDUCIARY FUNDS ACCOUNT TOTALS
Beginning checking Balance	\$434,845.20	\$203,705.91	\$155,591.86	\$428.21	\$875.62	\$795,446.80	\$9,044.63	\$0.85	\$5,344.41
Receipts:									
Local Sources	\$9,837.50	\$750.40		\$1,386.20			\$3,040.19		
County Sources	\$167,281.33	\$106,307.13	\$49,292.22						
State Sources									
Federal Sources	\$20,983.37			\$9,066.75					
Interest	\$35.12						\$0.42		
Total Receipts	\$198,137.32	\$107,057.53	\$49,292.22	\$10,452.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,040.61	\$0.00	\$0.00
Disbursements									
Bills	\$22,322.17	\$103,640.84	\$42.00	\$5,100.64			\$4,947.84		
Payroll	\$134,305.71		\$22,060.15	\$5,417.96					
Total Disbursements	\$156,627.88	\$103,640.84	\$22,102.15	\$10,518.60	\$0.00	\$292,889.47	\$4,947.84	\$0.00	\$4,947.84
Total checking balance	\$476,354.64	\$207,122.60	\$182,781.93	\$362.56	\$875.62	\$867,497.35	\$7,137.40	\$0.85	\$7,138.25
Beginning investment balance	\$271,691.49	\$1,933,634.20	\$1,446,175.05			\$3,651,500.74		\$27,419.15	\$27,419.15
Interest	\$205.79								
Total investment balance	\$271,897.28	\$1,933,634.20	\$1,446,175.05			\$3,651,706.53		\$27,419.15	\$27,419.15
Ending Fund Balance	\$748,251.92	\$2,140,756.80	\$1,628,956.98	\$362.56	\$875.62	\$4,519,203.88	\$7,137.40	\$27,420.00	\$34,557.40

American Funds, retirement	1,466.70	SD Retirement	14,532.98
Delta Dental, insurance	2,076.48	SD Retirement Supplemental,	4,493.48
The Standard, life insurance	278.83	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	
Security Benefits, retirement	1,238.48	Aberdeen School Dist 6-1, ATEC tuition	6,096.00
Optilegra, vision insurance	422.18	Agtegra Bath Fertilizer, fuel	4,513.83
Wellmark, health insurance	18,015.00	Amazon Capital Services, supplies	90.66

Cash-Wa Distributing, Fargo, supplies	1,334.09
Cash-Wa Distributing, Kearney, supplies	336.11
Coca-Cola Bottling, supplies	462.74
Cole Papers Inc, supplies	632.63
Crawford Trucks & Equipment Inc, repairs	50.30
Custodial Acct-FASD, Imprest reimb	1,713.64
Dakota Supply Group, supplies	170.08
Dumire, James, repairs	300.00
Farnam's Genuine Parts Inc, repairs	169.37
Green Iron Equipment, repairs	3.42
Hauff Mid America Sports, supplies	51.90
Hobby Lobby, supplies	14.99
Kessler's, supplies	127.87
Merchant Services, online lunch fees	22.49
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co, electric	4,590.20
Pioneer Athletics, football field paint	659.00
Sam's Club, concessions supplies	149.04
Town of Frederick, utilities	617.92
UPS Store, postage	11.36
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,117.64</b>

**IMPREST CHECKS**

Kurth, Travis, BB ref	158.64
Wanner, Shawn, BB ref	120.00
We Help Two, FCCLA fundraiser	1,315.00
Zimmerman, Kim, BB ref	120.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,713.64</b>

**CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND**

A&B Business Solutions, managed print contract	693.96
Amazon Capital Services, library books	6.79
Cole Papers Inc, janitor cart	284.19
Graphic Edge, LLC, GBB practice jersey	68.00
Foreman Sales & Service Inc, 71 passenger bus	90,350.00
Johnson Controls Inc, HVAC controls update	17,060.76
Lenovo, staff laptop	2,157.04
Menards, lounge refrigerator	750.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>111,371.14</b>



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**FOOD SERVICE FUND**

Cash-Wa Distributing, Fargo, LLC,  
food/supplies 2,136.79  
**Total 2,136.79**

**CUSTODIAL FUND**

Community Store, Build Your Base 98.03  
Hauff Mid Am Sports, BBB tshirts-reimb by BBB fund 794.63  
Pizza Ranch, LRC mtg 95.98  
**Total 194.01**

Mr. Kosters and Mrs. Ringgenberg presented reports.

**Action 22-058** Motion by Sumption, second by Achen to approve the updated Back to School Plan. All aye, carried.

Discussion was held regarding adding a pre-school program administered by the district. No action taken.

**Action 22-059** Motion by Achen, second by Hart to approve the Employment Agreement for Marie Knutson as Paraprofessional at \$14.00/hour. All aye, carried.

**Action 22-060** Motion by Sumption, second by Achen to accept the resignation of Sarah Sumption, Junior High Girls Basketball coach. All aye, carried.

The school board would like to congratulate Katelyn Mehlhaff being crowned as Senior Snow Queen and Gabby Millard being crowned as Junior Snow Queen for the Frederick Area.

**Action 22-061** Motion by Hart, second by Sumption to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. All aye, carried.

Rich Schlosser, President  
Janel Hettich, Business Manager

**Town of Frederick  
January 12, 2022 Minutes**

Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday, January 12, 2022 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board member Jeff Kosters, 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/Campbell; motion carried. The financial statements were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Campbell/Kosters; motion carried. The January accounts payable were approved with a motion by Kosters/Campbell; motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL	\$1,181.01
USPS stamps Grbg/Swr/Wtr	\$174
American Bus Solutions envelopes Grbg/Swr/Wtr	\$350.26
Badger Meter meter fees Wtr	\$116.59
Century Bus Products lease & copies Gen'l	\$87.48
Community Store supplies EBL	\$9.59
D. Bruns CC	\$146.14
D. Bruns wage FO	\$1,484.95
DANR drinking water fee Wtr	\$150
Dependable Sanitation Grbg	\$1,690
EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr	\$1,031.02
USDA-RD loan Swr	\$3,763
FDC Econ Dev	\$1,200
FU Oil propane EBL	\$383.08
JC Campbell bond FO	\$525

GDI minutes Gen'l	\$239.85
J. Kosters wage Gen'l	\$138.52
JVT phone/svc FO/EBL/Wtr/Gen'l	\$344.33
M. Cox wage EBL	\$583.29
M. Heine wage FO	\$1,009.85
R. Bakeberg sexton wage Cmtry	\$253.96
R. Bakeberg wage St/Wtr/Swr	\$1,194.40
R. Bakeberg veh. Allow St/Wtr/Swr	\$75
R.S. Campbell wage Gen'l	\$161.61
R.S. Campbell reimburse parts Sts	\$54.86
SD Dept of Health coliform test Wtr	\$30
SD Dept of Rev sales tax Grbg	\$7761
SD Gov't FO Assoc dues FO	\$70
SDML membership Gen'l	\$386.99
SDML Worker's Comp fees Gen'l	\$617
T. Millard wage Gen'l	\$138.52
USDA-RD loan Wtr	\$475
WEB Water Wtr	\$3,626.55
USPS stamps Grbg/Swr/Wtr	\$177
Dahme Construction bill Swr	\$1,431.11

**OLD BUSINESS**

The technology that reads water meters went out on December 20th and there was discussion about how to resolve the issue of reading water meters.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The board will contact the lawyer to determine if further action needs to be taken regarding the contract with Brown County Sheriff's Department. Motion to include a bill from Dahme Construction that was billed in November in this month's AP made by Kosters/Campbell; motion carried. There was no additional equipment to be added to the list held by Brown County Emergency Management. The Finance Officer's request for a COLA wage increase was tabled.

Motion to adjourn made by Kosters/Campbell at 7:42 PM; motion carried.

M. Heine, Assistant Finance Officer

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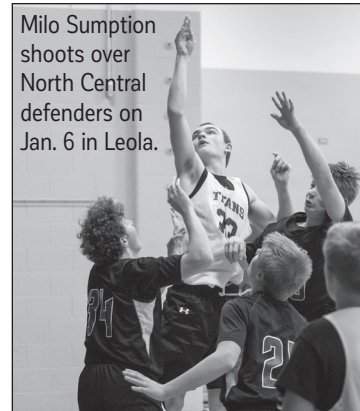


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**JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL**



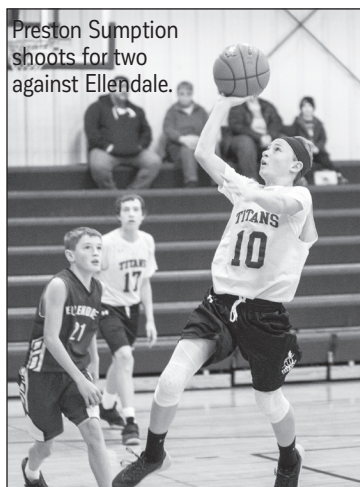
Winston Clark drives to the basket past a Northwestern defender Jan. 20.

**Junior high boys show promise**

FASD JOURNALISM

The junior high boys have found success this season. Boasting a roster of 18 boys in grades six through eight, the future looks bright with talent and depth. Most recently the boys hosted Aberdeen Christian, with both the B and A teams suffering rare setbacks.

“Our main focus is to help the boys have a better understanding of the game of basketball. We stress the importance of being a well-rounded player and the value of playing unselfish team basketball,” said Coach Don Nickelson. “This season has been very fun and successful so far. It has been really evident the hard work the boys have put in not only during the season but the camps they have attended over the summer as well as the addition of the Strength and Conditioning program that was started up this past summer.”



Preston Sumption shoots for two against Ellendale.

PHOTOS BY HEIDI MARTTILA-LOSURE

**TOP:** Westyn Thorpe puts in two points against North Central on Jan. 6 in Leola. **BOTTOM:** Titus Kippley sails to the hoop against Ellendale.

**TITANS BASKETBALL – BOYS (5-8)**

Langford Area	33-59	L	Britton-Hecla	44-61	L
Oakes, ND	46-54	L	Faulkton Area	42-51	L
Aberdeen Christian	37-71	L	South Border	61-55	W
Waubay/Summit	43-53	L	Feb 3 5:15 PM	Warner	Warner
Aberdeen Roncalli	45-60	L	Feb 5 TBD	TBD	Highmore
North Central	58-35	W	Feb 12 2:15 PM	Webster Area	Webster
Iroquois/Doland	57-25	W	Feb 14 5:15 PM	Potter County	Leola
Wilnot	63-55	W	Feb 15 4:00 PM	Waverly-S. Shore	Frederick
Ellendale, ND	29-60	L	Feb 18 6:30 PM	Herreid/Selby Area	Leola
Northwestern	48-42	W	Feb 25 6:30 PM	Ipswich	Ipswich

**TITANS BASKETBALL – GIRLS (7-6)**

Great Plains Lutheran	32-34	L	Britton-Hecla	31-30	W
Northwestern	49-22	W	Faulkton Area	31-47	L
Langford Area	27-41	L	South Border, ND	56-31	W
Aberdeen Christian	26-35	L	Feb 1 6:30 PM	Ipswich	Ipswich
Waubay-Summit	41-51	L	Feb 3 4:00 PM	Warner	Warner
Strasburg/Zealand	53-43	W	Feb 5 1:00 PM	TBD	Highmore
North Central	35-29	W	Feb 10 6:00 PM	Sunshine Bible	Leola
Iroquois/Doland	50-41	W	Feb 12 1:00 PM	Webster Area	Webster
Wilnot	45-40	W	Feb 14 4:00 PM	Potter County	Leola
Ellendale, ND	36-41	L	Feb 17 6:30 PM	North Central	Eureka

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BOYS BASKETBALL

# Boys basketball breaking through

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After starting the season 0-5, the boys' basketball team has rattled off four victories in their last five contests. Wins over North Central, Iroquois-Doland, Wilmot, and Northwestern have given the boys life heading into the second half of the season.

"We knew our schedule started out tough, and it was a matter of staying together and working hard despite not

having any wins. Progress is a lot of little steps, and Coach Sumption and I can see the improvements we have made through the first half," Coach Brock Pashen said. "The boys are showing what we are capable of this second half after their victory over Northwestern—we were down 10 after the first but weathered the storm to go in tied at the half. Coming out in the second half, we had to claw back and make plays down the stretch against a good team."



**ABOVE:** Noah Kippley drives to the basket through Britton-Hecla defenders during the Titans' game against Britton-Hecla Jan. 25 in Britton. **TOP RIGHT:** Ethan Morlock works to beat a Roncalli defender to the basket on Jan. 10 in Aberdeen. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Brayden Sumption finds a path between two North Central defenders Jan. 11 in Eureka. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Sam Vetter puts up a shot during the Roncalli game. **TOP LEFT:** Mason Hinz puts up a shot over defenders from South Border during their game on Jan. 29.

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## GIRLS BASKETBALL



**LEFT:** Laura Sumption puts up two points against Ellendale on Jan. 18 in Ellendale.

**RIGHT:** Olivia Morlock dribbles around a North Central defender during the Jan. 11 game in Eureka.

# Girls basketball finding their rhythm

FASD JOURNALISM

Coming out of the gates sluggishly at 1-4, the girls' basketball team appears to be finding their groove and now sit at 5-5 with an overtime thriller victory at Wilmot on January 17.

"We are sitting at .500 through our first ten games this season," said Coach Jeff Kusters. "We have played really well at times, but have not been consistent from game to game, or even within some of our games."

"Defensively, our opponents are only averaging 38 points per game, and that is a number I am extremely happy about. Offensively, we aren't scoring much more than that per game, despite shooting better as a team thus far this year as compared to last."

"We have won some close games, including an overtime game recently, and those have been the types of games that we haven't been able to win in recent years. Hopefully that is a sign of things to come as these girls gain more experience."



**ABOVE:** Sofia Losure puts up a shot over Faulkton Area defenders on Jan. 27. **LEFT:** Morgan Sumption makes a lay-up against Wilmot on Jan. 17. **TOP OF PAGE:** Chloe Arneson puts up one of her four three-pointers that helped to seal a win over North Central on Jan. 11.

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