

# What's coming up

**SATURDAY, DEC. 21**

Winter holiday break begins. Continues through Sunday, Jan. 5.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 4**

DH vs. Potter County, 1 p.m. at Hoven

**MONDAY, JAN. 6**

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

**TUESDAY, JAN. 7**

DH vs. Wilmot, 4 p.m. at Frederick

**THURSDAY, JAN. 9**

BBB vs. Aberdeen Roncalli, 6:30 p.m. at Frederick

**SATURDAY, JAN. 11**

DH vs. Waverly/South Shore, 1 p.m. at Waverly/South Shore

**MONDAY, JAN. 13**

Frederick Area School Board meeting, 6 p.m. in the school library

**TUESDAY, JAN. 14**

DH vs. North Central, 4 p.m. at Leola

**THURSDAY, JAN. 16**

GBB vs. Strasburg/Zeeland, 6 p.m. at Strasburg/Zeeland

**SATURDAY, JAN. 18**

DH vs. Ellendale, 1 p.m. at Frederick

**THURSDAY, JAN. 23**

DH vs. Northwestern, 4 p.m. at Northwestern

**SATURDAY, JAN. 25**

F-5 Fishing Tournament at Elm Lake. Register from 6 to 10 a.m.; fish from 7 to 3 p.m. Entry fee is \$50 for a two-person team. See more details on page 11.

GBB vs. Sunshine Bible Academy, 1 p.m. at Leola  
Hanson Classic, TBD at Mitchell



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**DEC 2024/JAN 2025**



## New Snow Queens are crowned



PHOTO BY JEREMY COX/MCPHERSON COUNTY HERALD

A combined Leola and Frederick Snow Queen competition was held in Leola on November 17. Pictured above are the new queens: Parker Hoffman, Leola Junior Snow Queen; Gabrielle Millard, Frederick Area Senior Snow Queen; and Samantha Geffre, Leola Senior Snow Queen. Frederick Area did not have any Junior Snow Queen contestants.



PHOTO BY HEIDI MARTTILA-LOSURE

The first basketball game of the season on Dec. 14 in Langford brought a milestone for boys basketball coach Brock Pashen: 100 wins during his time as a coach. Fans had a big sign and smaller "Pashen's head on a stick" signs to celebrate the moment. "Our kids and the players win games," Pashen said. "I am thankful to have supportive parents of our program, both in-season and during the summer season from elementary through the high school ages. We have had a lot of kids who work hard and teams that have been successful. I am lucky and blessed to be a part of this program and look forward to seeing what more our kids can accomplish." Pictured above are, from left, Coach Alex Sumption, Brayden Heuer, Lucas Gulbranson, Westyn Thorpe, Titus Kippley, Fred Sumption, Preston Sumption, Sullivan Gill, Erik Losure, Milo Sumption, Coach Pashen, Ethan Petrich, Jace Thorpe, Winston Clark, Gavin Nickelson, Noah Kippley, Zander Hoffman, Clay Peterson, Jax Holmes, Dawson Clark, and Coach Don Nickelson.

## Board opposes school voucher proposal

BY HEIDI MARTTILA-LOSURE

In a roll call vote during their December meeting, the Frederick Area School Board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution in opposition to the school voucher proposal that Gov. Kristi Noem put forward in her annual budget address on December 2.

Noem proposed putting \$4 million into an Education Savings Accounts program, more commonly known as school vouchers. The funds would go toward student fees at private schools or other forms of alternative education, up to \$3,000 per student annually.

Board member Eric Sumption put forward the resolution.

"(The school voucher program proponents') idea is that the parents have the right to educate their kids. And I totally get that, if you want to be able to choose what way you want to do it, but (this proposal) I think is going to kill our public school system," Sumption said.

He thinks Frederick Area would end up with fewer students.

"I don't know how we wouldn't lose kids, because we have a lot of kids coming out of Aberdeen to come here because they want a small-school setting," he said. The proposal would annually give those families \$3,000 per student



# October Students of the Month



FASD PHOTOS

Middle school/high school Students of the Month for October, based on the trait of kind, were Elijah Stugelmeyer, Abby Reed, Yuri Bain, and Charlie Foley.



Elementary Students of the Month for October were, front row, Avery Jones, Scarlett Huettl, and Sawyer Foley; and back row: Aria Bullock, Riley Anliker, Avery Skowron, and Jaci Holmes. The trait for the month was kind.

# November Students of the Month



FASD PHOTOS

Middle school/high school Students of the Month for November, based on the trait of confident, were Gabby Millard, Winston Clark, Milo Sumption, and Westyn Thorpe.



Elementary Students of the Month for November were, front row, Rexton Huettl, Carly Dellman, Tripp Andrews, and Corbett Winburn; and back row: Fred Sumption, Colin Foley, and Arthur Wolbeck. The trait for the month was confident.

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# December Students of the Month



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Middle school/high school Students of the Month for December, based on the trait of grateful, were Titus Kippley, Abby Reed, Howard Sumption and Katie Bretsch.



Elementary Students of the Month for December were, front row, Evelyn Ellwein, Ella Hoffman, and Kylie Dutenhoffer; and back row: Teresa Rojas, Cara Wade, and Ellie Ulmer. The trait for the month was grateful.

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## First-Quarter Honor Roll

Ending October 2024 • grade level in parentheses

### Straight A Honor Roll

Eden Podoll (7)	Jillian Ellwein (9)	Zoe Cox (12)
Ruby Dallmann (8)	Howard Sumption (9)	Raegan Kempf (12)
Andrew Schlosser (8)	Katelyn Bretsch (10)	Noah Kippley (12)
Tristan Tschappat (8)	Gage Burns (10)	Gabby Millard (12)
Arabella Clark (9)	Titus Kippley (10)	
Jayden Ellwein (9)	Adalynn Lloyd (10)	

### A Honor Roll

Yuri Bain (6)	Jace Thorpe (9)	Kierra Johnson (12)
Dawson Clark (6)	Samantha Dallmann (10)	Zoe Kempf (12)
Noah Pies (6)	Jax Holmes (10)	Miranda Kolb (12)
Hadleigh Hoggarth (7)	Ella Kempf (10)	Quentin Kolb (12)
McKenna Sumption (7)	Domenick Pool (10)	Gavin Nickelson (12)
Addison Wolbeck (7)	Christopher Voeller (10)	Clayton Peterson (12)
Case Bretsch (9)	Winston Clark (11)	
Eli Nickelson (9)	Erik Losure (11)	

### B Honor Roll

Charlie Foley (6)	Kenna Janke (8)	Mia Bain (11)
Abel Janke (6)	Jaxon Ellwein (9)	Malona Cox (11)
Andrew Arneson (7)	Allysen Larsen (9)	Emily Dallmann (11)
Gabriel Florence (7)	Ian Nickelson (9)	Nevan Jensen (11)
Taryn Meidinger (7)	Karli Achen (10)	Hunter Kern (11)
Bentley Sumption (7)	Aliyah Eckhart (10)	Kira Knife (11)
Jacob Bain (8)	Zoie Fischbach (10)	Alivia Little (11)
Tate Dosch (8)	Abigail Reed (10)	Elijah Stugelmeyer (11)
Leah Grotelueschen (8)	Preston Sumption (10)	Milo Sumption (11)
Mileah Holmes (8)	Kalyce Achen (11)	Westyn Thorpe (11)

## School play



FASD PHOTO

Frederick Area Elementary students put on a play of epic proportions Nov. 16 thanks to the help of Emma and Landon from the Dakota Players, an outreach of the Black Hills Playhouse. Students worked hard, practicing after school all week to pull off the amazing Superhero Show! Thank you to all of our heroes, sidekicks, groupies, news team, and scavengers who came together to put on a great show. A special thank you to all of the parent support as well!

## MathCounts team takes second



FASD PHOTO

MathCounts had an excellent day Oct. 30 at Roncalli. Tristan Tschappat finished 4th overall and the team of Tristan, Andrew Schlosser, Ruby Dallmann, and McKenna Sumption took 2nd place as a team.

## Students visit newspaper office



FASD PHOTO

The ninth-grade current events class visited The Aberdeen Insider to learn about media and journalism process on Dec. 5.



# Governor proposes small increase for education

When this column comes out, the first semester of the school year will be complete, with staff and students finishing up on Friday, December 20. I am not sure where the time went, but at least for me, this past fall went by unbelievably fast! School will resume with the start of the second semester on Monday, January 6.

Gov. Kristi Noem gave her annual budget address recently, and she is recommending an increase of 1.5% for education. Reflected revenue collections are more than \$24 million behind projections, so things are going to tighten up some this year. This is quite a bit less than the previous three years that saw recommendations of 4%, 5%, and 6%. We will have to wait and see where things end up at the end of the upcoming legislative session.



In that address, she proposed an Education Savings Account, which is simply a different term for a school voucher program. It will be introduced this upcoming session as well. The proposed program will start by using \$4 million in public taxpayer dollars to implement the school voucher program. It is thought that it won't stop at that figure, as the Governor stated that the goal was to expand the program before

it has even been adopted. Any growth would inevitably take away millions of dollars from our state's public schools. This will no doubt be one of the more hotly debated and contested topics during the upcoming session.

Boys and girls basketball seasons have begun across the state. The girls began on Monday, November 25, and the boys on Monday, December 2. Brock Pashen, Alex Sumption and Don Nickelson are coaching the boys, while myself, Sarah Sumption and Troy Podoll are coaching the girls. A total of 21 boys are participating, with eighteen from Frederick and three from Leola. A total of 15 girls are participating, with ten from Frederick and five from Leola. Mother Nature hasn't thrown any curveballs at us yet, but it is early and she still has time.

The Frederick Area athletes in

grades nine through twelve who participated in football, volleyball, and cross country this past fall; have all qualified their respective activities/teams for the "Academic Achievement Team Award." To qualify, the collective average GPAs for all student-athletes involved in the varsity sport must be at or above 3.0. The football team, volleyball team, and boys cross-country teams were all well above that mark, with the lowest average being 3.38. Our student athletes are doing well academically!

We look forward to resuming school and the activities that come with it, and here's to hoping for a wonderful spring semester!

May your holidays be safe and may your time spent with friends and family be enjoyable! From everyone here at Frederick Area School, we wish you all a very merry Christmas!

## What's coming up

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### TUESDAY, JAN. 28

DH vs. Britton/Hecla, 4 p.m. at Frederick

### THURSDAY, JAN. 30

DH vs. Faulkton Area, 5:15 p.m. at Faulkton

### SATURDAY, FEB. 1

DH vs. South Border, 1 p.m. at South Border

### TUESDAY, FEB. 4

GBB vs. Ipswich, 6 p.m. at Leola

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5

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

### THURSDAY, FEB. 6

DH vs. Warner, 4 p.m. at Leola

### SATURDAY, FEB. 8

Highmore Classic, Time TBD

### MONDAY, FEB. 10

Frederick Area School Board meeting, 6 p.m. in the library

## Frederick United Methodist Church

**We'd like to welcome you to hear the word of God every Sunday at the Frederick United Methodist Church, 407 2nd Ave, Frederick, SD. Service is at 9 a.m. every Sunday. Everyone is welcome.**

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# Board: Program would harm public schools, resolution says

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that could be put toward tuition at Aberdeen Christian, a small school without the commute for those families.

The funds could also support homeschool programs, which benefits families with the time and resources to have a parent dedicated to teaching. If homeschool isn't an option, then the proposal only increases choice for students with both a public and private school within a reasonable commuting distance. For many rural students, there would be no additional school nearby to choose.

Frederick Area board members are not the only public school representatives opposing the proposal. The South Dakota Education Association issued a statement saying the program would divert taxpayer funds to private schools, which do not have to follow anti-discrimination laws.

This means that public schools may end up with the students that require more resources and services, because private schools are not obligated to serve them, while some students that require fewer resources will choose to attend private schools, taking their state funding allocation out of public schools. The average cost of educating a student in public school would increase in this scenario.

"I don't not want to educate a kid with spe-

cial needs (at Frederick Area). I'm all for it. We do what we can. Because I want to educate everybody," Sumption said. "But I just don't know how this is adding more choice."

The text of Frederick Area's resolution follows.

## Opposition to School Voucher

*WHEREAS South Dakota public schools are a cornerstone of the state and the pride of their communities, welcoming all children, educating and feeding them, connecting them with friends and mentors and helping shape their future while preparing them to be the next generation of our state's workforce;*

*WHEREAS the proposed Education Savings Account (ESA) – for the 2025 legislative session – is simply a different title for a school voucher program;*

*WHEREAS research indicates school voucher programs consistently fail to improve academic outcomes;*

*WHEREAS the proposed program will be implemented by using millions in public taxpayer dollars to fund non-public schools that may pick and choose who they admit while also charging tuition and raising millions of dollars in scholarship funds or to fund homeschool programs with no transparency or accountability measures to prove success similar to those required of public schools;*

*WHEREAS the state budget, which provides the funding increase for public education, faces constraints due to stagnant revenue collections and as a result, the proposed increase in state aid for public schools is less than the level of inflation;*

*WHEREAS with lower than expected revenue collections creating a lean state budget the introduction of a new, ongoing funding system for a school voucher program will eventually lead to an unbalanced state budget or a decrease in funding for public education;*

*WHEREAS the school voucher program will not stop at the initial amount, as the intention to grow school voucher funding has already been stated even before it has been adopted;*

*WHEREAS the school voucher program's planned and inevitable growth will be damaging to the future of our public school system, students and communities;*

*WHEREAS we, as School Board members, insist our legislators oppose the proposed school voucher program because of the foreseeable detrimental impact it will have on South Dakota's public school system at the expense of our students;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Frederick Area School Board, oppose the proposed school voucher program for the 2025 legislative session.*

## City of Frederick Oct. 7, 2024 Minutes

Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday, October 7, 2024 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 8:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board members Jeff Kosters and Troy Millard, and 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 September meetings were read and approved with a motion by Millard/Kosters; motion carried. The financial statements were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Millard/Campbell; motion carried. The October accounts payable were approved with a motion by Millard/Kosters; motion carried.

### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL	\$1,064.71
Badger Meter fees Swr	\$134.92
Brown County Sheriff's Office deputy svcs Gen'l	\$1,041.67
Brown County Weed & Pest Gen'l	\$450
Century Bus Products printer Gen'l	\$25
Dickey Co Leader personnel ad Gen'l	\$64
Dependable Sanitation Grbg	\$1,723
DRN Readitech service FO	\$21.04
EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cmty	\$883.53

Farmer's Union gas Gen'l	\$365
FDC Gen'l	\$1,200
USDA-RD loan Swr	\$3,763
J. Morlock wage FO	\$1,443.04
JVT Gen'l/Wtr/EBL/FO	\$292.84
M. Cox wage EBL	\$679.35
M. Heine wage FO	\$1,195.64
M. Morlock wage Gen'l	\$33.25
O. Morlock wage CC	\$21.24
R. Bakeberg supervisor wage Wtr	\$230.87
S. Campbell wage Gen'l	\$138.52
SD Dept of Rev sales tax Gen'l	\$65.78
SD Dept of Health test Wtr	\$181
T. Millard wage Gen'l	\$92.34
USDA-RD loan Wtr	\$475
WEB Water Wtr	\$7,398.49
VISA supplies Gen'l	\$314.32

### OLD BUSINESS

Campbell provided a utility report. The board reviewed the Brown County Sheriff's report. The board discussed repairs needed for the picnic shelter at Simmons Park.

### NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the third quarter library report made by Kosters/Millard; motion carried. Motion to approve liquor license for the Community Store made by Campbell/Millard; motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, November 6th at 7PM.

Motion to adjourn made by Kosters/Millard 8:25PM; motion carried.

M. Heine, Assistant Finance Officer

## City of Frederick Nov. 6, 2024 Minutes

Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday, November 6, 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, and 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 October meeting were read and approved with a motion by Millard/Kosters; motion carried. The financial statements were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Kosters/Millard; motion carried. The November accounts payable were approved with a motion by Millard/Campbell; motion carried.

### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL	\$1,136.43
Badger Meter fees Swr	\$134.92
Ben Hofer Backhoe Sts	\$1,809.27
Brown County Sheriff's Office deputy svcs Gen'l	\$1,041.67
Brown County Weed & Pest Gen'l	\$450
Century Bus Products printer Gen'l	\$25
Dakota Pump and Control inspect Wtr	\$497.96
Dickey Co Leader personnel ad Gen'l	\$16
Dependable Sanitation Grbg	\$1,712

DRN Readitech service FO	\$21.04
EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cmty	\$924.01
FDC Gen'l	\$1,200
USDA-RD loan Swr	\$3,763
J. Kosters wage Gen'l	\$461.7
J. Morlock wage FO	\$1,443.04
JVT Gen'l/Wtr/EBL/FO	\$293.86
M. Cox wage EBL	\$673.33
M. Heine wage FO	\$1,195.64
M. Morlock wage Wtr	\$120.05
R. Bakeberg supervisor wage Wtr	\$230.87
R. Bakeberg Cmty	\$253.96
S. Campbell wage Gen'l	\$69.26
SD Comm Fdtn reimburse Cmty	\$90.09
SD Dept of Rev sales tax Gen'l	\$65.21
SD Dept of Health test Wtr	\$150
T. Millard wage Gen'l	\$461.7
USDA-RD loan Wtr	\$475
WEB Water Wtr	\$7,620.31
VISA supplies Gen'l	\$672.23
Frederick Area Volunteer Firefighters fire hall pmt Fire	\$14,384.14

### OLD BUSINESS

Campbell provided a utility report. The board reviewed the Brown County Sheriff's report. The board discussed the open utility manager position, repairs needed for the picnic shelter at Simmons Park, and a lead pipe survey the city completed. A special meeting held October 18th had a motion to approve a temporary liquor license for the Frederick Area Volunteer Firefighters for their fundraiser on October 19, 2024 made by Campbell/Millard; motion carried.



**NEW BUSINESS**

The board discussed the possibility of expanding water service to the west side of the Maple River.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, December 4th at 7PM. Motion to adjourn made by Millard/Kosters 7:27PM; motion carried.

M. Heine, Assistant Finance Officer

**Town of Westport General Meeting, Nov. 4, 2024**

The Town of Westport met on November 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. with Jason Bender, Mitch Wilson, Shane Storm, Troy Tschappat and Deb Schlosser present.

The following bills were presented:

**City General:**

NW Energy- utilities \$384.12  
Mardian Construction – town hall face lift \$10,789.49

Deb Schlosser - payroll \$300.00  
Brown Co Treas – Mosquito spraying \$540.00  
Jason Heagley – cemetery mowing 2024 \$4,200.00  
Performance Oil – Town Hall propane \$540.97  
SDML Workers Compensation Fund \$531.00

**Sewer:**

NW Energy-Lift Station utilities \$43.21

**Water:**

Public Health Laboratory – water testing \$346.00

Core & Main – training contract \$1,200.00  
Elan Financial Services – water billing computer \$1,198.99

WEB – water \$2,173.88

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

The following deposits were presented:

**City General:**

State of SD \$6,956.25  
Brown County Collections \$246.79  
Interest \$141.82

Brown County Treasurer -mosquito spraying reimbursement \$1,350.00

**Sewer:** Resident Payments \$2,333.58

**Water:** Resident Payments \$3,500.36

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** 2025 liquor license for The Shed was approved. Discussion was held on results of Surface Water Discharge Inspection. Water Maintenance contract has not been received. He will be contacted again to get this in.

Meeting dismissed at 7:20 p.m.

Deb Schlosser, Finance Officer

**Town of Westport General Meeting, Dec. 2, 2024**

The Town of Westport met on December 2, 2024 with Mitch Wilson, Shane Storm, Troy Tschappat, and Deb Schlosser present.

The following bills were presented:

**City General:**

NW Energy- utilities \$537.62  
Groton Independent- September, October, November minutes 50.50

Deb Schlosser-payroll \$300.00

Mitch Wilson-payroll \$1,150.00

Shane Storm-payroll \$300.00

Troy Tschappat-payroll \$150.00

SD Municipal League-2025 membership dues \$131.00

**Sewer:** NW Energy-Lift Station utilities \$49.67

**Water:**

Water District Maintenance-testing \$1,300.00

Public Health Laboratory-water testing \$30.00

WEB-water \$2,157.34

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

The following deposits were presented:

**City General:**

State of SD \$3067.54

Brown County Collections \$4763.70

Interest \$121.63

The Shed-liquor license renewal \$900.00

**Sewer:** Resident Payments \$2254.28

**Water:** Resident Payments \$3381.51

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Troy Tschappat motioned, second by Shane Storm to approve special liquor license for The Shed on January 11, 2025.

Meeting dismissed at 7:18 p.m.

Deb Schlosser, Finance Officer

**Frederick Area School District #6-2 Board Meeting, Nov. 11, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education was called to order on November 11, 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.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. No public comment.

2025-051 Motion by Achen, second by Hart to approve the agenda as presented. All voted Aye. Motion carried. No conflict of interest disclosures.

**2025-052** Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to approve the following consent agenda items. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

- October 7, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- October 2024 Financial Report
- October 2024 Payroll
- District Bills

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

**General Fund**

Bal 10-1-24: \$563,114.45

Receipts \$14,812.15

Disbursements \$241,533.86

Bal 10-31-24: \$436,392.74

**Investments**

Bal 10-1-24 \$609,447.62

Interest \$14,464.93

Bal 10-31-24 \$623,912.55

Ending Fund Balance \$1,060,305.29

**Imprest Fund**

Bal 10-1-24 \$2,582.77

Receipts: \$1,883.33

Disbursements: \$1,969.74

Bal 10-31-24: \$2,496.36

**Capital Outlay Fund**

Bal 10-1-24: \$635,480.83

Receipts: \$23,257.88

Disbursements: \$34,189.16

Bal 10-31-24 \$624,549.55

**Investments:**

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Bertha Turnquist

## Local projects receive \$10,000

With a few days left in 2024, the North Brown Community Foundation has tied its greatest number of donations received in a year with 33. (The other high-donation-count year was 2020, when we were in the midst of our matching funds campaign.)

Many of the 2024 donations were in memory of beloved community members who died in the past year. We are grateful for the way in which those people chose to invest in our community while they were here, and we are also thankful that those who loved them have chosen to continue that legacy with donations to the foundation.

These many donations also totaled to a good amount for 2024: \$3,115 as of Dec. 23.

These donations, and all of the other donations that have gone into the fund since its inception in 2014, add to the fund's principal balance, from which the grant amount is calculated. Each year, 4.5 percent (calculated from a four-year rolling average) is available to the board of the foundation to distribute to community needs. As of Dec. 23, the balance of the principal is \$233,597.29. This is a significant figure for a community with a small population and shows gratitude for the community's past, love for the community at present, and a belief in the community's future.

The NBCF achieved an important milestone in 2024: It awarded \$10,000 in grants to community projects. NBCF board members had been looking forward to this milestone since the principal balance jumped over \$225,000, but we had to wait for the four-rolling average to catch up before we had those funds available. In 2024, we got there. From here on, we will have at least \$10,000 to award every year, as far into the future as you can imagine. This amount can really make a difference in the projects that people care about in our community.

The NBCF awarded the following grants in 2024:

- \$3,000 to the Frederick Athletic Association (via the Town of Frederick) for improvements to the baseball field
- \$5,000 to the Frederick Area Volunteer Firefighters in support of the asphalt project at the new fire hall
- \$2,000 to the Frederick Area Historical Society for installation of a heater in the archive room of the museum

**The grant application period for 2025 is now open.** Projects should benefit people in the geographic area of the Frederick Area School District, including the communities of Barnard, Elm Lake, Frederick, and Westport. An application form can be found on the facing page or downloaded from [www.fredericksd.com/nbcf](http://www.fredericksd.com/nbcf). Applications can be submitted to First National Bank in Frederick or emailed to [nbcf@fredericksd.com](mailto:nbcf@fredericksd.com). The deadline for this round of grant-giving is **Feb. 3, 2025**.

Applicants must be nonprofits with 501(c)3 tax-exempt status to be eligible to receive grants. Nonprofits that are not 501(c)3s must have a 501(c)3 as a fiscal sponsor for the project.

Contact Heidi Marttila-Losure at the e-mail above or 605-290-3335 if you have questions about the grant application process. Please encourage the nonprofits you care about to apply.

*The North Brown Community Foundation works like an endowment for the communities of Barnard, Elm Lake, Frederick, and Westport. It's one of 87 community savings accounts of the South Dakota Community Foundation. Learn more and donate at [www.fredericksd.com/nbcf](http://www.fredericksd.com/nbcf).*





## 2025 GRANT APPLICATION

Return this application to First National Bank in Frederick (PO Box 576, Frederick, SD 57441) or e-mail to **nbcf@fredericksd.com**. The deadline for this round of grant-giving is **Monday, February 3, 2025**.

### 1 IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your nonprofit organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2 GRANT INFORMATION

What amount of grant money are you requesting from the foundation? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the total amount required for your project / this fundraising effort? \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a clear description of the project, including time period and place, if applicable.

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Why is this project needed?

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**2 GRANT INFORMATION** *(continued)*

What community support does this project have?

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What results do you expect from this project?

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If this project continues beyond the proposed grant period, how will the continuation of the project be funded or otherwise supported?

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Does this project involve collaboration with other organizations? If so, list them here.

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**3 SIGNATURE**

**I acknowledge that the information in this grant application is true to the best of my knowledge.**

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Signature and Title

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Date

# F-5 FISHING TOURNAMENT

OVER \$8000 IN CASH & PRIZES TO BE WON



All Teams Registered will have a chance to win A Garmin Livescope Plus Ice Fishing Bundle

**17th Annual F-5 Fishing Tournament**  
 Family - Friends - Fun - Fishing - Frenzy  
**January 25, 2025**  
 Elm Lake

2 person team - entry fee \$50

\*includes fishing, breakfast, lunch, door prize chances. (Prizes to all kids registered to fish)

Register from 6am to 10 am @ The Elm Lake Resort • Fishing 7 am - 3 pm

**Guaranteed \$3,000 Cash Payout**

Largest Walleye - Largest Northern - Total Pounds

**With cash prizes for:**

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 Total pounds rough fish - Total Pounds Pan Fish - Furthest Traveled

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 100% Payout for total lbs

**Raffle tickets:** \$10 per ticket or \$20 for 3 tickets  
 May be bought prior to or at the tournament.

**10 for 10&10 Raffle Prizes:** Grand Prize Ruger AR-556 MPR 5.56, 2nd \$250 Cash, 3rd Tikka T3X Lite Rifle 7MM Rem Mag, 4th \$250 Cash, 5th Stevens 555 O/U Shotgun, 6th \$250 Cash, 7th Weatherby Vanguard Weatherguard 6.5CM, 8th \$250 Cash, 9th Remington 870 FM Supermag 12GA, 10th \$250 Cash, 11th Smith & Wesson SD9VE 9MM, 12th \$250 Cash, 13th Ruger 10/22 Synthetic .22LR, 14th \$250 Cash 15th Taurus G3C 9MM, 16th \$250 Cash, 17th Savage 93R17 FNS .17HMR, 18th \$250 Cash, 19th Savage A22 Synthetic .22LR, 20th \$250 Cash

**Sponsored by Elm Valley Community Club**

For information contact Warren Sumption (605) 216-6654 or Richard Achen (605) 216-6777

All SDGFP rules apply. Alternate date is January 26, 2025.

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Bal 10-31-24:	\$2,065,519.41
Ending Fund Balance:	\$2,690,068.96
<b>Special Education Fund</b>	
Bal 10-1-24:	\$94,856.89
Receipts:	\$4,396.08
Disbursements:	\$36,188.74
Bal 10-31-24:	\$63,064.23
<b>Investments:</b>	
Bal 10-31-24:	\$1,379,239.75
Ending Fund Balance:	\$1,442,303.98
<b>Food Service Fund</b>	
Bal 10-1-24:	\$2,770.54
Receipts:	\$10,546.28
Disbursements:	\$12,318.70
Bal 10-31-24:	\$998.12
<b>Drivers Ed Fund:</b>	
Bal 10-31-24:	\$208.02
<b>Custodial Funds</b>	
Bal 10-1-24:	\$41,847.46
Receipts:	\$7969.77
Disbursements:	\$633.25
Bal 10-31-24:	\$49,183.98
<b>Ovid J Stevens Scholarship:</b>	
Bal 10-31-24:	\$85
Investments:	
Bal 10-31-24:	\$23,070.62
Ending Fund Balance:	\$23,071.47
<b>CLAIMS APPROVED:</b>	
General Fund salaries	112,178.70
Special Education salaries	17503.00
Food Service salaries	3,814.44
EFTPS, federal income tax/Social Security/ Medicare	36,645.65
AFLAC, supplemental insurance	10,560.04
American Funds, retirement	512.09
Delta Dental, insurance	2,303.66
ID Shield	40.35
Northern Plains Insurance Pool	19,406.60
The Standard, life insurance	261.62
Security Benefits, retirement	2,839.18
Optilegra, vision insurance	507.11
SD Retirement	19,783.84
SD Retirement Supplemental	3,508.33
Total:	\$220,360.61
<b>BILLS APPROVED:</b>	
<b>General Fund:</b>	
Aberdeen Awards-awards	75.00
Achen, Stephen-fb chains	25.00
Agtegra-fuel	4,107.80
Amazon-supplies	65.93
Barondeau, Janelle-fuel	70.31
Cahill Bauer & Associates-FY24 audit	3,062.50
Campbell, Scott-fb clock	50.00
Cash-Wa-FFVP/concessions	1,426.48
Century Business Products-copier coverage	525.52
Cole Papers-custodial supplies/paper	3,348.22
Comfort Inn & Suites-state xc lodging	436.00
Conoco-fuel	73.53
Curriculum Associates-curriculum	268.80
DSG-supplies	19.69
Deubrook Area School-region xc dues	106.66
Duenwald, Dan-asbestos	400.00
Ellendale True Value-key	1.49
FASD Imprest Fund-misc.	2,793.64
FCCLA-member dues	476.00
Fire Safety First-maintenance	316.00
Flemmer, Carl-vb line judge	250.00
Foreman Sales & Service-bus maintenance	650.63
Hutson, Betty Pat-vb line judge	250.00
James Valley Tel-phone	254.30
Jensen, Nevan-livicket	255.00
Jostens-yearbooks	2,040.00
Kens-concessions	565.52
King, James-fb chains/ref	100.00
Knight Truck & Trailer-bus maintenance	1,773.80

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Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Items include Kosters, Jeff-fb clock (25.00), Kusters, Kennedy-jh fb official (25.00), Lapka, Hans-fb chains/ref (50.00), Lehmann, Shekota-vb libero tracker (250.00), Mardian, Jon-fb chains (50.00), McQuillen Creative Group- publishings (92.98), Merchant Services-cc processing (125.24), Mid-American Research Chemical-maintenance supplies (1,306.83), Montana-Dakota Utilities-utilities (3,386.80), Myer, Bev-vb book (250.00), NFHS-coaching courses (140.00), Pantorium Cleaners-supplies (133.40), Pashen, Brock-fb official (25.00), Prairie Winds Motel-elem play lodging (937.86), ProVision-bus cameras (1,129.12), Quality Inn-FCCLA lodging (332.40), Redfield School-region sup. dues (30.00), Schlosser, Rich-fb/vb clock/announcer (350.00), SDHSA-playoff football proceeds (435.30), Sumption, Chris-fb chains (50.00), Sumption, Warren-fb chains (50.00), Target-ink (107.24), Taylor, Trevor-fb official (50.00), Teachers Pay Teachers-curric supplements (17.89), Town of Frederick-utilities (663.05), Vetter, Sam-fb chains (25.00), Warner School-region business mgr dues (75.00).

**Capital Outlay Fund:**

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Items include Amazon-books (21.89), Century Business Products-copier lease (306.66), Dakota Outdoors-fitness center equipment (3,545.00), McGough Construction-construction manager (8,485.00).

**Special Education Fund:**

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Items include Avera-ot/pt (10,146.36), Food Service Fund: Buller Fixture Company-cart (456.52), Cash-Wa-food/supplies (6,607.60), Child & Adult Nutrition-commodities processing (135.50), Community Store- food (19.16), The Meathouse-beef processing (1,504.00), Pantorium-supplies (83.25).

**Imprest Fund:**

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Items include Black Hills Playhouse-elementary play (1,490.00), Brown Co. Sheriff-fingerprints (20.00), DCI-background check (43.25), First National Bank-state xc meals (478.00), Groton Sch Dist-marching band reg (40.00), Kusler, Brandon-fb ref/mileage (134.97), Steinwandt, Josh-fb ref/mileage (134.58), Steinwandt, Tim-fb ref/mileage (134.58), Weismantel, Marty-fb ref/mileage (183.50), Witlock, Scott-fb ref/mileage (134.76).

**Custodial Fund:**

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Items include Amazon-FBLA supplies (10.00), Brotzel, Julie-SADD expenses (85.87), BSN Sports-fb jerseys (362.74), Comfort Inn & Suites-state xc lodging (109.00), Hobby Lobby-FBLA supplies (29.24), Lisa's Embroidery, xc supplies (56.00), Subway-xc meal (111.52), Target-FBLA supplies (87.59).

The following reports were presented:

- Administration: Jeff Kosters: Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director; Jessica Ringgenberg: K-8 Principal; Shauna Severson: Business Manager
- Building: Achen/Hart

Investments and a potential property acquisition by the football field were discussed

**2025-053** Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to approve the District Improvement Plan. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

**2025-054** Motion by Ellwein, second by

Sumption to approve the following volunteers for junior high girls basketball: Holly Lapka, Jon Meidinger and Jim Sumption. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

**2025-055** Motion by Achen, second by Hart to set the Driver Education course fee at \$200.00. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

**2025-056** Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to offer a contract to Jim Sumption for JH Boys Basketball. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

The board would like to recognize the following participants for making it to the State Cross Country meet: Katie Bretsch, Tate Dosch, Titus Kippley, Andrew Schlosser, Howard Sumption and Milo Sumption. Congratulations to the MathCounts team of Ruby Dallmann, Andrew Schlosser, McKenna Sumption and Tristan Tschappat for placing 2nd and Tristan for also placing 4th overall. Finally, congratulations to the Leola/Frederick Titan football team for advancing to the 2nd round of playoffs.

**2025-057** Motion by Hart, second by Ellwein to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Rich Schlosser, President  
Shauna Severson, Business Manager

### Frederick Area School District #6-2 Regular Board Meeting, Dec. 9, 2024

A regular meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education was called to order on December 9, 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.

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

No public comment.

**2025-058** Motion by Achen, second by Sumption to approve the agenda as presented. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest disclosures.

**2025-059** Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to approve the following consent agenda items. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

- November 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- November 2024 Financial Report
- November 2024 Payroll
- District Bills

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Items include General Fund Bal 11-1-24: \$436,392.74; Receipts: \$384,302.22; Disbursements: \$196,015.05; Bal 11-30-24: \$624,679.91; Investments Bal 11-1-24: \$623,912.55; Interest: \$42,995.53; Bal 11-30-24: \$666,908.08; Ending Fund Balance: \$1,291,587.99; Imprest Fund: Bal 11-1-24: \$2,496.36; Receipts: \$2,793.64; Disbursements: \$119.70; Bal 11-30-24: \$5,170.30; Capital Outlay Fund Bal 11-1-24: \$624,549.55; Receipts: \$204,783.16

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Items include Disbursements: \$12,358.55; Bal 11-30-24: \$816,974.16; Investments: Bal 11-30-24: \$2,065,519.41; Ending Fund Balance: \$2,882,493.57

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Items include Special Education Fund Bal 11-1-24: \$63,064.23; Receipts: \$83,396.67; Disbursements: \$36,644.93; Bal 11-30-24: \$109,815.97

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Items include Investments: Bal 11-30-24: \$1,379,239.75; Ending Fund Balance: \$1,489,055.72

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Items include Food Service Fund Bal 11-1-24: \$998.12; Receipts: \$7,858.41; Disbursements: \$16,230.62; Bal 11-30-24: (\$7,374.09)

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Items include Drivers Ed Fund: Bal 11-30-24: \$208.02

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Items include Custodial Funds Bal 11-1-24: \$49,183.98; Receipts: \$7,963.25; Disbursements: \$6,077.15; Bal 11-30-24: \$51,070.08

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Items include Ovid J Stevens Scholarship: Bal 11-30-24: \$.85

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Items include Investments: Bal 11-1-24: \$23,070.62; Interest: \$270.75; Bal 11-30-24: \$23,341.37; Ending Fund Balance: \$23,342.22

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Items include CLAIMS APPROVED: General Fund salaries 92,267.76; Special Education salaries 18,533.11; Food Service salaries 4,730.63; EFTPS, federal inc. tax/SS/Medicare 32,136.66; AFLAC, supplemental insurance 1,560.06; American Funds, retirement 512.09; Delta Dental, insurance 2,303.66; ID Shield 40.35; Northern Plains Insurance Pool 18,782.50; The Standard, life insurance 261.62; Security Benefits, retirement 2,839.18; Optilegra, vision insurance 481.98; SD Retirement 17,608.86; SD Retirement Supplemental 3,508.33; Total: \$195,566.79

**BILLS APPROVED:**

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Items include General Fund: Agtegra-fuel 3,621.58; Amazon-supplies 29.44; Arrowwood Resort-supt lodging 108.92; Babcock Family Chiro-DOT physical 90.00; Caseys-fuel 62.81; Cash-Wa-FFVP 978.25; Cole Papers-custodial supplies 1,136.75; FASD Imprest Fund-misc. 119.70; JHC Services-bus maintenance 837.21; Kesslers-concessions 52.44; McQuillen Creative Group-publishings 68.54; Merchant Services-cc processing 203.20; Mid-American Chemical-supplies 578.00; Montana-Dakota Utilities-utilities 1,963.38; NAPA-bus parts 12.59; NFHS-coaching courses 70.00; Pantorium Cleaners-supplies 133.40; Prorate Services-annual renewal 100.00; Ramkota Hotel-principal lodging 112.00; Sportboardz-track/field records 39.00; State Line Concrete-sidewalk maint. 714.29; Taylor Music-supplies 60.00; Top Notch Repair-porta potties 720.00; Town of Frederick-utilities 629.52

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Items include Capital Outlay Fund: Amazon-books 128.79; Century Business Products-copier lease (306.66)

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Items include Special Education Fund: Eventbrite-sped conference registration (160.00)

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Item: SD Dept of Human Services-tuition (351.56)

**Food Service Fund:**

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Items include Cash-Wa-food/supplies (5,577.39), Child & Adult Nutrition-comm. processing (207.00), EMS Linq-food service planner (447.50), Pantorium-supplies (107.50), School Nutrition-membership (57.00)

**Imprest Fund:**

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Item: Region IV FCCLA-region registration (119.70)

**Custodial Fund:**

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Amount. Items include Aberdeen Awards-LRC plaques (160.00), Believe Kids-music fundraiser (2,329.80), FCCLA-registration (50.00), Leola School District-region vb admission (440.00), Nelson Nursery-music fundraiser (2,880.00), Papa Murphys-FCCLA food (42.36), Pizza Ranch-LRC meeting (72.31)

The following reports were presented:

- Administration: Jeff Kosters: Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director; Jessica Ringgenberg: K-8 Principal; Shauna Severson: Business Manager
- Building/Co-op: Achen/Hart

**2025-060** Motion by Hart, second by Ellwein to approve the transfer of \$18,264.50 from General Fund to Food Service Fund. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

**2025-061** Motion by Sumption, second by Achen to set the date and time for the 2025 School Board Election - April 8, 2025 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

**2025-062** Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption approve the contract for Jim Sumption - JH Boys Basketball Coach. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

**2025-063** Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to accept the resignation of Sharon Langley. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

**2025-064** Sumption introduced and moved the adoption of Resolution 2025-002 - Opposition to School Voucher, second by Ellwein. Upon roll call, all voted Aye. Motion carried.

*Opposition to School Voucher*

*WHEREAS South Dakota public schools are a cornerstone of the state and the pride of their communities, welcoming all children, educating and feeding them, connecting them with friends and mentors and helping shape their future while preparing them to be the next generation of our state's workforce;*

*WHEREAS the proposed Education Savings Account (ESA) - for the 2025 legislative session - is simply a different title for a school voucher program;*

*WHEREAS research indicates school voucher programs consistently fail to improve academic outcomes;*

*WHEREAS the proposed program will be implemented by using millions in public taxpayer dollars to fund non-public schools that may pick and choose who they admit while also charging tuition and raising millions of dollars in scholarship funds or to fund homeschool programs with no transparency or accountability measures to prove success similar to those required of public schools;*

*WHEREAS the state budget, which provides the funding increase for public education, faces constraints due to stagnant revenue collections and as a result, the proposed increase in state aid for public schools is less than the level of inflation;*

*WHEREAS with lower than expected revenue collections creating a lean state budget the introduction of a new, ongoing funding system for a school voucher program will eventually lead to an unbalanced state budget or a decrease in funding for public education;*

WHEREAS the school voucher program will not stop at the initial amount, as the intention to grow school voucher funding has already been stated even before it has been adopted;

WHEREAS the school voucher program's planned and inevitable growth will be damaging to the future of our public school system, students and communities;

WHEREAS we, as School Board members, insist our legislators oppose the proposed school voucher program because of the foreseeable detrimental impact it will have on South Dakota's public school system at the expense of our students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Frederick Area School Board, oppose the proposed school voucher program for the 2025 legislative session.

The board would like to thank Cole Holmes for his time student teaching with Mrs. Langley, as well as Mrs. Langley for her time with the district. Congratulations to Gavin Nickelson and Westyn Thorpe for being named 9AA All-State and Noah Kippley, Gavin Nickelson and Westyn Thorpe for being named All Conference.

**2025-065** Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to go into executive session at 6:21 p.m. for SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Schlosser declared the board out of executive session at 6:35 p.m.

**2025-066** Motion by Achen, second by Sumption to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Rich Schlosser, President  
Shauna Severson, Business Manager

# Titans wrap up a tough season

By HEAD COACH HOLLY MUELLER

## VOLLEYBALL

The 2024 volleyball season was always going to be tricky, trying to rebuild after losing so many longtime high quality starters to graduation. We had some early success, then our season was derailed by a parade of injuries. Having three starters go down, one per week for three weeks, made the job much more difficult. I truly believe that without those injuries we win probably four more games. I was reminded a few times later in the season that due to the graduations and then the injuries, we were playing a lot of girls who had never seen the court before in a varsity match. We were asking a lot of them, and I applaud those girls who stepped up to fill a role and thank the entire team for being flexible as we moved people around trying to find the best combination on the fly.

Despite our record, we had

some bright spots. We played some pretty good volleyball during a stretch that started with the first game against North Central that went five sets, then the Webster and Aberdeen Christian games, and then finally our best effort, against Ipswich. The Tigers won over 20 games and were the #1 seed in Region 6B, and we nearly took them to 5 sets. I was so proud of how hard the girls worked and how well they worked together that night against a strong opponent.

### 2024 Recognition

**Seniors** - Zoe Cox, Samantha Geffre, Zoe Kempf, and Trinity Lechner

**Highest Serving Percentage** - Sam Geffre

**Most Aces** - Jill Ellwein

**Most Kills** - Jill Ellwein

**Highest Hitting Percentage** - Kaitlyn Mueller

**Most Digs** - Jill Ellwein

**Most Blocks** - Kaitlyn Mueller

The following awards were voted on by the athletes themselves.

**Most Improved** - This athlete started the season out starting both 'C' team and JV. By the end of the season, she was needed to fill a role on our Varsity team. During those games, she was a stat leader in number of digs for the night. **Brystol Hatlewick**

**Team Hustle** - a player who works hard in games and practice, doesn't give up on plays, is willing to do the little things that don't always show up in the box score - **Ashtyn Hatlewick**

**Team Spirit** - there may have never been a better example of what defines this award than this year's winner. She was injured fairly early on, but she never let that stop her from being a positive member of the team. She was our best cheerleader, and cheered for everyone, Leola, Frederick, starter, varsity, JV, substitute, and so on. - **Kalyce Achen**

**MVP** - This should come as no surprise. By the time she's done, she'll probably own a bunch of Titan career records, and she's well on her way to reaching 1,000 of several stats. She's only going to get better as she continues along in her career. - **Jill Ellwein**



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# Season of improvements ends in cascade of injuries

BY HEAD COACH JEFF KOSTERS

This was the first year of a new realignment cycle, and our schedule had a much different look to it. We opened the season with our three non-conference games: Redfield, Britton-Hecla, and Stanley County. We won all three of those and began conference play with a win in Eureka versus North Central on September 13. The following week we faced highly ranked Faulkton Area in Leola and had a great second half to pull away with a 42-20 victory to start the season 5-0. We had our bye week after that and then were not able to play the Northwestern game due to them not having enough players, so we received a forfeit win. We finished the regular season with two road games at Ipswich and Warner. We went three weeks between games following the bye and forfeit, and we struggled to gain the offensive traction we had earlier in the season, dropping a hard-fought overtime game to Ipswich 14-12 and then losing the finale at Warner to finish the regular season with a 6-2 record.

We opened the post-season with a home game in Frederick against the Kimball-White Lake Kiotes, and like the previous season, we were the 8 seed hosting the 9 seed. We struggled for much of the game, but the defense played extremely well in the second half and an 84-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter gave us the spark we needed and we were able to tie the game up and eventually win in overtime. After scoring on our possession in

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the extra frame, Westyn Thorpe picked off a pass on third down to seal the victory.

The second-round matchup saw us travel to the top-seeded Parkston Trojans. We were going toe to toe with them for most of the first half and then the injury bug bit, with Noah Kippley breaking his collarbone to start a fairly long list of kids exiting the contest. The season ended that night with the Titans finishing 7-3 on the season.

Statistically speaking, we were better in nearly every area. We averaged 6.15 yards per carry (5.39 last year), 15.49 yards per reception (16.8 last year), and we completed 60% of our pass attempts (48% last year). Defensively we gave up an average of 17.2 points per game this year (22.3 last year).

Five players earned **all-conference honors**, including seniors Gavin Nickelson, Dustin Wurtz, and Noah Kippley; and juniors Ethan Petrich and Westyn Thorpe. Nickelson and Thorpe were also selected to the **9AA All-State team** at defensive back and linebacker respectively, with Petrich receiving honorable mention status.

Individual awards, voted on by the players, included: **Most Valuable Offense – Gavin Nickelson, Most Valuable Defense – Westyn Thorpe, Most Valuable Lineman – Dustin Wurtz, Most Improved – Jace Thorpe, and Hardest Worker – Noah Kippley.**

We will say farewell to four seniors off this past year's squad and will return six start-



**ABOVE:** Gavin Nickelson brings down a Parkston ball carrier during the second-round playoff game in Parkston on Oct. 31. **BELOW:** Noah Kippley launches a pass to Westyn Thorpe during the Parkston game.



ers on both sides of the ball next year. Our schedule will be the same, with home/away being reversed. Home games will include Britton-Hecla, North Central, Ipswich, and Warner; while away games will include Redfield, Stanley County, Faulkton Area, and Northwestern.



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Pictured above is the crew that represented Frederick Area at the state cross country meet in October: From left, Coach Sarah Sumption, Howard Sumption, Milo Sumption, Titus Kippley, Tate Dosch, Katie Bretsch, Andrew Schlosser, and Coach Janelle Barondeau.

## Boys place 8th at state

The Titans had several solid finishes at the state cross country meet on Oct. 26, with the boys team placing eighth overall.

A full team of five boys competed at the event, and one girl, Katie Bretsch, also competed.

Sophomore Titus Kippley was the top Frederick finisher for the boys, earning 27th place (18:33.30), followed shortly by junior Milo Sumption in 29th place (18:41.71). Freshman Howard Sumption was 55th (19:33.70), eighth-grader Andrew Schlosser was 92nd (20:25.54), and eighth-

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grader Tate Dosch was 102nd (20:56.68).

On the girls side, sophomore Katie Bretsch finished 68th with a time of 23:21.44.

"We took a young crew to State this year, and our athletes ran well," said head coach Janelle Barondeau. "It's always fun to compete against the best!"

With no seniors graduating, all of these runners have a chance to improve their finishes next fall, as well as compete on the track this coming spring.



# Team looks to make the most of small numbers

BY HEAD COACH JEFF KOSTERS

The Leola/Frederick Titan Girls Basketball season got its start on Nov. 25. This year's team is going to have a much different look to it. We lost seven seniors to graduation, and others decided not to participate this year. Fifteen girls are participating, with eight from high school and seven from middle school. The high school participants include senior Samantha Gefre, juniors Kaitlyn Mueller and Kalyce Achen, sophomores Karli Achen and Tayler Vetter, and freshmen Jillian Ellwein, Arabella Clark, and Parker Hoffman. Our junior varsity will be exclusively made up of middle school girls this year. Eighth graders include Mileah Holmes, Ruby Dallmann, and Mya Zantow; and seventh graders include Eden Podoll, Addison Wolbeck, Taryn Meidinger,



**ABOVE:** Jillian Ellwein puts up a shot during the Titans' game against Aberdeen Christian Dec. 19. **RIGHT:** Arabella Clark shoots over a Langford defender Dec. 14.

and Hadleigh Hoggarth.

We will be young and inexperienced this season. Kalyce and Karli Achen were injured in volleyball, and both are currently out with those injuries. Kalyce will hopefully return by early February, but Karli will not

return this season. That leaves us with six healthy bodies total in high school. Hopefully we can stay healthy moving forward!

The girls have been working hard, and in their first game of the season, fell in overtime to Langford Area on Dec. 14. The

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girls defeated Aberdeen Christian on Dec. 19, and again lost a close game in overtime against Waubay-Summit on Dec. 21.

We will have two weeks between games over Christmas break, resuming play on Saturday, Jan. 4, with a doubleheader in Hoven against Potter County.

# Titans press ahead with strong starters, deep bench

BY HEAD COACH BROCK PASHEN

The Titan boys return seven of their top nine players from a team that made the State B Tournament for the first time since the program's 2004-05 season.

We have 21 boys out, and practices have been competitive, to say the least. We return four kids who were mentioned in All-Conference awards in Noah Kippley, 1st team, and Gavin Nickelson, Milo Sumption, and Ethan Petrich, who all received honorable mention. Noah was also received an honorable mention for the All-State team last season.

So far we have won four games against Langford, Oakes, Aberdeen Christian, and Waubay-Summit. As much as we return from our State Tournament team, it is not just simply "lather, rinse, and repeat." We are embracing the process and facing some adver-



**ABOVE:** Noah Kippley scores in the last second before halftime during the Titans' game against Aberdeen Christian on Dec. 19 in the Civic Arena in Aberdeen.

**RIGHT:** Milo Sumption beats a Langford defender to the hoop on Dec. 14 in Langford.

sity with some injuries impacting key players early. We are making sure we focus on ourselves and get better each day.

The way we fought against

Oakes is a good step for us as we faced a team that "threw a punch" at us—we took it and fought back.

We will return to play in two

## BOYS BASKETBALL



weeks after the holiday break to face Potter County in Hoven on Jan. 4, followed by two home games in Frederick against Wilmot on Jan. 7 and Roncalli on Jan. 9.

I'm looking forward to what challenges this season brings and taking them head on with this team.





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# Traditional sounds of the season

The Frederick Area gymnasium was full for the all-school music program on Dec. 12: Musicians sparkled in their holiday best, older family members held up their cell phones to capture their kid's moment while the younger siblings danced in the back, and traditional Christmas music filled the air. The program was led by music teacher Sharon Langley and student teacher Cole Holmes.



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