

# COVID-19 precautions upend life

The World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus outbreak a pandemic on March 11—meaning that it’s expected to affect all parts of the world. Our rural communities are also part of the world, so that means it will affect us, too.

are in Brown County, which the state Department of Health now says has “community spread”—at least one of its cases is not from a known infected person or travel to an infection hotspot. The criteria for testing are so restrictive that there are almost certainly cases out there that are not included in the official numbers.

Minnesota and Montana have issued statewide “stay home” orders, but South Dakota is among six states that have no such orders in place. Yet, anyway. It’s hard to predict what each new day will bring.

Thankfully, in the midst of this general unease, there are bright spots. It’s spring. And many people are facing this stress with generosity and patience. We all appreciate those efforts.

This issue of *F.Y.I.* gives an overview of our changed lives so far. —Heidi Marttila-Losure

## What’s coming up

Not a whole lot, in April, anyway! Most community events in April have been canceled. All Americans are advised to avoid nonessential travel, going to work, eating at bars and restaurants, or gathering in groups of 10 or more at least through April 30. At least as of March 31, school board and town meetings are still going forward as planned.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

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

### SUNDAY, APRIL 12

**Happy Easter!**

### MONDAY, APRIL 13

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

**Wash your hands often!**

And, of course, precautions for it already have changed our lives in significant ways: School buildings are closed through at least April 30 by order of Gov. Kristi Noem. Spring sports are on hold through at least that date as well. Church services have been canceled. As of March 31, 108 cases of COVID-19, the illness caused by this new coronavirus, have been reported in South Dakota. Three



**Above:** Like many windows across America, the window at the Community Store has been decorated with hearts to give a little boost to passersby. **Below:** A hand-sanitizing station awaits customers coming into the Community Store. Manager Amanda Hubbs stands behind the newly moved sales counter.

## Store finds new ways to serve

Well, you may not find toilet paper at the Community Store—manager Amanda Hubbs is hopeful she’ll get a couple cases this week, but she’s not counting on it—but otherwise the shelves are pretty full, she said.

That’s the case even though the store has had more business since many residents started staying at home in mid-March. “I’ve been working very diligently keeping things stocked up, using more than one vendor,” Hubbs said. Right now, she’s using four vendors, which means she’s more likely to have items in stock, and she has a little more leeway in negotiating prices.

One other change is that the store



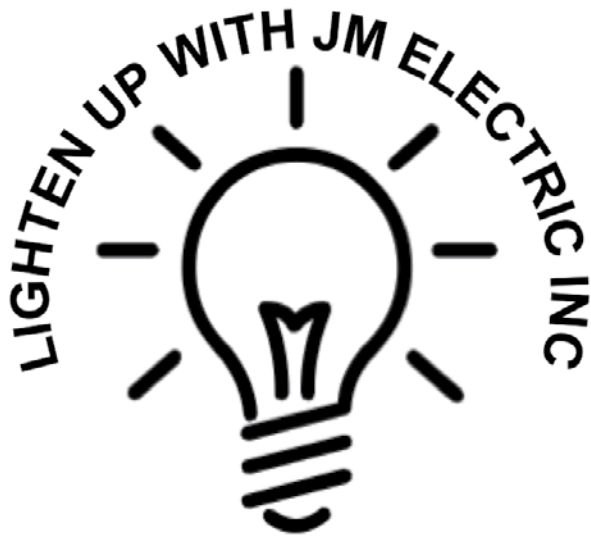
## Ambulance prepares for COVID-19

BY DAVID LOSURE  
*Ambulance Director  
Frederick Fire & Rescue*

COVID-19, the illness caused by the new coronavirus, presents a serious challenge to all aspects of this nation’s healthcare system.

I know there are voices out there claiming that this is all overhyped, and really nothing more than a nasty flu year. It is true that so far there have been fewer deaths caused by COVID-19 than occur during a typical flu season. However, the flu season is several months long, and the first documented case of COVID-19 in the U.S. only occurred in late January. It also takes several weeks for the virus to progress in a patient to the point where they are seriously ill. So the deaths being reported now are for people who were first infected a few weeks ago.

In a bad flu year, the flu has a mortality rate of 0.1 percent. Reported mortality rates for



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Administrative Assistant Stacey Sumption, left, and Principal Jessica Ringgenberg, right, arrange papers during a time set aside for dropping off completed homework and picking up new assignments on March 27. Also pictured are student Lauren Geranen and Superintendent Jeff Kosters.

## School adapts to remote learning

The staff and students at Frederick Area School are adjusting to a new normal of learning on their own, or with a teacher on the other “end” of a screen. Superintendent Jeff Kosters says it’s too early to say how it’s going—it’s still in process.

They did learn that state testing will not happen this year. “We are just going to skip a year and pretend like it never happened,” he said. “All schools will retain the same status as this past year, and we will do it all over again next spring.”

When asked if staff will be paid as normal through the end of the school year, he said that had not yet been determined, and it will be discussed at the next school board meeting.

He met with seniors last week to discuss what should happen with graduation, if school is out through the month of May, and they were asked to discuss those options with their parents. “Who knows what will be happening come early May?” he said. “There are way more questions than answers at this point.”

### Classes go online

Like most schools across the U.S., Frederick Area School has been affected by the new coronavirus. With school closed through April 30, a big challenge for students, as well as teachers, is the classwork that still needs to be done during this time.

Teachers are using FaceTime or Zoom to discuss what they want their students to be doing and to answer any questions. This works well for most classes but has been difficult for math classes. It is beneficial to have a teacher walk you through each section and help you. Students have said that trying to read the sections on their own and teach it to themselves has been difficult.

Being able to communicate with teachers online and do homework on the computer has helped a lot during this unusual situation. At the same time students say that they actually miss going to school, and wish everything would go back to normal.

–Isaac Morlock,  
 FASD Journalism

He said that these topics and others would be discussed at the April 13 board meeting, so he should know more at that time.



# Senior-year memories will be different for the Class of 2020

By HAYDN PODOLL  
*FASD Journalism*

The Class of 2020 will go down in the history books as the class whose senior year was cut short.

We lost our senior prom, the last month or so of our high school, and the memories that we would have made. While most graduating classes would be relishing their last months together and making memories and reminiscing on the past, we have to spend our last month cooped up inside

and without our classmates. We are not only impacted by what our last month of high school looks like, but our graduation will also be changed one way or another. This has blindsided us as a whole class and we are left with a hole as our last month of high school comes to an end.

Thankfully, being in an age of technology, we are able to communicate with each other and are trying to plan a commencement ceremony as best we can. Time will tell what our future holds.

## OPINION

### Students adjust to social distancing

By KAYLIN ACHEN  
*FASD Journalism*

Social distancing has made a big impact on everyone's lives. Our community went from seeing people and interacting with friends, to no social gatherings and no school. It is great having family time

and coming together, but it can be frustrating and a struggle to do the same things every day. Frederick High School has done an amazing job at keeping the kids up to date on their homework. It has been hard and it will get easier, but for now we need to stick together in our own homes and stay strong.

### COVID-19 becomes real

By JAKE KENSER  
*FASD Journalism*

The new coronavirus started off here as a "meme" but quickly lead to panic as people fled to the nearest toilet paper supplier for their upcoming quarantine. With populated areas like New York being the ones to take the first blows from COVID-19, it left us Midwesterners thinking we might not have to deal with it. We soon learned we weren't out of its reach. I was in North Carolina visiting my brother when the word "quarantine" first started coming over the news. It seemed like each day some new drastic measure was being taken to slow the virus. Then schools across the country started to shut down. It started to become very real that I might not be able to finish out the most important year with the class I've been with since third grade.

I started to just want to go back to school and see the classmates I'd been missing for weeks. I don't agree with online schooling at all. It seems to me like homeschooling, and there are many distractions being at a house instead of school. I think they should have either extended the school year or had no homework because some people really need to be present at school to succeed. I have a hard time with computers, so it's difficult to know how to complete some assignments or get into the video chats to contact teachers. Luckily our school is small, and the teachers and students are all close-knit enough to be able to offer extra help and patience.

However much I'd like to complain, it won't change anything. I'll do what I always do and wait until the last possible moment and then do everything at once.



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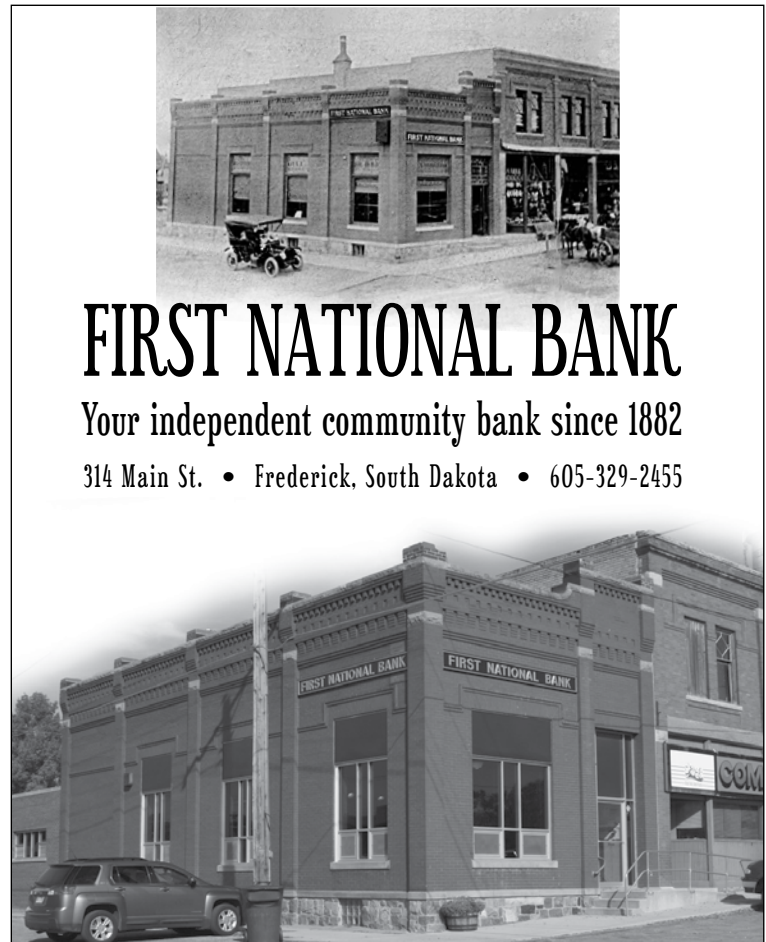
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## Ambulance: Even here, we can't be complacent

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COVID-19 vary greatly from country to country, but the lowest I have seen is from Germany—where it still appears to be four to five times higher than a bad flu year.

From a healthcare system perspective, the biggest problem is that so many people can become ill so fast that the system lacks capacity to care for them all. This is happening now in Italy and Spain, and appears to be on the brink of happening in New York. Other cities appear to be on similar trajectories as New York, just a few days behind.

Just because we are in a rural community does not mean the virus will not affect us here. Even with limited testing, the number of documented cases in South Dakota has been rising rapidly, and the criteria for testing is so limited that there are almost certainly more cases in South Dakota that are not included in the official numbers.

While most people who catch the virus only become mildly ill, roughly 20 percent become seriously ill and need to be hospitalized. The majority of those are elderly or have other health problems, but some younger, otherwise healthy people have also ended up on ventilators.

The Frederick ambulance service has been doing what we can to prepare for COVID-19 patients who may need to be transported. Fortunately, we happen to have stocked up on personal protective equipment (masks, gloves, etc.) last fall

before supplies became limited.

If you think you may have COVID-19, or any other serious medical condition, please call your regular doctor and follow their instructions. If you are having an immediate medical emergency, such as serious difficulty breathing, please dial 911. This will activate the county's emergency response system. The Frederick ambulance will be dispatched, as will an ambulance from Aberdeen. The Frederick ambulance will arrive first and evaluate the situation. Our volunteers have basic EMT training and can provide basic life support care. Aberdeen Fire and Rescue has paramedics who can provide more advanced care. Depending on the situation, we will either transport you all the way to Aberdeen in Frederick's ambulance, provide basic care while waiting for Aberdeen, or take you part way then transfer you into an Aberdeen Fire and Rescue ambulance.

Right now, the number of coronavirus patients in this area is small, but that number has the potential to grow rapidly. We all need to do our part to help prevent the number of COVID-19 patients from growing so fast that our hospitals and services become overwhelmed and unable to adequately deal with all the normal emergencies that happen. Please follow Centers for Disease Control guidelines, including for social distancing; wash your hands; stay safe and healthy and help our community get through this challenging time.

## Third-Quarter Honor Roll

Ending March 2020 • grade level in parentheses

### Straight A Honor Roll

Gabby Millard (7)	Kierah Nickelson (10)
Sofia Losure (8)	Isaac Sumption (11)
Laura Sumption (8)	Isaac Morlock (12)
Morgan Sumption (8)	Olivia Ulmer (12)
Nolan Jensen (9)	

### A Honor Roll

Chloe Arneson (8)	Stephen Achen (9)
Madison Dettler (8)	Jericho King (9)
Audrey Heidzig (8)	Wil Nordine (10)
McKinley Kosters (8)	Marissa Sumption (10)
Olivia Morlock (8)	Alexis Brotzel (12)
Brayden Sumption (8)	Lauren Geranen (12)
Madelyne Sumption (8)	Miranda Lai (12)
Brendan Tschappat (8)	Haydn Podoll (12)

### B Honor Roll

Janae Chapman (7)	Cole Peterson (9)
Zoe Cox (7)	Samuel Vetter (9)
Kierra Johnson (7)	Kash Cutler (10)
Miranda Kolb (7)	Jesse Hartman (10)
Quentin Kolb (7)	Mason Hinz (10)
Gavin Nickelson (7)	Katelynn Mehlhaff (10)
Clayton Peterson (7)	Ethan Morlock (10)
Daniel Dallmann (8)	Allena Shell (10)
Jocelynn Ellwein (8)	Jakob Sumption (10)
Taylor Himanga (8)	Kaylin Achen (11)
Memphys Storm (8)	Hunter Bretsch (11)
Tristan Sumption (8)	Jesse Geranen (11)
Ryder Bowman (9)	Matthew Olson (11)
Johnathan Bretsch (9)	Jake Kenser (12)

## Store: Hot foods coming

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has started taking orders, including bulk orders. This is a convenience for busy farm families, as well as for those trying to limit their time in public to avoid exposure to the new coronavirus.

Store employees have implemented new cleaning policies: All those entering the store

are asked to sanitize their hands. Store employees also wipe down surfaces in the store multiple times per day, and the sales counter is wiped down after every customer.

Also, the checkout counter has moved to make way for another change: The store is planning to serve more hot foods. More pizza slices will be available for the student lunch rush. There will also be soup and sandwiches, in part

to serve seniors, since senior meals are no longer available at the restaurant. This food service will start as soon as the electricity is upgraded to handle additional pizza ovens and warmers.

Hubbs encourages people to try the convenience of bulk orders. If she has the items in stock she can fill orders right away. If she needs to order something from a vendor, orders are ready on Friday mornings.

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## Official Board Proceedings, Frederick Area School District #6-2, March 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order on March 9, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Dan Nickelson and Richard Achen. Alex Hart was excused. Others present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Kosters, Business Manager Janel Wagner, Janel Achen of Insurance Plus and Ken Bridger of Associated School Boards of South Dakota.

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

Members of the public were 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 19-073** Motion by Achen, second by Nickelson to approve the agenda with amendment: remove #20-9 from item 13. All aye, carried.

Enter Jon Ellwein at 6:09 p.m.

**Action 19-074** Motion by Nickelson, second by Achen to approve consent agenda which included the following items as presented: minutes of meeting held February 12, 2020; February 2020 financial report, agency accounts and investments; District bills and February 2020 payroll. All aye, carried.

### CLAIMS APPROVED: FEBRUARY 2020

Payroll - General Fund salaries	92,078.84
Special Education salaries	11,256.74
Food Service salaries	2,393.25
EFTPS, federal income tax/Social Security/Medicare	28,663.49
AFLAC, supplemental insurance	917.74
American Funds, retirement	1,265.02
Delta Dental, insurance	1,693.50
Express Collections, garnishment	534.30
AMI, garnishment	989.22
The Standard, life insurance	265.55
Security Benefits, retirement	1,100.26
VSP, vision insurance	267.09
Wellmark, health insurance	15,843.00
SD Retirement	12,093.90
SD Retirement Supplemental,	465.26

### GENERAL FUND

Aberdeen School District 6-1, ATEC tuition	1,524.00
American Red Cross Training Services, training	1,300.00
Beck, Bo, ref	141.00
BlueTarp Financial/Mac's, repairs	64.00
Bunke, Luke, ref	195.00
Cash-Wa Distributing, FFVP	544.17
Cole Papers Inc, supplies/recycling receptacle	1,273.77
Crawford Trucks & Equipment Inc, repairs	491.69
Dumire, James, repairs	390.00
Farnam's Genuine Parts Inc, repairs	886.40
Foreman Sales & Service Inc, repairs	236.84
GDI News, publishing	114.03
Hase Plumbing, Heating & Air, repairs	1,769.54

Ending February 29, 2020	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND	SPECIAL ED. FUND	FOOD SERVICE FUND	DRIVERS ED FUND	TRUST & AGENCY
Beginning checking Balance	\$146,883.62	\$235,777.70	\$178,948.62	\$9,732.12	\$669.82	\$45,468.33
Revenue:						
Taxes	\$26,853.66	\$28,117.72	\$13,915.25			
Local Sources	\$6,520.60	\$10.00		\$3,039.20		\$1,430.50
Intermediate Sources	\$540.64					
Interest	\$21.72					\$1.78
Federal & State	\$82,641.21	\$9,521.16	\$573.55			
Total Revenue	\$116,577.83	\$37,648.88	\$14,488.80	\$3,039.20	\$0.00	\$1,432.28
Disbursements:						
Bills	\$20,764.63	\$992.95	\$12,147.46	\$3,870.30		\$759.37
Payroll	\$149,415.67		\$17,168.96	\$3,242.53		
Total Disbursements	\$170,180.30	\$992.95	\$29,316.42	\$7,112.83	\$0.00	\$759.37
Total checking balance	\$93,281.15	\$272,433.63	\$164,121.00	\$5,658.49	\$669.82	\$46,141.24
Beginning investment balance	\$445,325.68	\$1,783,634.20	\$1,246,175.05			
Interest	\$1,722.97					
Total investment balance	\$447,048.65	\$1,783,634.20	\$1,246,175.05			
Ending Balance	\$540,329.80	\$2,056,067.83	\$1,410,296.05	\$5,658.49	\$669.82	

Hoffman, Andrew, ref	190.00
Innovative Office Solutions LLC, supplies	8.82
James Valley Telecommunications, telephone	247.04
Johnson Controls, HVAC service agreement	11,722.35
Jostens Inc, yearbook	1,050.15
Kusler, Jay, ref	120.00
Lehmann, Shekota, ref	240.00
Menards, repairs/supplies	120.27
Merchant Service, online lunch payment fees	36.83
Mid-American Research Chemical, supplies	481.71
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co, electricity	4,069.29
North Central Special Education Cooperative, in-service	243.75
O'Reilly Auto Parts, repairs	20.47
Pantorium Cleaners Inc, supplies	226.90
Rozell, Paul, ref	120.00
Running Supply Inc, repairs	34.87
SDASBO, registration fee	75.00
South Dakota Medicaid, admin fee	73.64
Southeast Area Cooperative, registration fee	185.00
Sumption, Austin, ref	145.00
Town of Frederick, utilities	278.79
Trust & Agency Account, Imprest reimbursement	381.00
Waverly-South Shore School District, GBB region share	89.71
Weisser, Valerie, basketball book	60.00

### CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND

A&B Business Solutions, managed print	649.56
American Time, clock	155.12
Anliker, Jennifer, mileage	25.20
iBoss Inc, filtering software	1,295.00

### SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND

Avera St Luke's, physical/occupational therapy	2,555.96
Bain, Larissa, mileage	63.00
USD Center for Disabilities, registration fee	175.00

### FOOD SERVICE FUND

Cash-Wa Distributing, food/supplies	3,220.59
Community Store, food	2.98
Pantorium Cleaners Inc, supplies	48.11

Enter Marty Morlock at 6:12 pm.

Janel Achen presented a proposal and quote for property, liability and work comp insurance for Fiscal Year 2021. Ken Bridger presented information about the school's current property, liability and work comp policies.

The following reports were presented:  
Jeff Kosters - Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director

Jessica Ringgenberg - K-8 Principal  
**Action 19-075** Motion by Achen, second by Ellwein to change the regular board meeting time to 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. All aye, carried.

**Action 19-076** Motion by Ellwein, second by Nickelson to open negotiations for Fiscal Year 2021. All aye, carried.

**Action 19-077** Motion by Nickelson, second by Ellwein to approve school bus use by Sand Lake at \$17.00 per hour, per bus plus fuel expenses. All aye, carried.

**Action 19-078** Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to approve Assistant Track Coach contracts for Lincoln Flakus at \$3,322.64 and Wayne Haas at \$3,491.10. All aye, carried.

**Action 19-079** Motion by Nickelson, second by Achen to approve Employment Agreement for Morgan Hoffman as a long-term SPED substitute at \$100.00/day beginning November 30, 2020; when SD teaching certificate is issued, this agreement will revert to a teaching contract. All aye, carried.

The school board recognized receipt of Public-School Exemption Certificate #20-8.

**Action 19-080** Motion by Ellwein, second by Nickelson to adopt policies BCF - Advisory Committees To The Board, BK - Evaluation of School Board Operational Procedures, CC - Administrative Organization Plan, CCB - Lines of Authority And Staff Relations, GA - Personnel Goals, GB - General Reference Policy and GBCBB - Employee Use of Networking Sites. All aye, carried.

**Action 19-081** Motion by Ellwein, sec-

ond by Nickelson to enter into Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) for employee matters at 7:41 p.m. All aye, carried. President Schlosser declared Board out of Executive Session at 8:22 p.m.

The School Board and Administration would like to thank The People's Store of Forbes for the generous donation to the Music program. Congratulations to the basketball teams for a great season.

**Action 19-082** Motion by Nickelson, second by Ellwein to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. All aye, carried.

Rich Schlosser, President  
Janel Wagner, Business Manager

## Town of Frederick March 2020 Minutes

The Frederick Board meeting was held Wednesday, March 11, 2020, in the Frederick Community Center. Chairman R. Scott Campbell opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Attending the meeting with Campbell were Board members Troy Millard and Jeff Kosters, Utility Manager Richard Bakeberg, Frederick Fire Department Chief Kevin Barton, Frederick Development Corporation Board member Richard Achen and Finance Officer Diane Bruns.

Minutes of the February meeting were read along with minutes from the Special Pre-Construction meeting. Motion was made by JK/TM. Motion Carried.

The Financial Statement was accepted and approved for financials with a motion by TM/JK. Motion Carried.

Approval of the March Accounts Payable was made with a motion by TM/SC. Motion Carried. At the bottom of the AP page is the list of the checks for the Waste-Water Project which will be included in New Business and not with city's AP.

### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A Gunther wage EBL	\$139.50
Badger Meter fees Wtr	\$115.70
Century Bus Products lease, copies Gen'l	\$93.96

D Bruns wage CC	\$155.46
D Bruns wage+trips+mtg FO	\$1373.80
FDC econ dev Econ Dev	\$1200
FU Oil Co propane EBL/Mun Bldg	\$1036.37
GDI legals Gen'l	\$19.39
J Koters wage+mtg Gen'l	\$69.26
JVT services FO/EBL/Wtr/Gen'l	\$338.25
M Cox wage EBL	\$356.63
M Heine wage FO	\$922.50
MDU elect BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/ EBL	\$1510.77
Metering & Tech Solutions supplies Wtr	\$206.42
R Bakeberg UT Mgr wage Sts/Wtr/Swr	\$182.85
R Bakeberg Veh Allow Sts/Wtr/Swr	\$75.00
RS Campbell wage+mtg Gen'l	\$92.35
SD Dept of Health labs Wtr	\$15.00
SD Dept of Rev Sales Tax Garb	\$78.98
T Millard wage+mtg Gen'l	\$69.26
USDA-RD Water Repair loan Wtr Rpr AP \$475	
USPS stamps Wtr/Garb/Swr	\$165
WEB Water 545,600 gallons Wtr	\$2910.62
<b>Total AP</b>	<b>\$11,591.40</b>

Old Business included Manager Bakeberg's Utility report; St Urho Day by Frederick Forward in the Community Center March 16th has been cancelled due to the rumored spread of the COVID-19; nothing for Historical Society; Emma Burnham Library held their OH today, 3/11/20, but cancelled their BINGO Fundraiser for next Sunday in the CC for the same reason; Frederick Dev Corporation is holding an Open House Sunday afternoon, March 15th, in the new 4-bedroom spec home on 2nd Street in Frederick from 1-3 PM.

Other Old Business included WWP copies of the Contractor's App getting signed for the Waste-Water Project, the Change Order #1 along with the Disclosure Update for the project all signed by Board Members; Accounts Payable approval for the WWP is in New Bus; WWP Disclosure Update was signed by Campbell for 1st Nat'l Bank and Val Jensen Loan Specialist at USDA-RD; Past-due UT bills will receive Certified shut-off letters; letters from DENR in Pierre concerning Manganese in Drinking Water were sent out with Utility bills last month; Brown County election board will be using the Community Center in June and in November for elections; other misc. business is new address numbers for some buildings in and around Frederick by the Brown County Planning and Zoning Dept done for 911; Debris pile in NW Frederick has been burned with the FFD's watchful eye.

New Business: Equalization Week is March 16-20, 2020. The Frederick Equalization Board will meet at 7 PM in the CC to hear tax grievances and again Friday evening at 7 PM to close Equalization Week.

CC lighting proposal was awarded to JM Electric Inc., to replace the blinking florescent lights in CC with LEDs lights. Motion made by SC/JK. Campbell Aye, Koters Aye, Millard abstained. Motion Carried.

NECOG map for changes will be in the Equalization packet.

After previous preview of the Annual Report, approval was tabled to next month

when Assistant Finance Officer may be back.

The EBL Public Library Annual Survey for the SD State Library Association was on the table for review. The annual survey was completed by EBL Board President Thersia Cox and Librarian Mavis Cox.

The Interim loan from USDA-RD for Frederick's Waste-Water Project has been deposited into 1st National Bank, Frederick, to begin payments. Both board members signed the Signatory slip to sign checks along with Finance Officer. Chrm Campbell will be signing for 1st National Bank. Both Millard and Koters signed Line of Credit documents. The first 2 payments were also approved. A motion to accept the loan and paperwork was made by JK/TM. Motion Carried.

Correspondence showed a notice to SD Wastewater Operator's from DENR in Pierre about discharging lagoons during flooding.

Notice of a coronavirus conference call for municipal leaders previously sent by email to each one was noted.

The 2019 Drinking Water Report from Mitch Williams, DENR Water Program, Pierre, is available in the Finance Office for public viewing.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM with a motion by TM/SC. Motion Carried.

The next meeting will be April 8, 2020, 7 PM, in FCC. FO#329-2242.

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# Spring sports are on hold

By ISAAC SUMPTION  
*EASD Journalism*

With school not in session because of the coronavirus outbreak, that means all spring sports are on hold. This includes Frederick's own spring sports, track and field and golf.

In hope of possibly having a track season, a few track and field athletes have been training for the season on their own at home. The future for the 2020 track season is unknown. The season may resume in a couple of weeks, or the sport may be missed entirely.

The SDHSAA Board of Directors met on March 27 and came up with the following possibilities if schools are able to resume on March 4, according to Rob Garafalo of the *Aberdeen American News*: Region track and field will be on May 23 and state track meet will follow in Sioux Falls on May 29-30; state golf would have a region meet on May 26 and the state meet June 1-2.

# Basketball: Team carries forward a high standard

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one round earlier than was expected does not diminish their accomplishments. Coach Pashen hopes that the enduring images of a crowded gym, a close and exciting game, a regional playoff win, and crowds cheering so loud it hurt your ears will resonate long after these players have graduated.

"I'm hoping the young Titans watching in the stands or hearing about the games at school the next day want to grow up to be like these guys, and put in the time when they are young, so we can keep the program's momentum going."

He credits past players such as Alex Sumption, Lance Feickert, Tyler Heilman, Tanner Geffre, and Trevor Sumption for helping set the standard that this year's group carried forward—"elevating our program and showing what it can be when everyone does what is expected of them in the off-season, as well as putting in time individually to get better."

### TEAM STATS:

	Totals	Avg per game
Points	1261	57.3
Opponent pts	1097	49.9
Rebounds	532	24.9
Assists	267	12.1
Blocks	36	1.6
Turnovers	229	10.4
<b>Shooting</b>		
	<b>Made/att/%</b>	
2 pt shots	286/584/49.0%	
3 pt shots	160/478/33.5%	
FTs	178/306/58.2%	

### TEAM LEADERS:

	Points	Avg per game
Isaac Sumption	374	17.0
Haydn Podoll	261	11.9
Zach Mueller	200	9.1
Josh Hoffman	185	8.4
Spencer Hoffman	115	5.2

	Total	Avg per game
<b>Rebounds</b>		
J. Hoffman	140	6.4
Mueller	137	6.2
Podoll	62	2.8
Sumption	58	2.6
Isaac Morlock	50	2.3

	Total	Avg per game
<b>Assists</b>		
Sumption	97	4.4
Podoll	56	2.5
J. Hoffman	31	1.4
S. Hoffman	31	1.4
Mueller	29	1.3

	Total	Avg per game
<b>Blocks</b>		
Mueller	24	1.1
Sumption	6	0.27

### SHOOTING

2 pt shots	made/att/%
J. Hoffman	80/116/69.0%
Mueller	47/91/51.6%
Sumption	92/188/48.9%
S. Hoffman	18/51/35.3%

3 pt shots	made/att/%
Podoll	67/154/43.5%
Mueller	32/91/35.2%
S. Hoffman	23/67/34.3%

Free throws	made/att/%
Podoll	30/36/83.3%
Sumption	82/124/66.1%
Mueller	10/18/55.6%
Colton Spitzer	10/18/55.6%

### SEASON RESULTS (15-7)

Groton Area	55-56	L
Langford Area	53-46	OT W
Aberdeen Christian	54-66	L
Timber Lake	56-44	W
Potter County	60-65	L
Oakes, ND	66-46	W
Waverly-South Shore	70-50	W
Ellendale, ND	55-50	W
Northwestern	45-59	L
Britton-Hecla	46-54	L
Faulton Area	71-58	W
South Border, ND	63-29	W
Warner	57-49	W
Jones County	69-32	W
Wilmot	60-47	W
Florence/Henry	60-57	W
Webster Area	55-53	W
North Central	69-24	W
Herreid/Selby Area	41-59	L
Ipswich	57-55	W
Britton-Hecla (Regions)	55-52	W
Warner (Region Final)	44-26	L

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## BOYS BASKETBALL SEASON IN REVIEW

# It was an impressive year

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This year's Leola-Frederick Titans boys basketball team was one of the best and most accomplished of the past 15 years. The overall record of 15-7 was the best since the 2004-05 team that made the state tournament. The Titans garnered their third consecutive winning season, which is the first time that's happened since that same 2004-05 season. This was also the highest-seeded Titans team since the current super-region setup was created. The Titans advanced to the regional finals for the second time in three years, winning a playoff game along the way.

**Four Titans were named to the Lake Region Conference All-Tournament team.** Junior guard Isaac Sumption was named to the first team, senior guard Haydn Podoll was named to the second team, and junior forward Josh Hoffman and senior guard/forward Zach Mueller were both Honorable Mentions. That's the first time four Titans have been named to the LRC team since 2013-14, and back then, they named three teams plus honorable mentions, so there were more spots to go around.

At times the Titans looked dominant. There were stretches like the 20-0 run against Jones County, or the 20-point lead built against Florence-Henry, or the devastating 41-7 run against North Central, or the 20-point wins against Oakes and Waverly-

South Shore, that showed how truly great this team could be when it was clicking. This team was built around perimeter play, without a true post presence, using speed, spacing, ball-handling, shooting, and basketball IQ from multiple positions to force opponents to pick their poison. Sumption's drives to the basket complemented the perimeter shooting of Podoll, Mueller, and Spencer Hoffman. And Josh Hoffman's defense shut down opposing scorers.

The Titans lose four seniors from this year's roster in Podoll, Mueller, Spencer Hoffman, and Isaac Morlock, and they will be hard to replace. These four, along with Sumption and Josh Hoffman, had been playing together since at least third grade, and the massive amount of time invested showed up on the court.

Losing four seniors means losing the experience, teamwork, and camaraderie that those players have built. As Pashen said, "Our success this year happened many years before as they have played a lot of basketball throughout their careers."

Those four seniors also take with them specific skill sets that will be missed. Pashen said, "We lose a grittiness that Isaac and Spencer brought to our team, and skill-wise, the ability to dribble and to shoot the ball is what we will miss with Zach and Haydn."

**Overall, there were many highlights and several stretches of play that helped define the season.** The Titans nearly up-



Isaac Sumption drives past a Warner defender with a cheering student section in the background during the Region 1B final on March 6.

set Groton in the season opener, then captured a big overtime win in Langford to avoid an 0-2 start. After playing well, but ultimately falling to, one of the best teams in the state in Aberdeen Christian, the Titans again needed a win and got one against Timber Lake.

After a tough loss to Potter County, the Titans rattled off three straight wins, including a 27-point outing by Podoll against Oakes that included seven three-pointers and a 30-point outburst by Sumption to help preserve a win in Ellendale. After dropping two frustrating games to teams that had losing records at the time, the Titans bounced back with a solid win against a decent Faulkton team, and that kick-started an eight-game winning streak.

During the streak, the Titans had five wins by at least 13 points and three by at least 30. The streak included some impressive outings. First was besting Warner on the road, thanks to four first-half

threes by Mueller. Podoll had another huge game against Jones County, with 25 points and another seven threes. Taking down a Class A school, Florence-Henry, on the road, and a huge comeback against another A school in Webster, was a memorable back-to-back. The Webster game was punctuated by Josh Hoffman's buzzer-beating rebound and put-back for the win. The Titans served notice that they were a team to be reckoned with down the stretch. And even after losing to Herreid-Selby, the season finale in Ipswich was another exciting finish, with Josh again turning a rebound into the winning basket.

Lastly, there was the aforementioned regional win against Britton-Hecla, with Mueller scoring 16 first-half points and Sumption pouring in 19 second-half points as the Titans avenged an earlier loss to the Braves.

That the season ended probably

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