

## What's coming up

### TUESDAY, APRIL 30

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

### THURSDAY, MAY 2

Lake Region Conference golf meet, 10 a.m. at Rolling Hills in Aberdeen

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

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

### FRIDAY, MAY 3

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

### SATURDAY, MAY 4

Eureka Invitational golf meet, 10 a.m. in Eureka

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

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

### TUESDAY, MAY 7

Webster Invitational golf meet, 10 a.m. in Webster

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

### THURSDAY, MAY 9

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

### FRIDAY, MAY 10

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

### MONDAY, MAY 13

Pre-Region golf meet, 9 a.m. at Cattail Crossing in Watertown

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# Titans bring home 8th

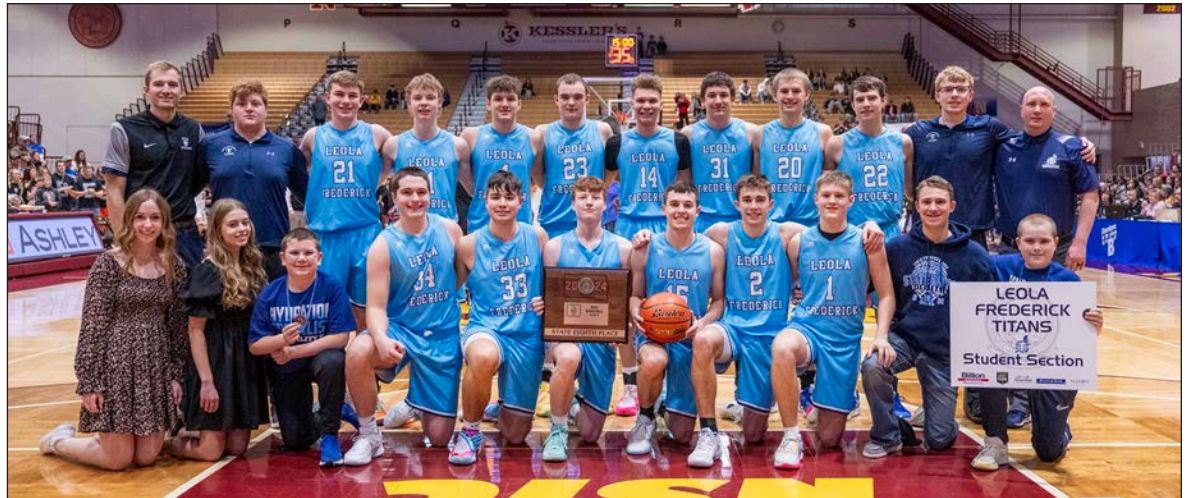


PHOTO BY HEIDI MARTILA-LOSURE

The Titans pose with their State B 8th Place plaque. Pictured are, back row, Coach Alex Sumption, Clayton Peterson, Winston Clark, Gavin Nickelson, Jace Thorpe, Milo Sumption, Lucas Gulbranson, Ethan Petrich, Noah Kippley, Titus Kippley, Connor Spitzer, and Coach Brock Pashen; and front row, Gabby Millard, Raegan Kempf, Dawson Clark, Erik Losure, Zander Hoffman, Austin Jenkins, Taylor Himanga, Brayden Sumption, Westyn Thorpe, Preston Sumption, and Fred Sumption.

## Team celebrates a remarkable season

The Leola-Frederick Titans brought home the eighth-place plaque from the State B boys basketball tournament March 14-16, where they drew large crowds, enthusiastic fan support, and accolades even from fans from other schools.

The Titans played Castlewood

in the Thursday evening game, when the southeast bleachers were filled with supporters. Despite a leading at times in the fourth quarter, Titans lost 67-72 as Castlewood's 6-foot-7 Bryon Laue made good on his height advantage.

The Titans faced Gregory on Friday night and came up just short, losing 64-65 on a late Gregory free throw.

In the final contest, the Titans

took on Viborg-Hurley, which found a way through the Titans' fierce press often enough to hand them a 75-84 loss.

A homecoming welcome the next day found a lot to celebrate nevertheless. Jeff Mueller, who announces Leola home games, spoke about the difference the team had made. See an edited version of his remarks as well as photos from each of the games, on pages 6-9.

# Opt-out passes with 56 percent in favor

Voters chose to approve a \$450,000 opt-out to support the Frederick Area School District's general fund with 85 voting in favor and 67 opposed in the April 9 election.

At the Frederick precinct, the vote was 60-40 in favor; at the

Westport precinct, it was 27-25 opposed.

Of the 709 registered voters in the Frederick Area School District when registration closed, 152 voted in the election, which was a voter turnout of 21.4 percent.

The opt-out will help the school

district keep teachers' compensation packages competitive, as well as help the district deal with a change in the capital outlay funding formula that would have limited the amount available to pay for textbooks and other real property, equipment, and software.

# Frederick FBLA students do well at state

By SHAUNA SEVERSON  
FBLA Advisor

In our inaugural year as an Future Business Leaders of America chapter, we experienced an extraordinary level of success, particularly highlighted by our achievements at the State Leadership Conference (SLC). Throughout the year, our dedicated members worked tirelessly to prepare for various competitions and events, and their hard work paid off in remarkable ways.

At SLC, our chapter shined brightly, securing multiple victories across a range of competitive categories. Our students demonstrated exceptional skills and knowledge in areas such as parliamentary procedure, business ethics, public speaking, entrepreneurship, and more. Their performances not only reflected their individual talents but also showcased the strength of our chapter as a whole.

One of the most significant accomplishments of our first year was the qualification of six of our members to the National Leadership Conference. This remarkable achievement speaks volumes about the dedication, perseverance, and commitment of our students and inspires us to reach even greater heights in the years to come. We are excited about the future of our FBLA chapter and the opportunities that lie ahead as we continue to cultivate the next generation of business leaders.



FASD PHOTOS

Frederick Area students who attended the FBLA State Leadership Conference were, front row, Memphis Storm, Shanda Cox, Jocelynn Ellwein, Maddie Sumption, Morgan Sumption, Sofia Losure, Danika Lickfelt, Laura Sumption, and Chloe Arneson; and back row, Samantha Dallman, Emily Dallmann, Zoe Cox, Alivia Little, Ethan Groteluschen, Milo Sumption, Noah Kippley, Jax Holmes, Malona Cox, Kalyce Achen, Karli Achen, and Adi Lloyd.



Students qualifying for nationals through first- or second-place finishes were, from left, Noah Kippley, Sofia Losure, Maddie Sumption, Milo Sumption, Morgan Sumption, and Kalyce Achen.

## Results from the Future Business of America State Leadership Conference:

**1st Place - Parliamentary Procedure** - Kalyce Achen, Sofia Losure, Maddie Sumption, Milo Sumption, Morgan Sumption

**1st Place - Hospitality and Event Management** - Sofia Losure and Morgan Sumption

**1st Place - Journalism** - Sofia Losure

**2nd Place - Accounting I** - Morgan Sumption

**2nd Place - Agribusiness** - Morgan Sumption

**2nd Place - Marketing** - Noah Kippley

**2nd Place - Spreadsheet Apps** - Milo Sumption

**3rd Place - Accounting II** - Laura Sumption

**3rd Place - Business Law** - Sofia Losure

**3rd Place - Data Analysis** - Noah Kippley

**3rd Place - Job Interview** - Morgan Sumption

**3rd Place - Social Media Strategies** - Adi Lloyd

**3rd Place - Sports and Entertainment Mgmt** - Milo Sumption

**4th Place - Business Law** - Maddie Sumption

**4th Place - Computer Apps** - Alivia Little

**4th Place - Word Processing** - Emily Dallmann

**5th Place - Business Calculations** - Jocelynn Ellwein

**5th Place - Impromptu Speaking** - Ethen Groteluschen

**5th Place - Spreadsheet Apps** - Kalyce Achen

**5th Place - UX Design** - Danika Lickfelt

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# Enroll 4- and 5-year-olds now for fall preschool

By JEFF KOSTERS

*Frederick Area Superintendent*



**PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

**G**reetings fellow readers! It amazes me how quickly each school year passes! Here we are just a few short weeks away from the close of another year. All of that considered, there are a few things that you may want to know before we close school year 23-24 and start up 24-25.

If you have a child in the district who will be at least 4 years of age by September 1, 2024, the Frederick Area Preschool is accepting applications for fall enrollment. This program is free to any 4- or 5-year-old student outside of the cost of lunch and school supplies. Preschool is held for two full days a week with more information about the program and the application being available on our website. Preschool registration/applica-

tion forms should be submitted to the office by May 1. Late applications will be considered only if open slots are available.

We have a couple of spring concerts coming soon to showcase the musical talents of our students. The elementary school concert is on May 2 at 7 p.m. while the middle/high school concert will be held on May 9 at 7 p.m. We will follow these programs up with our annual Awards Night on May 15, also at 7 p.m.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the 2024 Senior Class. This class has impressed many people over the years with their academic, athletic, leadership, musical, and artistic talents. Please join us in celebrating them at our graduation ceremonies on May 18 at 1 p.m.

Outside of these events, staff will spend some time over the summer preparing a new science

curriculum to be used starting the 24-25 school year. We will also be exploring a new social studies curriculum next year as the new social studies standards go into effect in 25-26. We look forward to seeing you as we continue to celebrate all our youth's growth and accomplishments. Your support of this school district is appreciated, and our students are thriving because of it!

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## Band competes at NSU contest



FASD PHOTO

The Frederick Area band received a superior for its performance at large group music contest in March at Northern State University.

## Third-Quarter Honor Roll

Ending March 2024 • grade level in parentheses

### Straight A Honor Roll

Hadleigh Hoggarth (6)	Howard Sumption (8)	Levi Little (12)
Eden Podoll (6)	Rhylan Tschappat (8)	Sofia Losure (12)
McKenna Sumption (6)	Katelyn Bretsch (9)	Olivia Morlock (12)
Addison Wolbeck (6)	Erik Losure (10)	Audrey Reineke (12)
Ruby Dallmann (7)	Milo Sumption (10)	Brayden Sumption (12)
Andrew Schlosser (7)	Raegan Kempf (11)	Laura Sumption (12)
Tristan Tschappat (7)	Gabby Millard (11)	Madelyne Sumption (12)
Arabella Clark (8)	Chloe Arneson (12)	(12)
Jayden Ellwein (8)	Jocelynn Ellwein (12)	Morgan Sumption (12)

### A Honor Roll

Jillian Ellwein (8)	Winston Clark (10)	Clayton Peterson (11)
Jace Thorpe (8)	Emily Dallmann (10)	Taylor Himanga (12)
Karli Achen (9)	Nevan Jensen (10)	Keyanna Knife (12)
Gage Burns (9)	Hunter Kern (10)	McKinley Kosters (12)
Jax Holmes (9)	Ayden Larson (10)	Tristan Sumption (12)
Titus Kippley (9)	Alivia Little (10)	Brendan Tschappat (12)
Christopher Voeller (9)	Elijah Stugelmeyer (10)	
Kalyce Achen (10)	Noah Kippley (11)	

### B Honor Roll

Gabriel Florence (6)	Ian Nickelson (8)	Kira Knife (10)
Taryn Meidinger (6)	Samantha Dallmann (9)	Westyn Thorpe (10)
Jacob Bain (7)	Zoie Fischbach (9)	Zoe Cox (11)
Tate Dosch (7)	Natalee Foley (9)	Gavin Nickelson (11)
Leah Grotelueschen (7)	Ella Kempf (9)	Shanda Cox (12)
Mileah Holmes (7)	Adalynn Lloyd (9)	Daniel Dallmann (12)
Kenna Janke (7)	Domenick Pool (9)	Elijah Flynn (12)
Case Bretsch (8)	Preston Sumption (9)	Memphys Storm (12)
Olivia Foley (8)	Mia Bain (10)	
Eli Nickelson (8)	Malona Cox (10)	

## Students bring home science honors



FASD PHOTOS

Frederick Area students competing at the NSU Science Fair on March 21 were, back row, Tate Dosch, Erik Losure, Titus Kippley, Milo Sumption, Noah Kippley, Winston Clark, Westyn Thorpe, Gavin Nickelson, and science teacher Sarah Sumption; and front row, Howard Sumption, Jill Ellwein, Kalyce Achen, Braelyn White, Katie Bretsch, and Andrew Schlosser.



Andrew Schlosser earned the Lemelson Early Inventor \$100 award and first place among chemistry projects.



Howard Sumption and Jill Ellwein received second place in team projects.



Kalyce Achen and Braelyn White, above, and Erik Losure (not pictured) received honorable mentions.



Milo Sumption received second place in the physics/earth sciences division.



Frederick's junior high quiz bowl team won their competition. Pictured are teacher Sarah Sumption, Howard Sumption, Jayden Ellwein, Katie Bretsch, and Andrew Schlosser.

# First National is one of few remaining family-owned banks

BY DONNA SUMPTION

First National Bank of Frederick has a long and interesting history in our community.

It was first established in 1882 by the Dow Bros. as a private bank and located across the street from the current bank. The business was then purchased in 1886 by J.C. Simmons and S.P. Howell, and it became a State Bank of Frederick. In 1894, it was lost to a fire. In 1906 the current bank building was built and changed the bank status from a State Bank to a National Bank of Frederick and sold to F.C Benjamin.

In December of 1915, A.W. Campbell, an attorney and judge, and his son, J.C. Campbell, purchased it. It was then owned by Robert K. Campbell and current owners are Robert W. Campbell and R. Scott Campbell, making it a five-generation-owned bank.

The bank offers services of general banking, loans, and safety deposit boxes. In 2014, it be-

## BUSINESS FEATURE

### FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF FREDERICK

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gan online banking and updated the online banking platform and website in 2023. They also have an insurance department located in the bank doing business as J.C Campbell Ins.

The bank is one of a few single-office, family-owned, independent banks in the area that remained open during the Depression and continues to serve the surrounding area. They are proud supporters of the Frederick area communities.

The bank currently has four employees.



The current First National Bank building, pictured above, was built in 1906. The bank's current employees are pictured at left: Kelli Millard, Jennifer Morlock, Teresa Campbell, and Scott Campbell.

PHOTOS BY DONNA SUMPTION

# Local foundation awards \$10,000 in grants for 2024

The North Brown Community Foundation awarded \$10,000 in grants to local organizations in March:

- \$3,000 to the Frederick Athletic Association (via the Town of Frederick) for moving batting cages and other 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 Frederick Area Historical Society for a new heater.



The board also elected new board members. The terms of Tracy Olson and Scott Campbell were up this year. Both were re-elected.

Other current members of the board are Heidi Marttila-Losure, Melissa Ellwein, Lynette Durham, Lyle Podoll, and Stacey Pence.

The North Brown Community Foundation is a community savings account of the South Dakota Community Foundation serving the area covered by the Frederick Area School District. Part of the interest that the account generates is returned to the community as grants. The amount available for grant-giving has increased each year; in 2023, the foundation awarded \$8,000, and \$6,400 was awarded in 2022.

Grant applications are accepted in January every year. The board would welcome grant

applications from the Barnard, Westport, and Elm Lake areas, as well as continue to receive applications from nonprofits in Frederick.

One NBCF project in the works is the creation of memorial cards. The cards, which are free, can be given to a family to indicate a donation is being given to NBCF in memory of a loved one who died. Watch for those cards to be available in the Community Store soon.

Learn more about the NBCF at [www.fredericksd.com/nbcf](http://www.fredericksd.com/nbcf).

# Titans celebrate an incredible season

BY JEFF MUELLER

**Note:** This is an edited version of message shared at the Titans' homecoming celebration March 17.



Congratulations to the eighth-place finishers at the South Dakota State Class B Boys Basketball Tournament, the Leola/Frederick Titans!

While the tournament didn't go the way everyone wanted, we all know this was a season to remember and a season for the record books. Some of those highlights:

- They set a team record with 22 wins, breaking the previous record of 20 set by the 2004-05 team.
- This team set the record for the most wins to start a season with 12. The previous record for best start was 7 wins, by that same 04-05 squad.
- Those 12 wins also make up the longest winning streak of any kind in Titan history, which you could have guessed. But they also had a 10-game winning streak, after the Faulkton loss, and that was tied for the 2nd longest, along with, again, the 04-05 team. The 03-04 team won 9 in a row, and the 2019-20 team won 8. Of the top five winning streaks, this team had two of them.
- The team had a few firsts – the first SoDak 16 appearance and the first SoDak 16 win for the boys' program.
- This was our first State B tourney appearance in 19 years.
- Brayden Sumption was awarded the Mark Seftner scholarship and was selected to the All-Tournament team. Congratulations to him on those individual honors.
- This season the team had its first win over Warner since 2020, its first win over Ellendale since 2020, and its first win over Aberdeen Christian since 2017.

The Titans showed they belonged on the big stage. The respect that they wanted all season was earned this weekend, and they proved they could play with those teams from down south. I wonder how many people across the state were watching and had to look online to figure out where Leola and Frederick were on a map of South Dakota. They know who we



PHOTOS BY HEIDI MARTTILA-LOSURE

Fans applaud the Titans as they enter the gym for their coming-home celebration March 17. Jeff Mueller, who spoke at the event, is pictured at left.

are and where we are now!

It was pretty awesome to see all the features written about our team at the end of the season. It felt like there was a new one nearly every day for about a week, including Coach Pashen's several interviews on the radio.

We should all be proud of how this team handled themselves on the court. There was no chirping at the officials, no complaining, no dirty looks after a call went against us. I heard people say this at least four times over the weekend. You left it all on the court, playing hard the whole weekend. Congratulations on showing good sportsmanship and representing your team, your co-op, that Titan logo, your schools, and your towns and communities with the highest level of class.

While there is some disappointment in not finishing higher, some of you heard former player and coach Luke Bruns talked about the memories that were made that are almost more important. Memories that no one can take away from you. And I'm guessing you guys have plenty of stories that you'll talk about every time you see each other in the years to come. I want you to remember a few other things, to keep everything in perspective:

- There will be a banner in each gym with your names on it. That banner will be up for a long time.
- An eighth-place plaque, and a SoDak 16 plaque, will be up in each school.
- This year's yearbooks will have your pictures and names and accomplishments for future kids to see, and for people to look back on as the years pass. And, you have just provided more reasons for elementary and junior high kids, our future Titans, to work hard to try to match or even surpass your accomplishments.

Whoever you looked up to when you were in junior high or elementary, YOU are now the person these other little kids are looking to emulate and copy. There are probably some kids out there that are going to drive their coaches nuts shooting 3-pointers from the N in Titans the next few years.

- In the tournament program, each participating team is listed from 1916 to the present. This team will now be in that group. By the way, this is now the combined 11th appearance in the boys' state tourney between the two schools.

To get to the tournament, it takes preparation, dedication, and hard work, both in the offseason and during the season. There is also some luck involved, but you have to be in position to take advantage of that luck, and when the opportunity presents itself, you have to take hold of it. Be proud that you were able to do that – remember, there are 65 other class B teams that would trade places with us, and many good teams both this year and in other years, including some pretty good Titans teams, that fell short of the state tournament.

As someone who writes many of the Leola newspaper articles for our sporting events, does all the Leola PA announcing, and the play-by-play for the Leola TV and livestream broadcasts...this was a fun team to cover, write about, and talk about. I've talked with a few of you about the number of times that I'd be writing down a stat, usually a basket scored, and when I'd look back up, I'd see that we'd somehow gotten the ball back, or even saw the ball going through the hoop again without knowing how it happened or who scored. That's kind of a cool problem to have.

Well done, Titans!

# STATE B ACTION



Brayden Sumption puts up a three early in the Titans' game against Castlewood.



**TOP LEFT:** Gavin Nickelson drives to the hoop. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Ethan Petrich shoots after an offensive board. **ABOVE:** Taylor Himanga defends against a Viborg-Hurley player. **TOP RIGHT:** Milo Sumption takes a charge. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Noah Kippley puts up a jumper.



**RIGHT:** Titus Kippley and Gavin Nickelson start the Titans' press by bothering the recipient of an in-bounds pass during their game against Gregory. **FAR RIGHT:** Brayden Sumption reaches toward the hoop over Gregory defender.



Westyn Thorpe scores around Castlewood's Lane Tvedt.

# TITANS @ STATE



Eighth-grader Jace Thorpe shoots for two over a Viborg-Hurley defender.



Zander Hoffman shoots during the Viborg-Hurley game.



**ABOVE:** Winston Clark scores against Castlewood. **LEFT:** Erik Losure gets his name in the stat book with a jumper over a Viborg-Hurley defender as Lucas Gulbranson preps to rebound.



Austin Jenkins smiles at a fan.





**ABOVE:** Fans had themes for every game. Thursday's theme was neon.  
**BELOW:** Titus Kippley angles to put back an offensive rebound.



**ABOVE:** Milo Sumption watches his shot fall in as he sails past a defender.  
**BELOW:** Coach Brock Pashen is interviewed by SDPB announcer Brad DeBeer.



**LEFT:** Fans celebrate a key late three-pointer by Brayden Sumption during the Gregory game. **RIGHT:** Taylor Himanga puts up a three.



# SENIOR SPORTS SEND-OFF

## WINTER 2024



**TAYLOR HIMANGA**

**Parents:** Bruce Himanga and Lisa Thayer  
**Favorite basketball memory:** My favorite memory is when we found AJ sleeping in the lobby of the Ramkota.  
**Advice to younger athletes:** Have fun and be confident.



**BRAYDEN SUMPTION**

**Parents:** Stephanie and Joel Sumption  
**Favorite basketball memory:** Winning in the SoDak 16 and going to state.  
**Advice to younger athletes:** Have confidence because of the work you put in.

### What's coming up

*Continued from front page*

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

**TUESDAY, MAY 14**

**Sports physicals**

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

**Warner track meet,** time TBD, Warner

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15**

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 16**

**Last day of school at Frederick Area**

**SATURDAY, MAY 18**

**Graduation,** 1 p.m. at Frederick Area School

**MONDAY, MAY 20**

**Region golf meet,** 9 a.m. at Cattail Crossing in Watertown

## Pashen named coach of the year

Leola/Frederick head boys Coach Brock Pashen was named Region 1 Coach of the Year by the South Dakota Basketball Coaches Association.

Pashen, who took the head coaching position in 2015, led the Titans to 22 wins and a spot in the Class B Boys state tournament this season.

### All-Tournament Team

Brayden Sumption was named to the All-Tournament Team at the State B Boys Basketball Tournament.

### All-State Team

Brayden Sumption was selected to the third team Class B All-State team, and Noah Kippley received an honorable mention.

Other past Titan boys who have been selected to an All-State team include Aaron Kappes, third team (2004) Aaron Kappes, second team (2005) and Brian Sumption, third team (2013).

### LRC Honors

Five Titans received boys Lake Region Conference honors for the 2023-24 season.

Senior Brayden Sumption and Junior Noah Kippley earned first-team honors. Junior Gavin Nickelson and sophomores Milo Sumption and Ethan Petrich received honorable mentions.



Brock Pashen strategizes with his team during a quarter break at the State B basketball tournament.

The Titans tied with Faulkton Area for first place in the conference, each with a record of 6-1.

### Academic All-State

Titans who received Academic All-State honors recently were, from the girls basketball team, Chloe Arneson, Jocelynn Ellwein, Sofia Losure, Olivia Morlock, and Laura Sumption, and from the boys basketball team, Brayden Sumption, Taylor Himanga, Connor Spitzer, and Austin Jenkins.

Frederick Area Senior Levi Little, who plays hockey for the Aberdeen Cougars, was one of four Cougars players to receive Academic All-State honors.



# CHLOE ARNESON

**Parents:** James Arneson and Bridget Punke  
**Favorite basketball memory:** Hearing how loud the crowd was when we played in the SoDak16 game my Junior year.  
**Advice to younger athletes:** Put in the extra work during the summer. It pays off.



# JOCELYNN ELLWEIN

**Parents:** Jonathan and Jennifer Ellwein  
**Favorite basketball memory:** My favorite memory is playing Among Us on the bus..  
**Advice to younger athletes:** My advice is to put in extra hours in season and out of season.



# SOFIA LOSURE

**Parents:** Dave and Heidi Losure  
**Favorite basketball memory:** Releasing my rage and extra energy at practice every day, especially during Texas Toast.  
**Advice to younger athletes:** Sign up for Mr. Pashen's camps.



# OLIVIA MORLOCK

**Parents:** Marty and Jennifer Morlock  
**Favorite basketball memory:** Playing Among Us on the bus rides to games  
**Advice to younger athletes:** Put in the extra time when no one is watching. It may not be noticed but it will benefit you in the long run.



# LAURA SUMPTION

**Parents:** Warren and Sarah Sumption  
**Favorite basketball memory:** Passing the Northwestern bus to the region game in Webster or eating at the Chinese restaurant in Alexandria, MN.  
**Advice to younger athletes:** Work in the off-season and use the gun often.



# MORGAN SUMPTION

**Parents:** Mark and Michelle Sumption  
**Favorite basketball memory:** Playing Among Us on the bus and Laura and I becoming an undefeated duo.  
**Advice to younger athletes:** Even when it gets hard, remember to enjoy the time you have with your team because it keeps it fun and makes it worth it.

## City of Frederick March 4, 2024 Minutes

Frederick's town board meeting was held Monday, March 4, 2024 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 8:05 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board members Troy Millard and Jeff Koters, 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 February meeting were read and approved with a motion by Millard/Koters; motion carried. The financial statements were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Koters/Millard; motion carried. The March accounts payable were approved with a motion by Millard/Koters; motion carried.

### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL	\$1,438.45
Brown Co. Sheriffs Office deputy svcs Genl	\$1,041.67
Century Bus Products printer Genl	\$75.11
Dahme Construction demo house Genl	\$26,052.24
Dahme Construction leak Wtr	\$6,556.07
Dependable Sanitation Grbg	\$1,723
DRN Readitech service FO	\$21.04
EFPTS taxes Genl/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cmty	\$945.88
FDC Econ Devlp	\$1,200
GDI minutes Genl	\$23.73
USDA-RD loan Swr	\$3,763
J. Koters wage Genl	\$46.17
J. Morlock wage FO	\$1,443.04
JVT Genl/Wtr/EBL/FO	\$289.93
M. Cox wage EBL	\$625.30
M. Heine wage FO	\$1,195.64
Marty Morlock meter work Wtr	\$600.27

Metering & Technology supplies Wtr	\$613.22
R. Bakeberg supervisor wage Wtr	\$230.87
S. Campbell wage Genl	\$69.26
SD Dept of Health Wtr	\$15
SD Dept of Rev sales tax Genl	\$65.78
VISA postage Genl	\$15.24
USDA-RD loan Wtr	\$475
WEB Water Wtr	\$4,640.55

### OLD BUSINESS

Scott Campbell provided a utility report. The board reviewed the Brown County Sheriffs report from patrolling the area. Troy Millard turned in a petition for the board vacancy.

### NEW BUSINESS

Equalization Week is March 18-22, and meetings will be held in the Frederick Community Center on Monday, March 18th at 7 PM. The city will act as a passthrough agent for the Fredrick Athletic Association for a grant from the North Brown Community Foundation.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, April 3 at 7 PM.

Motion to adjourn made by Millard/Koters at 8:59 PM; motion carried.

M. Heine, Assistant Finance Officer

## Town of Westport General Meeting, March 4, 2024

The Town of Westport met on March 4th, 2024 with Deb & Dan Schlosser, Jeff Stein, Kathy Patton, Larry Schmit, Shane Storm, Mitch Wilson and Doreen Hertel present.

The following expenses were presented:

### City General

NWPS	\$578.45
Groton Independent	\$13.25

Cardmember services - Computer virus protection	\$156.74
Payroll - Larry Schmit	\$150.00
Shane Storm	\$50.00
Mitch Wilson	\$150.00
Doreen Hertel	\$900.00

### Sewer

NWPS	\$55.40
NRWA -loan repayment	\$210.13
Payroll -Doreen Hertel	\$300.00

### Water

WEB	\$2,825.99
Water Maintenance District	\$459.18
Payroll- Doreen Hertel	\$300.00

Shane Storm made motion to pay all bills; second by Larry Schmit.

The following deposits were presented:

### City General

Brown County Collections	\$378.59
John Badgley- Cemetery	\$250.00
State of SD	\$6,895.99
Interest	\$216.92

### Sewer

Resident Payments	\$2,350.00
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### Water

Resident Payments	\$3,523.91
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### NEW BUSINESS:

Equalization meeting will be held on Monday March 18th 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the town hall. Kathy Patton and Jeff Stein inquired about the alleyway that the city owned adjacent to the church. They were looking to construct a shed on that piece of land. The board suggested to the church to get an easement. The church will check into it and get back to the board. The board has hired Jason Heagley to mow the cemetery for the 2024 season. The board will be looking for bids to fix the front of the Westport town hall. Discussion

was held on Water maintenance district bill. We have not received all of the invoices, so no payment will be made until they have met their part of the contract. WMD district contract will not be renewed. A donation to the fireworks club of \$1,500 was approved. Deb Schlosser was approved to take over job as finance officer. Mitch Wilson was approved to do the billing of Water / Sewer for the city. Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer

## Town of Westport General Meeting, April 1, 2024

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

The following bills were presented:

### City General

NWPS	\$632.40
Groton Independent	\$226.63
Elan Financial Services	\$903.04
B & B Contracting	\$276.25
Justin Ellefson - fireworks donation	\$1500.00
US Treasury	\$599.06
SD Unemployment Insurance Division	\$9.46

### Sewer

DANR	\$9,310.01
NWPS	\$63.01

### Water

Public Health Laboratory	\$30.00
WEB	2,123.30

Larry Schmit made motion to pay all bills, second by Shane Storm.

The following deposits were presented:

### City General

State of SD	\$1,803.95
Brown County Collections	935.84



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Interest	195.44
<b>Sewer</b>	
Resident Payments	2,785.92
<b>Water</b>	
Resident payments	4,208.89

**Old Business:**  
Shane Storm motioned, second by Larry Schmit to table bids for front of Town Hall.

**New Business:**  
Recommendations from Insurance audit were reviewed.  
Deb Schlosser, Finance Officer

## Frederick Area School District #6-2 Board Meeting, March 11, 2024

A regular meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education was called to order on March 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. Others in attendance: Dan Miller, Tom Grimmond, Troy Millard and Morgan Johnson.

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

**2024-070** Motion by Achen, second by Ellwein to approve the agenda as presented. All voted Aye. Motion carried. No conflict of interest disclosures.

**2024-071** Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to approve the following consent agenda items. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

- February 12, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- February 2024 Payroll
- February 2024 Financial Report
- March 2024 Bills

### FINANCIAL REPORT:

#### General Fund

Checking:	
Bal 2-1-24:	\$424,228.94
Receipts:	\$118,697.19
Disbursements:	\$203,572.08
Bal 2-29-24	\$339,354.05
Investments:	
Bal 2-1-24:	\$508,110.66
Interest:	\$78.33
Bal 2-29-24:	\$508,188.99
Ending Fund Balance:	\$847,543.04

#### Imprest Fund:

Bal 2-1-24:	\$3,460.12
Receipts:	\$1,574.88
Disbursements:	\$696.25
Bal 2-29-24	\$4,338.75

#### Capital Outlay Fund:

Checking:	
Bal 2-1-24:	\$633,468.51
Receipts:	\$7,395.28
Disbursements:	\$8,200.54
Bal 2-29-24	\$632,663.25
Investments:	
Bal 2-1-24:	\$2,053,800.96
Ending Fund Balance:	\$2,686,464.21

#### Special Education Fund

Checking:	
Bal 2-1-24:	\$63,569.63
Receipts:	\$3,040.57
Disbursements:	\$33,193.78
Bal 2-29-24	\$33,416.42
Investments:	
Bal 2-29-24:	\$1,443,913.67
Ending Fund Balance:	\$1,477,330.09

#### Food Service Fund:

Bal 2-1-24:	\$16,357.14
Receipts:	\$7,233.46
Disbursements:	\$15,563.59
Bal 2-29-24	\$8,027.01

#### Drivers Ed Fund:

Bal 2-29-24	\$0.4
Receipts:	\$1,750.00
Disbursements:	\$0
Bal 2-29-24	\$1,750.04
Custodial Fund:	
Bal 2-1-24:	\$54,915.50
Receipts:	\$6,851.44
Disbursements:	\$7,224.04
Bal 2-29-24	\$54,542.90

#### Ovid J Stevens Scholarship:

Checking: Bal 2-29-24	\$85.
Investments: Bal 2-29-24:	\$25,773.29
Ending Fund Balance:	\$25,774.14.

#### CLAIMS APPROVED:

General Fund salaries	109,808.30
Special Education salaries	16,847.11
Food Service salaries	4,209.94
EFTPS, federal income tax/Social Security/ Medicare	34,545.30
AFLAC, supplemental insurance	1,126.81
American Funds, retirement	638.89
Delta Dental, insurance	2,219.30
Northern Plains Insurance Pool	15,610.47
The Standard, life insurance	242.08
Security Benefits, retirement	2,177.78
Optilegra, vision insurance	470.57
SD Retirement	178,112
SD Retirement Supplemental,	3,811.55
Total:	\$209,519.22

#### BILLS APPROVED

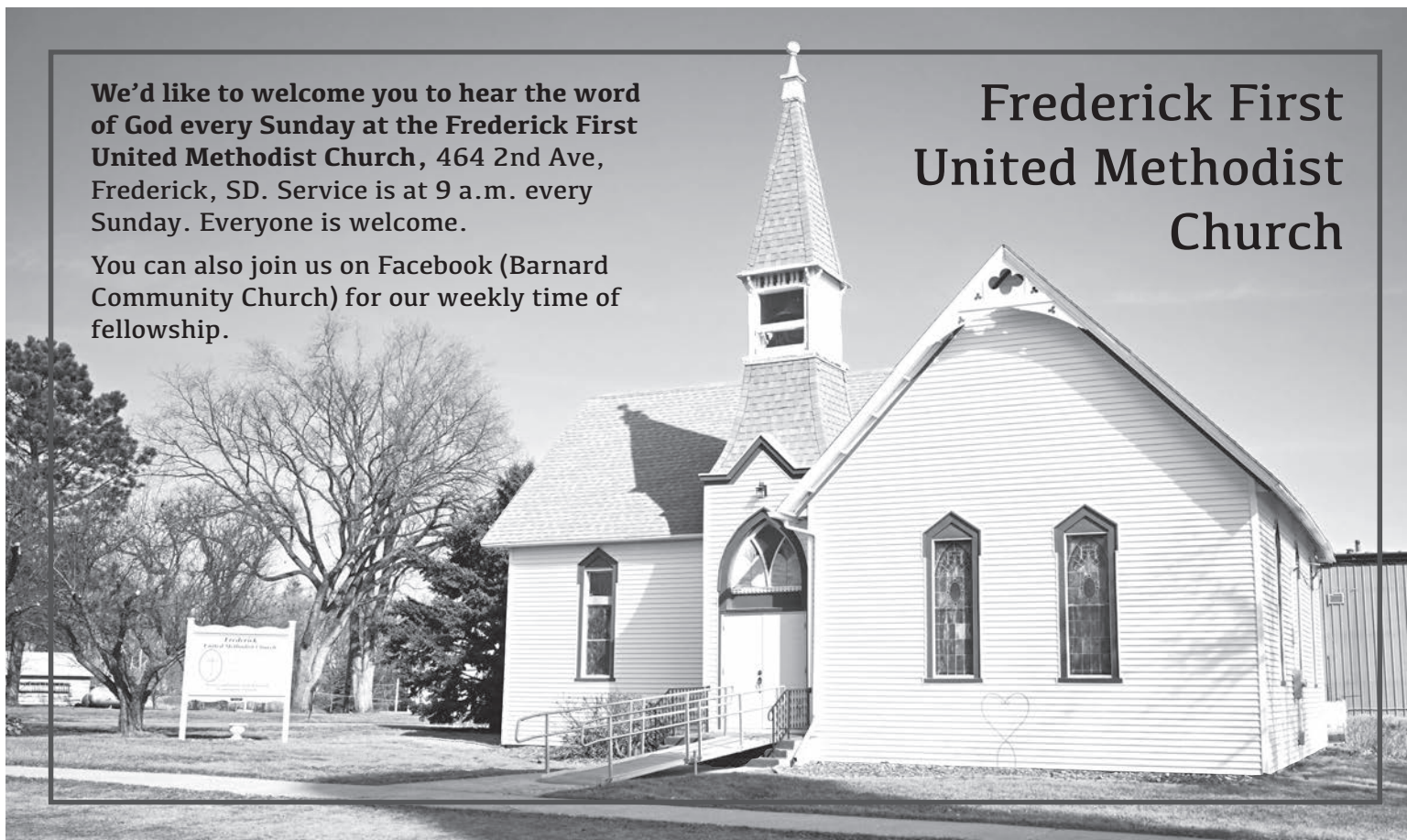
<b>General Fund</b>	
Aberdeen Awards-fb awards	160.71
Agtegra-fuel/heating fuel	9,319.16
Amazon- supplies	491.81

Bricks TV & Appliance-wash. mach. labor	120.00
Brown County Treasurer-bus registration	28.20
Cahill Bauer & Associates-fy23 audit	3,450.00
CWD-FFVP	644.75
Century Business-copier coverage	465.43
Cole Papers-custodial supplies	1,123.91
Dakota Prairie Museum-art exhibit reg	75.00
Dallmann, Jennifer-education reimb	60.00
Edutrak-lunch software	1,880.50
Farmers Union Oil-bus/vehicle maint	276.01
FASD Imprest Fund-misc.	696.25
First National Bank-state bbb tournament meal money	2,017.00
GDI News- publishing	158.11
Hauff Mid America Sports-basketballs	151.53
Jensen, Nevan-bb liveticket	30.00
Johnson Controls- heat repair	963.73
Jostens-yearbook deposit	1,020.00
JVT-phone	253.45
JW Pepper-music	86.99
Ketterling-team photos	170.00
Little, Jennifer-extra duty-concessions	20.00
Losure, Erik-liveticket worker	15.00
MARC-maintenance supplies	805.32
Merchant Services-cc processing fees	122.98
Midstates Group-xc banner	277.00
Midwest Wall Systems-house maint	1,581.00
Montana-Dakota Utilities-utilities	5,617.00
Morlock, Marty- fuel reimbursement	40.00
Napa Central-transportation supplies	57.99
Northern State University-spring 2024 digital textbooks	473.97
Pantorium Cleaners-supplies	133.40
Pierson Ford-expedition maintenance	395.85
Pirate Ship-postage	11.97
Ringgenberg, Jessica-extra duty concessions	2000
Runnings-transportation supplies	6.99
Schlosser, Andrew-bb liveticket	15.00
SD FCCLA-SLC registration	1,765.00
SDIAAA-conference registration	78.00

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## Frederick First United Methodist Church



Sumption, Austin-bbb ref	50.00	Pantorium Cleaners-kitchen supplies,	92.35
Sumption, Stacey-extra duty concessions	20.00	<b>Imprest Fund:</b>	
Taylor Music-horn repairs	150.00	Brown County Sheriff-fingerprints	100.00
Teachers Pay Teachers-curric supplements	5.00	Division of Criminal Inv-bckgd checks	216.25
Top Notch Repair-bathroom maint	300.00	First Natl Bank-reimb admission cash box	18.00
Town of Frederick-utilities	662.64	Haas, Wayne-track/field clinic meals	46.00
USPS-stamps	68.00	Morlock, Marty-track/field clinic meals	46.00
WalMart-title I supplies	105.15	NSU-science fair registration	150.00
<b>Capital Outlay Fund:</b>		SoDak Track Clinic-track/field clinic	120.00
Amazon-books	106.37	<b>Custodial Fund:</b>	
Century Business Products-copier lease	306.66	Cash-Wa-concessions	338.66
Johnson Controls-building efficiency	17,715.36	Cash-Wa Direct-concessions	130.60
MARCO-intercom installment	13,944.00	Hauff Mid-America Sports-gbb warm ups	60.00
<b>Special Education Fund:</b>		Kens-concessions	143.33
Avera-OT/PT	4,675.68	Kesslers-SADD fundraiser/concessions	398.38
Johnson, Morgan-conf meal money	60.00	Target-FBLA week/SADD fundraiser	158.58
Kosters, Christine-conf meal money	60.00	Region 1B BBB (paid by region, but processed through our custodial fund's clearing account): Aberdeen Christian School-region host site	400.00
<b>Food Service Fund:</b>		Deutsch, Patrick-bbb region official	273.18
Amazon-supplies	15.49	Deutsch, Scott-bbb region official	236.55
CWD-food/supplies	4,022.38		
Community Store-food	34.21		
FASD Custodial Fund-leftover concessions	39.34		

Frericks, Kris-bbb region official	180.00
Gaikowski, Bryan-bbb region official	139.68
Holt, Adam-bbb region official	93.60
Kosters, Christine-bbb region official	25.00
Kosters-Jeff, bbb region chair	500.00
Kosters-Zach, bbb region custodian	50.00
Kurth, Travis- bbb region official	121.62
Leola School District-bbb region host site	200.00
Morlock, Marty-bbb region shot clock	25.00
Paulson, Matt-bbb region official	235.08
Pearson, Levi-bbb region official	95.40
Ruesink, Doug-bbb region official	370.74
Schlosser, Rich-bbb region clock	25.00
Severson, Shauna-bbb region treasurer	100.00
Steinwandt, Tim-bbb region official	180.00
Veffin, Wade-bbb region official	219.06
Waage, Tom-bbb region official	180.00
Warner School District-bbb region host site	175.00
Waverly-SS-bbb region host site/region gbb admission	1,109.00
Weismantel, Martin-bbb region official	111.96
Wimot School District-bbb region host site	175.00
Zinter, Tonya-bbb region book	25.00

**2024-074** Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to approve the following election workers for the Opt Out Election on April 9, 2024: Frederick- Diane Bruns, Mavis Cox, Deb Gustafson; Westport- Laura Adema, Melissa Ellwein, Lisa Ham; and set the rate of pay at \$200/election day plus mileage, as well as, \$15/hr for any training/set up prior to election day.

All voted Aye. Motion carried.

The JLG Agreement was tabled to the regular April board meeting.

**2024-075** Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to open negotiations for the 2024-25 school year. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

**2024-076** Motion by Sumption, second by Achen to approve the resignation of Shauna Severson as Concessions Manager. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

The Board would like to recognize the Leola/Frederick Titans BBB team for advancing to the State Tournament; Sofia Losure and Laura Sumption on being selected as 1st Team All-Lake Region Conference players and Jillian Ellwein on her Honorable Mention selection; Laura Sumption for being selected as the MVP of the conference; Levi Little for being named an Academic All-State for Hockey.

**2024-077** Motion by Achen, second by Sumption to go into executive session at 7:23 p.m. for SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Schlosser declared the board out of executive session at 8:11 p.m.

**2024-078** Motion by Hart, second by Achen to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried. The next meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education will be held April 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Rich Schlosser, President  
Shauna Severson, Business Manager

The following reports were presented:

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

**2024-072** Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to approve a CD at Plains Commerce Bank in the amount of \$500,000.00. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

A draft of the Negotiated Agreement/Teacher Handbook was distributed to the board. It will be reviewed once negotiations are complete.

**2024-073** Motion by Achen, second by Hart to transfer \$75,000 from Special Education Savings to Checking. All voted Aye. Motion carried.



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## Prom Fun Walk

Students have some fun with the last walk through the Grand March at the Leola-Frederick Prom, which was held fairly early this year on March 23. The students' post-prom event at Alleivity was postponed to April due to a storm that arrived early the next day.

PHOTOS BY HEIDI MARTTILA-LOSURE



## More students take part in golf this season

By JEFF KOSTERS  
Golf Coach

Golf season officially began on March 25, but we weren't in school that day due to having our first snow day of the school year. Outside of that, we have been able to get outdoors more often than not, and that has not always been the case in more recent years. Our first golf meet is scheduled for next week, but the forecast doesn't look real good for that at this point.

The programs numbers are up quite a bit this spring, with 16 students participating. There are nine from high school (seven boys and two girls) and seven from middle school (four boys and three girls). Seniors include McKinley Kosters, Levi Little and Brayden Sumpston; juniors Noah Kippley and Gavin Nickelson; Sophomores



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Addison Wolbeck finished third in the junior high division and Ruby Dallmann finished first in the junior varsity division during the first golf action of the season April 23 in Gettysburg.

Alivia Little, Milo Sumpston and Westyn Thorpe; and freshman Addalynn Lloyd. Middle schoolers include eighth graders Eli Nickelson and Jace Thorpe; seventh graders Ruby Dallmann and Leah Grotelueschen; and sixth graders Bentley Sumpston, Easton Thayer, and Addison Wolbeck.



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# Titans on the quest for state-worthy performances

The Frederick Titans bring back many of the athletes that took the team to the state track meet last season and are hoping to extend their season to the end of May again this year.

The boys, who placed in both the 4x400 and 4x800 relays at state in 2023, are aiming to put together another series of state-qualifying relays. Runners who have competed in relays so far this season include Brayden Sumption, Gavin Nickelson, Noah Kippley, Titus Kippley, Milo Sumption, and Winston Clark. Winston unfortunately suffered an ankle injury in the first meet of the season and will be out for 10-12 weeks for surgery and recovery.

Brayden Sumption has had some strong individual performances, including in long jump, a new event for him. Gavin Nickelson also has made a strong showing in the 800-meter run.

Relays are also a priority on the girls side. Relay runners include Morgan Sumption, Sofia Losure, Laura Sumption, Jill Ellwein, Chloe Arneson, Kalyce Achen, and Katie Bretsch.

Morgan Sumption, who has committed to run at Black Hills State University next year, is a contender in the 800-meter and the 1600-meter runs, and Laura Sumption has done well in the 1600 and 3200.

Sofia Losure has placed well in the high jump. She placed sixth in the event at the state meet in 2023.



Gavin Nickelson placed third in the 800-meter run with a personal record time of 2:06.10 on April 15 in Britton.



Brayden Sumption kicks up some dust in a new event this season, landing a long jump of 20 feet, 2.25 inches in Groton.



**LEFT:** Morgan Sumption leads in the home stretch of the 800-meter run in Oakes on April 25. **RIGHT:** Sofi Losure, right, hands off to Laura Sumption during the 4x400-meter relay in Oakes. PHOTOS BY HEIDI MARTTILA-LOSURE



**LEFT:** Noah Kippley, right, passes to his brother Titus during the 4x400-meter relay at Britton on April 15. **RIGHT:** Jill Ellwein brings it home for the Titans as her teammates Laura Sumption and Morgan Sumption cheer her on during the 4x400-meter relay in Oakes on April 25.