

What's coming up

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8

Region 4 Small Group Music Contest, Aberdeen

MathCounts Regional Competition, Aberdeen

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

THURSDAY, FEB. 9

Girls basketball vs. Herreid/Selby, 6:30 p.m. at Leola

SATURDAY, FEB. 11

Basketball doubleheader vs. Webster Area, 1 p.m. at Frederick. Boys C game at noon.

MONDAY, FEB. 13

Frederick school board meeting, 6 p.m. in the school library

TUESDAY, FEB. 14

Basketball doubleheader vs. Waubay/Summit, 4 p.m. at Frederick
Junior high boys basketball vs. Trinity Lutheran, 6:30 p.m. at Leola

THURSDAY, FEB. 16

Junior high boys basketball vs. North Central, 4 and 5 p.m. at Leola
Girls basketball vs. North Central, 6:30 p.m. at Leola

FRIDAY, FEB. 17

Boys basketball vs. Herreid/Selby, 6:30 p.m. at Herreid. Junior high games at 4 and 5 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 20

Girls basketball Region 1B Tournament. Continues Tuesday and Thursday.

FRIDAY, FEB. 24

Boys basketball vs. Ipswich, 6:30 p.m. at Leola. Junior high games at 4 and 5 p.m.

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Sports co-op to remain for 2023-24

Leola-Frederick co-op becomes topic of intense community conversation after public comment, public letter from board member

By HEIDI MARTTILA-LOSURE

A plan to dissolve the Leola-Frederick Area sports co-op for volleyball and basketball is in limbo after Frederick Area's school board voted to table the motion at their Jan. 9 meeting following public comment opposing the motion. While the co-op will likely be discussed at the board's next meeting Feb. 13, deadlines to make a change before next year have passed, and so the co-op will remain in place for the 2023-24 school year.

After discussing the co-op at a special meeting on Jan. 4, the Frederick Area board sent a letter to families of students on Jan. 5.

"Like many small schools, we are trying to figure out ways in which we can try to increase our enrollment numbers while doing what is best for our current students," the letter said. "We feel we may possibly be able to draw more students to our district if we aren't in an athletic coop and all our practices and games are held here in Frederick."

It further stated that the decision to dissolve the co-op would be formalized at the Jan. 9 meeting.

The meeting was moved to the gym from the regular location of the school library to accommodate the roughly 100 people in attendance. Fourteen people spoke during the time allowed for public comment, all speaking against the proposed dissolution of the co-op, or at the least asking for more time and a more inclusive process before the decision is made.

While most speakers were Leola residents, many had ties in both communities. Several former and current coaches spoke, and one student athlete gave her opinion.

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Titans have notable victories

Both the girls and boys Titans' basketball teams have given fans thrilling wins recently. On Jan. 19, the boys team took on Northwestern, which to that date was undefeated. The game went into overtime, and in overtime was tied again with 1.9 seconds left on the clock, when Sam Vetter (left) put up a three-pointer to win the game, 59-56. The girls team faced Warner on Feb. 2, a team that has been receiving votes in the polls. The Titans were down five points going into halftime but rallied to win, 43-39. Laura Sumption (right) hit four three-pointers in the game. Leola-Frederick hadn't defeated Warner in girls basketball in six years.

PHOTOS BY HEIDI MARTTILA-LOSURE



Second-Quarter Honor Roll

Ending December 2022 • grade level in parentheses

Straight A Honor Roll

Rhylan Tschappat (7)
 Katelyn Bretsch (8)
 Kalyce Achen (9)
 Raegan Kempf (10)
 Noah Kippley (10)
 Gabby Millard (10)
 McKinley Kosters (11)
 Sofia Losure (11)
 Laura Sumption (11)
 Morgan Sumption (11)
 Stephen Achen (12)
 Nolan Jensen (12)

A Honor Roll

Arabella Clark (7)
 Jillian Ellwein (7)
 Eli Nickelson (7)
 Howard Sumption (7)
 Gage Burns (8)
 Samantha Dallmann (8)
 Natalee Foley (8)
 Jax Holmes (8)
 Ella Kempf (8)
 Titus Kippley (8)
 Winston Clark (9)
 Emily Dallmann (9)
 Hunter Kern (9)
 Alivia Little (9)
 Erik Losure (9)
 Milo Sumption (9)
 Gavin Nickelson (10)
 Chloe Arneson (11)
 Jocelynn Ellwein (11)
 Levi Little (11)
 Olivia Morlock (11)
 Audrey Reineke (11)
 Brayden Sumption (11)
 Madelyne Sumption (11)
 Johnathan Bretsch (12)
 Jericho King (12)
 Cole Peterson (12)
 Samuel Vetter (12)

B Honor Roll

Case Bretsch (7)
 Jaxon Ellwein (7)
 Jayden Ellwein (7)
 Olivia Foley (7)
 Allysen Larsen (7)
 Ian Nickelson (7)
 Jace Thorpe (7)
 Karli Achen (8)
 Aubrey Kraig (8)
 Domenick Pool (8)
 Preston Sumption (8)
 Christopher Voeller (8)
 Chloe Akin (9)
 Malona Cox (9)
 Nevan Jensen (9)
 Kira Knife (9)
 Ayden Larsen (9)
 Westyn Thorpe (9)
 Skylar Anderson (10)
 Zoe Cox (10)
 Autumn Hebl (10)
 Kierra Johnson (10)
 Zoe Kempf (10)
 Quentin Kolb (10)
 Clayton Peterson (10)
 Daniel Dallmann (11)
 Elijah Flynn (11)
 Taylor Himanga (11)
 Keyanna Knife (11)
 Danika Lickfelt (11)
 Memphys Storm (11)
 Tristan Sumption (11)
 Brendan Tschappat (11)
 Jerrad Clark (12)
 Isaac Voeller (12)

January Students of the Month



Elementary Students of the Month for January were, back row, Ruby Dallmann, Eden Podoll, and Yuri Bain; and front row, Arabella Dosch, Cara Wade, Dylan Dellman, and Ryker Schoenfelder. The trait for the month was scholarly.



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Junior high/high school Students of the Month for January, based on the trait of scholarly, were Raegan Kempf, Audrey Reineke, Katie Bretsch, and Nolan Jensen.

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Co-op: Speakers voice concerns about process, plan

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ReEtta Sieh, president of the Leola School Board, gave a statement from the Leola School Board stating that the board opposed the dissolution. “We would also like the public to know that at no time was this brought to our attention. Every joint board meeting, it was said that both sides were committed to making the Leola-Frederick co-op work,” Sieh said. “We feel the abrupt timing of the motion to dissolve is not in the best interest of either school or community.”

Sieh added that the plan outlined in the Jan. 5 letter from the Frederick Area School Board—that the co-op would remain for football but would be dissolved for the other sports—was not acceptable to the Leola School Board.

“It is the position of the Leola School District that this is an all-or-nothing agreement. We will not co-op for football if we are not cooped in basketball and volleyball,” Sieh said.

Themes of comments address process as well as the plan itself

The public comment period lasted about 45 minutes. While the speakers emphasized different things, some common themes emerged:

The co-op has been successful. Troy Podoll, former head girls basketball coach who coached junior high girls this fall and is helping with the varsity and JV teams currently, pointed out the banner on the wall from the 2015-16 team he coached, which was the most recent girls team to go to the state tournament. He spoke about the excitement and electricity that was generated during that team’s season. “I can tell you with absolute certainty that that banner would not be there if not for Leola,” he said.

David Clark of Frederick said that while he has tried to learn more to understand the reasoning of the dissolution plan, he cannot at this time support it. “The co-op’s been a very positive experience for our kids,” he said.

Residents of the community, and especially kids, have been hurt by the decision. “Gentlemen, you’ve formed a rift here,” said Leola resident Mark Lapka (who introduced himself as “Holly’s husband”) to start his comments.

Bryson Thorpe, who went to school in Leola and who now coaches junior high in Frederick, saw the kids he coaches upset by the decision. “I’ve always coached those boys as Titans—I’ve never coached them as Leola. I’ve never coached them as Frederick. And it hurts to see them hurt,” he said.

Kristi Spitzer, a member of the Leola School Board, said the dissolution of the co-op would



The Frederick Area School Board listens to public comment during the meeting Jan. 9, 2023. A Leola-Frederick Titans logo hangs above them. Pictured from left are Eric Sumption, Alex Hart, Jon Ellwein, Rich Achen, and Rich Schlosser.

force difficult decisions for student athletes. “The sad thing is, one of the assumptions is that we’re competing for some of the same students. And if that’s accurate, again, keep in mind what’s best for the students,” she said. “Why would you have students choose between their love of sports and staying with their friends and their loyalty to their own community? I think that is an impossible thing to ask students and families to do. And if that’s the case, then shame on you.”

The timing between the notice and the vote was too short. “We felt like we just got hammered,” said John Bender of Leola.

Current student athlete Trinity Lechner of Leola urged the board to take more time in making the decision. “This is going to affect all of us,” she said. “Don’t make decisions rashly.”

Chad Weiszhaar was one of several who spoke using the metaphor of severed relationships. “For me, it’s really simple. The time given was not enough,” he said. “I think I’ll speak for everybody here—four or five days to break up a 20-year marriage, it’s not enough.”

Carli Flemmer, who said she considers herself a part of the Leola and Frederick community together, asked the board to postpone the decision to allow for more time to gather information and to clear up assumptions and rumors.

The decision-making process should have included input from stakeholders. This idea generated some of the more pointed comments of the evening. “Perhaps most infuriating was when I asked (board members) what feedback was gathered from your community of Frederick via survey, a poll, or open discussion, I was told, ‘We didn’t have to ask.’ Frederick School District, those were the actual words of your elected school board members,” said Leola resident Anna Wyly. She then cited a guide for school boards that stated board members have a responsibility to communicate with their staff, students, and community members. “As boards, you represent your communities. You cannot represent your community when you do not have their input. You should have brought the stakeholders into the discussion.”

Two small schools need one another and may need one another more in the future. Trevor Zantow, a member of the Leola School Board, said the two communities are in essentially the same situation. “The Leola School District doesn’t need Frederick. The Leola athletic teams need Frederick. You are far and away our best option. And I don’t think I’m wrong in saying the Frederick sports teams need Leola. We are your best option as well,” Zantow said. “If you divide us, that’s going to make a very deep divide amongst two very small neighboring communities. I don’t think that’s a good idea for anybody. We need each other.”

Mark Lapka sees the greater concern coming in a decade or two. “We’re not going to be talking about if we have enough kids between schools to have a sports team. We’re going to be talking about if we have enough kids between the two towns to even have a school,” he said. “That’s where Leola and Frederick mesh very well together. We’re close enough, we have an established relationship because of this sports co-op to potentially move forward. If you tear that all down, you’re going to take that rift and tear it into a giant divide that I’m afraid there’s no coming back from.”

The Frederick Area board did not directly address the comments made by community members and moved on to the action item of dissolving the co-op. A motion to table the item was made, seconded, and carried. Many of those in attendance applauded after the decision was tabled.

Frederick Area board member writes a public letter

On Jan. 20, Frederick Area school board member Alex Hart published an open letter on [Frederickssd.com](https://www.frederickssd.com).

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Students do well at MathCounts contests



PHOTOS BY BROCK PASHEN

Frederick Area students competing in MathCounts did well in January. **LEFT:** On January 11, the eighth-grade MathCounts team took third place at the Simmons competition. Preston Sumption, Jax Holmes, Titus Kippley (10th overall), and Katie Bretsch. **RIGHT:** On January 18, they competed in Eureka, where Katie Bretsch, Jax Holmes, Jayden Ellwein, and Titus Kippley finished second overall. Individually, Katie was ninth, Jax was seventh, and Titus was third. “The Region competition will be held February 8 at Northern State University,” said Brock Pashen, MathCounts adviser. “The team of Jayden Ellwein, Katie Bretsch, Jax Holmes, and Titus Kippley will look to do well for us that day.”

Co-op: Hart’s letter describes past events related to sports co-ops

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“Dear Leola/Frederick Patrons, Due to recent events and the dark shadow that has been cast upon the Frederick Area School Board, of which I am a member, I felt it was appropriate to write this address to bring some mostly unknown facts into the light,” Hart’s letter began.

Hart wrote that the board believed the proposal was one that could improve the district for the better, though he added that the process could have been improved. “(K)nowing now how things would eventually transpire, I personally feel regret on my part for not communicating better with the patrons of the Frederick Area School District on this topic. I believe the key mistake the board made was prioritizing the urgency of scheduling/hiring deadlines over the importance of allowing a generally accepted ‘due process’ to take place,” he wrote.

While emphasizing that he was speaking only for himself, Hart gave three “fact groups,” or his personal accounts of events that had transpired.

The first fact group pertained to Leola school administrators inquiring about a potential sports co-op between the Eureka and Leola schools in the spring of 2021.

“As a member of the Frederick Area School Board during the time in question, I don’t re-

call hearing of Leola’s wishes to add another school to our existing coop. I also cannot imagine that they were looking to coop in a different sport like cross country or golf, because wouldn’t it make more sense to do so with Frederick, having an already established sports coop? Furthermore, why was the Frederick board not made aware of this proposed sports coop? Is it fair to assume that perhaps the Leola board had the intention of replacing Frederick? I think so,” Hart wrote.

The second fact group pertained to the former football co-op, the North Border Titans. Hart called the co-op a “shotgun” co-op because the board did not know if Leola would agree to continue the co-op with Frederick Area of the larger co-op wasn’t formed, as board members refused to answer that question in a public meeting. “(W)ithout knowing our coop partner’s intentions, our board was left with very few options. At this point in time the ‘shoe was on the other foot,’ and Frederick didn’t have enough student athletes to field a football team. ... we were left with no choice but to agree to enter the coop. I ask you this: Why is it that when the deck was stacked in Leola’s favor, that they didn’t have the same consideration for the well-being of our school district as we were apparently supposed to have for theirs?”

The third fact group pertained to Leola’s wrestling co-op with Ipswich/Bowdle. “It turns out that Leola abruptly voted to dissolve their wrestling coop with Ipswich/Bowdle at their October 13th, 2020 school board meeting ... Ipswich only learned of the dissolution after it had already passed. ... This would appear, at least to me, to be a double standard on their part.”

Hart noted in his conclusion, “Whatever perception you have of either board, I want us to at least all be judged on the same playing field. It is my belief that only now, when the Leola District School Board has nowhere else to turn, do they claim to be fully committed to this sports coop.”

The Facebook post sharing the letter (available on fredericksd.com), is one of the most widely shared posts on FrederickSD’s Facebook page and has had nearly 20,000 views.

For those wishing to voice their opinion on this topic, note that all school board meetings start with a public comment period. Speakers are allowed three minutes. Board members cannot take action on any item discussed during the public comment period in the same meeting unless it is already on the agenda.

Clarification: This article was changed on Feb. 9. The topics of Hart’s letter weren’t discussed at the Jan. 4 meeting.

State tests are scheduled for April

By JESSICA RINGGENBERG
Frederick Area K-8 Principal



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

It seems early to be talking about this now, but marking your calendars for the quickly approaching state testing season is never a bad thing.

This year, students at the Frederick Area School will test between April 2-April 20. All students in grades 3 through 8 and 11 will take the South Dakota English Language Arts and Mathematics assessments. Grades 5, 8, and 11 will also take an assessment in Science. We estimate the English assessment will take 3.5 hours, and the math assessment will take 2.5 hours per grade level. The science assessments also take an estimated two hours. This time will be spread out into smaller chunks over a few weeks. Below you will see the exact dates/times of testing for your child.

Tests are taken on the computer and are untimed. These

tests are an important part of our school improvement process and assist teachers in understanding strengths and weaknesses in students and curriculum in order to design stronger instruction. Reports showing scores will be sent home with final report cards at the end of the year.

You may ask yourself, how can I help my child achieve his/her best on these tests? There is no need to study in preparation for the assessments. First, make sure your child is present on testing days. We practice this

in an environment they know. When gone, students may become anxious about when/where/how they will make up testing sessions. Being prepared for what is coming will ease their minds and allow them to focus on what they need to do.

Second, be encouraging! Let them know that you expect them to work hard and try their best but also that you believe in them. We work on these skills all year long and believe in our students and their abilities to let their skills shine; hearing it at home is a huge motivator as well! A positive attitude goes a long way.

Finally, make sure your child gets plenty of rest the night before the test and has a good healthy breakfast. Starting the day on the right foot can make all the difference in a child's health and attitude for the day.

We appreciate your support and encouragement during testing season. It is truly one of the best things you can do to ensure success!

What's coming up

SATURDAY, FEB. 25

Junior high boys basketball tournament in Warner. Times TBD.

MONDAY, FEB. 27

Boys basketball Region 1B Tournament. Continues Tuesday and Thursday.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

Girls basketball SoDak 16

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

Boys basketball SoDak 16

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

Girls basketball State B Tournament in Huron. Continues Friday and Saturday.

MONDAY, MARCH 13

Frederick school board meeting, 6 p.m. in the school library

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

Boys Basketball State B Tournament in Aberdeen. Continues Friday and Saturday.

Grade	Date	Time	Test
Elementary (Grades 3-6)	April 3-6	8:30-10:00 daily	ELA
7th Grade	April 3-6	10:00-11:40 daily	Math
8th Grade	April 3-6	10:00-11:40 daily	English
11th Grade	April 3-6	9:00-9:50 daily	Science
7th grade	April 11-14	10:00-11:40 daily	English
8th grade	April 11-14	10:00-11:40 daily	Math
11th Grade	April 13-14	8:10-11:40 daily	English & Math
5th Grade	April 11-14	10:30-11:20 daily	Science
Elementary (Grades 3-6)	April 17-20	12:30-1:55 daily	Math
11th Grade	April 17-18	8:10-11:40 daily	English & Math
8th Grade	April 17-20	8:10-9:00 daily	Science

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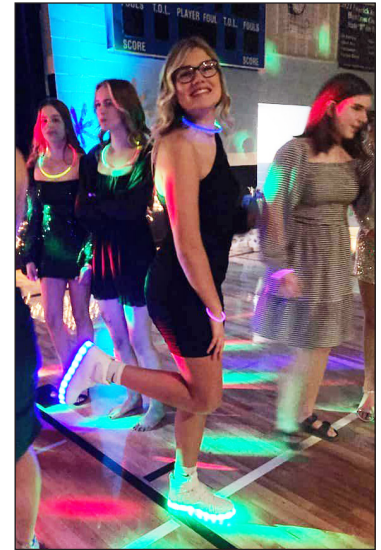
Challenge focuses on heart health



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The Kids Heart Challenge started with a kick-off event in January and goes through Feb 10. In addition to raising money for the American Heart Association, any student who goes online and completes Finn's Challenge to learn hands-on CPR and other life saving efforts will receive an extra recess. Through fundraising and online activities, students will learn more about heart healthy habits.

Winter formal supports FCCLA, Safe Harbor



FASD PHOTOS

Frederick Area students enjoyed the first winter formal in many years on Jan. 21. The event was an FCCLA project of Maddie Sumption, a junior (pictured above right). The event proved to be very successful. "We were able to secure a Thrivent donation to cover the cost of snacks and donate more supplies to Safe Harbor," said Principal Jessica Ringgenberg. "About 40 students attended, and with some extra generous donations raised about \$600 for FCCLA along with a large basket full of hygiene products for Safe Harbor. The decorating crew did a wonderful job and a good time was had by all."



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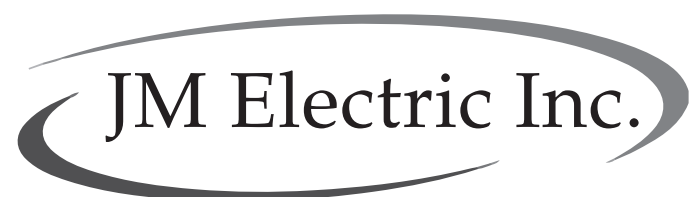
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Frederick Area School District #6-2 Special Board of Education Meeting January 4, 2023

A special meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education was called to order on January 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Rich Achen, Jon Ellwein, Alex Hart and Eric Sumption. Others present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Kusters, Business Manager Shauna Severson, Jim Holbeck and Brock Pashen.

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

Motion 2023-062 Motion by Achen, second by Sumption to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, carried. No one was present for public comment.

No conflict of interest disclosures.

Governance Academy for Visionary Education Leadership Training by Jim Holbeck from AS-BSD took place.

The Leola/Frederick Sports Coop was discussed. The Board advised Mr. Kusters to inform Leola and our patrons of the intention to approve the dissolution of the Sports Coop for basketball and volleyball at the January 9, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Motion 2023-063 Motion by Achen, second by Hart to adjourn at 9:36 p.m. All voted aye, carried.

Rich Schlosser, President
Shauna Severson, Business Manager

Frederick Area School District #6-2 Regular Board of Education Meeting January 9, 2023

A regular meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education was called to order on January 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Other members present were Rich Achen, Jon Ellwein, Alex Hart and Eric Sumption. Also present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Kusters, K-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg and Business Manager Shauna Severson. Ninety-five others were also in attendance from the Frederick and Leola communities; a list of those in attendance can be seen upon request.

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

Motion 2023-064 Motion by Achen, second by Hart to approve the agenda with the following amendments: addition of "Statement by the Leola School Board", addition of "Approval of Keith Underberg's Contract Amendment", and moving action item "Approve Dissolution of Leola/Frederick Sports Coop (VB and Boys/Girls BB)" after Public Comment. All aye, carried.

ReEtta Sieh made a statement on behalf of the Leola School Board.

The following individuals spoke during public comment: Neil Geffre, Jon Bender, Trinity Lechner, Chad Weiszhaar, Mark Lapka, David Clark, Bryson Thorpe, Anna Wyly, Nathan Hoffman, Trevor Zantow, Kristi Spitzer, Troy Podoll, Carli Flemmer. Each speaker was allotted 3 minutes.

ted 3 minutes.

Motion 2023-065 Motion by Achen, second by Sumption to table the motion to approve the dissolution of Leola/Frederick Sports Coop (VB and Boys/Girls BB). All voted Aye. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest disclosures.

Motion 2023-066 Motion by Sumption, second by Achen to approve the following consent agenda items. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

- December 12, 2022 Minutes
- December 2022 Financial Report, Custodial Accounts and Investments
- December 2022 Payroll
- January 2023 Bills

FINANCIAL REPORT:

General Fund

Checking:	
Bal 12-1-22:	\$393,198.29
Receipts:	\$195,405.22
Disbursements:	\$164,215.68
Transfers out	\$15,000.00
Bal 12-31-22	\$409,387.83
Investments:	
Bal 12-1-22:	\$288,880.70
Interest:	\$4.99
Bal 12-31-22:	\$288,885.69
Ending Fund Balance:	\$698,273.52

Imprest Fund:

Bal 12-1-22:	\$5,000.00
Receipts:	\$0
Disbursements:	\$775.08
Bal 12-31-22	\$4,224.92

Capital Outlay Fund

Checking:	
Bal 12-1-22:	\$583,826.53

Receipts:	\$71,153.98
Disbursements:	\$7,001.20
Bal 12- 31-22	\$647,979.31
Investments:	
Bal 12-1-22:	\$1,933,634.20
Interest:	\$0
Bal 12-31-22:	\$1,933,634.20
Ending Fund Balance:	\$2,581,613.51

Special Education Fund

Checking:	
Bal 12-1-22:	\$112,122.35
Receipts:	\$31,982.45
Disbursements:	\$26,644.54
Bal 12-31-22	\$117,460.26
Investments:	
Bal 12-1-22:	\$1,446,175.05
Interest:	\$0
Bal 12-31-22:	\$1,446,175.05
Ending Fund Balance:	\$1,563,635.31

Food Service Fund:

Bal 12-1-22:	\$641.12
Receipts:	\$4,086.67
Transfers in	\$15,000.00
Disbursements:	\$11,561.76
Bal 12-31-22	\$8,166.03

Drivers Ed Fund:

Bal 12-1-22:	66.35
Receipts:	\$0
Disbursements:	\$0
Bal 12-31-22	\$66.35

Custodial Fund:

Bal 12-1-22:	\$15,194.44
Receipts:	\$7,852.37
Disbursements:	\$1,614.44
Bal 12-31-22	\$21,432.37

Ovid J Stevens Scholarship:

Bal 12-1-22:	\$85
Receipts:	\$0
Disbursements:	\$0



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Bal 12-31-22	\$ 85
Investments:	
Bal 12-1-22:	\$26,462.12
Interest:	\$9.46
Bal 12-31-22:	\$26,471.58

CLAIMS APPROVED

December 2022 Payroll

General Fund salaries	82,247.61
Special Education salaries	17,058.73
Food Service salaries	4,007.81
EFTPS fed income tax/SS/Md	28,809.07
AFLAC supplemental insurance	1,564.29
American Funds, retirement	1,536.18
Delta Dental, insurance	2,056.14
The Standard, life insurance	254.84
Security Benefits, retirement	1,333.22
Optilegra, vision insurance	422.72
Wellmark, health insurance	18,059.00
SD Retirement	16,388.80
SD Retirement Supplemental	4,478.22
Total:	\$178,216.63

BILLS APPROVED

General Fund

Agtegra-fuel	3,654.82
ASBSD-school law webinar	25.00
Bledsoe Chiropractic-DOT physical	90.00
CWD-concessions/FFVP	1,050.55
Century Business-copier coverage	592.44
Cole Papers-supplies	380.13
Corner Pantry-fuel	64.25
FASD Imprest Fund-misc	775.08
Farmers Union Oil- bus maintenance	359.15
Fire Safety First-extinguisher maint	359.00
Flinn Scientific-science supplies	229.84
iBoss-core cloud renewal	1,800.00
JVT-telephone	230.41
Kens-concessions	282.59
Kesslers-FACS supplies	9.74
McLeod's Printing-checks/W2 supplies	139.83
Menards-maintenance supplies,	\$224.81
Merchant Services-lunch process fees	120.08
Mid-American Research Chm-supplies	1,965.80
MDU-utilities	5,017.69
Pantorium Cleaners-supplies	92.93
Price, John-bus fuel	\$31.94
Price Plumbing-plumbing service	100.00
Region 4 Music-contest fees	135.00
Runnings-bus supplies	58.24
SD DOL & Reg-reemployment benefits	1670.00
Town of Frederick-utilities	629.45
Universal Athletic-GBB supplies	20.02

Capital Outlay Fund

Century Business Products-copier lease	613.32
JM Electric-new lights/bus cam	5,687.44

Special Education Fund

Avera-OT/PT	6114.88
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Food Service Fund

CWD-food/supplies	2,019.60
Cash-Wa Direct-food	130.62
Community Store-food	35.94
Pantorium Cleaners-supplies	201.60

Imprest Fund:

Donat, Eric-BB ref	120.00
Frericks, Kris-BB ref	120.00
Rozell, Paul-BB ref/mileage	147.54

Steinwandt, Tim-BB ref/mileage	147.54
Wanner, Andrew-BB ref	120.00
Witlock, Scott-BB ref	120.00

Custodial Fund

Aberdeen Awards-LRC	384.00
Amazon-teacher slush	99.98
Arthurs, Crystal-FCCLA	127.25
Cox, Chandler- powerlifting club	125.00
First National Bank-FCCLA	100.00
Kesslers-FCCLA	363.55
Midstates Group-powerlifting club	213.30

The following reports were presented:

- Jeff Kosters: Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director
- Jessica Ringgenberg: K-8 Principal

Motion 2023-067 Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to amend the 2022/2023 calendar to reflect a school make-up day on February 17, 2023 instead of Enhancement. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2023-068 Motion by Hart, second by Achen to approve the five-year service agreement to Johnson Controls for the Fire Alarm System. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2023-069 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to declare the following item surplus at a value of \$160.00: HP Probook 450. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2023-070 Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to amend Keith Underberg's contract to \$45.07/route with the additional bus driver cell phone and cleaning/maintenance stipends. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2023-071 Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. All voted aye, carried.

Rich Schlosser, President
Shauna Severson, Business Manager

**Notice of Vacancy
Municipality of Frederick**

The following office will become vacant due to the expiration of the present term of office.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Frederick Board Member, 3-year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 31, 2023 and petitions may be picked up and filed with the finance officer. Finance Officer may be contacted Monday thru Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at the First National Bank of Frederick 314 Main Street. Final day for turning in petitions is February 24, 2023 by 5:00pm.

Finance Officer will be at the Finance Office, located at 406 3rd Avenue, Frederick, SD from 4:00-5:00 pm on the final day.

Jennifer Morlock Frederick Finance Officer

**Town of Frederick
Dec. 21, 2022 Minutes**

Town of Frederick's board meeting was held on Wednesday December 21, 2022 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board member Troy Millard and Finance Officer Jennifer Morlock. Chairman Campbell opened the meeting. The Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance was reviewed for the second time. No changes were made. Motion was made by Millard/Campbell; motion carried. Motion to adjourn made by Millard/Campbell at 7:20pm; motion carried. J. Morlock, Finance Officer

**City of Frederick
January 4, 2023 Minutes**

Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday, January 4, 2023 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board member Troy Millard, Finance Officer and Assistant Finance Officer Jennifer Morlock and Mariah Heine, Utility Manager Rich Bakeberg, and Volunteer Frederick Fire Department Chief Kevin Barton. Chairman Campbell opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the December meetings were read and approved with a motion by Millard/Campbell; motion carried. The financial statements were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Millard/Campbell; motion carried. The January accounts payable were approved with a motion by Millard/Campbell; motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MDU electric	
BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL	\$1,461.08
Century Bus Products printer Genl	\$81.98
Dependable Sanitation Grbg	\$1,668
EFPTS taxes	
Genl/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cmty	\$755.68
USDA-RD loan Swr	\$3,763
Econ, Dev	\$1,200
GDI minutes Genl	\$46.88
J. Kosters wage Genl	\$92.35
J. Morlock wage FO	\$1,423.78
JVT Genl/Wtr/EBL/FO	\$240.56
M. Cox wage EBL	\$440.68
M. Heine wage FO	\$1,126.38
Olivia Morlock CC clean CC	\$26.55
S. Campbell wage Genl	\$115.44
R. Bakeberg wage Sts/Wtr/Swr	\$188.39
R. Bakeberg veh. allow. St/Wtr/Swr	\$75
SD Dept of Rev sales tax Grbg	\$77.61
SD Dept of Health samples Wtr	\$30
T. Millard wage Genl	\$92.35

USDA-RD loan Wtr	\$475
VISA fuel & stamps Sts/Swr/Wtr/Grbg	\$495.57

OLD BUSINESS

Rich Bakeberg provided a utility report. The board has been approached about salvaging items from the house at 303 2nd Ave, but it is a safety hazard to allow anyone to enter the residence.

NEW BUSINESS

The salaries for 2023 will be paid as follows: Chairman of the Board \$25/chairman + \$50/mtg; Board Members \$50/mtg; Mowing wage \$12/hr; Cemetery Salary \$550/yr (semi-annually); Utility Manager \$100 base salary + \$16/hr + \$75/mo vehicle allowance; Finance Officer \$1,650/mo; Assist. Finance Officer \$1,250/mo; Librarian \$12/hr; Asisst. Librarian \$10/hr. Motion to approve wages for 2023 made by Campbell/Millard; motion carried. Motion to accept the Library 4th Quarter/Annual report made by Millard/Campbell; motion carried. Barton asked about burning the dump soon as weather allows. Motion to adjourn made by Millard/Campbell at 7:28 PM; motion carried.

M. Heine, Assistant Finance Officer

Town of Westport General Meeting – Jan. 2, 2023

The Town of Westport met on January 2nd, 2023 with Larry Schmit, Shane Storm, Mitch Wilson and Doreen Hertel present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General

NWPS	\$627.94
Groton Independent	\$14.90
SD Unemployment Insurance	\$17.29
US treasury	\$632.87
US treasury	\$670.2
Runnings	\$500.00
B & B contracting	\$835.00
Sewer	
NWPS	\$52.66
Public Health Lab	\$30.00
NRWA loan repayment	\$210.13

Water

Water Maintenance District	\$459.18
WEB	\$1,865.50

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

The following deposits were presented:

City General

Brown County Collections	\$3,107.89
State of SD	\$1,264.00
Interest	\$67.78

Sewer

Resident Payments-	\$1,936.00
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Water

Resident Payments	\$2,905.44
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NEW BUSINESS:

No new business or old business discussed. Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer

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JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL



LEFT: Titus Kippley puts up a shot against Aberdeen Roncalli on Jan. 6 in Frederick. **RIGHT:** Preston Sumption drives to the hoop with some contact with a Roncalli defender on Jan. 6.

C TEAM BOYS BASKETBALL



LEFT: McKinley Kusters makes a basket against Ipswich on Jan. 31. **RIGHT:** Erik Losure drives to the hoop against Aberden Christian during the C Team Jamboree on Jan. 21 in Leola. PHOTOS BY HEIDI MARTILA-LOSURE



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Defense is creating Titan wins

By JEFF KOSTERS
Girls Basketball Head Coach

The Leola/Frederick Titan girls basketball team just wrapped up a busy month of January, playing eleven games during that span. Four games were postponed back in December and two of those contests were played in January and the other two will be played in February. The regular season will end on Thursday, February 16, when we will host North Central on Senior Night in Leola.

We won every game we played in January, going a perfect 11-0, and as of Jan. 31, have an overall record of 12-1.

Our defense has definitely been our strongest asset this year. We are giving up 28 points per game, and that is best in the state including all three classes. We will have just played Warner on Thursday, February 2, and Jones County on Saturday, February 4, with those two opponents being our two toughest to this point. Warner has been at the top of

GIRLS BASKETBALL

our Region all season and our contest with them will more than likely have been for the conference championship. Jones County is another good team, and they only had two losses as well.

The post-season will begin on Monday, February 20, with the 8 vs 9 matchup. Our girls will play our first post-season game on Tuesday, February 21. We are currently the #2 seed in our region, but could possibly climb to the top spot or drop to the #3 spot depending on how the rest of the season goes.

The top four teams in the region will all host games that night, with the winners advancing to the third round at the Webster Armory on Thursday, February 23.

The winners of those two third round games will advance on to play in the So-Dak16, which will be played on Thursday, March 2.



Olivia Morlock turns a steal into a layup against Warner Feb. 2.



Sofia Losure puts up a shot against South Border on Jan. 28.

RIGHT: Laura Sumption drives along the baseline against Warner Feb. 2.

BELOW: Chloe Arneson, center, picks off a pass for a steal during the Titans' win over Warner Feb. 2.

PHOTOS BY HEIDI MARTTILA-LOSURE



TITANS BASKETBALL – GIRLS

Sunshine Bible Academy	W	50-13
Potter County	L	49-52
Waverly-S. Shore	W	53-14
North Central	W	51-39
Strasburg/Zeeland	W	43-19
Aberdeen Christian	W	31-17
Wilmot	W	34-23
Ellendale, ND	W	36-30
Northwestern	W	46-38
Britton-Hecla	W	41-35
Faulton Area	W	42-32
South Border, ND	W	52-29
Ipswich	W	40-17
Warner	W	43-39
Jones County	L	28-49
Feb 6 6:30 PM	Langford Area	Langford Area
Feb 9 6:30 PM	Herreid/Selby Area	Leola
Feb 11 1:00 PM	Webster Area	Frederick
Feb 14 4:00 PM	Waubay/Summit	Frederick
Feb 16 6:30 PM	North Central	Leola (Sr Night)



The team on the bench celebrates Achen's shot (right) on Jan. 31.



Kalyce Achen puts up a game-winning shot in the JV game against Ipswich Jan. 31.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Titans do well during intense schedule

BY BROCK PASHEN
Boys Basketball Head Coach

After only having two games in December, the month of January was a barrage of games as we head into the final month of play with six games remaining. We had a stretch in January where we played six games in eight days, and we walked away with a win in four of those games, which was quite impressive.

Most recently we did not play well at Faulkton but rebounded on Saturday to beat a quality South Border team that is now 8-5. Sitting with a 9-5 record heading into February is really a credit to the work the boys have put in at practice and on their own time.

We have set ourselves up for an exciting February and March. Our February schedule will be a gauntlet as we only play one

TITANS BASKETBALL – BOYS

Potter County	W	60-27
Faith	L	52-63
Aberdeen Roncalli	L	51-62
Waverly-South Shore	W	58-44
North Central	W	47-42
Oakes, ND	W	56-45
Aberdeen Christian	L	44-65
Wilmot	W	73-34
Ellendale, ND	L	41-56
Northwestern	W	59-56
Langford Area	W	56-48
Britton-Hecla	W	64-28
Faulkton Area	L	34-50
South Border, ND	W	57-50
Warner	L	47-51
Jones County	L	48-53
Feb 11 1:00 PM Webster Area	Frederick Area	
Feb 14 4:00 PM Waubay/Summit	Frederick Area	
Feb 17 6:30 PM Herreid/Selby Area	Herreid	
Feb 24 6:30 PM Ipswich	Leola (Sr Night)	

team with a losing record, but that should make us postseason ready, and hopefully we can go on a run and play some good basketball down the stretch and extending into the Region tournament.



Noah Kippley puts up a shot against South Border on Jan. 28.



LEFT: Brayden Sumption goes for a breakaway layup against South Border on Jan. 28. **RIGHT:** Winston Clark puts up a shot between two Northwestern defenders on Jan. 19.



ABOVE: Stephen Achen defends against a Faith player Dec. 29. **RIGHT:** Milo Sumption puts up a shot against Britton-Hecla Jan. 24. **BELOW:** Sam Vetter goes after a loose ball against Warner Feb. 2.





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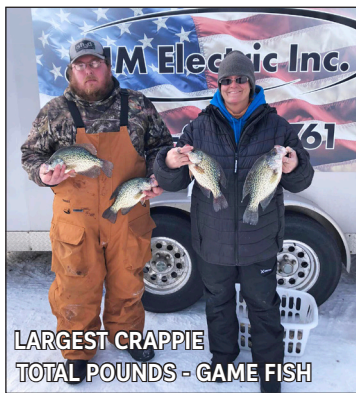
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LARGEST NORTHERN
TOTAL POUNDS - NORTHERN



2ND LARGEST NORTHERN



LARGEST CRAPPIE
TOTAL POUNDS - GAME FISH



LARGEST PERCH



TOTAL POUNDS - WALLEYE

While participation was down from last year (when temps were in the high 30s), below-zero temperatures didn't stop 69 teams from competing in the 15th Annual F-5 Fishing Tournament on Jan. 28 at Elm Lake.

Twenty-five teams weighed in fish, and a total of 69 fish weighing 82.87 pounds were caught. The event is put on by the Elm Valley Community Club and is supported by many sponsors—see the list on page 5.

Pictured are some prize-winning catches: Top row, largest walleye, Jocie Madcke & Wyatt Henningsen; largest northern and most total pounds of northern, Tyler Thayer (not pictured Sheresa Thayer); second-largest northern, Trevor Sumption (not pictured Brittney Jordahl); second row, largest crappie and most total pounds of game fish, Jason & Jennifer Bender; largest perch, Logan Wolter & Des Sand; and most total pounds of walleye, Camden & Mike Nguyen.

PHOTOS COURTESY TROY MILLARD

FISHING AWARDS

CATEGORY

- Largest Walleye (\$400):**
- 2nd Largest Walleye (\$275):
- 3rd Largest Walleye (\$175):
- Largest Northern (\$400):**
- 2nd Largest Northern (\$275):
- 3rd Largest Northern (\$175):
- Largest Crappie (\$100):**
- Largest Perch (\$100):**
- Smallest Northern (\$100):
- 1st Total Pounds - Walleye (\$275):**
- 1st Total Pounds - Northern (\$270):**
- 1st Total Pounds - Game Fish (\$275):**
- Furthest Traveled in Miles (\$100):**

POUNDS NAME

- 2.94 Wyatt Henningsen & Jocie Madcke**
- 2.76 Clayton Warner & Cody Jones
- 2.72 Clayton Warner & Cody Jones
- 3.92 Tyler Thayer & Sheresa Thayer**
- 2.83 Trevor Sumption & Brittney Jordahl
- 2.34 Tim Engelhart & Hailey Engelhart
- 1.54 Jason Bender & Jennifer Bender**
- 0.98 Logan Wolter & Des Sand**
- 0.43 Shane Phillips & Bridger Phillips & Jace Heilman
- 7.57 Mike Nguyen & Camden Nguyen**
- 3.92 Tyler Thayer & Sheresa Thayer**
- 11.15 Jason Bender & Jennifer Bender**
- 1000 mi Lynn Monroe

RAFFLE WINNERS

- GRAND PRIZE: \$1,000 Cash – Brody Senff
- GRAND PRIZE: Henry Goldenboy .357 Cal – Kim Fuller
- \$500 @ Community Store – Janelle Haas
- Savage Axis II FDE 6.5 Creedmoor Rifle – Nathan Wiese
- \$450 Cash – Landon Thayer
- \$400 Cash – Kendall Stoddard
- Benelli Nova Synthetic – Austin Gunther
- \$350 Cash – TW Hertel
- 50 Pounds Buffalo Meat – Tisa Shellito
- Savage 93R17 Laminated Stainless .17 HMR Rifle – Kendall Stoddard
- \$300 Cash – Beth Stephenson
- \$250 Cash – Jeremy Johnson
- \$200 Cash – Tyler Thayer
- \$150 Cash – Fred Sumption
- \$100 Cash – Jim Macdougall

LARGE PRIZE GIVEAWAYS

- (Tournament entry required)**
- Garmin Panoptix LiveScope (\$3,300 Value) – Trevor Sumption
- Marcum M1 Flasher – Josh Vaughn
- Marcum M1 Flasher – Derrick Podoll
- Eskimo Pistol Bit Auger – Ryan Brick
- Eskimo Pistol Bit Auger – Kelley Kingzett
- Eskimo Pistol Bit Auger – Kendall Stoddard
- Anchors Away Gift Card \$50 – John Sumption
- Pierson Ford \$150 – Chris Hubbard
- Karls TV & Appliance \$75 – Jordan Engelhart
- Dakota Bank \$50 – Todd Ehlers
- The SHED \$100 – Darryn Barnhardt
- Reuer's Auto Gift Certificate – Jim Serfoss
- Model John Deere Tractor (kid's only) – Joe Pauley



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CLEANING GRANDSTAND & RACETRACK AREA

This agreement is for the 2023 Brown County Fair, August 14-20, with the option to renew for 2024 and 2025 by mutual consent.

Deadline to Submit Proposal: Friday, February 17, 2023

Successful Bidder agrees to provide the following:

1. Labor to clean the grandstand and racetrack area during fair week for the following days:
 - a. Monday – Sunday,
 - i. August 14th-20th, 2023
 - ii. August 12th-18th, 2024 (if renewal option is exercised)
 - iii. August 11th-17th, 2025 (if renewal option is exercised)
 - b. Approximately 224 hours – 8 people at 4 hours for 7 days
 - c. Labor to arrive a half hour after each event closes
2. Rakes and shovels that are provided in bullet #3 below (Fair provides) are the property of the Brown County Fairgrounds and will be returned back to a member of the Brown County Fair staff or returned to original location to be mutually agreed upon.
3. Provide additional lawn rakes and shovels (if needed) to help move garbage

Brown County Fair agrees to provide:

1. 2 Backpack leaf blowers
2. Garbage bags and rubber gloves
3. (4) Lawn Rakes and (2) shovels to help move garbage
4. Payment as agreed upon

The quote for these services for the 2023 Brown County Fair is \$_____.

If both parties are satisfied, this agreement may be renewed for years 2024 and 2025.

Bidder

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Organization (if applicable)

E-mail

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