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Parking lot up for rent

The Meade School District's role during the annual motorcycle rally has been expanded as a result of the school board agreeing to Superintendent Don Kirkegaard's request that the parking lot at Sturgis Brown High School be rented out during that August event.

The school board members initially discussed the idea last April but didn't feel there was sufficient time then to adequately examine the proposal. Board approval, based on the recommendation of the Parking Lot Committee, was given during the January 2013 meeting.

The Parking Lot Committee - which consists of board members Dennis Chowen and Courtney Mack, high school principal Jeff Simmons, activities director Mike Paris, teacher Chad Hedderman, food service director Joe Schaffer, maintenance foreman Cody King, business manager Brett Burditt and Kirkegaard - also recommended the following, all of which were agreed to by the school board.

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Getting a jump-start on kindergarten

The transition to kindergarten is a critical time in a child's development. As a way to ensure that children are ready to enter school to learn and succeed, the staff at Sturgis Elementary, together with a number of community organizations, are sponsoring a program that will help bridge the transition from preschool or home environments to kindergarten.

The program, Getting a Jumpstart for Kindergarten, will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. Monday,

March 11, at Sturgis Elementary School. All parents of preschool-aged children, day care providers and preschool teachers are encouraged to attend.

Activities will be provided for the children and information for the parents. A snack will also be provided.

Parents will be able to move from station to station with their child, meet the kindergarten teachers, and tour the building. The stations are designed to provide parents and the children with

an experience similar to what a kindergarten student may experience in a classroom setting.

Collaborating with the school in sponsoring this program are Parent Information Resource Network, Youth and Family Services, Sturgis Area After-School Program, Head Start, Birth-to-3 Program and Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce.

For further information call Principal Chantal Ligtenberg or Assistant Principal Ann Nonnast at 347-2386.

Bus route change requests due April 2

All requests for Meade School District bus route changes for the 2013-14 school year must be submitted to the office of the superintendent by Tuesday, April 2.

The form to be used in requesting bus route changes may be obtained by calling the school district office at 347-2523 or by accessing the following:

<http://www.meade.k12.sd.us/offices/superoffice.htm>

Requests that are received by the April 2 deadline will be submitted to the school board at its April meeting.

Those requests will then be referred to the

transportation committee for review. Action on the bus route change requests will be taken by the board at its August meeting.

When acting on the requests, consideration will be given by the board members to the total length of the route, physical condition (safety) of the roads, safety of pick-up points, age of children, number of families served and cost.

The school board may consider prior commitments and extreme hardship when changing a bus route. The board may also make exceptions if unforeseen circumstances arise.

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Mobile dental bus here Feb. 4-8

The Dakota Smiles Mobile Dental Bus will be returning to the Meade School District Feb. 4-8 when it will be stationed at Sturgis Williams Middle School.

Because of its relationship with local dentists, many of whom volunteer their services, the program is able to offer cost effective, high quality oral health services to children who would otherwise go without including cleanings, preventive services, fillings and oral health education. Patient information and consent forms are located on the Meade School District website at: www.meade.k12.sd.us.

For more information, call the school nurses' office 347-2610.

Registration and screening of kindergarten and preschool children set for April and May

School registration for kindergarten and screenings for birth to five-year-olds and kindergarten-aged children will be held in April and May at four locations throughout Meade School District.

The kindergarten registration has been combined with the screening to save parents time. This pre-registration for the 2013-14 school year is open to children who will be five years of age by Sept. 1, 2013, and who plan on attending school in the fall.

Parents registering a child for kindergarten will need the child's immunization records and a certified copy of the child's birth certificate or affidavit in lieu of the birth certificate as issued by the Department of Health if the original is deemed unattainable; these documents are required by law for every child entering school in South Dakota. Parents are also asked to provide their child's Social Security number.

The screenings are for children planning to attend kindergarten in the fall of 2013 as well as for those children up to five years of age about whom parents have concerns regarding their development. Children attending the screening will be evaluated in the areas of vision, hearing, speech, language, gross and fine motor skills, and cognitive skills. The evaluations performed during the screening are provided free of charge and take approximately one hour.

The locations, dates and times for the screenings and registration are as follows:

Sturgis Elementary

Monday, April 15: 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 16: 7 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

At Sturgis Elementary School, 1121 Ball Park Road, Sturgis. Call Sharon Rank in the school nurses' office at 347-2610 to schedule an appointment.

Piedmont Valley Elementary

Thursday, April 25: 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 26: 7 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

At Piedmont Valley Elementary School, 16159 Second Street, Piedmont. Call Cara Wise in the school office at 787-5295 to schedule an appointment.

Whitewood Elementary

Tuesday, April 30: 2:30-6 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1: 7:30-11 a.m.

At Whitewood Elementary School, 603 Garfield Street, Whitewood. Call Karen Speed in the school office at 269-2264 to schedule an appointment.

Rural Area

Thursday, May 2: 9 a.m.-Noon

At the Central Meade County Community Center in Union Center. Appointments are not required.

Whitewood students seek photographs for book

In celebration of the 125th birthday of Whitewood, the sixth grade students at Whitewood Elementary School are writing a history of the school.

The students' book will include photographs of the three Whitewood schools and of student activities from 1888-2013, but the

students are asking for help from the public in locating photographs.

Anyone willing to share photographs is asked to drop them off at the Whitewood Public Library or send them to Whitewood Public Library, P.O. Box 505, Whitewood, S.D. 57793. There is no guarantee that every photo submitted will be

used in the book, but they will become part of the archival records for the city.

Digitized photographs may be sent to wwdlib@hotmail.com. For further information, contact Joanna Jones at 450-0121 or Whitewood City Library Director Reata Weyrich at 269-2616.

This Old School House



April 23, 1937, meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Sturgis:

It was moved by [H.T.] Snyder and seconded by [Rod A.] Cruickshank and carried that the teachers be rehired for the year 1937-38 and that said teachers to be under the supervision of the superintendent to their subjects assigned to them. Contracts are to be drawn and entered into with each teacher containing the usual provisions and the additional provisions (1st) that each teacher be absolutely prohibited from subscribing to the doctrines of communism or atheism in any form, either by spoken word or written opinion, in the classrooms, and (2nd) that if the status of any woman teacher shall change at any time during the school year, whereby such teacher should not be dependent upon the income derived from such teaching, then the Board of Education reserves the right to terminate such contract without prior notice and without recourse against the District by reason of the termination of such contract.

Aug. 30, 1939, meeting:

Moved by [A.A.] Lushbough seconded by [Rod A.] Cruickshank and carried that Mr. Burns Taft be hired as music instructor in the high school, and that the clerk be authorized to issue a contract to Mr. Taft in the

amount of \$1,380 as outlined by the salary schedule and that it be further stipulated in the contract that the sum of \$300 will be paid for summer band instruction.

Sept. 14, 1942, meeting:

It was moved by [Roy E.] Sparks and seconded by [G.B.] Anderson that due to the scarcity of coaches, B.W. Woodle be given a new contract to coach athletics, in addition to the regular teaching duties assigned to him, at the total annual salary of \$1,800 per year, and Randolph Krause be given a new contract, to coach the grade students in athletics, in addition to his regular teaching duties, at the total annual salary of \$1,380, both contacts on a 12-month basis.

June 10, 1946, meeting:

It was moved by [John B.] Richards, seconded by [Henry] Cooper and carried that the District purchase Building No. T220 at Fort Meade at the price bid of \$405, to be moved in for school purposes, and that the Clerk shall issue a warrant for the sum.

Nov. 11, 1946, meeting:

It was moved by [Glen] Murray, seconded by [Dave] Hildebrand and carried that due to recent exposure to diphtheria in the grade schools, all children that have not been sufficiently immunized by inoculation against said disease, or who have been proven from recent throat cultures to have the disease, shall

be excluded from attendance at school until such time as they secure clearance through the health department or a regular licensed physician.

Feb. 12, 1951, meeting:

The matter of decreased federal aid for the vocational agriculture and homemaking departments came before the Board, and it was the opinion of the Board that they would be opposed to this decrease and authorized the Superintendent to write letters to the congressional delegation explaining the Board's position.

April 24, 1952, meeting:

After some discussion, and it appearing that it would be desirable and advantageous for the advancement of the agricultural program in the public schools of Sturgis to obtain this land, it was moved by [Henry] Cooper, seconded by [Strauther] Blair and carried that E.E. Grunwald, superintendent, be authorized and directed as a duly delegated and designated agent to make, execute and deliver to the S.D. Surplus Property Committee a proper allocation asking for and requesting the transfer to the Sturgis Independent School District of 510.55 acres of land located near Fort Meade, S.D., which land if obtained would be used for the advancement and promotion of agricultural education in the schools of Sturgis among the students thereof interested in such work.



Meade School District staff members who received money from the Sturgis Rally Charities Foundation for various programs or initiatives include, from the left, Marcia Potts, Karyl Boldt, Cheri Isaacson, Debbie O'Doan, Kristin Wheaton, Julie Dobler and Randi Oviatt.

Meade School District programs receive money from Rally Charities Foundation

Five Meade School District programs or initiatives recently received a total of \$8,800 from the Sturgis Rally Charities Foundation.

Topping the list with \$5,000 was the Meade School District nurses' office. Nurses Randi Oviatt, Marcia Potts and Julie Dobler said the money will be used to bring the Dakota Smiles Ronald McDonald Dental Mobile to the district.

Sturgis Williams Middle School counselor Karyl Boldt said the \$1,500 received by the middle school was used for the anti-bully-

ing and anti-violence assembly and public program titled "Rachel's Challenge."

The Meade Gifted Program was recipient of \$1,000. Gifted coordinator Debbie O'Doan said that money will go toward fees for students attending gifted camps.

Sturgis Brown High School biology teacher Kristin Wheaton will use the \$800 she received to transport students to Vanocker Canyon to participate in the noxious weed removal project she developed in coordination with the

U.S. Forest Service. "We are out in the field all day, so I will probably use a portion of the money to rent a port-a-potty," she added.

Sturgis Elementary teacher Cheri Isaacson received \$500 to purchase benches and additional planters for that school's garden.

An additional \$2,300 was received by organizations supporting students as follows: Sturgis Post Prom Committee, \$1,500; Junior Achievement, \$550; and Sturgis Elementary PTA, \$250.

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Five inducted into SBHS Hall of Fame

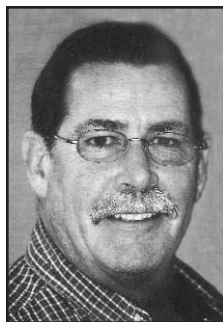
The Sturgis Brown High School Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony for the 2013 class of honorees was held Feb. 1, during the home basketball game in the west gym at the high school. Inductees included athletes Tom Berry, Jessica Engel, Kenneth Linstrom and Clifford Lushbough, and coach and administrator Elwood Dietrich.

The Hall of Fame was formed in 2011 as a way of paying tribute to the many individuals who have been a part of the rich tradition of the Sturgis Brown High School athletic programs.

A permanent Hall of Fame display is located in the lobby of the west gym at the high school. The display, funded by private donations, includes a 9"x12" plaque adorned with a photo and brief biography of each inductee.

Athletes

Tom Berry (1976 graduate)



Tom Berry

Tom was a three sport athlete, earning eight varsity letters-three each in track and football, and two in basketball. While a member of the Black Hills Conference Championship Track Team from 1974-76, he was a state track meet medal winner three times. Tom was also the

BHC pole vault champion and the state pole vault champion, both in 1976. He was named to the BHC All-Conference Football Team in 1975, and the All-Conference Basketball Team in 1976. He was also a Sturgis Brown High School White Letter Award winner.

Tom attended Black Hills State College and the University of South Dakota in Vermillion where he lettered in football. While at USD, he was selected as NCC first team football player in 1980. He held many USD football records including one which still stands: 77 career punt returns.

Following graduation from USD, Tom pursued several careers, and for the past 28 years he has been employed in the utility industry. He lives in Spearfish where he works as an energy services adviser for Black Hills Power.

Jessica Engel (2007 graduate)

Jessica was a three sport athlete, earning 10 varsity letters - four each in track and cross country and two in basketball. She won 13 state track championships and four state cross country championship medals. She was also a National High School Coaches Association honorable mention



Jessica Engel

All-American cross country runner in 2005 and 2006.

Jessica was the South Dakota High School Activities Association Class "AA" 1600 meter champion in 2007 and anchored the medley relay championship team that same year. She was the Greater Dakota Conference cross country champion in 2006 and the GDC track champion in both the 800 and 1600 meter runs in 2007. She was also a four time All-State Cross Country Team member and a four time Greater Dakota Conference All-Conference Cross Country Team member.

Jessica was a White Letter Award winner, Elite 14 Award winner, and member of the SBHS National Honor Society. She still holds the SBHS track records in the 800, 1600 and 3200 meter runs.

She continued competing in cross country and track at the University of Oklahoma where she earned eight All-Big 12 Conference honors along with two All-Midwest Region honors. She qualified for NCAA Nationals twice in both cross country and track. In 2011 she won the 10,000-meter run at the Big 12 Championship, running the second fastest time in conference history. That same year she was runner-up in the 5,000 meters indoors, third in the 5,000 meters outdoors, and earned second

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team All-American honors in the 10,000.

Jessica was also a four time Academic All-Big 12 honoree, five time Academic All-American and a Capitol One Academic All-District honoree.

Kenneth Linstrom (1946 graduate)



*Kenneth
Linstrom*

Kenneth was a three sport athlete, earning 10 varsity letters - three each in football and basketball and four in track. During his three years playing football for SBHS, he was a starting quarterback, running back and defensive back. He was also the starting guard in basketball and as a senior was a member of the seventh-place winning team at the state boys basketball tournament.

Kenneth was a standout in track, participating in the long jump and the high and low hurdles. He was the Black Hills Conference champion and State champion in long jump his junior and senior years. He was also the State high hurdle champion his senior year.

He attended South Dakota State College on a track scholarship where he lettered three years and received Most Valuable Track Athlete Award each year. At one time he held the high and low

hurdles and long jump records at South Dakota State. He won North Central Conference titles in the long jump and low hurdles in 1950 and the low and high hurdles in 1952. His long jump of 23'5 1/2" in 1950 was the South Dakota Collegiate Record until 1966.

Following college, he taught and coached track for 30 years, winning nine state championships with the Rapid City Stevens track and cross country teams.

Clifford Lushbough (1952 graduate)

Clifford was a three sport athlete, earning 11 varsity letters - four each in basketball and football and three in track. He was a member of the 1951 basketball team that won both the Black Hills Conference and the state championships.

He was selected to the All-State basketball team in 1952 and received honorable mention honors in 1951. He scored a total of 456 points during the 1952 basketball season, a record that stood for 36 years until Doug Miller surpassed it in 1988. Clifford also placed twice in the 1/2-mile run at the State track meet.

He was a four-year member of the honor roll and a Boys State

delegate. He attended South Dakota School of Mines and Technology where he played basketball, receiving two letters.

Until his retirement in 1989, Clifford taught and coached for 33 years in the Aurora, Colo., Public School System.

Coaches/Administrators

Elwood Dietrich

Elwood was a teacher, coach and administrator with Meade School District for 21 years out of his 41 years as an educator. While at SBHS, he was the head girls golf coach for 10 years, head boys basketball coach for six years, sophomore football coach for six years, freshmen boys basketball coach for two years and sophomore boys basketball coach for one year. In addition, he served as assistant principal for six years and activities director for five years.

He guided the Scooper boys to three state basketball tournaments and the girls to seven state golf tournaments. He coached two Black Hills Conference All-Conference basketball teams in 1983 and 1984, and one girls golf team in 1995. Elwood is currently the second all-time winningest



Elwood Dietrich



*Clifford
Lushbough*

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SBHS to host Career, Electives Fairs

Students at Sturgis Brown High School will soon be choosing courses for the coming school year and to assist them in making those selections both a Career Fair and Electives Fair will be held.

The staff at the high school and area businesses are gearing up to present the school's sixth annual Career Fair Wednesday, Feb. 27, in the west gym of the school at which time students will have a chance to explore a variety of career opportunities.

Representatives of area businesses, governmental agencies

and post-secondary institutions will be present to answer questions and discuss their careers with the students.

"All students are career bound and this fair will help them make informed choices about their options," said Coleen Keffeler, career and technical education coordinator at the high school. "This fair will also help the students make better course selections as they begin registering for next year's classes."

The fourth annual Electives Fair will be held Thursday, April 11,

also in the west gym. Electives are courses a student may take but which are not required in order to graduate from high school such as creative writing, Spanish, calculus, welding, band and photography.

Booths with information about the courses will be set up in the west gym. Fair organizers hope the students will take advantage of the opportunity to see the variety of high quality electives offered at the high school before they start registering for the 2013-14 school year.

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basketball coach at Sturgis Brown High School with a 60.3 win percentage.

Elwood was named the South Dakota High School Assistant Principal of the Year in 1995, and was inducted into the South Dakota High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2000. He

received the S.D. High School Athletic Association Distinguished Service Award in 2001, the Friends of Basketball Award in 2006, and the SBHS Booster of the Year Award in 2011.

To this day he attends most home athletic events and also travels to many out-of-town events as well.



The 2013 inductees into the Sturgis Brown High School Athletic Hall of Fame are, from the left, Tom Berry, Kenneth Linstrom, Elwood Dietrich and Clifford Lushbough. Not pictured is Jessica Engel.

Music Education: Orchestrating Success

March is Music in Our Schools Month

"Music Education-Orchestrating Success" is the theme of Music in Our Schools Month this March. The celebration began in 1973 as a statewide observation in New York, and has grown to become a nationwide celebration to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children.

In observance of the celebration, the following events are being held in Meade School District.

- Piedmont Valley Elementary spring music concert featuring the K-2 students in an informational type program "Informance," which highlights the music skills acquired by the students this school year. Times are 9 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Friday, March 1, in the school multi-purpose room.

- Elementary Festival Chorus concert at 3:30 p.m. Monday, March 4, at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre. (See article on page 10)

- Sturgis Elementary School third grade music program at 5:30 p.m. and fourth grade music program at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 7, at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre. Presented will be the musical "Annie Junior," a shortened version of the

Broadway musical "Annie." Featured third-graders include Erica Ulrich as Annie and Nate Reeve as Oliver Warbucks. Featured fourth-graders are Jillian Beck as Annie and Taylor Tobias as Oliver Warbucks.

- Sturgis Brown High School Scoop Revue Variety Show at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, March 11-12, at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre.

- Middle school music contest in Spearfish on Saturday, March 16.

- Sturgis Brown High School band concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre.

- All-State Band, Friday and Saturday, March 22-23, in Rapid City.

Meade District music teachers include Connie Feekes, Sturgis Williams Middle School, Piedmont Elementary and Sturgis Elementary; Rebecca Fischer, Piedmont Elementary; Hillary Hill, Sturgis Elementary; Delayna Jensen, rural; Marlene Kotab, Whitewood Elementary; David Martinson, Sturgis Brown High School; Gary Nelson, SWMS and SBHS; and Barton Torbert, SBHS.

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- Continue the SBHS rally breakfast with all proceeds going to student activities. Involve students with planning and implementation of the breakfast as much as possible. Prepare a proposed labor cost prior to the event.

- If the parking lot is used during the rally, make sure to provide adequate parking for the breakfast. SBHS will only be open during the times of the breakfast.

- Attorney would review all documents before implementing any rental plan for the SBHS parking lot.

- Enter into a three-year contract with the City of Sturgis for promoting the use of the parking lot. The city will be the leaser and will be required to have all of the necessary insurance and be

responsible for finding mutually agreed upon renters. Both parties will have a provision to be released from the contract if things do not work out.

- The SBHS Parking Lot Committee will approve all vendors and all vendors will need unanimous approval from the committee

- School student organizations will have first right to rent/use the lot.

- Look at vendor truck parking.

- Set hours of operation.

- Work to set a stop light at the entrance of the high school and try to keep the stop light after the rally is over.

- Earmark all proceeds for future capital outlay projects.

Sturgis to host Elementary Chorus Festival

Thirty-four Meade School District students will be participating in the regional Elementary Children's Chorus Festival on Monday, March 4, at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre.

The Festival, one of several that day throughout the state, will be attended by fourth, fifth and sixth grade students from throughout the West River area.

The students, who were recommended for the Festival by their music teachers, must be able to sing an independent musical part, exhibit self-discipline and blend well with other singers.

Participating from Meade School District are Sturgis Elementary fifth-graders Justin Burnham, Kaylee Eixenberger, Hollie Hight, Julia Hilpert, Sydney Hyman, Gwen Johnson, Delainey Kromiller, Gabe Legner and Lexi McKee; Sturgis Elementary fourth-

graders Max Bartlett, Elijah Burdick, Nicole Gross, Ashlee Harrison, Emma Isaacson, Makayla Keffeler, Trinity Legner, Elisabeth Ortiz, Shelby Roberts and Trynity Scherer.

Whitewood School participants include Landan Hand and Mya Rindelaub, fourth grade; Maxadrian Burton and Kloe Stalder, fifth grade; Joan Knutson, Hunter Hegdahl and Kadin Gifford, sixth grade.

Rural students selected include Levi Krautschun, fourth grade, Opal; Bailey Urbaniak, fourth grade, Atall; Camri Elshere, fourth grade, Elm Springs; Samantha Hubert, fourth grade, Hereford; and Kylie Shaw, fifth grade, Sydney Shaw, fifth grade, Jayda Cammack, sixth grade, and Kodi Fees, sixth grade, all Enning Union Center.

Providing financial support for

the Meade students is the Sturgis Area Arts Council. "We are extremely fortunate to be sponsored by the Sturgis Area Arts Council which has generously paid the \$35 registration fee for each of our students," said Whitewood Elementary School music teacher Marlene Kotab, one of the organizers of the Sturgis Festival. "Participation by our students would not be possible without this grant," she said. Hillary Hill, Sturgis Elementary music teacher, is the other organizer of the local Chorus Festival.

Following a full day of practice, the students will present a concert at 3:30 p.m. Monday, March 4, at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre. Guest director will be Marcia Patton from the University of Wyoming, Casper.

Admission to the concert is \$5 for adults. Children are free.

Drivers education sign up is now underway

Sign up is currently underway for driver education classes offered this spring through the Meade School District's Curriculum Office. The session is scheduled for 3:30-5:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, April 8-May 2.

Cost is \$249, which must be paid in advance. Registration deadline is Thursday, March 28. Placement will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The class will be held in Room 120 at Sturgis Brown High School. A bus will run between the middle school and high school each day.

Students must be at least 14 years of age and must attend the entire 30 hours of classroom instruction. In addition, six hours of driving time is required, which must be individually scheduled with the instructor and completed by May 31.

Many insurance companies give discounts to those who have completed a driver education course. Completing the course also reduces the time a student must hold an Instructional Permit from 180 days to 90 days before that student can get a Restricted Minor's Permit or an Operator's License.

The registration form can be downloaded from the school district website:

www.meade.k12.sd.us/Curriculum/DriversEd.html or is available at the main offices at Sturgis Williams Middle School and Sturgis Brown High School and at the curriculum and technology office.

The registration form and class fee should be dropped off or mailed to Meade School District, 1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785. For further information call 347-4454.

Alkali School officially closed

Alkali School is officially closed as a result of action taken by the school board during its December meeting. The rural school had been in suspended operations since the 2010-11 school year due to low enrollment and budgetary and staffing constraints at the time.



The Alkali School was built in 1964 and is located approximately 25 miles southeast of Sturgis.

Superintendent Don Kirkegaard recommended to the school board that no more money be put into the facility, which is now in poor shape due to rodent problems and a roof issue. "Because of its proximity to Sturgis, [25 miles] it doesn't seem logical to keep it open," he said. It was pointed out the students in that area have bus service to Sturgis. It was also mentioned that Alkali is only 15 miles from the Hereford School. The board will decide at a later date the fate of the building.

Nominations now open for teacher, employee of the year

Nominations for Teachers of the Year and Employee of the Year for 2013 are now being accepted.

Nominations are welcome from any district patron or staff member. The official nomination form must be used and must be accompanied by a minimum of three letters of recommendation from persons other than the nominator.

The nomination forms are located at the district office and all school administrative offices or on the school district website:

www.meade.k12.sd.us

All nominations must be mailed or delivered by Tuesday, April 2, to Meade School District, 1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785.

All nominees for Teacher of the Year should be exceptionally skilled and dedicated, should be poised and articulate, and should have the respect and admiration of students, parents and co-workers. The nominees should play active and useful roles in their communities and schools, often distinguishing themselves as leaders.

The most important qualification to consider when nominating a teacher is his or her ability to inspire learning in students of all abilities and backgrounds.

The purpose of the Employee of the Year award is to recognize outstanding staff members who are not teachers. The Employee of the Year award is based on a variety of criteria including motivation on the job, performance, cooperation with others, knowledge of the job, and contributions to the betterment of the school and district. Nominees should also exemplify a genuine commitment to professionalism and exhibit excellence in his or her work.

Nominees must be planning to return for the 2013-14 school year.

Don't forget about parent-teacher conferences

Monday, Feb. 11: 4-7 p.m. at all elementary schools

Tuesday, Feb. 12: 4-7 p.m. at Sturgis Williams Middle School

Tuesday, Feb. 12: 4-7 p.m. at Sturgis Brown High School

Thursday, Feb. 14: 4-7 p.m. at all schools

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Two of the four students in the mock car crash died. After observing the medical, fire and law enforcement responses to the accident, the eighth-graders visited the mock emergency room/intensive care unit where they learned about possible injuries and treatment options.

Poor decisions can impact lives

The eighth-graders at Sturgis Williams Middle School participated in a mock activity recently to help them understand how making bad decisions can negatively affect their lives.

The activity, sponsored by the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) organization at Sturgis Brown High School, began with the students attending a house party, a simulated car crash and subsequent rescue, medical transport and treatment of some students and deaths of others.

Depending on the scenario the eighth-graders followed, some of them died at the house party from an overdose or in the car crash, some were arrested and had to appear in court where they were given probation or sent to jail, while others received counseling for abusing alcohol or drugs.

Following their individual scenarios, the students were debriefed by school counselors about their experiences.

In charge of project development for the mock activity were two members of SADD, Molly Hermann and KayDe Roth, who used the activity for their senior experiences.

In order to make the simulation as realistic as possible, more than 75 students from the National Honor Society and the Drama Club at the high school volunteered their services. Numerous community resources also participated including the Sturgis/Meade County Ambulance Service, Sturgis Fire Department, S.D. Highway Patrol, Sturgis Police Department, Northern Hills Alcohol and Drug Services, Lutheran Social Services, Kinkadee Funeral Chapel, S.D. Department of Corrections, Fourth Judicial Circuit Court Services, Juvenile Services Center, Family Health Education Services, Action for the Betterment of the Community, Randy Bender, Bob and Deb Haivala, John Hughes, Ellen Jenter and Skip Smith.

Mock Activity



In the photo at the left, chemical dependency counselor Amanda Whelchel, foreground, and director Mary Wood-Fossen, both from Northern Hills Alcohol and Drug Services, talks to Shayden Kerner, left, and a classmate, not pictured, about the dangers of drug and alcohol use and treatment options. In the photo above, retired Sturgis attorney John Hughes, acting as judge for the activity, determines the consequences for the eighth-graders who were caught drinking during the simulation.



Retired pastor Skip Smith presides at the funeral of one of the students killed in the mock drunk driving accident.

Honored: Piedmont Valley Elementary School music teacher **Becky Fischer** was honored recently for 35 years of meritorious service by the South Dakota Music Educators Association. She was also recently recognized in the column *Choral Directors of Note* in the publication "Choral Director" as a teacher who represents a slice of some of the vibrant, impactful and thriving people in vocal music education today.

Honored: Sturgis Brown High School youth internship coordinator **Coleen Keffeler** was recognized as the Association for Career and Technical Education State Leadership Champion during the Career Tech Vision Summit held recently in Atlanta, Ga. Coleen received a plaque from ACTE Past President Jim Comer which reads, "A positive attitude is a powerful force. You made a difference. Thank you."

Inducted: Sturgis Brown High School teacher and coach **Steve Keszler** was one of seven people



Becky Fischer



Coleen Keffeler



Steve Keszler

inducted recently into the Northern State University Athletic Hall of Fame. Keszler was honored for his achievements both on and off the court and his contributions to NSU. He graduated in 1990 with a degree in education and was a member of both the wrestling and golf teams. During his wrestling career, he was a three time varsity letter winner, two time NAIA national qualifier, and a runner-up in the 1990 NSIC conference tournament.

Schools hold science fairs in February; public invited

Science fairs at Piedmont Valley Elementary and Sturgis Williams Middle School will be held during the month of February and are both open to the public.

The Piedmont science and project fair will be held Feb. 11-14 and features exhibits and projects by the sixth-graders. The exhibits, on display in the school art/science room, will be open to the public during school hours and also during parent teacher conferences those days. Featured will be science exhibits and projects from social studies and language arts classes.

The Sturgis Williams Middle School science fair open house will be 3:15-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, in Grunwald Auditorium. Participants include sixth, seventh and eighth grade students.

The top finishers from each school's science fair can advance to the High Plains Regional Science and Engineering Fair set for March 22 on the campus of South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City.

Save cash register receipts

The public is being asked to help the S-Club by saving Lynn's Dakotamart cash register receipts. For every \$10,000 collected in receipts, the store will give \$100 through its We Care Program.

Collection boxes for the cash register receipts are located at Sturgis Brown High School and in the offices at Sturgis Williams Middle School and Sturgis Elementary School. Money received will benefit all student activities.

Parent groups enhance learning

Meade School District benefits from wonderful support by Parent Teacher Associations and Organizations. This support not only contributes to students' successes but greatly adds to the quality of their learning environment. Information about events sponsored by some of those groups follows.

The **Sturgis PTA** is hosting a scholastic book fair Monday, Feb. 11, through Thursday, Feb. 14, in the library at the school. Hours are 7:30-7:55 a.m. daily and 3-7 p.m. Monday and Thursday and 3-4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. Theme is "Reading Gives You Super Powers." The PTA has activities and contests planned throughout the four days with super hero prizes for the students. A special student dress up day will be held Feb. 11 when students are invited to make a super hero costume to wear to school.

The PTA will also be selling carnations at the front entrance of the school from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 14, during parent teacher conferences. The fundraiser will benefit art and music activities at the school.

Social media issues to be discussed

The Sturgis Area Child Protection Team is sponsoring a Family Information Night at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre.

Topics to be covered include internet, cell phone, and cyber safety. Computer specialists, school

The next meeting of the Sturgis PTA is 3:30 p.m. Feb. 7 in the school library. For more information email Malisa Scherer at malisa.scherer@yahoo.com.

The **Piedmont Elementary PTA** will also be hosting a book fair Feb. 11-14 at the Piedmont School. Other events sponsored by the PTA include the AllPro Dad breakfast at 7 a.m. Feb. 19 in the school cafeteria. The PTA is also hosting a Take Your Family to School event throughout March. Students' families are invited to join the children in a variety of activities during the month. An IMom breakfast is 7 a.m. March 19 in the school cafeteria. The next meeting of the Piedmont PTA is 3 p.m. Feb. 11 in the school library. For more information call Shelli Grinager at 391-3306.

Coming events for the **Whitewood PTO** include an Easter egg hunt at 1:45 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, and a potato feed on April 10. The next PTO meeting will be 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, in the school library.

The next meeting of the **Rural PTO** is 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, at the Hereford School.

counselors, and representatives from Verizon, AT&T and Knology will be present to provide information about fighting cyber bullying, internet stalking, harassment through texting, and other social media problems.

The public is invited.



Brendan Johnson

Johnson addresses a variety of issues

From human trafficking to immigration issues to white collar crime and more, U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson, South Dakota's chief federal law enforcement officer, tackled them all during a recent visit to Sturgis Brown High School.

Since January was Human Trafficking Awareness Month, Johnson said that was the primary reason he was visiting area schools. "Human trafficking (child exploitation) is a bigger problem in South Dakota than most believe," he said. "It is primarily in Sioux Falls, but you need to be aware that it is high school students who have been lured into this business. You need to know what can happen and be aware," Johnson said.

Spicing up life in culinary arts class

For students interested in careers in hospitality, tourism and food service, the culinary arts/hospitality class at Sturgis Brown High School offers a good foundation.

The class, taught for the last 10 years by Coleen Keffeler, explores all aspects of the lodging industry, food services, guest relations, culinary arts and food preparation.

Extensive hands-on activities are available to students, especially in the culinary arts unit. Keffeler teaches all aspects of menu planning, purchasing, preparing and serving food. She wants the students to learn all aspects of preparing food for others, which includes planning a

menu to fit a budget, customer preferences and dietary needs.

When preparing a recent school board dinner, the students also learned about table settings, service style, food safety and sanitation.

Keffeler's students have won the Eagle Cook-Off at Chadron State College all three years its been held, and have participated

in the Pro-Start Competition sponsored by the S.D. Retailers Association in which teams have just 60 minutes to get a three-course gourmet meal cooked and plated.

Whenever Keffeler's students participate in a contest or cater an event, her goal is that they do the best they can, learn something new and have fun.



Culinary arts students Richard White and Landon Schumacher, in the photo above, cut up chicken for the parmesan chicken with garlic mashed potatoes entree to be served for the school board dinner the next day. Washing lettuce for the crunchy romaine salad is Christina Herren, pictured to the left. Other menu items served to the school board members, administrators and other school staff included an olive garden zuppa toscana appetizer and side dishes of cheesy biscuits and cucumber salad. Topping off the meal was a pumpkin caramel ice cream dessert.



SBHS
culinary arts
teacher
Coleen
Keffeler, in the
photo at the
left, explains
to Mikkayla
Johnson and
Kamille Baize
how to set the
temperature
and time on
the convection
oven. Pictured
in the
background
are Daniel
Noyes and
Nick
Reynolds.



Steven Henry sets the table, top photo, in preparation for the school board dinner. In the left photo, Julie Aldren serves Sturgis Elementary Principal Chantal Ligtenberg as school board member Courtney Mack waits for her meal.



Meade School District counselors are, from the left, Kellie Thomas, Karyl Boldt, Rick Meyerink, Michelle Lammers, Ginger Johnson, Dadra Avery, Kristi Ortiz and Julie Nelson. Not pictured is Raquel Hughes.

Meade School District counselors celebrate National School Counseling Week Feb. 4-8

National School Counseling Week, sponsored by the American School Counselor Association, will be observed Feb. 4-8 as a way of focusing public attention on the unique contributions of school counselors and the impact they can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. Theme for the weeklong observance is "School Counseling: Liberty and Learning for All."

"This week provides recognition for school counselors who implement comprehensive school counseling programs, a vital part of the educational process for all students as they meet the challenges of the 21st Century," said Meade District Superintendent Don Kirkegaard.

Meade counselors include Dadra Avery, Sturgis Brown High School and SBHS Academy; Karyl Boldt, Sturgis Williams Middle School; Raquel Hughes, rural schools; Michelle Lammers, SBHS and SBHS Academy; Rick Meyerink, Whitewood Elementary; Julie Nelson, Piedmont Valley Elementary; Kristi Ortiz, Sturgis Elementary; and Kellie Thomas, SWMS and Sturgis Elementary. Social worker Ginger Johnson works with all Meade students.

School counselors are actively engaged in helping students examine their abilities, strengths, interests and talents. They work in a partnership with parents as they encounter the challenges of rais-

ing children in today's world and they focus on positive ways to enhance students' social, personal, educational and career development. School counselors also work with teachers and other educators to provide an educational system where students can realize their potential and set healthy, realistic and optimistic aspirations for themselves.

Each school counselor is a certified, experienced educator who holds at least a master's degree in guidance and counseling.

Parents or community members who have specific questions or concerns about school counseling programs should contact one of school counselors listed above.

School Breakfast Week is March 4-8

“Be a Star with School Breakfast” is the theme of this year’s National School Breakfast Week set for March 4-8.

The purpose of the weeklong observation is to highlight how eating a healthy, balanced breakfast at school helps students shine bright. Students will also learn about the importance of eating healthily and being active.

In keeping with the theme, Meade Food Service personnel are planning special activities as a way of helping the students learn more about nutrition.

“We hope to get as many students as possible involved in this special week of activities so that we can encourage them to eat breakfast every morning,” said

Food Service Director Joe Schaffer.

School breakfast is proven to be good for children’s bodies and minds. Research shows that children who eat breakfast score higher on tests, have fewer health issues and behave better.

Healthy school breakfasts can be a lifesaver for busy parents too. “It’s a race for any family to get their kids ready, fed and out the door in time for school,” said Schaffer. “Knowing that the children can eat a healthy breakfast after they get to school can be a huge relief for parents.”

Meade Food Service offers at least three choices daily for breakfast, ranging from cold cereal to oatmeal to one hot entree.

According to Schaffer, families who qualify for free or reduced lunch also qualify for free or reduced breakfast. A reduced price breakfast in Meade School District costs only 30 cents.

Last year a total of 61,570 breakfasts were served throughout Meade School District. Of that number, 16,114 were full price meals, 7,142 were reduced priced meals and 38,341 were free meals.

Parents, family members and district patrons are invited to breakfast during National School Breakfast Week.

To attend breakfast at school or for further information, call Meade District Food Service at 347-3601.

Meade School District calendar for 2012-13

The following is the approved Meade School District calendar for the remainder of the 2012-13 school year. Any snow days will be made up by adding additional days at the end of the school calendar.

As of Feb. 1, one snow day has been taken so the last day of school is now May 24. Furthermore, March 14, and April 1 will be used as make-up days if more than three snow days have been used by March 1 or March 28.

Parent-Teacher Conferences:		Presidents’ Day (no school)	Feb. 18, 2013
Elementary Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 11, 2013	Inservice Day (no school)	Mar. 13, 2013
Middle School: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 12, 2013	Spring Break (no school)	Mar. 14-15
High School: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 12, 2013	Good Friday/Easter (no school)	Mar. 29-April 1
All Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 14, 2013	Graduation	May 19, 2013
		Last Day of School	May 24, 2013

Directory for Meade School District

Schools

Rural Schools

Bev Rosenboom, principal.....269-2264

Atall.....985-5916
16375 Atall Road, Union Center, S.D. 57787

Elm Springs.....798-2492
21309 Elm Springs Road, Wasta, S.D. 57791

Enning.....985-5364
Highway 34 Box 22, Enning, S.D. 57737

Hereford.....985-5380
15998 Cross S Road, Hereford, S.D. 57785

Opal.....748-2426
18010 Opal Road, Opal, S.D. 57765

Union Center.....985-5367
1700 Highway 34, Union Center, S.D. 57787

Office.....985-5532

Piedmont Valley Elementary School

16159 Second Street, Piedmont, S.D. 57769
Ethan Dschaak, principal.....787-5295

Sturgis Brown High School

12930 E. Highway 34, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Toll-free 1-888-568-3514

Jeff Simmons, principal.....347-2686
Don Lyon, assistant principal.....347-2686
Mike Paris, activities director.....347-4487

Academy.....347-9349

Sturgis Elementary School

1121 Ball Park Road, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Chantal Ligtenberg, principal.....347-2386
Ann Nonnast, assistant principal.....347-2386

Sturgis Williams Middle School

1425 Cedar Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Toll-free 1-888-567-8274

Lon Harter, principal.....347-5232
Ann Nonnast, assistant principal.....347-5232

Whitewood Elementary School

603 Garfield, Whitewood, S.D. 57793
Bev Rosenboom, principal.....269-2264

Superintendent

1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Don Kirkegaard.....347-2523 x2
Toll-free 1-877-522-6251

Business Manager

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Brett Burditt.....347-2523 x1
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Cody King, maintenance foreman.....347-2649

Communications Office

1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Kristine Hubbard.....347-2523 x3

Curriculum and Technology

1610 Fulton Street, Sturgis**
Jeff Ward, director.....347-4454

Food Service

1121 Ball Park Road, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Joe Schaffer, director.....347-3601

Nurses' Office

1121 Ball Park Road, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Randi Oviatt.....347-2610

School Social Worker

1121 Ball Park Road, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Ginger Johnson.....347-2386

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1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Chrissy Peterson, director.....347-2523 x4
Deb Kerstiens, assistant director.....347-2523 x4

Sturgis Bus Company

2237 West Sherman, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Einar Mortenson, owner.....347-5066

Woodle Field

600 Woodland Dr., Sturgis**347-2003

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