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Scooper Sam to get image makeover

Hoping to give Scooper Sam a more intense look, a proposed new design for the Sturgis Brown High School mascot has been unveiled.

The two proposals, pictured below left, show Scooper Sam bursting through a wall. The new design can be customized, allowing Sam to carry in his arm a football, basketball or other sports balls or even textbooks. The current mascot, pictured to the right, has been in existence since 1987. Prior to that, the mascot was a scoop shovel.

Voting will take place during home basketball games and wrestling matches. Those casting ballots will also have the option of voting to retain the current mascot.



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

School registration for kindergarten and screenings for both preschool 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 time for parents. This pre-registration for the 2011-2012 school year is open to children who will be five years of age by Sept. 1, 2011, and who plan to attend school this fall.

Parents registering a child for kindergarten will need a copy of the child's certified birth certificate and immunization records; 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 2011 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. These evaluations are provided free of charge and take one hour.

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

·**Sturgis:** 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 18, and 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, at Sturgis Elementary School, 1121 Ball Park Road, Sturgis.

Call Sharon Rank in the school nurses' office at 347-2610 to schedule an appointment.

·**Whitewood:** 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, at Whitewood Elementary School, 603 Garfield, Whitewood.

Call Karen Speed at 269-2264 to schedule an appointment.

·**Piedmont Stagebarn:** 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5, and 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, May 6, at Grace United Methodist Church, 10060 Foothills Drive, Piedmont.

Call Cara Wise at 787-5295 to schedule an appointment.

·**Rural Area:** 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, May 12. The screenings will take place at the Central Meade County Community Center in Union Center while the kindergarten registration will take place at the rural office in Union Center.

Appointments are not necessary.

Ways for parents to encourage reading

1. Search for things your children might like to read. Use their interests and hobbies as starting points.
2. Leave reading materials such as books, magazines and colorful catalogues in conspicuous places around your home.
3. Notice what attracts your children's attention, even if they only look at the pictures. Build on that interest by reading a short selection aloud or by bringing home more information about the same subject.
4. Let your children see you reading for pleasure in your spare time.
5. Take your children to the library on a regular basis.
6. Present reading as an activity with a purpose such as a way to gather useful information: making paper airplanes, identifying a doll or stamp in your child's collection, or planning a family trip.
7. Encourage older children to read to their younger siblings.
8. Share your reactions to things you read and encourage your children to do likewise.

For more information check out the Reading is Fundamental website at www.rif.org

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April 29 is deadline for nominations

Athletic Hall of Fame formed; nominations are being solicited

Meade School District Activities Director Mike Paris has announced the formation of the Sturgis Brown High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame was approved by the Meade School Board at its January meeting and is being organized as a way of recognizing and honoring athletes, coaches, and individuals who have made significant contributions to the athletic program.

"I thought we needed a way to recognize the achievements of our athletes," said Paris, who has been contemplating the idea for the past few years. "I also thought it would be a good senior project for my son J.T."

After researching other athletic halls of fame, J.T. collaborated with his father to write the by-laws including the mission statement, eligibility requirements, selection committee composition, and nomination and election process.

Since the Hall of Fame is governed by a Selection Committee, once the composition was determined and its members chosen, the Committee's first challenge was to develop the categories of nominees and criteria for selection. The categories of nominees are:

1. Athlete
2. Coach, Advisor
3. Administrator, Community Member or Contributor to the athletic program

Athletes become eligible for consideration on the fifth anniversary of their graduation from SBHS. Those nominated as a coach, advisor or administrator must be retired or no longer employed with Meade

School District for a minimum of three years. There is no time restriction for community members or contributors.

The nomination form and criteria are available at the activity director's office, the high school office, the district office, and on the district website at www.meade.k12.sd.us.

For this first class of inductees, the deadline for nominations is Friday, April 29. All nominations must be submitted to Paris at the high school.

The inaugural Hall of Fame class will be announced in July, and inducted at a home football game this fall. Commencing next year, the annual induction will take place during a home contest in January or February.

A permanent Hall of Fame display will be located in the lobby of the west gym at the high school. The display, which will be funded by private donations, will include a 9"x12" plaque with photo and brief biography of each inductee. Each inductee will receive a commemorative plaque.

For further information, call Paris, who serves as chairman of the Selection Committee, at 347-4487.

Other members of the Selection Committee are SBHS Principal Jeff Simmons; coaches Steve Keszler (wrestling), Cody King (track), and Robin Strain (track); community members Dr. Tom Hermann and Scott Sabers; at-large representative Meade School District Business Manager Brett Burditt; and student representative J.T. Paris.

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*-Mike Paris
Activities Director*

Don't forget about parent-teacher conferences

Parent-teacher conferences for Sturgis Williams Middle School are 4-7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14; Sturgis Brown High School: 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15; all elementary schools: 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15; all schools: 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17.

Board and legislators discuss funding, other education issues

State funding for education and the federal jobs bill were some of the topics discussed at the 10th annual roundtable hosted by the Meade School Board for District 29 legislators. The gathering is held as a way for the legislators to share their perspectives on education issues with board members, administrators and teacher leaders and for the educators to ask question of the legislators.

Rep. Tom Brunner, left



The legislators were asked what steps are being taken to ensure the \$26 million provided to the state through the federal jobs bill is, in fact, going to the schools. Sen. Larry Rhoden said that Gov. Rounds waited to see what kind of conditions were attached to the federal dollars. He believes Rounds would have turned down the funds if strings had been attached.

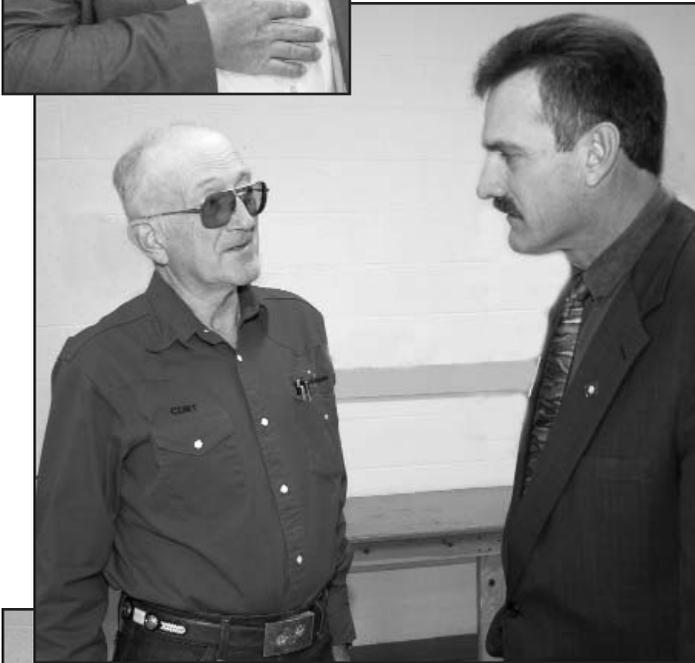
Rep. Dean Wink, who serves on the Appropriations Committee, explained that Gov. Rounds used that money as needed rather than dipping into the state's reserve fund. He said that if South Dakota had not taken it, another state would have received the money. Superintendent Heinert remind-

Meade School Board member Curt Johnson, left, and Sen. Larry Rhoden

ed everyone that this money was used by the state to supplant state dollars already in the K-12 education budget and not used as additional dollars to education as was the bill's intent.

Regarding the five percent cut in funding contained in the outgoing Governor's budget, Heinert said it would result in a loss of \$750,000 to Meade School District.

Superintendent James Heinert, left, Board President Wanda Blair and Rep. Dean Wink



Concussions in sports: A new awareness

It is pretty hard to turn on your television these days without hearing a news report about concussions in sports. There seems to be a heightened consciousness about this injury, which is often suffered during high contact sports.

In the past, a concussion was often referred to as "getting your bell rung" and other than taking some time off to get rid of the resulting headache, little was known.

Concussions are traumatic head injuries that occur from both mild and severe blows to the head during which the brain moves violently within the skull. The brain cells all fire at once, much like a seizure. Some studies show that patients who suffer a concussion appear to have the brain activity of people in a coma.

Even though some head injuries may appear to be mild, research is finding that concussions can have serious, long-term effects, especially repeated head injuries or cumulative concussions.

In the fall of 2010, Sturgis Brown High School started using a computer-based concussion testing program for all athletes involved in school-sanctioned contact sports.

According to Sage Robinson Miller, certified athletic trainer and strength and conditioning specialist at the high school, a baseline test is administered to

all contact sport athletes prior to the start of the season. When an athlete is removed from activity due to concussion symptoms, a post injury concussion test is administered and the scores are then compared to the athlete's baseline test.

These scores help medical professionals decide on the proper course of action for the athlete while ensuring his or her well-being.

An athlete is not allowed to return to play until written authorization is given by a medical professional and until an "Athletic Injury and Concussion Return to

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*-Sage Robinson-Miller
Athletic Trainer*

Play Form" has been signed by both the health care professional and the athlete's parent or guardian.

SBHS uses the testing program ImPACT (Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing), which is the same concussion testing software utilized by the National Football League, National Hockey League and Major League Baseball, among others.

ImPACT takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and is administered by Robinson-Miller. The test measures multiple

aspects of cognitive functioning in athletes, including attention span, working memory, non-verbal problem solving and reaction time. The test randomly varies the stimulus to minimize the 'practice effects.'

A few signs that are often observed following a concussion are confusion, forgetting plays, unsure of the game, moving clumsily, answering questions slowly, change in behavior, and/or memory loss.

Conditions often reported by the athlete include headache, nausea, dizziness, fuzzy vision, sensitivity to light and noise, and/or concentration and memory problems.

"It is crucial to be aware of these signs and symptoms and realize that they may affect an athlete for days, weeks, or even months," said Robinson-Miller. "We now know much more about

concussions," she said. "We now know that concussions can affect much more than just the athlete's ability to play the sport. A concussion can also make schoolwork more difficult.

"With all of the new information and technology out there, it is very likely that we will continue to see more stories in the news about concussions," she said. "Hopefully these technological advances will help us to better prevent injuries, protect our athletes and properly treat them if they are diagnosed with a concussion."

Dental Care Mobile returns in March

The Ronald McDonald Dental Care Mobile will be returning to the Meade School District for the second time this school year. The dental bus will be at Sturgis Williams Middle School Monday through Friday, March 7-11.

Because of its relationship with local dentists, many of whom volunteer their services, the Ronald McDonald Dental Care Mobile program is able to offer cost effective, high quality oral health services to children who would otherwise go without. Those services include fillings, extractions, sealants, x-rays and cleanings, and are available to

students who have never seen a dentist, or who have not seen a dentist in two years, or who live more than 85 miles from a dentist.

Services are available on a sliding fee scale. Medicaid is also accepted. No child is turned away for inability to pay.

Meade students received more than \$10,000 worth of care when the dental bus was here in October.

During the six years that the Ronald McDonald Dental Mobile and Dakota Smiles Mobile Dental Bus have seen stationed in the school district, \$235,670 worth of dental care has been dispensed.

Each time the dental bus comes to the school district, the cost is \$2,500. This past December the school nurses received \$3,500 from the Sturgis Rally Charities Foundation to help defray a portion of those costs.

The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile is a cooperative venture of Delta Dental Philanthropic Fund, Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Dakota, South Dakota McDonald's restaurant owners and the South Dakota Department of Health.

For more information about the Dental Care Mobile, call the school nurses' office at 347-2610.

Area readers are needed to record books

Meade School District is asking for volunteers who would be willing to be recorded while reading.

This past year the Meade School Board adopted a new language arts curriculum and books and materials to support that curriculum. Those charged with implementing the curriculum want to create audio files of all the new books, which total almost 1,000. But in order to do, readers are needed to record the books.

Once these books have been recorded, the audio files will be put on computers at each school where they can be accessed by all teachers who will then put them on MP3 players for students.

Meade School District reading and assessment coordinator Guyla Ness explains the impor-

tance of having the books recorded. "Reading is a complex process and requires that students learn numerous skills in order to learn and advance. Listening to audio while reading the book reinforces the skills being learned," she said.

"Listening to storytelling and reading aloud also familiarizes

students with the language," Ness added. "By having the audio files on MP3 players, students can make gains in vocabulary acquisition because listening to stories also increases fluency and comprehension."

To volunteer to read or for more information, call Ness at 347-4454.

Meeting set for juniors and parents

An information night for juniors and their parents will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, in Room 111 at Sturgis Brown High School.

Topics covered at this meeting, which is presented by the SBHS Student Services Office, include college and vocational school costs, admission policies and deadlines and timeline, financial aid and scholarships, and eligibility. For further information call the Student Services Office at 347-2686.



This Old School House

Aug. 18, 1998, meeting of the Meade School District 46-1:

Kathy Behrens, retired Meade School District staff member, and the Workforce Development Advisory Council she organized have both been recognized by the South Dakota Vocational Association. Mrs. Behrens received the Arch of Fame Award and the Advisory Council received the Award of Merit.

July 16, 1985, meeting:

The Sturgis Chamber of Commerce has suggested consideration be given to use school shower facilities during the Motorcycle Classic as there is a shortage of this type of service and use of school facilities would not be in competition with local business people. It was suggested that perhaps one of the student organizations would be interested in this project as a fund raiser.

Don Downs stated that the high school band was interested and that the proceeds would be used for band trips. Motion by [Kristine] Hubbard second by [Curt] Nupen and carried that approval be given to the band to operate and manage shower facilities at Grunwald Auditorium provided adequate supervision is available.

Oct. 10, 1972, meeting of Meade Independent School District #101:

Rural Principal Wayne Musilek and board members expressed concern regarding road conditions throughout the district, particularly those traveled by school buses. Heavy traffic by the Air Force and Boeing Company in the repair or renovation of the missile sites have caused serious deterioration of many county roads. Motion by [Harold] Bauer seconded by [Marlin] Ingalls that administrators and board members assist Meade County com-

missioners in securing additional federal funds in support of corrective road maintenance. Motion carried.

June 6, 1967, meeting of the Sturgis School District #12:

Sturgis Mayor Francis Langin and Sturgis City Park Board Chairman Owen McDermott discussed with the board the desirability of rest rooms at Woodle Field and the possibility of a joint building and operational plan for the provision of such a facility. It was determined that the facility could serve city park visitors as well as the public at athletic events.

The city agreed to bring in water and electricity to the site for the facility and additionally agreed to provide perpetual payment of utility bills, maintenance, and janitorial service to the facility. A resolution to that effect was adopted, which also provided for District funds for construction.

Bus route change requests are due April 1

All requests for Meade School District bus route changes for the 2011-2012 school year must be submitted to the office of the superintendent by Friday, April 1.

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

www.meade.k12.sd.us/offices/superoffice.htm

Requests that are received by the April 1 deadline will be submitted to the school board at its April meeting.

Those requests will then be referred to the Transportation Committee for review.

The board will take action on the bus route change requests prior to the start of school in the Fall.

When acting on the requests,

consideration will be given to the total length of the route, physical condition of the roads, safety of pick-up points, age of children, number of families served and cost factors.

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

Hand-in-Hand: 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 members of 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, Hand-in-Hand: Getting a Jumpstart on

Kindergarten, will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, at the Sturgis Elementary School cafeteria.

All parents of preschool-aged children, daycare providers and preschool teachers are encouraged to attend.

Activity stations will be set up in the cafeteria to provide parents and children with an experience similar to what a kindergarten student may experience in a classroom setting. The parents

and the children will move together from station to station.

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

For further information call Principal Norm Graham or Assistant Principal Ann Nonnast at 347-2386.

Drivers education registration underway

Drivers education classes will be offered beginning March 28 through Meade School District Curriculum Office. Students must

be 14 years of age before the first day of class and must attend all 30 hours of class time and six hours of driving time.

Classes will be held from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in Room 309 of the south building of Sturgis Williams Middle School on the following dates: March 28, 29, 31, April 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18, 19 and 21.

The cost is \$245. Placement is on a first-come first-served basis. Registration deadline is March 23.

Registration forms are available at the principals' offices at Sturgis Williams Middle School and Sturgis Brown High School, at the Curriculum/Technology Office located in the north building of Sturgis Williams Middle School, and on the Meade School District website at:

[www.meade.k12.sd.us/](http://www.meade.k12.sd.us/Curriculum/DriversEd.html)

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For further information call the curriculum office at 347-4454.

Electives fair set for Feb. 2

Students at Sturgis Brown High School will soon be choosing courses for the coming school year. To assist the freshmen, sophomores and juniors in making those selections, the second annual Electives Fair will be held Wednesday, Feb. 2.

Electives are courses a student may take which are not required in order to graduate from high school. Examples include creative writing, foreign language, geometry-in-construction, drama, welding and photography.

Booths with information about the courses will be set up in the west gym at the school. Teachers who instruct electives and upper level students who have been active in the electives program will staff the booths.

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 2011-2012 school year.

In the Spotlight

Honored: Sturgis Brown High School cross country head coach **Scott Peterson** has been named the S.D. High School Coaches Association Cross County Coach of the Year. He had earlier been named Greater Dakota Conference Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year. Peterson, who teaches business and personal finance at the high school, has been the head coach for nine years.

Selected: Sturgis Brown High School **Girls Cross Country Team** has been selected the High School Girls Team of the Year by the S.D. Sports Writers Association.

Elected: School nurse **Marcia Potts** has been elected president of the S.D. Nurses Association, the mission of which is to advance the need, value, and importance of nursing and health services in the educational environment.

Elected: Sturgis Brown High School counselor **Dadra Avery** is

president-elect of the S.D. Counseling Association, which is the umbrella organization for professional counselors in the state. The association represents more than 550 members. Whitewood Elementary School counselor **June Reilly** is secretary of the South Dakota Mental Health Counselors Association while Sturgis Elementary School counselor **Kellie Thomas** is president of West River Chapter of the S.D. Counseling Association.



The Sturgis Scooper Girls Cross Country team captured its first ever South Dakota High School Activities Association State AA Cross Country Championship this year. Team members are, from the top left, Alyssa Hoffman, student manager Jocelyn Keszler, Hannah Peterson, Taylar Applegate (10th place) and Baillie Mutchler (23rd place); front left, head coach Scott Peterson, Courtney Cassen (43rd place), Madeleine Takahashi (5th place), Kahlie Peterson (4th place), Courtney Anderson, and assistant coach Becky Peterson. Kahlie Peterson, Takahashi, Applegate and Mutchler were all named to the SDHSAA All-State Girls Cross Country team.

Piedmont project ahead of schedule

The 77,041-square foot Piedmont school is now fully enclosed. Even though the project is ahead of schedule, work on the exterior of the building has slowed due to the cold weather but the area has been tented and work continues on the exterior finish.

The lower level of the west half of the building has been sheetrocked and taping is currently underway. Installation of the sheetrock has begun on the second level of the west wing.

The roofing contractor has the main section of the roof completed and is now working on a small area of the lower roof that was left until the end to be completed. Once that is done, only the canopies and some wall flashings remain to be completed.

The construction is on budget at a total cost of \$11,578,004. The doors of the kindergarten through sixth grade school will open in time for the 2011-2012 school year.

Additional photos of the project can be seen at:

www.meade.k12.sd.us/communications.htm



The photo, above, is the entrance to the computer lab from the media center and the restrooms in the media center. The photo, below, is the exterior front entrance of the school.



Testing is April 4-22

Dakota STEP assesses academic achievement

Meade School District students in grades three through eight and grade 11 will be taking the South Dakota State Test of Educational Progress (STEP) between April 4-22.

Dakota STEP is the annual assessment system for measuring student progress in South Dakota public schools as required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act. The standardized test gauges student achievement in relation to other children the same age in schools across the state and the nation.

Sturgis Brown High School is busy preparing for this year's test which, at the high school, will be April 7 and 14. Letters will be sent to all parents of juniors about the testing schedule, the importance of adequate rest and proper nutrition prior to testing, test-taking strategies and other helpful hints.

To help prepare the students and their parents for the test, several events have been planned at the high school. On Thursday, Feb. 17, a soup supper will be held for parents of all juniors. This 6:30 p.m. meal will be held on the upper track in the west gym and will be followed at 7:15 p.m. with a presentation by Principal Jeff Simmons who will talk about the importance of the Dakota STEP, historical data and testing information.

At 8 a.m. on the two testing days, members of the S.D. National

Guard, parents, and staff will provide breakfast for all juniors. Yoga instructor and former Sturgis Williams Middle School teacher Scottie Bruch will be on hand to demonstrate relaxation and stress-breaker techniques while National Guard Sgt. Kristi Palmer will take students through team building exercises. Water and healthy snacks will be available to the students throughout the testing period.

Testing at Sturgis Williams Middle School will take place April 11-15. Dates have not yet been set at the elementary schools.

Sturgis Elementary Principal Norm Graham explains he does not set specific dates but rather allows his teachers to set their own schedule within the testing window.

"They know their students and make the judgment as to when they are best prepared to take a particular test," explained Graham. He also asks his teachers to factor in attendance when scheduling the test.

The kindergarten, first and second grade students send cards of encouragement to the test-takers while Graham corresponds with the parents about the test and the importance of adequate rest and proper nutrition for the children.

Graham also visits the classes, giving the students a pep talk and presenting each with a pencil. "I like to do things that encourage all students to try their best," he said.

Schools hold science fairs in February; public invited

Science fairs at Sturgis Williams Middle School, Union Center and Piedmont Stagebarn School will be held during the month of February. All are open to the public.

The science fair open house at Sturgis Williams Middle School will be 3:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, and 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at Grunwald Auditorium. Participants include sixth, seventh and eighth grade students.

A combined Rural and Whitewood science fair will be Thursday, Feb. 24, at the Central Meade County Community Center, Union Center. Judging will take place in the morning with the exhibits open to the public that afternoon beginning at 1 p.m.

Participants include 35 students from the rural schools and 21 students from Whitewood Elementary School.

Piedmont Stagebarn School sixth-grade science fair will be open for public viewing from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25. The exhibits will be set up in the school gym.

The top finishers from each school's science fair can advance to the High Plains Regional Science and Engineering Fair set for March 18 in Rapid City.

Scooper weight room renovation a success

The Sturgis Brown High School weight room has looked pretty much the same for the past decade. As demand for weight training at the high school increased, the availability and quality of equipment hasn't kept pace.

Last year seven fitness and weight lifting students decided it was time to organize a major fundraiser to give the weight room the renovation it so desperately needed.

Seniors Carsey Barden, Luke Boettcher, Cody Goldade, Aubree Johnson, Karly Morris, Anthony Porter and Colton Reichert all committed to different roles and responsibilities for the fundraiser. The students, who were supervised by teacher Sage Robinson-Miller, decided to host the "First Ever SBHS Alumni Basketball Game."

The co-ed basketball game took place last March at which

time alumni Scooper basketball players challenged the current Scoopers in a game. After four quarters of play, the winners (the alumni) played against alumni wrestlers - with the wrestlers coming out on top!

The seven organizers put more than 100 hours each into the preparation for this event. Not only did they meet their goal of raising \$15,000 for the weight room, they also used this project as their Senior Cumulative Experience.

"These seven students met numerous deadlines and process point checks for both their fitness class and senior English class," explained Robinson-Miller. "They also received an amazing amount of support from their classmates and staff and also from some very generous community members," she said.

By meeting their goal of raising \$15,000, the first phase of

the weight room renovation (the alumni game and the fundraiser) was accomplished.

Last May, as the spring semester was coming to a close, the second phase of the weight room renovation began. That phase consisted of reorganizing, cleaning and painting the existing weight room in preparation for the new equipment.

Over the summer and into the fall new equipment was delivered. With the final delivery this past November, the weight room renovation is now complete.

"Hundreds of students have already enjoyed their new weight room," said Robinson-Miller "It continues to evolve into a space that many students and athletes will enjoy."

"We are all extremely grateful for the incredible support received from the students, staff and community," she said.



Organizing the weight room fundraiser were, from the left, Luke Boettcher, Colton Reichert, Karly Morris, teacher Sage Robinson-Miller, Aubree Johnson, Carsey Barden and Cody Goldade. Not pictured is Anthony Porter.

'Music Lasts a Lifetime' is the theme

March is Music in Our Schools Month

"Music Lasts a Lifetime" 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.

One of the scheduled events is the World's Largest Concert. This sing-along concert linking students from around the world will be 11 a.m. Thursday, March 10.

Meade School District music events during the month of March include the following:

·Piedmont Stagebarn spring music concert by kindergarten and first grade students, 12:45 p.m. Friday, March 4, Stagebarn School Gym.

·Sturgis Brown High School Variety Show, 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, March 14-15, at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre. In addition to

a variety of musical acts, the show will include skits and dances. Sponsored by the SBHS Choir, the event is free and open to the public.

·Sturgis Brown High School band concert, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre. Free and open to the public.

·All-State Band, Thursday through Saturday, March 24-26, Yankton.

The public is invited to hear what is happening during this month-long celebration by visiting any of the district's music classes.

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

March 7-11 is School Breakfast Week

"School Breakfast Detectives: The Search for Super Energy" is the theme of this year's National School Breakfast Week set for March 7-11.

The purpose of the weeklong observation is to encourage students to 'clue into' the importance of school breakfast and how eating breakfast sets them up for a busy day at school.

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.

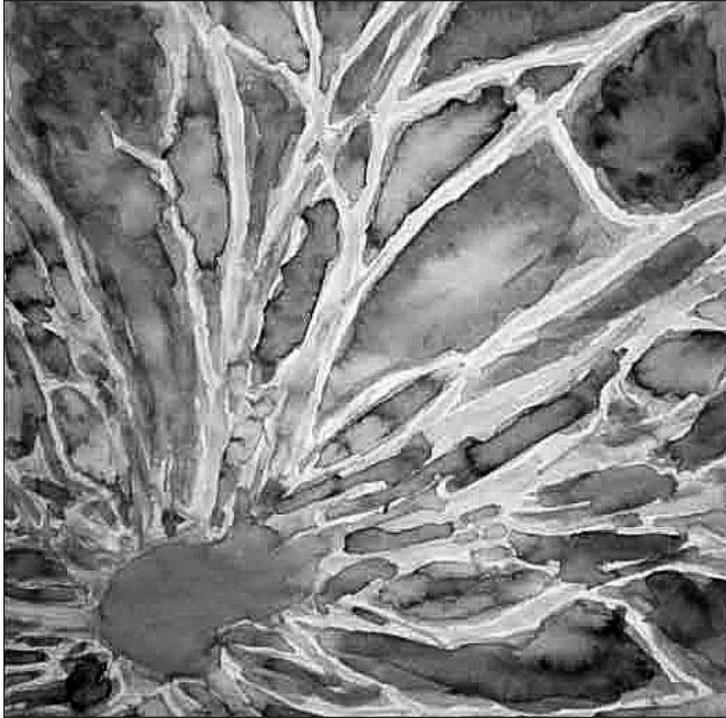
Meade Food Service offers at least three choices daily for breakfast, ranging from cold cereal to oatmeal to one hot entrée.

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 61,876 breakfasts were served throughout Meade School District. Of that number, 16,011 were full price meals, 9,921 were reduced price meals and 35,944 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.



February art show features works of area students

The featured artists at the Sturgis Area Arts Council February Art Show, to be held at the Sturgis Public Library, are the Sturgis Elementary School fifth-graders and Sturgis Williams Middle School sixth through eighth grade students. A public reception for the students will be held from 5-6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at the library. The students' art teacher is Lynne Steinley.

The watercolor at the left, by eighth-grader Maddie Craig, will be on display at the art show.

You can help your favorite school by recycling

Support your favorite school by helping the students earn money. The following is what each school collects and/or recycles.

Sturgis Elementary: General Mills box tops, Grocery Mart cash register receipts, Land O'Lakes milk caps and ink cartridges.

Rural Schools: Lynn's and Family Thrift Center cash register grocery receipts.

Sturgis Williams Middle School: Campbell Soup labels, General Mills box tops, pop tabs.

Piedmont and Stagebarn: General Mills box tops, Campbell Soup labels, Land O'Lakes milk caps, printer ink cartridges and cash register receipts from Haggar's Grocery, Safeway and Family Thrift.

Whitewood Elementary: Land O'Lakes milk caps, General Mills box tops, used printer cartridges. By participating in these pro-

grams, schools can receive money for student trips, school equipment, student incentives and educational supplies.

Book club promotes love of reading

Students at Sturgis Brown High School have an opportunity to engage their brains and activate their imaginations through the world of books by participating in the "Get Your Read On" (GYRO) Book Club.

"The goals of the book club," according to Alissa Adams, library media specialist at SBHS, "are to not only meet the needs and interests of a diverse student demographic, but also to promote the love of reading and to get into the hands of the students a variety of genre types."

There are no restrictions on what students can read, how they read (print or audio), or the amount they read.

"Our library is a gold mine of print and digital resources," said Adams, "and our fiction collection is especially strong. I just want students to develop a love of reading."

The GYRO Book Club is a continuation of last year's 25 Book Club in which 55 students and staff participated.

Teacher and Employee of the Year nominations are now being accepted

Each year Meade School District recognizes three teachers and two employees for their outstanding service. Nominations for these two awards - Teacher of the Year and Employee of the Year for 2011 - are now being accepted from any district patron or staff member. Deadline for submission of nominations is Friday, April 1.

The official nomination forms can be found on the district website, www.meade.k12.sd.us, at the district office at 1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis, and at all school administrative offices.

The official nomination forms must be used and be accompanied by three letters of recommendation from persons other than the nominator. Those nominated for Teacher of the Year must be planning to return the next year as a

classroom teacher. Employee of the Year nominees must also intend to return the following year.

The purpose of Teacher of the Year award is to recognize contributions of classroom teachers. All nominees should be exceptionally skilled and dedicated teachers of students in grades K-12, 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 both their communities and schools, often distinguishing themselves as leaders.

The most important qualification to consider is the teacher's 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, school and community service, and contributions to the betterment of the school and the district.

The Employee of the Year nominee should exemplify a genuine commitment to professionalism, demonstrate a willingness to take on additional responsibilities, and exhibit excellence in his or her work.

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

School calendar for 2010-2011

The following is the approved Meade School District calendar for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year. One snow day has already been taken, and that day has been added to the end of the school calendar; the last day of school is now May 23. Any more snow days up will be made up by adding them to the end of the calendar. In addition, Feb. 21, March 17, and April 25 will be used as make-up days if more than three snow days have been used prior to Feb. 1, March 1, or April 1, 2011.

Parent-Teacher Conferences:		Inservice Day (no school)	Mar. 17, 2011
Middle School: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 14, 2011	Spring Break (no school)	Mar. 18, 2011
High School: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 15, 2011	Good Friday/Easter (no school)	April 22-25
Elementary Schools: 5-8 p.m.	Feb. 15, 2011	Graduation	May 22, 2011
All Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 17, 2011	Last Day of School	May 23, 2011
Presidents' Day (no school)	Feb. 21, 2011		

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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 Stagebarn Elementary

12380 Sturgis Road, 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
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 Don Lyon, assistant principal.....347-2686
 Mike Paris, activities director.....347-4487
Academy.....347-9349
 1807 Williams Street, Sturgis**

Sturgis Elementary

1121 Ball Park Road, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
 Norm Graham, 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

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 Einar Mortenson, owner.....347-5066

Woodle Field

600 Woodland Dr., Sturgis, S.D. 57785**.....347-2003

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