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March is Music in our Schools month

“Music Makes Me _____!” is the theme of Music in Our Schools Month this March.

This national observance, the 41st annual, began as a single statewide celebration in New York and has grown over the decades to encompass a day, then a week, and then in 1985 a month-long celebration of school music.

The purpose of Music in Our Schools Month is to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children and to remind citizens that school is where all children should have access to music.

In observance of the celebration, the following music events are being held this month.

★Regional Elementary Festival Chorus concert at 3:30 p.m. Monday, March 3, at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre. Admission is \$5 for adults and free to those 18 years of age and younger. (See story on page 3)

★Piedmont Valley Elementary spring music concert “Music! My Life!” featuring the third through sixth grade students. Times are 8

a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Friday, March 7, in the multi-purpose room.

★Sturgis Brown High School choir-sponsored Scoop Revue Variety Show at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, March 17-18, at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Sturgis Music Boosters.

★Sturgis Brown High School band concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre.

Meade School District music teachers are Connie Feekes, Sturgis Williams Middle School, Piedmont Valley Elementary and Sturgis Elementary School; Rebecca Fischer, Piedmont Valley 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.

The public is invited to hear what is happening by visiting the music classes anytime during the month of March.

Registration for kindergarten and screening of children birth to six is this month

School registration for kindergarten and screenings for birth to six-year-old children will be held this month 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 2014-15 school year is open to children who will be five years of age by Sept. 1, 2014, 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.

The screenings are for children planning to attend kindergarten in the fall of 2014 as well as for those children up to six 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 kindergarten registration and screenings for children birth to six years of age are as follows:

Sturgis Elementary

Kindergarten and birth to three screening:

Monday, March 3: 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 4: 7 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Preschool age and birth to three screening:

Wednesday, March 5: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Piedmont Valley Elementary

Kindergarten, preschool age, birth to three:

Monday, March 10: 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11: 7 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Preschool age and birth to three screening:

Wednesday, March 12: 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

Kindergarten, preschool age, birth to three:

Tuesday, March 18: 2:30-6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19: 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

Kindergarten, preschool age, birth to three:

Thursday, March 20: 9 a.m.-Noon

Kindergarten registration will be held at the rural school office in Union Center while the screenings will be at the Central Meade County Community Center. Call Karen Speed at 985-5532 on Tuesdays or Thursdays to schedule an appointment.

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Questions or comments about the contents should be directed to the editor.

Fifth year that Sturgis has hosted the event

Area students selected for Festival Choir

Twenty-nine local students are among 75 singers participating in the Regional Elementary Festival Choir on Monday, March 3, 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 Rapid City, New Underwood, Harding County, Camp Cook and Philip, in addition to Meade School District.

The students, who were recommended for the Festival Choir 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 School fourth-graders Katelyn Aberle, Lilly Forbes, Kenna Goebel, Matea Gordon, Max Lowe, Neveah Murray, Gage Pentecost, Izzy Shepardson and Erin Yantis; and Sturgis Elementary School fifth-graders Emma Barnard, Jillian Beck, Nicole Gross, Kaidan Hopson, Makayla Keffeler, McKenna Kress, Trinity Legner and Elisabeth Ortiz.

Whitewood School participants include fifth-

graders Heston Hegdahl, Jarody Udager and Zia Wallace, and sixth-graders Max Burton, Breanna Garry, Mairén McGrath, Kloee Stalder.

Rural students selected include Kaidyn Meyers, fifth grade, Hereford; Kylie Shaw, sixth grade, and Emily Gray Smith, sixth grade, both Enning/Union Center; Dillon Smith, fifth grade, Opal; and Bailey Urbaniak, fifth grade, Atall.

Following a full day of practice, the students will present a concert at 3:30 p.m. Monday, March 3, at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre. Guest director will be Rosalind Hofer, elementary music teacher in Sioux Falls.

This is the fifth year that Sturgis has hosted the Festival, which is sponsored by the South Dakota Music Educators Association. Site coordinators are music teacher Hillary Hill from Sturgis Elementary and Marlene Kotab from Whitewood Elementary. The Sturgis Area Arts Council provided financial support so that the Meade students can participate in the Festival.

Admission to the concert is \$5 for adults. Children 18 and under are free.

New state assessment, Smarter Balanced, represents next generation of testing

With the move to new standards in English language arts (ELA) and math, South Dakota also will have a new state assessment. The new assessment will replace Dakota STEP in the areas of ELA and math. South Dakota will continue to use Dakota STEP for science assessment.

Referred to as Smarter Balanced, the new assessment is expected to be fully in place in the

2014-15 school year. For the current school year, South Dakota is one of just several states across the nation that plans to administer the new test to all of its students in grades 3-8 and 11.

Like the Dakota STEP, the Smarter Balanced assessment will be taken by students in the grades previously noted. Like the Dakota STEP, Smarter Balanced covers the subject areas of

English language arts and math. Unlike the Dakota STEP, students will take the test completely online. And, unlike the Dakota STEP, the new test will include more short answer and constructed response questions, as opposed to just multiple choice questions.

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Third year of student bike build at SBHS

For the third year, students at Sturgis Brown High School have been given the opportunity to participate in the Sturgis Buffalo Chip Student Bike Build Challenge, which allows them to learn from motorcycle industry professionals in creating a one-of-a-kind custom motorcycle.

Under the supervision of motorcycle industry veteran Keith Terry of Terry Components and Randy and Nick Cramer of Dakota V-Twin, the students are learning techniques to customize a 2014 Harley Davidson Street Slide donated by Black Hills Harley Davidson.

Many of the custom parts being installed on the bike are not yet available to consumers, which means this build is bringing parts to the market for the very first time.

The Student Build Challenge was started in 2010 by Rod Woodruff, president of Sturgis Buffalo Chip, as a way of promoting technical education in South Dakota and of providing students with expanded career opportuni-

ties in the motorcycle industry.

This year's design will feature a graffiti theme, accord to Terry, who conceptualized the design.

The motorcycle will be auctioned Aug. 4 in support of the Buffalo Chip's Legends Ride.



In the top photo, Casey Evans, left, and Corey Aga, right, install the wiring harness onto the frame under the direction of Nick and Randy Cramer of Dakota V-Twin.



In the photo at the left, students Kevin Chamberlain and Ethan Bennett, left, and Dominic Schoeberl, right, put the motor back on the painted frame and are hooking up the oil cooler in the front of the bike. Also pictured is teacher Chad Hedderman.

Deadline is March 18

Nominations sought for Teacher of the Year and Professional Technical/Support Staff

Nominations for Meade School District Teacher of the Year and Professional Technical and Support Staff of the Year for 2014 are now being accepted. The nomination forms are available at the district office and all school administrative offices and on the school district website: www.meade.k12.sd.us.

Nominations are welcome from parents, community members and staff members. 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. All nominations must be submitted by Tuesday, March 18, to the principal/supervisor of the person being nominated.

Once the nominees from each administrative site have

been finalized, a committee consisting of four administrators and three school board members will select one Teacher of the Year and one Professional Technical and Support Staff of the Year from among the nominees. The winners, plus the nominees from each administrative site, will be honored at the year-end Recognition and Retirement Reception.

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 qualifica-

tion 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 Professional Technical and Support Staff of the Year award is to recognize outstanding staff members who are not teachers.

The 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 for both awards must be planning to return to Meade School District for the 2014-15 school year.

Judges needed for senior presentations

The senior English teachers at Sturgis Brown High School - Teresa Bartlett, Kate Fjelstad, Tere Froelich and Danelle Johnson - are in need of people willing to judge students' oral presentations for their senior cumulative projects. The presentations will take place April 7-8.

All senior English students must complete a cumulative proj-

ect, the purpose of which is to demonstrate their knowledge and maturity gained during the course of their education.

The project is a four-part process, the last step of which is the oral presentation. The other steps include an annotated bibliography, a research paper, and project or product that is an extension of the research.

Each student will speak about the research paper, product application, lessons learned and any challenges encountered while doing the project.

Upon completion of the 8-9 minute speech, the judges will ask questions about the different phases of the project. To serve as a judge, call the high school at 347-2686.

This Old School House



July 30, 1915, meeting of Sturgis Independent School District No. 12:

The question of advertizing the school came before the board. Superintendent Wagner had earlier been asked to write up a flattering description of the Sturgis Public School to be used for the advertising of the school in the newspapers. It was moved and carried that Mr. [Harry] Grams, Wagner and the Clerk [Vernon Caton] act as a committee to prepare the best possible means that they can devise to advertize the Sturgis Schools.

Such advertizing to be mailed out at the earliest opportunity to all the names of pupils that were apt to be interested. It was also moved and seconded the opening of the school term change from the 6th day of September to the 13th day of September.

Aug. 28, 1925, meeting:

Moved by [C.D.] Erskine, seconded by [George] Price that the clerk be instructed to notify all coal and wood dealers to place bids for 4 cars, more or less, of Wyoming Lignite Coal egg size to be delivered in the bins at the high school; also for 10 cord of green cut dry wood in 4 ft. lengths to be delivered at the school grounds.

Bids to be opened Tuesday, Sept. 1, 1925.

April 8, 1935, meeting:

The following named teachers be hired for the school year of 1935-36 at the respective salaries as herein set opposite their names: Blanche A. Barber, \$1025; Esther Kruckenberg, \$950; Lillian Burke, \$950; Irene Jackson, \$950; Helen E. Dopp, \$950; Evelyn Uecker, \$950; Reva Groff, \$975. The following named high school teachers be employed for the school year of 1935-36: Maurice A. Lodge, \$1325; Buell Woodle, \$1325; Martin F. Jackley, \$1325; Olga Harlan, \$1175; Helen Jones, \$1175; Richard B. Williams, \$1200; Ina M. Hautala, \$1125. It was moved and seconded that E.E. Grunwald be employed as superintendent for the school year of 1935-36 at the salary of \$2500 and that William J. Brown be employed for 1935-36 as principal of the high school at a salary of \$1800.

March 13, 1968, meeting:

Mr. Eddie Miller described a proposed bus route to include Districts 24 and 36 which become a part of Sturgis Independent School District #12 on July 1, 1968. Miller stated the route to be 136 miles traveled daily. Miller also stated that service to Districts No. 83 and No. 33 combining with this District the same date, can be serviced by bus using an existing route at the same rate charged per mile.

Motion by [Bruce] Walker and

seconded by [Cliff] Linn that contract for one additional bus route be entered into between Miller Brothers and the District in amount of 30 cents per mile traveled on days school is in actual session with the provision that an adjustment be made annually deducting the amount of fares collected from students riding the bus from areas outside the boundaries of the District, and that amount of such fares be determined jointly between Miller Brothers and the District. Motion carried.

Jan. 24, 1978, meeting of Meade School District 46-1:

Ramona Britton, city councilwoman, requested the board accept a share of library expansion costs with the city and county. During an earlier informational dinner session, Carol Davis, city librarian, had defined the present activities of the library in relation to serving the district's library needs. Mrs. Davis informed the board that the expansion of the Sturgis City Library is in the best interests of the Meade School District.

Motion by [Earl] McPherson, seconded by [Shirley] Massa, that the school district contribute \$10,000 toward the purchase of Bob's Locker Plant adjacent to the present library facility and a part of the total library remodeling project. Upon roll call vote: yes, unanimously except [Brooke] Hersey, absent and not voting.

Benches help with mobility

Meade School District physical therapist Cindy Ireland, in the photo at the right, works with two-year-old Mary Helen Hlucny during a physical therapy session at Sturgis Elementary School.

The bench, on which they are perfecting skills in the area of motion and locomotion, is one of four built for physical therapy services by Jon Swan's cabinet making class at Sturgis Brown High School.



Students in Jon Swan's cabinet making I and II class who built the benches are, from the left in the photo at the right, Jonni DuBray, Dillon Kaschmitter, Leah Pappas, Gus Funell, Jarrod Schreter, Jessi Jones, Sam Fjelstad, Dalton Lindgren and Josh Hertel. Not pictured is Lars Zimmiond.



Meade staff and students are spreading the word to end the word

Meade School District students and staff will be observing the "Spread The Word To End the Word" initiative throughout the entire month of March.

The goal of this Special Olympics campaign is to educate the public regarding the casual use of the hurtful and degrading word 'retarded.'

Meade Special Services Director Chrissy Peterson said everyone needs to be made aware of the dehumanizing and hurtful effects of the word. "The R-word is just as cruel and offensive as any other slur. Use of the R-word perpetuates the stigma and negative stereotypes that face people with intellectual disabilities," she said. "I want to encourage everyone to think before they speak and help eliminate the use of this word," she said.

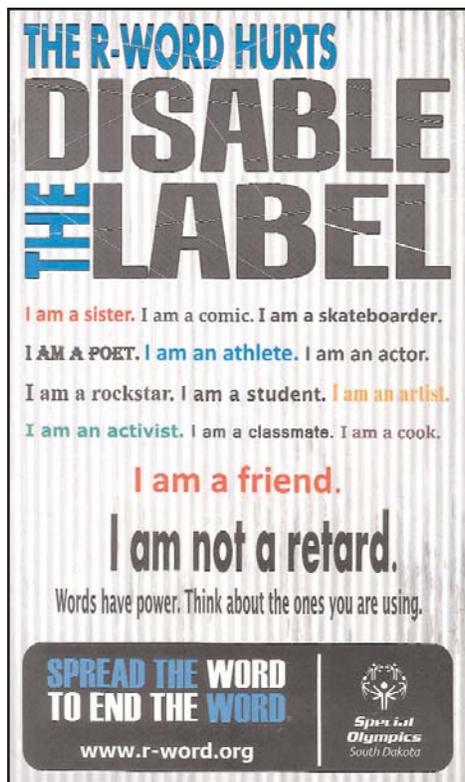
Spread the Word to End the Word was created by youth with and without intellectual disabilities who participated in the Special Olympics Global Youth Activation

Summit at the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games. The motivation for the campaign was driven by a united passion to promote the positive contributions people with intellectual disabilities make to

communities around the world combined with a simple call to action – a pledge to stop using a word – that also symbolizes positive attitude change and a commitment to make the world a more accepting place for all people.

The trademarked "Spread the Word To End the Word" was created by Soeren Palumbo (Notre Dame class of 2011) and Tim Shriver (Yale class of 2011) who are recognized as co-founders of the campaign.

According to Peterson, activities in observance of this initiative will vary from school to school but that everyone, including community members, will have an opportunity to sign a pledge to stop using the word. To make a pledge, visit www.r-word.org.



Three school board seats up for election; nominating petitions due March 25

Three of the nine seats on the Meade School Board are up for election this year. The positions that will become vacant due to the expiration of their terms are those held by Dennis Chowen and Courtney Mack, both of Sturgis, and Juanita Harrington, Piedmont.

Any person residing within Meade School District is eligible to file a nominating petition. The petition may be picked up at the school business office, 1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis, or downloaded at:

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

The petition must contain the signatures of at least 20 registered voters of Meade School District.

The first day to circulate nominating petitions is Saturday, March 1. Deadline for filing the petitions is 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, in the office of the Meade School District business manager.

Instructions on circulating nominating petitions and a guide for school board candidates can also be found on the district website, as listed above.

The school board election is June 3.

Observance is March 3-7

Public invited to eat breakfast at school during School Breakfast Week

"Take Time for School Breakfast" is the theme of this year's National School Breakfast Week set for March 3-7.

The purpose of the weeklong observation is to highlight how eating a healthy, balanced breakfast at school helps students shine bright, and to spread the word that school breakfast is convenient and a timesaver for parents.

In keeping with the theme, Meade Food Service personnel are planning activities to educate the students about nutrition. "We hope to get as many students as possible involved in these 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 61,940 breakfasts were served throughout Meade School District. Of that number, 14,087 were full price meals, 8,266 were reduced priced meals and 39,587 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.

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While this new format will challenge the students (and teachers to prepare them), it offers a more authentic assessment of student learning and of students' ability to apply knowledge. Because it is done online, the results should be available much more quickly as well.

As the state and Meade School District move to this new assessment, there will be a natural inclination to make comparisons regarding how students

perform on the new test versus how they performed on the Dakota STEP. It is recommended that comparisons not be made since the tests measure performance on different sets of standards. It would not be an apples-to-apples comparison.

There will be some who choose to make comparisons of performance on the new and old tests. If that occurs, the comparison will likely show that proficiency rates, as a whole, have gone

down. This happens any time a new test is introduced, as students work towards full understanding of the concepts being measured by the test. And it has already happened in states that have fully implemented and are now testing on the Common Core standards in English language arts and math.

To get a better understanding of what the new test will look like, view sample test items at www.smarterbalanced.org.



On hand for South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard's press conference announcing the recipients of grants for career and technical education where District 29 Legislators Gary Cammack, left, and Dean Wink, right, and Meade School District Superintendent Don Kirkegaard and Sturgis Brown High School youth internship coordinator Coleen Keffeler.

District receives CTE grant through Future Fund

Meade School District was one of 12 South Dakota school districts to be awarded a Governor's Grant for Career and Technical Education through the South Dakota Future Fund.

The \$89,967 grant received by the district will be used to expand the manufacturing cluster classes at Sturgis Brown High School by expanding the welding program and adding a machining course. Specifically, the money will be used

to purchase a vertical mill and lathe and instructional materials for students, and training for staff. The new machining course will be available to students next fall.

According to Coleen Keffeler, coordinator of the youth internship program at the high school, the Sturgis Economic Development Corporation and seven businesses in the Sturgis Industrial Park signed on as partners or supporters of the grant. In addition,

Western Dakota Tech will work with the high school staff to develop concurrent and dual enrollment opportunities for the students. These in-kind donations plus other local funds total almost \$18,000 in community support of the expanded curriculum.

The Future Fund was created in 1987 by the South Dakota Legislature at the request of Gov. George S. Mickelson as part of his economic development initiative.

Nominations sought for 2015 Hall of Fame

Nominations for the next class of inductees into the Sturgis Brown High School Athletic Hall of Fame are being accepted until April 30. The nomination form and criteria are available at the SBHS activity director's office and main office, and on the Meade School District website: www.meade.k12.sd.us

March school board meeting to be held at Sturgis Brown High School

The Meade School Board will hold its regular monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, in the Lecture Hall (Room 111) at Sturgis Brown High School.

The monthly program report consists of an overview of the capital outlay budget by Business Manager Brett Burditt.

Action items include financial reports, personnel items and con-

tract for the career and technical education grant. The board will also act on the voluntary annexations of schools into Summerset, Piedmont and Sturgis, and a resolution regarding sanctioning of soccer.

Discussion items include the board review of policies, boards of equalization, negotiations with Meade Education Association, kindergarten registration numbers,

state legislative action and its impact on the school district, TIE conference, update on the interior demolition and remodeling at Sturgis Williams Middle School and classroom use at Piedmont Valley Elementary School.

The agenda, background information and attachments will be available beginning Friday, March 7, on the district website.

Annexation and soccer on March board agenda

Action items on the March 11 Meade School Board agenda include the voluntary annexation of Piedmont Valley Elementary into Piedmont, Stagebarn facility and land into Summerset, and Sturgis Brown High School into Sturgis.

Meade Superintendent Don Kirkegaard explained that when Piedmont annexed land a year ago only part of the school was annexed. "The old gym, parking lot and two-thirds of the school building are in the Piedmont City limits but the southwest corner, staff parking lot and playground are still in the county," he said. "We need to clean that up." The superintendent also said it makes sense for the Stagebarn property to be in Summerset. Currently

half is in the City of Summerset and the rest is in the county.

The City of Sturgis has formally requested a voluntary annexation of SBHS into the municipal limits of Sturgis, which board members will also address.

The board will also take action on the sanctioning of soccer. At the December meeting, the Sturgis Soccer Association presented a proposal that soccer become a sanctioned sport beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

The board members have discussed the topic at several meetings including last month at which time a transition proposal from Activities Director Mike Paris was presented.

Ainsworth-Benning awarded SWMS renovation project

Ainsworth-Benning Construction, Inc. will be the general contractor for the Sturgis Williams Middle School renovation project. The Spearfish company's base bid of \$2,697,000 was accepted by the Meade School Board at a Feb. 27 special meeting during which the board members also accepted alternate 1 bid of \$327,000 for air conditioning. Alternate 2 bid of \$72,300 for LED lighting was rejected.

Ainsworth-Benning was the only bidder for the project. Superintendent Don Kirkegaard said if the

board rejected the bid because of that, there's no guarantee that rebids would come in any lower. Timing is critical for completion of the project by the start of school in August so rebidding could result in higher bids, he said.

Negotiations will get underway immediately with the insurance company to determine what they will pay for and what the district's costs will be. "The insurance company has been nothing but helpful throughout this entire process," said the superintendent.



SBHS wrestlers take sixth at state tourney

Sturgis Brown High School wrestlers claimed sixth place team honors at the State A Wrestling Tournament held Feb 28-March 1 in Rapid City.

Senior Brody Jorensen at 113 pounds placed third while junior Zane Joens at 126 pounds placed fourth. Taking fifth place honors

were freshman Cully Olson, 106; sophomore Tanner Brengle, 132; senior Tate McVay, 160; and junior John Wilson, 285. Senior Ethan Bennett took sixth at 170 pounds, junior Jesse Skidmore took seventh in the 138 pound weight class, and eighth-grader Bailey Brengle took eighth place at 120.

Also qualifying for state were sophomore Payson Dirk, 182; and sophomore Jake Vinson, 195.

Head coach is Steve Keszler and assistant coaches are Dave Olson and Jason Schlichtemeier.

(Photo courtesy of S.D. Public Broadcasting)

Simulation event to be held for eighth-graders

Sturgis Williams Middle School eighth-graders will be participating in a mock activity/simulation event March 11 at Sturgis Brown High School titled "It's Your Choice - Or Is It?" to help them understand how making bad decisions can negatively affect their lives.

The activity, the second annual, is sponsored by the Youth Leadership Team at the school and will begin with the eighth-graders 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, some students will be arrested and appear in court where they will be given probation or sent to jail, while others will receive counseling for abusing alcohol or drugs.

In order to make the simulation as realistic as possible, more than 75 National Honor Society and

Drama Club students at the high school are volunteering their services. Numerous community resources are also participating.

In charge of project development for the mock activity is Luke Altstiel, who is using the activity for his senior experience.

A pre-simulation meeting for parents of the the eighth grade students will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 10, at the high school.

Bus route change requests due April 1

All requests for Meade School District bus route changes for the 2014-15 school year must be submitted to the office of the superintendent by Tuesday, April 1.

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: 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.

Action on the bus route change requests will be taken by the Meade School 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.

Meeting scheduled for parents of eighth-graders

An informational meeting for parents of eighth-graders will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, in Room 111 at Sturgis Brown High School.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the registration process for high school, elective classes, expectations and credits needed to graduate.

For further information contact SBHS Assistant Principal Don Lyon at 347-2686.

Revised school calendar for 2013-14

The following is the revised Meade School District calendar for the remainder of the 2013-14 school year. As of March 1, three snow days have been used.

Two of those snow days have been added at the end of the school calendar, making the last day of school now Friday, May 23. The third snow

day was made up by holding school on Presidents' Day in February.

Thursday, March 13, and Monday, April 21, will be used as the fourth and fifth make-up days, if needed.

If March 13 is used as a make-up day, inservice will be moved to Friday, March 14.

Inservice Day (no school) <i>(See story, above)</i>	Mar. 13, 2014
Spring Break (no school)	Mar. 14, 2014
Good Friday/Easter (no school) <i>(See story, above)</i>	April 18- 21, 2014
Graduation	May 18, 2014
Last Day of School	May 23, 2014

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

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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

Temporary office:
1230 Douglas 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

1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Brett Burditt.....347-2523 x1
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Buildings and Grounds

12940 E. Highway 34, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
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

Special Services

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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