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March is Music in Our Schools Month

“Music Inspires” is the theme of Music in Our Schools Month this March.

This national observation began as a single statewide advocacy day and celebration in New York in 1973 and grew over the decades to become a month-long celebration.

The purpose of Music in Our Schools Month is to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children and to remind all citizens of the positive benefits that school music brings to students of all ages.

In observance of this celebration, the following music events are being held this month. All are open to the public.

•Regional Elementary Festival Choir Concert: 3:30 p.m. Monday, March 7, Sturgis Community Center Theatre. Admission is \$5 for adults and

free to those 18 years of age and younger. (See story about the Meade participants on Page 2.)

•Sturgis Brown High School choir-sponsored Scoop Revue Variety Show: 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, March 14-15, at the Sturgis Community Center

Theatre. There is no admission fee, but donations will be accepted to benefit the music program and all music students.

•Piedmont Valley Elementary School spring music program: 8 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Friday, March 18, in the school gym. Featured are the third through sixth grade students. The program also features drumming and student guitarists and, at the morning concert, the sixth grade band. There is no admission fee.

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Concert is March 7

Area students selected for Festival Choir

Twenty-eight local students are among approximately 100 singers participating in the Regional Elementary Festival Choir on Monday, March 7, 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 Valley, Harding County, Owanka and Custer 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 Christina Bartlett, Marah Ellis, Kashton Ford, Abby Johnson, Marty Jones, Aiden Lalicker, Paige McNabb, Reeve Ross, Rowan Swift, Samantha Teigen, Angelina Williamson and Skylar Williamson, and fifth-graders Austin Atyeo, Mya Jordan, Adrien Lyon, Taesha Monahan, Blair Peterson, Kyearea Schafer, Noah Smyle, Gabby Weiss and Jag Weyer.

Whitewood School participants include fourth-graders Tessa Garry and Sydney Underhill; fifth-graders Colton Biesheuvel, Jayden Coffield, Hayden Heckenlaible and Heather Nudd; and sixth-graders Kailyn Carlson, Journey Johnson and Cody Stalder.

Following a full day of practice, the students will present a concert at 3:30 p.m. Monday,

March 7, at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre. Guest director is Dr. Wendy vanGent, assistant professor of music education at Northern State University, Aberdeen. The vocal educator has extensive experience in choral music.

This is the seventh year that Sturgis has hosted the Festival, which is sponsored by the South Dakota Music Educators Association.

Site coordinators are music teachers Hillary Hill from Sturgis Elementary and Marlene Kotab from Whitewood Elementary. The Sturgis Area Arts Council provides 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.

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•Sturgis Elementary School kindergarten program and fourth grade choir concert will be Monday, March 21, at the Sturgis Community Center

Theatre. Kindergarten Group A (Stoeser, Tullis, Neiman) will perform at 5:30 p.m., and Group B (Pickett, Isaacson, Monahan) will perform at 6:30 p.m. The fourth-grade choir concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. There is no admission fee.

Meade School District music teachers are Rebecca Fahey, Sturgis Brown High School; Connie Feekes, Sturgis Williams Middle School, Piedmont Valley Elementary School and Sturgis Elementary School; Rebecca Fischer, Piedmont Elementary; Hillary Hill, Sturgis Elementary; Marlene Kotab, Whitewood Elementary School; Gary Nelson, SWMS and SBHS; Barton Torbert, SBHS; and Amy Wicks, rural schools.

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Three school board seats up for election

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 Bob Burns, Black Hawk; Curtis Nupen, Piedmont; and Bryce Richter, Sturgis.

Any person who resides within Meade School District and is registered to vote 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/index.php/school-board/election/

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

The first day to circulate nominating petitions is Tuesday, March 1. Deadline to file the nominating petitions is 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, 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 Tuesday, June 7.

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

Meade School District is among numerous South Dakota schools observing the "Spread The Word To End the Word" initiative that is being held during the month of March.

The goal of this Special Olympics-sponsored campaign is to educate the public regarding the casual use of the hurtful and degrading word 'retarded' and to replace that derogatory term with the word 'respect.'

Today the r-word has become a common word used by society as an insult for someone or something stupid. For example, you might hear someone say, "That is so retarded" or "Don't be such a retard." When used in this way, the r-word can apply to anyone or anything, and is not specific to someone with a disability. But, even when the r-word is not said to harm someone with a disability, it is hurtful.

Because of this, the focus by

Special Olympics is on people and their gifts and accomplishments, and to dispel negative attitudes and stereotypes. As language has evolved, Special Olympics has updated its official terminology to use standard, people-first language.

Even though Meade students and staff will observe the initiative all month, the official kickoff will take place Wednesday, March 2. Activities in observance of this initiative will vary from school to school but everyone, including community members, will have an opportunity to sign a pledge to stop using the word.

To make a pledge, go to: <http://www.r-word.org>.

Chrissy Peterson, special services director for Meade School District, 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 making the world a more accepting place for all people.

Selected: Danika Gordon, an eighth-grader at Sturgis Williams Middle School has been named one of two top youth volunteers in South Dakota for 2016 by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism.

Danika, who was a finalist in last year's program, is being honored for promoting kindness and volunteerism among her peers through an online book she authored and through programs she conducts at numerous venues. For years, Danika has participated monthly in service projects such as collecting food, books and coats for those in need, picking up litter in a park, and writing thank you letters to soldiers stationed overseas. But it was the experience of being bullied that prompted her to create her own service project to persuade young people that "they have 'super powers' to spread kindness in the world by being caring, respectful and volunteering to help others in need," she said.

She has collaborated with schools, libraries, after-school programs and youth groups in seven communities to share her book and promote compassion and service. In addition, Danika has trained 18 other students to

conduct similar programs in their schools and classrooms.

Danika will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion and an all-expense-paid trip in May to Washington, D.C. While in Washington, she will join the other honorees - one middle level and one high school student per state and the District of Columbia - and will tour landmarks, attend a gala awards ceremony at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, and visit with congressional representatives on Capitol Hill.

The nation's top 10 youth volunteers will be announced during this gathering.

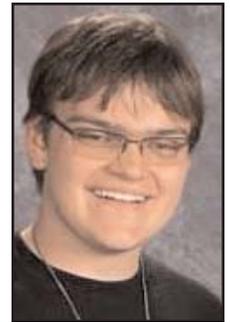
Won: Sturgis Brown High School juniors **Brendan Van Pelt** and **Nathan Wise** received superior actor awards for their portrayal of *The Cheat* and *The Sayer*, respectively, at the State One-Act Festival held recently in Sioux Falls. Van Pelt and Wise and the other members of the cast performed "The Cave" under the direction of longtime drama coach June Dill.

Qualified: Sturgis Brown High School student **Tanner VanSickle** has qualified as first alternate to the National Speech and Debate Tournament of the National Forensic League set for June 2-7 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The junior, who qualified in



VanPelt



Wise



VanSickle



Gordon

Student Congress-Senate, will participate if one of the qualifiers is unable to attend.

VanSickle qualified for the tournament based on his performance at the qualifying tournament held recently in North Platte, Neb., where 600 students from 20 schools participated.

The SBHS team, coached by Eric Johnson, was awarded the Leading Chapter Award for the Hole-in-the-Wall District, which consists of schools in South Dakota, Wyoming and Nebraska.

This award is based upon participation and is the highest honor the National Forensic League can bestow upon a school.

Still time to register for kindergarten and for screenings of children birth to six

School registration for kindergarten and screenings for birth to six-year-old children will be held in March at four locations throughout Meade School District.

The kindergarten registration has been combined with the screening to save time for parents. This registration for the 2016-17 school year is open to children who will be five years of age by Sept. 1, 2016, 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 2016 as well as for those children up to six years of age.

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 registration and screenings are as follows:

Sturgis Elementary

Tuesday, March 8: 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 9: 7 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

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

Piedmont Valley Elementary

Tuesday, March 15: 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16: 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, March 22: 2:30-6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 23: 7:30-11 a.m.

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

Rural Area

Thursday, March 24: 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 or 269-2264.

SBHS Hall of Fame nominations due April 29

Nominations for the 2017 Class of inductees into the Sturgis Brown High School Athletic Hall of Fame are being accepted until Friday, April 29.

The categories of nominees are athlete; coach, adviser or administrator; and community member or contributor.

Athletes become eligible for consideration on the fifth anniversary of their graduation from SBHS. Those nominated as a coach, adviser 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 and main office at SBHS and on the school district website:

www.meade.k12.sd.us/index.php/sturgis-brown/activities/hall-fame/

The nominations of those not selected for 2017 will be kept on file and active for the next five years.

For further information contact Meade School District Activities Director Mike Paris at 347-4487 or 347-2686.

Geometry-in-construction class in its sixth year

It was six years ago that Sturgis Brown High School first began offering geometry-in-construction, the first class of its kind in the state. The year-long course, which integrates geometry and industrial arts, allows students the opportunity to build a structure by applying what they are learning in the classroom to the construction field.

For the first five years, Habitat for Humanity provided funding for the houses, which were constructed on the high school campus. The tie-in to the nonprofit was appealing to the students because they were working for more than just a grade, they were working for the family who would eventually live in the house.

Another constant during the first five years, was the construction instructor, Chad Hedderman. Since he was hired this year to be the assistant principal at the high school, Jon Swan, a seven-year career and technical education instructor at the high school, has assumed that position. Over the years, four different math teachers have been involved. Debbie Cano, a 13-year teacher at SBHS, is now in her second year with the class.

This year, instead of building a home for Habitat for Humanity, the students are constructing two 16' x 20' cabins for Buffalo Chip Campground. Campground owner Rod Woodruff provided the materials and plans for the camping cabins.



Above: Alex Voges works on blocking the roof to ensure that it is capable of supporting the weight of a roofer.



Right: Cante Permann, Reese Huck and Chyann Cody measure before using the miter saw to make precision cuts for the blocking material.

Right: Class instructors are veteran SBHS teachers Deb Cano and Jon Swan.

Below: Shelby Acre, Jade Graham, Ethan Rosten, Nicole Bartlett and Jonah Lienau work on squaring the first sheet of smart siding on one of the cabins for Buffalo Chip Campground.



New social studies curriculum proposed; materials on display March 15-April 11

The Meade School Board is in the process of adopting new social studies curriculum for grades K-12 throughout the entire district. A presentation about the proposed materials will take place during the school board's regular March 14 meeting set for 5:30 p.m. in the board room of the Williams Administrative Building, 1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis.

Teachers of kindergarten through fifth grade are recommending the purchase of Pearson's "My World Social Studies" while those teaching sixth through twelfth grades recommend the McGraw-Hill Networks series including textbooks on U.S. history, world geography, world history, economics and psychology. Pearson Magruder's "American Government" is also being recommended for the high school.

The selection process began a year ago when staff members began reviewing social studies materials. The top two companies presented to a representative group of teachers, who then made the

final recommendation based on feedback from all staff who teach social studies.

Meade School District Curriculum and Technology Director Jeff Ward said that teachers favor the proposed textbooks and supporting materials due to their ease of use, readability and grade level appropriateness, and digital accessibility, with the added benefit that they support research-based teaching practices and meet state standards.

The district's social studies curriculum was last reviewed in 2006. According to Ward, materials usually reach the end of their usability after seven to 10 years.

The proposed materials will be on display from March 15-April 11 at the public libraries in Piedmont, Whitewood and Sturgis. A book for comments will be available at each library or patrons can email their comments to Ward at jeff.ward@k12.sd.us.

Meade School Board to meet March 14

The monthly meeting of the Meade School Board will be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 14, in the board room of the Williams Administrative Building, 1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis.

The program report, by Sturgis Williams Middle School teacher Kerry Skinner, who is also the chairman of the district's Social Studies Instructional Council, will discuss the proposed new social studies curriculum. (See separate story, above)

Action items include a memorandum of understanding with the City of Sturgis for Woodle Field. Superintendent Don Kirkegaard said there has never been a written document concerning the shared costs and use of the parking lot and field, which is owned by the City. "Nothing will change," the superintendent said. "This document just clarifies the rights and obligations of both entities."

Board members will also act on a contract for use of the Central Meade County Community

Center in Union Center, a contract for the district athletic trainer, a cooperative soccer agreement with the Newell School District, academic calendar for 2017-18, teacher negotiations, financial reports, personnel, Policy EJ: "Service Animals," and the May 10 surplus auction.

A date will be set for a special board meeting to open bids for the high school office remodel and to review the proposed capital outlay budget.

Discussion items include impact of legislation on the school district, negotiations with Meade Education Association and staffing for 2016-17.

The public meeting will be preceded by an executive session at 5 p.m. for the purposes of personnel and employee negotiations.

The agenda, background and attachments will be posted five days prior to the meeting on the district website:

www.meade.k12.sd.us/index.php/school-board/agenda-information/

Observance is March 7-11

Public invited to eat breakfast at school during School Breakfast Week

"Wake Up to School Breakfast" is the theme of this year's National School Breakfast Week set for March 7-11.

The purpose of the weeklong observation is to remind the entire school community that school breakfast provides a healthy, energizing start to the day. Students will be encouraged to "wake up" their minds and bodies with special menus, decorations and events that week.

National School Breakfast Week was launched in 1989 to raise awareness of the availability of the School Breakfast Program to all children and to promote the links between eating a good breakfast, academic achievement and healthy lifestyles.

"A healthy breakfast at the start of the day is one way to ensure students are getting the best education they can," said Joe Schaffer, food service director for Meade School District. "National School Breakfast Week helps us educate parents and students about all the healthy and appealing choices we offer."

FACT: Students who eat breakfast have better attention and memory. Research indicates the quality of foods children eat impacts cognition - with poor nutrition linked with absenteeism, hunger symptoms and psychosocial problems.

FACT: Students who eat school breakfast attend more days of school per year and score 17.5 percent higher on standardized math tests.

In keeping with the theme, Meade Food Service personnel are planning activities to educate the students about nutrition. Food service personnel hope to get as many students as possible involved in these activities as a way of encouraging them to eat breakfast every morning.

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 64,579 breakfasts were served throughout Meade School District. Of that number, 12,955 were full-price meals, 9,475 were reduced-priced meals and 42,149 were free meals.

Parents, family members and patrons of the district are invited to breakfast during National School Breakfast Week. To attend breakfast at a school or for further information, call Meade District Food Service at 347-3601.

The "Wake Up to School Breakfast" campaign is made possible by the nonprofit School Nutrition Association and Kellogg's Specialty Channel

Events and meeting dates for PTA, PTO and other booster groups

- March 1:** Rural PTO meeting, 6:30 p.m., Opal School
- March 7:** Piedmont Valley Elementary PTA meeting, 6:30 p.m., school library
- March 11:** Quarterback Club meeting, 7 p.m., Loud American, Sturgis
- March 17:** Whitewood PTO-sponsored Potato Feed, 5-6:30 p.m., Hale Hall
- March 21:** Booster Club meeting, 5:30 p.m., Phil Town Inn, Sturgis
- March 24:** Whitewood PTO-sponsored Easter Egg Hunt, 2:30 p.m., at the school
- March 31:** Piedmont Elementary PTA sponsored presentation for 3-6 grade students by Lakota artist and author Don Montileaux

SWMS students present two-act comedy

The Sturgis Williams Middle School Drama Club is presenting a two-act comedy "Almost History: That Whole Space Time Continuum Thing" by Treanor Wooten Baring at 7 p.m.

Thursday and Friday, March 3-4, at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre. There is no admission, however donations are accepted.

In a series of time-travel misadventures, famous reporter Sandra (Lydia Rotterdam) and videographer Sydney (Sydney Hyman) live stream from great moments in American history. Because the reporter didn't pay attention when she was in school and because she's excessively clumsy, she keeps getting into trouble, changing the course of history.

The reporter and videographer return to a comically chaotic present and even Marie Curie cannot

undo the disastrous effects of the mishaps. By restoring order to the "whole space-time continuum thing," eventually democracy and technology are saved.

Directors Cathie Anderson and Beth Johnson, both teachers at the middle school, said the public can expect a full two-act comedy with all the trimmings. Duration is about one hour and 15 minutes. "This play is far more technical than we expected when we chose it," said Johnson. "But the students have really done a wonderful job of executing each aspect."

Since there isn't a great practice space at the middle school,

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Above:
Cast member Lexi Harms, left, suggests revisions to the producer (Jillian Sutton).



Right: Ricky Clark, second from the left, portrays the ship's navigator, while Lilly Forbes, Jodi Barden and Sidney Peterson are shipmates.



Left: Nineteenth Century inventor Alexander Graham Bell (Reese Ludwick) and assistant Thomas Watson (McKenna Kress) are being interviewed by famous reporter Sandra (Lydia Roterdam) while Sydney (Sydney Hyman) videos the interview.



Left: Attempting to undo the mess caused by reporter Sandra are her junior high teachers Ms. Smetek (Felicity Ferwerda) and Ms. Wood (Hannah Wilson), and mathematician Pythagoras (Zane Austin) and scientist Marie Curie (Siobhan Bromwich).



Left: Jess (Heather Wright) and Cody (Rebekah Cox) are unaware of their surroundings because they are busy texting while cast members Hannahlisa Fleming and Wani Doud are in awe of famous reporter Sandra (Lydia Roterdam).

McGillivray joins business office team

Sturgis native Maranda McGillivray has been hired as the new accounts payable person in the business office.

The 2005 Sturgis Brown High School graduate has been on the job for just a month but already feels very welcomed and at home. "I am really liking the fast-paced and friendly atmosphere of this position," she said. "I am enjoying seeing all the familiar faces coming in and out."

Maranda's mother, Connie Berg, is a teacher at Piedmont Valley Elementary School and a 32-year employee of Meade School District. Maranda hopes to follow in her mother's footsteps and make the district her long-term home.

"During the interview process, we saw professional, educational and personal attributes that led us to hire her," said School District Business



Maranda McGillivray

Manager Brett Burditt. "I feel that Maranda's personality and professional background will be a good addition to the business office," he said. "I look forward to the future to see how Maranda develops and contributes to the business office and the entire district."

Maranda, who is 28, received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Black Hills State University in 2009 where she majored in management and human resources.

She worked for four years at GreenTree Servicing in Rapid City, the last 2½ as collections manager. Previous to that, she was employed at Premier Bankcard in Spearfish. She and her husband Brandon have two sons, Blain, 3, and Mason, 5.

She replaces Deb Luger, who retired.

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the cast and crew have been presented with location challenges, having to move from location to location.

"With each move we needed to re-establish the space or set up for each scene," said Johnson. "Even though that slowed our progress, the students adjusted well and would eagerly run the scenes over and over at our request, perfecting with each run-through," said Johnson.

Johnson was quick to praise the production team, who designed and painted the backdrops with minimal input from the directors, and the sound effects team, who put in many hours cutting and splicing various sounds to enhance each scene.

"Cathie and I are so proud of this production," offered Johnson. "It was a challenge for us to make sure all of the cogs turned at the same time, but without the students' commitment and passion, there wouldn't be any cogs to turn at all. This is theirs, and it is fantastic!

Cast includes Lydia Rotterdam, Sandra; Sydney Hyman, Sydney; Rebekah Cox, Cody; Heather Wright, Jess; Jillian Sutton, Producer/Thomas

Jefferson; Emma Hayes, Assistant Producer/Chorus; Zane Austin, Mike/Pythagoras; Jodi Barden, Midge/Mission Control; Ricky Clark, Ship Navigator/Einstein; Lilly Forbes, Shipmate 1/Fan 1; Velda Snow, Shipmate 2/Fan 2; Kailyn Flagler, Shipmate 3/Fan 3; Kristen Pierce, Shipmate 4/Fan Club; Lexi Harms, John Adams/Chorus/Imperial Guard; Hannahlisa Fleming, Buzz Aldren/Chorus; Sapphire Schroeder, Ben Franklin/Mary Shelley; McKenna Kress, Thomas Watson/Chorus; Reese Ludwick, Alexander Bell/Chorus; Wani Doud, Michael Collins/Chorus; Sidney Peterson, Neil Armstrong/TV Crewman; Siobhan Bromwich, Marie Curie/Chorus; Felicity Ferwerda, Ms. Smetek; and Hannah Wilson, Ms. Wood/Chorus.

Production crew includes Andrew Neilan, technical director, sound effects and printed program; Brooke Eckert, lighting; Lexi McKee, Brooke Eckert, Ryan Conover, Sammantha Wood and Chevelle Hudson, set design; Trinity Scherer and Ryan Canover, stage managers and marketing; Lexi McKee, costumes; and Chevelle Hudson, marketing.

Deadline is March 18

Nominations still being accepted for Teacher, Professional Technical Support Staff of the Year

Nominations for Teacher of the Year and Professional Technical Support Staff of the Year for 2016 are still being accepted.

The nomination forms are available at the district office and at all school administrative offices and on the district website: www.meade.k12.sd.us/index.php/communications/

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 received by Friday, March 18, by the principal or supervisor of the person being nominated. Each administrative site will then select one person from among the nominations as their nominee.

Once the nominees from each

administrative site have been finalized, a committee consisting of administrators and school board members will select one Teacher of the Year and one Professional Technical/Support Staff of the Year.

These two winners and the nominees from each administrative site will be honored at the May 11 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 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 Professional Technical 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 for Professional Technical Support Staff of the Year 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 2016-17 school year.

Bus route change requests due April 1

All requests for Meade School District bus route changes for the 2016-17 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 school district office at 347-2523 or by accessing the following: <http://www.meade.k12.sd.us/index.php/forms/>

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, the board members will consider 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.

Scoopers fourth at State Wrestling Tourney

Behind the second place wins of Jacob Wood at 106 pounds and Payson Dirk at 195 pounds, Sturgis Brown High School wrestlers claimed fourth place team honors with 120.5 points at the State A Wrestling Tournament held Feb. 26-27 in Rapid City.

Wood, a freshman, finished the year with a record of 43-7 while Dirk, a senior, had a record of 42-3.

Sophomore Bailey Brengle,

wrestling at 132 pounds, and senior Tanner Brengle, wrestling at 138 pounds, both placed fourth.

Fifth place honors went to junior Winston Brown at 152 pounds and sophomore Joel Carpenter at 220 pounds.

Taking sixth place were sophomore Jaren Puhlman in the 145-pound weight class and senior Jacob Vinson at 182 pounds,

Also qualifying for state were sophomore Shae Owens at 113

pounds and junior Cully Olson at 126 pounds.

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

Pierre took first place with 206 points followed by Sioux Falls Roosevelt, 147.5 points, and Aberdeen Central, 138 points.

Fifth place went to Spearfish, 109 points, followed by Huron, Rapid City Stevens, Brookings, Rapid City Central and West Central.



The Sturgis Brown High School wrestling team finished fourth out of 30 teams at the State A Wrestling Tournament held Feb. 26-27 in Rapid City. (Photo courtesy of S.D. Public Broadcasting)

District receives grant for kitchen equipment

Meade School District is one of four school districts in the state to recently receive a grant for new food service equipment.

District Food Service Director Joe Schaffer said the grant, \$6,300, was used to purchase a steamer for the kitchen at Whitewood Elementary School.

The money, from the Agriculture Appropriations Act, was provided to states through the United States Department of Agriculture School and Nutrition Services National School Lunch Program.

South Dakota awarded the money via a competitive grant process, giving priority to high need schools (i.e. schools in underserved areas, schools with limited access to other resources,



Whitewood Elementary School food service site manager LaVerne Collins uses the new steamer for the first time.

and age of food service equipment) where 50 percent or more of the enrolled students are eligible for free or reduced priced meals.

Schools are required to use the money to purchase equipment that improves food safety, expands access and enables the

school to serve healthier meals that meet the updated meal patterns with an emphasis on more fruits and vegetables

Also receiving grants were Woonsocket School District, Summit School District and Big Stone City School District.

Meade School District calendar for 2015-16

Below is the approved calendar for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year. As of March 1, two snow days have been taken. Those days have been added to the end of the school calendar, making the last day of school now May 26. Furthermore, March 11 (Spring Break) and March 28 (Easter Monday) could be used as make-up days at the discretion of the Meade School Board upon recommendation of the superintendent.

Inservice Day (no school)	Mar. 10, 2016
Spring Break (no school)	Mar. 11, 2016
Good Friday/Easter Monday (no school)	Mar. 25-28, 2016
Graduation	May 22, 2016
Last Day of School	May 26, 2016

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**
P.O. Box 90, 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
Pete Wilson, principal.....347-2686
Chad Hedderman, 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
Dave Olson, assistant principal.....347-2386

Sturgis Williams Middle School

1425 Cedar Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Toll-free 1-888-567-8274
Ann Nonnast, principal.....347-5232
Dave Olson, 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
Toll-free 1-877-522-6251

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
Marcia Potts.....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

Harlow's School Bus Service

2237 West Sherman, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Andy Ellingsen, transportation manager.....347-5066

Woodle Field

600 Woodland Dr., Sturgis**.....347-2003

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