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## Post-prom organizers need your help

Members of the Post-Prom Committee are asking for help in hosting this year's party following the Sturgis Brown High School prom Saturday, April 26.

Post-prom, which will be held from midnight to 3 a.m. in the east gym at the high school, is free to the students. In order to keep this event free, parents of all high school students, and anyone else who is interested, are being asked to donate a minimum of \$10.

"Considering everything that is available at post-prom, this is a pretty fair amount to request per family," said Pam Anderson, one of the parent organizers. "This event is being held to provide a safe, fun and memorable night. Those who attend post-prom are not doing things they shouldn't be that night," said Anderson. "So \$10 isn't much for peace of mind," she added.

Last year only \$70 was donated by parents even though it cost more than \$7,000 to put on the event. Fortunately, area businesses were very generous with their donations.

According to Anderson, students who attend post-prom will be able to participate in a variety

of games and activities including entertainment by a comedic hypnotist. A photo booth is being added this year to capture those special moments with friends.

Students will have numerous opportunities to win door prizes. Also, several grand prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the event but students must be present to win. Those prizes include I-Pods, I-Pads, Go-Pro cameras, laptops, headphones, a senior college package consisting of microwave, refrigerator, laundry baskets and bags, plus other prizes.

A variety of food and beverages will be available throughout the three-hour party.

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the gym, donate food, work in the kitchen, monitor games, and work at the front door checking IDs and handing out tickets. Donations of merchandise and gift certificates are also needed.

For more information or to donate money or services, call Anderson at 720-8118, Trayce Fowler at 490-3371, Elaine Shuck at 490-5027 or Val Berglund at 720-8360.

# 'Arabian Nights' is theme of April 26 prom

The Sturgis Brown High School prom, the theme of which is "Arabian Nights," will be held Saturday, April 26, in the west gym at the high school.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for attendees. Parents and other visitors will be admitted beginning at 7 p.m. through the west doors of the

gym. Grand march begins at 8 p.m.

All currently enrolled seniors and juniors may attend prom. A sophomore may attend if he or she has a date with a junior or senior. Freshmen are not allowed to attend.

Out-of-town dates are welcome but must be under the age

of 21, must be signed up in the main office prior to prom, and must provide photo identification.

Tickets are \$30 per person and go on sale Monday, April 21. Juniors and seniors who have fulfilled their magazine sale requirements receive free admission.

Prom concludes at midnight.

## Nominations sought for SBHS Hall of Fame

Nominations for the fifth class of inductees into the Sturgis Brown High School Athletic Hall of Fame are being accepted until April 30.

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

The nomination form and criteria are available at the SBHS activity director's office and main office and on the school district website [www.meade.k12.sd.us](http://www.meade.k12.sd.us).

The Hall of Fame was formed in 2011 as a way of paying tribute to the many individuals who have been a part of the rich tradition of the SBHS athletic programs. A permanent Hall of Fame display is located in the lobby of the west gym at the high school.

## Four running for three school board positions

Four people have filed petitions to run for the three seats on the Meade School Board that are up for election June 3. Incumbents vying for the three three-year term positions are Dennis Chowen, Sturgis, Juanita Harrington, Piedmont, and Courtney Mack, Sturgis. Newcomer is Joe Urbaniak, Union Center.

Chowen served on the Meade School Board from 2001-2007 and again from 2011-2014. The 72-year-old is a retired military officer and retired teacher and administrator. Harrington, who has been a board member for the past three years, is warehouse manager for the Douglas School District. She is 52.

Mack, a stay-at-home mom, has also been on the board for the past three years. The 38-year-old previously worked as a paraprofessional for the district. Urbaniak, a fifth-generation Meade County rancher, owns and operates Urbaniak Metal Company which specializes in steel signs and metal work. He is 34-years-old.

A story about the candidates and their views about education will run in the May issue of *In Touch*.

### **In Touch**

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*Ainsworth-Benning workers remove sections of the damaged roof at Sturgis Williams Middle School including multiple layers of oriented strand board and insulation. The roof was then covered with weather proof material until the trusses are delivered and can be installed. (Photo by Kris Hubbard)*

## Work begins on the middle school

Crews from Iverson Construction have completed the interior demolition work on the portions of Sturgis Williams Middle School that were damaged during the October blizzard, and now work is underway by Ainsworth-Benning Construction to repair the roof and remodel the interior in time for school this August.

"It is a very tight timeline but we feel confident that the work will be done before the start of the next school year," said Meade School District Superintendent Don Kirkegaard.

The total cost of the repair and remodeling project is a little more than \$3 million. Of that amount, approximately \$2.46 million will be covered by insurance.

Taking advantage of the reconstruction of the school building, the Meade School Board changed the floor plan by moving the administrative offices to a location adjacent to the main entrance for improved security, repositioning the school library into a larger more centrally located space, providing additional technology infrastructure, relocating and enlarging the art room, and adding air conditioning.

These costs, which total approximately \$550,000, will be paid for by the school district.

To view the blueprints of the project, click on the following link:

[www.meade.k12.sd.us/offices/pdf\\_files/SWMS%20drawings.pdf](http://www.meade.k12.sd.us/offices/pdf_files/SWMS%20drawings.pdf)

# 'James and the Giant Peach' to be presented April 29 and May 6

The drama students at Sturgis Brown High School will be presenting "James and the Giant Peach" for their annual spring children's show. Director is senior Katie Meirose.

Performances for Meade School District students will take place during the morning and afternoon of Tuesday, April 29, and Tuesday, May 6. The public performance is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre. There is no admission but donations are accepted.

The story of Roald Dahl's classic tale is faithfully told by James himself and the insect characters - Miss Spider, Old-Green-Grasshopper, Centipede, Ladybug, Earthworm and Glow-worm. The play begins at the end of the story, when James and his friends are living in the giant peach stone in Central Park, New York. A guide brings a party of tourists to see this major attraction, and James and his friends tell the story of how they came to live in New York.

Cast members include Tiffany Concha, Mother; Elijah Yantis, Father; Claire Scarborough, Narrator; Brandon Loomis, Aunt Sponge; Seth Gerberding,

Aunt Spiker, Tanner Van Sickle, James Trotter; Chris Wheeler, Little Old Man/Captain; Griffin Davies, Natalie Hilton and Drew Concha, Crowd Members, Cloud-Men, Onlookers and Passengers; Jordan Smith, Old-Green-Grasshopper; Kyle Jones, Centipede; Amanda Barrows, Spider; Sam Colvin, Ladybug; Jordan Mullen, Earthworm; Sam Ricci, Glow-worm; Willow Cowherd, First Officer; and Leah Pappas, Second Officer.

John Gasper is in charge of publicity and Mariah Kayser and Jacque Stielow are in charge of lights.

Adviser is June Dill.

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your child or a school activity?*

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## 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 project, 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 phases of the project.

To serve as a judge, call the high school at 347-2686.

### Senior Experience Fair

Public viewing of the SBHS senior experience projects will be held from 5:15-6:15 p.m. Thursday, April 10, in the lobby of the west gym, SBHS

# Students recognized for test scores

As a way of encouraging Sturgis Brown High School students to be more serious about the upcoming Smarter Balanced tests, this year's seniors, who took the South Dakota State Test of Educational Progress (STEP) last year as juniors, were recently recognized for their test scores.

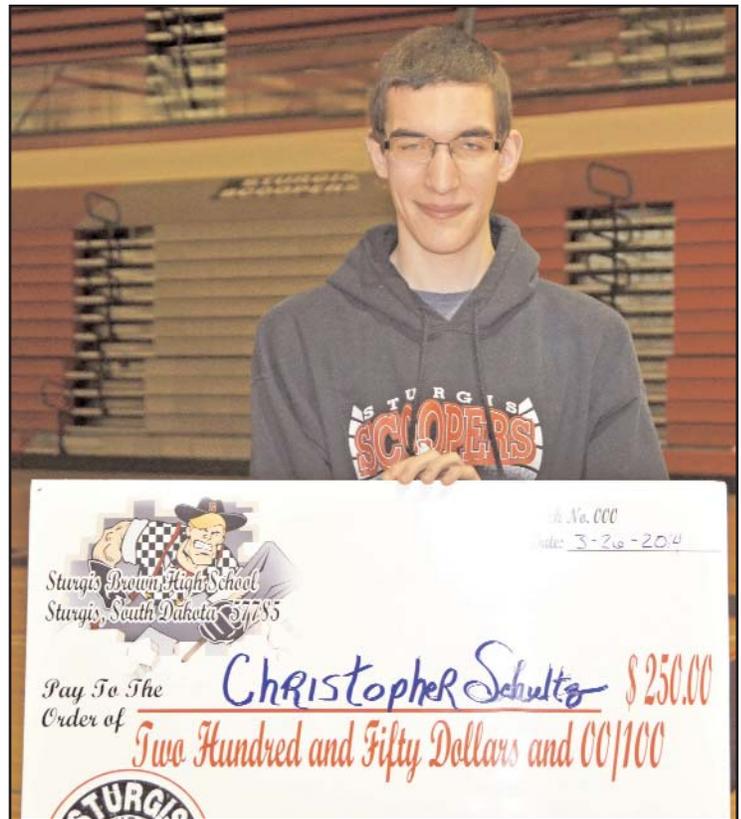
SBHS Principal Jeff Simmons illustrated how individuals find success in life. "Luck," he said, "is not something we can control. Nor can we control genetics." He added that students also have little control over the difficulty of the tasks they encounter; however, he said, students can control effort. "Your effort on these tests is important."

Seniors recognized for Dakota STEP achievement were chosen based on qualifying scores and improvement of scores.

"The purpose of this assembly is to reward those of you who are going in the right direction," said Simmons.

Senior Christopher Schultz received \$250 for having the highest combined scores on last year's Dakota STEP in math, reading and science.

The lucky SBHS recipients of \$250 money gifts in a random drawing to recognize test scores



*Christopher Schultz was recognized for having the highest combined score in math, reading and science on last year's Dakota STEP. (Photo by Kris Hubbard)*

were Mia Baker, Courtney Llera Maxon and Ryan Wise. The money gifts were made possible due to a donation from Pizza Hut and the S-Club.

# Scooper band hits the road for Chicago

Sturgis Brown High School band students will perform at a Chicago-area high school and nursing home, and participate in a workshop and private band clinic at VanderCook College of Music during their quadrennial music trip to the Windy City April 9-13.

Highlights of the Chicago trip include attending a performance of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and a baseball game between the Cubs and Pirates at Wrigley Field. Other activities are visits to the Lincoln Park Zoo, Museum of Science and Industry, Shedd Aquarium, Chinatown, Chicago Cultural Center and Millennium Park, and the Navy Pier.

The itinerary also includes lunch and shopping on the Magnificent Mile and a visit to the SkyDeck.

The cost of the trip, which is by motor coach, is almost \$750 per student. Students have held numerous fundraisers including selling candy and working and performing at the annual Music Booster Club-sponsored Holiday Music and Soup Festival.

This is the second time the band has traveled to Chicago. Previous destinations included Kansas City, Minneapolis and Winnipeg.

Band director Dave Martinson and five other chaperones are accompanying the 48 students.

# In the Spotlight

**Won:** Sturgis Brown High School junior **Jackson Peterson** took top honors at the 59th annual High Plains Regional Science and Engineering Fair held on the campus of South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City when he was named the fair's grand prize winner.

Peterson placed first in the senior biological science division with his exhibit titled "Microevolution of *Bacillus subtilis* in Response to Isopropanol Stress." He also received the Surgeon General's Special Science Award in recognition of his outstanding research in the field of health promotion, disease prevention and health science. He took first place in the category of Clinical Laboratory Science, an award sponsored by the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science of South Dakota, and he received an invitation to participate in the 2014 South Dakota Undergraduate Research Symposium this summer in Pierre.

He will represent the region at the 2014 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair May 11-16 in Los Angeles, Calif. This fair is the world's largest international pre-college science competition, providing an annual forum for more than 1,600 high school students from over 70 countries, regions, and territories.



Peterson



Prosser



Barden



Paris

**Selected:** Sturgis Brown High School senior **Lynsey Prosser** is one of 12 players named to the All-Tournament Team for the South Dakota AA Girls Basketball Tournament. SBHS Junior **Kellen Barden** is one of 12 players named to the All-Tournament Team for the South Dakota AA Boys Basketball Tournament. All-Tournament Team members are chosen by the South Dakota High

School Basketball Coaches Association.

**Named:** Meade School District Activities Director Mike Paris was named recipient of the 2013-14 Distinguished Service Award by the South Dakota High School Activities Association. The award recognizes individuals who have provided outstanding service to the youth of the state through involvement in high school activities.

## Staff retirement and recognition reception is Wednesday, May 14

A reception will be held Wednesday, May 14, in honor of the Meade School District employees who are retiring, those who have worked 15, 20 or 30 years, and those who have been selected as teacher of the year and professional technical/support staff of the year.

The buffet reception and program will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the west gym at Sturgis Brown High School.

The event, sponsored by the Meade School Board, is open to the public. Guest tickets are \$5 each and must be purchased in advance at the district office or at any administrative office. Deadline to purchase tickets is Monday, May 5. Tickets will not be available at the door.



*The Sturgis Brown High School girls basketball team placed fourth at this year's SDHSAA State "AA" Girls Basketball Tournament held at Frost Arena on the campus of South Dakota State University in Brookings. Team members include Brooke Ireland, Illianna Shuck, Lauren Fowler, Jennifer Bruch, Callie Gabriel, Kenzie Skovlund, Errin Short, Lynsey Prosser, Tarn Urbaniak, Amada Heinrich and Kahlie Peterson. Head coach is Mike Friedel. Assistant coaches are Colin McCampbell and Roxy Murphy. Student managers are Jan Nichols, Sydney Peterson, Carly Alisero and Ranni Hopkins. (Photo courtesy of South Dakota Pubic Broadcasting)*



*The Sturgis Brown High School boys basketball team placed eighth at this year's SDHSAA State "AA" Boys Basketball Tournament held at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City. Team members include Kody Kracht, Jace Kuno, Jeremy Guttierrez, Kadin Bestgen, Tanner Weaver, Matt Nelson, Jacob Simmons, Jason Schneider, John Kaschmitter, Bailey Ruff, James Fleming, Josh Hertel, Kellen Barden and Beau Ireland. Head coach is Orion Thompson. Assistant coaches are Pat Cass and Mike Bierle. Student managers are Ariel Lewis, Timber Hudson, Tara Eddington, Kylie Krcil, Katie VanDewater and Celie Jones. (Photo courtesy of South Dakota Public Broadcasting)*

# Board acts on soccer and annexation

Soccer will gradually be integrated into the Sturgis Brown High School athletic department's offerings over the next five years, beginning with the 2014-15 school year. It will become a fully sanctioned sport, totally under the control of the school district, in 2019-20.

The transition resolution approved by the school board at its March meeting will enable the Sturgis Soccer Association to be South Dakota High School Athletic Association-eligible dur-

ing the five-year transition period even though it is still considered a club sport.

The vote was 5-3 to approve. Bob Burns, Dennis Chowen, Chad Legner, Courtney Mack and Curt Nupen voted "yes;" Shelli Grinager, Juanita Harrington and Don Williamson voted "no;" and Bryce Richter abstained.

The first step in annexing three schools into nearby cities was approved by the board. In a unanimous vote, the members

authorized Board President Bob Burns to sign a petition requesting annexation of the Piedmont Valley Elementary School property into the City of Piedmont.

The motion regarding the voluntary annexation of the Stagebarn property into the City of Summerset passed on an 8-1 vote, with Richter voting "no." The voluntary annexation of Sturgis Brown High School into the City of Sturgis carried on a 7-2 vote, with Harrington and Richter voting "no."

## April board meeting to be held at SBHS

The regular April meeting of the Meade School Board will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, in Room 111 at Sturgis Brown High School.

Action items include:

- Financial reports
- Personnel
- South Dakota High School Activities Association resolution
- Bids for the 2014-15 capital outlay projects
- Issuance of employment contract for 2014-15
- Renewal of health insurance for 2014-15
- Insurance settlement for Sturgis Williams Middle School
- Policies KC "Community Advisory Council," KG "Community Use of School Facilities," KH "Public Gifts," KI/KJ "Public Solicitation and Advertising in the Schools," KIA "Contests," KK "Visitors to the Schools," KL "Public

Complaints," KLB "Public Complains about Instructional or Library Materials," KMA "Relations with Parent Organizations," and KO "Minor Boundary Change."

Discussion items include capital outlay budget for 2014-15, general fund budget for 2014-15, bus route change requests, school board election, employee retirement and recognition recep-

tion, Smarter Balanced test, sex offender policy, school calendar for 2015-16, and summer food service program.

The public meeting will be preceded with a dinner, prepared and served by the high school culinary arts students.

An executive session to discuss employee negotiations will be held following the public meeting.

## Mr. 2014 Pageant is this month

The Mr. 2014 Pageant, complete with talent, interview and a best dressed competition, will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, in the west gym at Sturgis Brown High School. Admission is \$3 and the public is invited. Activity tickets will not be honored.

At least 12 senior boys will be participating in the competition. Two staff members and three students, one each from the ninth, tenth and eleventh grade levels, will serve as judges.

The Family, Career and Community Leaders of America chapter at the high school is sponsoring the event. Proceeds will go toward chapter activities.

# Revised calendar: School will be held April 21

Good Friday (no school).....April 18, 2014  
Graduation.....May 18, 2014  
Last Day of School.....May 23, 2014

The revised Meade School District calendar for the remainder of the 2013-14 school year is shown above. As of April 1, four 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.

The fourth make-up day will be taken on Easter Monday, April 21, which had originally been a vacation day. School will now be in session on April 21, Easter Monday.



## Shopko Hometown donates \$1,750

*Lisa Schrock, apparel supervisor at the Sturgis Shopko Hometown store, presents a check for \$1,750 to Meade School District Superintendent Don Kirkegaard. The money was raised through the "Help Us Give Back" initiative, a program that was run in all 181 store locations across the country including Sturgis. Customers could sign up between Dec. 1-24 and for every signature received, Shopko Hometown Foundation donated \$1. Also pictured are Shopko teammates, from the left, Amber Runestad, Kathleen Simonson, Andy Meisner and Tammy Olson.*

# Directory for Meade School District

## Schools

### Rural Schools

Bev Rosenboom, principal.....269-2264  
**Atall**.....985-5916  
16375 Atall Road, Union Center, S.D. 57787  
**Elm Springs**.....798-2492  
21309 Elm Springs Road, Wasta, S.D. 57791  
**Enning**.....985-5364  
Highway 34 Box 22, Enning, S.D. 57737  
**Hereford**.....985-5380  
15998 Cross S Road, Hereford, S.D. 57785  
**Opal**.....748-2426  
18010 Opal Road, Opal, S.D. 57765  
**Union Center**.....985-5367  
1700 Highway 34, Union Center, S.D. 57787  
**Office**.....985-5532

### Piedmont Valley Elementary School

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

### Sturgis Brown High School

12930 E. Highway 34, Sturgis, S.D. 57785  
Toll-free 1-888-568-3514  
Jeff Simmons, principal.....347-2686  
Don Lyon, assistant principal.....347-2686  
Mike Paris, activities director.....347-4487  
**Academy**.....347-9349

### Sturgis Elementary School

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

### Sturgis Williams Middle School

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

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Don Kirkegaard.....347-2523 x2  
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## Communications Office

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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  
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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

\*\*Not a mailing address