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Woodle project on track

Work on replacing the deteriorating 26-year old track at Woodle Field began shortly after school dismissed last May to ensure the facility would be ready for the first home football game Aug. 28.

Activities Director Mike Paris is a little nervous about the tightness of the timeline since the concrete and asphalt have to cure for 28 days before the new Mondo surface can be applied, but he said there are no plans to change the location of that first football game.

"When the track was given to us in 1985, we agreed to maintain it," said district Buildings and Grounds Supervisor James Harris. "It's not that we have not taken care of it; our crews have done their jobs. It's just run its course," he said.

The Meade School Board decided the project couldn't be put on the back burner any longer, and so bids were let last spring and contracts awarded in the amount of \$1.07 million to Hills Materials for the site preparation and Keifer Flooring for the track surface.

In preparation for the prefabricated synthetic rubber Mondo surface, Hills Materials has removed both the old rubber running surface and the old asphalt surface, and leveled the subsurface for a three-inch overlay of asphalt. A drainage system has been installed and concrete curb work completed.

"We have known for some time that the track needed to be replaced," said Paris. "It is exciting to finally see it happen."



Drivers education sign-up is underway

Drivers education classes will be offered this fall through the curriculum office of Meade School District.

The session will be held from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in Room 309 of the south building of Sturgis Williams Middle School on the following dates: Sept. 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 28, 30 and Oct. 1.

Cost is \$245, which must be paid in advance. Placement will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Students must be at least 14 years of age and must attend the entire 30 hours of classroom instruction.

In addition, six hours of driving time is required, which must be individually scheduled with the instructor.

Many insurance companies give discounts to those who have completed a drivers education course. Completing the

course also reduces the time a student must hold an Instructional Permit from 180 days to 90 days before that student can get a Restricted Minor's Permit or an Operator's License.

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

www.meade.k12.sd.us/Curriculum/DriversEd.html

or is available at the principals'

offices at Sturgis Williams Middle School and Sturgis Brown High School, and at the Curriculum Office located in the north building of SWMS.

The registration form and class fee should be dropped off or mailed to the Curriculum Office, 1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785.

For further information call 347-4454.

Homecoming is Sept. 20-24; route for parade has changed

"Jungle Fever: Take a Walk on the Wild Side" is the theme of this year's Sturgis Brown High School homecoming set for Sept. 20-24.

Coronation will be 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, in the west gym at the high school. This will be followed by the burning of the "S," car bash and finals of the powder puff football game at Woodle Field.

The parade will begin at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, from Ball Park Road near Sturgis Elementary School. The parade will head

north to Farley Street, east to Third Street, north to Douglas Street, east to Junction Avenue, north to Main Street, west to Third Street, south to Sherman Street and west to Fifth Street/Ball Park Road where it will disband.

Those interested in participating in the parade should call the high school at 347-2686.

Homecoming week concludes with the football game against Sioux Falls Lincoln at 6 p.m. Friday at Woodle Field followed by a dance at the school.

Musical instruments are needed

The middle school music department is asking for donations of new and gently used band instruments. Although the district has a small inventory of instruments, students must often rent instruments from music stores.

A student joining band not only learns to play the instrument,

but to read music, perform alone and with others, understand music history and musical styles, and experience first-hand how music is part of life and culture.

For more information call music teachers Connie Feekes or Gary Nelson at Sturgis Williams Middle School, 347-5232.

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www.meade.k12.sd.us/parent/intouch.htm

First day of school is Monday, Aug. 30

Another school year in Meade School District begins Aug. 30. Prior to that day, new student registration, open houses and orientations will be held.

All students new to the district are required to bring to registration a report card or transcript of grades from their previous school and a copy of their certified birth certificate. In addition, they will be asked to provide their Social Security Number, and race and ethnicity information.

Also required are immunization records. Students will not be admitted to school until and unless the school nurse has received and verified the immunization documentation.

Whitewood School Grades K-6

Registration for new students is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday, Aug. 16-20, at the school.

An open house will be held 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, also at the school. Food service personnel will be present at this time to sell meal tickets.

Piedmont Stagebarn Grades K-6

Registration for new students will be 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, and 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at the Stagebarn School.

Students who were enrolled at Piedmont Stagebarn last year do not have to re-enroll. If there are changes in addresses or phone numbers, however, those updates should be made at this

time. Food service personnel will be present to sell meal tickets during these two days.

An open house will be held from 2:30-4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at the Stagebarn School.

Sturgis Elementary Grades K-5, Special Education

Registration for new students will be 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16, through Thursday, Aug. 19, at the office of Sturgis Elementary, 1121 Ball Park Road, Sturgis.

Students who were enrolled in Sturgis Elementary last year or kindergartners who registered last spring do not have to re-enroll.

An open house at Sturgis Elementary will be held 2:30-4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26. The purpose of the open house is to give parents and students an opportunity to meet their teachers for the coming year.

Sturgis Williams Middle School Grades 6-8

New students may register from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday Aug. 17-18, at the principal's office located in the south building of SWMS, 1425 Cedar Street, Sturgis.

An open house and orientation for all new and returning students and their parents will be held 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26.

Schedules will be distributed at this time, and the students, together with the parents, will have an opportunity to meet with the homeroom teachers.

Parents will also have an opportunity during the open house to purchase assignment notebooks and physical education t-shirts, which are required of all students. Meal and activity tickets will also be on sale.

Rural Schools Grades K-8

Registration and open houses will be held at each rural school from 9:30-11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 26. School physicals for rural students will be offered at the Union Center School from 1-3 p.m., also on Thursday, Aug. 26.

Sturgis Brown High School and Sturgis Academy Grades 9-12

New students may register at the high school counselors' office any time between 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, Aug. 17-19. Those accepted into Sturgis Academy may register at the same time at the Academy, which is located at 1807 Williams Street, Sturgis.

There will be an open house, orientation and extra-curricular meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, in the west gymnasium at the high school. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting. Meal tickets and activity tickets will be available for purchase at this time.

For further information (such as bus route schedules and school supply lists) check out the school district website at:

[www.meade.k12.sd.us/
parent/enrollment.htm](http://www.meade.k12.sd.us/parent/enrollment.htm)

Grosch, Oviatt picked best in South Dakota

Two Meade School District employees have been selected by their respective professional organizations as best in the state. Barb Grosch of Sturgis Elementary School has been named South Dakota's Educational Office Professional of the Year while Meade School District nurse Randi Oviatt has been recognized for her excellence in school nursing by being named the 2010 South Dakota School Nurse of the Year.

Barb, who was chosen for her dedication, reliability, friendliness and organizational skills, has worked at Meade School District for 20 years, the last 17 as an administrative assistant at Sturgis Elementary.

"**I AM SO** appreciative of the staff members who took the time to nominate me for this award," said Barb. "I am blessed to work with such wonderful people at Sturgis Elementary. To have Principal Norm Graham as a supervisor is even more of a plus as well as all of the Meade administrative assistants who support me every day," she added. "I am honored to receive such a prestigious award."

Co-workers cited her superb organization, attention to detail and eagerness to help wherever she is needed. "Barb is someone you can run to for anything and she will do whatever she can to help," said teacher Sherry Gettemy. "She will drop whatever she is doing to take care of your needs." Her qualities of enthusiasm and humor were also noted.

"Barb's work is exceptional and her assistance invaluable," said Principal Graham. "I find her to be upbeat and genuinely interested in the welfare of people around her. Regardless of my mood, Barb will brighten my day with a quick smile and positive comments."

She can be found at any time of day involved in a multitude of duties including performing those of secretary, nurse, bus supervisor, and playground and lunchroom supervisor. She also puts in long hours on the weekends, decorating the halls and office of the school.

"Her job description varies," said Norm, "but her



Barb Grosch



Randi Oviatt

commitment to the well-being of the school community is unwavering."

Nurse Randi Oviatt has worked for the school district for 20 years and currently serves students in sixth through eighth grades at Sturgis Williams Middle School, kindergarten through sixth grade at Whitewood Elementary School, and grades four and five at Sturgis Elementary. She also visits the rural schools at least annually.

Those who know her say the honor is well-deserved. "Mrs. Oviatt is the epitome of a world class school nurse who has dedicated her life to good health and children," said Chrissy Peterson, director of special services for the school district.

"This is such an honor for me," said Randi. "I've worked with other nurses who have won the award and I greatly respect them." She added she couldn't do her job without the help of the students, staff and parents. "They are the best to work with," she said.

RANDI TAKES GREAT care to assure that each child's medical needs are met with love and expertise, treating each as if he or she were her only patient of the day. From her first days as a school nurse when she would dispense Band-Aids, hugs and a therapeutic dose of cheerfulness, to the present, dealing with student medical needs as diverse as diabetes, asthma, ADHD, mental health issues, drug abuse and terminal conditions - Randi does it all in a compassionate yet professional manner.

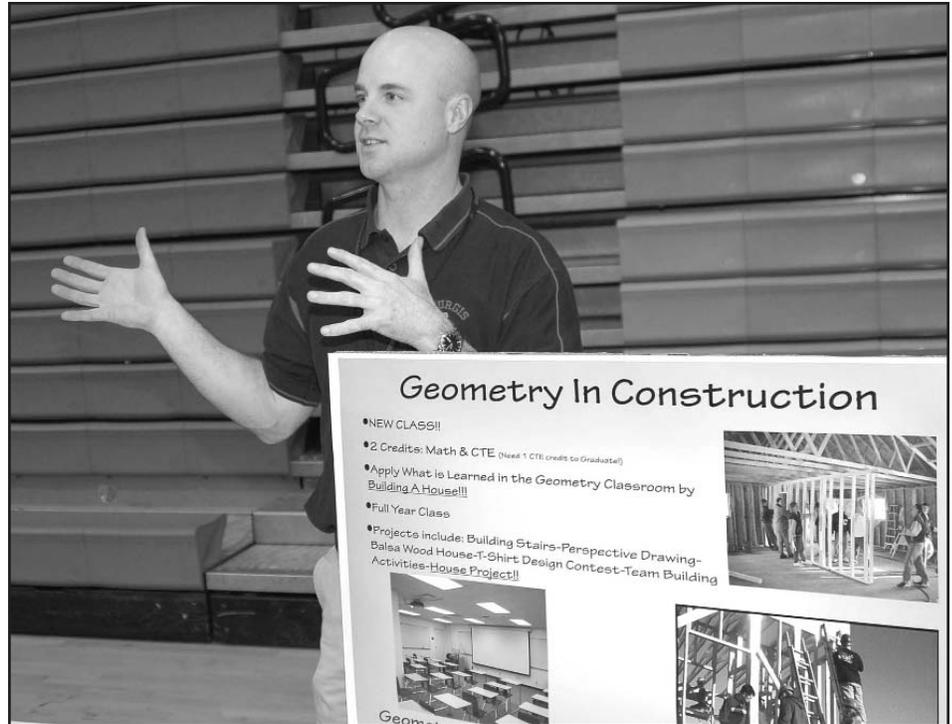
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High school now offering geometry in construction

Beginning this school year, sophomore and junior students at Sturgis Brown High School will have the opportunity to build a house by applying what they are learning in the geometry classroom to the construction field in a new course titled geometry in construction.

By integrating the two disciplines of geometry and industrial arts, students receive immediate hands-on experience. One day they may be working in class on a geometry concept and the next day they might be building a stair railing.

"Since this class is the first of its kind in the state, we are blazing new territory," said Steve Lensegrav, one of the instructors. Together with Chad Hedderman, the other instructor, they have been busy writing state standards



Sturgis Brown High School teacher Chad Hedderman explains the new course to students during an electives fair held last spring at the school. More than 50 students have already registered for the class.

and a syllabus for the class. An appropriate safety instruction program for all participants is also being developed.

Habitat for Humanity is providing funding for the house, which will be constructed on the high school campus between the business and agricultural buildings.

"Aligning our program with

Habitat for Humanity is exciting," said Lensegrav. "It is a good tie-in for the kids because they are working for more than just a grade; they are working for the family who will eventually live in the house."

Students will receive one credit each of math and industrial arts for taking the yearlong course.

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Under her leadership, a medical trust fund was established so that Meade School District students, whose families can't afford it, receive medical and dental care, get prescriptions filled and new clothes and food for the family. She has also been instrumental in implementing a Migrant Health Program in the district and in developing an employee wellness program.

"Randi constantly looks for new opportunities to improve our school health services," said co-worker

and nurse Marcia Potts. "Randi is a resource for staff, families and students as she is familiar with the services available throughout the state. She is also the nurse the other nurses call when they are stumped on a diagnosis. Her experience makes her invaluable," added Marcia.

Former Meade School District nurse Colleen Ohrtman commented, "Randi is quick with a smile and a kind word. She is school nurse of the year, everyday, to her students, friends and colleagues."

Does your child qualify for free and reduced price meals? If so, the school also benefits

Free and reduced-price breakfast and lunch are available in the Meade School District to students from families whose household income falls within eligibility guidelines.

The district is able to offer a lower cost or no charge for these meals because it participates in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, both of which are federally-assisted programs. The reduced price for breakfast is 30 cents while the cost for a reduced lunch is 40 cents. The full price for those meals are \$1.30 for breakfast and \$2.45 for lunch.

In certain cases, foster children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals regardless of the income of the household in which they reside.

Parents can manage their child's meal account via the internet

Parents can deposit money directly into their child's meal account and can receive emails regarding that account balance through the website:

www.MyNutrikids.com

For parents with more than one child in Meade School District, payments for all children can be done from the same online account.

Similarly, automatic email updates about low account bal-

ances or negative balances for each child is available.

For those who choose not to take advantage of the online service, Meade Food Service will continue to accept advance payments by cash or check. When paying in that manner, the student's ID number must be included so payment is credited to the correct account.

For further information, call food service at 347-3601.

Not only do the participating children receive a nutritionally balanced meal, but the school district benefits when a high number of students participate in the program.

Those benefits include an increase in Title I services, additional federal funds for the food service department, increased eligibility of the district for federal and state grants, and an increased reimbursement rate of costs relating to school internet use and phone services.

To apply for free or reduced-price meals, fill out the application which can be found online at: www.meade.k12.sd.us/offices/food.htm

The applications are also available at all schools and the food service office.

For further information, to view the eligibility guidelines or for help in completing the application, call Meade School District Food Service Office at 347-3601.

Meal ticket info

Breakfast and lunch tickets are available through Meade Food Service Office located at 1121 Ball Park Road, Sturgis, from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. beginning Monday, Aug. 16. Ticket prices are as follows:

Milk Tickets

20 milk ticket: \$6

Breakfast Tickets

20 meal ticket:

K-12, \$26; adult, \$31

10 meal ticket:

K-12, \$13; adult, \$15.50

5 meal ticket:

K-12, \$6.50; adult, \$7.75

Lunch Tickets

(Includes ½ pint milk)

20 meal ticket:

K-12, \$49; adult, \$59

10 meal ticket:

K-12, \$24.50; adult, \$29.50

5 meal ticket:

K-12, \$12.25; adult, \$14.75

Single meals are available. Breakfast is \$1.30 for students and \$1.55 for adults. Lunch costs \$2.45 for students and \$2.95 for adults. A half-pint of milk is 30 cents.

This Old School House



From the Feb. 14, 1938 meeting of the Board of Education of the

Independent District of the City of Sturgis:

“It was moved by [Rod] Cruickshank and seconded by [R.R.] Conklin that the district join the Associated School Boards of South Dakota, and the secretary be authorized to issue a warrant for \$3 to cover the membership dues. Motion carried.

Sept. 9, 1940, meeting:

“The following resolution was read: Whereas due to legislative and executive action of our government in calling the National Guard and conscription of others for military service it appears that such action may effect members of our teaching staff, and Whereas, this Board desires to cooperate with the interest of the law in preserving the position of the teaching staff for the period of training or for one year, Therefore Be It Resolved by this Board of Education that if and when any

teacher be called for training in any military service that such teacher shall be given leave of absence for one year or such other period of time as the board may determine, with the privilege to return and resume his position at the end of such year. Motion for adoption was made by [A.A.] Lushbough and seconded by [Earl] Minturn and carried.

From the Sept. 8, 1952, meeting of the Sturgis Independent School District #12:

“It was moved by [Glenn] Murray and seconded by [W.E.] Jones that the insurance plan submitted for optional coverage of students for accidental injuries sustained in school activities be placed before the parents and guardians of all children in the schools in order that they can have the coverage, if desired, at the cost of \$2.50 per pupil for this school year. Motion carried.

Nov. 28, 1960, meeting:

“[John] Craig read the following resolution and moved its adoption: Be it resolved by the School Board that from and after

the adoption of this resolution the marriage of students in school is not to be favored, and while under such married relationship, or having been married and divorced, will only be allowed classroom privileges, with no participation in school-sponsored activities. Motion for adoption was seconded by [W.E.] Jones and carried unanimously.

From the Dec. 18, 1984, meeting of Meade School District 46-1:

“A committee met with a representative of South Dakota Cable TV to discuss the possibility of service at east campus. There is no charge for cable TV for schools in town; however, since the high school is outside city limits, there is no obligation by S.D. Cable TV to provide service there.

Service can be installed from Fort Meade to the high school and South Dakota Cable TV is asking that the district share in the cost of this installation.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that the School District share in the cost of installation of cable TV to east campus in the amount of \$1,000.”

Substitute teacher training will be Sept. 10

A training for persons wishing to serve as substitute teachers in Meade School District will be held at 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 10, in the board/staff meeting room of the north building of Sturgis Williams Middle School, 1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis.

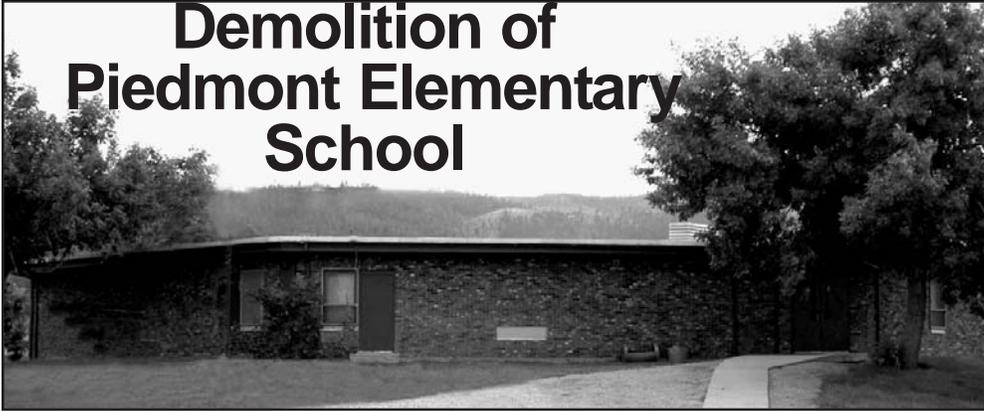
The purpose of the training is to review the district’s substitute teacher handbook and to answer questions about local procedures and policies. Tips for a successful classroom experience will also be given.

Persons holding a high

school diploma, GED, college degree or teacher’s certificate are eligible to substitute. A background fingerprint check will be required.

For further information call the district office at 347-2523 or the curriculum office at 347-4454.

Demolition of Piedmont Elementary School



The 35-year-old 7,400-square foot Piedmont Elementary School was torn down June 16 to make way for the new Piedmont Elementary School. The photos on this page and the next are of that demolition.

The students, who will attend classes at Stagebarn School until the new Piedmont School opens in the fall of 2011, had a lot of questions about the building being torn down while they were away for the summer. So they were allowed to say good-bye to the building by writing on their classroom walls what they will miss about the school.

“By allowing them to do this, I think they feel better about the change and the move to Stagebarn,” said first grade teacher Marnie Colhoff.

Marnie, who was a member of the school's first kindergarten class when it opened in 1975, also wrote on the classroom wall.

A webcam has been installed at the construction site so anyone with an internet connection can watch the progress. To view the webcam, go to:

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

Photos of the construction can also be accessed at that same website.

Bricks will help PTO raise money

Bricks from the recently demolished Piedmont School are available from the Piedmont Stagebarn PTO for a suggested donation of \$10. Each brick comes with a laminated photo of the Piedmont School and dates of operation. All money raised will benefit the students of Piedmont Stagebarn Elementary. For more information or to purchase a brick, contact teacher Sara Nelson at 490-9644.

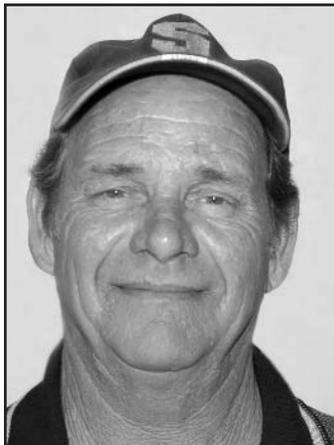


District honorees are dedicated employees

Theresa Hanzlik and Robert Schaufelberger are Meade School District Employees of the Year for 2010. The two were chosen for the honor from among nominations submitted by school district patrons and staff. These employees exhibit excellence in their work and a genuine commitment to professionalism. Additionally,



Theresa Hanzlik



Robert Schaufelberger

they demonstrate a willingness to take on added responsibilities and provide exemplary service to the district.

Theresa Hanzlik has been a classroom paraprofessional in the rural schools for 13 years and is currently at the Enning and Union Center Schools. Theresa is also the recess and lunch monitor, and the school bus driver for that area.

According to a parent, Mrs. Hanzlik treats the students with respect and dignity. "She has high expectations of her students whether they are in kindergarten or fifth grade. She adjusts herself to the ability of the child with whom she is working, challenging each to be the very best he or she can be."

Added a teacher, "Theresa has the patience of a saint, and is comfortable both in helping the special needs students and in challenging our gifted students."

Moreover, the students love Mrs. Hanzlik. Said another nominator, "The students enjoy her

playful attitude while at the same time she is encouraging their learning. Her jolly laugh always makes them smile." Several of the Enning School students said that Mrs. Hanzlik is always cheerful and happy no matter what. "She is also the best bus driver that we have ever had," they added. "When we are late, she never gets mad, but rather she will greet us with a 'Happy good morning.'"

"Theresa is an asset to our school district in so many ways, not the least of which is in the classroom," said another nominator. "I feel it is definitely time that she be recognized. This is one way to show the students that all the hard work they do to be good citizens, which they see modeled by Mrs. Hanzlik, is rewarded."

Even though he has worked for the school district for only five years, **Robert Schaufelberger** has a legion of fans at Sturgis Brown High School where he is a custodian.

"Robert is the best custodian

ever!" said a nominator, who added that he is reliable, always at work and always on time. "He works all the time he is on duty, and the appearance of our school is a testimony to that. He ensures that the school looks good all the time he is here," said a teacher.

Another teacher said, "Robert is willing to go that extra step to help others and does so without complaint. We all know Robert is the person we can rely on to get things done in our school. He completes his duties impeccably and in a timely manner, which is critical to the functioning of our school."

Committed, hard-working, positive, dependable, loyal, and motivated are just a few of the adjectives Robert's nominators used when describing his work ethic. According to his nominators, who offered the following, it is his attitude that speaks the loudest:

"He has a sense of humor and joy of life that shows in everything he does. He greets everyone with a smile on his face and a smile in his voice, and is quick to light up your day with a joke or comment. He finds the silver lining in each and every cloud.

"We at Sturgis Brown High School are lucky to have Robert Schaufelberger. He is well deserving of this honor."

Musical set for Nov. 11-13

High school to present 'Back To The 80s'

Sturgis Brown High School's fall musical "Back To The 80s" will be performed at 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11-13, at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre.

Set in the United States, the musical tells the story of the senior class of William Ocean High School that graduated in the

1980s, as remembered and seen through the eyes of one of the graduates.

The musical is in the style of movies such as "Back To The Future," "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," "The Karate Kid" and "The Wedding Singer."

Those attending the production will journey back to a time

when Michael Jackson was the King of Pop, when bubble skirts and blue eye shadow were cool and when Atari was cutting edge technology.

Directors are June Dill, Gary Nelson and Bart Torbert.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for K-12 students. Meade activity tickets will be honored.

District continues its efforts to combat West Nile

Meade School District is once again working this year in partnership with the city, county and state in taking steps to provide for the safety of students and staff from the West Nile virus through constant monitoring of mosquito activity.

One of the first steps the dis-

trict has undertaken to eliminate this threat involves targeting the mosquito larva in standing water. Perimeter spraying in wooded and grassy areas and around all practice fields throughout the district began last spring.

To provide further protection in this ongoing monitoring, extra

precautions are being taken before each home football game by spraying around Woodle Field.

For further information about the district's efforts regarding mosquito control and management, call Doug Draine at buildings and grounds, 347-2649.

Using technology to improve student achievement



No Child Left Behind requires that every student is technologically literate by the time he or she finishes eighth grade. Many different types of technology such as video content and digital moviemaking to laptop computers and handheld devices can be used to support and enhance learning.

State technology standards mandate that all sixth-graders, for example, be able to demonstrate ways to present and publish information using a variety of applications such as Publisher and Word.

The sixth-graders enrolled in Lila Scandrett's computer class at Stagebarn this past year were required to design, write and publish a three-page newsletter. Pictured to the left are Sienna Bordeaux, at the keyboard, and Jada Wagner, winners of that activity. To view their award-winning newsletter go to:

www.meade.k12.sd.us/Stagebarn/students.htm

Alkali School non-operational for 2010-11 year

The Alkali School, one of Meade District's seven rural schools, will not be operational for the 2010-2011 school year due to low enrollment as well as budgetary and staffing constraints.

Three of the six students attending last year were eighth-graders who will enter high school. Of the remaining stu-



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

dents, two would have returned plus there would have been a kindergartner.

The suspension of operations will be re-examined and

evaluated on an annual basis. "If there is sufficient number of students, we can reopen it another year," said Superintendent James Heinert.

SWMS students to be housed in one building

With last year's move of Sturgis Williams Middle School fifth grade students to Sturgis Elementary, the sixth-graders became the sole student occupants of the north building.

That will all change this school year because the sixth-graders are joining the seventh and eighth grade students in the south building.

"There was space available in the south building for the move to take place," explained Principal

Lon Harter, "so it was decided the time was right."

Harter said some classroom assignments have been changed to accommodate the sixth grade move, but for the most part, the sixth-graders will be grouped together for classes. He added there will be times when the sixth-graders will need to go to an eighth grade classroom for instruction. Eighth grade science teacher Sally

Dodge, for example, will also now be teaching sixth grade science.

"This move will eliminate loss of time for instruction caused by students moving from one building to the next," Harter explained. He said the move will also eliminate the feeling of isolation by those in the north building.

"The move will also provide for better continuity of services," he said.

Registration underway for after-school program

Meade School District's Capable Kids licensed after-school program begins Monday, Aug. 30, at Stagebarn Elementary.

Open to any child in kindergarten through sixth grade, the program runs from 2:30-6 p.m. during the school week. Cost is \$8.32 per day or \$159.90 per month.

Each day students receive a snack and participate in physical and enrichment activities. Time is also provided for the completion of classroom assignments with homework assistance available.

Students also have the opportunity to go swimming on a regular basis.

Enrollment forms and parent handbook are available at Stagebarn School, curriculum office, and on the district website:

www.meade.k12.sd.us/Curriculum/capableKids/capableKids.html

Payment must be submitted to the Meade School District Curriculum Office, 1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis.

For more information, call 347-4454.



Meade School District Business Manager Brett Burditt, left, administers the oath of office to board members, from the left, Curt Johnson from Piedmont; Nancy Richter, Enning; Wanda Blair, Vale; and Bob Burns, Black Hawk.

School board reorganizes; Behrens honored

Last year's school board was adjourned and the new Meade School Board was seated during July's annual meeting.

Retiring board member Kathy Behrens was presented a school bell in recognition of her six years of service, the last three as board

president, after which re-elected members Wanda Blair, Bob Burns and Nancy Richter, and newcomer Curt Johnson, were sworn in.

Officers were elected and a number of organizational items were decided at the meeting. Blair, a Vale resident beginning her 10th

year on the board, is the new president while Rod Martens, a 23-year board member from Black Hawk, is vice president.

New board member Curt Johnson and the other re-elected board members will be profiled in future editions of *In Touch*.

Activity tickets for 2010-11 are now on sale

Activity tickets for the 2010-2011 school year are now on sale.

The activity tickets, which cost the same as last year, can be purchased at the high school, during registration and open houses at all Meade District schools, and at the first couple home football and volleyball games.

The student ticket, available to any Meade student in kindergarten through 12th grade, sells for \$25 and is good for the entire school year.

The adult activity ticket can be purchased for \$40 while the ticket for senior citizens costs \$20. Both contain 15 punches.

The price for a yearly family

pass, which is good for parents and K-12 students, is \$100.

The activity ticket will also admit the holder to all high school plays, musicals and concerts. It is not valid for any state-sanctioned athletic tournament.

Without an activity ticket, admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students

Teresa Froelich and Mike Jones are Meade District Teachers of the Year

Teresa Froelich and Mike Jones have been selected as Meade School District Teachers of the Year for 2010. The two were chosen for the honor from among nominations submitted by school district patrons and staff.

The purpose of the award is to recognize contributions of classroom teachers. These recipients are exceptionally skilled and dedicated teachers, are poised and articulate, and have the respect and admiration of students, parents and co-workers. The most important quality of the Teachers of the Year is their superior ability to inspire learning in students of all abilities and backgrounds.

Teresa (Tere) Froelich has been a teacher for seven years, all with Meade School District. The Sturgis Brown High School English teacher serves as the district language arts department chair, adviser for the high school year book and school newspaper, coordinator for High Schools That Work, and senior class adviser. She is also a member of the district Instructional Council.

Said one of her nominators, a student, "Mrs. Froelich is the perfect person for this award because with everything she is involved in, she pushes herself to be the best. She always sets her goals high and works hard to complete those goals while helping other people complete their own. She looks for opportunities to learn in every minute of her life and never lets any problem stand in her way. She is the perfect example of an all-around amazing teacher."

Tere is committed, hard-working, compassionate and talented, according to her co-workers. "She is a teacher, a parent, a mentor and a counselor to

many of our students," said a nominator. "Tere cares about her students and their learning. She is a go-getter who is willing to take on extra tasks to enrich the school and the lives of the students. She is a world-class educator."

Mike Jones has been a teacher at Whitewood Elementary for five years, where he teaches fifth grade. He is involved in activities that impact the entire school, often on his own time and outside the normal school day. The after-school reading program, after-school chess club and the native plants and rock garden are examples of this. He oversees the school D.A.R.E. program, has implemented and serves as advisor to the student council, was responsible for bringing the mobile science lab to the school and for the development of the science fair at the school.

One of Mike's nominators, a parent, said his commitment to the school and students is also evident in the classroom. "He inspires students to do their best by expecting no less," said the parent. "He also inspires independent thinkers and lifetime learners and as a result his students are ready for their journey into middle school."

According to a co-worker, Mike teaches with confidence, passion and skilled knowledge. Said this teacher, "Mike empowers his students to take pride and ownership in their learning. He cares deeply about each student and about their accomplishments and growth. The students respect him and view him as a role model."

Mike's fifth grade students, who nominated him for the honor, said "Our teacher Mr. Jones is a great example of what we think the Teacher of the Year should be."



Teresa Froelich



Mike Jones

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

Meade School District may release the following student information as directory information pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act: Name, address, parents or guardian of student, date of birth, date of attendance, school attended, participation in school-recognized activities, weight, height, age and grade of mem-

bers of athletic teams, grade in school, individual and group photographs pertaining to school activities, and awards, honors or achievements.

All or part of the information may also be used in news articles recognizing students.

If a student over 18 years of age or the parent or guardian of a student who is under 18 years of

age refuses to permit the release of any of this information, written notification of such must be given to that student's principal.

Board Policy JO pertains to this act, and may be seen at the offices of the principals of all schools, the office of the superintendent and online at:

www.meade.k12.sd.us/POLICY%20Manual/FileJO.pdf

School calendar for 2010-2011

The following is the approved Meade School District calendar for the 2010-2011 school year. There will be an early release day on Wednesday, Nov. 24, which is the day before Thanksgiving. Any snow days will be made up by adding additional days at the end of the school calendar. Furthermore, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, March 17, and April 25 will be used as make-up days if more than three snow days have been used prior to Jan. 3, Feb. 1, March 1, or April 1, 2011.

Staff Inservice	Aug. 24-26	Inservice Day (no school)	Jan. 14, 2011
First Day of School	Aug. 30	Martin Luther King Day (no school)	Jan. 17, 2011
Labor Day (no school)	Sept. 6	Parent-Teacher Conferences:	
Parent-Teacher Conferences:		Middle School: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 14, 2011
High School: 4-7 p.m.	Oct. 4	High School: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 15, 2011
Elementary Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Oct. 5	Elementary Schools: 5-8 p.m.	Feb. 15, 2011
Middle School: 5-8 p.m.	Oct. 5	All Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 17, 2011
All Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Oct. 7	Presidents' Day (no school)	Feb. 21, 2011
Inservice Day (no school)	Oct. 8	Inservice Day (no school)	Mar. 17, 2011
Native Americans' Day (no school)	Oct. 11	Spring Break (no school)	Mar. 18, 2011
Inservice Day (no school)	Nov. 5	Good Friday/Easter (no school)	April 22-25
Early Release Day	Nov. 24	Last Day of School	May 20, 2011
Thanksgiving (no school)	Nov. 25-26	Graduation	May 22, 2011
Christmas Vacation (no school)	Dec. 23-Jan. 2		

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Elm Springs.....798-2492
 21309 Elm Springs Road, Wasta, S.D. 57791
Enning.....985-5364
 Highway 34 Box 22, Enning, S.D. 57737
Hereford.....985-5380
 15998 Cross S Road, Hereford, S.D. 57785
Opal.....748-2426
 18010 Opal Road, Opal, S.D. 57765
Union Center.....985-5367
 1700 Highway 34, Union Center, S.D. 57787
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Piedmont Stagebarn Elementary

12380 Sturgis Road, Piedmont, S.D. 57769
 Ethan Dschaak, principal.....787-5295

Sturgis Brown High School

12930 E. Highway 34, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
 Toll-free 1-888-568-3514
 Jeff Simmons, principal.....347-2686
 Don Lyon, assistant principal.....347-2686
 Mike Paris, activities director.....347-4487
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 1807 Williams Street, Sturgis**

Sturgis Elementary

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

Sturgis Williams Middle School

1425 Cedar Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
 Toll-free 1-888-567-8274
 Lon Harter, principal.....347-5232
 Ann Nonnast, assistant principal.....347-5232

Whitewood Elementary

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

Woodle Field

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

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