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Open house at SWMS is Monday, Feb. 2

“There’s No Place Like Home” is the theme of the open house at Sturgis Williams Middle School to be held 5-7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2. Guided tours of the renovated school building will be given by student council members after which refreshments will be served in the school cafeteria. Those attending are asked to enter through the east entrance or west entrance to Grunwald Auditorium.

The middle school was closed in October of 2013 after Storm Atlas dumped three feet of snow in the area, causing a portion of the roof to collapse. This resulted in the relocation of students and staff to other areas in the community for the remainder of the school year. A little more than one year later, on Oct. 14, 2014, all students and staff were once again attending school under the same roof.

Taking advantage of the reconstruction of the school building, members of 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 to the entire school.

The district’s share of the \$3.06 million repair and renovation project is approximately \$600,000, which includes \$300,000 for the air conditioning.

The remainder of the cost of the project is covered by insurance.

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Three school board seats up for election; first day to circulate petitions is March 1

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 Shelli Grinager, Summerset; Chad Legner, Sturgis; and Don Williamson, Piedmont.

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/offices/businessoffice.htm

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

The first day to circulate nominating petitions is Sunday, March 1. Deadline to file the nominating petitions is 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, 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 2.

School Counseling Week observed Feb. 2-6

National School Counseling Week, sponsored by the American School Counselor Association, will be observed Feb. 2-6 as a way of focusing public attention on the unique contributions of school counselors and the impact they can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. Theme is "Celebrate School Counseling."

Meade School District counselors include Dadra Avery, Sturgis Brown High School; Karyl Boldt, Sturgis Williams Middle School; Raquel Hughes, rural schools; Shelly Lammers, SBHS; Rick Meyerink, Whitewood Elementary and Sturgis Williams Middle School; Julie Nelson, Piedmont Valley Elementary; Kristi Ortiz, Sturgis Elementary; and Kellie Thomas, Sturgis Elementary and Piedmont Valley Elementary. Social worker Ginger Johnson works with all students in the district.

As a result of a grant received by Action for the Betterment of the Community (ABC), counselor Shawn Koontz is working with middle and high school students to prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency behaviors and to improve school performance.

School counselors are actively engaged in helping students examine their abilities, strengths,

interests and talents. They work in a partnership with parents as they encounter the challenges of raising children in today's world and they focus on positive ways to enhance students' social, personal, educational and career development.

School counselors also work with teachers and other educators to provide an educational system where students can realize their potential and set healthy, realistic and optimistic aspirations for themselves.

Each school counselor is a certified, experienced educator who holds at least a master's degree in guidance and counseling.

Parents or community members who have specific questions or concerns about school counseling programs should contact one of school counselors listed above or call the school district office at 347-2523.

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Registration for kindergarten and screening of children birth to six will be held in March

School registration for kindergarten and screenings for birth to six-year-old children will be held this 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 2015-16 school year is open to children who will be five years of age by Sept. 1, 2015, 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 2015 as well as for those children up to six years of age about whom parents have concerns regarding their development.

Children attending the screening will be evaluated in the areas of vision, hearing, speech, language, gross and fine motor skills, and cognitive skills. The evaluations performed during the screening are provided free of charge and take approximately one hour.

The locations, dates and times for the kindergarten registration and screenings for children birth to six years of age are as follows:

Sturgis Elementary

Monday, March 2: 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 3: 7 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

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

Piedmont Valley Elementary

Thursday, March 5: 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 6: 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 10: 2:30-6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11: 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 19: 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 in Union Center.

Call Karen Speed at 985-5532 or 269-2264 to schedule an appointment.

Are you in favor of naming the west gym?

Members of the Meade School Board want to know what you think about naming the west gym at Sturgis Brown High School. Should it be named for a person who has had a long, close and valued association with the school, a geographic feature, a functional title or something else? A short survey has been developed and can be accessed on the district website www.meade.k12.sd.us or on the school district Facebook page www.facebook.com/MeadeSchoolDistrict. Deadline to take the survey is Wednesday, Feb. 25.

Students benefit from PTA grants

Meade School District benefits from wonderful support by Parent Teacher Associations and Organizations. This support not only contributes to students' successes but greatly adds to the quality of their learning environment.

This year, Sturgis Elementary School PTA awarded \$1,400 in grants to Sturgis Elementary teachers for innovative teaching strategies and classroom management techniques.

"We kept the application form and grant guidelines minimal because the PTA really wants the teachers to think outside the box and try new things," said PTA

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Using the stability ball are first-graders Izabel Rhodes and Tori Williams. According to research, students are more apt to sit still and stay on task after switching from a chair to a ball.



Jumping into the jump bands are, in the center, Connor Lurz and Michael Voigt. Those with the bands on their ankles are Dayla Nelson, left, and Mia O'Brien, right. The benefits of jump bands include improved rhythm and movement, teamwork as well as cardiovascular endurance.

Deadline is March 10

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

Nominations for Teacher of the Year and Professional Technical and Support Staff of the Year for 2015 are now 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

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.

The selection process that was used last year will be used again this year. That process allows each administrative site to submit a name from among the nominations for each of the districtwide awards.

All nominations must be received by Tuesday, March 10, by the principal/supervisor of the person being nominated. If unsure of the name of the principal/supervisor, call the communications office at 347-2523 x3.

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 year-end Recognition and Retirement Reception.

All nominees for Teacher of the Year should be exceptionally skilled and dedicated, should be poised and articulate, and should have the respect and admiration of students, parents and co-workers. The nominees should play active and useful roles in their communities and schools, often distinguishing themselves as leaders.

The most important 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 and Support Staff of the Year award is to recognize outstanding staff members who are not teachers. The award is based on a variety of criteria including motivation on the job, performance, cooperation with others, knowledge of the job, and contributions to the betterment of the school and district.

Nominees 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 2015-16 school year.

Science fairs open to the public

Sturgis Williams Middle School and Piedmont Valley Elementary School will be holding science fairs as follows.

The Sturgis Williams Middle School science fair will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 25-26 in the gym of the Williams Administrative Building. The exhibits will be open to the public from 4-6 p.m. on Wednesday.

SWMS seventh grade students are required to participate in the fair while involvement is optional for the sixth and eighth grade students.

The Piedmont Valley Elementary School sixth grade science will be held Wednesday, March 4, in the school library. The exhibits will be open to the public from 4-6 p.m. that day.

The top finishers from each of the science fairs can advance to the 60th annual High Plains Regional Science and Engineering Fair set for March 20 on the campus of South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City.



This Old School House

Feb. 12, 1963, meeting of Sturgis Independent School District #12:

Mr. Jon Jones reported on projects of boys in the Vocational Agricultural Department. He submitted figures showing the costs and gains made by the boys in the raising of grains, beef, sheep and swine. The board was fully advised of this instruction being offered in the school system. Mr. Jones also reported on the prospects of the F.F.A. which is sponsored in connection with the whole Ag Program.

Feb. 11, 1964:

Principals Brown, Peterson and Williams addressed the board. Peterson described the greater than usual number of grade school children requiring disciplinary attention at school and in the local court. Peterson suggested that a means be established to keep children in grades 1 through 6 off the streets of Sturgis at night. Peterson described the disciplinary difficulties at school directly to lack of parent supervision. Williams stated that if the trend of parent responsibility is not reversed, the role of public school will change from educational to that of a rehabilitation program.

Principal Peterson also commented on the feasibility of introducing a kindergarten program into the Public School System. He remarked that if a program was started, it should have academic value and under those conditions students not participating would be handicapped in the first grade. Such a program in Sturgis would probably require three classrooms and about \$15,000 additionally in funds.

March 9, 1965:

The out-of-town residence of personnel was discussed. Motion made by [Jerry] Neugebauer seconded by [Cliff] Linn that the school board adopt a policy of recommending to the hiring officials that in the future employees of the Sturgis School District be residents of the school district, or at least live within the district during the school year, and that

present non-residents be encouraged to live within the district. Motion carried.

March 7, 1966:

Motion by Linn and seconded by Neugebauer that 10-month contracts for the 1966-67 school year be offered to Principals Williams Brown, Richard Williams and Martin Jackley in respective amounts of \$9,400, \$9,300 and \$8,500; additionally, a 10-month contract be offered to Counselor Melvin Hendrickson in the amount of \$7,900 and a 12-month contract be offered to Superintendent Kenneth Hauge in the amount of \$10,700 for the 1966-67 school year. Upon roll call vote, all members voted yes.

Feb. 7, 1967:

Superintendent [Kenneth] Hauge informed the board that an invitation has been extended to the Sturgis High School band to perform at the South Dakota State Fair at Huron in September. Motion by [Jerry] Neugebauer and seconded by [Bruce] Walker that the band be authorized to attend the 1967 state fair and that transportation charges of \$436 and lodging for one night for the band members be approved. Upon roll call vote, all members voted yes.

March 13, 1968:

Motion by Walker and seconded by Linn that a contract for one additional bus route be entered into between Miller Brothers and the District in the amount of 30 cents per mile traveled on days school is in actual session.

Feb. 12, 1969:

Principal Williams described to the board a newly organized student group, Future Teachers of America. Fifty-one students from grades 10-12 have indicated a desire to belong to the described group. Williams stated that these students could be used as teacher aides in assisting regular teachers in special situations.

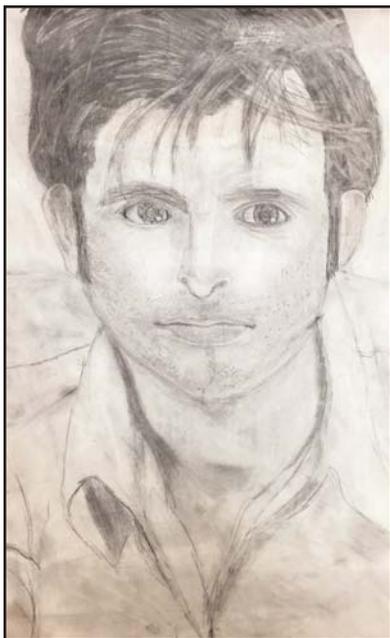
School board members receive proposed strategic planning goals

During the January meeting of the Meade School Board, board members were given a list of strategic planning goals, as follows, which were consolidated from the surveys and focus group meetings held earlier in the school year.

(1) Meade School District will provide a positive climate that engages students through rigorous academic curriculum and the opportunity to participate in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities that prepare each graduate to be academic and workplace ready;

(2) Meade School District will develop a comprehensive professional development program for the faculty/staff;

SWMS eighth-graders are featured artists at the Sturgis Public Library



The featured artists for the month of February at the Sturgis Public Library are the eighth grade students from Sturgis Williams Middle School.

The exhibit will feature grid portraits of people meaningful to the students and final pencil drawings of those individuals.

The students' art teacher is Kristi (Mortenson) Cammack.

The Sturgis Area Arts Council is the sponsor of the artist of the month program.

Portrait, at the left, was drawn by McKenzie Durand

Sturgis Elementary kindergartners to present music program Feb. 23

The kindergartners at Sturgis Elementary School will present a music program at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre.

The students, under the direction of music teacher Hillary Hill, will be singing songs from Sesame Street including "Rubber Duckie," "C is for Cookie," and "Bein' Green."

A dress rehearsal, open to the public, will be held that afternoon at 1:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

(3) Meade School District will develop personnel policies that will improve working conditions and retention of faculty/staff;

(4) Meade School District will develop a comprehensive facility master plan that will guide all infrastructure and technology decisions.

Board members will discuss the strategic planning goals at their Feb. 10 meeting.

Cupcake fundraiser benefits local student

More information about that board meeting can be found on Page 8.

The Sturgis Williams Middle School Student Council is sponsoring a Valentine Cupcake fundraiser to benefit sixth-grader Aliza Goodall, who suffers from idiopathic scoliosis.

The funds raised from the sale of the cupcakes, baked by Aliza's mother, the Sturgis Cake Lady, will go toward expenses incurred traveling to the Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia, where she is being treated.

Cupcakes will be presold from 7:45-8 a.m. Feb. 3-6 in the school gym and during parent teacher conferences on Feb. 9. Delivery will take place Feb. 13.

For more information or to place an order, call student council adviser Kristi Cammack at the school at 347-5232.

Monthly school board meeting is Feb. 10; action includes MOU regarding the TIFD

The monthly meeting of the Meade School Board will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, in the board room of the Williams Administrative Building, 1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis.

In addition to correcting an error on the 2015-16 school calendar and setting polling locations for the June election, the Meade School Board will act on a memorandum of understanding

prepared by Meade County which, if approved, would lessen the loss of revenue to the school district from the county's proposed Tax Increment Finance District.

The county would give money to the school district equal to the valuation increases on existing land and structures within the TIFD as it would affect the capital outlay and pension funds. That money would be placed in a spe-

cial account for capital improvements for new or existing structures within the school district.

Discussion items include measles immunizations and a technology proposal for the middle school, among other topics.

The agenda, background and attachments, which includes the MOU, will be posted on the district website: www.meade.k12.sd.us five days prior to the meeting.

Mobile dental bus stationed here Feb. 9-13

The Dakota Smiles Mobile Dental Bus will be returning to Meade School District Feb. 9-13 when it will be stationed at Sturgis Elementary School.

Because of its relationship with local dentists, many of whom volunteer their services, the program is able to offer cost effective, high quality oral health services to children who would otherwise go without.

Those services include cleanings, preventive services,

fillings and oral health education, and are available to students who do not have a dental home, which means they have not seen a dentist in two years or live more than 85 miles from a dentist. No child is turned away for inability to pay.

During the past 10 years, Meade School District students have received almost \$425,000 worth of dental services through this program.

Delta Dental manages and

operates the unit and works with the local community to target children most in need of care. Local support is received from Sturgis Rally Charities, Grace Lutheran Church and First Presbyterian Church.

A copy of the authorization form is available by calling the school nurses' office at 347-2610. The form is also at Sturgis Elementary School and on the school district website :

www.meade.k12.sd.us.

District receives \$7,700 from Sturgis Rally Charities

Meade School District programs or initiatives recently received \$7,700 from the Sturgis Rally Charities Foundation.

Topping the list with \$5,000 was the Meade School District nurses who will use the money to bring the Dakota Smiles Dental bus to the district.

Organizers of the Sturgis Brown High School Post-Prom received \$1,500 for food, prizes and entertainment at this year's high school post-prom.

The Sturgis Elementary School music department, represented by teacher Hillary Hill, received \$500 for busing students to the Sturgis Community Center for dress rehearsals of their music programs.

The PTO at Whitewood Elementary School received \$400, which will be used to bus all Whitewood students on a field trip this spring.

Sturgis Elementary School PTA was awarded \$300 for books for students.

Books can also be purchased on-line

Scholastic Book Fairs are this month

As a way to instill a lifelong love of books and reading, Scholastic Book Fairs are being held this month at Sturgis Williams Middle School, Sturgis Elementary School and Piedmont Valley Elementary School.

"Under the Sea" is the theme of the Feb. 9-13 book fair at Sturgis Williams Middle School. The book fair will be open for student shopping throughout the school day that week. Parents and community members are invited to shop after school until 4 p.m. and from 4-7 p.m. during Parent-Teacher Conferences on Feb. 9 and Feb. 12.

Special family events are also planned as follows: Tuesday, Feb. 10: 7:30-8 a.m., 6th grade Granola with Grand-Fish; Wednesday, Feb. 11: 7:30-8 a.m., 7th grade Muffins with Mama-Rays; and Thursday, Feb. 12: 7:30-8 a.m., 8th Grade Donuts with Crabby Dads.

The SWMS book fair will also

be on-line from Feb. 9-17. Go to www.scholastic.com/bookfair. Click on "Find a Book Fair" at the bottom of the page; choose "South Dakota" and then "Sturgis" and "Sturgis Williams Middle School."

In addition, the middle school is also holding an All For Books Coin Challenge. Part of this challenge is an assembly in which the staff member who has received the most votes in the form of coins will be slimed.

Participating in the slime challenge are Principal Lon Harter, teacher Teresa Mumm and head custodian Rex Schrock. The money collected will be used to purchase books for the school library. "This money not only helps our cause," said school librarian Scottie Bruch, "but Scholastic will match our donations by donating books."

The Sturgis Elementary School PTA-sponsored book fair is Tuesday, Feb. 17, through

Thursday, Feb. 19, in the library at the school. Hours are 3-7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, which also coincides with Parent Teacher Conferences, and 7:15-8 a.m. and 3-4 p.m. Wednesday. The theme of the fair is "Sir Readalot's Castle." Fun activities and drawings with prizes for students and staff will be held all three days.

The Sturgis Elementary book fair will also be on-line from Feb. 8-28. To access that page, follow the directions above for SWMS, except click on "Sturgis Elementary."

The PTA at Piedmont Valley Elementary is sponsoring that school's book fair on Tuesday, Feb. 17, through Friday, Feb. 20, in the school library. The book fair will run from 7:15-7:45 a.m. and 2-3 p.m. all four days except on Feb. 17 and Feb. 19 during Parent-Teacher conferences when it will remain open until 7 p.m.

Career Fair for high school students is Feb. 18

Students at Sturgis Brown High School will soon be choosing courses for the coming school year and to assist them in making those selections a Career Fair will be held Wednesday, Feb. 18.

The staff at the high school and area businesses are gearing up to present the school's eighth

annual Fair in the west gym of the school when students will have a chance to explore a variety of career opportunities.

Representatives of area businesses, governmental agencies and post-secondary institutions will be present to answer questions and discuss their careers with the students.

"All students are career bound and this fair will help them make informed choices about their options," said Coleen Keffeler, career and technical education coordinator at the high school. "This fair will also help the students make better course selections as they begin registering for next year's classes."

Fourth year of student bike build at SBHS

For the fourth year, students at Sturgis Brown High School have been given the opportunity to participate in the Sturgis Buffalo Chip Student Bike Build Challenge, which allows them to learn motorcycle customization techniques from motorcycle industry professionals.

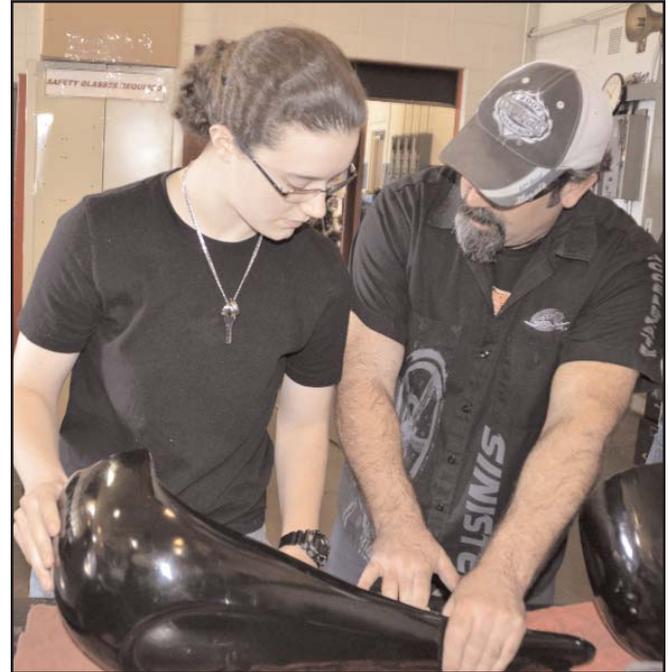
This year, the students will be customizing two motorcycles - a 2014 Indian Chieftain and a 2014 Harley Davidson Road King. For the first time, the bike build is open to any Black Hills-area high school student, so joining the 17 SBHS students, who are under the supervision of SBHS teachers Chad Hedderman and Bill Johnson, will be five students from Spearfish and one from Lead Deadwood.

Teaching the students will be world-renowned customization leaders John Shope of Dirty Bird Concepts, Paul Yaffee of Bagger Nation and Dave Perewitz of Perewitz Cycle Fab together with Keith Terry of Terry components and Randy and Nick Cramer of Dakota V-Twin.

Both bikes are scheduled for completion in time for the Donnie Smith Bike Show the end of March in Minneapolis where the SBHS students have, in the past, received numerous first place awards.

The Challenge was begun in 2010 by Sturgis Buffalo Chip President Rod Woodruff as a way of promoting technical education in South Dakota, of providing students with expanded career opportunities and of developing students' skills and knowledge in a real-world experience.

The two motorcycles will be auctioned on Monday, Aug. 3, during this year's Rally in support of the Buffalo Chip's Legends Ride.

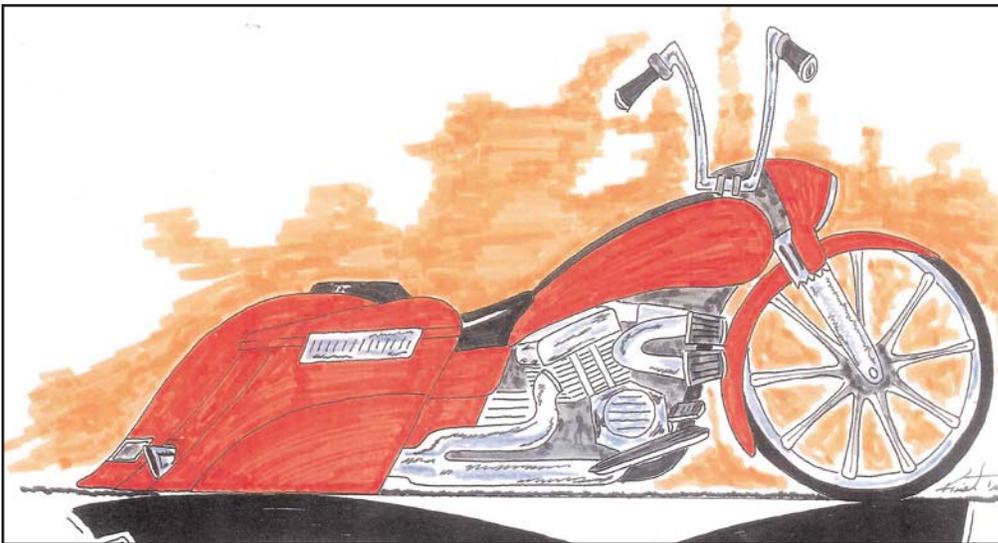
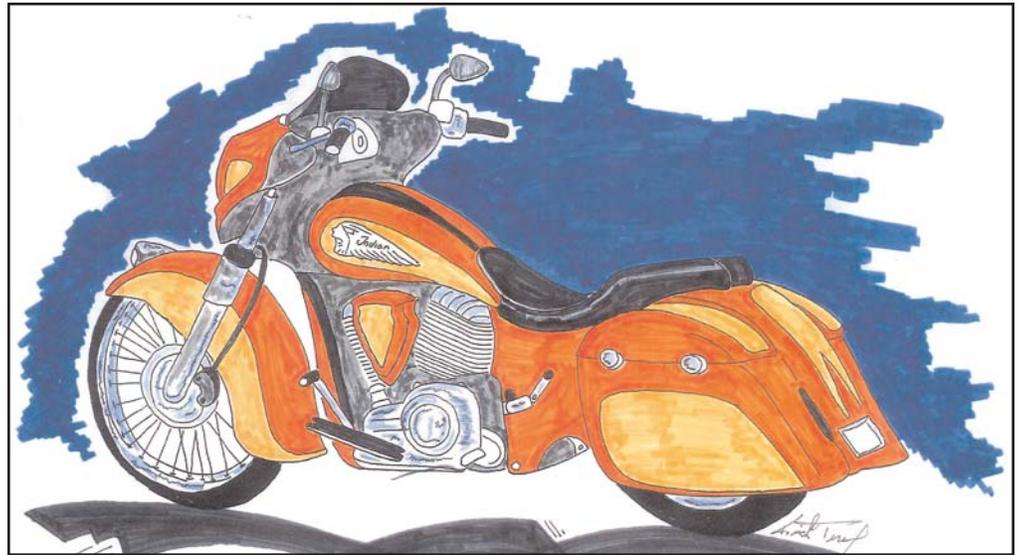


Chris Malo from Black Hills Urethane/Baggster shows senior Mariah Kayser how to prepare the parts to stretch the gas tank.



Junior Carl Gifford, left, and seniors Lane Cermak and Joe Dean together with Dustin Walker from Baggster, center, work on the rear end of the Indian to fit the stretched new bags.

The students will transform an Indian Chieftain into a full customized dream machine, right, primarily using John Shope's Dirty Bird Concepts fabrications.



The transformation of the Harley, left, will be based on designs created by Paul Yaffe, using parts from Bagger Nation as well as other sponsors.

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treasurer Malisa Scherer. "In awarding the grants, we are looking for strategies and techniques not already being used in the classrooms at Sturgis Elementary," she said.

Those receiving grants for the 2014-15 school were fourth-grade teachers Ashley Ziegler and Shanna Dschaak for an online subscription to RAZ Kids reading program; second grade teachers Jami Anderson, Brittainy Covell and Melissa Kistler and first grade teacher Julie Witcraft for stability ball chairs; second grade teacher Shelly Inhofer for sensory seats; kindergarten teacher Cheri

Isaacson for Lego DUPLO Story Tales videos and story sets including world people and farm set; and music teacher Hillary Hill for jump bands.

The PTA also uses money from its fundraisers to upgrade playground equipment, purchase indoor recess supplies to keep students entertained on inclement weather days, provide dinner to the staff during Parent Teacher Conferences, provide gift cards to staff to purchase classroom supplies and provide the school nurses with clothing for students.

This year the PTA also purchased three iPADS for the school.



SBHS Athletic Hall of Fame induction held

The ceremony for the fifth class of honorees inducted into the Sturgis Brown High School Athletic Hall of Fame was held Jan. 30 at the high school during the halftime of the boys basketball game. Pictured are, from the left, Tom and Betty McDermott accepting on behalf of their son Jerry McDermott, 1973 SBHS graduate, who was unable to attend; Homer Hastings, a 1962 graduate; and Elwood Dietrich accepting on behalf of Meghan (Little) Farmer, 2000 graduate, who was unable to attend. To view the induction photos, access the following website: <https://sbhsathletichalloffame.shutterfly.com/>. Site password is Scoopers.

Nominations sought for 2016 Hall of Fame

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

Meade School District calendar for 2014-15

The following is the calendar for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year. Any snow days will be made up by adding additional days at the end of the school calendar. Furthermore, Feb. 16 (Presidents' Day), March 13 (Spring Break), and April 6 (Easter Monday) will be used as make-up days if more than two snow days have been used prior to Feb. 1, March 1, or March 31, 2015. Make-up days for inclement weather will commence following the second snow day.

Parent-Teacher Conferences:	
Middle School: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 9, 2015
High School: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 10, 2015
Middle School: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 12, 2015
High School: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 12, 2015
Presidents' Day (no school)	Feb. 16, 2015

Parent-Teacher Conferences:	
Elementary Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 17, 2015
Elementary Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 19, 2015
Inservice Day (no school)	Mar. 12, 2015
Spring Break (no school)	Mar. 13, 2015
Good Friday/Easter (no school)	April 3-6, 2015
Inservice Day (no school)	April 20, 2015
Graduation	May 17, 2015
Last Day of School	May 20, 2015

Check out the activities calendar

The Meade School District activities calendar includes more than just sporting events. Also listed are concerts, speech tournaments, open houses and more. The calendar is continually being updated so check back often to remain current with all districtwide events: <http://www.meade.k12.sd.us/calendar/calendar.htm>

Check out the Website and Facebook Pages

Meade School Board firmly believes that communicating accurate, complete and timely information about the school district - its programs and operations, staff and students - not only enhances the district's image but also promotes support for education in the community while also strengthening its relationship and partnership with parents and community members. The district's website and Facebook pages are two ways of accomplishing this. Check out Meade School District and its schools at the website and facebook as follows: www.meade.k12.sd.us and <https://www.facebook.com/MeadeSchoolDistrict>.

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
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