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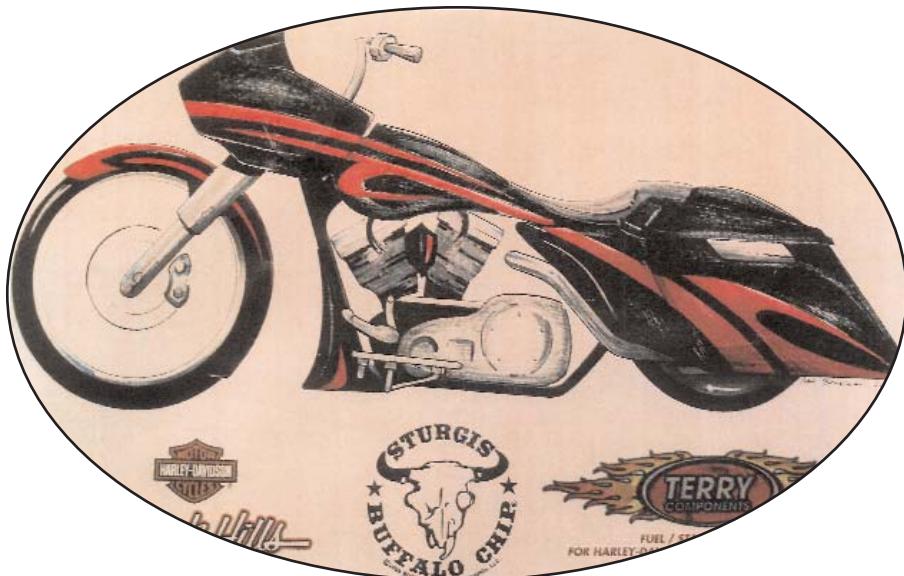
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SBHS students participate in Buffalo Chip Challenge

Thanks to the Buffalo Chip and owner and president Rod Woodruff, twelve senior welding students at Sturgis Brown High School are in the process of customizing a motorcycle as part of the Buffalo Chip Challenge Student Bike Build. Under the supervision of motorcycle industry veteran Keith Terry of Terry Components, the students are converting a stock Harley Davidson Road King donated by Black Hills Harley Davidson into a one-of-a-kind custom touring classic. Terry's design has the students customizing the motorcycle in line with current industry trends and the tastes and preferences of the buying public.

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Keith Terry of Terry Components conceptualized the design, above, of what the stock Harley Davidson Road King donated by Black Hills Harley Davidson will look like once the students have customized it. In addition to looking great, it has a frame-mounted fairing, large scale front wheel, high output sound system and a host of quality parts and unique accessories.

Registration and screening of kindergarten and preschool children set for April and May

School registration for kindergarten and screenings for birth to five-year-olds and kindergarten-aged children will be held in April and May at four locations throughout Meade School District.

The kindergarten registration has been combined with the screening to save parents time. This pre-registration for the 2012-13 school year is open to children who will be five years of age by Sept. 1, 2012, 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. Parents are also asked to provide their child's Social Security number.

The screenings are for children planning to attend kindergarten in the fall of 2012 as well as for those children up to five 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 screenings and registration are as follows:

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Sturgis Elementary

Wednesday, April 18: 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 19: 7 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Friday, April 20: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (preschool only)

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

Piedmont Valley Elementary

Thursday, April 26: 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 27: 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, May 1: 2:30-6 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2: 7:30-11 a.m.

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

Rural Area

Thursday, May 3: 9 a.m.-Noon

Screenings will take place at the Central Meade County Community Center in Union Center while kindergarten registration will take place at the rural office in Union Center. Appointments are not required.

SBHS graduation is May 20

The graduation ceremony for Sturgis Brown High School Class of 2012 will be 2 p.m. Sunday, May 20, in the west gym at SBHS.

Class motto is "Our lives are before us, Our pasts are behind us, But our memories are forever with us," by Manali Oak. The class flower is red rose with icing and class colors are black, red and

white. There are no reserved seats, and tickets are not needed for admission to graduation.

Baccalaureate May 13

Baccalaureate for all graduating seniors from throughout Meade County will be 4 p.m. Sunday, May 13, at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre.

Ligtenberg is new elementary principal

Chantal Ligtenberg is the new principal at Sturgis Elementary School. She was selected from a group of four interviewees and brings to the position not only administrative experience but knowledge of the district and its operations.

She has been employed by Meade School District for 6 years, the last 5½ years as assistant to the director of special services and sixth months as special education teacher at Sturgis Brown High School. Previous to that she was a special education teacher for five years in Watertown. She also served as interim principal at Piedmont Stagebarn for more than five months when the principal was on medical leave.

"I am excited to have Chantal as our newest principal," said Meade Superintendent Don Kirkegaard. "She has administrative experience and is already up to speed about coming changes including the new common core state standards



Chantal Ligtenberg

and all-day kindergarten. She will be an excellent leader to take Sturgis Elementary to the next level," he said.

The new principal is looking forward to working more closely and cohesively with a single set of staff and students in one building. "I am used to working districtwide so to work in the same building every day will be exciting," she said.

Chantal earned a bachelor's degree in special and elementary education in 2001 from Northern State University in

Aberdeen, and a master's degree in administration in 2009 from South Dakota State University, Brookings. She and her husband Garth have four children: a one-year-old and three-year-old, and a first-grader and third-grader who both attend Piedmont Valley Elementary School.

Chantal replaces Norm Graham who is retiring June 30 after 39 years in education, 30 of those years with Meade School District.

School district impacted by state legislation

The legislative session is over, the Governor has signed the bills, and now it is time for the school district to implement the changes.

Most of the new laws will have a positive impact on K-12 education, according to Meade Superintendent Don Kirkegaard, who added that many laws provide for local control.

Senate Bill 25 provides for a new system of accountability, essentially eliminating the No Child Left Behind federal legislation that was passed more than 10 years ago. The new accountability system still holds districts accountable for meeting the needs of all students but uses

multiple assessment indicators instead of a single performance assessment.

SB 130 provides for a model bullying policy if districts have not implemented their own local policy. More than 90 percent of all schools in South Dakota, including Meade School District, already have a bullying policy in place.

House Bill 1189 sets dates for open enrollment transfers. The bill outlines three exceptions to the policy, but the general guidelines allow for open enrollment up to the last Friday in September for the first semester and the last Friday in January for the second semester.

HB 1195 allows districts to charge for programming outside of the regular school term and school day. Driver education, pre-kindergarten and summer school programs are examples.

"The most controversial educational bill this session was HB 1234," said Kirkegaard. "The bill that passed was significantly amended from the original form. HB 1234 provides for 100 scholarships a year to college students who are going into the teaching field, who will teach in hard-to-fill positions, and who will commit to staying in South Dakota for at least five years.

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Staff retirement and employee recognition reception is May 9

A reception will be held Wednesday, May 9, 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 teachers and employees of the year. The buffet reception and program will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the west gym at Sturgis Brown High School.

This 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, April 30. Tickets will not be available at the door.

Honorees include the following, all of whom will be retiring at the end of the current school year: **Norm Graham**, principal, Sturgis Elementary, 39 years in education, 30 years with Meade School District; **Ellen Heston**, speech pathologist, Piedmont Valley Elementary, 28 years, nine years with Meade School District; **Mary Ellen Kreutz**, teacher, Sturgis Elementary, 39 years in education, 22 with Meade School District; and **Barb Mundt**, teacher at Sturgis Brown High School, 39 years in education, all with Meade School District.

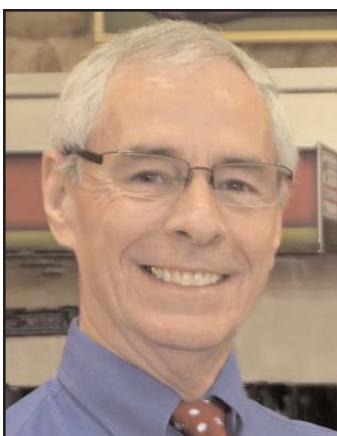
Employees honored for 15 years of service are **Juanita Delbridge**, paraprofessional, Hereford School; **Janice Gutierrez**, teacher, Sturgis

Elementary; **Theresa Hanzlik**, paraprofessional, Union Center; **Jamie Hockenbary**, teacher, Enning Union Center School; **Michaela Niederwerder**, paraprofessional, Atall and Enning Schools; **Marilyn Potter**, paraprofessional, Sturgis Williams Middle School; **Jennifer Seals**, teacher, Piedmont Valley Elementary; **Cindy Shetler**, teacher, Piedmont Valley Elementary; and **Chris West**, teacher, Sturgis Elementary.

Twenty-year honorees include **Roxanna Cooper**, paraprofessional, Whitewood Elementary; **Mike Friedel**, teacher, Sturgis Williams Middle School and Whitewood Elementary; **Lisa Haslip**, paraprofessional, SWMS; **Carolyn Jensen** teacher, Sturgis Elementary; **Jean Kusser**, teacher, Sturgis Brown High School; **Dave Martinson**, teacher, SBHS; **Jason Schlichtemeier**, teacher, SWMS and Sturgis Elementary; **Carolyn Schuldies**, teacher, SBHS; and **Jeff Ward**, curriculum/technology director.

Staff members with 30 years of service are **Teresa Barry**, teacher, Hereford School; **Norm Graham**, principal, Sturgis Elementary; **Betty McGough**, teacher, Piedmont Valley Elementary; and **Joyce Schieffer**, teacher, Sturgis Elementary.

Other honorees include the Meade teachers of the year and employees of the year. Those honorees have not yet been selected.



Norm Graham



Ellen Heston



Mary Ellen Kreutz



Barb Mundt



This Old School House

Aug. 9, 1966, meeting of the Sturgis Independent School District #12:

President (Mel) Voorhees invited the Whitewood delegates to address the board. Mr. Bruns, as spokesman for the group, stated a need for additional restroom facilities, additional bus stops within the city limits to relieve student congregating while waiting for the bus, and additional playground equipment at the Whitewood School.

The group also expressed a desire to establish a closed noon hour at Sturgis so that students would be off main street during the lunch period. Board members stated that the problems have been considered in the past and expressed a desire to seek a solution to the more urgent needs, if possible.

Jan. 10, 1967, meeting:

The possibility of Sturgis as the site for one of the six area vocational schools in South Dakota as determined by the State Department of Public Instruction was discussed by the board. It was noted that federal funds are provided on a matching basis for equipment and building needs, however the district is financially responsible for the balance of funds for the program. Non-resident students would be assessed a tuition charge.

As detailed by Superinten-

dent Hauge, the vocational school would serve the needs of students regularly enrolled in high school and additionally provide training for post high school students above the age of 16. Initially, it is planned that five types of vocational training be established and that some of the vocational work currently offered in the Sturgis system be included.

The possibility of rented classroom space, the use of facilities at Fort Meade, and new building construction for additional programs were related to space requirements currently in need by the District. The possibility of removing shop activities from the High School and remodeling the present shops for classroom use was examined.

The Superintendent was instructed to file the necessary application with the State Department of Public Instruction to establish Sturgis as the location for an area vocational school.

Dec. 12, 1967, meeting:

Superintendent Hauge reported that he recently received messages from Sen. Mundt and Rep. Berry indicating that 495 acres of land and 12 farm-type buildings on the Fort Meade Farm are in the process of being transferred from the General Services Administration to Sturgis Independent School District #12. The possible use to be made of the transferred land was briefly discussed, however,

Hauge cautioned the board that ultimate use of the property will be based on the terms of original application made to the General Services Administration.

Jan. 4, 1968, meeting:

The special meeting was called specifically to consider transfer of property from the Fort Meade Veteran's Hospital to Sturgis School District #12.

Motion by (Chris R.) Mechling and seconded by (John) Stingley that the district approve, and accept by signature of the board president, a quitclaim deed transferring 495.2 acres of land and 12 buildings, a portion of the Veterans Administration Hospital Reservation, Fort Meade, to the Sturgis Independent School District. Additionally, the business manager be instructed to return, with the signed deed, the amount of \$600 payable to the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare for the cost of the property appraisal. All members voted yes.

Jan. 8, 1969, meeting:

Principal (Bob) Daane described progress to date in relocating bleachers at Woodle Field. Initial work in the area has been accomplished by the National Guard. The type of bleacher construction has not been determined, however initial ground preparation suggest that bleacher construction to the north of the field is feasible.

'Footloose' is theme of April 21 prom

The Sturgis Brown High School prom, the theme of which is "Footloose," is set for Saturday April 21, in the west gym at SBHS. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for attendees and 7 p.m. for observers. Grand March will begin at 8 p.m.

Tickets for prom are \$20 each. Junior and senior students who sold five magazines during the

school's magazine drive receive free admission.

A sophomore will be allowed to attend prom if he or she has a date with a junior or senior. A non-student may attend prom only if he or she has a date with a junior or senior and is not older than 20 years of age.

Prom concludes at midnight.

Post-prom organizers asking for 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 21.

Post-prom will be held from midnight to 3 a.m. in the east gym at the high school and is free to the students.

Volunteers are needed to help set up and decorate the gym, donate food, work in the kitchen, monitor games, and work at the front door checking identification and handing out tickets.

In addition, the parents of each junior student are being

asked for a minimum donation of \$10 to cover expenses of post-prom.

According to the organizers, all of whom are parents of the junior students, the event is being held to provide a safe, fun and memorable night for those attending prom and also for those who wish to attend just post-prom.

Students will be able to participate in a variety of games and activities including entertainment by comedic hypnotist Chris Jones of Chicago, Ill.

Students will also have an

opportunity to win door prizes. 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, cameras, laptops and a senior college package consisting of microwave, refrigerator, laundry baskets and bags.

Pizza, sandwiches, fruit, vegetables, chips, cookies and soft drinks will be available throughout the three-hour party.

For more information or to help, call Val Berglund at 720-8360, Terry Hermann at 490-1179 or Trayce Fowler at 490-3371.

Academy will move to high school campus

Beginning next school year, the High School Academy, currently housed in the old Badger Clark School building in north Sturgis, will be located in the former Western Dakota Tech classroom building on the campus of Sturgis Brown High School.

The Academy was established in 1996 to provide an educational program for students who, for various reasons, are unable to complete school

in a traditional setting. Two teachers currently facilitate learning for that program.

To make room for the Academy, the Scooper Achievement Center will move out of the WDT classroom building and into the Business Building at the high school.

"We believe it is in the best interests of our students to relocate them to the high school campus," said Superintendent

Don Kirkegaard of those attending the Academy.

"It will give them some additional opportunities while saving the district money because we will then not have to update and maintain the Badger Clark building," he said.

The Meade School Board supported Kirkegaard's request to have the Badger Clark School building and property appraised.



The students enrolled in the geometry-in-construction class at Sturgis Brown High School are finishing construction of this 1,152-square feet, four bedroom home for Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity. The students have formed a Habitat Chapter at the school and are now looking to do small construction-related projects or yard/spring cleaning chores for area elderly or those in need as part of the United Way Days of Caring. Contact teacher Chad Hedderman at the high school with potential projects.

Would you like to own this home?

Take the first step toward home ownership by attending the 2012 Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity information session to be held 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 19, in Room 11 at Sturgis Brown High School.

Those attending the meeting will learn all that is required to qualify for purchasing this quality, energy efficient home built by the students enrolled in the geometry-in-construction class at SBHS.

Staff from Habitat for Humanity will be on hand to answer questions. Members of the Habitat Chapter at SBHS, which includes many of the students who are building the home, will be present to lead a tour of the home.

In order to qualify for this student-built home or other Habitat homes, applicants must meet the following basic eligibility requirements:

- Must live in inadequate housing (i.e. unsafe, poor heating, unsanitary conditions, overcrowding).

- Must have income that falls between 30-60% of area median income for the county of residency.

- Must be ineligible for conventional mortgage financing.

- Must have enough income to afford the monthly mortgage payment.

- Must be willing to partner with Habitat for Humanity by completing 250 sweat equity hours per adult including 35 hours of classes.

- Must be able to save approximately \$1,800 during the program for downpayment and closing costs.

For further information about the April 19 meeting or this house, call Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity at 348-9196 or visit their website at www.blackhillshabitat.org.

Drums Alive at Sturgis Elementary

Thanks to \$1,500 from the Sturgis Rally Charities Foundation, the students at Sturgis Elementary School are drumming to be fit in a new class at the school - Drums Alive - that combines music with exercise.

Music teacher Hillary Hill and physical education teacher Chris West teach the class in which the students use drum sticks to keep beat to the music on large exercise balls while moving around the balls.

This unique aerobic program captures the essence of exercise and rhythm and combines it with fun. The footwork, dipping, stretching and reaching really gets the students moving, their hearts beating while at the same time improving their flexibility, coordination, concentration and spontaneity. The students are also learning that it can be fun to get fit.



Sturgis Elementary music teacher Hillary Hill, above, leads the class from the front of gym while physical education teacher Chris West, in the photo at the right, moves around the room. Pictured with West are fifth-graders LeAnn DeRouchey, Shelby Johnson and Skyler Grenstiner.



Drums Alive



The gym at Sturgis Elementary is filled to capacity with students participating in Drums Alive. Using both sides of the large balls, the students keep beat to the song *Stayin' Alive*. Pictured are, front left, first-grader Jag Weyer, and front right, fifth-graders Danae McKee, Wyatt Engbrecht and Jayden Myrick.

Nominations sought for SBHS Hall of Fame

Nominations for the third 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 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 Sturgis Brown High School athletic programs. A permanent Hall of Fame display is located in the lobby of the west gym at Sturgis Brown High School.

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 Meade School District website www.meade.k12.sd.us.

Testing will take place April 2-20

Dakota STEP assesses academic achievement and mastery of standards

Meade School District students in grades three through eight and grade 11 will be taking the South Dakota State Test of Educational Progress (STEP) between April 2-20. Dakota STEP is the annual assessment for measuring student progress in South Dakota public schools as required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

Dakota STEP is a standardized test designed to gauge student achievement in relation to other children the same age in schools across the state and the nation. It is a battery of untimed, multiple-choice subtests with the questions based on state content standards in reading, mathematics and science.

Juniors at Sturgis Brown High School will take the test on April 4 and April 11. To help prepare them and their parents for the test several events will be held. Both testing days will begin with breakfast at 8 a.m. in the west gym. The breakfast, provided by the South Dakota National Guard, parents and staff, will be followed by a demonstration of relaxation and stress breaker techniques as well as Zumba activities. Water and healthy snacks will be available to the students throughout the testing period.

In addition, letters were sent

to all parents of the juniors regarding the testing schedule, the importance of adequate rest and nutrition prior to testing, test-taking strategies and other helpful hints.

Sturgis Williams Middle School students will take the reading and science tests April 3-5 and the math tests April 11-13, all during the regular reading, science and math class times.

Specific testing dates aren't scheduled at Sturgis Elementary. Instead, the teachers plan testing based on their schedules and perceived readiness of the students. As encouragement, the younger students at the school send positive notes and cards to the older test-takers. In addition, Principal Norm Graham distributes "Good Luck" pencils to the students. All teachers also promote healthy test taking habits and tips in preparation for the tests.

Most of the testing at Whitewood Elementary and at the rural schools will occur April 3-10. Principal Bev Rosenboom has visited all the Whitewood and rural classrooms, handing out "Do Your Best on the Test" pencils. In addition to the fresh fruits and vegetables regularly available at the school, the Whitewood PTO gave money for special snacks.

The majority of the testing at Piedmont Valley Elementary will take place April 3-5 and April 10-12. The students at that school will receive snacks and other foods and liquids to stay hydrated and full of energy throughout the testing.

Although Dakota STEP test results are only one measure of student achievement, they have become increasingly important. The assessment provides critical feedback to educators, students and parents regarding students' academic achievement and mastery of South Dakota's academic content standards.

These results identify students who many need extra help, assist schools and teachers in identifying weaknesses in their curriculum and improve instruction in those areas, help teacher and parents monitor achievement, and improve the accountability of the state's educational system.

In the fall, parents and guardians will receive a report on how well the students did on individual standards. The overall performance levels of below basic, basic, proficient or advanced in all the subject areas will also be released, as will a report for each school and for the entire school district.

School board election to be held June 5

Five people have filed petitions to run for the three seats up for election June 5 on the Meade School Board.

Vying for the three three-year terms are Piedmont area residents Shelli Grinager, Curtis Johnson, Rod Martens and Don Williamson, and Sturgis resident Chad Legner.

Grinager is the mother of three and works in children's ministry at Fountain Springs Community Church. Johnson, an incumbent, is an irrigation technician with Sprinkler Service Company. He has served three years on the Meade School Board.

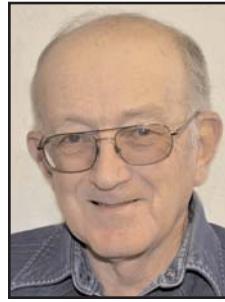
Martens, also an incumbent, has served 24 years and is a retired civil servant. Williamson is a self-employed businessman in health and nutrition. Legner is manager of Owen's Interstate Sales.

The other incumbent, Curt Nupen of Piedmont, is not running for re-election.

The deadline for voter registration is May 21. The first day absentee ballots may be cast is April 20. Absentee voting must take place at the county auditor's office in the county of one's residence which, for those residing in Meade School District, would be either Meade County or Lawrence County.



Shelli Grinager



Curtis Johnson



Chad Legner



Rod Martens



Don Williamson

Information about the four candidates and other election information including the location of the polls can be found beginning May 5 on the Meade District website www.meade.k12.sd.us.

For further information about the election, call the school district business office at 347-2523.

Judges needed for senior presentations

The senior English teachers at Sturgis Brown High School are in need of people willing to judge

students' oral presentations for their senior cumulative projects. The presentations will take place April 17 and 18.

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 bibli-

ography, a research paper, and project or product that is an extension of the research.

Each student will speak about the research paper, product application, lessons learned and any challenges encountered while doing the project. Upon completion of the 8-9 minute speech, the judges will ask questions about the different phases of the project.

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

Senior Experience Fair

Public viewing of the SBHS senior experience projects will be held from 5:15-6:15 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at the Sturgis Community Center.

Driver education sign up now underway

Sign up is currently underway for driver education classes offered this summer through the Meade School District's Curriculum Office.

The session is scheduled for 9 a.m.-noon Monday through Friday, June 4-15, in Room 11 at Sturgis Brown High School. Cost is \$249, which must be paid in advance.

Registration deadline is Friday, May 25. 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 one of the instructors. Instructors are Meade School District teachers Dan Avery and Adam Waider.

Many insurance companies give discounts to those who have completed a driver 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 Meade School District website:

[www.meade.k12.sd.us/](http://www.meade.k12.sd.us/Curriculum/DriversEd.html)
[Curriculum/DriversEd.html](http://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 Francis Case Building, Sturgis.

The registration form and class fee should be dropped off or mailed to Meade School District, 1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785. For further information call 347-4454.



Hall of Fame inductees

The ceremony for the second class of honorees inducted into the Sturgis Brown High School Athletic Hall of Fame was held this winter at the high school during the halftime of a boys basketball game. Inductees include, from the back left, Scott Lensegrav, Frosty Paris, Jim Daane, Dean Johnson, Steve Thomas and Bruce Lushbough; middle left, Brent Voorhees, Dan Wilson, Tyler Steinle, George Jenter and Cal Corey; front left, Lloyd Keszler, Holly Albrecht-Kopplin, Terry Hermann and Tom Hermann. Not pictured is Ruth Smit.

(To view the induction photos, go to <http://sbhsathletichalloffame.shutterfly.com/>. Site password is Scoopers.)

Bike Build

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In the photo at the left: Nick Cramer from Dakota V-Twin works with seniors Kolten Odle and Peter Schmit to remove the existing tire and replace it with a new chrome rim and tire.

In the photo below: Keith Terry from Terry Components observes as seniors Cody Donaldson and Jace Matz remove the brakes and calipers from an old tire.



"We not only want to give the students of Sturgis Brown High School a real world experience, we want to make sure they are working with the top custom parts and accessories the motorcycle industry has to offer," said Woodruff. "Many of the parts that are used for the build are so innovative and new that most have not yet been offered to the general public."

A significant effort in the initial phase of the build was to provide new geometry to the front end of the motorcycle in order to accommodate a new 23-inch custom wheel from RC Components. Nick Cramer from Dakota V-Twin is assisting Terry and the students by removing the neck of the stock frame in order to modify the rake and trail of the front end as a new neck and triple trees from Hawg Haulters, Inc. will then be installed by the students. A new rear fender from Klock Werks Kustom Cycles and custom extended saddle bags from Sinister Industries will provide the bagger lean, low swagger to round out the bike's profile from front to back.

"This program does so much to enhance students' skill sets, confidence and abilities," said Terry. "Probably the greatest insight students are gaining is how to relate things they are learning in other classes to this real world application."

The finished motorcycle will be featured in the August 2012 issue of *American Iron Magazine* and will be auctioned off during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in support of the fifth annual Buffalo Chip Legends Ride with proceeds going to Black Hills Special Olympics.



'Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp' will be presented in May

The drama students at Sturgis Brown High School will be presenting "Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp" for their annual spring children's show. The production is adapted by Jack Neary based on "The Arabian Nights" tale and will be directed by senior Brooke Padilla. Assistant directors are Trent Opstedahl and Shelbi Bruse, also seniors at SBHS.

PERFORMANCES FOR MEADE School District children will take place during the morning and afternoon of Thursday and Friday, May 10-11. The public performance is set for 7 p.m. Friday, May 11, at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre. There is no admission but donations are accepted.

The original story still remains, but Neary's clever wordplay makes it a fast, witty and contemporary production. The king of an ancient land commands the town storyteller to mesmerize him with a story. If she fails in her attempt, she faces banishment! With this weighty task before her, Scheherazade transforms each of the townspeople into actors and recruits them into acting out the story of Aladdin.

ALADDIN'S DISCOVERY OF the magic lamp leads him into a wild, funny and exciting coming-of-age adventure, featuring a gregarious genie, an evil magician, a villainous father and his wimpy son, and, naturally, a lovely, street-smart Princess.

Cast members include Jordan Smith, The King; Tess Jones, Scheherazade; Cole Sawyer, Musician/Aladdin; Tiffany Concha, musician; Katie Johnston, Musician; Lisa Stanley, Cook/Mother; Jeff Nelson, Jester/Magician; Sam Ricci, Jester #2; Erika Cerveny, Porter/Genie; Seth Gerberding, Chancellor/Grand Vizier.

Cast members also include John Gasper, Accountant/Son; Willow Cowherd, Dancer and Princess; Shannon Kymala, Elizabeth Barker, Shelbi Bruse and Stephanie Rodriguez, all Dancers; Brendon Cerveny, General/Sultan; Marshal Smith, First Merchant; Mikkayla Johnson, Derek Seymour and Chris Job, all Noble/Townspeople.

IN CHARGE OF the set are Hannah Aker, Jordan Smith, Shannon Kymala, Shelbi Bruse, Derek Seymour, Leah Pappas and Khyla Ordahl. Props committee members are Jessica Schepers, Seth Gerberding, Katie Johnson, Cheyenne Crowell and Marshal Smith.

The costume committee consists of Mikkayla Johnson, Willow Cowherd, Sam Ricci, Tiffany Concha and Tess Jones. Members of the publicity committee are Cole Sawyer, Elizabeth Barker and Megan Moravec. Maddie Anderson is in charge of sound while Tonisha Williams and David Owen are in charge of lights.

Advisers are June Dill and Tere Froelich.

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Woodworking students build stairs

Meade School District physical therapist Cindy Ireland guides Riley Johnston down the steps during a physical therapy session at Sturgis Elementary School. The steps, made by the students in Jon Swan's woodworking class at Sturgis Brown High School, are a welcome addition to the district's physical therapy services. "Before receiving these steps I would teach the kids how to go up and down stairs on the school's big staircase, where the risk of falling was high," said Ireland. "Now the students feel safer when learning how to alternate feet on the stairs," she said. Swan's students are currently building cabinets for the Habitat House currently under construction by the geometry-in-construction students at SBHS.

School board discusses land use around SBHS

Public comment was taken recently by the school board on the long-term use of the land surrounding Sturgis Brown High School.

Approximately 495 acres, which was part of the Veterans Administration Hospital, was deeded to the school district in 1968 by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The deed contained a provision that for 30 years the land had to be used solely for educational

purposes. That stipulation expired in January of 1998.

Former school board members Ross Lamphere and Carl Wahl both urged the board not to sell the land. Randy Bender asked the board how their plans would impact the archeological sites located north of the school.

"We have no hidden agenda here," offered Superintendent Don Kirkegaard. "This is just a topic as we begin our five-year

plan for capital outlay." Speakers also suggested the area would be ideal for a park.

SBHS teacher Andrew Fergen reported on the poll he conducted as part of his master's work concerning the land use. Of the 93 respondents, 74 felt the school should retain the land while 19 thought it should be sold.

To date, the school board has not taken any action relative to the land.

Selected: Sturgis Elementary physical education teacher **Chris West** has been selected the South Dakota Fuel Up To Play 60 2012 Program Advisor of the Year. West was recognized because of his commitment to improve school wellness at Sturgis Elementary and his efforts to make lasting and impactful changes to school wellness. Fuel Up To Play is a nutrition and physical activity program

of the National Dairy Council and the National Football League.

Named: SBHS wrestler **Morgan Engbrecht** was named the SDHSAA Class A Wrestling Tournament "Most Outstanding Wrestler." He is also this year's state champion at 126 pounds. Also taking first at the state tournament, at which the SBHS team placed fourth, was **Tanner Bothwell** at 120 pounds. Runners up were **Brody Jorensen**, 106 pounds, **Nick Montieth** 138 pounds, and **Clay Kopplin**, 160 pounds.



Chris West



Morgan Engbrecht

Named: Sturgis Brown High School head wrestling coach **Steve Keszler** was named Greater Dakota Conference Wrestling Coach of the Year.

LEGISLATION:

The bill also provides for a \$2,500 per year bonus to math and science teachers who receive a distinguished or proficient rating on the state evaluation system. Participation for teachers is voluntary.

HB 1234 also provides districts with three different options for a teacher reward program. The first option is a local control option that will allow districts an opportunity to provide a plan on how to use the additional funds. Examples of a local plan may include providing additional funds for a teacher mentor program, department chairs, high needs teaching areas, or additional options that improve teacher performance. The second option is to develop a plan that provides for up to \$5,000 for bonus to exceptional teachers. The third option is

for the district to opt out of the bonus money and not participate in the program.

The last provision in HB1234 is to gradually eliminate continuing contract (tenure) for teachers. Starting with the 2016 school year, tenure will gradually be phased out for new teachers.

"I think most school districts would have preferred that HB 1234 just provide additional revenue for districts and the districts choose how to best use those funds," said Kirkegaard, "but that was not an option."

The law will provide additional ongoing funds for Meade School District in the amount of about \$300,000 per year. The per-student allocation for K-12 education was increased 2.3 percent (approximately \$100 per student) in the general education formula,

and the legislature approved one-time money in the amount of \$100 per student.

"The increase sounds significant, and it is," the superintendent said, "but it comes after no increase in fiscal year 2011 and an 8.8 percent decrease in FY 2012. We will be using our reserves to balance the budget for FY 2013, and we will work hard to provide for a balanced budget in FY 2014," he said.

"There is no pot of gold at the end of the rainbow," Kirkegaard continued, "but there has never been a pot of gold. We will continue to make difficult decisions and try to best utilize limited resources while always keeping in mind the importance of providing a quality comprehensive program for all of the students in Meade School District."

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Chrissy Peterson named Outstanding Special Education Administrator

Meade School District Special Services Director Chrissy Peterson has been named Outstanding Special Education Administrator for two different professional organizations: The South Dakota Council of Administrators of Special Education and the South Dakota Council for Exceptional Children.

Working with people with disabilities is not only Chrissy's job, but her lifestyle. Her burning passion is to help all students be successful while striving to be a positive and influential leader. She makes decisions by always asking "What is best for the individual child?"

Said a nominator of Chrissy, "She assumes responsibility with confidence and ease as she holds an enviable grasp of the complex requirements of special education programming. Her credibility and stellar reputation are evidence of her exemplary career service and dedication in the field of special education and related services."



Chrissy Peterson

Chrissy has been the district's special services director for 14 years but her involvement in special education spans 21 years. She holds a bachelor's degree in education from Black Hills State University, Spearfish, and a master's degree in educational administration from South Dakota State University, Brookings.

She has served on the national Policy Advisory Board for the Council of Administrators of Special Education

where she had a voice in shaping national special education policy. She is vice chairman of the South Dakota Extraordinary Cost Board, a member of the Dyslexia Task Force, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Advisory Board, South Dakota VOICES and South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired Task Force.

She was named the 2010 recipient of the "We Believe in Kids" award from Wellspring, Inc.

Meade School District calendar for 2012-13

Staff Inservice	Aug. 21-23, 2012	Inservice Day (no school)	Jan. 18, 2013	
First Day of School	Aug. 27, 2012	M.L. King Jr. Day (no school)	Jan. 21, 2013	
Labor Day (no school)	Sept. 3, 2012	Parent-Teacher Conferences:		
Parent-Teacher Conferences:				
Middle School: 4-7 p.m.	Oct. 1, 2012	Elementary Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 11, 2013	
High School: 4-7 p.m.	Oct. 2, 2012	Middle School: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 12, 2013	
Elementary Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Oct. 2, 2012	High School: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 12, 2013	
All Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Oct. 4, 2012	All Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 14, 2013	
Inservice Day (no school)	Oct. 5, 2012	Presidents' Day (no school)	Feb. 18, 2013	
Native Americans' Day (no school)	Oct. 8, 2012	Inservice Day (no school)	Mar. 13, 2013	
Inservice Day (no school)	Nov. 2, 2012	Spring Break (no school)	Mar. 14-15	
Early Release Day	Nov. 21, 2012	Good Friday/Easter (no school)	March 29-April 1	
Thanksgiving (no school)	Nov. 22-23, 2012	Graduation	May 19, 2013	
Christmas Vacation (no school)	Dec. 24-Jan. 4	Last Day of School	May 23, 2013	

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
1807 Williams Street, Sturgis**	

Sturgis Elementary School

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 School

603 Garfield, Whitewood, S.D. 57793	
Bev Rosenboom, principal.....	269-2264

Superintendent

1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785	
Don Kirkegaard.....	347-2523
Toll-free 1-877-522-6251	

Business Manager

1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785	
Brett Burditt.....	347-2523
Toll-free 1-877-522-6251	

Buildings and Grounds

12940 E. Highway 34, Sturgis, S.D. 57785	
Cody King, maintenance foreman.....	347-2649

Communications Office

1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785	
Kristine Hubbard.....	347-2523

Curriculum and Technology

1610 Fulton Street, Sturgis**	
Jeff Ward, director.....	347-4454

Food Service

1121 Ball Park Road, Sturgis, S.D. 57785	
Joe Schaffer, director.....	347-3601

Nurses' Office

1121 Ball Park Road, Sturgis, S.D. 57785	
Randi Oviatt.....	347-2610

School Social Worker

1121 Ball Park Road, Sturgis, S.D. 57785	
Ginger Johnson.....	347-2386

Special Services

1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785	
Chrissy Peterson, director.....	347-4770
Chantal Ligtenberg, asst. to the director.....	347-4770

Sturgis Bus Company

2237 West Sherman, Sturgis, S.D. 57785	
Einar Mortenson, owner.....	347-5066

Woodle Field

600 Woodland Dr., Sturgis**	347-2003
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