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## Williams remodel project to be completed this May

A new school board meeting room and staff training area will soon become a reality as Phase II of the remodeling project in the north building of Sturgis Williams Middle School nears completion.

The project consists of remodeling two classrooms and an adjoining corridor into a meeting/training room and a storage and audio visual room. New walls and ceilings are being built, new heating and ventilation are being installed, and the main power distribution panel is being upgraded.

The audio-video system for the meeting room will allow for live-streaming of all school board meetings. The meetings are currently being held in the lecture hall at the high school.

The project's Phase I, completed in the summer of 2009, consisted of converting two former classrooms into the District Special Services office.

Phase III, planned for 2010-2011, will involve the remodeling of the district offices of the superintendent and business manager and other public spaces in the building.



*Ainsworth Benning workmen remove the walls dividing the classrooms and the corridor.*

# Kindergarten registration and preschool screening will be held in April and May

School registration for kindergarten and screenings for both preschool 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 time for parents. This pre-registration for the 2010-2011 school year is open to children who will be five years of age by Sept. 1, 2010, and who plan to attend school in the fall of 2010.

Parents registering a child for kindergarten will need a copy of the child's certified birth certificate and immunization records; 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 chil-

dren planning to attend kindergarten in the fall of 2010 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. These evaluations are provided free of charge and will take one hour.

The locations, dates and times for the screenings and kindergarten registration are as follows:

•**Sturgis:** 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, and 7 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Friday, April 23, at Sturgis Elementary, 1121 Ball Park Road. Call Sharon Rank at the school nurses' office at 347-2610 to schedule an appointment for the screening.

•**Piedmont and Stagebarn:** 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29, and 7 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, at Grace United Methodist Church, 10060 Foothills Drive, Piedmont. Call Cara Wise at Piedmont Elementary School at 787-4400 to schedule an appointment for the screening.

•**Whitewood:** 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, at Whitewood Elementary School. Call Karen Speed at the school at 269-2264 to schedule an appointment.

•**Rural Area:** 9 a.m.-noon Thursday, May 12. The screenings will take place at the Central Meade County Community Center, Union Center, while the kindergarten registration will take place at the rural office in Union Center. Appointments are not necessary.

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

## SBHS graduation is May 23

The graduation ceremony for Sturgis Brown High School Class of 2010 will be 2 p.m. Sunday, May 23, in the west gym at the high school.

The class motto is "Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail," by Ralph Waldo Emerson.

The class flower is the rainbow rose and the class color is black with silver accents.

Due to lack of parking at the

high school, parents and relatives attending the ceremony are encouraged to carpool. There are no reserved seats, and tickets are not needed for admission.

## Baccalaureate is Sunday, May 16

Baccalaureate for all graduating seniors from throughout Meade County will be 4 p.m. Sunday, May 16, at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre.

# Staff recognition reception is May 11

A reception will be held Tuesday, May 11, in honor of the Meade School District employees who are retiring, those who have worked 15, 20 or 30 years, and those who are selected as teachers and employees of the year.

This event, sponsored by the Meade School Board, is open to the public.

The buffet reception will begin

at 4 p.m. in the west gym of Sturgis Brown High School. The presentations, recognitions and awards will follow at 5:15 p.m.

Guest tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the district office or at any administrative office. Deadline to purchase tickets is Wednesday, May 5.

Honorees include the following, all of whom will be retiring at the end of the current school year: Marilyn Bates, English teacher at Sturgis Brown High School, 36 years in education; Trudy Flage, foreign language teacher at SBHS, 32 years in education; Bill McKee, sixth grade teacher at

Sturgis Williams Middle School, 38 years in education, 37 with Meade School District.

Kent Moore, first grade teacher at Piedmont Elementary, 30 years in education, 27 with Meade School District; Nancy Remington, seventh grade teacher at SWMS, 25 years in education; and Arlene Termes, special education teacher at SWMS, 27 years in education, 26 with Meade School District.

Retirees also include JoAnn Jewell, who was employed with the district for 15 years, the last 13 in the business office. She retired in December. Retiring in September was custodian Dorothy Miller, who worked 21 years for the school district.

Other honorees include the teachers and employees of the year, who have not yet been announced, and the years-of-service employees.

These years-of-service honorees include 30-year staff members Ann Kling, Brenda Schaffer and Jan Steffes.

Twenty-year honorees are Twyla Barden, Sandra Buchholz, Debra Domogalski, Judy Javersak, Coleen Keffeler, Susan Kessel, Carol Krugjohn, Paula Manley, Darcy Nagel, Mike Paris and Cindy Stofferahn.

Staff members with 15 years of service are Mark Donaldson, Doug Draine, Jill Eymer, JoAnn Jewell, Marlene Kotab, Cathryn Nissen and Becky Peterson.



**JoAnn Jewell**



**Dorothy Miller**



**Marilyn Bates**



**Trudy Flage**



**Bill McKee**



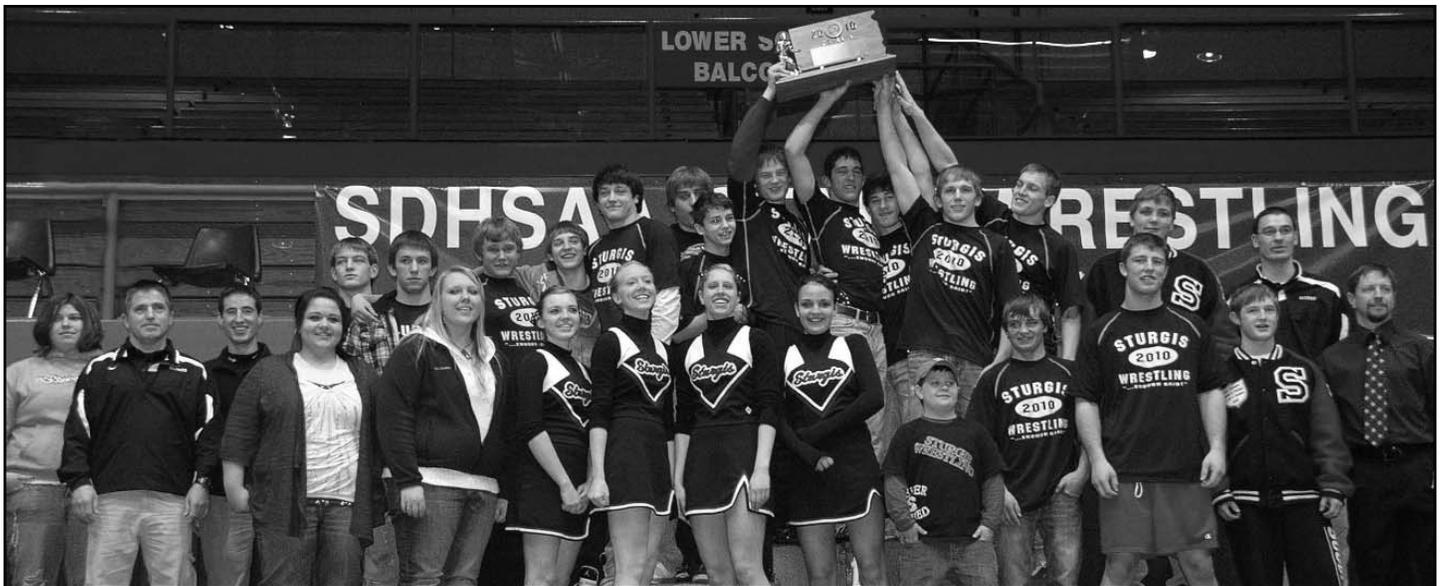
**Kent Moore**



**Nancy Remington**



**Arlene Termes**



*Sturgis Brown High School wrestlers, cheerleaders and coaches celebrate after winning the 2010 South Dakota State "A" Wrestling Title. (Photo courtesy of South Dakota Public Broadcasting)*

# Wrestlers are state champs, again!

The Scoopers claimed their sixth state wrestling title by winning the State "A" Wrestling Tournament held the end of February in Rapid City. The fact that all 14 wrestlers qualified for the tournament contributed to team's record-breaking 222 points.

Crowned as individual champions were Morgan Engbrecht, 103; Cody Cassen, 119; Josh Keszler, 125; Seth Lange, 130; Jason Duprel, 135; and Clint Wilson, 189. Runner-up honors went to Kyle Kopplin at 152. Tanner Bothwell, 112 pounds, and Chris Vinson, heavyweight, both placed third while Rex Lyon, 145 pounds, took sixth place honors. The other state qualifiers were Nate Wilson, 140; Clay Kopplin, 160; Blake Williams, 171; and Matt Silvernail, 215.

Head coach is Steve Keszler. Assistants are Jason Schlichtemeier, Scott Hadorn and Dave Olson.

Lange, who won his fourth individual state championship, was selected as the tournament's outstanding wrestler. The senior was also named to the Greater

Dakota Conference All-Conference Wrestling Team.

Other Scoopers named to the All-Conference Wrestling Team were Engbrecht, Bothwell, Keszler, Duprel, Nate Wilson, Lyon, Clint Wilson and Vinson.

The Scoopers also reigned as state champions in 2009, 2007, 2006, 2005 and 2002, were runners-up in 1999, 1998 and 1991 and took third place in 2008. They were also dual team state champions in 2004, 2002 and 2001.

## Keszler up for national award

Steve Keszler has been named this year's Greater Dakota Conference Wrestling Coach of the Year, the eighth time he has received the honor during his 16 years as head wrestling coach at SBHS.

He has also been selected as one of eight finalists for the 2010 National Wrestling Coach of the Year by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association. The announcement of the winner will occur this June at the Association's national convention in Sioux Falls.

This national award is presented to one coach in each of 18 different sports for their lifetime achievement, not just for a season of coaching. Award recipients are evaluated on longevity, professional service, win-loss percentage, championship years, and professional awards.

Keszler is also a six-time Regional Coach of the Year and has been named South Dakota Wrestling Coach of the Year once.

# Mobile computer labs enhance learning

Meade School District is establishing mobile computer labs in its schools in order to maximize technology equipment usage, increase student access to computers, and inspire student learning and creativity.

These mobile labs consist of 27-30 PC tablets previously used by the district's teachers, and are in addition to the centralized fixed desktop computer labs found in each school. "These PC tablets are three to five years old and have outlived their original intent," said Jeff Ward, director of curriculum and technology for the district, "but they have not outlived their usefulness." In explaining their repurposing, Ward said the computers should be good for another three to five years in the mobile labs.

There are currently two mobile labs at Sturgis Brown High School. One lab consisting of 27 computers is in the library from which students may check them out for school use. The other lab is located in the English department. Stagebarn Elementary and Sturgis Williams Middle School each have one mobile lab containing 30 computers each. Whitewood School's computer lab already consists of portable laptops, so these are being utilized in the classrooms when not being used by the computer teacher.



*Using the laptops from the mobile lab are, from the left, Stagebarn sixth-graders Harmony Reed, Rebecca Pierce, Matt Aitken and Brandon Wisecarver.*

Meade School District's technology plan recommends that one-third of teacher PC tablets be replaced every year so that teachers will have current technology tools for instruction. "We try to upgrade our equipment on a rotating basis because we have found that if we use computers too long, the new software doesn't work, it's difficult to get parts and our network won't support them," said Ward.

## 'Once Upon a Wolf' is Spring children's show

Sturgis Brown High School seniors Cara Tesnow, Krystal Wiederrich and Kat Jensen will be directing the school's annual Spring children's show titled "Once Upon a Wolf."

Performances for area school children will be 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Thursday and Friday, May 13-14, at

the Sturgis Community Center Theatre. The public performance is set for 7 p.m. Friday, May 14, also at the Community Center Theatre. There is no admission but donations are appreciated.

The play involves many famous fairy tales, but in this production the wolf wants to be the good wolf.

# PIEDMONT STAGEBARN SCHOOL SERVICES SURVEY

## ATTENTION: Piedmont, Stagebarn, Summerset and Black Hawk Residents:

Meade School Board is conducting a study to determine if it is financially and educationally feasible to operate a grade 6-8 middle school at the existing Stagebarn School site, beginning some time after the completion and opening of the new K-5 elementary school at Piedmont. If you live in the areas listed above, please answer the following questions. Your responses will help the board decide on a course of action. This survey is also available online at: <www.meade.k12.sd.us>.

### 1. How many school-age children live in your house?

- 0       2       4       6  
 1       3       5       More

### 2. How many preschool-age or younger children live in your house?

- 0       2       4       6  
 1       3       5       More

If you answered "0" to questions 1 and 2, skip to question 6.

### 3. Where does your child(ren) go to school?

- Piedmont Stagebarn       Rapid City  
 Sturgis       Douglas  
 Black Hawk  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_ (specify)

### 4. If your child(ren) is attending school outside Meade School District, would you be inclined to send him/her to Piedmont Stagebarn if there was a middle school in that area?

- Yes       No       Probably       Undecided

### 5. What factor(s) helps you decide where your child(ren) attends school?

- Quality of school       Availability of transportation  
 Close to work       Recommendation of others  
 Close to home       Appearance of building  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_ (specify)

### 6. Would you support a middle school in the Piedmont Stagebarn area?

- Yes       No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail completed  
survey to: Meade School District  
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# This Old School House



**May 2, 1918  
meeting of the  
Board of  
Education of  
Independent**

**District #12 of Sturgis:**

“Motion was made and carried that Mrs. L.J. Belt be hired to teach English for the school year 1918 and 1919 at a salary of \$80 per month and that if Mr. Belt be called to service in the Army her salary be raised to \$85 per month.

**Feb. 22, 1929, meeting:**

“It was moved, seconded and carried that a short spring vacation should be given on the Thursday and Friday immediately preceding Easter Sunday.

**May 8, 1939, meeting:**

“The board unanimously expressed their regret to lose the services of Martin F. Jackley; Mr. Jackley having rendered services to this District for a period of 10 years, during which time he has proved himself to be a very capable instructor and highly respected as a man and citizen of the community.

**Nov. 11, 1946, meeting:**

“It was moved by [Glen] Murray and seconded by [Dave] Hildebrand that due to the recent exposure to diphtheria in the grade schools, all children that have not been sufficiently immunized by inoculation against said disease, or who have been proven from recent throat cul-

tures to have the disease, shall be excluded from attendance at school until such time as they secure clearance through the health department or a regular licensed physician. Motion carried unanimously.

**Aug. 11, 1959, meeting:**

“It was moved and carried that Mrs. Ruth Mechling be tendered a contract as school nurse on a half time basis for all school days at a salary of \$1,800 for the year, and that the hours and other matters shall be arranged by the school administrators.

**Aug. 28, 1979, meeting of the  
Meade School Board 46-1:**

“Piedmont Building Committee. Curtis Nupen, spokesman, presented both short and long range recommendations for facilities in the Piedmont area. Since enrollments are not as high as estimated, it was felt that the recommendations to divide the media area into two small classrooms would be sufficient for this year. However, the committee recommended that an effort be made to secure a school site in the area of Stage Barn Canyon.

“The committee also recommended consideration be given to a steel building similar to a school recently constructed at Waubay. The committee suggested financing construction with use of capital outlay certificates. Motion by [Shirley] Massa, seconded by [Mel] Voorhees, that the

committee be instructed to negotiate for the purchase of a school site. Motion by [Mark] Trask, seconded by [Joe] Isaacs, that the motion be amended to state that the Board President direct the committee to give their attention to several parcels of land in the Stage Barn area and determine the best possible site in relation to purchase price and location. Motion carried.

**Oct. 9, 1979, meeting:**

“Piedmont Land Acquisition. Curtis Nupen presented the committee’s recommendation for land acquisition. Motion by Voorhees, seconded by [David] Morell, and carried unanimously by roll call vote that the Board accept the recommendation of the committee to enter into agreement with Patty Gingras to purchase approximately a 20-acre parcel of land near the Mini-Mart.

**Dec. 19, 1989, meeting:**

“Mentor Teacher Plan. The 1989 legislature has passed SDCL 13-43-55 which establishes a pilot program to provide for mentor teachers. This program will provide money to pay experienced teachers to help first-year teachers. To be eligible for reimbursement from the program, a plan which establishes the duties of the mentor must be approved by the local board. It was moved, seconded and carried that the mentor teacher plan as presented be approved.”

# Physical Education: Giving students tools for a healthy lifestyle

Physical education in Meade School District plays an integral part of a student's total education program, providing each with a strong foundation of knowledge, personal fitness and healthy choices in a changing and challenging world.

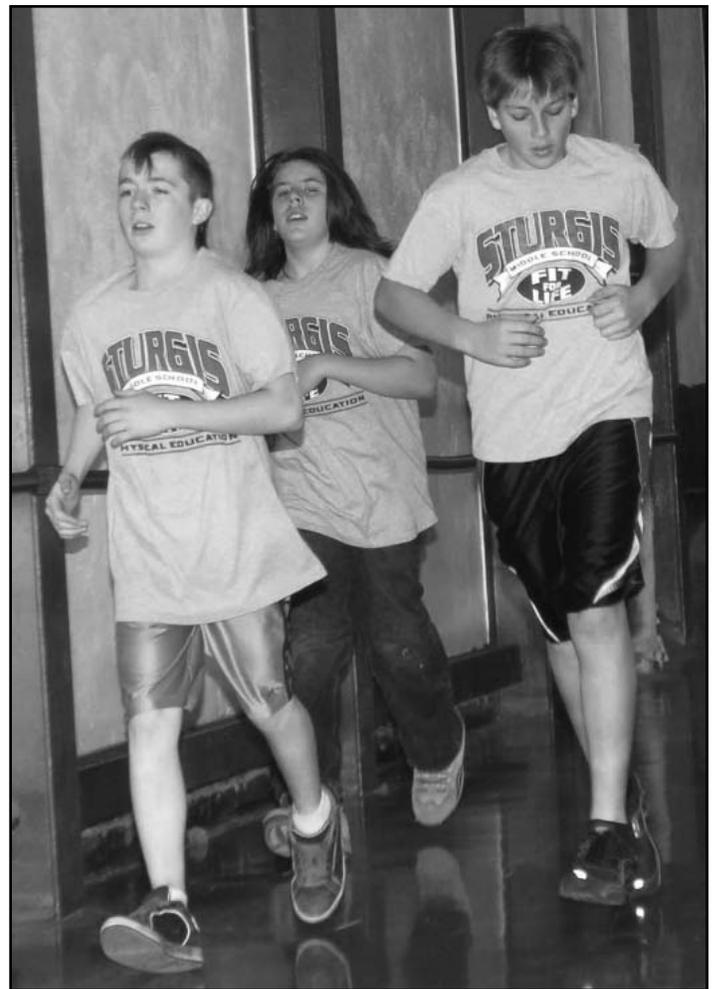
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*Upon completion of the fitness components of the class, students may participate in a variety of activities including badminton, speedball, floor hockey, bowling, and ping pong, as demonstrated by SWMS sixth-grader Marlee Burge, above.*



*Sturgis Williams Middle School PE teacher Mike Friedel, above, spots seventh-grader Addison Anderson as she does the bench press in the school's weight room. Observing is classmate Michaela Hauer. The goal of the weightlifting component of PE is for the students to learn proper lifting techniques, safety and all-around understanding of the weightroom. Right photo: SWMS eighth-graders Dart Norton, Trinity Stansbury and Luke Altstiel run laps on the track in Grunwald Auditorium as a way of improving cardiovascular health.*



Meade School District's physical education curriculum is based on the state's content standards which specify the skills, understanding and knowledge students are expected to achieve during their K-12 academic careers.

As part of that curriculum, students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in:

- group cooperation
- following directions
- leadership skills
- movement forms
- skill acquisition
- respectful participation.

Students are taught that physical activity provides opportunities for enjoyment, challenge, self-expression, social interaction and employment.

"Fit for life is the philosophy in our PE classes at Sturgis Williams Middle School," said PE teacher Teresa Mumm. "In everything we do, we are focused on giving all students the tools they need to continue a healthy life."



*On Fridays, a portion of each PE class at SWMS is devoted to Writing to Win, a program which helps students become the best writers they can be. PE teacher Teresa Mumm, above, prepares the topic for eighth-grader Othello Sparks, below, and his classmates, about which they must write a minimum of five sentences.*



*SWMS PE teacher Jason Schlichtemeier, above, reviews fundamental concepts for the students prior to an activity. Students begin each class by performing simple exercises including situps as shown by eighth-grader Hunter Matthew, right photo.*



# Once a 12-year school, Stoneville now to be a museum

Meade School Board's Nov. 10, 2009, action to officially close the Stoneville School set in motion a flurry of activity, culminating in a planned July 24 Stoneville all-school reunion and grand opening of the Stoneville School Museum.

The school, which is located approximately 70 miles from Sturgis in north central Meade County, has not been a functioning school since August 2003, when it was put on suspended operations due to low student enrollment.

Since then, the district has used the building primarily for storage.

The approximate three acres of land on which the Stoneville School sits was conveyed to Union School District on June 15, 1929, by the State of South Dakota. Meade School District acquired the land and building through reorganization on July 1, 1969. According to the deed, the land is to be used



for a school house site only, and should it cease to be used for that purpose, the title reverts to the owner of the land of which that tract is a part.

Therefore, once the school was officially closed, the property immediately reverted to the landowner, Bobby Jones. Bobby, his wife Aggie, Donna Cammack, Susie and Jackie Young, Bernice Lemmel, Marvis Munroe and other Stoneville area residents, who call themselves Friends of Stoneville School, immediately got to work

on investigating the procedure for placing the building on the historic register. Now the group is in the process of converting it into a museum.

Donna and the Friends Committee are soliciting donations for the museum. "We are looking for old photos of the school, student pictures, books, desks, anything people would be willing to give us," said Donna. For more information, call her at 985-5274.

## The school's early beginnings

In 1910 and 1911 Davis School District No. 2 consisted of two schools - Union School, located in the northwest corner of the township, and Bartlett School, located in the southeast corner.

In 1911-1912, the district name was changed to Union. In 1925 the two schools were moved to a central location and renamed Stoneville School for the nearby Post Office.

The Bartlett School house is

the north part of the present day Stoneville School. In 1926 a new addition was built to the south, which added east and west rooms. The Union School building was set about 30 feet to the west side of the Stoneville building.

High school started in 1926 and continued until 1942. The two new rooms were used for the grade school students while the high school students used the largest room to the north and the old one-room Union building.

Other buildings included two outdoor toilets, a wood and coal shed and a horse barn.

By 1929, there were about 35 high school students. Most of the students boarded with nearby families. At one time nine girls and two boys boarded at the Stoneville Store owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Doran (parents of Ramona Saubers of Sturgis). Board and room was \$16 per month.

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# Building trades class offered at SBHS

Building trades is an elective class at Sturgis Brown High School that exposes students to the construction field. The class incorporates design and preconstruction, construction, and maintenance and operations.

Projects undertaken this year include scale model construction, blueprint interpretation, and estimation of material and labor costs.

The students are currently building storage sheds, so anyone wanting a shed should contact the school at 347-2686. The charge for the shed is the price of the materials plus the buyer is responsible for moving the shed from the high school campus.

"This is a great hands-on construction class where students have the opportunity to learn about the construction field," said instructor Chad Hedderman. "The students are taught leadership skills and must work together as a group to complete the projects."



*Teacher Chad Hedderman, above, explains to Luke Boettcher, the foreman for the day, what to look for when inspecting the wall.*

*Inset: Jared Thaler and Troy Finn make a layout for the wall studs.*



*The students erect a wall for the 12'x20' shed while Daniel Bergman, left, adds glue.*

# 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 March 29-April 23.

Dakota STEP is the annual assessment system for measuring student progress in South Dakota public schools as required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

The Dakota STEP is a standardized test, which is designed to gauge student achievement in relation to other children the same age in schools across the state and the nation.

The Dakota STEP is a battery of untimed, multiple-choice subtests. Dakota STEP tests the content standards for reading and

math for grades three through eight and 11. Science content standards will be tested in grades five, eight and 11.

Although 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 content standards. These results help teachers plan lessons that build upon what the students already know and to encourage progress in areas not yet mastered.

In the fall, parents and guardians will receive a report on how well the students did on individual standards. The overall per-

formance levels of below basic, basic, proficient or advanced in all the subject areas will also be released, as will a report for the entire school district.

The following tips will provide suggestions for parents on how to approach test taking with their children:

- Encourage your child to do well but don't pressure him/her;
- Keep a positive attitude about tests;
- Mark down test days on your calendar so you and your child are both aware of testing dates;
- Make sure that your child gets enough sleep on the night before the test;
- Ensure that your child eats a healthy breakfast, avoiding heavy foods and foods high in sugar.

## Eighth grade graduation ceremony discontinued

Twenty-five years ago the Meade School Board endorsed the recommendation of the principals of the rural schools and Sturgis Williams Middle School to hold a joint eighth grade graduation ceremony. The objectives for such a ceremony were to make rural students more a part of the total school system; to make parents and students aware that they are moving in a continuum to secondary education; and to instill school spirit in all eighth grade students.

But many things about education have changed since then, including the state's mandatory school attendance law which now requires attendance through age 18 instead of age 16 or eighth grade.

After meeting with parents, students and staff, SWMS Principal Lon Harter and Rural Principal Bev

Rosenboom recommended that eighth grade graduation in its current form be eliminated. "Our emphasis now should be 'best wishes as you go on to the next level of school,'" said SWMS Principal Lon Harter. "Our focus should be to the future, not the past," he said.

The board agreed, voting unanimously to end the joint ceremony.

An alternate activity will be held at SWMS to recognize those eighth-graders while also encouraging them as they enter the next stage in their education. In the rural area, historically each individual school has held some kind of recognition for the students who are finishing their rural school education. According to Rural Principal Rosenboom, that practice will likely continue.

# Jungle Fever is theme of SBHS prom

The Sturgis Brown High School prom, the theme of which is "Jungle Fever," is set for Saturday, April 24, 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 the required number of magazines during the school's magazine drive will 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. Guests must present some form of photo identification giving proof 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 24.

Post-Prom will be held from 12:30-3:30 a.m. in the east gym at the high school and is free to the students.

Those attending will be able to participate in karaoke, bingo, blackjack and other games and activities. A hypnotist has also been hired.

Students will have an opportunity to win door prizes and a grand prize. Food and soft drinks will be available throughout the three-hour party.

"Our goal is to create an event that keeps students from attending drinking parties and driving on the highways," said Karen Lynass, spokesperson for the Post-Prom Committee. "We invite any individual, group or organization to join us in creating a dynamic youth alternative."

The primary funding source for post-prom over the years has been the business community and parents. "We are thankful for that support, but we believe there are also others within our community who would like to contribute toward the safety of our youth," Lynass said. "Help us help make this a night of fun and forever memories for our youth."

To volunteer time or money, call Lynass at 490-3239 or Gene McPherson at 347-6507.

## 2010 Census: It's in our hands

This year's census, the nation's 23rd, is more than just a general counting of the population. The information the census collects helps determine congressional apportionment and how the more than \$400 billion in federal funding is spent each year.

If the school district's population has increased since the previous census, the money received from the federal government as well as some grants from the state government could

increase. It is likely the school district could also see an increase in Title I funds, which predominately help students who struggle in reading and math. Other grants and categorical funding opportunities could also increase.

The school board and other local officials make many decisions based on information they learn from census data; therefore, educators and the students' parents or guardians benefit from cooperating with the census. In

addition, many nonprofit and community organizations use census data to help them advocate for causes, research markets, locate pools of skilled workers and more.

Therefore, it's easy to see what an accurate count of residents can do for the Meade School District and its communities. Better infrastructure. More services. More programs. That's why it's so important that everyone fill out the form and promptly mail it back.

# Drivers education sign-up is underway

Drivers education classes will be offered this summer through the Meade School District's Curriculum Office.

The session is scheduled for 9 a.m.-noon Monday through Friday, June 7-18, in room 309 of the south building of Sturgis Williams Middle School.

Cost is \$245, which must be paid in advance. Registration deadline is Friday, May 28. 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](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 north building of Sturgis Williams Middle School.

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.

# School board election to be held June 8

The Meade School Board election will be held June 8 in conjunction with the South Dakota Primary Election.

Four of the nine school board positions are up for election this year. Three positions are for three-years each, and one is a two-year term. As of the printing deadline, it is unknown who will be running for those positions.

The deadline for voter registration is May 24. The first day absentee ballots may be cast is April 27. 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.

Locations of the polls, instructions on registering to vote and voting absentee, and information

about the candidates running for the school board can be found on the Meade School District website: [www.meade.k12.sd.us](http://www.meade.k12.sd.us). Click

on 'June 8 Election' in the red box on the home page.

For further information, call the business office at 347-2523.

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At one time there were 50 students and four teachers at the school. In the mid-1960s student enrollment fell and then rebounded so that Stoneville was once again a two-teacher school.

It was during this decade that people went to Pierre to oppose reorganization. An organization called Friends of Schools was formed to oppose reorganization, but was unsuccessful in its attempts.

The new name for the school district was Meade Independent School District 101. In the early 1970s, the school district (renamed Meade School District 46-1 in 1976) provided the teacher a mobile home, which was parked at the nearby Stoneville Store. Reorganization brought more changes: A well was dug and rest-rooms were put in. In addition, the next new mobile home was located on the school grounds.

(Information for this article was compiled by the editor based on an article she wrote in 1989 in celebration of the Centennial of South Dakota and Meade County while a reporter for the Meade County Times Tribune from information submitted by students and staff of Stoneville School.)

# 2009-10 school year coming to a close

The calendar for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year in Meade School District is as follows:

- April 2-5: Good Friday/Easter break
- May 23: SBHS graduation
- May 26: Last day of school\*

(\*This date could change if there are additional snow days to make up, causing the last day to be pushed back.)

## 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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**Alkali**.....347-4910  
 14758 Alkali Road, Sturgis, S.D. 57785  
**Atall**.....985-5916  
 16375 Atall Road, Union Center, S.D. 57787  
**Elm Springs**.....798-2492  
 21309 Elm Springs Road, Wasta, S.D. 57791  
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 Don Lyon, assistant principal.....347-2686  
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**Sturgis Elementary**

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

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