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Bond election for building projects to be held this fall

The exact date has yet to be set, but the Meade School Board plans on holding a bond election sometime this fall to finance \$6.5-\$7 million of its \$23.5 million Phase 1 building project.

Phase 1 consists of the following three parts:

1. Expand Bear Butte School in Sturgis sufficient in size to accommodate all Sturgis elementary students in grades K-4, with the option to house fifth grade.

The facility will also include a full service preparation kitchen capable of serving all Sturgis and Whitewood students in K-8. Cost: \$9.8 million.

2. Construct a new facility at the Piedmont School site for students in grades K-5 and remodel the existing Piedmont Gym. Cost: \$12.3 million.

3. Construct a new school for

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School begins Aug. 28; open houses, new student registration are scheduled

The doors of all schools in the Meade School District will swing open Monday, Aug. 28, for the first day of the 2006-2007 school year. Prior to that day, new student registration, open houses, orientations and meetings are planned.

All students new to the district are requested to bring to registration a report card or transcript of grades from their previous school.

New students must also bring a certified birth certificate and immunization records and will be asked to provide their Social Security Number. Records from

the former school will be requested by officials of the Meade School District.

Sturgis Elementary Grades K-4, Special Education

Registration for new students will be 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday, Aug. 14-18, at the principal's office at Erskine School, 1119 Third Street, Sturgis. Students who were enrolled in Sturgis Elementary last year or kindergarten students who registered last spring do not have to re-enroll.

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From the superintendent

Exciting things are happening

Exciting things are happening in Meade School District as we prepare for the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year. As I write this, the school board is busy making plans for a major construction project that will address our needs in Sturgis, Piedmont, Stagebarn, and the rural community.

I expect that most of our patrons are aware of this project from the news stories that have run this spring and summer along with the community meetings that have been held. For those of you who may not be familiar with the building project, please refer to the front page article of this edition of "In Touch."

More property has been purchased in Piedmont to provide adequate space for that new school facility and the board is finalizing its plan for the location of the new school facility in the rural community.

A public vote will be required in order to carry out the entire building project. The August meeting will bring the school board to a point in the decision making process where they expect to pass a resolution calling for a bond election sometime in the fall of 2006.

State law requires a 60 percent majority vote for a school bond to pass, so it will be necessary to have a strong level of support for the project as well as a good voter turnout to be successful. It is my hope that the patrons of the Meade School District 46-1 will support their school board in meeting the needs of our children for the immediate and long term future.

For the past five years, the school board, administration and staff have developed district level goals as a means of promoting unity throughout the district and of focusing on improved teaching and learning. Each year we have been successful in making progress toward reaching those goals.

Over the course of the past year, this goal process

has evolved into a district-level North Central Association Accreditation effort. I am proud to report that we have completed the process for meeting all District-Level NCA Accreditation standards and are eagerly awaiting a site visit from a peer review team to confirm our status. This will happen sometime during the 2006-2007 school year, and I am confident that our status will be confirmed and we will be awarded District-Level NCA Accreditation.

When that happens, we will be one of only two or three school districts in the entire state to have achieved that status. This could not have been accomplished without a highly dedicated and committed staff, a community that strongly supports its schools, and students who rise to the challenge of higher learning expectations, so we can all take pride in this achievement.

As we begin the new school year we will be focusing our efforts on the continuous improvement of teaching and learning, especially as it relates to language arts and math. We will also be implementing a new K-12 social studies curriculum throughout the school district, and we will continue to maintain our effort and build on the improvements that have been made in writing, character education, and the Boys and Girls Town Classroom Management Model.

Yes, exciting things are happening in our school district. A bright future lies ahead for our school, our communities, and most importantly our children. I look forward to a highly successful 2006-2007 school year.



James Heinert, superintendent

Information about Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

The Meade School District may release the following student information as directory information. All or part of the information may also be used in news releases recognizing students.

•Name; address; parents or guardian of student; date of birth; date of attendance; school attending; participation in school-recognized activities; weight,

height, age and grade of members of athletic teams; grade in school; individual and group photographs pertaining to school activities; awards, honors or achievements.

If a student over 18 years of age or the parent or guardian of a student who is under 18 years of age refuses to permit the release of any of the information, written

notification of such must be given to that student's principal.

The Meade School District policy pertaining to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Policy JO-Student Records, can be found on the district's website www.meade.k12.sd.us, or may be seen at the offices of the principals of all schools and the office of the superintendent.

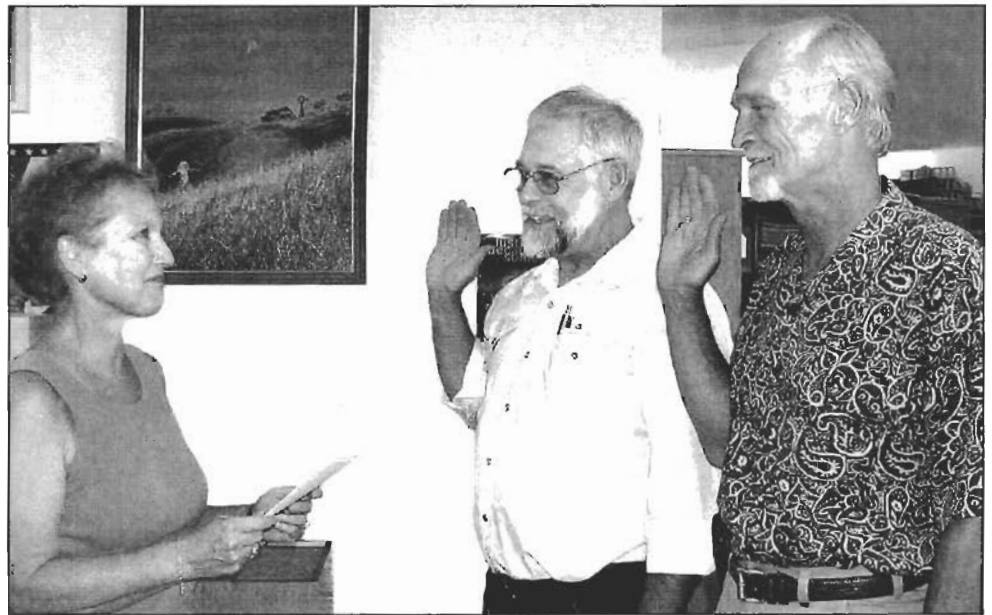
New school board seated; Jenkins resigns

The old board was adjourned and the new Meade School Board was seated during July's annual meeting. Retiring board member Terry Koontz was presented a school bell in recognition of her 15 years of service on the board, six as board president.

Following the presentation, re-elected member Rod Martens and newcomer Tom Little took the oath of office after which a variety of organizational items were decided.

Member Helen Jenkins, who was to begin her second term on the board after being unopposed in her re-election bid, instead, resigned from the board. (See story on Page 13).

Unopposed in his first run for public office, Tom Little said he sought the position because he wants to give something back to the community. "My two daughters were educated in the Meade District," he said, "and this is my opportunity to impact the education of other children." He added that his more than 30 years in business will be an asset to the board.



School Business Manager Ilene Nelson, left, administers the oath of office to Rod Martens, center, and Tom Little.

He is impressed with the district's vision for the future. "Looking at updating buildings and classrooms along with keeping curricula updated are very positive steps for the future," he said.

Little said the district should be proud of the well-rounded, quality education and extracurricular activities it offers. However he would like to see more programs to encourage upper-end students. He would also like to work toward building better morale among the staff and with the public.

"Overall," he said, "the district has a very capable staff." He feels that the addition of the *In*

Touch magazine is a good way to keep the public informed about programs and operations.

He is concerned about the federal No Child Left Behind Act. "The federal government mandates it but doesn't sufficiently fund it to be totally successful," he said.

The 59-year-old is general manager at Johnson Brothers, Famous Brands, in Rapid City for whom he has worked 33 years.

The new school board member enjoys golfing, fishing and hunting. He and his wife, Nancy, have lived in Sturgis for 25 years and have four children.

Homecoming to be Sept. 25-29

"James Bond 007" is the theme of this year's homecoming at Sturgis Brown High School.

The week-long observance, including coronation, parade and football game, will take place Sept. 25-29.

Coronation is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, in the west gym at the high school, while the parade is scheduled for

2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, downtown Sturgis. The football game against the Mitchell Kernels will kick off at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, at Woodle Field.

Area businesses and organizations are encouraged to participate in the parade with a float or other entry. Sign-up can be accomplished by calling the high school at 347-2686.

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Making music

Almost 20 rural students have been attending music lessons this summer at the Union Center School. Pictured with teacher Marty Jump, back center, are, Jade Keffeler, left, and Bailly Enright; seated, Brooke Enright, Caden Smiley, Jocelynn Keffeler, Shayna Cody and Morgan Austin. This will be the first year that the district has offered an instrumental program in the rural area.

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An open house in all buildings of Sturgis Elementary - Bear Butte, Erskine, Francis Case and Primary - will be held from 2:30-4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23.

The purpose of the open house is to give parents and students an opportunity to meet their teachers for the coming year.

Piedmont and Stagebarn Grades K-6

Registration for new students will be 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, and Thursday, Aug. 17, at the Stagebarn School.

Students who were enrolled at Piedmont or Stagebarn last year do not have to re-enroll. However, if there are changes in addresses, phone numbers, etc., those changes should be made at this time. Food service personnel will be present to sell lunch tickets during these two days.

An open house at both the schools will be held from 2:30-4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23. Class lists will be posted.

Whitewood School Grades K-6

Registration for new students will be 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, at the school. An open

house will be held 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, also at the school. Food service personnel will be present to sell lunch tickets.

Rural Schools Grades K-8

Registration and open houses will be held at each rural school on Wednesday, Aug. 23, as scheduled by the teacher. School physicals for rural students will be offered from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, at the Union Center School.

Sturgis Williams Middle School Grades 5-8

Registration for new students will be 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, Aug. 15-17, at the middle school office, 1425 Cedar Street, Sturgis.

A mandatory meeting for parents of students new to the school, who will be involved in athletics, will be held at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, in Grunwald Auditorium. Following that meeting, all SWMS students involved in fall activities will gather at 5:30 p.m. at Grunwald.

An orientation for all students - new and returning - and their parents will be held from 6-8 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 23, in both buildings of SWMS. Schedules will be distributed at this time, and the students, together with the parents, will have an opportunity to meet with the homeroom teachers. Parents will also have an opportunity at this time to purchase assignment notebooks, lunch tickets, activity tickets and a school T-shirt which is required for physical education classes.

Sturgis Brown High School Grades 9-12

New students may register from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14, through Tuesday, Aug. 22, at the high school counselors' office.

A mandatory meeting for parents of high school students participating in activities will be held 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, in the west gym at the high school.

A special orientation meeting for all freshmen and new students, and their parents, will be 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, in the west gym at SBHS.

Schedules for sophomores, juniors and seniors may be picked up anytime Monday, Aug. 14, through Tuesday, Aug. 22, in the counselors' office.

Heinert is state's top superintendent

Meade School District Superintendent James Heinert has recently been named Outstanding School Superintendent for the state by the South Dakota School Superintendents Association. Heinert, who has been in education 34 years, is beginning his sixth year as superintendent of the Meade School District.

"I have worked with Jim for the past 10 years and find him to be a true leader and visionary as a school superintendent," said one of Heinert's nominators. "He always puts kids first and strives to influence state bureaucrats to do the right thing. In leading one of the largest districts in our state, Jim exemplifies the profes-



James Heinert

sionalism, knowledge and leadership that a truly excellent leader needs to be successful."

Added another nominator, "He is innovative, talented, professional, caring and an advocate for children. Jim's heart is in

education, and his heart is with children. He is the consummate educational professional. He has dedicated his life to this most demanding and rewarding of careers, and is most deserving of this recognition," said an area superintendent.

"I am honored and humbled by this recognition I have received from my colleagues," said Heinert. "Any measure of success I have experienced throughout my career is in great part due to the dedicated and committed school board members, staff members, administrators, students, parents and communities that I have been blessed

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This Old School House

From the laws passed at the second session of the Legislature of the State of South Dakota, begun

Jan. 6, 1891, and concluded March 6, 1891:

"Threat against teacher - If any parent, guardian or other person, from any cause, fancied or real, in the presence of a school, whether at intermission, recess, during its sessions or before or after the day's session, shall upbraid, insult or threaten the teacher of such school such person upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$25."

"Bible may be read - The Bible may be read in any public school without sectarian comment by the teacher of said school."

"Child labor prohibited during school hours - No child between eight and fourteen years of age shall be employed in any mine, factory or workshop or mercantile establishment, or except by his parent or guardian, in any other manner, during the hours when the public schools in the city, town, village or district are in session, unless the person, firm or corporation employing him shall first

procure a certificate from the superintendent of the schools... stating that such child has attended school for the period of 12 weeks during the year, as required by law, or has been excused from attendance as provided in this article."

"Requirements for state certificates - A state certificate shall be valid for five years, authorizing the person to whom it is issued to teach in any of the common schools in the state, including those in the cities and towns, for the period of five years aforesaid. Candidates for state certificates shall present satisfactory evidence of three years' successful experience, such evidence to be genuine and reliable and from disinterested persons.

"They shall pass a satisfactory examination in each of the following branches: Algebra, geometry, natural philosophy, physiology and hygiene, drawing, civil government, didactics, general history and American literature. The character of the papers submitted in examination shall determine the candidate's knowledge of English grammar, orthography and penmanship... "

Red Ribbon Week set for Oct. 20-31

During the last week of October, students and staff of the Meade School District will don red ribbons and stickers and any clothing that is red as a way of proclaiming their stand against drugs, and to display their personal commitment to stay drug-free during Red Ribbon Week.

That week, Oct. 20-31, is also a time for communities to visibly take a stand against the effects substance abuse can have on their youths.

Red Ribbon Week was conceived after Kiki Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Agency undercover agent, was murdered in Mexico City by drug traffickers in 1985.

In memory of him and his dedication to the war on drugs, his friends and relatives began wearing red ribbons. The movement grew, and soon the Red Ribbon Campaign was born.

Now this national campaign is partnered with the Drug Enforcement Administration to support efforts to reduce demand for drugs through prevention and education programs.

During Meade School District's observation, a wide range of activities will be held promoting drug and violence awareness and prevention. The parade will be Friday, Oct. 20, while on Saturday, Oct. 21, the National Guard will host a mobilization unit complete with sumo suits, a wall climb and other activities. The Harvest Festival (formerly called Halloween Fun Night) is set for Tuesday, Oct. 31, at the Sturgis City Auditorium.

A poster contest will also be held, with the winning poster turned into a billboard. In order to be eligible for the contest, each poster must incorporate this year's theme of "100% Me, Drug Free."

For further information about Red Ribbon Week or other drug free school activities, call 347- 4454.



Picture this

Meade School District is again making available to all students the opportunity to have their pictures taken. The following is the schedule for each school:

Bear Butte: Sept. 22

Erskine: Sept. 21

Francis Case: Sept. 22

Piedmont: Oct. 3-4 (retakes Nov. 14)

Primary: Sept. 21

Rural Schools: Oct. 2

Stagebarn: Oct. 3 (retakes Nov. 14)

Sturgis Brown High School: Sept. 19 for individual photos; Sept. 30 for class photos

Sturgis Williams Middle School: Sept. 20

Whitewood: Oct. 13

Seniors are reminded that two photos must be submitted to the high school office by Dec. 1 for inclusion in the yearbook.

Activity tickets on sale

Sturgis Brown High School activity tickets for the 2006-2007 school year are now on sale.

The activity tickets can be purchased at the high school and during registration at the various Meade District schools. The tickets will also be sold during the first several football and volleyball games.

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

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

The price of a yearly family pass, which is good for parents and K-12 students, costs \$100.

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

Without an activity ticket, admission to high school events is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

For further information call Mike Paris, activities director, at 347-4487.

Meade staff to meet Aug. 22-24

Inservice heralds school year beginning

The preschool inservice for Meade staff, which heralds the beginning of the new school year, will be held Tuesday through Thursday, Aug. 22-24.

The first day kicks off at the Sturgis Community Center with a staff wellness screening set for 6-8 a.m. in the west side of the gym. Refreshments and exhibits will be available in the east side of the gym from 7:15 a.m. until the grand opening at 8 a.m. Opening ceremonies include the presentation of colors, Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem.

Greetings will then be offered by Sturgis Mayor Mark Zeigler, Meade Education Association President Mary Maher Cook, a representative from the Meade School Board, and United Way

Executive Director Renee Parker. Representatives of Sioux Valley Health Plan will speak after which new personnel will be introduced.

Superintendent Heinert will talk about district goals and data, and North Central Association Accreditation. Departmental meetings will be held at the middle school following the address.

After lunch, which is 12:10-1:10 p.m., all social studies teachers will meet with the consultants. All other staff will attend meetings with their respective principal.

The morning of day two begins with all staff in their classrooms planning for the school year and preparing for the open houses that day. Kindergarten through eighth grade teachers

will continue with their classroom-based planning during the afternoon while the high school staff gathers to discuss "High Schools That Work" program.

The final day of the inservice, Thursday, begins at 8 a.m. with several workshops. A presentation about cognitive guided instruction, for all kindergarten through fourth grade teachers, will be in the cafeteria at the middle school.

District fifth through eighth grade teachers will be meeting at that same time at the middle school for discussions about "Middle Grades That Work." Similarly, high school staff will gather all day at the high school for a presentation about "High Schools That Work."

Staff In the Spotlight

Selected: Sturgis Brown High School teacher and coach **Steve Keszler** has been named Greater Dakota Conference Wrestling Coach of the Year. This is the sixth time he has received this recognition. Additionally, last year he was named South Dakota Wrestling Coach of the Year. Steve has been a teacher and coach for 16 years – four years in Tyndall and the last 12 years with the Meade School District for whom he teaches PE and science.

Selected: Girls golf coach **Joe Shetler** has been chosen Greater Dakota Conference Girls Golf Coach of the Year. The SBHS golf team finished sixth overall at the state tournament, which included two members tied for sixth in the individual standings. Joe, who has taught government and PE at SBHS for the past nine years, has been a teacher and coach for 25 years.

Received: **Judy Javersak**, a 16-year veteran of teaching English, speech and debate at Sturgis



Steve Keszler



Joe Shetler



Judy Javersak

Brown High School, received the National Forensic League Triple Diamond Key Coaches Recognition Award during that organization's national tournament held this summer in Texas. Judy was recognized because of her promotion of debate and speech at SBHS and throughout the region, and because of her devotion and dedication in training her students in effective leadership skills.

JROTC course teaches leadership

This school year marks the eleventh year that the Marine Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps has been offered at Sturgis Brown High School.

The program is a four-level academic class. The course of study is "leadership education" and is designed to emphasize leadership development although basic skills in drill, marksmanship, and military knowledge are included. This can be a two-semester course with one credit given for the fall semester and one credit for a spring semester. But to continue, a cadet must demonstrate the traits required, pass the fall semester, desire to continue in the spring term and be approved by the instructor.

Conduct of a cadet, in and outside of JROTC, is a primary factor for a student remaining or advancing to higher levels in the program.

Enrollment in the program does not obligate the student to military service after high school. There are, however, benefits for those who choose to enter any branch of service after taking JROTC.

It should be noted that this program is not for students with behavioral problems. The program is also not a military boot camp or military academy.



Extracurricular activities open to students enrolled in the Junior ROTC program include rifle team, drill team, spinning, Death March marathon training, color guard, and the mounted color guard, pictured above.

To learn more about JROTC, call the instructor retired Master Sgt. Brian Pope at 720-0535.

'The Hot Mikado' to hit the stage in October

Sturgis Brown High School's fall musical, *The Hot Mikado*, will be performed Oct. 17, 19-21 at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre.

The musical, a parody of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta *The Mikado*, is set in Japan and fea-

tures the inhabitants of a village called Titi-Pu. A wandering musician named Nanki-Poo enters the scene, looking for his true love, Yum-Yum but unfortunately for him, Yum-Yum is about to marry her ward, Ko-Ko.

What transpires is a rowdy

tale that combines Gilbert and Sullivan's timeless style with a heavy dose of swing and blues.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students in kindergarten through twelfth grade. Meade School District activity tickets will be honored.

Substitute teacher training set for Friday, Sept. 1

A training for persons wishing to serve as substitute teachers in the Meade School District will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 1, in the music room of the north building of Sturgis Williams Middle School, 1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis.

The purpose of the session is

to review the district's *Handbook for Substitute Teachers* and to answer questions about local procedures and policies. Tips for a successful classroom experience will also be given.

A current physical exam certificate and background fingerprint check are required.

Substitute teachers are needed in all the schools of the Meade School District which includes Whitewood, Sturgis, Piedmont, Stagebarn, and the rural areas of Alkali, Atall, Elm Springs, Enning, Hereford, Opal and Union Center.

For further information call 347-2523.

Free and reduced priced meals are available to Meade school students

Children from families whose household's income falls within the eligibility guidelines may qualify for free or reduced price meals, both breakfast and lunch, with the Meade School District.

Households that are currently on food stamps or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families will receive letters from the state indicating that their children are eligible for free school meals. These families should not complete an application for free meals but rather should take that letter or a copy of the letter to the school food service office located in the Primary School, Third and Howard Streets, Sturgis.

In certain cases, foster children are eligible for free or reduced price meals regardless of the income of the household in which they reside. Households with a foster child should contact the school for more information on how to apply for the benefits.

To apply for free or reduced price breakfast and

lunch, households of all other enrolled students should fill out the application and return it to the school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will only be used for the purpose of determining eligibility status for school meals and Title I programs.

Until the application is approved, the cost for breakfast is 90 cents and the cost for lunch is \$2.25.

If a household that receives food stamps, TANF, or FDPIR (commodities) does not receive the letter from Social Services or the Interagency Notice of Action or chooses not to bring it to school, an application needs to be completed.

Households which receive free or reduced price meals for children are required to report to the school increases in household income of more than \$50 per

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to work with. Without the cooperative and collaborative effort of all the partners in education, one person can accomplish nothing," he said.

Heinert's tenure with the Meade School District has been marked by numerous accomplishments, including:

- Developing a district-wide Character Education Program.

- Initiating district-wide goals and action plans that evolved into a formal North Central Association School Improvement Plan and pursuit of district-wide NCA Accreditation.

- Improving overall district communications by creating a communications office.

- Initiating a formal facility master plan study and an educational specifications document for future facility development.

- Initiating K-12 curriculum departments to promote more effective curriculum development and teacher leadership.

- Establishing a district-wide Instructional Council for the purpose of creating and implementing a more effective professional development program for all staff.

Heinert has been president of both the School Administrators of South Dakota and the South Dakota School Superintendents Association, and is past chairman of the legislative committee for the SASD. He is also a former member of the executive boards of both those professional organizations and also the South Dakota Association of Secondary School Principals.

Prior to moving to Meade County, Heinert was superintendent for six years in the Milbank

School District and for seven years in the Wessington Springs School District.

Following his graduation from Black Hills State University in 1971, he returned to Todd County, where he was born and raised, to work for the Todd County School District. He was employed by that school district for 15 years, serving as teacher, principal and secondary education director.

In addition to his bachelor's degree in secondary education from BHSU, Heinert has a master's in educational administration from Rutgers University, New Jersey. Additional graduate studies are ongoing at the University of South Dakota, BHSU, and Rutgers.

He has four grown children and he and his wife Irene reside north of Sturgis.

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Enning and Union Center students consisting of five K-8 classrooms, media center and computer lab, and restrooms plus several other rooms. Cost: \$1.4 million. **OR**

3. Remodel and add onto the existing Union Center School to include all of the same as above except only three K-8 classrooms would be built. Cost: \$1.2 million.

This first phase of the project

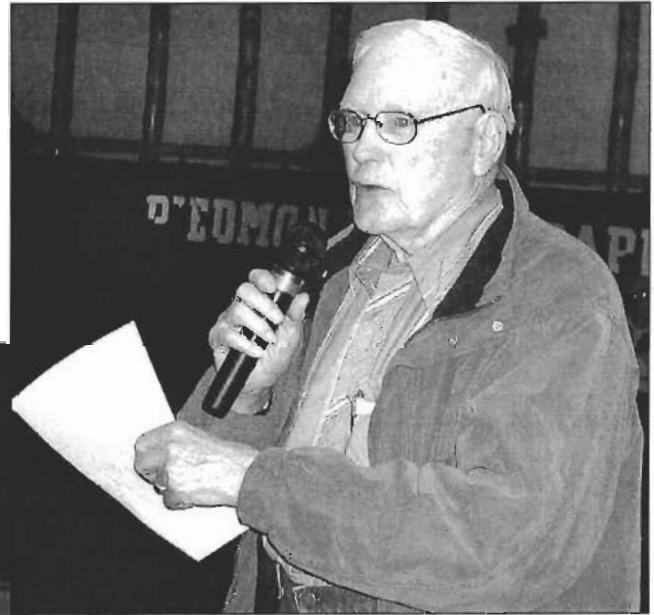
would be paid for with \$13.9 million in capital outlay certificates and \$2.9 in capital outlay reserve funds. The remaining \$6.5-\$7 million would come from general obligation bonds, which is what the voters of the Meade School District would be voting on this fall.

If the bond election is successful, the resulting tax increase would be an additional 60 cents per thousand for 20

years, or \$60 more a year on a home valued at \$100,000.

(Editor's Note: The dollar amounts used in this story are initial cost projections based on data as of January 2006. The school board is in the process of adjusting these figures for inflation, which could possibly result in a significant increase. Final cost estimates will be known by the middle of August.)

The Meade School Board held three listening sessions throughout the district to gather input from patrons about its proposed building projects. Addressing the board at the Union Center meeting was Dana Keffeler, below. Leonard McVay, right, gave board members some background information about the Piedmont gym while they were meeting at that facility. Meade County Commissioner Dayle Hammock, bottom photo, offered his comments at the public meeting held at the Erskine School in Sturgis.



Plans in place to combat West Nile virus, Avian flu

Meade School District is working in partnership with the city, county and state in taking steps to provide for the safety of students and staff from both the West Nile and the Avian Influenza viruses.

One of the first steps the district has undertaken regarding eliminating the threat of West Nile involves targeting the mosquito larva in standing water. Perimeter spraying in wooded and grassy areas throughout the district has been done as has spraying around all practice fields. Extra precautions are being taken before each home football game by spraying around the football field to provide further protection.

Avian influenza preparedness and organizational structures to manage the schools' response have been added to the district's crisis management plan.

Infection control policies and procedures are also in place as are plans for the continuity of student learning and core operations should the school be forced to close for a period of time.

For further information about the district's efforts regarding mosquito control and management call Doug Draine at Buildings and Grounds at 347-2639. For more information about Avian flu efforts call the school nurse at 347-2610.

Register now for Capable Kids

The Meade School District Capable Kids licensed after-school program begins Monday, Aug. 28, at the Stagebarn School.

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

Each day students will receive a snack and participate in physical and enrichment activities. Time will also be provided

to complete classroom assignments with homework assistance available. Students also have an opportunity to go swimming on a regular basis.

Enrollment forms are available at the Stagebarn and Piedmont Schools, curriculum/community education office, and on the Meade School District website: www.meade.k12.sd.us.

For further information, call 347-4454.

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month or \$600 per year and/or any decreases in household size, or if a child's or the household's Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, food stamp, or commodity benefits are rescinded.

Applications may be submitted any time during the year. If a parent or guardian becomes unemployed, the children from that household may be eligible for free or reduced price meals during the time of unemployment if the household's income falls within the income eligibility guidelines. For further information call food service at 347-3601.

Meal ticket info

Breakfast and lunch tickets are available through the Meade School District Food Service office located in the Primary School Building, Sturgis, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. beginning Tuesday, Aug. 15. Meal tickets and applications for meal assistance will also be available during registration at all schools. Ticket prices are as follows:

Milk Tickets

20 milk ticket: \$5

Breakfast Tickets

20 meal ticket: K-12, \$18;
adult, \$23

10 meal ticket: K-12, \$9;
adult, \$11.50

5 meal ticket: K-12, \$4.50;
adult, \$5.75

Lunch Tickets

(Includes ½ pint milk)

20 meal ticket: K-12, \$45;
adult, \$55

10 meal ticket: K-12, \$22.50;
adult, \$27.50

5 meal ticket: K-12, \$11.25;
adult, \$13.75

Single meals are also available. Breakfast meals are 90 cents for students and \$1.15 for adults. Lunch costs \$2.25 for students and \$2.75 for adults. A half-pint of milk is 25 cents.

When two meals are left on a student's account, that student is informed and also told that notes are available to be sent home as a reminder.

Charging of meals is limited to two charges at the middle school and elementary and one at the high school except during the last two weeks of school when charging is not allowed.

The status of students' accounts is available by calling food service or the school site.

Parents are also involved

Students are determined to 'Just Say No'

Meade School District Just Say No clubs are groups of elementary school students who are united in their commitment to resist negative peer pressure to use alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs. The clubs at the various elementary schools offer a variety of activities to support the students in their determination to Just Say No!

Educational activities give kids information and experiences that help them to resist using drugs,

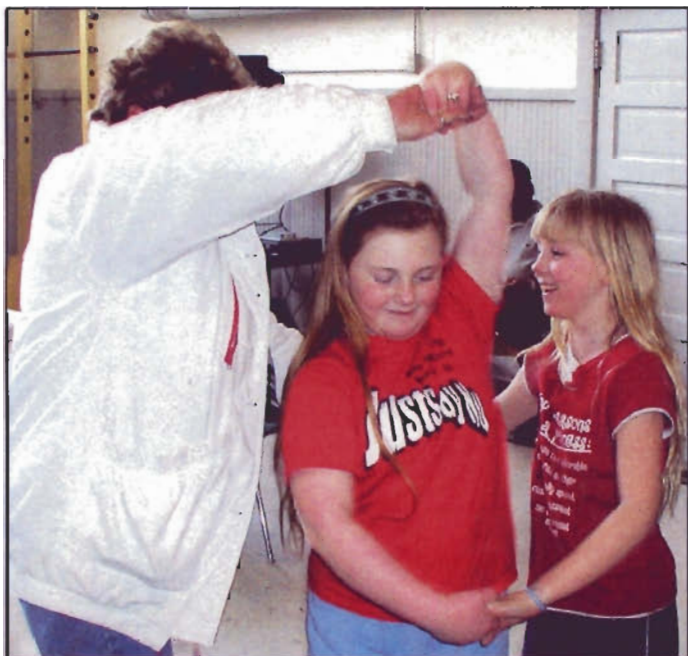
alcohol and tobacco. The students learn about the importance of friends, family and community. They also develop a sense of responsibility to self and others and gain information about making responsible decisions.

Recreational activities strengthen young minds and bodies. Students learn how to cooperate to reach a goal. They also learn that winning is not the only thing in life. Service projects allow the club members to contribute to their community. By helping others the students learn about the value of all people.

Because parents are so important in the lives of the kids, there are several club-sponsored family events held throughout the school year.

"We involve parents to share information with them on what our club is about, to include them in prevention and to increase parent-child communication," explained Sturgis Elementary Counselor Kristi Ortiz who is one of two advisers for that school's Just Say No club.

For further information about the Just Say No clubs contact advisers Marnie Colhoff and Jennifer Monahan at the Piedmont and Stagebarn School, Katie Heckenlaible and June Reilly at Whitewood Elementary, or Anita DaSilva and Kristi Ortiz at Sturgis Elementary.



The after-school meetings lend support to the members' determination to lead a drug-free life with assertiveness training. Playing a game in which they must form a human knot are Casey Keough and Alexia Turnbow, above.

In the photo at the right, Kylin Koteck, Andrew Lamb, Austin Harris and Jeanie Harris try to come up with an answer to a trivia question.



Jenkins hired as principal for Piedmont, Stagebarn

Following a rigorous recruitment and selection process, Sturgis resident Dr. Helen Jenkins has been chosen as principal for Stagebarn and Piedmont Elementary Schools.

Until a month ago when she was hired as the district's newest administrator, she was vice president of the Chiesman Center for Democracy in Rapid City where she had been director of programs for the past four years. Up until then she also was serving as a member of the Meade School Board, a position she held for 3 ½ years and from which she resigned.

The new principal also works as an adjunct instructor for Black Hills State University, Spearfish,

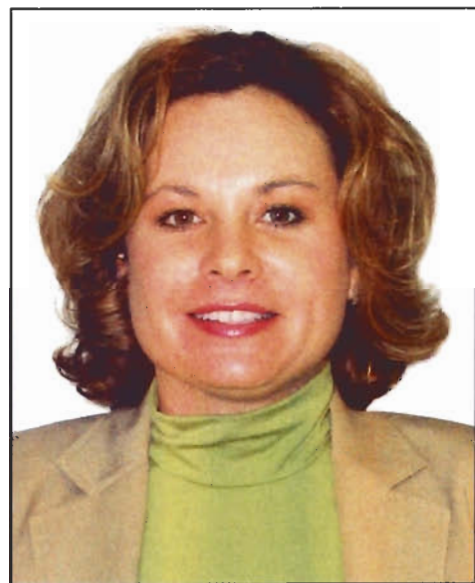
where she teaches special education and supervises student teachers.

The 35-year-old holds a doctorate in educational administration from the University of Kansas, Pittsburg; a master's degree in special education and behavioral disorders from Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kansas; a bachelor's degree in elementary education, also from Pittsburg State University; and an associate degree in elementary education from Labette Community College, Parsons, Kansas.

Helen was a special education teacher for two years for the Turner Unified School District in Kansas City, and a fourth and fifth grade teacher for Leavenworth School District, Leavenworth, Kansas, also for two years. Prior to moving to Sturgis in 2002, she was the principal of a 350-student elementary school in Leavenworth.

Helen applied for the job, vacated when Dan Olson resigned to become a principal in Spearfish, because she missed being with children. "After all, students are the reason we choose to be educators," she said.

She also returned to the prin-



Helen Jenkins

cipalship because she again wanted to have a more hands-on role in ensuring a quality education for children. "They are the future," she said. "I also believe that Piedmont and Stagebarn have a quality staff who are committed to the youth."

Helen considers herself a participatory administrator and therefore feels it is important to have input from all stakeholders. "I believe in democracy as the foundation of our country and the reason for public education," she explained. "It is important that we provide an environment where stakeholders contribute to the decision making."

Helen and her husband Scott have two sons, Alex, 17, who attends Sturgis Brown High School, and Max, 14, a student at Sturgis Williams Middle School.

School hours

Beginning with the first day of school, Monday, Aug. 28, the regular hours for the schools in the Meade 46-1 School District are as follows:

Alkali 8 a.m.-2:45 p.m.
Atall 8:15 a.m.-3 p.m.
Bear Butte 8:10 a.m.-3:05 p.m.
Elm Springs 8:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.
Enning 8:15 a.m.-3 p.m.
Erskine 8:15 a.m.-3:10 p.m.
Francis Case 8:05 a.m.-3 p.m.
Hereford 8 a.m.-2:45 p.m.
Opal 8:15 a.m.-3 p.m.
Piedmont 7:45 a.m.-2:05 p.m.
Primary 8:15 a.m.-3:10 p.m.
Stagebarn 7:40 a.m.-2:15 p.m.
SBHS 8:05 a.m.-3:08 p.m.
SWMS 8:10 a.m.-3:15 p.m.
Union Center 8:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.
Whitewood 8 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

Schedule of meetings for parent groups

- The Piedmont Stagebarn PTA meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Stagebarn School Library. A Back-to-School Ice Cream Social is at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, at the Stagebarn gym.
- The Whitewood PTO meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at the Whitewood School Library. A Back-to-School celebration of the arrival and installation of the new playground equipment will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, at the school.

JoAnn Jackley, Jane Karp, Darcy Nagel are Meade District Teachers of the Year

Three Meade 46-1 School District teachers – JoAnn Jackley, Jane Karp and Darcy Nagel – are the Teachers of the Year for 2006 for the Meade District.

The three were chosen for the honor from among nominations submitted by staff and patrons.

A 30-year veteran of education, JoAnn Jackley has taught all but two of those years with the Meade School District for whom she currently teaches computers, accounting and career planning.

JoAnn's nominators describe her as well-liked, respected, fair, enthusiastic, honest, kind and someone with a great sense of humor. They say she is the first to embrace new technology, is innovative, a great role model, and a leader among the teaching staff.

"JoAnn has supported change from the technology aspect to the new philosophies of teaching including High Schools That Work and No Child Left Behind," said a co-worker. "She presents at in-services and workshops and makes sure all teachers get help with computer problems."

"When I think of JoAnn Jackley, I think of a teacher who goes the extra mile," said one of her nominators. "She always stays after school to grade papers and to work on her lesson plans. Her lab is available after hours not only for her own students but also for students of other teachers. She works very hard at giving all of her students every opportunity possible to succeed in her classes."

Jane Karp has been a teacher for 29 years – all with the Meade School District. During that time, she has served as a rural classroom teacher and for the last 14



JoAnn Jackley



Jane Karp



Darcy Nagel

years as the traveling rural computer teacher. In this capacity, she drives more than 2,000 gravel road miles a month to teach her classes, and rarely misses a day.

Said one of the rural teachers, "Jane fights weather, gravel and carrying computers in and out of schools all year long. She must work around others; never having a real classroom of her own. It takes a special person to do this, and not fuss." Said another co-worker, "Mrs. Karp has a cordial, cooperative and helpful relationship with students, parents and staff. Her 'can do' attitude is a great asset to our technology program."

Kind, compassionate, helpful, courteous, dependable and efficient are just some of the adjectives used to describe Jane.

One nominator said she inspires enlightening self-discovery in students and fellow teachers, and is forever encouraging the staff to incorporate computers not only into their classroom instruction but also into their personal lives.

Math teacher Darcy Nagel has been in education since 1990, all at Sturgis Brown High School where she is also Pep Club and cheerleader advisor.

According to her nominators, Darcy exhibits a perfect mixture of

professionalism and approachability, with students her number one priority. Said one nominator, "Every lesson Darcy prepares, activity she designs, and presentation she makes is produced with the best interest of the students in mind."

Said a student, "Mrs. Nagel is a terrific teacher because she is fun, but she is serious about what she is teaching. She knows what she is teaching inside and out because she is able to break down each math problem to the point that we understand how to do it and why we are doing it."

Darcy's humor, quick smile and upbeat attitude, not to mention her support of co-workers, were attributes mentioned repeatedly by her colleagues. Another student offered that Mrs. Nagel motivates them to do their best. "Whether in the classroom or in the gym Mrs. Nagel is always there to help us."

World Book online

Meade School District patrons can now access World Book online, a service for which the district already pays a fee for student use.

Once at the web site www.worldbookonline.com, input the user name MEADEWBO and password: meade.

School closings and inclement weather

On mornings when school is cancelled due to bad weather or fire, civil emergency or other natural disaster, every attempt will be made to notify area radio and television stations by 6-6:30 a.m.

Such notification will be submitted to radio stations KBHB (810 AM), KOTA (1380 AM), KOUT (98.7 FM), KFXX (100.3 FM), KIMM (1150 AM), KMKM (93.9 FM), KKLS (920 AM), KRCS (93.1 FM), KSQY (95.1 FM), KIQK (104.1 FM), KTOQ (1340 AM), KDDX (101.1 FM), KZZI (95.9 FM), KDSJ (980 AM); and television stations KOTA, KEVN, KNBN and KELO.

For those who have internet connections, this information will be posted on www.cancellations.com. This website will also send out, free of charge, email notifications of any cancellations. Go to the cancellations.com website to sign up. KELO-TV also

offers free desktop weather service where school closings are crawled across the computer as soon as they are issued. Go to KELOLAND.com and click on desktop weather.

Cancellations can also be found on the school district website: www.meade.k12.sd.us.

If school is closed during the day and buses cannot run, parents are responsible for arranging to get their children home. Meade officials suggest parents make prior arrangements for bad weather days, which includes discussing the arrangements in advance with their children and the school.

When weather conditions are threatening and/or marginal, the superintendent and bus contractor are in constant communication. Technology also allows the monitoring of weather conditions and the gathering of current data

regarding forecasts. However, because of the interconnected nature of the Meade District bus routes, it is impossible to cancel or dismiss classes on a school-by-school basis – this must be done on a district-wide basis.

Parents and patrons are reminded that because the school district encompasses more than 3,200 square miles, weather conditions may vary from one school to the next.

No amount of technology or weather condition analysis applied to the district at large can take the place of parents who wish to exercise their own judgment at these times. Therefore, Superintendent James Heinert has said that if parents wish to keep a child home or to have a child dismissed early, it is within their right to do so. He said that under such circumstances, the absence would be excused.

Meade District 2006-2007 school calendar

The following is the approved calendar for the 2006-2007 school year for Meade School District.

There will be an early release day Wednesday, Nov. 22. Any snow days will be made up by adding

additional days at the end of the school calendar. Further, Feb. 19, March 16, and April 9 will be used as make-up days if more than three snow days have been used prior to Feb. 1, March 1 or April 1, 2007.

Staff Inservice	Aug. 22-24	Martin Luther King Day (no school)	Jan. 15, 2007
First Day of School	Aug. 28	Presidents' Day (no school)	Feb. 19, 2007
Labor Day (no school)	Sept. 4	Parent Teacher Conferences:	
Parent Teacher Conferences:		High School: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 20, 2007
Middle School: 4-7 p.m.	Oct. 2	Elementary Schools: 4-7p.m.	Feb. 22, 2007
High School: 4-7 p.m.	Oct. 3	Middle School: 5-8 p.m.	Feb. 22, 2007
Elementary Schools: 5-8 p.m.	Oct. 3	All Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 26, 2007
All Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Oct. 5	Inservice Day (no school)	Mar. 15, 2007
Inservice Day (no school)	Oct. 6	Spring Break (no school)	Mar. 16, 2007
Native Americans' Day (no school)	Oct. 9	Inservice Day (no school)	April 5, 2007
Inservice Day (no school)	Nov. 10	Good Friday-Easter Break (no school)	April 6-9, 2007
Early Release Day	Nov. 22	Graduation	May 20, 2007
Thanksgiving (no school)	Nov. 23-24	Last Day of School	May 22, 2007
Christmas Vacation	Dec. 21-Jan. 2		

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Ilene Nelson.....347-2523
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Piedmont Elementary

16159 Second Street, Piedmont**
Helen Jenkins, principal.....787-4400

Stagebarn Elementary

12280 N. Hwy. 79, Piedmont, SD 57769
Helen Jenkins, principal.....787-5295

Sturgis Brown High School

12930 E. Highway 34, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Jeff Simmons, principal.....347-2686
Don Lyon, assistant principal.....347-2686
Toll-free 1-888-568-3514

Mike Paris, activities director.....347-4487

SBHS Academy.....347-9349

1807 Williams Street, Sturgis**

Sturgis Elementary

1119 Third Street, Sturgis, SD 57785
Norm Graham, principal.....347-2386
Ethan Dschaak, assistant principal.....347-2386

Bear Butte.....347-2648

1121 Ball Park Road, Sturgis**

Erskine.....347-2386

1119 Third Street, Sturgis

Francis Case.....347-3704

1610 Fulton Street, Sturgis**

Primary.....347-2386

Third & Howard, Sturgis**

Sturgis Williams Middle School

1425 Cedar Street, Sturgis, SD 57785
Lon Harter, principal.....347-5232
Ethan Dschaak, assistant principal.....347-5232
Toll-free 1-888-567-8274

Whitewood Elementary

PO Box 16, Whitewood, S.D. 57793
603 Garfield, Whitewood**
Bev Rosenboom, principal.....269-2264

Rural Schools

Bev Rosenboom, principal.....269-2264

Alkali.....347-4910

14758 Alkali Road, Sturgis, SD 57785

Atall.....985-5916

16375 Atall Rd., Union Center, SD 57787

Elm Springs.....798-2492

21309 Elm Springs Rd., Wasta, S.D. 57791

Enning.....985-5364

Highway 34 Box 22, Enning, SD 57737

Hereford.....985-5380

15998 Cross S Road, Hereford, SD 57785

Opal.....748-2426

18010 Opal Road, Opal, SD 57765

Union Center.....985-5367

1700 Highway 34, Union Center, SD 57787

Office.....985-5532

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Joe Schaffer, director.....347-3601
Third and Howard, Sturgis**

Nurses' Office

Randi Oviatt.....347-2610
Third and Howard, Sturgis**

Special Services/Title I

Chrissy Peterson, director.....347-4770
1119 Third Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785

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

Woodle Field.....347-2003

600 Woodland Drive, Sturgis**

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