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## SBHS Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony to be held Friday, Jan. 30

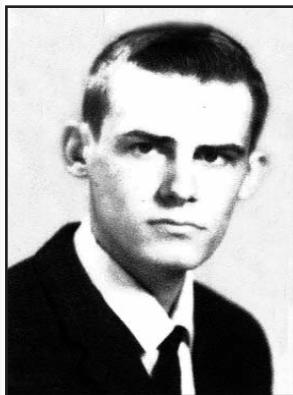
The 2015 Sturgis Brown High School Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony for this year's class of honorees will be held Friday, Jan. 30, during halftime of the home boys basketball game in the west gym at the high school.

Selected for induction are athletes Homer Hastings, Jerry McDermott and Meghan (Little) Farmer.

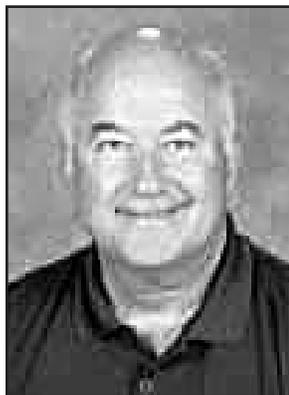
Induction activities on Jan. 30 include two receptions taking place in the choir room at SBHS. The first will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and the second will occur during halftime of the girls basketball game at approximately 7:15 p.m. The S Club and Scooper Booster Club are sponsors of the receptions.

The inductees or their representatives will also be recognized during halftime of the boys basketball game at approximately 8:30 p.m., at which time each will receive a commemorative plaque. Homer Hastings will be the only inductee present for the ceremony.

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Homer Hastings



Jerry McDermott



Meghan (Little) Farmer

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## **Homer Hastings (1962 graduate)**

Homer received All-State Basketball honorable mention honors his junior year and first team All-State Basketball honors his senior year. He was named to the Black Hills Conference All-Conference Basketball Team his junior and senior years and led the BHC in scoring his senior year. He also was the top scorer among the All-State selections his senior year.

Homer scored 43 points in one game, which is still a SBHS record. He also holds the record for the highest average for a season - 21.6 points per game, and for a career - 18.4 points per game.

Later in life, Homer became an avid road runner. He has run more than 97,000 miles while training, and has completed 54 marathons. His best finish is 2 hours, 34 minutes and 10 seconds.

Homer is a Vietnam veteran and has been married for 45 years. He currently resides in Newcastle, Wyo.

## **Jerry McDermott (1973 graduate)**

Jerry qualified for the State Golf Tournament six times, winning it as a junior and again as a senior. He was selected as All-Conference in both basketball and football during his sophomore, junior and senior years.

Following graduation, he attended the University of Colorado as the first South Dakotan to receive the Eisenhower-Evans Scholar Award.

He was a PGA professional for 28 years, serving in the capacity as player, country club executive assistant and golf school owner.

At 53 years of age, he returned to college to obtain a teaching certificate and is currently a math and science teacher at a middle school in Rockport, Texas, where he also coaches football, basketball, cross country and golf.

## **Meghan (Little) Farmer (2000 graduate)**

Meghan was a three sport athlete, earning 12 letters - six in golf, and three each in basketball and volleyball.

She participated in 10 South Dakota High School Athletic Association state tournaments and was a White Letter Award winner. She was also a three-year member of the National Honor Society at Sturgis Brown High School.

Following graduation, she attended the University of Louisville where she played golf, winning three college tournaments and setting a school record at the time.

In 2005, Meghan was the University of Louisville Female Athlete of the Year and was also the University's Academic Athlete of the Year.

After college she turned pro and competed on the LPGA Futures Tour for four years, winning the Women's Kentucky Open twice. She also had a number of other top ten finishes.

Meghan is currently an assistant athletic director and director of golf at a small independent school in Louisville. She and her husband Scott have a son who was born in 2013 and are expecting another child in May.

## Nominations sought for Hall of Fame

Nominations for the next class of inductees into the Sturgis Brown High School Athletic Hall of Fame are being accepted until April 30. The categories of nominees are athlete; coach, adviser or administrator; and community member or contributor. Athletes become eligible for consideration on the fifth anniversary of their graduation from SBHS. Those nominated as a coach, adviser or administrator must be retired or no longer employed with Meade School District for a minimum of three years. There is no time restriction for community members or contributors.

The nominations of those not selected this year will be kept 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 school district website [www.meade.k12.sd.us](http://www.meade.k12.sd.us).

# Financial aid meeting is Monday, Jan. 12

A financial aid meeting for Sturgis Brown High School senior students and their parents will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, in Room 111 at the high school.

Deb Henriksen, director of financial aid at Black Hills State University, will be the guest speaker.

Information will be presented on the types of financial assistance available, how to apply for financial aid, and what to expect once the Free

Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) has been submitted.

Representatives from area financial institutions have been invited to talk about their financial aid programs.

Juniors and their parents are also welcome to attend this informational session.

Call the high school student services office at 347-2686 for further information.

## Scooptown Classic tournament is this month

The 14th Annual Sturgis Scooptown Classic Basketball Tournament for girls in fourth through eighth grades will be held Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 24-25, at Sturgis Brown High School.

Entry fee for the tournament is \$150 per team with each team guaranteed three games. Deadline to register is Jan. 16.

Teams must supply their own warm-up balls and are strongly encouraged to wear uniforms with visible numbers on both the front and back. Players may compete in their own grade division or upper divisions but many not participate in a lower grade division.

South Dakota high school rules apply with the following exceptions:

- A game will consist of two 18-minute halves.

- Teams may press only if the score is within 10 points.

- The fourth grade division is not allowed to press, zone or use full court defense.

- The fifth grade division may use full court defense the last two minutes if the scoring difference is 10 points or less.

- Overtime will consist of two minutes of play.

- Coaches are allowed three one-minute timeouts during play

of game which includes regulation and overtime.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for school-age children, which covers both days of the tournament.

The registration form and tournament rules can be obtained by contacting Scooper girls assistant basketball coach Billy Carpenter at the high school at (605) 347-2686 or (605) 858-4728 (cell) or emailing him at [William.Carpenter@k12.sd.us](mailto:William.Carpenter@k12.sd.us).

The registration form and rules are also on the Meade School District website:

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

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## Substitute teacher training is Jan. 9

A training for persons wishing to serve as substitute teachers in Meade School District will be held at 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9, in the board room of Williams Administrative Building, 1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis.

The purpose of the training is to review the district's substitute teacher handbook and to answer questions about local procedures and policies.

Persons holding a high school diploma, GED, college degree or teacher's certificate are eligible to substitute.

Substitutes are needed in Sturgis, Piedmont, Whitewood and the rural areas of Atall, Elm Springs, Enning, Hereford, Opal and Union Center.

For further information call Donna Trigg in the district office at 347-2523, option 1.

# Machining class debuts at SBHS

It will be close quarters in Chad Hedderman's welding shop at Sturgis Brown High School this coming semester with the addition of three mills and three lathes for the machining class he will be teaching. But, he isn't complaining.

"It is exciting to be able to offer this class," he said, in which students will learn how to set up and operate a variety of machine tools to produce precision metal parts, instruments, and tools. Students will also have the option of dual enrollment with Western Dakota Tech where they will go one day a week for a four-hour machining class and receive college credit.

The new high school class is the result of efforts which began three years ago when Hedderman and others attended a reverse career day at the Sturgis Industrial Park. "We realized that every business we visited had a computer operated mill or lathe making parts. But they told us they couldn't find workers to run them, even though the starting wage was \$20-25 per hour."

"It got us thinking," he said. "We have a great Career and Technical Education (CTE) program at SBHS, but no feeder program for local businesses."

So last year when the state's economic development grants were announced, SBHS teacher Coleen Keffeler, (a past national president of the Association for CTE and former ACTE National Teacher of the Year) filled out the application which resulted in the school receiving \$90,000.

"We then got together with businesses at the industrial park," explained Hedderman, "and asked them 'What do you need from us?' And they said teach the kids how to operate on hand held or manual vertical mills and horizontal lathes. If they can learn to do it manually, they can learn how to do it computerized."

An additional \$100,000 grant from the state



*Directing the placement of one of the lathes is teacher Chad Hedderman.*

through its Future Fund and \$99,999 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development will help Sturgis Economic Development Corporation with the construction costs associated with building a facility in the Industrial Park, which is where the high school machining class will eventually be taught.

When not in use by the school, the building and equipment will be used as an incubator shop. "If someone wants to use our machines to get a business up and started, they can," said Hedderman. "There have been discussions to have a teacher from Western Dakota come to the Industrial Park to teach the class, not only to our kids, but to the community through adult education." Hedderman added that any business in the Industrial Park will also have access to the equipment.

When asked where he will find space for the Buffalo Chip-sponsored student bike build that will begin soon at the high school and which, in the past has been held in his shop, Hedderman just shook his head, laughed and pointed out he will need room for two motorcycles this year, not one. "Somehow we'll find space," he said matter-of-factly.

# Monthly meeting of school board is Jan. 13

The monthly meeting of the Meade School Board will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, in the board room of the Williams Administrative Building, 1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis.

A report about the five-year forecast for capital outlay expenditures will be given by school district Business Manager Brett Burditt. Superintendent Don Kirkegaard will talk about the pro-

posed legislative changes in capital outlay.

Agenda items up for action include financial reports and personnel.

Discussion items include

- January staff inservice
- Audit report
- Strategic planning
- Naming of the SBHS west gym
- Legislative issues
- Calendar committee

- Staff negotiations for 2014-15
  - Open enrollment
  - School election polling locations
  - Meade County's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District
  - Policy review
  - LED lights at the middle school
- The agenda, background information and attachments will be posted five days prior to the meeting on the district website [www.meade.k12.sd.us](http://www.meade.k12.sd.us).

## SBHS Close Up students holding fundraisers

Sturgis Brown High School students participating in Close Up are holding a chili feed at noon Sunday, Jan. 18, at the Sturgis VFW Club as a fundraiser for their trip to Washington, D.C., in April.

The students will also be holding 50/50 raffles at home athletic events on Jan. 20 and Jan. 30, and are sponsoring a staff vs. students basketball game at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, in the west gym at the high school.

Close Up is a government studies program that gives students a one-of-a-kind opportunity to experience government in action, taking what they learn in the classroom and bringing it to life. From visits to Washington's famous monuments, memorials and institutions to meetings with South Dakota's congressional delegation, those participating in Close Up get a first-hand look at the American political system while considering the role they, as

students, can play.

During their April 26-May 1, 2015, stay in Washington, the students will attend seminars on Capitol Hill and meet government officials, political figures, lobbyists and representatives of the

Washington press corps to learn more about the federal process.

For more information about Close Up or the fundraisers, call Close Up adviser Stephanie Kaufman at the high school at 347-2686.

## Middle school concert is Jan. 26

Sturgis Williams Middle School band students will present a winter concert at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, in Grunwald Auditorium.

The students, ranging from sixth-graders to eighth-graders, will demonstrate musical skills which they have been polishing during the first half of the school year.

The concert will be the inaugural performance by the sixth grade band, which consists of students from Piedmont Valley Elementary School and Whitewood Elementary School in addition to SWMS.

Band directors are Connie Feekes, Piedmont and SWMS; Marlene Kotab, Whitewood; and Gary Nelson, SWMS.

## PTA & PTO meeting dates

**Jan. 6:** Rural PTO meeting, 6:30 p.m., Enning School

**Jan. 12:** Piedmont Elementary PTA meeting, 6 p.m., school library

**Jan. 26:** Whitewood Elementary PTO meeting, 4:30 p.m., school library

**Feb. 11:** Sturgis Elementary PTA meeting, 3:30 p.m., school library



# This Old School House

## Meade School District 46-1 School Board meetings: Naming of school buildings

### July 14, 1986:

The Southwest Sturgis Elementary School Committee has recommended that the name of the new facility be Bear Butte Elementary. The name was selected from names submitted by patrons, teachers and students. Motion by [Greg] Owens, seconded by [David] Hersrud, and carried that the name of the new southwest Sturgis Elementary Facility be Bear Butte Elementary School.

The committee also suggested that the board might consider naming other facilities.

Motion by [Joe] Isaacs, seconded by Owens, that the name of Sturgis Brown High School be changed to Sturgis High School. Upon roll call vote: yes, [Curt] Nupen, Isaacs, Owens, [Marguerite] Kleven, [Paul] Speed; no, Hersrud, [Kris] Hubbard, [Ross] Lamphere, [Mimi] Shewey. Motion carried.

Motion by Owens, seconded by Nupen, that the name of Williams Middle School be changed to Sturgis Middle School.

11:40 p.m. Isaacs leaves the meeting.

Motion by Kleven, seconded by Hersrud, that the matter be referred to a committee of three board members and the Middle School Principal. All voting yes except Owens, voting no, and Isaacs, absent and not voting.

Motion by Shewey, seconded by Lamphere, that previous motion concerning Sturgis High School be rescinded. All voting yes except Owens and Nupen voting no, and Isaacs absent and not voting,

Motion by Kleven, seconded by Shewey, and carried that the suggestion to rename the high school be submitted to the committee and should include both principals. The following were named to this committee: Owens, Shewey, Kleven, [Richard] Deaver, and [Lon] Harter. Kleven to call the meetings.

### Nov. 18, 1986:

Committee chairperson Kleven presented for

consideration recommendations concerning naming of facilities:

1. It should be a policy in the future that all names be attached to buildings rather than schools. (A review of the minutes indicates that the high school itself, rather than the building, was named for William Brown. All other names were attached to buildings.)

2. All references to "Brown" should be eliminated from the middle school area.

3. The middle school buildings should be named "Williams Building 5-6" and Williams Building 7-8."

4. The high school should be named "Sturgis Brown High School."

Minority report with the following alternatives was presented:

1. Same

2. Same

3. Name the currently used middle school north building as the Williams Building and the south building Grunwald Building in consistency with the currently named Grunwald Auditorium in that building.

4. Same

5. The middle school should be named Sturgis Middle School in consistency with Item 1.

Motion by Shewey that the committee recommendations be accepted. Motion died for lack of second.

Motion by Kleven, seconded by Owens, that the minority report be accepted.

Motion by Shewey, seconded by Kleven that Item 5 of the minority report be amended to read: Sturgis Williams Middle School. Vote on amendment: all present voting no except Shewey and Kleven voting yes. Motion failed.

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Motion by Hersrud, seconded by Nupen, to amend the minority report to delete "Brown" in Item 4; and add Item 6: The high school building shall be called Brown Building. Vote on amendment: all present voting no except Nupen, Hersrud and Owens voting yes. Motion failed.

Motion by Nupen, seconded by Owens, that "Brown Building" replace "Grunwald Building" in Item 3 of the minority report. Vote on amendment: All present voting yes except Kleven voting no.

Vote on amended motion: All present voting yes. This motion results in the following:

- a. If a District facility is to be named after any individual, the name will be attached to a building rather than to an administrative unit.
- b. The high school will be known as Sturgis High School.
- c. The middle school will be known as Sturgis Middle School.
- d. The building currently housing the 7th and 8th grades will be known as the Brown Building. The building currently housing the 5th and 6th grades and business office will be known as the Williams Building.

## **Dec. 16, 1986:**

Rose Buckingham and Marguerite Vigna, sisters of the late Ann Brown, have requested the Board to reconsider its action during the Nov. 18 meeting which changed the name of the high school to Sturgis High School. No action was taken.

## **Jan, 20, 1987:**

Chris Mechling, Lloyd Keszler and Laverne Elliott addressed the board concerning its action to change the name of the high school to Sturgis High School. Keszler presented a petition signed by 399 patrons requesting the board reconsider its action and name the high school Sturgis Brown High School.

Motion by Shewey, seconded by Lamphere, that the high school be named Sturgis Brown High School. It was suggested that a committee study the issue and make a recommendation at the next reg-

ular meeting. Motion by Lamphere, seconded by Hersrud, and carried that the matter be tabled until the next meeting pending study and recommendation of the committee. Named to serve on the committee were Board members Lamphere, Nupen and Shewey, Chris Mechling and Laverne Elliott. Lamphere was designated chairman.

## **Feb. 17, 1987:**

The committee appointed at the last meeting to study the names of the high school and middle school recommended that the high school be called "Sturgis Brown High School" and the building housing the 7th and 8th grades be called the "Martin F. Jackley Building." Motion by Nupen, seconded by Hersrud, that this be tabled until the next meeting and seek public input for naming the 7th/8th grade building. Motion by Lamphere, seconded by Hersrud, that the motion be amended to read that it is to be advertised that we are seeking a name for the building. Vote on amendment: all yes except Shewey, Owens, Speed and Isaacs voting no. Motion carried. Vote on amended motion: All yes except Shewey, Owens, and Isaacs voting no. Motion carried. Committee previously appointed will gather information and make recommendation at the next meeting.

## **March 17, 1987:**

Committee chairman Lamphere presented the recommendations of the committee: 1. The name of the high school to be Sturgis Brown High School; 2. The name of the middle school to be Sturgis Williams Middle School; 3. The classroom buildings of the middle school to be referred to as the North Building and South Building.

High School students Craig Setera and Mike Hrachovec presented petitions signed by 67 percent of the high school student body requesting to keep the name of Sturgis High School.

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# School board opposes County's TIF District

"I have been in education a long time, and I have never not supported a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District because it encourages economic development. However," continued Meade School District Superintendent Don Kirkegaard in his opening remarks to the school board members and those in attendance at the December school board meeting, which included Meade County Commissioners Alan Aker and Bob Bertolotto, "I have to recommend that the school board not endorse Meade County's TIF because of the significant impact to the school district."

The proposed TIF District of

303 sections of land in Meade County would be used to pay for the construction of a two-mile road that would connect Interstate 90 east of Sturgis with Highways 34 and 79.

Kirkegaard explained that the school district could lose as much as \$1.6 million in taxes during the first five years of the TIF because all taxes within the TIF District, not just the county's share, would essentially be frozen. Any increase in taxes would then be used to pay off the debt on the road resulting in the school district being deprived of the increased taxes until the debt on the road is paid in full.

The loss of potential revenue to the school district, he said, would occur in the funds of capital outlay, pension and special education. "Our borrowing potential would also be limited," he added, pointing out that would affect the district's plan to build a middle school at Piedmont in 2017.

"There just has to be a better way to build a road than taking money from the school," he said. "I hope the county will re-evaluate what they are proposing," said Kirkegaard.

Meade School Board members were not in favor of the county's TIF District proposal, voting unanimously to oppose it.

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Numerous patrons spoke on behalf of the committee's findings. Motion by Lamphere, seconded by Shewey, and carried that the committee's recommendations be adopted.

### **Aug. 16, 2011:**

Superintendent Kirkegaard asked the Board to consider taking action to officially change the name of the building occupied by the superintendent, business, communications and special services offices from Sturgis Williams Middle School, North Building to something more appropriate.

The building is no longer used primarily for instruction. Suggested names are Williams Administrative Center or Williams Administrative Building. The Board will discuss this consideration again at the September regular meeting.

### **Sept. 13, 2011:**

The Board conducted the first reading of the offi-

cial name change of the Sturgis Williams Middle School, North Building, to the Williams Administrative Building and from Sturgis Williams Middle School, South Building, to Sturgis Williams Middle School.

### **Oct. 11, 2011:**

The Board held the second reading of the proposed change from Sturgis Williams Middle School, North Building, to the Williams Administrative Building, and the Sturgis Williams Middle School, South Building, to Sturgis Williams Middle School.

### **Nov. 8, 2011:**

Motion by [Juanita] Harrington, seconded by [Nancy] Richter, and carried to change the official name of Sturgis Williams Middle School, North Building, to the Williams Administrative Building, and Sturgis Williams Middle School, South Building, to Sturgis Williams Middle School.

# Jan. 12-16 is School Board Recognition Week

Meade School District will join school districts throughout the South Dakota in saluting its school board members during School Board Recognition Week Jan. 12-16.

This is a time for all citizens to thank their local school board members for their leadership in setting direction for public schools.

In the Meade School District, school board members develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues that affect all communities within the district's 3,100 square miles. The nine school board members also bear responsibility for an annual budget of \$26.5 million, 2,642 students, 343 employees and 24 buildings.

The board members con-

tribute hundreds of hours each year leading the district. Whether it's crafting policies or hiring administrators, board members always focus on what is best for the students.

Time spent in board meetings represents just a small fraction of the time school board members devote to leading the district. They also work hard at seminars and training sessions to keep abreast of the latest trends in educational leadership, are involved in community activities and spend many hours in the schools at extracurricular events.

Those serving Meade School District as school board members, their years of service, occupation and residence are:

•Bob Burns: 5½ years, small business owner, Black Hawk

•Dennis Chowen: 9½ years, retired educator and retired military, Sturgis

•Shelli Grinager: 2½ years, children's ministry assistant, Summerset

•Chad Legner: 2½ years, banker, Sturgis

•Courtney Mack: 3½ years, volunteer and stay-at-home mom, Sturgis

•Curt Nupen: 11½ years, retired military, Piedmont

•Bryce Richter: 1½ years, banker, Sturgis

•Joe Urbaniak: ½ year, rancher and small business owner, Union Center

•Don Williamson: 2½ years, small business owner, Piedmont

Meade School District board members will be recognized during the regular school board meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 13.

**Meade School Board members for the 2014-15 school year are, from the back left, Curt Nupen, President Bob Burns, Bryce Richter and Chad Legner; front left, Shelli Grinager, Joe Urbaniak, Don Williamson, Vice President Courtney Mack and Dennis Chowen.**



Author is senior Willow Cowherd

## High School one-act "The Grey Area" hits the Community Center stage Jan. 27 & 29

Sturgis Brown High School senior Willow Cowherd wrote this year's one-act play, "The Grey Area," that her classmates will be performing for the public at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, and Thursday, Jan. 29, at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre.



**Cowherd**

The play, which is Cowherd's senior English project, is about a young girl, Natalie, who is leaving for college the following morning. Her father asks her to play a game of chess, and while they play they talk about life and college. Natalie has flashbacks to different times in her life which have impacted the person she is today. The chess pieces are a living entity...moving throughout the game, portraying characters from the past and emotions felt by Natalie.

Cast members include Amber Solaas, Natalie; Chris Wheeler, Father; Gwen Hoops, Mother and Queen; Sam Colvin, Mrs. Bruce and Rook; Seth Gerberding, Derrick the boyfriend and Knight; Claire Scarborough, Carly and Rook; Kaylie Wheeler, Young Natalie and White Chess Piece; Natalie Hilton, Teenage/High School Natalie and White Chess Piece; Keith Grant, David and Pawn; Kyle Jones, Teacher and Bishop; and Abbie Barker, Student #1 and Pawn.

Also portraying students are Emily Linneweber, Pawn; Jordan Smith, King; Erika Cerveny, Bishop;

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## SWMS students to present a fairy tale spoof

It's been more than 15 years since drama has been offered to students at Sturgis Williams Middle School but teachers Cathie Anderson and Beth Johnson are excited that is changing with the presentation this month of the production "Little Red Riding Hood, A Fairy Tale Spoof." The two women, who are both on staff at SWMS, are the directors of the play.

The production, which the students have been working on since September, will be performed at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 12-13, at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre.

A special afternoon performance will also be given for students from Sturgis Elementary.

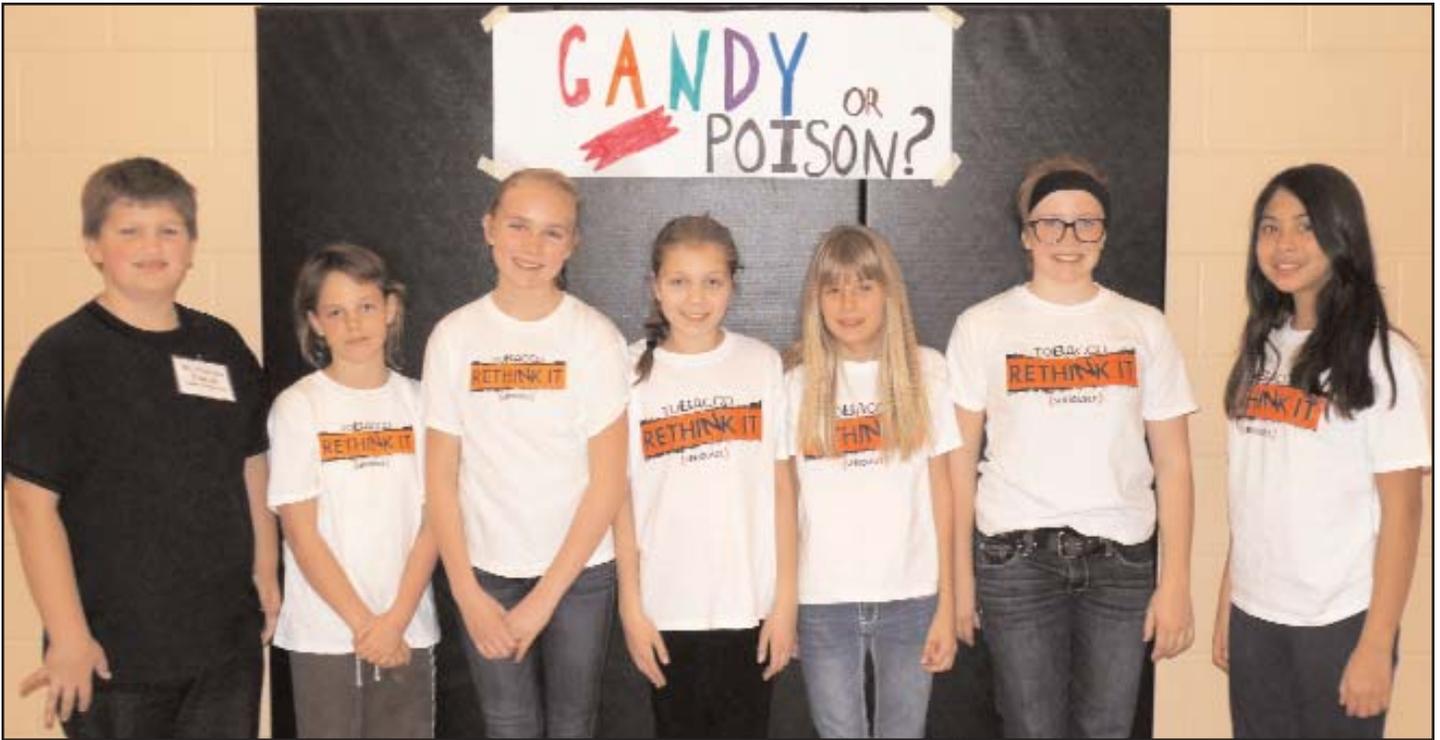
This fairy-tale spoof is based loosely on the original story but starts off on the wrong foot and never seems to get it all together. First, the wolf, played by Gracie Good who also plays the Grandmother, is a scaredy-cat and has to be replaced with an Irish Setter, played by Jodi Barden. To help cover for the

wolf, some elves try a sing-a-long with the audience. The stagehand forgets to build Grandma's house and has to improvise. Other unforeseen events also occur.

In addition to Good and Barden, cast members include Sydney Hyman, Narrator; Abby Aberle, Red; Paige Barden, Mom; Tyler Selting, Dad; Hunter Hegdahl, Elf 1; Joshua Fairbourne, Elf 2; Angelicia Jones, Vernon; Erika Ollila, Dopey; Willow Henson, Giggles; McKenna Kress, Twiggy; Mikayla Schmitz, Louie; Anna Hale, Sallie Mae; Jayden Myrick, Stretch; Cathrine Selting, Snow White; and Breanna Fairbanks, Stagehand.

Crew members are Andrew Neilan, programs, audio, lighting; Maddie Witt, Kaylee Eckert and Brooke Eckert, costumes, production, scenery, makeup. Providing technical assistance are June Dill, Hillary Hill, Kristi Cammack, Mark Chaplin and John Septka.

There is no admission, but donations are accepted.



*Piedmont Valley Elementary School sixth-graders who wrote and acted in the “Don’t Get Burned By Big Tobacco” public service announcement video contest are, from the left, Brady Chayka, Heidi Hopkins, Morgan Phillips, Abigail Scott, McKenna Hosman, Elise Christian and Tara Ramos.*

## Piedmont TATU places third in video contest

The sixth grade members of Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU) organization at Piedmont Valley Elementary School took third place and \$200 in prize money in the Chicago Department of Public Health-sponsored "Don't Get Burned" nationwide social media contest.

The students, competing in the 9-12 age division, had to create a short video about the dangers of tobacco which was appropriate for sharing on

YouTube, Instagram, Facebook, Vine and other social media platforms. Entries were judged on originality and creativity, appropriateness, use of accurate facts and statistics, production quality and evidence-based message.

Counselor Julie Nelson is the adviser to the TATU organization at the school.

The video, "Candy or Poison," can be viewed at <http://www.dontgetburnedchicago.com/>.

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Drew Concha, Pawn; Jordan Mullen, Knight; Brendan Van Pelt; Gabe Harms, Pawn; Griffin Davies, Pawn; and Rileigh Kronmiller, Pawn.

The lighting crew includes Jacque Stielow, John Gasper and Chris Mullen. In charge of the sets are Tanner Granum, Tanner VanSickle, Brandon Loomis and Kiern Ton.

The production is directed by June Dill and student director Cowherd.

There is no admission, but donations are always appreciated.

The students will also perform this production at the State One-Act Festival set for Feb. 5-7 in Sioux Falls.

# Students learn ethical behavior is essential

Area business and community leaders visited Sturgis Brown High School classrooms recently to present a Junior Achievement program titled "Excelling through Ethics."

The guest speakers shared their values and beliefs, and engaged the senior students in discussions about the role of ethics in both their school life and

in business dealings and its impact on all aspects of their lives.

Speakers included Adam Bailey, Black Hills State University; Eric Fowler, State Farm Insurance; Bryan Hencke, First National Bank; Gayle Roth, First Interstate Bank and her daughter KayDe, a graduate of SBHS and current college stu-

dent; and Dr. Kay Schallenkamp, community volunteer.

The ethics program is just one of several lessons being taught in Meade School District by volunteers with Junior Achievement.

*Dr. Kay Schallenkamp, below, retired president of Black Hills State University, talks with students about ethical behavior and making good decisions. "The core to ethics," she said, "is doing the right thing when no one is watching."*

*Sturgis First National Bank President Bryan Hencke, right, discusses an ethics case study with SBHS seniors, by asking them, "Is it ethical for me, as a banker, to look at an applicant's Facebook Page before hiring that person?"*



# Meade School District calendar for 2014-15

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

Inservice Day (no school)	Jan. 16, 2015	Parent-Teacher Conferences:	
Parent-Teacher Conferences:		Elementary Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 17, 2015
Middle School: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 9, 2015	Elementary Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 19, 2015
High School: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 10, 2015	Inservice Day (no school)	Mar. 12, 2015
Middle School: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 12, 2015	Spring Break (no school)	Mar. 13, 2015
High School: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 12, 2015	Good Friday/Easter (no school)	April 3-6, 2015
Presidents' Day (no school)	Feb. 16, 2015	Inservice Day (no school)	April 20, 2015
		Graduation	May 17, 2015
		Last Day of School	May 20, 2015

## Check out the activities calendar

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

## Check out the Website and Facebook Pages

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

# Directory for Meade School District

## Schools

### Rural Schools

Bev Rosenboom, principal.....269-2264  
**Atall**.....985-5916  
16375 Atall Road, Union Center, S.D. 57787  
**Elm Springs**.....798-2492  
21309 Elm Springs Road, Wasta, S.D. 57791  
**Enning**.....985-5364  
Highway 34 Box 22, Enning, S.D. 57737  
**Hereford**.....985-5380  
15998 Cross S Road, Hereford, S.D. 57785  
**Opal**.....748-2426  
18010 Opal Road, Opal, S.D. 57765  
**Union Center**.....985-5367  
1700 Highway 34, Union Center, S.D. 57787  
**Office**.....985-5532

### Piedmont Valley Elementary School

16159 Second Street, Piedmont, S.D. 57769  
Ethan Dschaak, principal.....787-5295

### Sturgis Brown High School

12930 E. Highway 34, Sturgis, S.D. 57785  
Toll-free 1-888-568-3514  
Jeff Simmons, principal.....347-2686  
Don Lyon, assistant principal.....347-2686  
Mike Paris, activities director.....347-4487  
**Academy**.....347-9349

### Sturgis Elementary School

1121 Ball Park Road, Sturgis, S.D. 57785  
Chantal Ligtenberg, principal.....347-2386  
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 x2  
Toll-free 1-877-522-6251

## Business Manager

1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785  
Brett Burditt.....347-2523 x1  
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 x3

## 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.....347-2523 x4  
Deb Kerstiens, assistant director.....347-2523 x4

## Harlow's School Bus Service

2237 West Sherman, Sturgis, S.D. 57785  
Andy Ellingsen, transportation manager.....347-5066

## Woodle Field

600 Woodland Dr., Sturgis\*\* .....347-2003

\*\*Not a mailing address