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Woodle Field parking lot paved

The Woodle Field parking lot, pictured, was paved with asphalt this summer in a joint project between the City of Sturgis and Meade School District. The school district's share of the project totaled \$52,956.57.



"To Build Knowledge and Skills for Success Today and Tomorrow"

First day of school is Monday, Aug. 27

The 2012-13 school year in Meade School District begins Monday, Aug. 27. Prior to that day, new student registration, orientations and open houses will be held.

All students new to the district are required to bring to registration a report card or transcript of grades from their previous school and a certified copy of their birth certificate. In addition, they will be asked to provide their Social Security Number, and race and ethnicity information.

Also required are immunization records. New students will not be admitted to school until and unless the school nurse has received and verified those records.

Sturgis Brown High School and Academy Grades 9-12

New students may register at the high school student services office any time between 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. starting Wednesday, Aug. 15. Those accepted into Sturgis Academy, which is now located at the high school campus, may register at the same time.

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Freshmen orientation and an activities meeting for freshmen and students new to SBHS who will be participating in extra-curricular activities will be 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21, in the west gym at the high school. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting. Meal tickets and activity tickets will be available for purchase at this time.

Sturgis Williams Middle School Grades 6-8

New students may register from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday Aug. 15-16, at the office of Sturgis Williams Middle School, 1425 Cedar Street, Sturgis.

An open house and orientation for all students and their parents will be held 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22. Parents will have an opportunity at this time to purchase assignment notebooks and physical education t-shirts, which are required of all students. Meal and activity tickets will also be on sale.

Piedmont Valley Elementary School Grades K-6

Registration for new students will be 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 20-21, at the school. Students who were enrolled at Piedmont last year do not have to re-enroll. Any changes in phone numbers or addresses should be made at this time. Food service personnel will be present to sell meal tickets. Also present will be a representative from the Sturgis Bus Company.

An open house and orientation for students and parents will be 2:30-4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23.

Whitewood Elementary School Grades K-6

Registration for new students is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday, Aug. 13-17, at the school at 603 Garfield. An open house will be held 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, also at the school, during which meal tickets will be available for purchase.

Sturgis Elementary School Grades K-5

Registration for new students will be 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13, through Thursday, Aug. 16, at the office of Sturgis Elementary, 1121 Ball Park Road, Sturgis. Students who were enrolled at Sturgis Elementary last year or kindergartners who registered last spring do not have to re-enroll.

An open house at Sturgis Elementary will be held 2:30-4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23.

Rural Schools Grades K-8

Registration and open houses will be held at each rural school from 8:30-11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 23. Free school physicals for rural students will be offered from 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, in the Union Center School basement.

Additional information such as bus route schedules, Capable Kids after-school program, meal ticket information, student handbooks, student accident insurance and school supply lists can be found by clicking on the following link:

www.meade.k12.sd.us/parent/enrollment.htm

SBHS homecoming to be Sept. 24-28

“Celebrate the World” is the theme of this year’s Sturgis Brown High School homecoming to be held Monday, Sept. 24, through Friday, Sept. 28.

Coronation will be 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, in the west gym at the high school. This will be followed at 7:30 p.m. by the burning of the “S” and at 8 p.m. with the finals of the powder puff football game, both at Woodle Field.

The parade will begin at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, from Ball Park Road near Sturgis Elementary School. The parade will head north to Farley Street,

east to Third Street, north to Douglas Street, east to Junction Avenue, north to Main Street, west to Third Street, south to Sherman Street and west to Fifth Street and Ball Park Road, where it will disband.

Homecoming week concludes Friday with the football game against Sioux Falls Lincoln at 6 p.m. at Woodle Field followed by a dance at Sturgis Brown High School.

Area businesses and organizations interested in participating in the parade with a float or other entry should call the high school at 347-2686.

Registration open for after-school program

Meade School District’s licensed after-school program, Capable Kids, begins Monday, Aug. 27, at Piedmont Valley Elementary School. Open to any child in kindergarten through sixth grade, the program runs from 2:10-6 p.m. during the school week. Cost is \$9.57 per day or \$183.89 per month.

Each day students receive a snack and participate in physical and enrichment activities. Time is also provided for the completion of classroom assignments with

homework assistance available. Students also have the opportunity to go swimming on a regular basis.

Enrollment forms and parent handbook are available at Piedmont Valley Elementary School and by clicking on the following link:

www.meade.k12.sd.us/Stagebarn/capableKids.html

Payment can be dropped off at Piedmont Valley Elementary School or mailed to Capable Kids, 16159 Second Street, Piedmont, 57769.

Activity tickets for 2012-13 are now on sale

Activity tickets for the 2012-2013 school year are now on sale. The activity tickets, which cost the same as last year, can be purchased at the high school, during registration and open houses at

all Meade District schools, and at the first few home football and volleyball games.

The student ticket, available to any Meade 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 senior citizens (55 years and over) costs \$20. Both tickets contain 15 punches each.

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

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

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

Musical instruments are needed

The middle school music department is asking for donations of new and gently used band instruments. Although the district has a small inventory of instruments, students must often rent instruments from music stores.

A student joining band not only learns to play the instrument,

but to read music, perform alone and with others, understand music history and musical styles, and experience first-hand how music is part of life and culture.

For more information call music teachers Connie Feekes or Gary Nelson at Sturgis Williams Middle School, 347-5232.



This Old School House

June 28, 1930, meeting of the Tilford School District No. 68:

“At a special meeting called for the purpose of deciding whether to repair the old school house or build a new building, six votes were cast. All in favor of building a new school house.

It was decided by the board to tear down the old school house and use as much of the old lumber as possible in the new building. And also to advertise for bids for labor in building of the school house.

Five sealed bids were received. Bids were opened on July 26. Contract was given to D.B. Roberts for \$900 for labor to build the new building.”

June, 11, 1940, meeting of Boulder Park School District No. 14:

“A monthly meeting of the Boulder Park School Board was held at Evangeline Troughton’s house. All members were present.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the following bills be allowed and the clerk instructed to draw warrants of the district in payment: June 1 - Irene Twiford, \$63.45, Hamblets Furniture Exchange, \$1.35, A. A. Coburn, \$10; Feb. 2 - Irene Twiford, \$63; May 2 - Irene Twiford, \$63; and June 1 - Irene Twiford, \$63.

A bill was presented by Miss Twiford in the amount of \$4.50 that she was asking the board to pay covering cost of wallpaper

that she had purchased and put on the walls of the teacherage. The board had not authorized Miss Twiford to purchase paper to paper the teacherage. Miss Twiford had purchased the paper and had papered the teacherage of her own volition because she did not think that it was suitably finished for her to live in.

The board felt that there was no necessity for the teacherage to be papered and since they had not authorized the purchase of the paper by Miss Twiford, her bill was rejected.

The board considered applications from teachers and it was moved, carried and seconded that Ella Doran be employed as teacher of Boulder Park for the coming year 1940-41 at a salary of \$70 for nine months.

The action of the board to employ another teacher was occasioned by Miss Twiford refusing to sign the contract offered her because of the clause in the contract requiring her to live in the teacherage all school days of the school term and by the return of the contract to the board.

A new contract carrying the same clause was drawn for Ella Doran and given to the chairman to see if Mrs. Doran would accept.”

April 13, 1953, meeting of Sturgis Independent School District No. 12:

“Les Hill and Vera Lushbough appeared as a committee regarding the establishment of a kinder-

garten school. The board was sympathetic to the matter and explained that they have had the matter under consideration and just as soon as financial matters and present building facilities are settled, they would do their very best to take care of the needs of the district.”

Jan. 10, 1961, meeting of Sturgis Independent School District No. 12:

“It was moved by [John] Craig and seconded by [W.E.] Jones that the district order 30 trees from the Gates Nursery of Rapid City, to be planted on the west side of the senior high school building (now Sturgis Williams Middle School), said trees to be purchased at the price of \$240 installed and to be eight to 10 feet in height. Motion carried unanimously.”

Feb. 9, 1971, meeting of Meade Independent School District No. 101:

“Herman Walker appeared before the Board to request recognition of Sturgis Ski Club as a school sponsored organization.

Motion by [Mel] Voorhees, seconded by [Earl] McPherson and carried that the Ski Club be an authorized activity with Patrick Cullinan designated sponsor; additionally, that all participants secure waivers of injury in order to participate and all activities be regulated by School Board policy.”



Meade School District Business Manager Brett Burditt, left, administers the oath of office to new school board members Chad Legner, Don Williamson and Shelli Grinager. (To learn more about these new board members, check out the story on Page 12.)

School board reorganizes; adopts budget

The old Meade School Board was adjourned and the new board was seated during the annual July meeting.

Outgoing board members Curtis Johnson and Rod Martens were each presented a school bell in recognition of their years of service. Johnson has served two years while Martens has been a board member for the last 24 years. The other outgoing board member, Curt Nupen, was not present at the meeting but served for three years. All three are from Piedmont.

Following the bell presentation, the oath of office was admin-

istered to new board members Shelli Grinager of Summerset, Chad Legner of Sturgis, and Don Williamson of Piedmont.

A number of organizational items including election of officers were decided at the meeting. Wanda Blair of Vale, who is beginning her 12th year on the board, was re-elected president while Bob Burns, a three-year board member from Black Hawk, was elected vice president.

During the meeting, the members of the school board, which also include Dennis Chowen, Sturgis, Juanita Harrington, Piedmont, Courtney Mack,

Sturgis, and Nancy Richter, Enning, unanimously approved the proposed \$23,810,610 budget for 2012-13.

The general fund budget of \$14,940,885 represents an increase of 3.2 percent from last year. The special education, capital outlay and food service budgets are also greater than last year. The \$3,113,288 special education budget grew by 3 percent while the capital outlay budget of \$4,207,300 represents an increase of 4.5 percent.

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Free and reduced-price breakfast and lunch are available in Meade School District

Free and reduced-price breakfast and lunch are available in the Meade School District to students from families whose household income falls within eligibility guidelines.

The district is able to offer a lower cost or no charge for these meals because it participates in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, both of which are federally-assisted programs.

The reduced price for breakfast is 30 cents while the cost for a reduced lunch is 40 cents. The full price for those meals are \$1.40 for breakfast and \$2.60 for lunch.

In certain cases, foster children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals regardless of the income of the household in which they reside.

Not only do the participating

children receive a nutritionally balanced meal, but the school district benefits when a high number of students participate in the program.

Those benefits include an increase in Title I services, additional federal funds for the food service department, increased eligibility of the district for federal and state grants, and an increased reimbursement rate of costs relating to school internet use and phone services.

To view the eligibility guidelines and to apply for free or reduced-price breakfast and lunch, fill out the application by clicking on the following link:

www.meade.k12.sd.us/offices/food.htm

The applications are also available at all schools and the food service office.

For further information or for help in completing the application, call Meade School District Food Service Office at 347-3601.

Meal ticket info

Breakfast and lunch tickets are available through Meade Food Service Office located at 1121 Ball Park Road, Sturgis, from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. beginning Monday, Aug. 13. Ticket prices are as follows:

Milk Tickets

20 milk ticket: \$8

Breakfast Tickets

20 meal ticket:

K-12, \$28; adult, \$33

10 meal ticket:

K-12, \$14; adult, \$16.50

5 meal ticket:

K-12, \$7; adult, \$8.25

Lunch Tickets

(Includes ½ pint milk)

20 meal ticket:

K-12, \$52; adult, \$62

10 meal ticket:

K-12, \$26; adult, \$31

5 meal ticket:

K-12, \$13; adult, \$15.50

Single meals are available. Breakfast is \$1.40 for students and \$1.65 for adults. Lunch costs \$2.60 for students and \$3.10 for adults. A half-pint of milk is 40 cents.

Parents can manage their child's meal account via the internet

Parents can deposit money directly into their child's meal account and can receive emails regarding that account balance through the website:

www.MyNutrikids.com

For parents with more than one child in Meade School District, payments for all children can be done from the same online account.

Similarly, automatic email updates about low account bal-

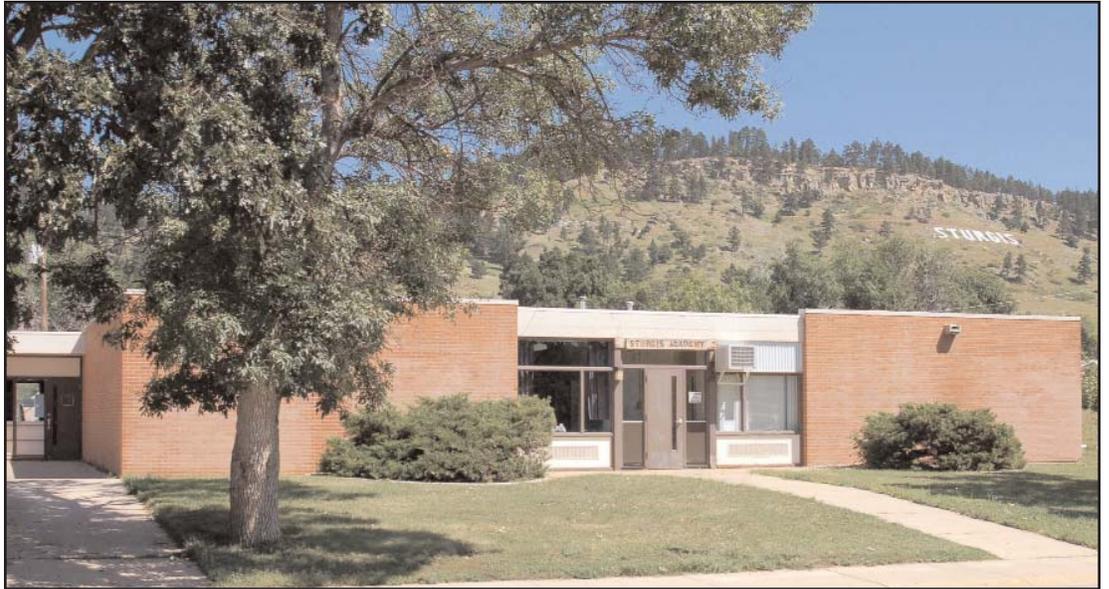
ances or negative balances for each child are available.

For those who choose not to take advantage of the online service, Meade Food Service will continue to accept advance payments by cash or check. When paying in that manner, the student's ID number must be included so payment is credited to the correct account.

For further information, call food service at 347-3601.

School building sold to City

The 6,500-square foot Badger Clark Elementary School and surrounding land in north Sturgis, pictured, was sold in June to the City of Sturgis who in turn



sold it to Northern Hills Alcohol and Drug Services. Meade School District received \$200,000 for the facility and land minus \$52,956.57 which represents one-half of the total cost paid by the City to an outside contractor for the paving of Woodle Field parking lot. For the past 10 years, the building has housed the Sturgis Brown High School Academy, which is now located at the high school campus.

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The food service budget went from \$1,086,697 to \$1,126,257 for a 3.6 percent increase. The pension fund of \$422,880 compares to \$545,000 last year for a decrease of 2.2 percent.

The increase in the general fund budget is due to several factors, the largest of which are an 7.6 percent increase in health insurance and a 3 percent increase in salaries.

Also contributing to the larger budget is the switch to all-day kindergarten at Sturgis Elementary, Whitewood Elementary and Piedmont Valley Elementary. A shift of \$60,000 in health services from the special education fund to the general fund, \$52,300 in gifted services from special education to general fund, and

\$30,000 in social worker services from special education to general fund also contributed to that increase.

The increase in the special education fund is the result of greater child count numbers and related services, in addition to health insurance and salary increases. The increase in the food service budget is also due to a jump in salary and health insurance. The decrease in the pension fund is due to fewer retirements.

"Dollar numbers are up from last year, but it is still a pretty tight budget," said Superintendent Don Kirkegaard.

"We hope we have over anticipated expenses and under anticipated revenue," he said, adding, "We have allotted \$500,000 for

use out of our savings account but hope to use only a nominal amount."

Meade School District's tax request in dollars per thousand is as follows:

General Fund:

Ag-\$2.322

Owner-occupied-\$4.029

Other-\$8.628

Special Education Fund:

Ag/non-ag-\$1.40

Capital Outlay Fund:

Ag/non-Ag-\$3

Pension Fund:

Ag/non-Ag-\$0.30

The entire budget for 2012-13 for Meade School District can be viewed by clicking on the following link:

www.meade.k12.sd.us/offices/businessoffice.htm

Employees honored for years of service

30 years

Recognized by the Meade School Board for 30 years of service to Meade School District are, in the photo at the right, Joyce Schieffer, Norm Graham, Betty McGough and Terri Barry.



20 years

Employees recognized for 20 years of service to Meade School District are, in the photo at the left from the back left, Carolyn Jensen, Carolyn Schuldies, Roxanna Cooper and Lisa Haslip; front, Dave Martinson.

Three schools picked for fresh fruit, vegetable program

Three Meade School District Schools - Sturgis Elementary, Whitewood Elementary and Piedmont Valley Elementary - have been selected through a competitive grant process to participate in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program of the United States Department of Agriculture. This will be the fourth year of participation by the students at Sturgis and Whitewood, and the first year for the Piedmont students.

The purpose of the program is to expand and increase the variety and amount of fruit and vegetables children experience and consume while emphasizing long-term goals of healthy eating habits and combating childhood obesity.

The program is designed to provide fresh fruit and vegetables during the school day and free of charge to all children enrolled in the three participating schools. The district receives a set amount of money per enrolled child to buy, prepare and serve the fresh fruits and vegetables. The food must be fresh, not canned, frozen or mixed with other foods, and must be served as a snack during the school day rather than as part of the regular meal service.

The program is administered by the USDA Food and Nutrition Services and the South Dakota Department of Education Child and Adult Nutrition Services.

Schedule for school pictures

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

Williams Middle School: Wednesday, Sept. 5

Piedmont: Thursday, Sept. 20

Whitewood: Thursday, Sept. 6

Rural Schools: Thursday, Sept. 6

Sturgis Brown HS: Monday, Aug. 27

Sturgis Elementary: Wednesday, Sept. 12



SBHS seniors are reminded that one digital or wallet-sized photo (head and shoulders shot) must be submitted by Friday, Nov. 30, to the drop-box located in the school office or by email to teacher Tere Froelich. The senior photos will be used in the yearbook and by the local newspaper.

Schedule of school hours

Beginning with the first day of school on Monday, Aug. 27, the regular hours for the schools of Meade School District are as follows:

Atall 8 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

Elm Springs 8 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

Enning/Union Center 8 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

Hereford 8 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

Opal 8 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

SBHS 8:05 a.m.-3:08 p.m.

Piedmont

K-2nd: 7:50 a.m.-2:05 p.m.

3rd-6th: 7:40 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

Sturgis Elementary

Kindergarten: 8:05 a.m.-3 p.m.

1st: 8:15 a.m.-3:05 p.m.

2nd: 8:10 a.m.-3:02 p.m.

3rd: 8:05 a.m.-3 p.m.

4th: 8:10 a.m.-3:02 p.m.

5th: 8:15 a.m.-3:05 p.m.

SWMS 8:10 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

Whitewood 8 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

Substitute teacher training set

A training for persons wishing to serve as substitute teachers in Meade School District will be held at 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 31, in the school board meeting room located in the 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. Tips for a successful classroom experience will also be given.

For further information call the district office at 347-2523 or the curriculum office at 347-4454.

Meade School District is ready for first year of all-day kindergarten

All-day kindergarten will be implemented this fall at Sturgis Elementary, Piedmont Valley Elementary and Whitewood Elementary schools.

Evidence that all-day kindergarten boosts academic achievement, helps narrow the achievement gap and increases school readiness as children make the transition to first grade were factors in the school board's decision to switch over from half-day kindergarten or every other day kindergarten.

The fact that surrounding school districts are now offering all-day kindergarten also contributed to the school board's decision.

The transition to all-day kindergarten was an easy one, according to the principals of those three schools. "I don't feel we had too many challenges to address," said Whitewood Principal Bev Rosenboom. "We will be using the same classroom and had no facility or staffing concerns," she said.

Rosenboom did say that some parents are a little concerned about their children going all day every day from a stamina standpoint while others are concerned that all-day every day kindergarten will place too many demands on their young children. Sturgis Elementary Principal Chantal Ligtenberg said when

scheduling breaks and classes such as music, computers and PE, consideration will be given the students and their age. "We want to ensure we are using prime time learning to the best of our ability," Ligtenberg said.

"I believe we will be successful with the transition to all-day kindergarten."

*-Ethan Dschaak
Piedmont principal*

Piedmont Valley Principal Ethan Dschaak said the concern with going to all-day every day kindergarten will always be whether five- and six-year-old students are ready for the rigors of a full day. "I do believe the kids will adapt to the lengthened day, but it may take some time in the fall for them to get used to it," he said.

The Piedmont School will also be transitioning from four kindergarten sections to three sections so the student teacher ratio may be greater moving forward. "I believe making the compromise of having more students in the classroom but additional instructional time is a fair one," said Dschaak. "I do strongly believe our kindergarten teachers are ready and will be successful with the transition."

The principals also said they have sufficient space so no building renovations were needed.

All three principals agree that going to all-day kindergarten makes sense given the vigor of the new Common Core Standards.

"There will be more expectations at the kindergarten level as a result of these standards, so we really need all-day kindergarten to get the job done," said Ligtenberg.

Under the Common Core Standards, kindergartners will be expected to add and subtract numbers up to 10; count to 100 by ones and by tens; spell simple words phonetically; identify new meanings for familiar words and apply them accurately, e.g. knowing *duck* is a bird and learning the verb *to duck*; and describe measurable attributes of an object such as length and weight, to list just a few of the standards.

[The Common Core State Standards Initiative was a state-led effort to establish a shared set of clear educational standards in English language arts and mathematics for grades K-12. It was launched by the Council of Chief State School Officers and the National Governors Association.]

The Standards provide a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn, so teachers and parents know what they need to do to help them.]

SBHS teen voted S.D. Girls State governor

It was "hectic," said Molly Hermann, the new governor of South Dakota Girls State, about her election campaign and experience at the 66th annual citizenship program for young women held the beginning of the summer on the campus of the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. Almost 415 high school juniors from throughout the state were in attendance for the weeklong training in citizenship and government sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.



Molly Hermann

The 17-year-old, who is beginning her senior year at Sturgis Brown High School, said she went to Girls State with the intention of running for governor. "During an assembly about Girls State at our high school, the ladies from the Auxiliary emphasized the importance of getting involved while there and specifically said we should consider running for governor. I turned to the person next to me and said 'I am going to run.'"

Once the slate of gubernatorial candidates was whittled down from 15 to two, the campaign began in earnest. "I love a good challenge and I am competitive," said Molly. "I lost my voice by the end of the week, but it was the best experience ever," she said. "I came out of this week a more politically knowledgeable and leadership-driven young woman."

Her responsibilities as governor will include presiding over next year's Girls State session, meeting with and speaking to the South Dakota Legislature during its annual session in Pierre, and representing the Auxiliary at various functions throughout the year.

"I want to thank the Sturgis community for all its support," she said. "I received so many cards and letters of support and congratulations. It has just been awesome."

She didn't hesitate to encourage other students to apply for Girls State. "It can be a life changing experience," she said, which is apropos since her motto for life is based on a quotation from Eleanor Roosevelt: "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

Each year, girls in their junior year of high school apply for the delegate positions, and then are interviewed by members of the Sturgis and Piedmont American Legion Auxiliary chapters, who then select the representatives from SBHS.

Molly is the daughter of Tom and Terry Hermann of Sturgis and is active in band, choir, volleyball, golf, Peer Helpers and Students Against Destructive Decisions. She is also the incoming president of both the National Honor Society and the Student Council.

Another Girls State delegate from SBHS, KayDe Roth, was elected attorney general during this summer's session, while SBHS Boys State delegate David Strain was elected alternate to Boys Nation.

Other Girls State governors from SBHS were Ileen Adamski in 1951 and Joy Freed in 1998. There have been six local students elected to Boys Nation or Girls Nation as follows: Bruce Lushbough, 1950; Cathie Mitchell, 1956; Brian Teachout, 1975; Jim Daane, 1977; and Stacy Hughes, 1982.

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New members begin service on school board

Three new board members began their terms on the Meade School Board during the July organizational meeting. The following is information about each.

Shelli Grinager is the children's ministry assistant at Fountain Springs Community Church in Rapid City where she is also in charge of the Sunday preschool program. The 34-year-old ran for the school board because she wants to contribute her time and abilities to the school system. "I think that we have a great community and I want to have a positive impact," she said.

She believes the school board is hiring highly qualified staff to care for and teach the students but she feels there needs to be better ways to utilize the parents and volunteers in the schools. "By bringing them into our schools and classrooms we need to teach them how to continue the learning at home," she offered.

Grinager is concerned about the loss of arts and music in the schools nationwide. "I am a believer in those courses and how they improve our thinking process," she said. "They help with more than memorizing an answer; they help with coming up with a solution."

Even though she is proud of how the district integrates technology into the classroom, she feels the district needs to ensure that all the students are getting the opportunity to learn. "I also feel the kids need to be safe and secure while on our school grounds," she said.

She is the president of the PTA at Piedmont Valley Elementary School and is also a volunteer at the school. "My kids will be educated in the Meade School District so I take this position very seriously," she said. "I hope to make a positive impact for not just my kids but for all our children."

Grinager is a graduate of South Dakota State University with a degree in food science. She and her husband

Aaron have two children, Olivia, a second-grader at Piedmont Valley Elementary School, and Ian, a kindergartner at Piedmont.

Chad Legner, 38, is manager at Owens Interstate Sales, Sturgis. He ran for the school board because he wants to be involved in the decision-making process concerning his children's education.

He feels the school board's action to offer all-day kindergarten this coming school year was the correct decision. He is proud of the quality of the staff but feels the decreases in funding is a concern. "Class sizes need to remain smaller and we need to keep up with changing technology," he said. He would also like to see a different grading scale for the elementary school.

Legner coaches youth football, basketball, softball and baseball, and volunteers his DJ service for school fundraisers.

He is a graduate of South Dakota State University with a degree in business and economics. He and his wife Kristen have four children, Gabe, a fourth-grader at Sturgis Elementary School, Trinity, a third-grader at Sturgis Elementary, four-year-old Jude, and two-year-old Skylar.

Don Williamson, 68, is self-employed as an independent distributor for Herbalife International. On why he ran for the school board, he says, "There comes a time that one realizes the school system has always been there for us, and many have made huge commitments to make that happen. Perhaps there are those life experiences and beliefs one could lean on and bring value to the ever increasing challenges we have and those that are ahead for our schools and children," he said.



Shelli Grinager



Chad Legner



Don Williamson

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Rent this room

This Sturgis Booster Club room, pictured to the left and located on the west end of the new crow's-nest at Woodle Field, could be yours for \$150 per event. The Booster Club is hoping to raise money for its projects by renting the room and accompanying deck during SBHS football games and track meets. The 8'x10' heated room and 4'x12' deck can accommodate eight people. Call Terry Hermann at 490-1189 or Trayce Fowler at 490-3371 to reserve the space.



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"I have several grandchildren, nieces and nephews now benefiting from our schools and I wish to help support them also. I do not come to the school board with a special agenda, but rather support."

School facilities, academic success and caring teachers are just some of the good things happening in Meade School District, according to Williamson. What concerns him is having enough funds to educate, operate and satisfy all needs. "The economic consequences of not having a strong

education were not so severe in previous times," he said, "but today making the current system perform in ways it was not designed requires serious commitment and energy. Capital outlay has been high and years of debt reduction and operative challenges are increasing. Complacency isn't an option and self-reliance, I believe, will be our resolve."

Williamson believes income streams other than real estate, sales and business taxes must be explored. "Meade School District

ranks very well in cost of education per student, to the point of where do you cut more. I'm more of a revenue generator thinker than ride the horse of expense cutting to death and making very little difference at some point."

Williamson attended Dunwoody Industrial Institute in Minneapolis. He and his wife have 10 adult children, five of whom graduated from Sturgis Brown High School. He is a lifelong member of Old Apostolic Lutheran Church.

Meade Teachers, Employees of the Year are dedicated, committed and skilled

Three Meade School District classroom teachers Chad Hedderman, Coleen Keffeler and Marlene Kotab and two support staff members Cathy Johnson and Adam Lalicker are the Teachers and Employees of the Year for 2012.

The staff members were chosen for the honor from among nominations submitted by school district patrons and staff. A selection committee consisting of district administrators, teachers and other staff picked the winners.

The three teachers were chosen for this honor because they are exceptionally skilled and dedicated teachers, are poised and articulate, and have the respect and admiration of students, parents and co-workers. They also have a superior ability to inspire learning in students of all abilities and backgrounds.

Chad Hedderman has been a teacher for 14 years, the last nine at Sturgis Brown High School where he teaches geometry-in-construction, computer aided drafting, welding and industrial technology.

Kind, committed, compassionate and dedicated are just some of

the words used by Chad's nominators to describe him. The word 'integrity' also appeared often in his letters of recommendation. "Integrity sums up Chad," said a nominator and co-worker. "He is an integrity-filled man who does what he says he will do. He is also the type of person who is willing to go out of his way for other people."

For the past two years Chad has been instrumental in the development of the geometry-in-construction class in which the students build a house for Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity. This year he became involved with the Buffalo Chip Challenge student bike build in which he led his welding class in the redesigning of a Harley Davidson. Both these activities required him to give extra time outside of the school day and he was often seen working on these projects with kids after school and on Saturdays. He has also created a Habitat for Humanity Chapter at the high school and hopes to raise \$10,000 for this year's student-built house.

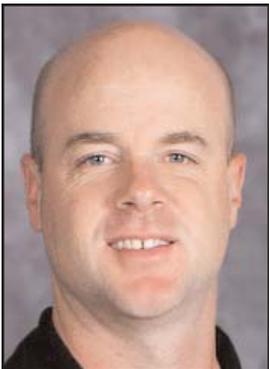
Chad is respected and loved as

a teacher and role model. Many students speak his praises, and respect him for his ability to relate to them while still holding high expectations. He has the unique ability to reach a variety of students - be it the student in the metal shop, the student in the principal's office or the player on the court.

"I can think of no other individual who deserves this award more than Chad Hedderman," said a student. "He is a dedicated and effective teacher. He has taught us to slow down, assess the situation and find the solution. Of all the teachers I have had the pleasure of knowing, Chad Hedderman has had the biggest influence on my life. It is because of him that I found out what I want to do for the rest of my life."

To a person, his nominators said he stands out in the field of education. He has helped the students become better human beings, to value helping others and to work hard. Said a nominator, "He is, hands down, one of the hardest working teachers in our district and often his hard work goes unnoticed because he is not one to boast. Chad is a 'yes' person which is why he is so deserving of being teacher of the year."

Coleen Keffeler teaches at Sturgis Brown High School and has been employed by Meade School District for 22 of the 27 years she has been in education.



Chad Hedderman



Coleen Keffeler



Marlene Kotab

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Coleen is currently the culinary arts instructor, youth internship coordinator, Perkins grant coordinator, Writing-to-Win co-coordinator, and Scooper Time coordinator, to list a few of her responsibilities.

The glue of Sturgis Brown High School is how many refer to Coleen. "Coleen is our leader in the Association of Career and Technical Education," said a co-worker. "She has placed the high school on the map in that area. It is our school that others come to visit to learn more about CTE programs. Coleen keeps the staff informed about legislative progress, writes letters on our behalf and helps those around her to be active. Through her work with ACTE she has become respected and well-known in Washington, D.C, and is a voice for education and South Dakota in Washington. Coleen has also taken an integral role in organizing Dakota STEP committees in our school," continued this co-worker. "She works as unofficial chairman of this, helping our various committees work together."

Coleen's nominators commend her for the way she mentors other teachers. "She is also a great sounding board for the staff at the school," said a nominator, who added that she is known to make amazing cinnamon rolls for early morning meetings.

According to another nominator, Coleen is constantly reminding the staff that they are, first and foremost, in education for the students. "Every fiber of Coleen's body is dedicated to our youth," said this nominator. "Developing programs, creating opportunities for individual

growth and encouraging students to strive for betterment of self are but a fraction of what Coleen does."

Students know she has high expectations of them. They also know that she is a wise and hard working person who uses her talents to help them and allow them to shine.

Offered a student, "I have had Mrs. Keffeler for a teacher in three different classes and she is definitely one of the best teachers at Sturgis Brown High School. She never leaves students without answers if they ask for help. She will put off what she is doing to help us. She is hard working and strives to find the best opportunities for her students. Through her dedication to make the school a positive environment in which to learn, Mrs. Keffeler has provided students with a sincere attitude and outlook on school. She is truly a good role model for us."

Marlene Kotab, a music teacher at Whitewood Elementary, has been a teacher for 33 years, the last 17 with Meade School District.

"Marlene provides an excellent music education for all K-6 students," said a nominator and co-worker. "To enhance our students' music education, she provides meaningful lessons with a hands-on approach such as getting the students involved in making musical instruments. Along with the excitement of creating the instrument, they play their instruments. There is also an ongoing competition at Whitewood Elementary School to sing the National Anthem correctly. When a student correctly sings the

National Anthem for Mrs. Kotab, he or she gets a recognition award posted in the hallway. As a member of the Sturgis Area Arts Council, Marlene helps to bring a variety of multi-cultural musical experiences to our school."

A true enthusiast of music and an inspiration to both students and teachers is how many have described Marlene Kotab. Even though she is a part-time employee, she still leads the school band which practices before school two days a week. She also attends all teacher inservices and can be found on many of her days off at school, either planning lessons, preparing for programs or substitute teaching. Her cheerful disposition helps students and staff to start the school day in a positive manner.

She is also well respected throughout the community. "Attendance at the Christmas program is standing room only, which is evidence of that," said a nominator. "Parents ask Marlene to provide piano lessons outside of school time. She also provides musical leadership for the Veterans' Day program, leads the national anthem on the first day of school, and takes charge of the talent show."

Each year she takes the fourth grade students to the Black Hills Symphony so they can experience a variety of modern day and classical music. "Marlene's professionalism is apparent in all that she does for the students, staff, parents and community," said a nominator.

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Because of Marlene's strong musical background, she has provided countless students with a solid musical foundation and thereby planting the seed that encourages many of those students to pursue advanced musical training. Wrote a student, "She has taught me a lot about music in the seven years I've been her student. Mrs. Kotab encourages me to be the best that I can be, and I thank her for that. I also thank her for the fun way we learn about music."

"Marlene is a great example of what a Teacher of the Year should be," said a co-worker. "Our school is very fortunate to have such a dedicated professional."

Cathy Johnson and Adam Lalicker have been selected as Employees of the Year for 2012 because they exhibit excellence in their work and a genuine commitment to professionalism. They also demonstrate a willingness to take on added responsibilities and provide exemplary service to the district.



Cathy Johnson

Cathy Johnson, a three-year employee of Meade School District, works as the Student Time Out Program monitor at Sturgis Elementary School. Her passion to do what is best for the school district and children is what sets her apart from others, according to her nominators. She has a natural ability to help students make better choices and she goes outside the box to guide them in

the right direction. "Most importantly," said a co-worker, "she gives students respect, clear expectations and kindness, all of which build character."

Empathetic, firm but fair and well-liked by students in and out of the STOP room are qualities listed by her nominators. "Many children know her even though they have never been to STOP because she is always in the hallway greeting them, smiling, and making everyone feel welcome," they wrote in their letters of nomination.

Mrs. Johnson consistently goes beyond the expectations of her position, taking responsibility for and demonstrating a commitment to all the fundraising projects at the school. She works diligently on the Cookie Dough Fundraiser, Box Tops for Education and

Campbell's Labels for Education...making sure all students get to go on field trips and all teachers receive classroom equipment they would not otherwise receive. Said a parent, "All the hours she has spent raising funds for the school have resulted in tangible benefits for every student and staff member."

According to her nominators, there is not a day that goes by that she isn't helping a teacher with a project that will, in turn, benefit the students.

Adam Lalicker has been employed by Meade School District for four years as district computer specialist.

All of his nominators say he takes his job seriously, treats his co-workers with professionalism, and is empathetic to those who are not well-versed in technology. He is highly adept at solving problems impacting the systems and hardware in order to allow for the most network up-time possible. "Adam often pursues ideas for future expansion that makes the systems more manageable and more reliable," they added.

A teacher commented that Adam responds immediately and professionally whenever there is an issue with technology. "For teachers, working with technology is often difficult, frustrating and demanding. Adam responds with a good sense of humor and patience. He is also more than willing to help out with projects."

Adam is a mentor to his peers, and can often be seen talking through a problem over the phone in order to advise other techs in the field. He often spends his lunch break involved in "tech talk" about problems facing the district, and spends hours researching solutions from home. "His work ethic is truly amazing," said a co-worker.

He is always focused on the larger picture of impacting student learning today and in the future, and not just simply completing tasks in order to go home at the end of the work day. "Much of what Adam does goes unnoticed," said a co-worker, "but if he did not do it people would definitely notice. Our school district is very fortunate to have him as a valuable team member."



Adam Lalicker

Calling all volunteers

The education of youth takes a community effort, and because of that the Meade School Board is encouraging parents, guardians and other interested patrons of the district to volunteer their time, knowledge and talents.

Members of the community bring new energies and resources into the schools and expand the walls of the classrooms. School volunteers enrich the educational program and strengthen the schools' relationships with homes, businesses, public agencies and private institutions.

All volunteers in the Meade School District do so without pay or employee benefits, except for workers' compensation.

For those interested in volunteering, fill out the form on the next page, and clip and mail it to the district office or go online by clicking the following link: <http://www.meade.k12.sd.us/parent/volunteer.htm> and either print out the form or complete it on line.

Names will then be entered into the district volunteer database, which is available to all Meade administrators, who will then contact the volunteer.

No summer vacation for maintenance workers

The buildings and grounds employees rely on summer breaks to perform a number of tasks that would be difficult to accomplish during the school year when students and staff are present. This summer, the maintenance crew has been hard at work doing a myriad of projects throughout the district.

One of the biggest projects took place at the Hereford School. The school was painted inside and out, new carpet and linoleum laid, and new windows and siding installed. In addition, a modular unit from the Stagebarn facility was moved to

the site where it, too, received new siding. Sidewalks, a ramp, parking area and storm shelter were also added.

The trailer from Hereford was then moved to Enning to replace an older trailer which serves as that school's library.

Other summer projects included new sidewalks and doors at Whitewood, seventh grade locker room at the middle school, a playground makeover at Piedmont, and carpeting in the band and choir rooms at the high school, to list just a few.



Meade School District maintenance department employee Randy Gross completes work on the ramp of the modular building at the Hereford School. The building was moved to the rural school this summer from the Stagebarn facility.

MEADE SCHOOL DISTRICT 46-1

VOLUNTEER SIGNUP FORM 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR

Name (print) _____

Address _____

I want to volunteer at the _____ school.
(If you are willing to volunteer anywhere in the district, leave this blank.)

Phone _____ Best time to call you _____

E-mail address _____

Do you have a physical condition that would endanger the health, safety or welfare of students in Meade School District? If yes, please explain. _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No If yes, please explain below.

Are you willing to submit to a background fingerprint check? Yes No

List two references (Attach a separate sheet of paper listing name, address, phone and relationship to you.)

I am interested in helping in the classroom.

I'd like to:

- work with individual students.
- work with small groups of students.
- read to students.
- help with teachers' clerical work.
- prepare materials.
- chaperone field trips.
- help with dramatic performances.
- help with art projects.
- appear as a guest speaker to:
 - ___ share my professional experiences.
 - ___ share my travels.
 - ___ share my culture.
 - ___ share a talent, skill or craft.
 - ___ other: _____

I am interested in helping in other areas of the school.

I'd like to:

- organize and/or participate in activities that occur during school hours.
- organize and/or participate in activities that *do not* occur during school hours.
- recruit parents, citizens and local businesses to participate in special programs or activities.
- answer the phone, do clerical work.
- work in the library.
- prepare posters, displays, bulletin boards etc.

CLIP AND MAIL TO:

Meade School District
1230 Douglas Street
Sturgis, S.D. 57785

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

Meade School District may release the following student information as directory information pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act:

Name, address, parents or guardian of student, date of birth, date of attendance, school attended, 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, and awards, honors or achievements.

All or part of the information may also be used in news articles recognizing students. 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 this information, written notification of such must be given to that student's principal.

Board Policy JO pertains to this act, and may be seen at the offices of the principals of all schools, the office of the superintendent and by clicking the following link:

www.meade.k12.sd.us/POLICY%20Manual/FileJO.pdf

Meade School District calendar for 2012-13

The following is the approved Meade School District calendar for the 2012-2013 school year. There will be an early release day on Wednesday, Nov. 21, 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. 21, Feb. 18, March 14, and April 1 will be used as make-up days if more than three snow days have been used prior to Jan. 1, Feb. 1, March 1, or March 28, 2013.

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

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

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Cody King, maintenance foreman.....347-2649

Communications Office

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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

Sturgis Bus Company

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

Woodle Field

600 Woodland Dr., Sturgis**347-2003

**Not a mailing address