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Time Capsule Reinstallation Dec 18, 2:00 p.m., Erskine Administration Building

After re-discovery of the 1894 time capsule at the Meade County courthouse in 1964 and again in 2024, it will be reinstalled with new items on Wednesday, December 18, 2:00 p.m. at the Erskine Administration Building. To learn more, read the story on Page 5 from KBHB.



History Day June 7, 2025: Archaeology of the Sturgis and Meade County Area ... Logan Lamphere

Planning is already underway for next year's Sturgis & Meade County History Day. After a great turnout in 2024, the History Day Planning Committee met to discuss new ideas, what went well and what

could be improved.

After good discussion and brainstorming, the committee and the board decided to hold the event on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at the Sturgis Community Center with the theme

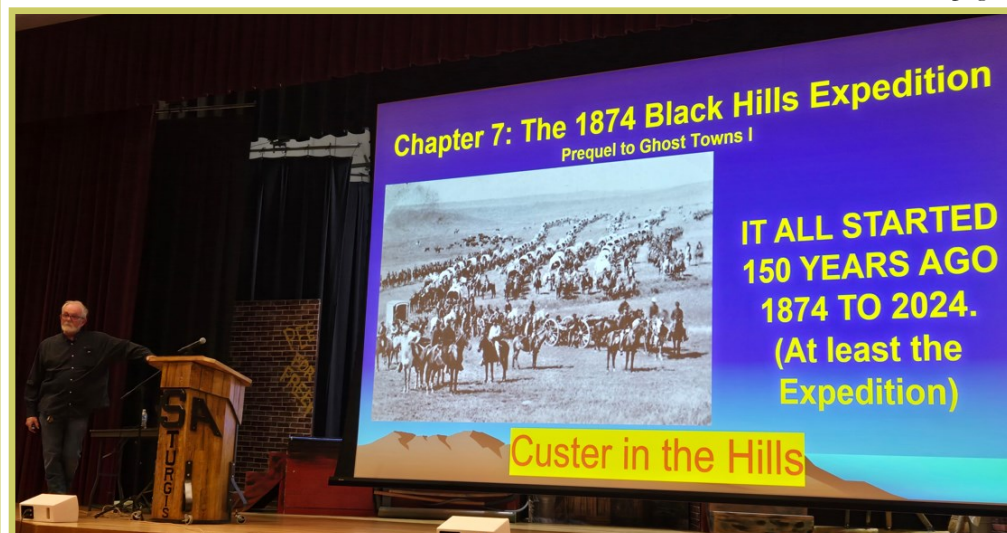
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HISTORY DAY 2025

"ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE STURGIS & MEADE COUNTY AREA"

Saturday,
June 7, 2025
Sturgis
Community Center

Edited by
Logan Lamphere



Bill Swanson was one of the 2024 speakers, giving a presentation on the 1874 Custer Expedition in the Sturgis Community Center Theater. (Photo by Logan Lamphere)

History Day 2025 (cont'd)

“Archaeology of the Sturgis and Meade County Area.”

The committee observed that the speakers drew the most interest and had the best attendance, so more emphasis should be added on speaker presentations in 2025.



A booth from the Bear Butte Creek Historic Preservation Council at History Day 2024 (Photo by Logan Lamphere)

Committee members include Mark Rambow, Richard Moeller, Vi Stoltz, Betty Jo Huff, and Jim Holland.

In addition to two keynote speakers, a symposium panel may be added, along with an additional speaker presentation in the Sturgis Community Center theater. Booths would be moved from the gym to the theater lobby and main lobby, if needed, but booths would no longer be the primary focus.

The Meade Room could also be used for overflow booths, refreshments, and a place for attendees to mingle and talk about the speakers after the presentations.

In past years, tours of homes or historic sites were conducted, and a parade was held. The event used to take place at the City Auditorium on Main Street, which was conducive to parade attendance, but the acoustics were poor for speakers. Splitting the event with booths at the Auditorium and speakers at the Sturgis Public Library led to a loss of attendees, so the committee agreed to keep the event at the Community Center, where both booths and speakers can be held in the same location.

Tours could be held as separate events throughout the year, perhaps as part of the Scoops of History.

The Committee also discussed changing the time of year.

Since a parade is no longer part of History Day, and summertime competes with outdoor events, winter was proposed as a possible replacement. One advantage could be including schools, but disadvantages could include winter storm cancellations. In the end, the committee decided to keep the event in June for now.

During the first two weeks of June, the Bear Butte Creek Historic Preserve will once again be conducting archaeological digs at “Soap Suds Row” near Fort Meade, with students and professors from USD and Augustana.

This could create a prime opportunity for the students, professors, professional archaeologists and volunteers to participate in History Day and share their latest findings.

The event had traditionally been held over Father’s Day weekend, but with the digs, it was decided a week earlier would be more convenient.

Topics that could be covered under the Archaeology theme could include a review of sites around Sturgis

such as the Gant Site, Boulder Canyon Site and Soap Suds Row. Personal collections of artifacts found in the area could be discussed or displayed. Presentations from the South Dakota State Archaeological Research Center in Rapid City could be shown. Demonstrations on how to conduct a dig and the tools used could also be presented.

If you would be interested in setting up a booth or being part of a presentation, please contact Jim Holland at jbhol-land74@gmail.com or 605-484-7063.



During history Day 2024, Donovin Sprague presented “The Native American Perspective on the Effects of Settlement of the Black Hills.” (Photo by Logan Lamphere)

Richard Langin donates family documents to Historical Society ...David Super

Richard Langin, younger brother of the late Gerald Langin, has donated an important collection of papers and books from his family to the Sturgis-Meade County Historical Society.

The papers, largely focused on the life of long-time Sturgis resident Gerald, also include artifacts connected to the lives of Gerald and Richard's mother, Bernice Baker Langin and their father, Francis.

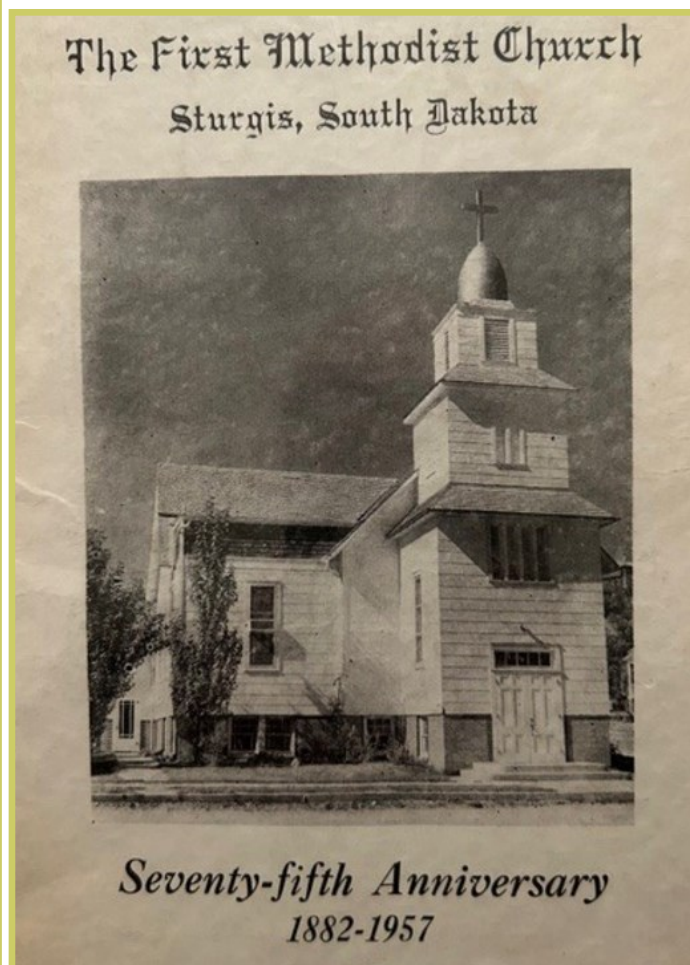
Langin Auto Salvage was well known, and Bernice was from the John Baker family, so there were many links to the courthouse and city hall government. Francis, originally from the

Sioux Falls area, came to Sturgis as a CCC camp recruit; he died in 1991. Bernice grew up in a house on the east side of Spruce Street. She lived to 102 years, dying in 2019.

Items include a copy of Bernice's 1935 graduation program from Sturgis High School and papers from Francis' long service as Mayor of Sturgis during the 1970s. Other artifacts are news clippings and mementos from Gerald's life as a high school athlete, experienced auto mechanic, hunting safety instructor and outdoor sportsman.

"In one place we now have a rich snapshot into the lives of the elder Langins," said Society board member David Super.

"My thanks to 1965 SHS graduate Rick Langin. We encourage other Sturgis and Meade County family members to donate documents that chronicle the lives of their ancestors. Donors can contact me to discuss what things could be of importance to the history of the area (703-795-5241 or email to david.super@verizon.net).



The cover of the program celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Sturgis Methodist Church where Bernice Langin was an active member. (Langin Collection)

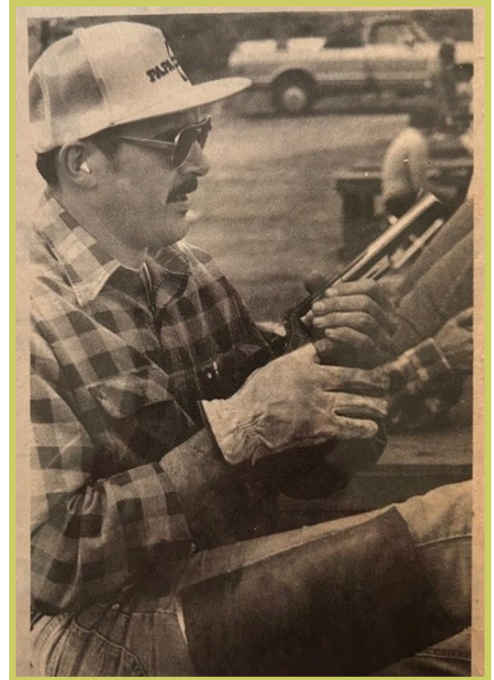


American Legion Post 33 celebrated its 40th anniversary in 1959. Local dentist Dr. R.I. Woods (left) was the Post's first commander. Francis Langin was commander during the anniversary year. (Langin Collection)

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Gerald Langin shown here as a participant in a 1982 shooting competition in Sturgis. Langin, a skilled auto mechanic, served in Vietnam as a combat engineer and maintained a life-long interest in competitive shooting, firearms safety and fly fishing. (Langin Collection)

A total of 34 Sturgis merchants purchased advertising in the Class of 1935's play, "Cinderella Rose." Teachers B.W. Woodle and R.B. Williams directed the three-act comedy. (Langin Collection)



Time Capsule from 1894 Meade County Courthouse to be reinstalled ...KBHB Radio

Editor's Note: reprinted from kbhbradio.com, November 27, 2024

STURGIS, S.D. – The Sturgis & Meade County Historical Society, working with the Meade County Commission and the Sturgis Area Arts Council, will reinstall the original 1894 Courthouse Time Capsule on December 18th.

The reinstallation will take place in Meade County's Erskine Office Building, located at 1300 Sherman Street in Sturgis at 2pm MST. The program will begin with a brief presentation in the Commissioner's meeting room on the second floor, followed by the reinstallation on the first floor.

The time capsule was placed in the corner stone of the original Meade County Courthouse, during the building's dedication in 1894. Seventy years later, in 1964, while that building was torn down to make way for a new Meade County Courthouse, the time capsule was discovered. With little fanfare, the items in the time capsule were photographed and returned to the tin box in which they were discovered.

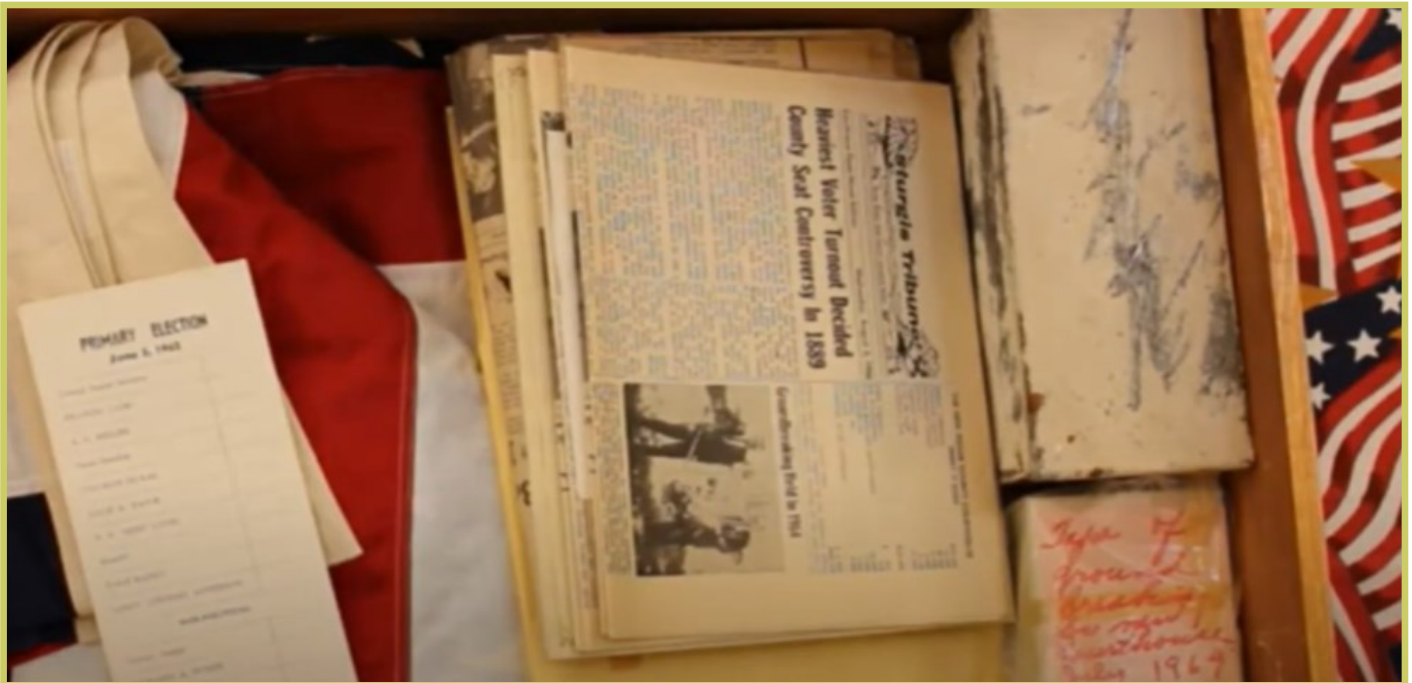
Following the dedication of the new courthouse, this box, along with a few other items were placed in a compartment

under a model of the original courthouse and eventually forgotten.

While cleaning the courthouse model for a presentation, Meade County employee Kevin Forrester found and opened the compartment, uncovering the mysterious time capsule once again. Among the items found were 1950s newspapers, flags, primary ballots and other historical items.

"I went ahead and opened up the back and was dusting the model off and discovered that it had a drawer on the back of it and, of course, there was some items in it. It was very hard for me to not take a look at it at the time, but upon opening it the first time, I knew it was a significant piece that was a portion of our community's history and that our community should share the opening of it."

Since that time, it has been the intent of the Meade County Commission to reinstall the time capsule in their Erskine Office Building, which itself is the refurbished Historic Erskine School building. To that end, the Meade County Commission authorized the Sturgis & Meade County Historical Society, with the help of the Sturgis Area Art's Council, to



Some of the items recovered from a long-forgotten Meade County Courthouse time capsule re-discovered in 2016. There will be a reinstallation ceremony on Dec. 18. Organizations and individuals are encouraged to add items to the time capsule. (kbhbradio.com)

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Time Capsule (cont'd)

plan and prepare the time capsule for that activity.

“From the beginning” said Mark Rambow, President of the Sturgis & Meade County Historical Society, “it has been our intent to treat the items in the time capsule as historic documents, preserving them in a safe manner, while still allowing for their long-term storage.”

To that end, the Historical Society has purchased an archival-safe container, protective sleeves and binders to secure, not just the original items, but other items being added to the time capsule. The new items are intended to fill in some of the gaps in the community and county’s history since 1894 and 1964. Some of these items will be organizational newsletters, updated church histories, play-bills from Art’s Council programs, and digitally recorded historical presentations.

Organizations or individuals wishing to include a history of their church or organization, their family story, business card or advertising, or other item, can reach out to the Historical Society to have those items included. While physical space does offer some limitations, many items can be included digitally. Thumb drives with digital information will be included in the Time Capsule, along with a high-quality digital photo frame. The thumb drives can be viewed on the digital frame through a built in USB port.

The deadline to receive items is December 13, 2024. Those wishing to include something in the time capsule are encouraged to contact the historical society at sturgishistory.org@gmail.com. The receiving deadline for items is Friday, December 13, 2024.

Tune in to our YouTube Channel for Videos on History

Our YouTube Channel (youtube.com/@sturgishistory) continues to add new videos—now totaling 40—thanks to Richard Moeller. Here are some of the recent offerings:

- ◇ [Lakota-Cheyenne Views of Major Battles vs the US: 1865-1877](#) by Donovan Sprague (June 15, 2024)
- ◇ [2024 Martin C. Beug Friend of History Award - History Day](#) by Ross Lamphere (June 15, 2024)
- ◇ [Custer in the Hills](#) by William “Bill” Swanson (June 15, 2024)
- ◇ [In Nazi Hands: The POW Experience of Sturgis' 109th Engineers](#) by Mark Rambow (April 13, 2024)
- ◇ ["Immigration and Naturalization Research"](#) by Mark Rambow (April 6, 2024)
- ◇ ["Beyond Vital Records: Finding Your Ancestor's Story"](#) by Mark Rambow (November 18, 2023)
- ◇ [How to Dress Your Soldier](#) by Lee Stroschine (September 23, 2023)
- ◇ ["Break Down Your Brick Walls!"](#) by Mark Rambow (September 16, 2023)
- ◇ ["DNA Testing and Your Family History"](#) by Mark Rambow (June 10, 2023)
- ◇ [Westward: High Plains Railroading—Changing the Northern Plains](#) by Rick Mills, History Days (June 17, 2023)

Check us out Online!

Join the Sturgis & Meade County Historical Society conversation online in these places:

 **Website:** SturgisHistory.org

 **YouTube Channel:**
youtube.com/@sturgishistory

 **Facebook Community:**
facebook.com/sturgishistory.org

 Another helpful Facebook group is
History of Sturgis & Meade County
facebook.com/groups/sturgishistorypage

 **Instagram:** [#sturgishistory](https://instagram.com/sturgishistory)

Genealogy Resources from the Genealogy Workgroup

During the December 7 meeting of the Genealogy Workgroup, co-sponsored by the Sturgis Public Library, the group learned about developing an ancestor profile based on a timeline structure.

Mark Rambow gave out a Word template to use when developing an ancestor profile. It is a document for each ancestor.

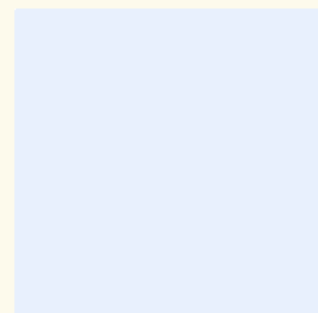
Below are links to some of the YouTube channels Mark recommends for family history.

- ◇ [youtube.com/@GenealogyTV](https://www.youtube.com/@GenealogyTV) - Amazing tips and tricks from one of the best in the business!
- ◇ [youtube.com/@AncestryAimee](https://www.youtube.com/@AncestryAimee) - Also an incredible genealogist!
- ◇ [youtube.com/@AncestryUS](https://www.youtube.com/@AncestryUS) - Ancestry.com's official site. Great advice! Also includes "Finding Your Roots" TV program episodes.
- ◇ [youtube.com/@familysearch](https://www.youtube.com/@familysearch) - FamilySearch official site. Includes programs from the annual RootsTech presentations.
- ◇ [youtube.com/@familytreemagazine](https://www.youtube.com/@familytreemagazine) - Videos inspired by this awesome magazine!
- ◇ [youtube.com/@BYULibraryFamilyHistory](https://www.youtube.com/@BYULibraryFamilyHistory) - Workshops for the BYU genealogy program. Often dry, but very helpful.
- ◇ [youtube.com/@UsefulCharts](https://www.youtube.com/@UsefulCharts) - More for FUN, but has amazing programs on famous family histories and beyond.
- ◇ [youtube.com/@WhoDoYouThinkYouAre](https://www.youtube.com/@WhoDoYouThinkYouAre) - Archive of episodes from American and English versions of TV program.

ANCESTOR PROFILE:

First Middle Last

Family Tree Name



Birth: Date
 Place

Spouse: First Middle (Maiden) Last

Marriage: Date
 Place

Death: Date
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There are currently some amazing deals right now for memberships and subscriptions. Ancestry.com has their AncestryDNA kits on sale for only \$39.99 through December 31. Marks says this is the best price he can remember, and it's a perfect time to order kits for yourself and those family members you have been wanting to test. Ancestry also has some great deals on their memberships until the end of the year.

The next monthly Genealogy Workgroup is on January 4 with the topic "Using Ancestry.com, Part 1." They will discuss the Ancestry platform, and how to use its tools to document family history. Part 2 will be in February, when they will look at the other Ancestry tools, such as Newspapers.com, DNA, etc.

Email Mark Rambow for any questions:
presidentsturgishistory@gmail.com.

Bear Butte Creek Historic Preservation Board Report 2024 Activity ... *Ross Lamphere*

The following letter was sent to the board members of the Bear Butte Creek Historic Preservation Council on December 12, 2024.

Dear BBCHPC Board Members,

It has been some time since my last communication and before the New Year is upon us, I want to get everyone up to date on our 2024 activities.

Dr. Tony Kruz of University of South Dakota and Aaron Mayer of Augustana University led a very successful 2-week field school in May of 2024. They were centered on expanding on the same area as the 2023 dig led by Dr Linea Sundstrom.

Many additional artifacts were uncovered including the first children's toys confirming the thought that children must have been present.

Dr. Kruz used a Deadwood grant to help fund the 2024 dig and has been awarded another Deadwood grant for the next dig which is scheduled for June 1-14 2025. Please put those dates on your calendar and, if possible, stop by to see the progress. I had no idea that our "Digs" would become an outstanding learning tool for future generations as they appear to be. Students and staff are both truly excited.

We have been offered two display cases in the Fort Meade Museum to display artifacts from our digs. With valuable assistance from the State Archives in Rapid City I hope to have the displays ready by May of 2025. They have been extremely helpful preparing a small display for viewing during the Sturgis Meade County Historical Society's History Day this past June.

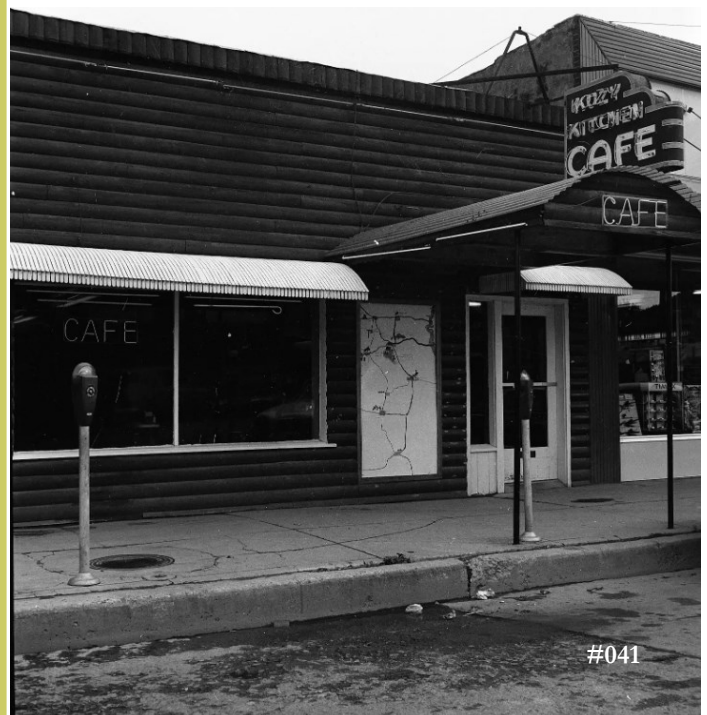
Archeologist Allan Johnson, who has been an integral part of all of our Digs, died from natural causes this past Fall. Many of the other professionals that have been a part of our efforts attended his funeral and burial at Black Hills National Cemetery. Allan will be greatly missed. His presence and knowledge were appreciated by all who worked with him.

Ross Lamphere, President BBCHPC

Help us Identify Bob Lee Photos

The Bob Lee Photo Collection, thousands of photo negatives taken by the late Bob Lee during his many years with the local paper, was generously donated by his wife, Dodi Lee. The photos range, primarily, from the late 1950s through the mid 1970s.

Please help us out! We would love to have any information or memories of these sample photos. Send comments to Mark Rambow at presidentsturgishistory@gmail.com.



The Nequette Christmas House ... *Joan Bachmeier*

The story begins when John C. McMillan made a payment to the U. S. Land Office, Deadwood, Dakota Territory on March 15, 1882, for the property this house was built on, plus more area.

The plat of this property as Potter's First Addition to the town of Sturgis, Dakota Territory was done on June 15, 1886.

From then the house was sold to Arthur T. Haines from John Potter in July 1886, then a Quit Claim Deed to Max Hoehm in 1909 and shortly after Mr. Hoehm sold it to George Price and his wife. They kept the property until September 1935 when it was sold to Ruby Steeves. One year later in September 1936, Ruby Steeves and her husband, Dwight sold it to husband and wife W.A. and S.A. Korte who built the small original house on the property.

They sold the house and land in 1942 to Theodore and Louise Kohlhof, and then it went to Frances Mailloux. Mr. Mailloux sold it to Katherine Soldat who sold it to L.S. Ford and Elizabeth S. Ford in 1955. After the death of the Fords the executor of the estates rented it to Janice Stirrat. She came to Sturgis in 1967 with her daughter Patti from a previous marriage. The two of them moved into the house in late 1967. Later in 1968, she met Robert Nequette and they were married on January 24, 1969 when they became a family and began their life together in this house.



This picture is the way the house looked in 1970. This picture is taken from the back of the house as it sits on the corner of Pine and Shepard Streets. They had just cut down a tree. If you look real close you can see Christmas lights hung from the edge of the roof. Bob and Jan must have put up those lights back then.

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History at High Noon: 2025 Series is Shaping Up ... *Richard Moeller*

Beginning January 17, Levi Kessler will present "History Below The Pines." Join us as we explore some of the hidden history of the Black Hills.



"History Below The Pines" has meticulously documented ghost towns, abandoned mines, defunct tourist attractions, and other privately-owned areas of historical significance. Their dedication to capturing the past ensures that these unique landmarks and their stories will endure for future generations.

Then April 18 will be Sturgis Hospital History including a panel discussion. Blair Family History will conclude the season on May 16.

There are slots still open in February and March so let us know if you have a family history or program of historical significance.

History at High Noon is a program on the third Friday of the month (September through November, and January through May). We meet at noon in the Community Room of the Sturgis Public Library. It is sponsored by the Sturgis Area Arts Council.

We are always looking for ideas. If you would like to tell your family's history or have something history-based, please contact Richard Moeller (running2win@gmail.com, 605-939-3789), Ross Lamphere (rosslamphere@gmail.com), 605-490-3110), or Diana Hayes (605-347-3007).

To learn more, visit sturgisarts.org or youtube.com/@sturgispubliclibrary.

The Nequette Christmas House (cont'd)

The executor of the Fords told them the house was for sale and as they were renting it they had first chance to buy it, and of course they bought it. September 15, 1970, Bob and Janice were now official owners of the house on 1548 Pine Street, Sturgis, SD.

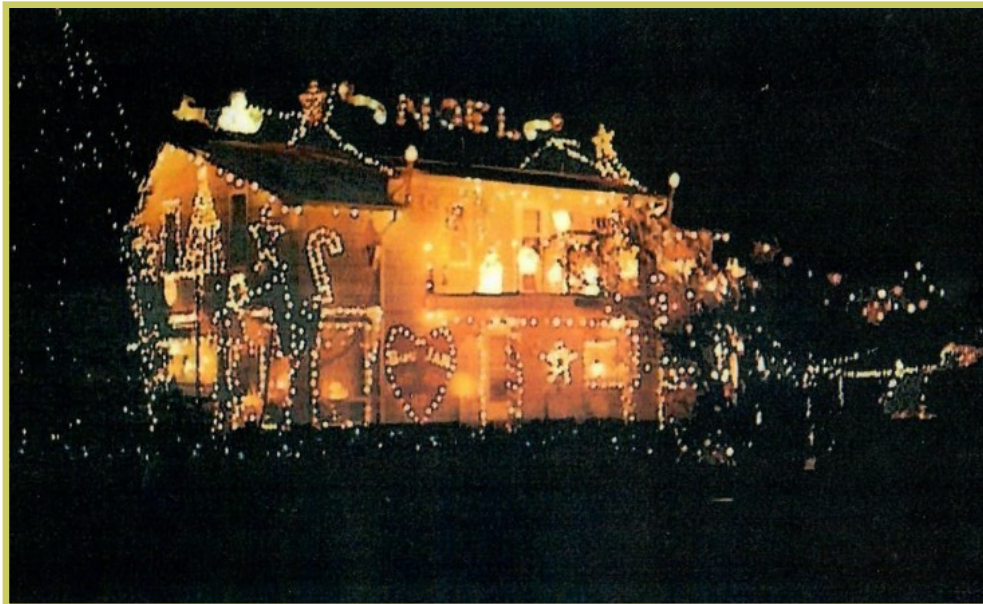
One evening Bob mentioned that he wished the kitchen and dining room was one room instead of two small rooms like it was at that time. Janice said it sounded like a good idea. Bob went to the truck, brought in a sledge hammer and made a big hole in the wall that separated the two rooms. He quipped he didn't want Janice to change her mind. That started the house remodeling.

In 1971 Jan's dad was contacted by Joe Egger and said the Poznansky house was going to be demolished. Her dad asked if he could have the material if he demolished it. Mr. Egger said it was his if he didn't take too long to demolish it and if he kept the area clean while he worked. He asked

Bob to help and they would divide the material half and half. It would help each of them to increase the size of their homes. Both Bob and Jan's dad were working so they worked on the demolition project evenings and weekends. Jan and her mom were their helpers. They started January 1, 1972 and finished by Memorial Day.

Now the real work began, remodeling each of their own homes. Bob was quite an enterprising person and knew a lot about building. He starting framing up the outside of the house and squaring the corners to make more room and extending the back of the house by about five feet. The main door came in from Pine Street and he left the entry there and that part of the wall was left except he squared the corner by Pine and Shepard Street. That made the living room quite a

bit larger. As he finished that corner he put two larger windows in the corner which made the room lighter. Jan now has many plants in those windows. They would start a project and work until they ran out of money, then save a bit then move on to another project. They worked on the living room first. The door on Shephard Street entered from the west and you came into the kitchen. Now you come straight into the living room as that outside wall in now straight with no setback. They finished the outside of the house before they did any more inside as they were living in the house while all the remodeling was being done.



This is how the house looked in 1999, the last year Santa Claus and lights were on the house. (Theresa (Nequette) Steve)

Bob decided that if he added a little height to the outside walls, they could have a two-story house. The roof line went from the south to the north originally, but as he added the height he changed the roof line to go east to west. With the outside done,

they worked on one room at a time as they had the money so when they were done the house was paid for.

The living room was done first, then the kitchen and dining area. He built the cupboards and Jan varnished them all. There were quite a few of them as they went along two sides of the kitchen both on the bottom and above. He would sit at the table after supper with a paper and pencil and draw out what he would do the next day. When done it looked like a professional carpenter had done the work. He did all the work including plumbing, electrical, and heating by himself. When he needed an extra hand Jan was always there. They took out the floor furnace and put a furnace in the small basement and ran ducts to the rooms.

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They wound up with a bedroom, bathroom, living room, kitchen/dining room and a laundry room on the ground floor. The stairs going up to the top floor and down to the



Ongoing remodeling at the Nequette house (Jan Nequette)

basement were both in the laundry room as well as a door out the back of the house to the yard. Upstairs are three bedrooms and a bath. There are numerous built-ins on the wall. They include knick-knack shelves, bookshelves, and a

“medicine” chest by the table with a door on it. In the large bedroom upstairs are built-in closets, built-in drawers and lots of room for a bed and desk. The door from that room goes out to the deck that faces Shepard Street. One bedroom upstairs was Bob’s work room. He built cupboards that had special items inside like a rack with holes that held screwdrivers, places where hammers were hung, places where hand saws were hung, etc. There was room for his table saw and other tools in the rest of the room.

As they were now not so busy with the house it was time to think about Christmas and doing a little decorating. They added more each year until the picture on the previous page shows the last year they decorated. 1999 was the last year that they put lights and Santa Claus on the hoop as Bob had

some health issues and Janice didn’t want him on the tall ladder any more.

They continued decorating especially with the figures on the south deck and on the deck on the back of the house. Lights were a big thing and those lights that didn’t go on the roof were strung along the hedge and along the back yard to the garage and on the garage. The big pine tree that was planted in the early years they lived there had grown so tall, so lights were strung on it also. In later years a fence was constructed between them and the neighbor on Pine Street and they strung lights along that, too. The last time they decorated was 2002 as Bob had his accident in 2003 and he died in 2005. Janice has not decorated since. It was a two man job to string all those lights and get the figures in place. It was a job of love and they thoroughly enjoyed doing it together. The yard occupies all her time and energy now.



The above picture is after the deck was built. (Joan Bachmeier)

You could see the lights of the “Nequette Christmas house” for blocks. Many people drove by their house when they were looking at Christmas lights. I, for one, will always remember the house as it looked on Christmas for the rest of my life and thank her for all the work she and Bob did.



This is the finished house from Shepard Street. This is the entry which they used after the house was finished. (Joan Bachmeier)

Message from the President's Desk

...*Mark Rambow*

Happy Holidays!

There is nothing quite like December in the Black Hills and Western Great Plains!

The Sturgis & Meade County Historical Society has had a very successful and productive year. We have held several Scoop of History events, History Days, and monthly Genealogy Workgroups.

We have also had several special projects, and grown our collections. None of these things can happen without great community partners!

Our special thanks go out to the Sturgis Public Library, co-sponsors of the Genealogy Workgroup. We thank the Meade County Commission and Sturgis Area Arts Council for working with us on the 1894 Time Capsule Project.

Our thanks to the Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce for hosting our monthly meetings and promoting our activities.

Our thanks to the City of Sturgis for allowing us to hold History Day at their facility. I could continue, but you get the point.

Our entire community has shown its support for our mission to preserve, protect and promote the history of our entire area. This is evidenced by our members.

Membership has continued to grow over the past couple of years, following a drop during COVID. Our members are the ultimate driving force behind our efforts. Your support is essential. We encourage everyone to consider becoming a member today, and help drive our progress!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mark



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 17, 6:30 p.m. — MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Zoom/Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce

Wednesday, December 18, 2:00 p.m. — TIME CAPSULE REINSTALLATION, Erskine Administration Building

Saturday, January 4, 1:00 p.m. — GENEALOGY WORK GROUP, Sturgis Public Library

Tuesday, January 21, 6:30 p.m. — MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Zoom/Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce

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