

Letter From The Superintendent

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It doesn't seem possible that we are already at the end of the semester. School will dismiss at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 20th and resume on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

The Holiday Season seems to bring out a different attitude in everyone. Let's follow the recipe for a prosperous 2024!

Recipe for Christmas All Year Long

Take a heap of child-like wonder
That opens up our eyes
To the unexpected gifts in life—
Each day a sweet surprise.
Mix in fond appreciation
For the people whom we know;
Like festive Christmas candles,
Each one has a special glow.
Add some giggles and some laughter,
A dash of Christmas food,
(Amazing how a piece of pie
Improves our attitude!)
Stir it all with human kindness;
Wrap it up in love and peace,
Decorate with optimism, and
Our joy will never cease.
If we use this healthy recipe,
We know we will remember
To be in the Christmas spirit,
Even when it's not December.

By Joanna Fuchs

Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season!

Important Dates:

Jan. 3	School Resumes
8	School Board Meeting (7:00)
15	No School (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

WHITE LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT
2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR (SECOND Semester)

We have switched the bus route for the 2nd semester. Therefore starting on January 3rd, 2024, the times for pickup and drop off may have changed.

<u>Drivers:</u>		<u>Home Phone #</u>	<u>Cell Phone #</u>
	Lance Moeller	-----	680-7800
	Jim Miller (South Route)	249-2336	680-2376
	Bryce Petersen (North Route)		770-7198

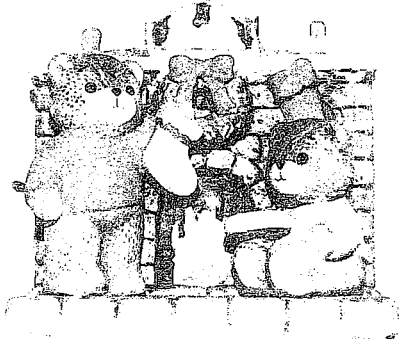
MORNING ROUTE

<u>SOUTH ROUTE:</u>	<u>TIME TO BE PICKED UP (APPROX)</u>	<u>HOW MANY CHILDREN:</u>
Ben and Brianna Bogenhagen	7:05 AM	3
Reid and Jane Suelflow	7:10 AM	3
John and Tory Mohnen	7:20 AM	2
Josh and Katie Mohnen	7:25 AM	2
Corey and Brandy Farley	7:35 AM	5
		<u>TOTAL 15</u>

<u>NORTH ROUTE</u>	<u>TIME TO BE PICKED UP (APPROX)</u>	<u>HOW MANY CHILDREN:</u>
Matt and Emily Gillen	7:35 AM	2
		<u>TOTAL 2</u>

AFTERNOON ROUTE

<u>SOUTH ROUTE</u>		<u>NORTH ROUTE</u>	
Josh Mohnen	2	Moeller	2
John Mohnen	1	Johnson	3
Suelflows	2	Gillen	2
Bogenhagens	3		
Hettinger	2		
Kirsch	1		
Farleys	4		
York	2		
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>7</u>

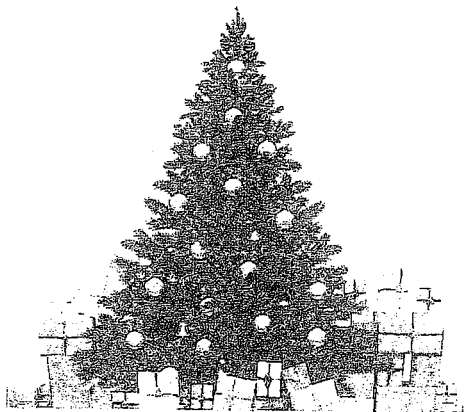


Mrs. Moore's Preschool

This Month's Activities

I cannot believe that we are half way through our school year!

Theme Four in our curriculum was Awesome Animals. We seemed to like this theme. Who doesn't like animals, right? In Math, we have been working on writing our numbers up to six. We also talked about before, during, and after along with yesterday, today, and tomorrow. We have read a lot of books about different animals. We added two more letters to our growing list and they were Kk and Ll. In Science, we talked about what an animal is called as a baby verses an adult.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 21st – Jan. 2nd - No School (Christmas Break)
- Jan. 3rd – Classes Resume
- Jan. 15th – No School – Martin Luther King Day



Here we are all looking so fine for our Christmas Concert. They did an awesome job.

Kindergarten Happenings

December



Here's the Scoop!!

- December 19th—
Caroling at the
Nursing Home 1
pm.
- December 20th—
Field Trip to court-
house to see the
trees.
- December 20th—
Class Christmas
Party
- School resumes
January 3rd

It is hard to believe that half of our school year is done. We have learned a lot of things the first half of the school year.

Kindergarten is really enjoying math! We have been working with comparing numbers and categorizing objects. We have also been working more with our teen numbers! Grasping the concept of teen numbers is always challenging, but Kindergarten is doing a great job!!

Science class had us learning about the animals. We learned about what animals need to grow and to be healthy. We also learned how animals get their food and how they stay safe!

In Reading, Kindergarten has been working a lot with Realistic Fiction. We have been listening to all sorts of different stories. We are learning to use our detective skill to help us find clues to what is make believe and what could really happen in real life!

In the new year, Kindergarten will start a new unit in Social Studies. We will talk about "Then and Now". We will be doing a lot of comparing of things in the past to things in the present!

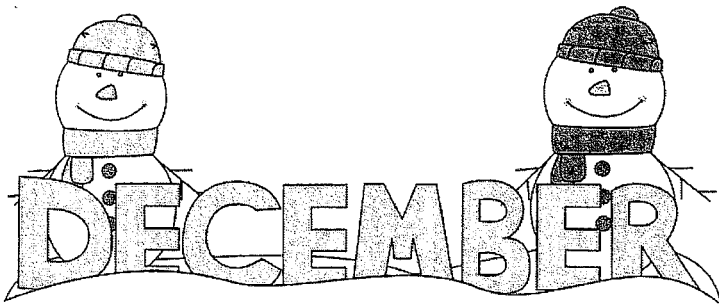
Lastly, Kindergarten has been gearing up to be better writers. We have been working on different parts of a sentence, as well as different kinds, punctuation and capitalization. So after our little winter/Christmas break, we will really be busy!



Christmas Concert

On November 30th, Jr. Kindergarten and Kindergarten did an awesome job entertaining all of us at the Elementary Christmas concert.





1st Grade

Newsletter

Upcoming Events

This Month's Activities

We have already made it through half the school year! I can't believe how fast it has gone. Reminder, with the colder weather, please make sure your child brings their hats and gloves to school.

In Phonics, we have been working on recognizing beginning blends. Some of the three-letter blends, such as "str" and "squ" can be a little difficult.

In Math, we are working on making a ten to help us add and subtract. We still spend a lot of time working on story problems. It is nice that our Reading skills have improved enough that we can start reading these problems on our own!

As our Phonics skills increase, so does our Reading abilities. We continue to read our leveled readers and work on our reading comprehension skills. We have been reading many stories, both fiction and non-fiction, about animals. After winter break, we will be working on creating our own non-fiction animal stories.

In Social Studies, we finished a unit on where people live. We used directions to find places on maps, discussed the seven continents, talked about the differences between states and countries, and identified different resources. Next, we will be comparing and contrasting the past and present and making predictions about what the future may hold.

Our Science has tied in with our Reading this last month. We have been learning about animals and the traits they have. We will use this knowledge to help us with our animal stories.

There are no December birthdays. We will celebrate Orion's on January 29th.

- ✦ Dec. 21st- Jan. 2nd: Winter Break
- ✦ Jan. 15th: No School (MLK Jr. Day)



Top: Winter Elementary Concert
Bottom: Creating binoculars to study animals



2nd & 3rd Grades

Merry Christmas!

In math, the 3rd graders have been busy working on fractions: comparing to 1, finding equivalent, and understanding mixed numbers and improper fractions. That Smarter Balance test is sneaking up quickly, and fractions are a tested skill in 3rd grade. 2nd graders are in the middle of a large unit working on subtracting with regrouping.

In English we are wrapping up our study on verbs. In social studies, we learned about differences in our country's culture and landmarks. The students all chose a famous U.S. landmark, and then completed research to create a brochure about the landmark.

In reading we continue to discuss common core standards such as nonfiction text/graphic features. We put many of our learned skills to use completing a unit on *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. We also practiced some writing skills by writing a persuasive essay detailing why someone in our family deserves a certain gift for Christmas. It was nice to see the kids thinking about others during the holiday season!

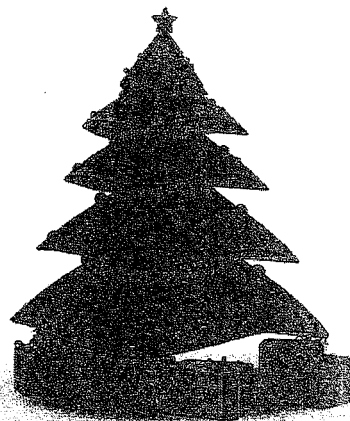
December birthday: Blake Bogenhagen

Dates to remember: Dec. 20- Dismiss @ 12:00

Dec. 21- Jan. 2- Christmas break-NO SCHOOL

Jan. 3- Return to school; NO S.T.E.P.S program

Jan. 15- NO School



4th and 5th Grade

One semester down, one more to go! As we reach the end of our first semester of the 2023-2024 school year, I want to take a moment and say thank you for a great start to my first year of teaching; it has been a wonderful opportunity to have your kids as my students this year!

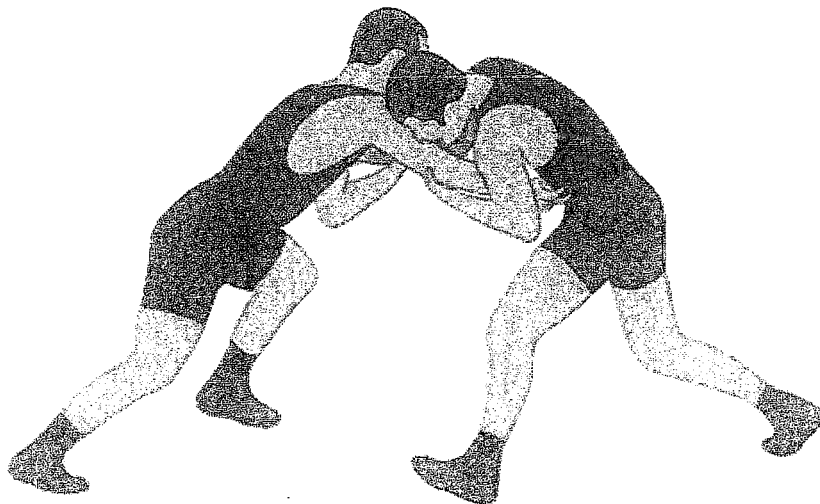
The kids have been finishing off a number of different concepts in their class subjects. In math, both 4th and 5th grade have been working on their skills in fractions, rate word problems, multiplying two and three-digit numbers, using decimals, and finding multiples and factors of certain numbers. In ELA, we have been working with adjectives, vowel sounds and root words, as well as continuing to work on spelling words and using context clues to answer questions in stories.

Science saw us recently finish a unit on the Solar System and have recently been working with physical and chemical changes of matter, and social studies have seen us talk about the South and the Midwest (students also completed a state's project where they developed a map of a specific state in the United States).

On a few other notes, we celebrated 7 different birthdays during our first semester! Also, remember that Christmas break starts on December 20th and we return back to school on January 3rd for the start of the second semester. I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

White Lake Youth Wrestling

Youth Wrestling practice will be Wednesday night (1/3/2024) at 6:30pm at the old school. Please bring workout clothes and wrestling shoes or tennis shoes that you don't wear outside for wearing on the mat. A parent should come to practice that night to fill out paperwork and discuss if/when we want to host a youth tournament in WL. If you are a new wrestler in White Lake, you will need to bring a copy of your birth certificate to the practice. AAU cards are required and are \$15, and we require a \$50 singlet deposit which will be returned when the singlet is returned in good condition. Please write separate checks to White Lake Youth Wrestling for these two fees because the deposit won't be cashed unless the singlet isn't returned in good condition. If you have any old wrestling shoes that you no longer need or want, please donate them to the wrestling club by bringing to the first practice. If you have any questions, contact Zane Nightingale at 605-682-8375.



January 2024 Activities—White Lake School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 No School—Happy New Year!!!	2 No School—Christmas Vacation BB Doubleheader vs TDA at Armour-4 pm	3 School Resumes Start of 2nd Semester NO STEPS PROGRAM TODAY	4 GBB at Colome-6:30 pm	5 Mid Dakota Monster Wrestling Tournament at Presho—11 AM	6 Mid Dakota Monster Wrestling Tournament at Presho continues GBB Sacred Hoops Classic
7	8 BBB at Platte-6:30 pm	9 BB Doubleheader at Kimball vs. Sanborn Central/Woonsocket-4 pm	10 Spelling Bee for Grades 1-8 starting at 8:15 AM	11 GBB vs. Gregory at WL Wrestling Quad at Wess Springs—5 pm	12 BBB vs. Corsica/Stickney at Corsica-4 pm	13 BBB at Avon—JH Game starts at NOON TriValley Wrestling Tournament at Colton-9:30 AM
14	15 No School—Martin Luther King Day	16 GBB at Emery Wrestling Quad at WL—5 pm	17	18 BBB at Gregory-JH starts at 4:30 pm	19 GBB vs. Mt. Vernon/Plankinton at WL-4 pm Wrestling Triangular at Wimmer—4 pm	20
21	22	23 BB Doubleheader at Kimball vs. Bon Homme-4 pm (Boys JV; then Girls JV; then Boys Varsity; then Girls Varsity)	24 SD School For The Deaf staff here to screen Grades K-3; 7th; and 11th starting at 9:30 AM	25 Wrestling Quad at SBA—6 pm	26 BBB at Wolsey	27 GBB at Avon-2 pm Wagner Wrestling Invitational at Wagner -10:00 AM
28	29 Heart Challenge Kick-off -2:30 pm Music Booster Meeting at SH—7 pm	30 GBB at Wolsey BBB vs. Colome at WL -5:15 pm	31			

February 2024 Activities—White Lake School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Wrestling Quad at Platte — 5:30 pm	2 BB Doubleheader at Ethan-4 pm	3 Big Dakota Wrestling at Ft. Pierre Spelling Bee at Mitchell
4	5	6 GBB vs. Corsica/ Stuckney at WL-5:15 BBB vs. Lyman at Kimball — 5:15 pm	7 NCRC Testing for Seniors	8 BBB vs. Burke at WL- 5:15 pm	9	10 Wrestling State Duals at Watertown
11	12	13 BB Doubleheader vs. Wessington Springs at Kimball — 4 pm	14 Ash Wednesday	15 BB Doubleheader at Dakota Christian- 4 pm	16	17 Wrestling Regions at Parkston — 10 AM
18	19	20 GBB Regions	21 P/T Conferences from 3:30-7:30 PM	22 No School—Staff Inservice GBB Regions State Wrestling at Sioux Falls	23 No School State Wrestling at Sioux Falls	24 State Wrestling at Sioux Falls
25	26	27 GBB Regions	28 CBH Academic Festival	29 GBB SoDak 16		

January 2024 MENU-White Lake School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 No School— Christmas Break	2 No School— Christmas Break	3 Donuts, Orange Juice, Applesauce	4 Ham/Egg Biscuits, Oranges	5 Scrambled Eggs/Toast/ Strawberry Cup, Orange Juice	6 Chicken Strips, Corn, Banana, Dinner Roll
7 All breakfasts are served with milk. All lunches are served with milk and salad bar.	8 Breakfast Pizza, Apples, Orange Juice Hot Ham and Cheese, Baked Beans, Pears	9 Burritos, Applesauce Lasagna, Bread Stick, Peas, Mixed Fruit	10 Banana Bread Squares, Pineapple, Orange Juice Hamburgers, Sweet Potato Fries, Peaches	11 French Toast Sticks, Oranges Fish Sticks, Green Beans, Bananas, Dinner Roll	12 Yogurt, Granola, Toast, Strawberry Cup Chicken Enchiladas, Corn, Pineapple	13
14 This menu is subject to change if we are unable to get the products.	15 No School— Martin Luther King Day	16 Cornbread, Orange Juice, Applesauce Pizza Burger, Corn, Bananas	17 Egg Muffins, Toast, Peaches Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Pears, Dinner Roll	18 Biscuits and Gravy, Bananas Taco Burgers, Baked Beans, Pineapple	19 Cereal, Muffins, Apples Vegetable Beef Soup or Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese, Oranges	20
21	22 Cereal Bar, Peaches, Orange Juice Chicken Wraps, Corn, Apples	23 Cheese Omelet, Toast, Applesauce Pizza, Peas, Bananas	24 French Toast, Mixed Fruit Orange Chicken over Rice, Broccoli, Pears	25 Coffee Cake, Orange Juice, Pineapple Meatball Sub, Baked Beans, Peaches	26 Pop Tarts, Oranges Tater Tot Hot Dish, Green Beans, Pineapple, Dinner Roll	27
28	29 Pancakes, Orange Juice, Apples Tacos, Corn, Applesauce	30 Cereal, Muffins, Oranges Philly Cheese Steak Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Peaches	31 Cinnamon Rolls, Orange Juice, Fruit Cocktail Baked Potato with Toppings, Broccoli, Apples, Dinner Roll			

Calling All Spellers

What: Local Spelling Bee

Who: Grades 1st-8th

When: Wednesday, January 10th, 2024

Snow date: Thursday, January 11th, 2024

Where: White Lake School

Why: Spelling bees help kids:

1. Spell Better
2. Increase vocabulary
3. Learn grammar
4. Build self-esteem
5. Improve memory and cognition
6. Read more and
7. Develop public speaking skills



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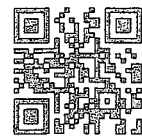
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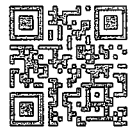
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Dakota Dreams offers online tutoring for homework help on an as-needed basis for K-12 students. Sessions can be scheduled ahead of time or accessed on-demand during program hours as students need help or have questions on schoolwork.

These two programs are staffed with university students pursuing education degrees at Black Hills State University and Northern State University.

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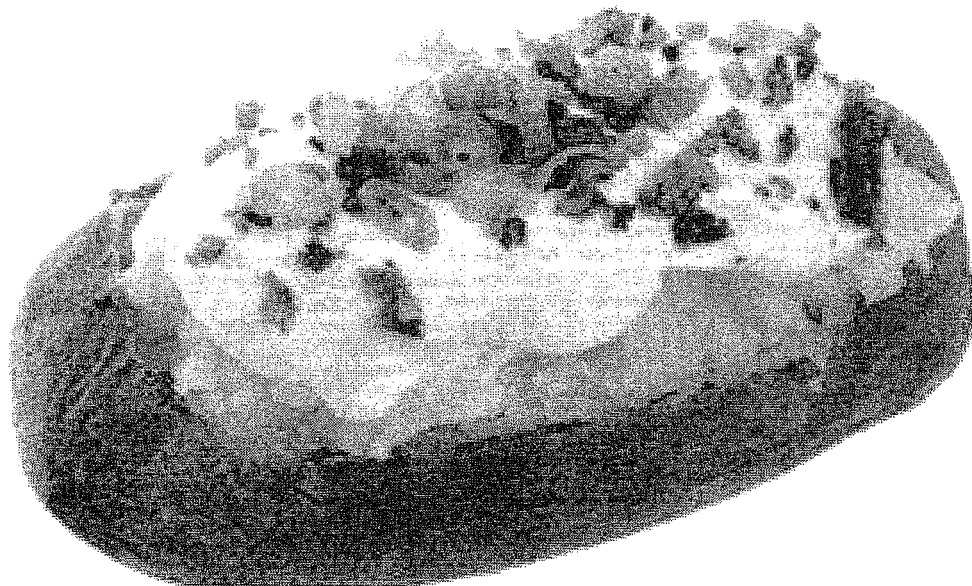
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JANUARY 19, 2024

(SERVING STARTS AT 5:00pm)

DURING GIRLS BASKETBALL VS. MVP

FREE WILL DONATION

KWLPG Wrestling Results

December 2 – KWLPG Tournament

Team runner-up out of 14 teams

1st place - Gavin Braun 132#, Iden Myers 150#, Lucas Lenz 165#

2nd place - Vincent Lenz 120#, Kasen Konstanz 126#

3rd place - Hayes Holter 106#, Adley Reindl 215#

Girls Wrestling

1st Place - Akane Metcalfe, Elena Brennan

December 9 – Faulkton Invite

Team Champions out of 14 teams

1st Place - Rhys Truman 98#, Kasen Konstanz 126#, Gavin Braun 132#, Johnny Lenz 138#, Iden Myers 150#, Lucas Lenz 165#

2nd Place - Kiner Kirsch 175#

3rd Place - Vincent Lenz 120#, Carter Konechne 144#, Joseph Skluzak 157#,

4th Place - Hayes Holter 106#, Kenyon Kuiper 150#, Ashton Olson 157#

5th Place - Garret Westendorf 175#, Dalton Deffenbaugh 285#

6th Place - Gunner Fuegen 126#

December 14 – Gregory Triangular

KWLPG over Parkston 48-25

KWLPG over B/G 60-23

B/G over Parkston 48-28

December 16 – Titan Invitational

Team Champions out of 18 teams

1st 126# Kasen Konstanz

1st 132# Gavin Braun

1st 144# Iden Myers

1st 165# Lucas Lenz

2nd 120# Vincent Lenz

2nd 138# Johnny Lenz

2nd 150# Carter Konechne

2nd 157# Joseph Skluzak

3rd 150# Kenyon Kuiper

3rd 175# Kiner Kirsch

4th 285# Dalton Deffenbaugh

5th 175# Garret Westendorf

5th 215# Adley Reindl

Girls Wrestling Tournament in Madison December 16

Elena Brennan-2nd

LaRae Severson-4th

This 2023-2024 season, KWL Girls' Basketball team is partnering up with Sioux Falls' St. Francis House. We will be collecting donations at every home game this season. When we go to serve a team meal, we will take the donations up to be distributed to those in need. Items we are looking for include: canned foods, paper products such as paper towels, toilet paper, and napkins, diapers, socks, feminine hygiene products, clothes, and any other nonperishable goods. On behalf of KWL Basketball and the St. Francis House, we thank you for anything you can give!

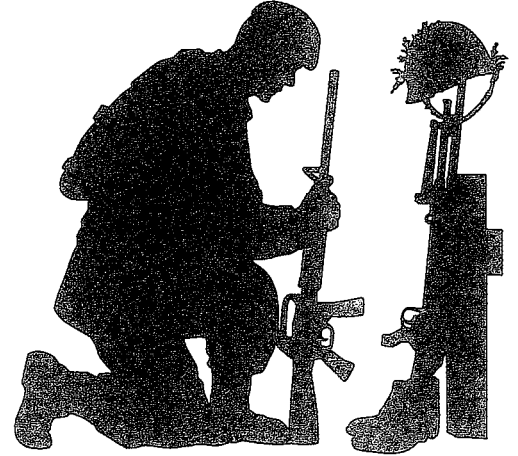


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DONATION DRIVE FOR VETERANS

NEEDED ITEMS:

- HYGIENE: ALL ALCOHOL FREE
- CLEANING PRODUCTS
- GIFT CARDS
- CLOTHING: SIZES M-2XL- NEW
- SHOES: SIZES 7-15
- NAIL POLISHES
- PLAYING CARDS
- STICKERS: WALL-WINDOW
- GAMES: OUTDOOR-INDOOR



WHERE: WHITE LAKE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
401 E 4TH ST. WHITE LAKE, SD 57383

WHEN: JANUARY 20, 2024, 8AM-1PM

ALL DONATED ITEMS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO
VETERAN FACILITIES THROUGHOUT SOUTH
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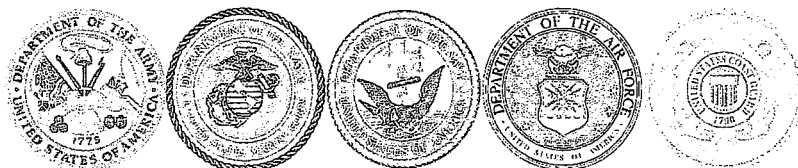
DONATION BOXES WILL ALSO BE SET UP
THROUGHOUT WHITE LAKE AND PLANKINTON.

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- WHITE LAKE SCHOOL
- WHITE LAKE CLINIC
- F&M BANK IN WHITE LAKE/PLANKINTON
- HORIZON HEALTH CLINIC
- HOMETOWN FAMILY HEALTH
- RONS MARKET IN PLANKINTON
- ROADSIDE FOOD AND FUEL
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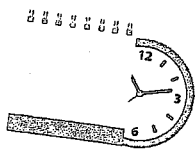
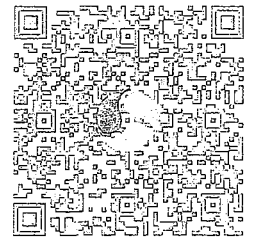


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BLOOD DRIVE

White Lake High School
Thursday, December 21
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

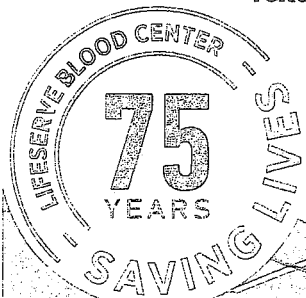
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