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Season's Greetings



*From your friends
at the
City of Sturgis*

A great year for the City of Sturgis

Hello everyone! Hope your holiday seasons are going great.

All is well here at the City of Sturgis. In fact, as 2004 comes to a close, we have much for which to be thankful.

For one, airport renovations were recently completed. The project allowed for a newly rebuilt main runway among other improvements, and the good news is, the \$2.4 million state funded project required only a 2.5 percent match from the City.



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With the recent demolition of the former Sturgis Newport building, plans are underway for a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone on the property and on that of the former Paramount building. Plans include the construction of up to 19 homes on the properties. Home owners will pay a special NEZ tax which is about half of the state-wide average. What a deal!

Thanks to assistance from state funding sources, a storm water diversion project was also recently completed. The work should greatly assist the City with former flooding problems at the intersection of Centerville Road and U.S. 12. Again, great news!

Renovations at Sturgis Hospital are also currently underway. The \$10 million project includes a new surgery area and new birthing center. Coupled with recent improvements at Sturgis Public Schools, including the opening of the new middle school, things are really looking up in Sturgis.

As we at the City of Sturgis wrap up another successful year, there is much planned for 2005. Sturges-Young Auditorium will celebrate its 50th anniversary in May. Plans will also be finalized for a major renovation project on U.S. 12 in the downtown area. The project is scheduled for early 2006.

As we move into a new year, it is with some changes in city leadership. Much thanks to former mayor Cindy Sunday-Horstman, the city's first female mayor, for your hard work and dedication, and to newly named mayor Joseph Haas for taking on the challenge. Congratulations to Rob Sisson on being named vice-mayor and to Michael Brew for taking over in the city's second precinct.

I'm wishing you all a great holiday season and a happy new year. I'll see you all again in March.

Respectfully yours,
Tod Mowery
City Manager, City of Sturgis

Winter Tips from the Public Services Department



With winter right around the corner, snow will soon be falling and could make for some dangerous situations. Here are some tips to help make this winter a safe one:

Snow Plowing: Department of Public Services (DPS) crews begin removing snow once we have received approximately two inches of accumulation. Crews use four dump trucks, plow trucks, graders and loaders. This equipment is large and well lit. While you are driving, don't follow too closely behind the trucks. If you can't see their mirrors, they can't see you. If possible, give the operator the right of way. It will make their job easier and allow him to make the roadway as safe as possible as quickly as possible for all drivers.

Saltng: City crews apply salt to the roadway when it becomes slippery. They will first apply salt to state highways within the City limits and all City intersections. City streets could be slippery between intersections, so if it is snowing, slow down and give yourself plenty of room to stop.

Sidewalks: Please shovel your sidewalks as soon as possible after a snowfall. This keeps people (especially school children) on the sidewalks and out of the street.

Parked Cars: Please remove any parked automobiles from the street as soon as possible after a snowfall. This helps crews get the street cleaned from curb to curb.

Driveways and Sidewalks: When clearing your driveways and sidewalks, please don't push or pile the snow onto the roadway. Drivers hitting a pile of snow could lose control of their vehicle. Also, dropping temperatures may cause the snow pile to freeze resulting in damage to the truck during plowing operations.

Snow Emergencies: During a snow emergency, only emergency vehicles (Police, Fire, DPS) should be on the road. Traffic other than emergency vehicles increases the driving hazards and slows down cleanup operations. So please, if you don't have to be out during a major snowstorm, stay home. It's not only safer, but also makes the DPS's job easier and gets you back on the roads faster.

Work Zone Safety: DPS crews frequently have to work directly in the street. They may be doing leaf or brush pick up, street surface repair, repairing or replacing broken water pipes, or cleaning or repairing sanitary and storm sewer lines. Whenever possible, they set up signs or cones directing traffic around their work area. They also wear bright, reflective clothing. When you see DPS workers, please slow down. They are working for you to maintain City infrastructure and roadways.

Thank you for your cooperation, and have a safe and wonderful winter season!

Your City of Sturgis Commissioners

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Commissioner Caralee Mayer - 1st Precinct
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Commissioner Barbara Fisher - 3rd Precinct
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Serving You



Haas



Sisson



Brew

**Sturges-Young Auditorium
hosts a breakfast buffet
9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays.**

**With up to 100 people already
attending on any given Sunday, the
event is growing
fast. If you haven't
tried it yet, make
plans to now! The
breakfast buffet is a
great value at \$7 for
adults, \$3.50 for
children ages 8-12,
\$1.75 for
children 3-7,
and free
for children
under 3.**



**The buffet will not be held
holiday weekends.**

Library Corner

News from Sturgis Public Library

Sturgis Public Library is currently offering a "Food for Fines" program through Dec. 22. Bring in your overdue materials and pay your fines with nonperishable food items. At least one food item is needed for each \$1 owed. All food collected will go to area families for the holidays.

Sturgis Public Library staff need your cookbooks for their cookbook sale. Clean off your cookbook shelf and help the library. Then check out the library's cookbook sale table and purchase some new ones. Proceeds will be used for a new microfilm reader/printer.

Sturgis Public Library is host to a mother/daughter book club for girls in grades 4-6 and their moms. The group meets at 6:30 p.m. every second Tuesday of the month. To join, contact the library at 659-7224.

Auditorium Happenings

Upcoming Events at Sturges-Young Auditorium

(Sturges-Young Auditorium hosts pre-show meals prior to performances. For information or to make reservations, call 651-8541.)

January

Jan. 9 - Travelogue, "Hawaii and Tahiti," 2:30 p.m.
Jan. 28 - Kingdom Heirs, 7:30 p.m.

February

Feb. 1 - Travelogue, "Europe's Alps," 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 5 - Hal Holbrook in Mark Twain Tonight, 8 p.m.
Feb. 11 - Kalamazoo Symphony Burdick-Thorne String Quartet, 8 p.m.
Feb. 12 & 13 - Sturgis High School Musical, "Brigadoon," 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12 and 3 p.m. Feb. 13.
Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day dinner/dance featuring Kings Seven, for information call 651-8541.
Feb. 22 - Sturgis Middle School Band and Orchestra Concert, 7:30 p.m.

March

March 1 - Travelogue, "Headwaters of the Amazon," 7:30 p.m.

Doyle Notes

Upcoming Events at Doyle Community Center

Adults

January

- Jan. 14** - Floor hockey league begins, Fridays for six weeks, entry deadline is Jan. 7, information packets available Dec. 10, \$250 per team.
- Jan. 15** - Coed 6 on 6 double elimination volleyball tournament, 9 a.m., entry deadline is Jan. 7, \$80 per team.
- Jan. 30** - Indoor soccer begins, Sundays for six weeks, entry deadline is Jan. 16, information packets available Dec. 19, \$250 per team.

February

- Feb. 12** - Chili Open golf tournament, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Freedom Hills Golf Course, entry deadline is Feb. 4 (register at the Doyle Center), \$15 per person for nine holes, Youth includes chili.
- Feb. 24** - Women's basketball begins, Thursdays for six weeks, entry deadline is Feb. 17, information packets available Jan. 27, \$150 per team.

Youth

January

- Jan. 3** - Double Dribblers basketball program begins, Mondays through Feb. 7, 4:30- 5:30 p.m. for ages 5-7 and 5:30-6:30 p.m. for ages 8-9.
"Shooting Stars" tennis program begins, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Mondays through Feb. 7, for children ages 5 years through third grade.
"White" tennis program begins, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Mondays through Feb. 7, for children in grades 4-5.
- Jan. 4** - "Blue #1" beginner/advanced beginner tennis program begins, 4-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Feb. 8, for children in grades 6-8.
"Blue #2" intermediate/advanced tennis program begins, 5-6 p.m. Tuesdays through Feb. 8, for children in grades 6-8.
- Jan. 5** - "Hot Shots" advanced basketball program begins, Wednesdays through Feb. 9, 4:30-5:30 p.m. for ages 5-7 and 5:30-6:30 p.m. for ages 8-9.
"Red" advanced intermediate tennis program begins, 4:50-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Feb. 9, for high school students.
- Jan. 13** - Just for Kicks kids' soccer program begins, 4-4:45 p.m. Thursdays through Feb. 17, for kids ages 3-5 years.

February

- Feb. 1** - Kids' Tae Kwon Do begins, 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays through March 8.
- Feb. 14** - Boys' basketball league begins, Mondays and/or Wednesdays for six weeks, for fifth through eighth grade boys, entry deadline is Jan. 31, information packets available Jan. 3, \$250 per team (up to 10 players).
- Feb. 15** - Girls' volleyball begins, 4-5 p.m. Tuesdays through March 22, for fourth through sixth grade girls.
- Feb. 21** - Double Dribblers coed basketball program begins, Mondays through March 28, 4:30-5:30 p.m. for ages 5-7 and 5:30-6:30 p.m. for ages 8-9.
"Shooting Stars" tennis program begins, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Mondays through March 28, for children ages 5 years through third grade.
"White" tennis program begins, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Mondays through March 28, for children in grades 4-5.
- Feb. 22** - "Blue #1" tennis program begins, 4-5 p.m. Tuesdays through March 29, for children in grades 6-8.
"Blue #2" intermediate/advanced tennis program begins, 5-6 p.m. Tuesdays through March 29, for children in grades 6-8.
- Feb. 23** - "Hot Shots" coed advanced basketball program begins, Wednesdays through March 30, 4:30-5:30 p.m. for ages 5-7 and 5:30-6:30 p.m. for ages 8-9.
"Red" advanced intermediate tennis program begins, 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays through March 30, for high school students.

Doyle Community Center Winter Hours

(Jan. 1 - April 30)

Monday-Thursday:

6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Friday: 6 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

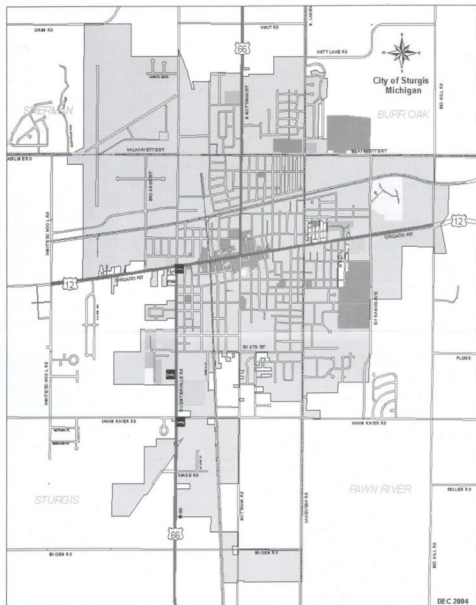
Sunday: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Great News!

The Doyle Community Center 2004-2005 budget contains 0 tax dollars from the city's general fund. Membership fees have been restructured and a non-resident fee will no longer be charged.

Free for All!

The Doyle Community Center will be open to area youth on Saturday nights with no cost to participate. Open gym type activities include basketball, volleyball, wiffleball, soccer, and more. There will also be various contests and tournaments, music, guest speakers, and awards. The Doyle Community Center is a great place to come and play or just hang out and socialize! Hours are 7-8:45 p.m. for students in grades 6-8 and 9 p.m.-midnight for those in grades 9-12. Student ID is required for entry.



Hey Kids!

Locate the following city owned buildings by placing their corresponding numbers on the map provided in this publication and be entered into a drawing to win a pizza party at the Sturgis Fire Department for you and 15 friends. Return your map, or a copy of it, to City of Sturgis, Newsletter Contest #1, 130 N. Nottawa, Sturgis, MI 49091, by Jan. 14. A winner will be announced Jan. 17 in the Sturgis Journal and on WMSH 99.3.

(This contest is open to children ages 12 and under)

1. Sturgis City Hall
2. Sturgis Hospital
3. Doyle Community Center
4. Sturgis-Young Auditorium
5. Sturgis Police and Fire Department
6. Sturgis Public Library
7. Oaklawn Cemetery
8. Department of Public Services
9. Diesel Plant
10. Kirsch Municipal Airport



In loving memory of

***Rick Machan
1955-2004***

***"May you live forever in our hearts
and in our minds"***

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The City's Mission is to deliver high-quality services in a professional, efficient and nondiscriminatory manner to its residents and businesses; to continue to strengthen the economy and quality of life; and to ensure that the expression of views by citizens are recognized and responded to by the City.

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