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26th Annual Sturgis Toy Run

Sturgis, Michigan
September 10—12

Toy Run / Parade ————— 1:00pm Saturday

NO ONE UNDER 21

Registration Fee

\$20 & a new toy per person

\$40 charge for all RV's & Campers
(all RV's must be 10 ft. apart)

FREE tent camping at grounds

MUST HAVE PHOTO ID



Registration

Gates open Thursday

Sept. 10th: 8am — 10pm

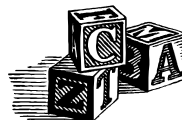
Sept. 11th: 8am — 10pm

Sept 12th: 8am — 10pm

28731 Kelly Rd. Sturgis, MI

Firewood Vendor on Site

Sunday morning church services



Friday and Saturday Nights

Vendors
Games
Live Band



Check our web-site at www.sturgistoyrun.com

Thank you Abbot and Sturgis Public Schools!

STURGIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE ABBOTT FUND UNVEIL PROGRAM TO EDUCATE STUDENTS ON RENEWABLE ENERGY BY EXAMPLE

First of its kind project in state of Michigan could supply 10 percent of district energy needs

STURGIS, Mich. (August 25, 2009) -- Sturgis Public Schools and the Abbott Fund, the non-profit philanthropic foundation of global health care company Abbott, today unveiled a new program that will educate the district's 3,300 students on renewable energy and reduce energy costs at the same time.

As part of this first of its kind program in the state of Michigan, all six schools in the Sturgis Public School District will be equipped with functional solar panels beginning in December 2009. In addition, Sturgis High School and Sturgis Middle School will each have a wind turbine installed on school grounds. When fully operational, the green technology being deployed could supply up to 10 percent of the district's energy needs.

"Teaching by example is arguably the most powerful lesson we can give our students," said Rob Olsen, superintendent of Sturgis Public Schools. "Through this innovative program with the Abbott Fund, future generations will learn about the impact that renewable energy can have on the health of the environment, as well as school, business and family budgets, and even a future career."

While the industry is still in its infancy, the potential career opportunities in the alternative energy field are limitless. In conjunction with the installation of the new equipment, all of the Sturgis Public Schools will be integrating renewable energy instruction into their curriculum starting in January 2010. And in partnership with Glen Oaks Community College, students at Sturgis High School will be able to explore those opportunities in the emerging field of alternative energy technology.

"Through our own actions as a corporate citizen and the programs we support, Abbott and the Abbott Fund are committed to safeguarding the environment," said Cindy Schwab, vice president of the Abbott Fund. "This initiative will increase use of renewable energy in a community that many of our Abbott Nutrition employees call home while inspiring the next generation of energy innovators in the Sturgis Public Schools."

The project was officially approved and bids were accepted by the Sturgis Board of Education during its August 11th meeting. The project is being jointly funded through a grant provided by the Abbott Fund and the Sturgis Public Schools.

3rd ANNUAL LATINO FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 12

12:00pm — 9:00pm

Eastwood School



Family oriented with live music, folkloric dancers, authentic Latin foods, games for kids and a kiddie corner with bounce house. There will be activities for people of all ages including a soccer tournament. It will also feature a Business Expo.

This year the Hispanic Council is teaming up with the Salvation Army for a food drive. There will be drop off spots throughout the festival site. Please bring any non-perishable items. Their goal is to replenish our local food bank.

If you would like to help sponsor this event, contact Frank Perez at 269-651-4834

Vendor space is still available. Contact Frank Perez at 269-651-4834.

For more information visit www.sjchc.com



Doyle Community Center and the CRowesNest MMA

"CRowesNest's Rape Safe Basics"

Our Mission:

To properly and safely educate women in the art of effective "real world" self defense! Our instructors take a 3 hour time frame and teach techniques that can be applied instantly, unlike years of training in traditional martial arts programs! We give women the empowerment needed to apply these techniques and the confidence to believe that they work!

Instructors:

Jason Kline and Ramon Lugo...

Jason and Ramon combine their experiences in multiple martial arts, boxing, and self defense, as well as backgrounds in women's self defense to teach effective techniques that can be used immediately.

Date: Saturday, September 12 @ **The Doyle Center**

Time: 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Cost: \$25 / person

Pre-registration forms can be picked up at the Doyle Center or completed online at www.crowesnestmma.com

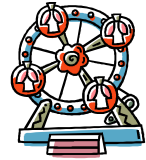
- Minimum of 10 registrants required to run this class.
- Maximum class size: 25 students.
- Dress comfortably in clothes you can move around in (sweat pants, shorts, t-shirt, etc.)



St. Joseph County Grange Fair

September 20-26, 2009

www.centrevillefair.com



Gate Admission \$5
Kids 14 & under Free

Sun, Sept. 20 — Family Day

8:00am Miniature Mull Pulls
Noon Midway Opens

Mon, Sept. 21 — Kids' Day

11:00am Midway Opens
7:00pm SJO Super Motorcross

Tues, Sept. 22 — \$1 Day

8:00am Lightweight & National
Heavyweight Draft Horse
Pulls
Noon Harness Racing
3:00pm Midway Opens
7:00pm Off Road Derby

Wed, Sept. 23 — Seniors' Day

3:00pm Midway Opens

Thur, Sept. 24 — Ladies' Day

8:00am National Heavyweight &
Lightweight Pony Pulls
Noon Harness Racing
3:00pm Midway Opens
7:00pm Demolition Derby

Fri, Sept. 25 — Veteran's Day

8:00am Antique Tractor Pulls
8:00am Pony Hitch Show
Noon Draft Horse Show
3:00pm Midway Opens
7:00pm Modified/SS Tractor &
Truck Pulls

Sat, Sept. 26

8:00am Large Mull Pulls
9:00am High School Band Festival
Noon Midway Opens
2:00pm Finnerman's Kids' Tractor Pulls
4:00pm Farm Truck Pulls

Special Days Admission Prices

Monday	Kids' Day (under 18)	Free
Tuesday	\$1 Day (all ages) (passes will not be accepted)	\$1
Wednesday	Seniors' Day (63+)	\$3
Thursday	Ladies' Day	\$3
Friday	Veterans' Day	\$3
Parking		\$2

Grandstand Ticket Prices

Mon	SJO Super Motorcross	
Tue	Off-Road Derby	
Thur	Demolition Derby	
Fri	Modified Truck & Tractor Pulls	
	Adults	\$10
	Kids (5-12)	\$5
	Kids (4 & under)	Free
Sat	Farm Truck Pulls	\$5
Wed	DARIUS RUCKER	
	Track Seating - \$35	
	Grandstand (C/D/E) - \$30 (A/B/F/G) - \$25	

DAILY ATTRACTIONS

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** PRE-FAIR SPECIALS **

Flex-Pass:

Purchase a book of 7 passes for only \$20 from July 1 to August 31 or after September 1 for \$25. Use the passes as you wish—all the passes at once or use 1 or 2 each day.

Wristband Vouchers:

Wristbands are available at the Fair Office, Village Market and Sturgis Bank & Trust Co. from August 1 through September 19. Purchase wristband vouchers for only \$18 per person (savings of \$2!). Valid for ONE of the wristband days.

EARLY FAIR WEEK SPECIAL

7 day admission passes plus 1 event ticket for events on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday only \$50 (save \$30)! On sale July 1 through September 19

Save the Date

Experience Sturgis
October 3rd
10am — 4pm

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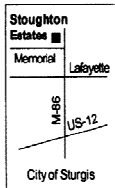
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Welcome our
New Members

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 LABOR DAY Chamber closed	8 Exec Board 11:45am 1st day of school	9	10 Sturgis Toy Run	11 Sturgis Toy Run	12 Toy Run Parade 1:00pm Latino Festival Rape Prevention
13	14	15 Board 11:45am BAH 5-8pm	16	17	18	19
20 SJC Fair	21 SJC Fair	22 SJC Fair Glen Oaks College Night	23 SJC Fair — Darius Rucker	24 SJC Fair	25 SJC Fair	26 SJC Fair
27	28	29	30 Ambassadors 8:00am Mfg. Matters			

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Real Estate



Business After Hours

We are looking for individuals who want to have fun while networking with fellow business professionals. Come join us under the tent for our next Business After Hours to enjoy food, wine, beer and other refreshments on Tue, September 15th from 5pm-8pm.

It will be co-hosted by Dr. Godson Kotia MD, Medical Billing & Collections, Hearing Aid Service and Dana Martin PA at their new location at 1904 E. Chicago Rd.

Door Prizes will be awarded throughout the night!

Bring along co-workers, friends and family.



DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN!

Upcoming Classes Offered at Glen Oaks Community College

Thursday, September 10

Excel 2007 is a two-hour short course offered 8:00-10:00 a.m. in Room 22A of the Business Development Center. This class requires knowledge of Office 2007 Interface or the Transition to Office 2007 class.

Tuesday, September 22

PowerPoint 2007 Basics is a four-hour short course offered 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in Room 22A of the Business Development Center. This class requires knowledge of Office 2007 Interface or the Transition to Office 2007 class.

Tuesday, September 22

Glen Oaks Community College hosts College Night, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium. Up to 50 colleges and universities will have representatives on hand offering information and answering questions. If you are a high school student or community college student considering attending or transfer to a community college, college or university, then College Night is for you. Also, some trade schools and armed forces representatives will be present. Arrive early for a Financial Aid Information Session from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Nora Hagen Theatre.

Tuesday, September 29

Organizing your Computer Files is a two-hour short course offered 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Room 22A of the Business Development Center.

For more information about cost and enrollment, contact Business Services at (269) 467-9945 or email Kscare@glenoaks.edu. Updates and new information about these classes are also posted on the college website: www.glenoaks.edu.



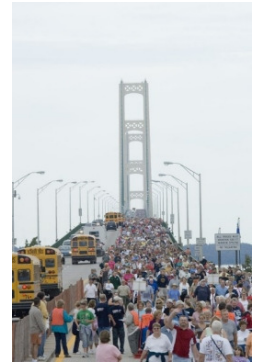
Travel & Adventure
Cinema Series

"From Sea to Shining Sea"

Monday, September 21, 2009 • 7:30pm

THE 52nd ANNUAL MACKINAC BRIDGE WALK SEPTEMBER 7, 2009

For more information, visit www.mackinacbridge.org/annual-bridge-walk-7/



SAVE THE DATE September 30

Details coming soon for
the next Manufacturing
Matters meeting.



The Duke Ellington Orchestra

Friday, October 9th @ 8:00pm

Sturges-Young Auditorium Main Stage

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