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Celebrate the Entrepreneur!

Tuesday, December 7, 2010



The City of Sturgis, the Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce, the Sturgis Improvement Association, the Sturgis Economic Development Corporation and Michigan State University join together to foster entrepreneurial growth in Sturgis. We want to build upon the value that made Sturgis what it is today – Entrepreneurial spirit.

Together we welcome Dr. Barbara Fails, Michigan State University, to discuss the importance of embracing entrepreneurs and providing opportunities to make their business ventures a success in Sturgis.

Where: Sturges-Young Auditorium

When: 11:45 am – 1 pm

Cost: FREE

RSVP: Chamber office 651-5758 or email info@sturgischamber.com

The celebration won't end with the luncheon. Please join us for a special Business After Hours, sponsored by Dave Locey at what has become an annual tradition. Enjoy food, drink and socializing while celebrating the entrepreneur

Where: Timberly Tree Farm
66181 N. Lakeview

When: 5 pm – 7 pm

Cost: FREE

NO RSVP NEEDED

We look forward to seeing you for both lunch and at the BAH! Be sure to invite your friends, family, co-workers or anyone you feel may be interested!



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO OUR MEMBERS!

3R Archives	Domestic & Sexual Abuse Svcs	KS Auto	Pure Energy Productions	US Business Systems
A&K Enterprises	Done-Deal Realty	L.J.'s Construction	Quirin Farms	V.F.W.
AB's Gloves & Abrasives	Downtown Development Auth.	LaGrange County Chamber	Re/Max Elite Group	W.E. English Insurance
Abbott Nutrition	Doyle Community Center	Lake Country Health Alliance	Reb Hambright	Walmart
ACM Plastic Products	Dresser, Dresser, Haas & Caywood	Lakeland Paper	Regency Inn	Walgreens Pharmacy
Action Quick Print	Dury Oil	Lakeside Design	Reyna's Salon	WBET/WTHD/ESPN Radio
Advantage Printing	Edward Jones-Kelly Bibb	Larry Rosenber	RGB Network Services	Welborn Plumbing
Allied Construction Services	Edward Jones-Don Eaton	Laura Jean's Unique Boutique	River Country Tourism	Willer's Shoes
Amaria Family Practice	Electrical Trends	Lee Ross	Rob Sisson	Willow Glen Pond B & B
American Cancer Society	Employment Plus	Little Ceasars	Robert E. Hair	Zedi Designs
American Legion #73	Enterprise Rent-A-Car	Littman Insurance	Rotary Club	
Amigo Centre	eStudio Design	Locey CPA	S.W.A.G. Sign Company	
Amish Country Cheese Spread	Everence Financial Advisors	Logan Excavating	SABEA	
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Arbor House	Eye Care West	Longstreet Furniture	Seurynck Dental Office	
Arreola Translation Services	F&S Electric	Lowry's Books	Sharper Image Hair Salon	
Ascend Computer	Farmers Ins. Group-Frank Perez	LTI Printing	Shop 66	
Autobody USA	Farmers State Bank	Lung's Concrete Finishing	Sigrist Furniture	
Automation Plus	Fast Lane Oil Change	Lunger Heating & Cooling	Silveus/Yunker-Newell Insurance	
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B&D Travel Consultants	Fibromyalgia Support Group	Magic Moments	Snappy Food Mart/BP Gas station	
Bandholtz Paint	Fiebig Jewelers	Mancini Family Dentistry	So Sweet Soft Goods	
Barnell's Quality Carpet	Fiesta Mexicana	Manowee Acres	Soil & Materials Engineers	
Beck's Hallmark	First Presbyterian Church	Manpower	SW MI Council Boy Scouts	
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Bird, Svendsen, Brothers,	Fishsticks Creations	Maria's Restaurant	SSBI	
Scheske & Pattison	Flashback Drive-In Diner	Market Masters	St. John's Episcopal Church	
Blue Ray Beach	Foster Wood Specialties	Marks Law Offices	SJ Community Co-op	
Blumin Gardens	Freeman Mfg	Mary Hart Auto Sales	SJC Assoc. of Realtors	
Boals Water Conditioning	Friends of the Sturgis Library	Master Music Productions	SJC Commission on Aging	
BOFA	Frohriep Body Shop	Mayer Tool & Engineering	SJC EDC	
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Bontrager Surplus	Gary Hansen	McLaughlin & Company	SJC ISD	
Boundary Waters	Gateway Ford	McNew Agency	SJC MSU Extension Office	
Bowersox Floor Center	Gateway Home Inspections	MetalCorpse Records	SJC Sustainability Council	
Brite & Clean Cleaning	Gateway Shoppers Guide	Metron Health Care Products	SJC Transportation Authority	
Brothers Accounting	Gecko Security	Meyer's Automotive Service	SJC United Way Fund	
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Bruce Caswell for Senate	Glik's	Michiana Corrugated Products	State Farm, Lyn Nash	
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Bush & Bush Attorneys	Goodwill Industries of SW MI	Michiana Snax	Stoughton Estates	
C&H Machine Company	Grabe's Grain Farm	Michiana Surgical Assoc.	Strand Theater	
C.A. Murphy Oil Company	Grace Christian Fellowship	Michigan Works!	Sturges-Young Auditorium	
C.L. VanDeventer Agency	Grand Rental Station	Michigan Works! K-zoo/St. Joe	Sturgis Auto Bath	
C.L. Fish-Locksmith	Gray Brothers	Midwest Fire Protection	Sturgis Auto Wash	
Camburn's	Great Lakes Chocolate	Midwest Tool & Cutlery	Sturgis Bank & Trust Co.	
Carl's Catering	Great Lakes Pest Control	Mill Race Storage	Sturgis Eagles #1314	
Castle Furniture	Green Valley Campgrounds	Millers Super Valu	Sturgis Electric Motor	
Cedar Lake Golf Course	Groff's Tents, Tables & Chairs	Millett, K. Dental Office	Sturgis Elks #1381	
Center for Health & Wellness	H&H Mini Golf Course Construct.	Misfit Foods	Sturgis Fire Dept.	
Central Florist	H&R Block	Morgan Olson	Sturgis Foundation	
Central Mfg Services	Hackman Family Funeral Homes	Mr. Rooter of SW Michigan	Sturgis Game Room	
Central Meat Market	Hagadorn Mechanical Services	Muscle & Dermatherapy Center	Sturgis Glass	
Century 21 Fairway Real Estate	Hamilton Harley-Davidson	NAPA	Sturgis Historical Society	
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Charter Communications	Headlines Hair Design & Spa	Nissley Disposal	Sturgis Housing Commission	
Chupp Insurance Agency	Hearing Aid Service	Norman & Paulsen	Sturgis Journal	
Chupp's Concrete	Holicki Eye Center	Nottawa Community School	Sturgis Neighborhood Program	
Cintas Corp.	Holiday Inn Express	Nottawa Fruit Farm	Sturgis Plaza LLC	
Citizens Bank	Hollywood Nails	O'Connor's Cabinets & Carpentry	Sturgis Police Dept.	
City of Sturgis	Hometown Family Restaurant	O'Sullivan Real Estate	Sturgis Public Schools	
Clark OB/GYN	Hometown Heating & Plumbing	Oak Press Solutions Inc.	Sturgis Tool & Die	
Community Action Agency/SMI	IDRISS Company	Oakleaf Financial	Sturgis Towing & Recovery	
Community Healing Center	Industrial Piping & Maintenance	Open Door Gallery	Sturgis Toy Run	
Coney Island Pizza	International Paper	Owens Products	Sturgis Veterinary Hospital	
Connie's Cleaning Service	Jack & Sugar Kirsch	Panache the Spalon	Subway at Walmart	
Corner Café	James Ware Construction	Parkview LaGrange Hospital	Sun & Shade Awning	
Cottin's Hardware	Jay Hostetler	Parma Tube Corp.	Sussex Vision Center	
Country Table Restaurant	JAYWALKER	Patrick Abstract & Title	T. Marazita Candy Co.	
Cruising with Rod	Jimi Jo's Ice Cream Shoppe	Pattie Bender	Telemark	
Curly's Auto	JM Equipment	Paul's Tire Service	Terry's Outhouse Rental	
Dairy Queen	John M. Smoll	Penguin Molding	The Howe School	
Dan's Family Restaurant	JW Promotions	Pennzoni Display	The Machine Downtown Grille	
Dance Center Stage	K&D Body Shop	Perry Personnel Plus	The Party Place	
DanTrans LLC/TSS Logistics	Kendrick Stationers	Pizza Hut	The Write Connection	
Dave Persons Re/Max	Kerchner Carpentry	PKG Liquidating	Three Rivers Area Chamber	
David Setterblad Concrete	Key Bank-Sturgis Plaza	PKG, LLC	Thurston Woods Village	
DaVinci's Restaurant	Key Bank	Postnet	Tim Wagner Farms	
Davis & Davis	KeyStone Place	Potter's House Church	Tomlinson, David- Attorney	
De Glass Station	Kickstand Schwinn Cyclery	Prairie Wood Products	Tomlinson, WB & Son Lumber	
DeBoard Chiropractic	Klinger Lake Country Club	Precision Speed Equipment	Tractor Supply Company	
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Design's by Vogt's	Kroger	Prudential One Realty	Tuffy Auto Service Center	

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New Members Spotlight



The Chamber recently held a ribbon cutting for DanTrans LLC/TSS Logistics. L-R: Mike Himes, Karen Hart, Cathi Abbs, Dan Harned (owner), Julie Harned (owner), Joseph Staples (shop leader), Mike Stiles and Three Rivers Chamber Director, Christy Trammell

DanTrans LLC/TSS Logistics

DanTrans LLC opened in 2005. They are a trucking company that is expanding! This is their 6th year in business and have recently moved to a new location. They are located at 21895 W. US- 12 in Sturgis. With the move, they are now able to offer repairs for auto and semi trucks, a freight brokerage (TSS Logistics) to move more loads, steam cleaning of both semi trucks and trailers. They also offer a Valued Customer Discount to customers who come in for repairs.

Their phone numbers are: Dan (repairs) 269-625-7550, Joe (repairs) 625-7549, office 659-3964, fax 659-2564 and Julie (trucking & brokerage) 269-625-7860.



Chamber Has New Email Address

Due to Charter making changes, it was necessary for the Chamber to obtain a new email address. It is now **info@sturgischamber.com**. The new email is now in effect. Please make the change to your address book so you are able to accept emails from us. Emails to the old address will forward for 90 days, after that the old address will no longer be valid.

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Manufacturing Matters

Quarterly Meeting Winter 2010

December 16th 0700 hrs

Place: LTI Printing Inc.
518 N. Centerville Rd

Come join a discussion from
SJC Community Mental Health
(Drug Awareness, Prevention, Substance
Abuse, and Treatment)

Presented by
Doug Lockwood & Spencer Price

Please RSVP by December 8th
info@sturgischamber.com

Tour of LTI following Meeting

Light Continental Breakfast will be available



**Don't forget that Chamber Dollars
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"shopping local" and can be
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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2	3 Straight No Chaser at SYA	4 Sip & Stroll Christmas in the City
5	6	7 Celebrate the Entrepreneur BAH	8	9	10	11
12 Tree of Love Ceremony at Hospital	13	14	15 Exec Bd Mtg - 11am Board Meeting 11:45am	16 Manufacturing Matters	17	18
19	20	21 1st day of <i>Winter</i>	22	23	24 Chamber Closed	25 Christmas
26	27 Chamber Closed	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Chamber Closed	

Come Join Us

Business After Hours

Dec 7th • 5pm-7pm
Timberly Tree Farm
66181 N. Lakeview Ave.



The Sturgis Neighborhood Program office has moved. The new location is in the Central Commons building located at 107 W. West St., Room 203. The PO Box and phone number are still the same, but the fax number has changed. It is now 651-2069.



SIP AND STROLL
Sat, Dec 4th ~ 2-4pm

Get in the Holiday spirit by visiting downtown merchants. Stroll along festive streets, step inside the shops and warm up by sipping complimentary holiday beverages. This is a FREE event! Enter drawings for DSA gift certificates in participating stores.



Christmas in the City
Free Church Park

Visit with Santa, see his reindeer and enjoy a wagon ride. There will be music, hot chocolate and donuts. Bring the whole family for this FREE event!



KEEP US UP TO DATE

We at the Chamber do everything we can for our members, but we need your most up to date information. Have you changed your email address, website and/or phone number? Have you added to or taken away from your inventory? Do you offer additional services more so than when you first became a member? Has your primary contact changed? Has your number of employees increased or decreased? We handle numerous calls every day from your potential customers, but we can only give them the most up to date information that you provide us.

If you have updates, please contact us by phone, fax or email. You can also access your page on our website by signing in with your email address and password. If you are unsure of your password, contact Kim at the Chamber.

Member Rewards

One of the benefits of being a Chamber member is the Member Rewards program. The Member Rewards card is a very valuable tool and can be presented for discounts to 67 Chamber businesses! Discounts vary depending on the business. A full list can be seen on our website. The benefit these 67 businesses receive is that the Rewards card drives customers to their place seeking the discount. If you don't already participate and would like to, contact the Chamber by phone, fax or email. More information can be found on our website also.



As of November 8, 2010, ZeDi's Designs has closed its retail store to the public and has converted to a web store only. All who consigned items need to contact Dawn at 260-350-4705 to get their items and/or payouts for items that have sold no later than December 31st. ZeDi's Designs web address is



**Straight No Chaser
Sturges-Young Auditorium
Friday, December 3rd ~ 8pm**

They're back! Indiana University's all male YouTube sensation: Straight No Chaser. Start the Christmas season early with acappella music & hilarious antics.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for students. For more information contact Tim Peterson at 659-7211 or go to www.sturgisarts.com.



Five Tips for Staying Safe on the Roads Over the Holidays ~ From The Better Business Bureau



The holidays are a time of cheer, but they can also be a time for battling traffic and bad weather all the way to Grandma's house. Staying safe should be a top priority for all travelers so the BBB recommends taking the following steps for safe driving this holiday season: **1) Create a car safety kit:** basics for the kit include a blanket, flashlight with extra batteries, radio, first aid kit, jumper cables, non-perishable foods like granola bars and nuts, bottled water, an ice scraper and warm gloves. **2) Take the car in for a check-up:** at the very least, check the fluid levels, wipers and tire pressure. Also check the condition of the tires and consider getting snow tires. **3) Take the BBB with you:** it's hard to know which businesses to trust when on the road, such as locksmiths or tow trucks. You can now rely on the BBB's mobile optimized website while away from your computer. **4) Start early and slow down:** Give yourself extra time and don't speed. Speeding leads to accidents. Plus if you're caught speeding, that adds travel time and puts a dent in your holiday spending! **5) Drop the distractions:** according to the National Safety Council, 28% of accidents happen when people are talking on their cell phone or texting. When you're behind the wheel, don't text & drive, use a hands free headset when talking and get someone else to fumble with the GPS.



During the holiday season, many families Christmas trees in their homes. Celebrate the holiday season with the Sturgis

Hospital family by taking part in the Sturgis Hospital Auxiliary's annual Tree of Love-a Christmas tree decked out in lights that recognizes their loved ones.

Funds raised from lights placed on the Tree of Love support the Auxiliary's mission to give money back to the Hospital to buy additional equipment that helps patients and their families. Last year's Tree of Love raised more than \$4,000 for OB equipment!

The tree will be on display outside the Hospital's main entrance beginning Sunday, December 12th when the Tree of Love ceremony will be held.

To place a light on the tree or for more info, contact Mary Kay Schultz at 659-4440.



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