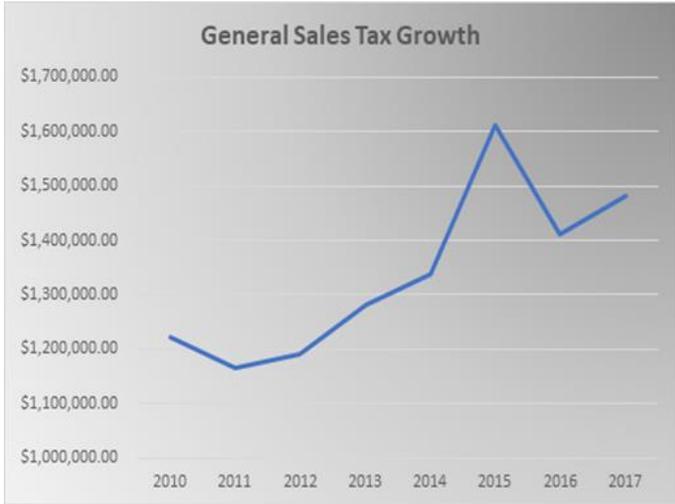
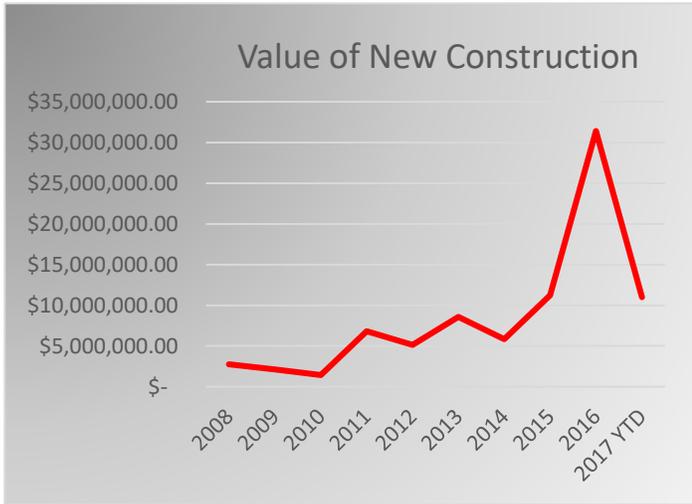


2017 ANOTHER GROWTH YEAR

Growth in Sturgis and Meade County in 2017 continued on a steady, healthy pace.

- To date, the City of Sturgis reports 62 new construction permits valued at nearly \$11 million (\$10,983,813). This includes 40 residential and 22 commercial/industrial permits, and will likely be the second highest ever total permit valuation. The 2016 spike in the chart below reflects Sturgis Regional Hospital’s expansion. Sturgis is on track to set a 10-year population growth rate of 11.9%.
- Sales tax growth in Sturgis in 2017 was exceptional as well. The chart below is for revenue through November. The 2015 spike reflects the 75th Sturgis® Motorcycle Rally™. *Thank you for “shopping local”.*



- Meade County’s 2017 county-wide new construction growth total is \$45,643,755. This is nearly \$12 million more than 2016’s total of \$33,909,408. To date, 254 building permits have been issued in unincorporated areas of the county with a projected cost of over \$19 million.
- Over \$9 million in new commercial construction assessment was added under the 2017 Discretionary Formula; over \$6 million came onto the 2017 tax rolls from 2012’s new commercial construction starts.
- The City of Summerset issued 54 building permits valued at \$8,268,669. The City of Box Elder issued 26 building permits valued at \$2,972,300.

This growth in commercial and residential development along Meade County’s I-90 corridor is expected to continue in the coming years.

CONGRATS AND THANKS, DON !



Meade School District Supt. **Don Kirkegaard** has been appointed SD Secretary of Education by Gov. Daugaard. He begins his new position January 1, and will resign from the school district and the SEDC board at the end of 2017. Even before being elected to the SEDC board in 2015, Don was a great resource to SEDC and contributor to workforce development. He championed creating the high school’s CTE machine tool technology classroom and locating it in SEDC’s incubator in the Sturgis Industrial Park. He approved and participated in the annual Reverse Career Day events, and supported internships pairing students with industrial park manufacturers. As a result of his efforts, local manufacturers can employ local workers with basic skills

right out of high school, and the machine tool program is a nationally recognized model. We are going to miss you, Don, but know that education statewide will benefit with you at the helm.



SEDC BOARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT



In 2018, five SEDC Board of Directors' seats will come open. The Nominating Committee seeks nominees for consideration to be placed on the ballot. Nominees must be members "in good standing" (paid membership). If you would like to be considered, submit a written statement by Monday, January 15th to pat@sturgisdevelopment.com outlining your interest and qualifications. The Nominating Committee will recommend a slate of candidates for board approval. SEDC members will then vote on the candidates, and the results will be announced at the Annual Meeting of Members in March. The board terms will begin in April.

TOWNHOMES BREAK GROUND



Wildflower Townhomes broke ground in December on the first four units of the 12-unit development. Construction will continue throughout the winter, weather permitting. The units should be available for lease in the spring, at which time a ribbon cutting and grand opening will be held. For leasing info, contact owners Tim & Peggy Heuston at 361-563-2522 or heustonpeggy@gmail.com.

DOWNTOWN STURGIS EXPANSIONS



Sturgis Chiropractic recently expanded their 2,700 sq. ft. building to create a 4,200 sq. ft. footprint at 824 1st Street. It now includes 10 treatment rooms, rehab/exercise room, massage room, staff breakroom and on-site storage. They have three locations – Sturgis, Central City, Buffalo – with three doctors and six staff, including two licensed massage therapists. Sturgis Chiropractic offers chiropractic care, acupuncture, massage therapy and nutritional supplements, and has been in business since 1998.



The Sturgis Motorcycle Museum broke ground in December on a 2,000 sq. ft. addition to their 7,000 sq. ft. building at Junction and Main. Construction will be completed in 2018. The renovated museum will serve as a time line by paying homage to everything rally-related since 1938. Meanwhile, a capital campaign is underway to build a multi-million dollar state-of-the-art museum to house the Hall of Fame and feature pre-1938 collections and galleries. Scott Peterson Motors donated land south of their Junction Avenue Ford dealership and Bruce Eide donated architectural plans from Four Front Design to kick off the campaign.

NEW ATTRACTION

Growth on the Junction Avenue corridor continues with the creation of the **Sturgis Car Museum**. Located at Exit 32, owners Tom and Patti Donney state the 38,000 sq. ft. building on six acres of land will be devoted to car exhibits, restoration and library space. "We will have up to 100 Saabs on display and sprinkle in domestics and consignments," Tom says. "24,000 sq. ft. will be dedicated to the museum and 14,000 sq. ft. to restoration and storage, as well as a library and refreshments area." The Donney's will also source hard-to-find hardware for older Saab models. They expect to open the museum in 2019. For more information, contact Tom at (515) 368-7222 or tomsaab@gmail.com.



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