

Morris Area Chamber of Commerce

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Please share this newsletter with your employees,
friends or neighbors!

WHAT'S HAPPENING.. July

July 10-12 25th Annual PPD
July 16 Events Committee Meeting
July 16 Retail Trade Meeting
July 17 Relay For Life
July 18 Miss Morris Area/Miss Midwest
July 29 Crazy Days

Mark Your Calendar:

August 4 GPS Seminar
Aug. 12-16 Stevens County Fair
August 27 Business Expo/Chamber/City Picnic
Sept. 12 Golf for Fun Event
Oct. 15 Employee Law Seminar

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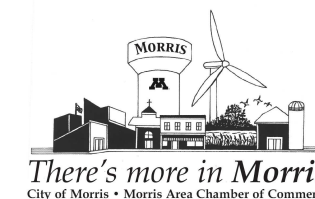
Chamber 400 Winners:

\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
\$	6/1/09	\$100	John DeRung	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
\$	6/8/09	\$250	Judy Johnston	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
\$	6/14/09	\$100	Skip Hesse	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
\$	6/22/09	\$100	Beth Mahoney	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
\$	6/29/09	\$100	Randy Sutter	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

July Green Recognition:
The Stevens County D.A.C. loves to go green. Not only are they a recycling center but they reuse donated items to make salable products. A good example is their Fire-Starters that are made with scrap wood and wax donated by community members. The Fire-Starters are inexpensive and are great for starting campfires, fireplaces, and corn stoves. Call the D.A.C. for more information at 589-3020.

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The Chamber Connection



GPS Workshop: Where in Morris Are You???

Have you checked your location and information on a GPS lately? Are GPS programs bringing customers to your door, or to the highway leading to another community? Are delivery people having difficulty locating your business?

On Tuesday August 4th, at 8 A.M., the Morris Area Chamber and the Stevens County Economic Improvement Commission are pleased to join in sponsoring a workshop for small businesses titled "Roadside Advertising in a Digital Age", presented by University of Minnesota Extension Educators, Neil Linscheid and Ryan Pesch. The workshop is being held at the Superior Industries REC Center from 8:00-10:00 AM. Laptops will be provided to use for training.

Does your business have a sign on the digital superhighway? Can people find your business when they search an online map or use a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit? GPS units are predicted to have 50 million users by 2010. Not only do GPS devices tell you how to get there,

they are now telling you where to go. Make sure your business is a roadside destination in the digital world.

An example of how this affects businesses is the meeting put on by the Community Resource group at Legacy Living last week. Diane Eggen was invited to speak; she entered 108 E 6th Street in her Onstar program, which led her to arrive at her destination two blocks away from Legacy Living. While two blocks is easy enough to correct, does it make you wonder how far off your business is from the correct location?

This workshop will give you and your business the know how and the tools to fix errors such as these, and to get you listed in the world of digital maps. By the time you leave, you will be able to find, check, fix and maximize your digital map content.

We have room for 30 participants only. Please return the following form to the Chamber office to register. Registrations will be accepted on a first come/first serve basis, and includes coffee and rolls. Thanks to Superior Industries for providing a venue!

GPS Workshop Registration

Participant(s) Name: _____

Organization/Business: _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Registration fee: \$20 (Chamber Members will receive a \$10 scholarship — cost \$10 per person)
Mail checks to: Morris Area Chamber of Commerce
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Member News:

- Check out the Stuffed Pizza Rolls and Personal Panormous that are new to **Pizza Hut's** menu!
- **Otter Tail Power Company** is glad to announce a couple changes in the Morris Office. Eric Hamm is the new Operations Manager and Dennis Mears is the new Customer Service Center Manager.
- **Reflections Hair & Tanning Salon** welcomes Brittany Mumm as their new stylist.
- If you need a unique gift or home décor item, check out the selection at **Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance**.
- **Pomme de Terre Food Co-op** will be open Sundays noon-4:00 in the summer unless otherwise posted; closed on July 4th & 5th. Contact Patti at 589-4332 if your group or organization would like to tour the store as a field trip to learn more about what they offer.
- Stop in at **Cullen's Home Center** and visit with Kim Juergens, Interior Decorator, about the new Kathy Ireland line of blinds.

What Does the Chamber do for Me???

Because so many things have changed, and we offer more than ever before, it important for your business that you know how we can promote you!

This month's benefits are:

Networking---Meeting and talking with other members provides a valuable network for your business. The Chamber provides that opportunity through numerous events, including the Community Picnic, the Parade of Lights, Prairie Pioneer Days, and many more. You also have the opportunity to join, or work with, a variety of Chamber committees. Valuable contacts are made through the Chamber.

Education---The Chamber offers seminars, the Leadership Morris program, and other opportunities to continue to expand your business knowledge and make your business profitable. This year the Chamber has teamed with Eide Bailey (provider of the Dale Carnegie training), the Morris Police Department, University of Minnesota Extension Educators and Lee Helgensen of the DEED/MN WorkForce Center to offer workshops and seminars covering a variety of areas that affect all businesses, large or small. This training is offered at free or greatly reduced rates, and ranks as some of the best that you could find anywhere.

Please take advantage of these benefits.

Chamber Office Chat

The Prairie Pioneer Days Committee is in high gear preparing for the 25th Annual Event. Posters, buttons and flyers are everywhere! Be sure to plan your weekend of July 10-12 around the many activities that will be going on in Morris.

I would like to address some questions from members regarding the Rock the Groundz music festival that is taking place July 11. Rock the Groundz is a presentation of the Morris Eagles Club, Morris Auto Plaza and Dakota Magic Casino, Hankinson, ND, with additional financial support from other businesses. I want to clarify that it is not a retail promotion of the Chamber and it was not organized by the Chamber as a part of Prairie Pioneer Days. Neither the Morris Area Chamber nor the Prairie Pioneer Days committee have been a part of planning the event. That said, the Chamber offers it's full support to the members who are involved with the event, just as we support all members. We anticipate having a huge turnout for Prairie Pioneer Days as well as Rock the Groundz, and hope that this benefits all of our area retail businesses in some way.

The Business Expo will be back this fall and combined with the Chamber/City Welcome Picnic. Please be watching for details that will make this a great evening for everyone attending!

Have a wonderful July! Karen

Business Spotlight: Best Northland Prairie Inn

The Best Northland Prairie Inn is a full service hotel offering everything you can dream of to make your stay a pleasant one. Spacious rooms, a lounge, full service dining room, meeting and banquet facilities, as well as two pools.

We have recently completed a total remodel to create a new banquet facility we are proud to call our 'Tiger Room'. This goes along with our existing banquet area called the 'Cougar Room'. These facilities can handle it all: business meetings, reunions, weddings, whatever your need may be. Big or small, we can accommodate your event and make it a very special one. The Tiger Room has seating for up to 280 and the Cougar Room can handle up to 120. These two rooms can be combined to accommodate groups of 400. In July we will be holding an open house for everyone to come and see our new area, answer all your questions, and enjoy refreshments. Look for our ad and plan to attend!

We have also done some other remodeling including our Gazebo, which can be used for your intimate private parties or business meetings and still be able to order off the menu. The Gazebo can seat up to 36. Our pool area has also taken on a new look with beautiful new carpeting and pebble flooring around the pool. It is a wonderful space to host all your pool parties. The hallways and lobby have been transformed, and the main hall now features beautiful tile. Don't forget to check out our new water features showcased in the lobby.

Along with all of this we still offer a variety of 92 rooms for all your lodging needs. Rooms like our Executive and Jacuzzi Suites, as well as kitchenettes and poolside rooms!! Wireless internet is available to our guests. And who can forget our Ranch House Restaurant and Lounge, which now features Hand-Tossed Pizzas. They are delicious pizzas of all different kinds, some are Chicken Alfredo, Hawaiian, or BLT. As well as their regular menu and nightly specials, including our famous Burger Baskets every Tuesday!!

We have many more ideas in mind for the future, and hope that everyone will enjoy their next trip to the PRAIRIE INN!!!

Special Thanks from all of The Best Northland Prairie Inn Staff!!



Welcome New Member:

CJ's The Perfect Look
Cindy Schmidt
511 Oregon Ave
585-5888



Prairie Pioneer Days Button Winners

- June 5 — Rose Wagner
- June 12 — Harlen Went
- June 19 — Norma Engebretson
- June 26 — Tara Winchester

\$50 in Chamber Cash every Friday!

2 Chances left to win!