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WHAT'S HAPPENING...

March:

March 10	Board Meeting noon, AgCountry
March 11-12	KMRS/KKOK Spring Expo
March 13	Daylight Savings Time Begins!
March 15	Marketing & Membership Meeting 11 A.M., Chamber office
March 17	Leadership Morris Capitol Trip
March 18	Events Meeting 11 A.M., Chamber
March 20	First Day of Spring
March 22	Google Tools Seminar 9 A.M., UMM

April:

April 5	Blogging Seminar 9 A.M., UMM
April 12	Marketing & Membership 11 A.M., Chamber
April 14	Leadership Morris
April 15	Events Meeting 11 A.M., Chamber

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St. Patrick's Day
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March, 2011

The Chamber Connection



Mapping Your Business— 3rd in a series of Workshops



20 Stevens County businesses were represented at the Mapping Your Business workshop on February 16. UMM Extension Educator Ryan Pesch showed the group how to edit business information on popular mapping websites such as Mapquest and Google. This information is used in numerous ways, including GPS units and apps available for mobile phones. Much to the surprise of businesses, this information is not always correct. Many participants were amazed that these tools showed their business located in the wrong area. Changing the location can be relatively simple, and ensures that those who are looking for you can find you. As one attendee said "So that's why the truck drivers are always calling for directions!"

Two more workshops are currently planned in the series: Google Tools on March 22, and Blogging on April 5. For more information or to register, call the Chamber at 589-1242.

All of these workshops are made possible at no charge through the SCEIC/Blandin Foundation's MIRC and a US Dept. of Commerce Grant.

Leadership Morris Tours



The 2010/2011 Leadership Morris group enjoyed fascinating tours of the Stevens County Museum, Westmor and Denco at their February session. The group has realized that there is plenty to learn about the community, even for those who are life long residents of the area!

Cindy Bigger presented the leadership training (and real conversation starter) entitled "Building Relationships with Decision Makers".

Leadership Morris will be traveling to the Capitol and will meet with Tory Westrom, Bill Ingebrigtsen and Mark Ritchie during their next session on March 17.

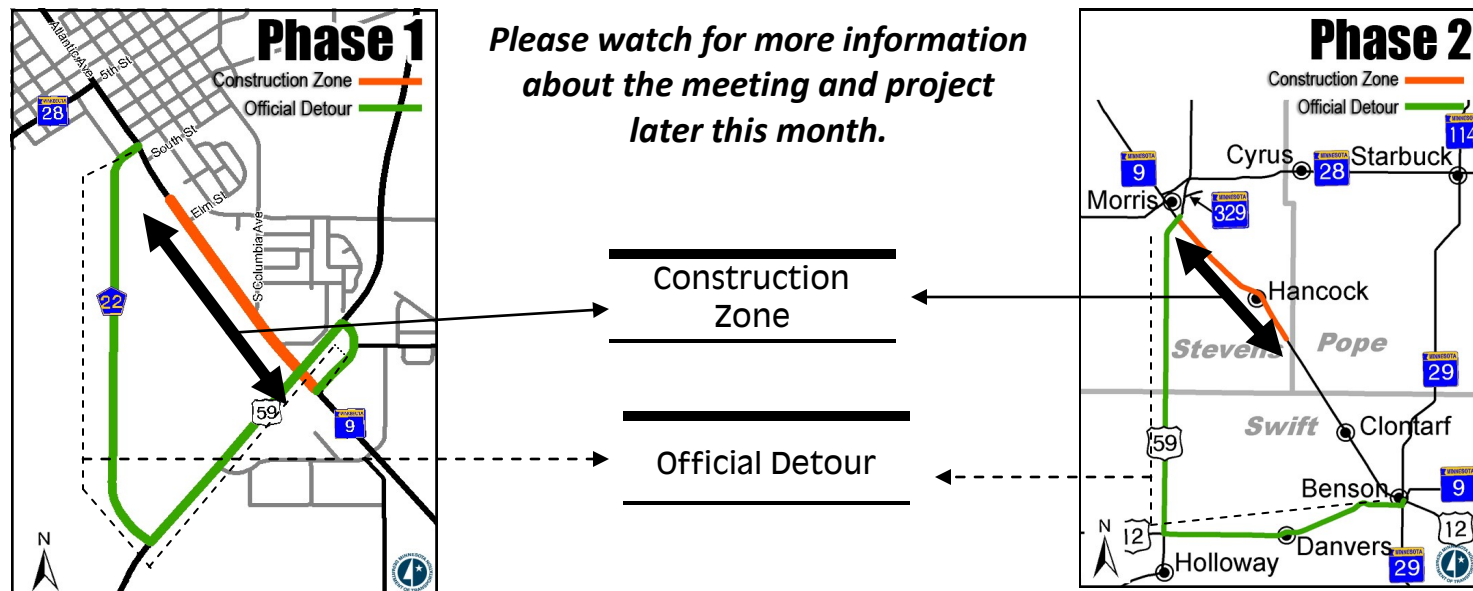
Member News:

- **Hair Expressions Salon** opens March 1 at 714 Atlantic Avenue. Call Amy Kloos, owner, at 585- 4247, to book your appointment.
- Congratulations to **Morris Area High School** for being named to a U.S. News & World Report ranking of the top schools in the U.S.
- The **Ranch House** welcomes new manager Chris Walter.
- Find **Pizza Ranch's** weekly coupon special on the Marketplace at www.morrissuntribune.com.
- The Morris Chamber of Commerce is currently collecting **cell phones, iPods, and PDA's**. It is a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity and a recycling opportunity for the community. They will also recycle used household compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) FREE!
- **Pizza Hut** welcomes Mel Wolf as their new General Manager.
- **69 Cents** will be Rock'n the Campgrounds on Saturday July 8, at this year's **Rock the GroundZ**. Get your camping tickets this Wednesday!! Early Bird tickets are on sale!
- Visit the Chamber Booth at the **Spring Expo** on March 11 & 12!
- Contact the Stevens County Economic Improvement Commission for more information on their 1% interest **Storefront Renovation Loan Program**.

Open House Regarding Detours

The Minnesota Department of Transportation will be hosting an open house-type meeting for area businesses this month regarding the upcoming Highway 9 resurfacing project. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 29, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Mn/DOT Morris office, 610 Highway 9 South. Project personnel will be available to discuss project details and address potential concerns during construction.

The project will begin on May 2, and will be completed in two phases requiring detours. The first phase is located between South Street and the Highway 59 access road, and will take approximately two to three weeks. The second phase is located between the Highway 59 access road and one mile north of the Stevens/Pope county line. Highway 329 will also be resurfaced during the project. The entire project will be completed by the end of June, weather permitting.



Visible Changes

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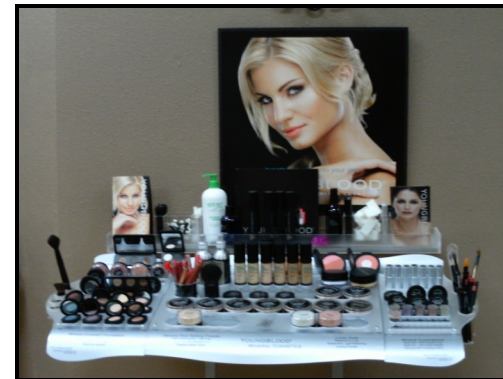
www.myvisiblechanges.com

Visible Changes was started by 3 women in 1995. Teresa Scheldorf, Julie Hufford and Mary Stumpf. Mary retired after one year due to medical issues. Teresa and Julie continue to operate the business today. Visible Changes is a full service salon offering precision haircuts for all ages, color treatments for men, women and children, texture waves and specialty hair services. Visible Changes also offers nail care services of spa manicures, spa pedicures and nail enhancements. Visible Changes also offers a full service of facials, waxing and sugaring. We also offer tanning, we have a hex stand up tanning booth to give you a 360 tan.

Visible Changes offers several lines of hair care, skin care, makeup and tanning products for you to take home to help you recreate your new style.

We have recently added a private pedicure room with two pedicure thrones so you and a friend could enjoy a relaxing spa pedicure together. We have also added a new service called a Brazilian blowout, a service to straighten curly hair and tame frizzy hair without the damage of a chemical straightener.

We have 3 full time and 1 part time stylist. Stylists Julie Hufford, Teresa Scheldorf, Sheryl Anderson and Jenny Dreher are here to help you with all of your hair care, skin care, nail care, and makeup needs, so stop by at 615 Atlantic Avenue in Morris or give us a call today at (320) 589-2926.



2011 Chamber Social Event

100+ attended the annual Chamber Social Event on February 9 in spite of the bitterly cold weather.

Thank you to all of the businesses that donated to the Lucky Buck Auction. Your donations made for a lot of fun and some extremely happy winners!

Outgoing board members Corinne Kirk, Paul LeTendre and Kris Hansen were recognized for their service.