

# Friday Facts

## Keeping You Updated on Local Happenings

**February 17, 2012**

(Find this also at [MorrisMNChamber.org](http://MorrisMNChamber.org), in Calendars & Events – Friday Facts)

- **The Morris Eagles** is hosting the **Morris Area High School Gymnastics Fish Fry fundraiser** this Friday, **February 17th** from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. - or until it's gone! On the menu is all-you-can-eat Alaskan Pollack, baked beans, coleslaw, potato chips, fresh bread, coffee & milk. \$8 for adults, \$4 kids 6-12, children 5 and under eat free! Thanks for supporting the team!
- All Morris Area Women are invited to join the **SeaSide Escape retreat** (sponsored by Heart's Desire of Hosanna Worship Center) on **March 9 & 10** at the **Prairie Inn**. Registration is **\$35 by Feb. 17**, then \$45. Call Jennifer at **320-815-7891** for information. See registration form at [www.morrismnchamber.org/archives/category/friday-facts](http://www.morrismnchamber.org/archives/category/friday-facts).
- **Meinengens**, UMM's student theatre group, will perform a play with only one day's preparation on Saturday, **Feb. 18**, at 10 p.m. in the Student Center's **Edson Auditorium**. **Free** and open to all.
- **St. Mary's School annual Dinner and Auction** is Saturday, **Feb. 18**. Social hour at 5:30, dinner at 6:30, at the **Old No. 1 Southside**. Limited dinner tickets can be purchased at the event. A variety of household, sports, miscellaneous items will be given away. Raffle tickets are also available. First prize is the playhouse or \$2,000 cash, with additional cash drawings. Purchase raffle tickets in advance at the Old No. 1, from any St. Mary's family, or at the event. Everyone is welcome to attend!
- **Niemackl Lake Park Board** is holding a **Pancake & Sausage Brunch fundraiser** on Sunday **February 19** at the **Herman American Legion Post**. Serving is 10:30 am - 1:00 pm. **Free Will Offering**. All monies go towards Niemackl Lake Park projects.
- The **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Resource Connections Expo** is Monday, **Feb. 20**, 4-7pm at **Morris Area High School Gym**. It is an excellent opportunity to learn about Stevens County's non-profit organizations, or to volunteer your help. For info, call Holly Witt at 589-1424. Expo exhibitors include:

Alberta Area Improvement Corporation  
ARC Stevens County  
Center for Small Towns  
Donnelly Community Club  
Friends of the Library  
Friends of the Morris Wetland Mgmt District  
GFWC Students Club  
Habitat for Humanity  
LAC

Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance  
Region IV South Children & Adult Crisis Teams  
Regional Fitness Center  
SCMC Auxiliary and Courage Cottage  
Skyview Senior Living Community  
Someplace Safe  
Stevens Community Humane Society  
Stevens County DAC  
Stevens County Fair

Lazos  
MAPFLAG  
Morris Area Chamber of Commerce  
Morris Area Child Care Center  
Morris LifeCare Pregnancy Center  
Morris Salvation Army Thrift Store  
Morris Wetland Management District  
Morris Area Women of Today  
Pomme de Terre Food Coop

Stevens County Food Shelf  
The Salvation Army  
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans  
USDA Agricultural Research Service  
VFW Auxiliary  
Wagon's Wheel Hub  
West Central MN Communities Action  
West Central Research & Outreach Center  
West Wind Village

- **Norskfodt Lodge** meets Monday, **February 20**, at the **American Legion** at 7pm. The program is "**Norway's Historic Town Brought from USA**" by Carol Braaten. **Free** lunch is served, and everyone is welcome!
- Join other avid readers in the **Morris Book Group** on Monday, **Feb. 20**, at 5 p.m. to read and discuss *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. Next month the group will read *Round Ireland with a Fridge* by Tony Hawks and will meet on March 12. Meetings are held in the UMM **Briggs Library McGinnis Room**.
- The Black Student Union will provide a **dinner of tasty Soul Foods** on Monday, **Feb. 20**, at 6 p.m. in the **Student Center's Oyate Hall**. Tickets are **\$5 for students and \$7 general admission**.
- February's **Soup and Substance discussion** (Tues., **Feb. 21**, 5:30-7pm in UMM Student Center's **Oyate Hall**) will focus on **religious tolerance**. We will ponder such questions as, are religious people and organizations honored, or at least tolerated, at UMM and in the Morris community? What about people who are not religious or spiritual, or whose spirituality does not match the norm? Open to everyone. Includes a **free**, light meal.
- **Pride of the Prairie Farmers' Market** is Tuesday, **February 21**. Support local farmers at the market from 1-5 p.m. in the UMM Student Center. A locally-sourced **Mardi Gras dinner**, with music, in campus Dining Services runs 4:45-7 p.m. Get meal tickets at the UMM Information Center/Higbies, or at the door: **\$10-adult, \$6-ages 5-18 (under 5 is free), \$6-off-campus student, on-campus students may use meal plans**.
- All are welcome to a "listening session" on **Tuesday, February 21** at the **West Central Research and Outreach Center**, 5- 9pm. A **free meal** is offered at 5, catered by Bello Cucina. Focused on how to improve Stevens County quality of life, the **open space meeting** (participants set the agenda) begins at 6:30. Event sponsors: CURE (Clean Up the River Environment), Center for Small Towns with InCommon. **Pre-registration is required**: call **1-877-269-2873** or email: **[cure@cureriver.org](mailto:cure@cureriver.org)** by **Feb. 18th**.
- Everyone is invited to join **Jane Addams**, a community building project between UMM students, Morris community members, and the area's Hispanic community, on Tuesday, **Feb. 21**, at 6:30 p.m. in UMM's **Imholte**

**Hall 111.** Language circles in both languages are used to promote the bonding of the community.

- The Women of Color Association presents ***The Help*** on Wednesday, **Feb. 22**, at 7 p.m. in **Edson Auditorium**. The film is an inspirational, courageous and empowering story about very different, extraordinary women in the 1960s South who build an unlikely friendship around a secret writing project – one that breaks society’s rules and puts them all at risk. **Free and open to all.**
- Asking the Big Questions will tackle the topic of ***Minnesota Politics*** on Thursday, **Feb. 23**, at 7pm in the **Briggs Library McGinnis Room**. Prof. Roger Rose will shed some light on the institutions and people of Minnesota’s political landscape past and present. Non-partisan snacks starting at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome. Contact Peter Bremer at [pbremer@morris.umn.edu](mailto:pbremer@morris.umn.edu) for more information.
- Enjoy a **mixed student recital** by UMM’s supremely talented student musicians on Thursday, **Feb. 23**, at 7:30 p.m. in the **HFA Recital Hall**. **Free.**
- Have your say or share your talents at this **open mic** opportunity on Thursday, **Feb. 23**, at 9:30 p.m. in the Student Center’s **Turtle Mountain Café**.
- **Steven County FFA Alumni Annual Meeting and fundraiser** is Friday, **Feb. 24** in the **Morris Area High School auditorium**. Free supper at 6; meeting at 7:15; **FFA Work Auction** at 7:30. Bid on Morris Area and Hancock FFA’ers for picking rocks, garden work, babysitting, etc. Pies for sale, too!
- UMM Theatre Discipline presents ***No Place Called Home*** on Friday, **Feb. 24**, at 7:30 p.m. in the **HFA Black Box Theatre**. ***No Place Called Home*** is that unexpected story—a true story about an American woman and an Iraqi man, a story about one refugee out of 4 million, a story that isn’t supposed to be a love story. **Tickets are \$5** for general admission.
- **FREE Morris Community Meal, Feb. 27, 5:30-7:00pm** at the **Morris Senior Community Center**, 603 Oregon Ave. East. This is an authentic, made-from-scratch meal. It keeps the tradition of sharing food with everyone as a sign of respect and community. Sponsored by UMM and several local businesses. Call 589-6276 or 320-310-5748 for info.
- **One-on-one technology sessions** are available to discuss websites and social media with Ryan Pesch, Extension Educator, on Friday, **March 2**. Call **589-6700** or email [StevensForward@fedtel.net](mailto:StevensForward@fedtel.net) to reserve a time slot.

**Showing at the Morris Theatre from Feb. 17-23**

**The Descendants** (R, 110 minutes)  
Nightly 7:00 PM, Sunday 2:00 PM

**The Grey** (R, 117 minutes)  
Nightly 9:00 PM, Sunday 4:30 PM

It's a great time to become a member of the cooperative that keeps movies like this coming to Morris!  
Help meet the membership goal - visit [morristheatre.net/join.htm](http://morristheatre.net/join.htm) for more information and a membership form.

**Please share this e-mail with a friend, coworker or neighbor.  
Know someone new to the community? Help them get connected with  
Friday Facts. Thank you!**

## **There's more in Morris!**

**Call (589-1242) or e-mail ([mchamber@fedtel.net](mailto:mchamber@fedtel.net)) the Chamber to have  
your event listed in Friday Facts. Planning an event? Check out  
[morrismnchamber.org](http://morrismnchamber.org) events calendar before you schedule.**

# Pride of the Prairie FARMERS' MARKET & LOCAL FOODS MEAL Tuesday, February 21, 2012

## Farmers' Market

1–5 p.m.

Morris campus Student Center

## Spring Local Foods Mardi Gras Dinner

4:45–7 p.m. • Food Service building  
East 2nd Street, across from the RFC • Free parking in all lots

A locally sourced Mardi Gras menu  
featuring foods grown on the prairie and across Minnesota

*Cajun Walleye, Chicken Jambalaya with Wild Rice and Andouille Sausage,  
Vegetarian Jambalaya, Red Beans and Rice, Cajun Cabbage Au Gratin,  
Lettuce and Tomato Salad with Angry Trout's Maple Mustard Dressing and  
Bacon Dressing, Cornbread with Honey and Butter,  
Apples Foster with Local Whipped Cream, Mardi Gras King Cake, Milk and Tea  
created by UMM Dining Services and Sodexo*

*Featuring local foods from Bushel Boy Farms, Honey & Herbs, Hope Creamery,  
Kadejan Inc., Native Harvest, Pride of Main Street Dairy, Red Lake Nation Fishery,  
Swany White Flour Company, and Swenson's Orchard*

*With locally grown music from the prairie*

**\$10 adults • \$6 children and off-campus students**  
**children under five eat free • on-campus students may use their meal plans**  
**tickets available: Morris Area Chamber of Commerce,**  
**the UMM Information Center/Higbies, and at the door**



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