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"Spring is when you feel like whistling, even with a shoe full of slush." — Doug Larson

Annual Membership Supper to be held Saturday, March 21st

Complementary meal for member and guest;
prizes and membership renewals in store

The 2020 Fraternal Order of Eagles Morris Aerie #620 annual Membership Supper is scheduled for Saturday, March 21st beginning at 5:00 p.m. This event is open to all aerie and auxiliary members and guests.

Served up will be yet another great menu that will surely be enough of an enticement for you to get out of the house and share an evening with your fellow Eagle members.

It is also a great time to pay your 2020-21 membership dues starting at 5:00 p.m.. Dues are \$30.00 for all aerie members and \$20 for auxiliary members. Tables will be set up for the aerie and auxiliary secretaries to renew your membership. Cards will be printed on the spot.

Social hour begins at 5:00 p.m. with happy hour drink prices. A buffet supper will begin at 6:00 p.m. and a special program will be held to recap events of the past year and to also look forward to a great 2020-21 year at the club.

Enter your name for drawings for your chance to win some great prizes.

The first membership renewal invoices will be sent after April 1st.

Watch the thermometer: first 50 Degree day will greet 50-cent taps!

Enjoy 12-oz taps the day Morris nets first 50-degree temp

The Morris Eagles will be providing 50-cent tap beer to all members and patrons on the first day we experience a 50-degree day. This is open to all domestic and specialty taps - 12-oz cups only.

We anticipate the high being reached at mid-day, so watch the temperature and make sure you visit the club after it opens at 3:00 p.m. weekdays, or 2:00 on Saturdays. If it's a Sunday, we're all out of luck. Let's hope it isn't a Sunday!

Watch your email and Facebook for the official announcement of the milestone being reached.

Tuesday Burger Night scheduled for March 17th

Mulligan Stew will remain on Saturday, March 14th.
Green beer available for both days - hopefully!

The Eagles will continue to hold its weekly Tuesday Burger Night on Tuesday, March 17th at its regular time. The annual Mulligan Stew Supper will be held on Saturday, March 14th at 5:00 p.m.

*Please note: There will be a slight overlap with bingo concluding around 5:30 p.m.

We increased our green beer allotment for 2020 so we can anticipate green beer on tap for both the 14th and 17th!

Annual Mulligan Stew Supper to be held Saturday, March 14th

Bingo, green beer and great food on tap!

An annual local favorite is right around the corner. The annual Eagles Mulligan Stew is set for Saturday, March 14th at 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. or until its gone. Cost is only \$6.00 for the first bowl, and \$3.00 for a refill.

Test your luck of the Irish with Eagles Saturday bar bingo starting at 3:00 p.m. (doors open at 2:00 p.m.). Note: There will be a slight overlap with the conclusion of bingo and the start of the stew - we'll have tables reserved in the back room for those who come right at 5:00 p.m.

Bingo players who buy a bingo packet will receive a coupon for a \$1 off your first bowl of stew! Enjoy the day at the Eagles!

High School Gymnastics Fish Fry set for Friday, March 27th at Eagles

Meal to benefit successful gymnastics program

The Morris Eagles is hosting a fish fry for the Morris Area High School Gymnastics teams on Friday, March 27th from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Please note the date change as earlier advertised due to a conflict with the vendor.

This meal will include all-you-can-eat Alaskan Pollock, chips, beans, coleslaw, coffee and milk, \$10 for adults, \$6 for kids and children five and under are \$2. Thanks for supporting our area athletes.

Annual Good Friday Fish Fry set for Friday, April 10th at Eagles

Final Fish Fry of the season is sponsored by the Eagles

The Morris Eagles is hosting the annual Good Friday Fish Fry on Friday, April 10th from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Bring your appetite as this is the final fish fry of the season.

This menu will include all-you-can-eat Alaskan Pollock, chips, beans, coleslaw, coffee and milk, \$10 for adults, \$6 for kids and children five and under are \$2.

Eagles Scholarship applications mailed to all aerie members

Applications also shared with area schools

The application process for the 2020 Eagles Educational Scholarship is now underway. Applications will be mailed to all members in early March.

Presentation of applications will be held during the April 13th and 27th regular meetings at 7:00 p.m. Members may sponsor one graduating high school senior from any school district in the nation.

The selection and voting process for two, \$1,000 scholarships will be held during the May 11th regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

MAR BIRTHDAYS

- 1
Craig Schmidgall
Mathew Solemsaas
- 3
Karen Hagstrom
Lenard Hansen
- 5
Chuck Anderson
Randy Marquart
- 7
Ronald Buntje
James Henricks
- 10
Gerald Sullivan
- 13
John Lembcke
- 14
Willette Bachmeier
Neil Rutter
- 16
Mary Friesen
- 20
Patti Severence
- 22
Crystal Zaviska
- 23
Barry Erdahl
- 24
Robin Kieffer
- 25
Paul Preimesberger
- 26
Donald Borresch
- 28
Joe Hesse
- 29
Martin Flicek

From the Aerie Secretary

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The aerie welcomes **Gary Holmes and Tom McMullen** who were initiated in February. Welcome to the aerie gentlemen!

Our positive thoughts and comfort continue for our friend **Ken Rucktaeschel**.

I'm excited for the 2020 membership supper on **Saturday, March 21st at 5:00 p.m.** All aerie members who renew their memberships by **March 30th** are eligible to win a \$50 gift certificate to the Morris Aerie. Renew today by attending the supper, or you can drop off \$30 in the silver secretary's drop box. Envelopes will be provided on top of the drop box for your convenience.

The Aerie has been busy contributing to area groups and organizations: \$750 to **MACA Boys Hockey**; \$750 to **MACA Girls Hockey**; \$500 to **Morris Area Post Prom**; \$350 to **Chokio-Alberta Post Prom**; \$250 to **St. Mary's School**; \$250 to **West Central School**; and \$150 to **MACA Girls Hockey** for jerseys.

Remember to seek out a high school senior to apply for one of two \$1,000 scholarships. Applications will be mailed out in early March with presentations during our April regular meetings. Balloting will be held on **May 11th at 7:00 p.m.**

We have made some exciting improvements to our member communications. In January, we upgraded our email program to create and send more compelling emails about our events and news at the Eagles. If you have an email address and you haven't received any emails

from us as of yet, please share with us soon! Also soon is a brand new website that will host all of the information needed at your fingertips - donation and reservation forms, events calendar, news, promotions, photos, menus and in the future, be able to renew your membership online!

The second phase of the exterior remodeling project has concluded with the installation of the guard rail along the East side of the facility. The next phase is the rear of the building, then immediately the front. We have added a new phase to our project that includes re-cladding the roof and walls of our garage, with a roof extension that will better accommodate our fish and steak fries, swing space for storage during events and more. We hope you can help us during our upcoming fundraising events.

The annual **Sweetheart Supper** held Valentine's Day was a great success as we served nearly 80 people - a new record. However, we had only **13%** of our aerie and auxiliary members as patrons. This trend is similar to other fundraising meals in the past year and is a bit troubling. We would like to prioritize our members first as it is much more expensive for us to advertise events to non-members. How do we fix this? What events would our members like to participate?

Names drawn during our recent regular meetings were: **Scott Mundal, Dean Dantner, Brent Bankord, David Mahoney, Mike Lawler and Rick Gades**. Neither member was present; therefore, voiding the offer.

APR BIRTHDAYS

- 1
James Beauregard
Kevin Warner
- 2
Nathan Suess
Sheila Warner
- 4
David Holman
- 5
Judy Henrichs
Theresa Stricker-Pester
Mark Torgerson
- 6
Mark Ekren
Charles Loeffler
- 7
Merle Spohr
- 9
Sharon Buntje
Tina Devick
- 13
Ed Larson
- 15
Jen Lund
- 16
David Dybdal
Cody Nielsen
Mary Van Horn
- 18
Dwain Schmidt
- 19
Jeremiah Day
- 20
Shayne Nelson
- 22
Julie Gnerer
Michael Hennen
Danielle Krupke
Nicole Logan
- 23
Mike White
- 25
Lance Kieffer
Erv Krosch
- 27
Rick Hesse
Charles Lesmeister
- 28
Ed Hockert
- 29
Kirby Cline
Donald Plocker

March Bar Bingo 7th, 14th, 21st, 29th	Charitable Gaming Dates Animal races Fridays 5:30-7:00 p.m.	April Bar Bingo 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th
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Drawing for \$50 gift certificate for membership renewals

All aerie members will be entered into a drawing if renewed by March 30th

To coincide with membership promotions from the Grand Aerie, the Morris Eagles Club will be giving away one \$50 gift certificate randomly drawn from all members who renew their membership prior to March 30, 2020. So make sure you either attend the membership supper or drop off or mail your \$30 membership renewal to qualify for the drawing. Best of luck!

Animal Races each Friday evening at 5:30 p.m.

Each Friday the Morris Eagles hosts its animated animal races starting at 5:30 p.m. If you haven't seen this, you gotta come and try.

Only \$1 a chance to get your spot in the race!

Upcoming Club Events

Eagles' Mulligan Stew Supper
Saturday, March 14th
5:00-7:30 p.m.

Eagles' Annual Membership Supper
Saturday, March 21st
5:00-7:00 p.m.

MAHS Gymnastics Fish Fry
Friday, March 27th
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Eagles' Good Friday Fish Fry
Friday, April 10th
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Eagles Scholarship Balloting
Monday, May 11th
7:00 p.m. - *food and beverage afterwards!*

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