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"It is never too late to be what you might have been." — George Eliot



The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles hosted its annual Supper with Santa on Friday, December 8th to a enthusiastic crowd of kids and parents excited to see Santa Claus.

Making their last-minute requests, kids of all ages got to bend Santa's ear one last time before the big day.

Also in store for the kids were games, arts and crafts and a meal catered by the leves of the ladies' auxiliary in the kitchen.

Friday Night Grill returns to provide a delicious menu on Fridays

Paired with animated animal races, Fridays at the Eagles is a must go-to destination.

It's back! Yes, Friday Night Grill at the Morris Eagles is back to deliver another great food option at the Eagles each week.

The streamlined menu includes many of your favorites, including quarter-pound hamburgers and cheeseburgers, grilled to perfection and served on a toasted bun. Add raw or fried onions at no additional charge. Also on the menu are chicken strip and shrimp baskets, served with toast and your choice of sauces.

The kitchen is open from 5:00-7:00 p.m. each Friday.

Make it an evening with the Eagles ever-popular Animated Animal Races starting at 6:00 p.m. each Friday. Run with the ducks, matadors, horses, lil' Pigs and more for your chances to win. Bring your friends and make it a date night. We're sure you'll have some fun!

Eagle Observer Newsletter available electronically in 2024

The award-winning, bi-monthly newsletter is now available via email and on our website

The Eagles Observer newsletter is back and available electronic-only via email and also on our website at www.foe620.org. Keep track of whats going on at the club. Share your email and also follow us on Facebook!

Morris Aerie 620 celebrates 120th birthday on Saturday, January 6th

Enjoy 16.oz domestic taps: Coors Light, Bud Light and Michelob Golden Light for only \$1.00!

On January 4, 1904, the charter was signed in Seattle, Washington by the Grand Aerie of Fraternal Order of Eagles granting Morris, Minn. the 620th Eagles club in the nation. To celebrate our 120th anniversary of providing social, charitable, and customer service to our community, the Eagles is hosting a celebration of sorts on Saturday, January 6th to commemorate this milestone.

Enjoy 16oz. domestic taps for only a buck on Saturday from 7:00 p.m. until close. Taps available include ice-cold Bud Light, Coors Light and Michelob Golden Light.

Tuesday Burger Night offers great food each week

Featuring 1/3-pound burgers, built your way. Make the Eagles your place to be on Tuesdays

The Tuesday pilgrimage to the Eagles continues each Tuesday from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Build your 1/3-pound burger your way with your choice of cheese, lettuce, onion, tomato, bacon and more. Cheaper than fast food!

Don't have time to stay? Takeout continues to be available by calling ahead on the 'Hamburger Hot line' (320) 589-4380 and your order will be fresh and ready for you at the door. All you need to do is order and ice-cold beverage with your meal. See you on Tuesdays!

JAN BIRTHDAYS

- 1
Chris Charles
Tyler Christianson
Jan Malo
- 9
Neil Suess
- 11
Timothy Voges
- 12
Blaine Hill
Betty Sayre
- 12
Keith Morin
- 14
Brad Hill
Matt Huntley
- 15
Deb Hennen
- 16
Craig Awsumb
Shelia Leuthardt
- 18
Larry Sayre
- 20
Robert Kieffer
- 21
Adele Lawler
- 23
Jan Rasmussen
- 27
Mike Koehler
- 28
Jeff Miller
- 29
Sharon Van Eps
- 29
Darron Carr
- 30
Bonita Gieselman
Mike Lesmeister

From the Aerie Secretary

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A lot of things have happened since we last spoke. The Eagles has been busy with new products, new members, lots of donations and the return of our Friday Night Grill menu!

As far as membership, we are at the halfway point of our membership year and have 186 members of the Aerie. We'd like to welcome **Scott Larson** as a dual member of Morris and Alexandria aeries; and new members initiated in November include: **Matthew McNeil** proposed by **Cory Marquart** and **Justin Howe**; and **Brady Stevens**, proposed by **Cory Marquart** and **Matt Solemsaas**. We still have several applicants to get through the initiation process and we are hoping to get them soon. Welcome to the Morris Eagles!

Get well wishes continue for **Douglas Krueger**, and **Joe Hesse**.

We would like to extend our sincerest thoughts and prayers to **Ron Sharstom** on the passing of his wife **Pat** the day after Christmas, and to **Neil Suess**, who lost his father-in-law **Steven Van Kempen** on Christmas Day. We wish these aerie families peace during this difficult time.

At the district and state level, we lost two officers in the past couple of weeks: **Randy Beggs**, of Crookston Aerie #873, served as Worthy State President from 2021-22; and **Richard 'Rick' Peterson**, and served as two-time Past President of Willmar Aerie #2334 and as Past President of District Three. Both of these men visited Morris Aerie during their capacities and helped build the Eagles organization throughout Minnesota.

The aerie was busy by contributing to area groups and organizations during the

couple of months: **Morris Sports Boosters** \$250 to support area athletics; \$1500 to **City of Morris** to help purchase park equipment for children with disabilities; \$250 to the **University of Minnesota Morris** to sponsor a community meal; \$1,800 to the **Morris Women of Today** to help with their park bench project; \$600 to the **Stevens County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited** to supper their GreenWing youth program.

Congratulations to **Zach Ourada** who was named 2023 Firefighter of the Year with Morris Fire Department.

The next district meeting is Saturday, January 13th at St. Cloud. This is also the annual camp-in date. I believe the hotel blocks have been lifted, but if you have a last-minute desire to attend, its a great time. Poster is below with details.

We are working on getting new light fixtures for the front entryway to make it a safer area - and to appear that we are open on these gloomy late afternoons. We are still on the schedule with our vendor for our new roof in 2024.

Our regular meetings have changed to the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. If we need to meet prior to the fourth Monday for business matters, we will notify members via email. The club will even give you a free beverage and a chance to win a free membership, like **Ray Bowman** who was present during the December meeting, and he's getting his 2024-25 membership free of charge. Also drawn, but not present, were **Tyler Van Eps** and **Doug Cardwell**, **Mark Nemmers** and **Ray Bowman**.

We value your participation. We'd like to see more people interested in attending a meeting - at least to learn how our organization works and the impact we make.

It's imprtant to know what's happening at the club. Continue to subscribe to our email list for the latest information and events!

Upcoming Club Events

Super Bowl Sunday at the Eagles
Sunday, February 11, 2024

District Three Meeting at Morris Aerie
Saturday, March 9th - 1:00 p.m.

MACA Gymnastics Fish Fry
TBA February/March 2024

Membership Supper
TBA March 2024

District Three Convention at Alexandria
April 13-14, 2024

FEB BIRTHDAYS

- 1
Brian Payne
- 3
Keith Wetzel
- 4
Dan Bratton
Stacy Mogard
- 5
Dean Danter
Tina Nelson
- 6
Janet Siegel
Tyler Van Eps
- 9
Kim Spohr
- 12
Mary Walker
- 16
Shirley Busenga
- 17
Serandon Hagen
- 19
Kevin Stallman
- 20
James Storck
- 22
Penny Melberg
Ann Streed
- 24
Jason Bratton
Rob Nigg
- 27
Marsha Buss
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Luke Kieffer



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