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## JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020

*"One kind word can warm three winter months." -Japanese Proverb*



Eric Hoffman Construction and Bankord Electric were busy at the aerie in early December to complete work on the east side of the building.

The aerie did receive some great news as there was ample amount of insulation and structure inside the wall to properly attach the new siding.

All electrical was relocated inside the wall cavity eliminating the unsightly external conduit making a nice, clean appearance for years to come. New LED lights were also installed to make the parking lot safer at night.

## Morris Aerie 620 turns 116 years old on Saturday, January 4th

Enjoy mid-season league dart tournament and Grill open

On January 4, 1904, the charter was signed in Seattle, Washington by the Grand Aerie of Fraternal Order of Eagles giving Morris, Minn. the 620th Eagles club in the nation. To celebrate our 116th anniversary of providing social, charitable, and service to our community, the Eagles is hosting a celebration of sorts on Saturday, January 4th to commemorate this milestone.

The aerie will be hosting a mid-season league dart tournament beginning at 11:00 a.m. so come on down and cheer on your favorite team. Starting at 1:16 p.m. 25-cent domestic tap beer will be available for one hour. In the kitchen, large orders of boneless chicken wings will be available for \$6.20 (reg price is \$11) with your choice of BBQ, Golden Mustard or Sweet Chili.

The NFL Wildcard weekend also begins on January 4th and 5th and look for the possibility of the Vikings playing on Saturday. If that is the case, enjoy domestic beer buckets 5 for \$15.50 during the game!

## Tuesday Burger Night resumes from holiday break on January 7th

1/3-lb burgers on a grilled bun with all the fixings!

After taking a couple weeks off due to the holiday break, the Eagles' Tuesday Burger Night will resume on Tuesday, January 7th. The weekly event serves from 5:00-7:00 p.m. each Tuesday and is open to members and non-members.

The menu features a 1/3lb burger with your choice of waffle or french fries for only \$3.75. Additional fixings, including bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato, fried or raw onions, ranch and mayo are available for 25-cents each. There is a one drink minimum to get this great deal!

Also starting in January, we will be hosting several new promotions, so follow the Morris Eagles Facebook page at @foe620 to get the latest information on all of our great food deals, including the Eagles' Friday Night Grill, seasonal fish fries and special event meals.

## High School Hockey Fish Fry set for Friday, January 10th at Eagles

Meal to benefit Girl's and Boy's hockey teams

The Morris Eagles is hosting a fish fry for the Morris Area High School Boy's and Girl's hockey teams on Friday, January 10th from 5:00-7:30 p.m. 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 \$2.00. Join the Eagles in supporting area high school athletes this season!

## Siding installed on east side; fundraising continues

\$6,447 in contributions raised from nearly 70 members

For those who have visited the club or have driven by recently will have noticed the installation of the new steel siding on the east side of the building. Eric Hoffman and his crew took advantage of the mild December weather to complete the east side before the wild winter weather sets in. The result looks great and the aerie is excited to resume the rear of the building later this winter.

With any remodel project, surprises are expected. But this time, the surprise was positive. Eric was happy to share the insulation was in great shape and the substructure within the wall was consistent to insure the screw heads were going to be evenly installed. Bankord Electric was on hand to relocate all of the exterior conduit inside the wall cavity, eliminate unneeded circuits, install three new outlets and four LED lighting fixtures. McGinnis Appliance manufactured a new base for the kitchen exhaust fan.

Up next is the installment of the galvanized bridge rail that will serve as a barrier to prevent people like us with poor vision from bumping and denting the new siding.

Fundraising will need to continue, while also leveraging our gambling, social and catering funds to cover as they allow. We will ramp up our efforts to meet with members who wish to help out to articulate the project needs to see where a financial contribution will best fit.

**JAN BIRTHDAYS**

- 1  
Jan Malo
- 5  
Rodney King
- 9  
Neil Suess
- 11  
Janice Kieffer  
TJ Voges
- 12  
Blaine Hill  
Keith Morin  
Betty Sayre
- 14  
Glen Gillespie  
Brad Hill  
Matt Huntley  
Shirley Kill
- 15  
Deb Hennen
- 16  
Craig Awsumb  
Terry Kukla  
Sheila Leuthardt
- 18  
Larry Sayre
- 20  
Blake Baron  
Robert Kieffer
- 21  
Adele Lawler
- 23  
Janet Rasmussen
- 27  
Mike Koehler
- 28  
Jeff Miller
- 29  
Darron Carr  
Sharon VanEps
- 30  
Bonita Gieselman

**From the Aerie Secretary**

MIKE CIHAK, MORRIS AERIE #620

The aerie welcomes **Doug Streed** who was initiated in November, he was proposed into membership by **Dan Bratton**. The aerie extends its continued well wishes to **Ken Rucktaeschel**.

The Grand Aerie is continuing to encourage aeries to promote early renewal of memberships in 2020 to accommodate the new billing time line implemented last year. The 2020 membership supper will **Saturday, March 21st at 5:00 p.m.** We will also hold a drawing of all members who renew their memberships by **March 30th** for a \$50 gift certificate to the Morris Aerie. Renew by attending the supper, or drop off \$30 in the silver secretary's drop box. Envelopes will be provided on top of the drop box. The drawing will be held live on Facebook.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the aerie siding project this past year. We will need to continue our fundraising efforts, so if you get a call from any of our officers, please consider a financial contribution toward this project. We have along away to go with the front and back exterior, and then onto residing the garage. It is looking great on the east and west sides - we

**2019 Membership Supper set for Saturday, March 21st**

Complementary meal great time for membership renewal

The Morris Eagles will be hosting its annual membership supper on Saturday, March 21st from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The change of date continues the new timeline when the Grand Aerie sends its first round of membership renewal invoices on April 1st. Aeries are encouraged to begin the renewal process earlier to reduce postage and labor costs. More information in next newsletter.

can't wait until we tackle the front and rear!

The aerie made the following contributions in November: \$250 to the **Ducks Unlimited**; \$1,000 to the **Stevens County Food Shelf**; \$300 to the **Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association** to send Travis Fults and family to receive an award.

Names drawn during the November regular meeting were: **Shayne Hesse** and **Mike Cihak**. Yep, I was present and this is the first time I had ever been drawn. This edition of the newsletter went to press prior to the December 23rd meeting.

Thanks to those who spoke with me regarding my last column about the need for more participation with Eagle events - specially those geared toward fundraising and also our special events. We rely on these to continue to do great things in our community.

Congratulations to **Matt Solemsaas** who was named chief of the Morris Fire Department. Thanks to **Dave Dybdal** on his great years of service. We thank Matt and the entire department for their service. They are a great community asset and we are proud they are members of Morris Aerie.

**Annual Sweetheart Supper set for Friday, February 14th**

Make your reservation with your special someone for steak and shrimp supper

February marks the time for you and your special someone celebrate each other. Make the Morris Eagles your place to go on Thursday, February 14th for a Ribeye Steak and Shrimp Supper with baked potato, side salad, vegetable, dinner roll, dessert and a complementary glass of wine. \$16.95 or combination platter for \$18.95. Reservations preferred by calling the club 589-4380.

<b>Charitable Gaming Dates</b>		
January Bar Bingo 11th and 25th	<b>Animal races on Fridays 5:30-7:00 p.m.</b>	February Bar Bingo 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd
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**Upcoming Club Events**

**Eagles' Annual Sweetheart Supper**  
Friday, February 14th  
5:00-7:30 p.m.

**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  
5:00-7:30 p.m.

**Eagles' Good Friday Fish Fry**  
Friday, April 10th  
5:00-7:30 p.m.

**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 aerie members who renew their membership prior to March 30, 2020. So make sure you either attend the membership supper, drop off or mail your \$30 membership renewal to qualify for the drawing. Best of luck!

**FEB BIRTHDAYS**

- 1  
Audrey Larson  
Brian Payne
- 3  
Keith Wetzel
- 4  
Dan Bratton  
Stacey Mogard
- 5  
Dean Danter  
Tina Nelson
- 6  
Janet Siegel
- 8  
Gladys Landmark
- 9  
Kim Spohr
- 11  
Tracy Marlow
- 12  
Kenneth Van Horn  
Mary Walker
- 13  
Shelly Anderson
- 16  
Shirley Busenga
- 17  
Serandon Bigalke
- 19  
Donald Eich  
Kevin Stallman
- 20  
James Storck
- 22  
Penny Melberg  
Julie Ries  
Ann Streed
- 24  
Jason Bratton
- 27  
Dick Bluth  
Marsha Buss
- 29  
Luke Kieffer

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