

WOW!
What can the chamber do to WOW
you?
Let us know!

Thursday, February 1st 2018

Dear Chamber Member,

We hope the first month of the year has been a great start for your business! Here at the Chamber, we have had a busy and exciting beginning to the year with our annual meeting, celebrating business anniversaries and gearing up for our Annual Board Retreat! We are looking forward to everything 2018 has in store.

We share a warm welcome to our new member, The Skirt Outlet, who celebrated their Grand Opening on January 25th. We wish you the best in your start this year and are happy to have you here!

A special thank you to all of our business members and individuals who attended our Annual Chamber Meeting on Wednesday, January 17th at UMM. Thank you to all of those who donated baskets for our auction, we had a wonderful turn out! See highlights of the Annual Meeting later in the newsletter.

Next on our agenda will be the Annual Board Retreat on Wednesday, February 7th at Riverview Dairy. We want to hear from you, our members, on goals you would like us to focus on for 2018. If you have any goals you would like the Chamber to achieve this year, please feel free to contact us and let us know!

We are looking for businesses who would like to host or co-host a Chamber Social in 2018. If you are interested or would like more details on hosting a social, please contact our office. Socials are a great opportunity to network with other Chamber businesses and showcase your business!

As most of you know Prairie Pioneer Days is 5 short months away. If you are planning an event, let us know! At the Chamber, there has been buzz about new events and vendors. We want to make this year, the best year yet! Thank you so much for your continued membership and support!

Jocelyn Giefer
Marketing and Events Intern
Morris Area Chamber of Commerce

IMPORTANT DATES:

Wednesday, February 7th
Annual Board Retreat

July 13th-15th:
Prairie Pioneer Days
If you have an event you are planning for 2018, please let us know as soon as you can!

NEW MEMBERS:

The Skirt Outlet
27493 470th Ave | Morris, MN
320.392.SKRT (7578)
www.THESKIRTOUTLET.com
Visit them on their Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/myskirtoutlet/>

Thank you for joining us! We are happy to have you!



REMINDERS:

Please contact the Morris Area Chamber of Commerce if your business has any change of address, email address, phone number, etc.

If you are interested in learning more about our different committees and/or becoming part of our committees, please contact us! We would appreciate the participation.
(320)-589-1242
morrismnchamber@gmail.com

Joining us this year is Jocelyn Giefer, a UMM 3rd year student who is studying management and communications. She is the Marketing and Events Intern at the Chamber, while Andrea Koehntop is on maternity leave. She works on campus as the Building and Event Manager. While working two jobs, she still has time to be in two dance clubs and on the radio station. As well, this semester she decided to take on being the Live Music Coordinator through KUMM radio!
Welcome Jocelyn!

Membership Spotlight

Wehking Electric, Inc.



Wehking Electric, Inc. is an electric contractor, working in a variety of area's including agricultural, business, farm, and commercial locations. It all started on the Wehking family farm. The owners' dad and the boys did all the work on the farm. Their family farm work consisted of beef, hogs, corn, soybeans, and wheat. Whenever there was a problem, they were there to fix it! Steve and Jeff went on to school in 1999 to become electricians and started working with contractors in 2001. It wasn't until 2005 when Jeff received his master's electrician license. By April 2006, Owner Jeff and his brother Steve started their business as Wehking Electric, along with another full-time employee, Geoff Carlson.

Opening a new business in a small community is a challenge but they always like the challenge. Yet, opening a new business from your hometown is not as hard. People in a small community are very accommodating. Most of Wehking's work is word of mouth, which they appreciate a lot. What sets Wehking apart from other electrician companies is how personal they are with their customers. Morris is very family oriented, just like the owners, Jeff and Steve. The Morris area is generational; once you work with one family, you're bound to work with them year after year. That's why Jeff says they do not do a lot of advertising; he doesn't want the business to get too big. He would rather have a personal relationship with less customers. He also enjoys the lifelong learning aspect of his job, changing with new technology, and the variety of everyday work.

They take on a variety of work. Jeff said, "Take what comes." From irrigations, barns, remodel, trenching, and new houses. When it comes to electrical work at the farm; they know how to fix it. They enjoy working in different climates. The one thing that needs constant fixing is hog barns. The corrosive atmosphere makes the more continuous work happen there. Agriculture is their main work, which fits right along with Jeff and Steve's agricultural roots. Some days are more challenging than others when it comes to needing more workers to get every customer's job done, but the Wehking's believe if you get too big, you lose the communication and the personal connection. They love working with people in the Morris community and appreciate all of their customers for choosing Wehking Electric over the years.

You can visit them on their Facebook page, "Wehking Electric", or get in touch by phone at (320) 589-8898 and by email wehkingelectric@yahoo.com. Wehking's business location is at 48501 250th St, Morris, MN.

2018 Chamber Annual Meeting

Wednesday, January 17th UMM



Thank you to all of the businesses and individuals that generously donated items for the annual meeting. We couldn't have pulled it off without your support!

Special congratulations to Member Business's Anniversaries: Mohr Plumbing- 10 years, Midwest Eye Care- 15 years, Image Xperts- 20 years, Computer Professionals, John's Total Entertainment, and LPL Financial, all with 25 years, and Ace Hardware with 50 years of business.

Special thanks to B Inspired for donating the beautiful table decorations, Paul McDonald for being the master of ceremonies and our entertainment, violinist Courtney Swanson.

We hope your business has had a great start to 2018!

