

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

## Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> 2018

Dear Chamber Member,

Welcome to August! We are looking forward to the Stevens County Fair as well as new and returning students coming to Morris. Now is the time to sign up for a booth at the UMM Welcome Picnic and Expo on Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. You can hand out business information and freebies and talk with the new and returning students of UMM. The deadline to sign up for a booth is August 20<sup>th</sup>. Booths are free for Chamber Members! Please see the attached registration form later in the newsletter.

Another Prairie Pioneer Days has come and gone, and we want to thank everyone who hosted an event, had a booth, or helped during the weekend- we couldn't do it without your support! Mallery Hope and Verses had a wonderful performance! The new Foodie Fun Run and bean bag tournament both had a great turn out, and the pizza eating contest had a lot of people sign up. Thank you for supporting this annual community festival! See highlights from the weekend later in the newsletter.

We hope your business did well during Crazy Days on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Kids and families enjoyed free activities like chalk the walk and the coin dig. Thank you to the Morris Women of Today, Miss Morris/Miss Midwest, and the Girl Scouts for making these events possible, and to the Morris Theatre for the special screening and pricing for "The Incredibles 2."

The Stevens County Fair is coming on August 7<sup>th</sup>. If you are a non-profit, you can sign up for a booth spot for only \$10! Please contact our office right away if you are interested.

We have a lot going on here at the Chamber, but we couldn't do any of it without you, our Member. Thank you so much for your continued membership and support!

Andrea Koehntop  
Marketing Director  
Morris Area Chamber of Commerce

### IMPORTANT DATES:

**August 7-12<sup>th</sup>:**  
**Stevens County Fair**

**August 27<sup>th</sup>:**  
**UMM Welcome Picnic-**  
**East Side Park**

**November 15<sup>th</sup>:**  
**Parade of Lights**

### 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  
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Congratulations to the Anderson family for finding the Willie's SuperValu Medallion during Prairie Pioneer Days weekend!

We are looking for sponsors to hold a Chamber Social! If you would like to host or co-host a future social, please contact our office! It is a great way to network and get your business out in the community!

# Membership Spotlight

## Mi Mexico



Mi Mexico is a family owned, authentic Mexican restaurant located in City Center Mall in Morris, MN. Their doors first opened in Benson, MN in October 2007. They have a newly renovated store and location in Benson today as well. The owners, Juan and Stephanie Cid, wanted to capture the beauty and cuisine of the Mexican culture here in Minnesota, as well as promote family time. What worked in Benson worked in Morris too when they expanded to a second location. The Morris community eagerly anticipated its opening in December of 2014.

Juan and Stephanie met while working at another Mexican restaurant and got engaged while working there together. That's when they decided they would like to open their own Mexican restaurant together. "We decided we wanted to form something for us to grow and to bring some of our dreams (more so my husband's dreams for us 😊) into reality," says Stephanie. When they first started up at the store in Benson, there was minimal decorations and they just did what they could with the little money they had saved up to get the restaurant up and running. With generous community support and hard work, little by little, they have been able to add more color and have more of their dreams (to capture the beauty of the Mexican culture) become a reality. "We love owning Mi Mexico because it's a daily reminder that your dreams can come true and that we show our children how important it is to go after your dreams and work hard," says Stephanie. She also mentions she loves seeing regular customers in the restaurant as well as meeting the new people who come in too. "The Morris community has been such an amazing new home for us, they have been so supportive to us and our business. We have met so many people and it's been such a blessing," Stephanie adds.

If you are looking for something tasty and satisfying on the menu, some of the most popular items include the #44 chimichanga dinner, the #66 botana dinner and the fajitas, just to name a few. All of the food is literally made from scratch and they make their own sauces, salsas, rice, beans, chips, tamales, etc. There is no canned or frozen pre-made foods. Their menu is large with a wide variety so there is something for everyone!

Stephanie says that although not all of their workers are blood related, the staff is family. "The Mi Mexico business would not thrive if not for the amazing people who work so hard alongside us! It's very much a group effort and we are so blessed to have such hard workers who enjoy working as a family."

Mi Mexico is located in Benson, MN as well as in City Center Mall in Morris, MN. They are open Monday-Wednesday from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. and Thursday through Sunday from 11 a.m. until 1 a.m. To make a reservation or to reach them, call (320) 585-8001.

# Prairie Pioneer Days

## July 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>



# Crazy Days

## July 25<sup>th</sup>



# Backpack Giveaway

## August 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Backpack Giveaway Donations Welcome

BeMobile.

Can your business help contribute?

Please bring 48 items to BeMobile by Wednesday, August 1st.  
Suggested items include: Folders, Sanitary Wipes, Notebooks,  
Band aids, Pens, etc.



Andrew Svendsen, Store Leader  
116 Atlantic Avenue  
Morris, MN 56267  
(320) 589-5115

Backpack Giveaway will be  
Friday, August 3, 2018 at 10 am.

verizon authorized retailer

# Non-Profit Booth Stevens County Fair



Dear Non-Profit Organization,

The non-profit committee of the Morris Area Chamber of Commerce continues to look at ways to promote our local non-profit organizations. This year we would again like to provide the opportunity for our non-profits to be showcased at the Stevens County Fair. Please see the details below. We ask you to register on the attached form and return to the Chamber Office as soon as possible.

Those who participated last year found this opportunity to be beneficial and we are very excited to offer this again this year. With many non-profit organizations in the Stevens County area, this event will be an excellent opportunity for your organization to receive public exposure. It will allow community members from Stevens County and additional surrounding areas the opportunity to learn about your organization. It would potentially give you the opportunity to recruit more members or volunteers for your organization. We hope your organization will give serious consideration to being a part of this opportunity.

## DETAILS:

The Chamber would provide a booth during the Stevens County Fair in August on a Thursday - Sunday.

- Each organization attending would have the opportunity to have a 2-hour time (or multiple if available) slot and would be provided with display space, a 6' table and 2 chairs. (booth must be staffed)
- There would be a small registration fee for your organization to have display space during this event. **The fee for Chamber members is \$10. The fee for non-Chamber members is \$20.**

Please contact Carolyn Peterson at the Morris Area Chamber of Commerce at [morrismnchamber@gmail.com](mailto:morrismnchamber@gmail.com) 320-589-1242 if you have any questions. Thank you for considering this exciting opportunity. We believe that non-profits working together will result in the betterment of all our organizations and our community!

## REGISTRATION FORM

**“Non-Profit Organization Booth”  
Sponsored by the Morris Chamber of  
Commerce**

# Non-Profit Booth Stevens County Fair

**August 9-12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Stevens County Fair Commercial Building**

**Please complete this registration form and return it to the Chamber Office**

**YES** – We are interested in attending this event.

A confirmation letter with days/times available will be sent upon receipt of your registration.

**NO** – We are not interested, but please keep me on your mailing list.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

1. Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_
  4. City / State / Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_
  5. Telephone Number (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_
  6. E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_
  7. Do you need access to electrical?  Yes  No
  8. Number of people attending from your organization \_\_\_\_\_
  9. Date/Time Preference \_\_\_\_\_
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**Please return to the Chamber ASAP!**

Return completed form to:  
*Morris Area Chamber of Commerce*  
*215 Atlantic Avenue, Morris, MN 56267*

# UMM Welcome Picnic

## August 27th

### Morris Area Chamber of Commerce

### Welcome Event & Community Expo

AUGUST 27, 2018

5-7:30 p.m.—East Side Park- 7th Street Morris, MN

The Chamber Events Committee welcomes all chamber members to participate in this annual event. This event provides an opportunity for you to welcome new residents to Morris and for you to showcase what your business or organization offers.

**We will be back at Eastside Park this year and serving free food to students and community members.**

### Expo Information:

- Chamber members participate for FREE!
- Non-member fee is \$40, which may be applied to a new Chamber membership by Oct. 1.
- Booth space allowed is 10'x10' per business. .
- You must provide your own tables and chairs.
- Set up starts at 4:30 pm .
- The meal will be served from 5 to 7:30 pm or until gone.
- Handouts are encouraged to provide information about your business or organization.

### **Pre-registration is required.**

If you have any questions, please call the Chamber Office at 589-1242.

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### Welcome Event Registration Form

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Deadline is August 20th, 2018