



Chamber News

Mora Area Chamber of Commerce

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The long awaited return of Bowe's!!!

If you've been downtown Mora lately, you may have noticed a lot of activity happening in (and on) the former American Legion building – 118 Railroad Avenue N.E. Steve and Denise Bowe (of Bowe's Landing) have purchased the property and are getting the building up to code (and what a feat it was) with remodeling and updating. They hope to be open for business within a week or two serving full meals all day, every day – with a delightful menu of food, drinks, malts, and smoothies along with the same courteous service Bowe's and their staff try to provide. Just an f.y.i.; beloved breakfast cook, Kathy, formerly of Grandma's Kitchen,

has been hired on at Bowe's to delight you with her hometown breakfast favorites. Returning full-time is Deb with her experience and expertise who you may know from Bowe's as the creator of the Gourmet Dinners. Serving Sunday brunch, specialty appetizers, an array of fish, standard fare, and yes Prime Rib as well as a spot for afternoon happy hours, Bowe's is soon to become the place to meet.

Not only will Bowe's have a primary restaurant and bar large enough to serve 80 – 100, they will also offer a great expanse of space on the ballroom side which is also getting a facelift. Room to hold 250 – 300 people, this will be the place to hold

wedding receptions, political events, large meetings, birthdays, and the like. This space can also be divided so that two events can take place at the same time.

Keep your ear to the grindstone and your eyes wide open as very soon, Bowe's will be

open for business.

See you there!

Interested in booking your next event at Bowe's? Give Steve or Denise a call at 679-5070.



The third annual Kanabec Sportsmen's Fair is coming

up on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 27 and 28 at the location just north of Mora on Hwy. 65 - "Rolling Oaks Ranch." The Chamber and our Sportsmen's Fair Committee are all working hard to make this great event grow bigger and better each year. The Dock Dogs Big Air Jumping Competition (sponsored by the



Kanabec Sportsmen's Fair



Grand Casino Hinckley) will be a sanctioned event this year and registration forms will be available on the Dock Dogs website: www.dockdogsnorthernstars.com. after June 27. Also returning will be the AC Expo's gun show, the Kanabec Conservation Club (back with their trap shoot activity), as well as our local Pheasant's Forever organization and others who were in attendance last year. The chamber

is currently looking for folks to do activities such as archery, fly tying, trapping, dog training, goose calling, all kinds of outdoor activities for kids and/or adults. Vendors and volunteers, please contact the chamber if you are interested in being involved. See the website for more information: www.moramn.com. Without our sponsors and our volunteers, this event would not be possible. The chamber is grateful to everyone for their involvement.

Sportsmen's Fair Raffle Tickets are available NOW at the

chamber office and also from chamber directors. The cost of a ticket is \$10 and each will give ticket holders the opportunity to win either a \$500 gift card from Cabela's or a Savage Axis Rifle worth over \$500. Winner's choice. Second winner gets the alternate prize.



2012 is Vasaloppet's 40th!

2012 is Vasaloppet's 40th Anniversary!

There are many new and annual events in the plans for 2012. These include: historic reenactments, commemorating past winners, recognizing past and present longtime volunteers, Kran-skullas and board members. There will be a community concert in a giant heated tent set up on the feed mill lot in downtown Mora and (among other things) Lonnie Ness of our local Re/Max Realty will set up their hot air balloon right



on Lake Mora for dawn and dusk tethered rides on the day of the Vasaloppet, Feb. 12. The chamber is selling tickets where you could be a lucky winner of this fun ride. They are only \$5 each and you can buy a 'ticket for two' for \$10. It is important to note: flights are not guaranteed. If weather does not permit flights/tethers, there will be no substitutions, guarantees or replacements. Your money will not be refunded and all proceeds will benefit the Mora Area Chamber of Commerce Community Fund. Please contact the chamber for more information.

Mora Chamber joins GrowMinnesota!

The chamber has recently joined the GrowMinnesota! program which is a private-sector economic development program led by the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce. Local business volunteers have been visiting with a variety of businesses in our area since mid-May. At this point, we have completed three business visits, have another three visits scheduled through June and we will continue with visiting a few businesses each month. The purpose is for us to learn details about each of these businesses, have a face-to-face discussion about the business owner's/manager's feelings towards the community as a

place to live and to work. Our aim is to assist in whatever way we can to help keep our local enterprises going, keeping our local economy moving ahead. The data gathered from each of these visits, with permission from the business owner, will be conveyed to the Minnesota Chamber. In turn, they will be able to use the findings to deliver information to policy-makers. By using data from local Chambers that are GrowMinnesota! partners, they are conveying what businesses throughout the state are actually saying. We believe that this will benefit all of our businesses. There are over 50 chambers of commerce in the

state that are participating in this program, that was launched in 2004. More information about the program can be found if you Google: GrowMinnesota!

We stand beside our business members. If any business in our community is interested in being visited by our GrowMinnesota! program volunteers, please contact the chamber at 320-679-5792.



Chamber Update...

Now that it is getting warmer out, well at least it is suppose to be this time of year, the Mora Area Chamber of Commerce is focusing its attention and energy into the third annual Sportsmen's Fair. This year's show is going to be held on Saturday, Aug. 27 and Sunday, Aug. 28 at the Rolling Oaks Ranch just north of Mora. We are thrilled that Grand Casino

Hinckley and Cabela's are our two main sponsors for this event. However, we still have sponsorship opportunities available. Please call us to discuss which sponsorship option may suit your business the best or help us customize one for you.

This year's show will be a ton of fun with activities featuring the Dock Dogs Air Jumping Competi-

tion, which will be a sanctioned event this year, the AC Expo Gun Show, shooting, archery, dog training, and ATV riding just to name a few.

Raffle tickets are also now available at the Chamber Office or from any chamber director. Cost is \$10 per ticket and the prizes are a \$500 Cabela's gift card and a Savage Axis XP 30-06 Mossy

Oak Break-Up Camo Stock with Bushnell Trophy XLT 3-9x40 Multiplex Bone Collector Scope. First winner gets choice of prize, second winner gets remaining prize.

If you have any ideas for this year's show or would like to help in any way, please contact Karen at the Chamber Office.

We look forward to seeing

you there! Check us out online at www.moramn.com to get a BOGO pass!



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