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Morris Cruise Night - Downtown Morris
Every 2nd Saturday (June-October)

3 French Hens Country Market
Every 2nd Saturday (May-November)



Morris Municipal Services Building

700 N. Division St. • Morris IL, 60450
Hours: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM Monday – Friday
Phone: (815) 942-0103
Email: cityhall@morrisil.org

Closed for the following Holidays:
Friday, December 25th – Christmas
Friday, January 1st – New Years Day
Monday, January 18th – MLK Day
Monday, February 15th – President's Day

City Meetings

During the summer months the Morris City Council meets once per month. Committee meetings are held on an as-needed basis.

All are held in the Community Room
700 N. Division St., Morris, IL 60450

December

7th	Morris City Council	6:00PM
21st	Morris City Council	6:00PM

January

4th	Morris City Council	6:00PM
19th	Morris City Council	6:00PM

Due to MLK Day

February

1st	Morris City Council	6:00PM
16th	Morris City Council	6:00PM

Due to President's Day

City Directory

Mayor's Office
815-942-5438

City Clerk
815-942-4026

City Treasurer
815-942-4108

Building & Zoning
815-942-1855

Business Development
815-941-3685

Morris Fire & Ambulance Non-Emergency
815-942-2830

Morris Police Non-Emergency
815-942-2131

Public Works Department
815-942-5063

Water Department Billing/Questions
815-942-4026

Water Department Maintenance
815-942-2205

Morris Municipal Airport
815-942-1600

Morris Swimming Pool
815-942-2919

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Message from Mayor Chris Brown

When we talk about what makes Morris such a special place to live, work, and play, we often highlight our beautiful parks, thriving downtown, strong small business community, and the many improvements happening throughout our community. But behind every successful project, every service provided, and every positive step forward is a team of dedicated individuals working hard to make it all happen.

For this newsletter, I want to take a moment to recognize a group of people who don't always receive the spotlight but certainly deserve our appreciation, the outstanding staff at Morris City Hall.

Our City Hall team is made up of hardworking, knowledgeable, and dedicated individuals who take tremendous pride in serving the residents of Morris. Whether they are answering a phone call, assisting someone at the front counter, processing permits, managing city finances, coordinating projects, or helping residents navigate city services, they approach their responsibilities with professionalism and a genuine desire to help. What impresses me most about this team isn't simply their ability to get the job done. It's their willingness to go above and beyond what is expected.

Working in the city can be difficult and complex at times. The questions and challenges that come through our doors aren't always simple. Yet, time and again, I see our staff demonstrate patience, empathy, and determination to find answers and solutions. They understand that behind every question, concern, or request is a resident who deserves to be heard and treated with respect. That commitment to customer service is something I am particularly proud of.

Many people may not realize just how much work takes place behind the scenes at City Hall. From preparing City Council meetings and maintaining public records to overseeing budgets, supporting economic development, coordinating community initiatives, and keeping projects moving forward, our administrative team plays an essential role in nearly every aspect of city operations.

Just as importantly, our employees support one another. There is a strong sense of teamwork within City Hall, with team members willing to step out of their regular responsibilities to help a co-worker or ensure that a resident receives the assistance they need.

As Mayor, I have the privilege of working alongside these individuals, and I can tell you firsthand that their dedication makes life in Morris better for all of us. To our entire City Hall administrative team, thank you for your hard work, positive attitudes, and unwavering commitment to the people of Morris.

And to our residents, the next time you visit City Hall or speak with one of our employees, I hope you'll recognize the important role they play in making Morris a community we can all be proud to call home.

PUBLIC WORKS POINTERS

Snow Removal



The City of Morris Public Works crews begin an all-out plowing effort when the snow accumulation is greater than 1.5 inches. It is the city's goal to clear all streets, curb-to-curb, within 12 hours after the snowfall has ended. Heavier snow would be the exception, as it takes curb much longer to clear. The curb-to-curb policy is in effect to keep gutters and storm sewers open which allows for melting snow and rain to drain properly. This is essential in helping to prevent street flooding and also to accommodate trash pick-up and mail delivery. Snow routes are prioritized with main traffic routes being plowed first, thoroughfares through subdivisions are second, while smaller side streets and cul-de-sacs are cleared last.



Please note that we will be enforcing ***no parking restrictions*** in the downtown area after 2 inches of accumulation.

BUILDING AND ZONING CORNER

Winter is a great time to start thinking about spring home improvement projects. Before you start the work, remember to check with the City of Morris Building and Zoning Office to see if permits are necessary for your projects.

Building permits are required for the following:

- New residences
- Building additions
- Decks and fences
- Sheds
- Gazebos and porches
- Signs
- Commercial remodeling
- Demolition of buildings

Please call the Building and Zoning Office if you have any questions or concerns about any home improvements you are planning. Building and Zoning Officer Bill Martin can be reached at 815-942-1855.

Winter Weather Tips

Locate Your Water Shut Off Valve
If a pipe does freeze and burst, you want to locate your water service shut off valve to quickly shut water off in your home and minimize damage. This valve is often located near your water meter in your basement or crawl space where your water line comes into your home.

Identify Areas of Your Home that are not Protected from Cold Weather
Check rooms that are not insulated, rooms without access to heat and openings in doors and windows. Crawlspaces, basements, and rooms open to the elements are most vulnerable to frozen pipes.

Eliminate Access to Cold Air
Wind blowing through openings will quickly freeze pipes. Repair broken windows, insulate all exterior walls, and seal any openings near doors and windows.

Protect Exposed Pipes and Your Water meter by Wrapping Them in Insulation
Hardware stores sell insulation specifically for water pipes. Wrapping water meters with insulation is also important to avoid costly repairs. Frozen water meters are replaced by the Town at your expense!

Close Inside Valves Supplying Outdoor Hose Bibs and Disconnect Outdoor Hoses
After shutting off the supply, remove any drain caps so there is no water left in the line. Go outside and make sure no hoses are attached to the outside faucets. This is necessary even for freeze proof faucets. Open all faucets that have been shut off from the inside.

If Your Pipes DO Freeze:

1. Turn off your faucet
2. Slowly apply heat to the frozen area, but don't use an open flame! Hair dryers can work with patience
3. Continue to apply heat until full water pressure is restored
4. Prevent the pipes from freezing again



Tracey Steffes
Fire Chief /Marshall

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Winter is here, and while snow-covered streets and neighborhoods can be beautiful, they can also create serious challenges for our first responders. One simple way Morris residents can help keep our community safe this winter is by making sure fire hydrants near their homes and businesses remain clear of snow and ice.

When firefighters respond to a fire, every second counts. Fire hydrants provide the critical water supply needed to battle fires and protect lives and property. Unfortunately, when hydrants become buried under snow from winter storms or snowplows, firefighters may have to spend valuable time locating and digging them out before they can begin using them.

Those extra minutes can make a significant difference during an emergency.

We encourage residents to "adopt" a fire hydrant in their neighborhood this winter. If there is a hydrant near your home or business, please take a few extra minutes after each snowfall to make sure it is visible and accessible.

Here are a few simple tips to help:

- Clear a 3-foot area around the entire fire hydrant so firefighters have room to work.
- Keep a clear path from the hydrant to the street so emergency crews can quickly connect their hoses.
- Remove snow after plowing. Snowplows can create large piles of snow that bury hydrants, even after they have been cleared.
- Help a neighbor. If you have an elderly neighbor or someone who may have difficulty clearing snow, consider lending a helping hand.
- Never pile snow around a hydrant when shoveling your driveway or sidewalk.

Keeping fire hydrants clear is a small act that can have a tremendous impact when an emergency occurs. We take pride in being a community that looks out for one another. By taking a few extra minutes to clear snow from fire hydrants, we can help our firefighters do their jobs safely and efficiently.

Remember, the house you help save could be your own!



Alicia Steffes
Police Chief

CHIEF CHAT

Morris Police Department is Recruiting!

The Morris Police Department is testing. We are looking for dedicated, motivated individuals who are ready to make a difference in their community. As we continue to grow and plan for the future, recruiting quality police officers remains one of our top priorities.

Our recruitment efforts are focused on finding individuals who share our values: Integrity, Teamwork, Accountability, Courage and Community Builders.

We aren't simply looking for people who want a job. We're looking for people who want to be the police.

A career with the Morris Police Department offers the opportunity to serve in a community that genuinely supports its law enforcement officers. From responding to emergencies and investigating crimes to building relationships with residents and protecting our neighborhoods, our officers have the opportunity to make a difference every day.

We also recognize the importance of investing in our officers. Professional development, specialized training, leadership opportunities, and career growth are essential to building a strong department for the future.

We encourage anyone who has considered a career in law enforcement to take that next step. Whether you're just beginning to explore the profession or are ready to pursue a career in policing, we invite you to learn more about the opportunities available with the Morris Police Department.

We also ask our residents to help us spread the word. If you know someone with strong character, a good work ethic, sound judgment, and a desire to serve others, encourage them to consider joining our team. Sometimes all it takes is a little encouragement to inspire someone to pursue a career they may never have considered.

The future of our department depends on the quality of the people we bring into it. We are proud of the officers who serve Morris today, and we are equally excited about the next generation who will carry that tradition forward.

BE THE POLICE.

For information about recruitment, qualifications, and the application process, visit the Morris Police Department Recruitment page at https://morrisil.org/recruitment-mailing-list/ or go directly to the application at this QR code. Applications are being accepted between now and January 5, 2027, at 4 pm.

If you have questions about the process, please email us at mpd@morrispolice.org and a recruiting officer will contact you!

DOWNTOWN MORRIS
HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS
2026

FRIDAY, NOV. 27TH TO SUNDAY, NOV. 29TH, 2026

Events are free unless otherwise noted.

MANY DOWNTOWN SHOPS, PUBS, AND BOUTIQUES WILL BE OPEN ON SUNDAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS!

Scan For a Map
60+ Downtown Shops, Restaurants, and More!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

10AM – 5PM
50+ charming boutiques, stores, bars and restaurants open for holiday sipping, dining, and shopping.

10AM – 7PM
Festival of Trees auction and vendor fair at the Grundy Co. History Museum at 510 W. Illinois Avenue.

3PM– 5PM
Free horse-drawn carriage rides. Climb aboard on Washington Street in front of the courthouse.

4PM
Morris High School madrigal singers carol throughout downtown shops.

4– 5:30PM
Hot cocoa stand, benefiting the charitable mission of the Eagles Ladies Auxiliary. 120 Liberty Street.

5:30 pm
21st Annual Lighted Holiday Parade. Join local businesses and organizations to kick off the season! Parade lasts about 30 minutes and ends with Santa & Mrs. Claus' arrival. Enjoy lighted giveaways from the City of Morris while they last. No parking along route after 3PM.

6:00PM
Countdown to light Chapin Park for the season! Follow the parade to the park for carols and the ceremonial lighting. Free cocoa, courtesy of Morris Cub Scouts. Horse-drawn wagon rides continue.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

10AM-12PM
Children's Winter Carnival at the Morris American Legion, 212 W. Washington St. Play games, win prizes.

10AM-1PM
Climb aboard his sleigh and share your wishes with Santa! Pet a real reindeer and meet a Christmas elf on the courthouse lawn. Enjoy cider and sweets from SOCU while you wait for Santa.

10AM – 4 PM
New! Awkward Family Photos at Morris Area Public Library. Find festive props and make memories.

10AM – 5PM
Festival of Trees continues at Grundy Co. History Museum.

11AM-1PM
Horse-drawn carriage rides continue. Board at the courthouse.

11AM-1PM
Morris Police will be stationed on the courthouse lawn with cookers and supplies to toast s'mores. Connect with local heroes. Hosted by Morris Police Benevolent Society.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

12PM-3PM
9th annual Kris Kringle Market at Montage Wine Bar & Spirits, feat. 20+ small business vendors. 307 Liberty St.

1PM-3PM
Visit Santa in his house at 111 E. Illinois Ave. Bring your camera. Each child receives a candy cane and may choose a small gift. A beloved Morris tradition!

THE PLAZA on Wauponsee

Dine at The Plaza (as in Home Alone) in the 200 block of Wauponsee Street.

Food Truck Court:
- Tacos Before Vatos
- Cousins Maine Lobster
- Applejax Creations Coffee

All the way from Kenosha,
Eddie Karosa, Jr. - Polka King from Home Alone
will entertain from 2-5PM at Keg Grove Brewing, 222 Wauponsee St.

2nd Annual Holly Jolly Sip & Stroll

2026 Collector's Mugs - $20

Proceeds provide student scholarships and support downtown improvements. Purchase at Cat & Hound Market, Oleander's & Gigi's. Bring your mug on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 28th to sample warm drinks from participating businesses while you shop.

Hosted by Morris Restaurant & Retail Association and City of Morris.



DECEMBER EVENTS

December 11th
Midnight in Morris - Extended shopping hours until 12AM. Find restaurant specials and themed sips at pubs. Pajamas encouraged!

December 12th
Holiday in the Hall - Free, family-friendly event at City Hall from 3-6PM. Santa will hear children's wishes. Enjoy s'mores, hot cocoa, and a holiday coloring station. Winter Wonderland - Morris Area Public Library will offer winter kids activities, crafts, and more.

December 13th
Winterfest Market Shop small business vendors from 9AM-3PM, hosted by 3 French Hens Market on Liberty Street.

December 18th *New!*
Holiday Magic in the Windows - Downtown shops and restaurants will reveal live holiday scenes in their storefronts.

Visit Santa in his House

111 E. Washington St.

Kids receive a candy cane and trinket while they last. Great photo op!

Saturday, 12/5 – 10AM-1PM
Sunday, 12/6 – 1-3PM
Sunday, 12/13– 1-3PM
Saturday, 12/19 – 10AM-1PM
Sunday, 12/20 – 1-3PM

MORRIS ILLINOIS

NEW HOME FOR MORRIS ICE RINK



The City of Morris community ice rink has a new home. The rink has moved to West Side Park, just north of the pickleball courts, where a newly installed concrete pad will make the rink an amenity which will be available all year round. Thanks to the hard work of Morris Public Works crews, the new concrete surface will allow residents to enjoy ice skating during the winter months and rollerblading when the weather warms up.



MCKINLEY PARK IMPROVEMENTS

McKinley Park has received some major upgrades this fall. The transformation has brought many new amenities to the park and has also made the park more ADA accessible for residents that have mobility challenges. The new upgrades include a beautiful new basketball court, modern park equipment with pour-in-place flooring, picnic pavilion, new dugouts and fencing around the ball diamond, bean bag boxes, and vibrant landscaping. Included in the playground equipment is a We-Saw, which is a new take on the traditional seesaw. Its unique design and gentle rocking motion invites kids and families of all ages and abilities to enjoy the fun, including those in wheelchairs. This amazing piece of equipment was made possible by generous grant funding from LyondellBasell.

MORRIS ANNOUNCES INAUGURAL WINTER CONCERT SERIES



The City of Morris is excited to announce its Inaugural Winter Concert Series, bringing live music, and plenty of fun to downtown Morris throughout the winter months! The free concert series will take place at the nostalgic, former downtown movie theater located at 118 E. Jefferson Street in downtown Morris. Each performance will run from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with a bar available for drinks and refreshments. The series features an exciting variety of musical entertainment, offering something for everyone!

The City of Morris extends a special thank-you to Terra Engineering, our presenting sponsor, for helping make this exciting new series possible. Whether you're looking for a fun date night, an evening with friends, or simply a reason to get out of the house during the colder months, the Winter Concert Series is the perfect opportunity to enjoy great live music in Downtown Morris. Mark your calendars, invite your friends, and join us as we make this a winter to remember! A full schedule and list of bands is printed on the back page of this newsletter.

THE BUSINESS OF BUILDING COMMUNITY



Julie Wilkinson
Business Development Director

There is something special about Morris during the holidays. From festive storefronts and familiar traditions, the season serves as a reminder of the many aspects that make our corner of the world unique. Behind the holiday spirit is an economy strengthened by businesses and the customers who support them.

While corporations play a critical role in a strong and diverse economy, small businesses are the backbone of communities like Morris. According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, more than 2.4 million people in Illinois are employed by small businesses. That's nearly 44% of the state's workforce. These businesses create jobs, generate wealth which is reinvested locally, and promote innovation through new products, services, and concepts.

Choosing to shop, dine, or do business in our backyard has an impact beyond the transaction. It helps our neighbors build a meaningful life. It provides jobs. It strengthens relationships and builds connections. And it fosters opportunities for more growth. Successful local businesses also contribute to our tax base which supports the services and amenities residents enjoy. Despite a challenging economy, Morris continues to see record sales tax revenue year after year.

Conversely, our municipality's low sales tax rate of .0625% is helping drive new business investment, even in a tough economic environment.

The holiday season offers a perfect opportunity to ensure small businesses thrive. Before turning to an app to purchase presents or plan your celebrations, consider investing in your own backyard. Carve out time to explore the more than 60 unique shops, bars, and restaurants that line our downtown historic district. Instead of getting on the interstate, consider the businesses and services invested in our community, including those on Route 47 and Route 6. Encourage others to do the same by purchasing gift cards to places you'd like them to experience. For those hardest to shop for, a Grundy County Chamber of Commerce gift certificate can be used at more than 650 businesses in our area.

With more than a dozen community special events during the final weeks of the year, it is easy to participate in our local economy. Events help create priceless memories. They also introduce new customers to businesses and remind us that the vibrant community we enjoy is supported by the people who live, work, and invest here.

There are plenty of reasons to "Meet Me in Morris" this holiday season. Let your spending reflect your vote of confidence in our community.

Special Events

Visit us online at **morrisil.org** and follow us on social media to see more info and updates on these and future events!

November

13-14th 3 French Hens Holiday Market
Jennifer's Garden

November 27th - 29th
Home for the Holidays - Downtown Morris
Featuring the Lighted Holiday Parade, Santa and his reindeer, Home & Holiday Walk, Carriage Rides, and more!

28th Small Business Saturday
Featuring the Holly Jolly Sip & Stroll — Downtown Morris

December

11th Midnight in Morris — Downtown Morris

12th Holiday in the Hall
Family Christmas Event — Morris City Hall

13th Winterfest Market — Downtown Morris

18th Holiday Magic in the Windows — Downtown Morris
Late-night shopping and lively window displays

Meet Me in Morris!

Visit online at **morrisil.org/visitmorris**
and follow @VisitMorrisIL on social media

Event information is subject to change. Scan QR code or check the event social media for updates.

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SHOP, DINE, SUPPORT LOCAL

Look no further than Morris. Check out our extensive business directory!

www.morrisil.org/business-directory



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Nostalgic Downtown MORRIS
Shop, Dine, Enjoy!
Morris Retail Association

MORRIS WINTERFEST
WINTERFEST MARKET

HOLIDAY MAGIC IN THE WINDOWS
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN MORRIS

HOLIDAY IN THE HALL
MORRIS CITY HALL

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Date	Event/Opponent	H/A
11/23/2026	Coaler Turkey Tournament	Away
11/24/2026	Coaler Turkey Tournament	Away
11/27/2026	Coaler Turkey Tournament	Away
11/28/2026	Coaler Turkey Tournament	Away
12/2/2026	**Morris Grade School Night**	**Home**
12/4/2026	**Ottawa – Hall of Distinction Night**	**Home**
12/9/2026	**Streator**	**Home**
12/11/2026	Rochelle	Away
12/22/2026	**Plainfield South**	**Home**
12/26/2026	Plano Christmas Classic	Away
12/28/2026	Plano Christmas Classic	Away
12/29/2026	Plano Christmas Classic	Away
12/30/2026	Plano Christmas Classic	Away
1/5/2027	**Manteno**	**Home**
1/7/2027	Plano	Away
1/9/2027	Kaneland	Away
1/12/2027	Pontiac	Away
1/15/2027	**LaSalle Peru**	**Home**
1/16/2027	Seneca Shootout	Away
1/22/2027	Ottawa	Away
1/23/2027	**Wilmington**	**Home**
1/25/2027	Newark	Away
1/26/2027	Sycamore	Away
2/1/2027	Sandwich	Away
2/2/2027	**Rochelle**	**Home**
2/5/2027	**Kaneland**	**Home**
2/9/2027	**Coal City**	**Home**
2/12/2027	**Sycamore**	**Home**
2/13/2027	IC Shootout	Away
2/16/2027	**Seneca**	**Home**
2/19/2027	LaSalle Peru	Away
2/24/2027	IHSA Regionals	Away
2/26/2027	IHSA Regionals	Away

MORRIS VARSITY CHEER

Date	Event/Opponent	H/A
12/20/2026	Cheer Fest – Joliet West	Away
1/8/2027	Minooka Showcase	Away
1/9/2027	All of the Lights at Lakes	Away
1/10/2027	Glenbrook North Spartan Showdown	Away
1/13/2027	I8 Conference Competition Rochelle	Away
1/22/2027	Grayslake Central	Away
1/23/2027	Fremd Showdown	Away
1/30/2027	IHSA Sectionals	Away
2/5/2027	IHSA State – Grossinger Arena	Away
2/6/2027	IHSA State – Grossinger Arena	Away

MORRIS VARSITY POMS

Date	Event/Opponent	H/A
12/6/2026	Naperville North Invite	Away
12/12/2026	**MVP Dance Invite**	**Home**
12/20/2026	Glenbard South	Away
1/9/2027	Mahomet-Seymour Invite	Away
1/10/2027	All of the Light at Lakes	Away
1/13/2027	I8 Conference Competition	Away
1/17/2027	Huntley Dance Invite	Away
1/23/2027	IHSA Sectionals	Away
1/29/2027	IHSA State – Grossinger Arena	Away
1/30/2027	IHSA State – Grossinger Arena	Away

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Date	Event/Opponent	H/A
11/16/2026	Braidwood RC Thanksgiving Tournament	Away
11/17/2026	Braidwood RC Thanksgiving Tournament	Away
11/18/2026	Braidwood RC Thanksgiving Tournament	Away
11/19/2026	Braidwood RC Thanksgiving Tournament	Away
11/20/2026	Braidwood RC Thanksgiving Tournament	Away
11/24/2026	**Indian Creek**	**Home**
11/30/2026	**Newark**	**Home**
12/1/2026	Ottawa Marquette	Away
12/4/2026	**Ottawa – Hall of** Distinction Night	**Home**
12/5/2026	Princeton	Away
12/8/2026	Rochelle	Away
12/10/2026	Seneca	Away
12/12/2026	Kaneland	Away
12/15/2026	**Coal City**	**Home**
12/21/2026	Lady Bruin Classic at Peru St. Bede	Away
12/22/2026	Lady Bruin Classic at Peru St. Bede	Away
12/23/2026	Lady Bruin Classic at Peru St. Bede	Away
1/5/2027	Dixon	Away
1/8/2027	**Sycamore**	**Home**
1/12/2027	**LaSalle Peru**	**Home**
1/16/2027	**Rochelle**	**Home**
1/19/2027	**Spring Valley Hall**	**Home**
1/21/2027	Wilmington	Away
1/22/2027	Ottawa	Away
1/26/2027	**Peotone**	**Home**
1/28/2027	**Kaneland**	**Home**
2/1/2027	Hinckley Big Rock	Away
2/5/2027	Sycamore	Away
2/8/2027	**Pontiac**	**Home**
2/9/2027	LaSalle Peru	Away
2/11/2027	Manteno	Away

GIRLS VARSITY WRESTLING

Date	Event/Opponent	H/A
11/10/2026	Naperville North Quad	Away
11/12/2026	Kaneland & LaSalle Peru @ LP	Away
11/14/2026	Joliet West Tiger Classic	Away
11/19/2026	**Sycamore & Plainfield South**	**Home**
11/25/2026	Minooka Invitational	Away
11/28/2026	Normal Community HS Invite	Away
12/3/2026	Ottawa	Away
12/10/2026	**Rochelle**	**Home**
12/12/2026	Antioch Invitational	Away
12/19/2026	**Morris Wrestling Invitational**	**Home**
12/29/2026	Ottawa Girls Invite	Away
1/2/2027	Break the Silence Invite Oswego East	Away
1/8/2027	I8 Conference Tourney Sycamore	Away
1/15/2027	IHSA Regionals	Away
1/16/2027	IHSA Regionals	Away
1/22/2027	IHSA Sectionals	Away
1/23/2027	IHSA Sectionals	Away
1/29/2027	IHSA State	Away
1/30/2027	IHSA State	Away

BOYS VARSITY WRESTLING

Date	Event/Opponent	H/A
11/24/2026	Joliet Central Quad	Away
12/1/2026	Braidwood Reed Custer & Princeton	Away
12/3/2026	Ottawa	Away
12/4/2026	E-Rab "Giardini" Invitational	Away
12/5/2026	E-Rab "Giardini" Invitational	Away
12/10/2026	**Rochelle**	**Home**
12/12/2026	Antioch Invitational	Away
12/17/2026	**Coal City & Bishop McNamara**	**Home**
12/19/2026	Beast of the East	Away
12/20/2026	Beast of the East	Away
12/26/2026	Bradley Mega Quad	Away
12/30/2026	**Morris Quad**	**Home**
1/2/2027	Dixon Duals	Away
1/7/2027	**Kaneland**	**Home**
1/9/2027	**Morris Quad**	**Home**
1/13/2027	Plainfield South	Away
1/14/2027	Sycamore	Away
1/16/2027	Mary Williams Invitational	Away
1/21/2027	LaSalle Peru at Mahomet Seymour	Away
1/23/2027	Oak Park & River Forest Invite	Away
1/27/2027	Yorkville Christian & Ottawa Marquette	Away
2/6/2027	IHSA Regionals	Away
2/12/2027	IHSA Sectionals	Away
2/13/2027	IHSA Sectionals	Away
2/18/2027	IHSA State	Away
2/19/2027	IHSA State	Away
2/20/2027	IHSA State	Away

GO MORRIS!

GIRLS VASITY BOWLING

Date	Event/Opponent	H/A
11/27/2026	Wildcat Invite Town & Country Lanes	Away
12/1/2026	Ottawa – Dettore's Downtown Lanes	Away
12/3/2026	**Peru St. Bede**	**Home**
12/7/2026	**Kaneland**	**Home**
12/9/2026	**Rochelle**	**Home**
12/15/2026	Sycamore Mardi Gras Lanes Dekalb	Away
12/19/2026	Lockport Invitational Strike & Spare in Joliet	Away
1/4/2027	**Yorkville**	**Home**
1/6/2027	**Plainfield East**	**Home**
1/9/2027	Cougar Invite Town & Country Lanes	Away
1/11/2027	**Ottawa**	**Home**
1/13/2027	**LaSalle Peru**	**Home**
1/14/2027	Kaneland	Away
1/16/2027	**Charles Butterfield Invite**	**Home**
1/20/2027	Rochelle – T Byrd Lanes	Away
1/25/2027	**Sycamore**	**Home**
1/27/2027	LaSalle Peru	Away
2/1/2027	I8 Conference Tournament Sycamore	Away
2/3/2027	**Streator**	**Home**
2/6/2027	IHSA Regionals	Away
2/13/2027	IHSA Sectionals	Away

PAMPINELLA PROMOTED TO SERGEANT

The City of Morris is proud to recognize Nick Pampinella in his recent promotion to Sergeant with the Morris Police Department. Pampinella was officially recognized during the August 18th Morris City Council meeting. Morris Police Chief Alicia Steffes commended Pampinella for his dedication, leadership, and commitment to serving the residents of Morris and his fellow officers. Mayor Chris Brown had the privilege of swearing him in as the newest MPD sergeant. The City of Morris congratulates Sergeant Nick Pampinella on this well-deserved promotion and wishes him continued success in his new leadership role with the Morris Police Department.





DREW KIRKMAN HONORED AT MORRIS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Drew Kirkman, lifelong citizen of Morris, was only one of 57 athletes and unified partners to represent Team Illinois in the 2026 USA Games held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Drew has participated in Special Olympics for 25 years and he currently swims competitively with Special Connections of Grundy County. Team Illinois participated in 8 of the 16 sports offered on the national level and earned 19 gold, 17 silver, and 18 bronze medals. Drew was part of an 8-member swim team and competed in the 50-yard butterfly, 50-yard freestyle, and the 4x50 yard medley relay, earning Team Illinois a 4th and 5th place ribbon, and a silver medal in the relay. Drew was welcomed home with an escort by his friends on the Morris Police and Fire Department upon his return from the competition.

FLOTSAM RIVER CIRCUS MAKES A SPLASH IN MORRIS

Morris welcomed a truly unique performance on Sunday, September 13, as the Flotsam River Circus made a stop at Stratton Park during its Illinois River tour. This one-of-a-kind floating circus brought an unforgettable evening of entertainment to the banks of the Illinois River. Performing aboard a handmade floating stage, the talented cast delighted spectators of all ages with a lively combination of music, acrobatics, comedy, and theatrical performances. The City of Morris extends a special thank-you to the Flotsam River Circus cast and crew for including our community on their journey and to everyone who came out to enjoy this memorable evening.



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