



JUST THE FAX

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TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO REGISTER FOR BUSINESS CONTINUITY & RESUMPTION PLANNING LUNCHEON

The *Morden Chamber* has invited **Chris Kalansky**, Emergency Coordinator for S.E.R.C. to discuss **Business Continuity Planning** during lunch this **Tuesday April 21st** at the **Morden Friendship Centre**. Tickets are **\$20.00** per person.

Have you ever given thought to what would happen to your business if a disaster struck our area? Many questions could arise including: *How would I run my business if it was inside an evacuation zone and I couldn't return to it? How would I contact my employees? How would my employees contact me if I can't reach my office phone? How would I communicate with my suppliers and customers? What can I do to get my business up and running as quickly as possible after an emergency? How can my business help the community during or after an emergency incident?*

It is in our best interests to prepare in advance for an emergency, to mitigate the damage, and to have plans in place to re-open as soon as possible. Call 822-5630.

MORDEN AREA FOUNDATION RECOGNIZES VOLUNTEERS

The Board of Directors of the **Morden Area Foundation** are now choosing the recipients for the **2009 Community Volunteer Awards**. Nominations have been received in all 8 categories: Citizen; Youth Volunteer; Volunteer Group; Volunteer Event; Senior Volunteer; Sports Volunteer; Health & Education Volunteer; and Arts & Culture Volunteer; of the Year.

The Gala Award Presentations will be held in the **Morden Community Centre Hall** at **7:00 p.m., Tuesday April 28th**. Admission is **\$5.00**. Everyone is encouraged to attend to honour and celebrate these special volunteers in our community.

FREE SEMINARS FROM HEARTLAND COMMUNITY FUTURES

Heartland Community Futures Development Corp offers free video conferencing business seminars in the Winkler Chamber Board Room. To register call **1-877-472-7122**. Each seminar is described on their website: www.cfheartland.ca:

Apr 17 – Dynamic Sales Presentation; **Apr 20** – Marketing 1 – Marketing Basics; Marketing 2 – Market Research (part of a 4-part session); **Apr 22** – Introduction to Balance Sheets; **Apr 23** – Preparing a Winning Business Plan; **Apr 28** – Critical Elements of Customer Service.

MORDEN CHOSEN MANITOBA HOMECOMING 2010 MANITOBA DAY FINALIST

MORDEN has been chosen as one of the five finalists competing to be the host community for the Manitoba Day celebration on May 12, 2010. The winner will be decided by votes cast by May 8, 2009 on the Homecoming website:

www.manitobahomecoming2010.com.

Click on "Vote" then go to the bottom of the page and choose "Morden". Morden plans to promote all the communities in the Pembina Valley region if we are chosen to host, and we are asking for votes from our neighbours. So hurry and vote to make **MORDEN** the host with the most. Then tell all your friends & family near and far to cast their votes as well. The homecoming site is a Facebook member so make sure to promote it there too. "Thank you for your help."

MORDEN CORN & APPLE FESTIVAL UPDATE

This year the Morden Corn & Apple Festival will help the Town of Morden keep a promise made by the Morden Centennial Committee 42 years ago.

That promise was to name a street in Morden after the given name of the first baby born in Morden this century. That baby was Loren, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Giesbrecht of (then) 238 – 8th Street who was born at 8:05 a.m. on Sunday July 2nd, 1967.

The Town of Morden are issuing an official invitation to Loren, his wife Tanis and his parents and will arrange for the unveiling of the street sign on the Festival main stage during the opening ceremonies on Friday August 21st. He will be given a replica sign as a keepsake. He has also agreed to be Parade Marshall and will attend the Parade Luncheon on Saturday morning.

COMING EVENTS

- 19 Morden Festival of the Arts Highlights Concert & **Loreena McKennitt Award** Presentation – Alliance Church
- 19 MS Walk – register at www.mswalks.ca or call 1-800-268-7582
- 20 Town Council Meeting – Presentation of Financial Plan – Civic Centre
- 21 **Chamber of Commerce Business Continuity & Resumption Planning Luncheon – Friendship Centre. Call 822-5630**
- 26 Celebrate Spring Supper – St. Paul's United Church
- 28 Morden Area Foundation – Community Volunteer Awards – Comm. Centre
- May 1-3 Barnswallows Quilt Show – Community Centre
- 7 **Corn & Apple Festival Committee Meeting – Friendship Centre**
- 7-9 Library Book Sale – Community Centre
- 11 Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
- 12 **Chamber of Commerce Executive Meeting - MMI**
- 12 Ladies Night Out – St. Paul's United Church. Call 822-4508 for information
- 14 **Farmers' Market Re-organizational Meeting – Comm. Centre - 7:00 p.m**

OF MEMBERS & MORE

We welcome our newest *Chamber of Commerce* Member **Cross Country Manufacturing** who builds gravel trailers at **#2-418 South Railway Street**. Manager is **Tim Klassen** at **822-9509**.

St. Paul's United Church is hosting a **Girls Night Out Fashion Show** on **Tuesday May 12th**. Tickets are \$12 available by calling 822-4508

The **Morden Lions** is holding a Texas Hold-em fundraiser for S.C. Cancer Resource & Genesis House **6 pm Saturday, May 2nd** at the **Morden Legion**. Call Stan at **822-5311** to enter