



# JUST THE FAX

Newsletter of the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce

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## MORDEN AREA FOUNDATION RECOGNIZES VOLUNTEERS

The Board of Directors of the **Morden Area Foundation** has chosen the recipients for the **2009 Community Volunteer Awards**. Nominations were received for 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 28<sup>th</sup>**. Admission is **\$5.00**. Everyone is encouraged to attend to honour and celebrate these special volunteers in our community.

## TOURISM STAKEHOLDERS MEETING PLANNED Inspirational Tourism Speaker Coming to Morden

The **Morden Tourism Marketing Committee** has organized a special **Tourism Stakeholders Meeting** for **May 7<sup>th</sup>** at the **Minnewasta Golf & Country Club** at **7:00 p.m.** It will be a **FREE** evening for everyone who works in the tourism industry in Morden and area to come for an informative and fun event with refreshments, a speaker and a prize draw.

The speaker will be **Celes Davar** of **Earth Rhythms Inc**, the recipient of the inaugural Travel Manitoba award for Distinction for Leadership in Tourism. Earth Rhythms is recognized as one of Canada's leaders in experiential tourism.

There will also be an opportunity to meet the new Marketing Committee members, provide feedback and ideas for future tourism marketing for Morden. The committee plans to hold two stakeholder meetings each year – one in spring, the other in fall.

Please **RSVP** to Carol Wilkinson at **822-2562** or email [cwilkinson@mordenmb.com](mailto:cwilkinson@mordenmb.com).

## 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](http://www.cfheartland.ca):

**Apr 28** – Critical Elements of Customer Service; **May 7** – Social Media Marketing; **May 14** – Survey Design for Customer Research; **May 20** – Tax Tips for Small Business; **May 27** – Recruitment & Selection; **May 28** – Starting a Business in Manitoba.

## MANITOBA HOMECOMING 2010 MANITOBA DAY VOTING DEADLINE 13 DAYS AWAY

**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**. We have been told that there are less than 100 votes separating 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place so we really have to work hard to get all our friends & family near and far to cast their votes for Morden by **May 8, 2009** on the Homecoming website: [www.manitobahomecoming2010.com](http://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, so we are asking for votes from our neighbours as well. Together we can make Morden and our Region the **HOST WITH THE MOST!**

## MISS CORN & APPLE FESTIVAL PAGEANT CLOSE BUT NOT ASSURED

The Morden Corn & Apple Festival chairpersons **Carol Fehr** and **Doug Jones** are working very hard with their committee to produce the best Festival in Manitoba.

Carol has also held meetings with numerous young ladies at Morden Collegiate about the **Miss Corn & Apple Festival Pageant** and the response has been very positive. We would have enough contestants to go ahead BUT ...

**We still need volunteers to chair the Pageant Committee.** Anyone interested in making sure this amazing growth opportunity continues to be made available to our local young people, call **Carol Fehr** at **823-0939** or the **Chamber office** at **822-5630**. This is definitely the last chance. It would be very sad if the Pageant was cancelled forever for the lack of a few volunteers.

- ## COMING EVENTS
- 26 Celebrate Spring Supper – St. Paul's United Church
  - 24 4-H Achievement Night – Community Centre
  - 28 Morden Area Foundation Community Volunteer Awards – Comm. Centre
  - 29 Family Run Childcare Business Planning Workshop – City of Winkler South Committee Boardroom Call 877-472-7122 to register
  - 29 Worker Recruitment & Protection Act Resource Sharing Event – BTHC Conference Rm. RSVP to 325-9758
  - May 1-3 Barnswallows Quilt Show – Community Centre
  - 7 **Corn & Apple Festival Committee Meeting – Friendship Centre**
  - 7 Tourism Speaker Celes Davar of "Earth Rhythms" - MGCC
  - 7-9 Library Book Sale – Community Centre
  - 11 Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
  - 12 **MANITOBA DAY Chamber of Commerce Executive Meeting - MMI**
  - 12 Ladies Night Out – St. Paul's United Church. Call 822-4508 for information
  - 14 **Farmers' Market Re-organization Meeting – Kin Room - Community Centre - 7:00 p.m**

## OF MEMBERS & MORE

Congratulations to **Jessica Friesen**, winner of the **2009 Morden & District Chamber of Commerce LOREENA MCKENNITT AWARD** which was presented at the Morden Festival of the Arts Highlights Concert.

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

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