



JUST THE FAX

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SPECIAL GUESTS ATTENDING CORN & APPLE FESTIVAL

The *Morden Corn & Apple Festival* is pleased to announce that Olympic Gold Medalist Skater **Cindy Klassen**, sponsored by MTS will be attending the Festival on Saturday, August 22nd. You can see Cindy in the Parade, on the Main Stage to introduce Bedlam and she will also be helping to serve Free Corn during the early shift.

We will also welcome Manitoba's new **Lt. Governor Philip Lee**, a guest of the *Town of Morden* in the Festival Parade.

During the Opening Ceremonies on Friday the *Town of Morden* will be fulfilling a promise to name a street after Morden's Centennial (1967) baby, **Loren Giesbrecht**. Mayor Doug Wilson and Past Deputy Mayor John Wiens will conduct the unveiling.

CORN & APPLE UPDATE

The new Festival **Event Brochures** are now printed and are available at the **Chamber of Commerce office**. If you happen to be going away on a trip, a vacation or just for the weekend, please pick up some brochures to distribute at Info Centres or kiosks along your way.

Francine Last-Stambuski, chairperson of the **First Aid Station** at the Corn & Apple Festival is asking for help from medical personnel, first responders or anyone with basic first aid training. Please contact **Francine** at **822-9351**.

Stephen Street will be closed at 5:00 on Thursday the 20th for Vendor Set-up. Please advise your customers so they are not inconvenienced by the closure.

Tickets for the **2009/10 Corn & Apple Festival 300 Lottery** are now available from the members of **St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church**. Please generously support this important capital fundraiser.

FREE SEMINARS FROM COMMUNITY FUTURES HEARTLAND

Community Futures Heartland 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.

Aug 12 – PST: An Introduction/ GST Information Work-shop; **Aug 17** – Search Engine Marketing; **Aug 20** – How to Start a Business in Manitoba; **Aug 26** – CRA – Small Business Tax Information Workshop; **Aug 27** – Performance Management; **Sep 4** – Retail Loss Prevention; **Sep 8** – Trade Show Selling; **Sep 9** – Critical Elements of Customer Service; **Sep 10** – Is Your Business Ready for a Disaster?

ARE YOU READY FOR AN AMAZING RACE?

Pembina Valley Tourism and the communities of the Pembina Valley are again hosting **An Amazing Race September 4th to 6th**. This is an amazing action-packed race through Manitoba's Pembina Valley. During the 2 days participants will discover breathtaking scenery, fascinating attractions, scenic lakes, unique venues and more.

Organizers are inviting businesses, attractions, etc. to provide interesting challenges. Challenges can be anything you can imagine: on land, water or in the air, just as long as it's legal and safe. For more information, call the **Chamber office** at **822-5630** or **Pembina Valley Tourism** at **1-800-877-1874**.

Teams are encouraged to get in on the fun. Get a car load of friends, family, co-workers together and register to participate at pembinavalleytourism.com or call **1-800-877-1874**.

FREE BUSINESS START WORKSHOP COMING

Community Futures Heartland and Manitoba Agriculture, Food & Rural Initiatives are hosting a **FREE 3 day Business Start Workshop** at the **University of Manitoba regional site in Carman** on **September 14 to 16th**.

This workshop covers such topics as business planning, finances, marketing, human resources and much more.

For more information and to register contact **Lynn** at **CF Heartland 1-877-472-7122**. This program is a requirement for REA loan guarantee clients, YEP clients and Business Start loan guarantee clients but is also available to anyone wishing to start or have just started a business.

COMING EVENTS

- Aug 7 Steak, Sud & Spud Fundraiser for S.C. Midget AAA team – MMI. Tickets at MMI or Dimensions
- 12 Window on the Arts – Arts Centre – 6-9 pm
- 13 **Farmers' Market-4-6:30**
- 15 South Central Cancer Resource Mixed Texas Scramble Golf Tournament – Roland GC Register by calling 343-2460
- 20 **Remember: Stephen Street closes at 5:00 for Festival vendors to set up Morden Corn & Apple Festival**
- 21-23
- 24 Town Council Mtg – Civic Centre
- 27 **Farmers' Market-4-6:30**
- 28 Big Brothers/Sisters Golf for Kids – Winkler GC Call 325-9707 to register
- Sep 3 **Farmers' Market-4-6:30**
- 4-6 Pembina Valley Challenge – The Amazing Race
- 8 **Chamber Executive Meeting – MMI Mtg Rm**
- 10 **Farmers' Market-4-6:30**
- 12 Mdn Alliance Church Open House & tours of addition.

OF MEMBERS & MORE

The **Morden Chamber Farmers' Market** continues to expand with new vendors and new products every week. This week the focus was on **SASKATOONS** and we're happy to see more vegetables to complement our long-standing vendors selling their meat, perogies, baking, crafts, vegetables and much more. The 2009 Market has far outpaced previous Markets in the number of vendors and variety of products. Find out what's new **every Thursday from 4:00 to 6:30 on 8th Street between Stephen & North Railway.**

Congratulations to the **South Central Midget AAA Baseball team** for winning the Provincial Championship. Good luck in the Nationals!