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NEW WEBSITES LAUNCHED

The *Morden Corn & Apple Festival* is pleased to announce their newly designed website at www.cornandapple.com. This bright festive site is fully functional with up-to-date schedule of events, sponsorships, entertainer bios and much more.

The *Morden & District United Way* has launched a new volunteer recruitment tool for the non-profit sector in the Pembina Valley at www.VolunteerPembinaValley.com.

Non profit organizations are welcome to post their volunteer requirements on the site and the general public is encouraged to go to the site to find matches for their volunteer talents.

CORN & APPLE UPDATE

The final draws for the **2008/09 Corn & Apple Festival 300 Club Lottery** were completed this week by volunteers at the Morden Friendship Centre Bingo.

Congratulations to **Duncan, Orchard, Roth and Phillip** who share the \$1,000 prize and to **Helen Bergmann** and **Gary Malenchak** who each won \$100.

Tickets for the **2009/10 Lottery** are now available from the members of **St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church**. Please generously support this important project that provides the funds for the Festival's capital requirements.

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.

Don't forget, the Festival is held on the **4th Weekend of August** (not the last full week-end). The **2009 Dates** are **August 21, 22 and 23**. **Stephen Street will be closed at 5:00 on Thursday the 20th for Vendor Set-up.**

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 4 – CBSA Customs Workshop; **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**.

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR MOBC BARBEQUE BALL

Time is running out to get your tickets for The **Manitoba Open Barbeque Championship 2nd Annual MOBC Barbeque Ball** to be held during the Corn & Apple Festival on **Saturday August 22nd at 6:00 p.m.** in the tent next to Giant Tiger. Tickets are **\$30** each and include a fantastic barbeque supper and entertainment by the Piano Catz from Winnipeg, the MOBC Award presentations and door prizes including a Broil King Barbeque.

Organizer **Perry Hopkins** suggests that this would be a perfect corporate gift for employees or for valued customers. Call him at **822-8090** for tickets.

COMING EVENTS

- Aug 6** **Corn & Apple Committee Meeting – Friendship Ctr**
- 6** **Farmers' Market–4- 6:30**
- 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**
- 21-23** **Morden Corn & Apple Festival**
- 22** MOBC Barbeque Ball – call 822-8090 for tickets
- 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**

OF MEMBERS & MORE

Natali Wuerz of **Anna's Shoes at 315 North Railway Street** is excited to announce that she now carries a full line of men's shoes in addition to her ladies and children's products. All are invited to come in and check it out.

The **Morden Chamber Farmers' Market** continues to expand with new vendors and new products every week. This week new vendors brought home made tea, stepping stones and games as well as Norwex products and 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.**