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SMALL BUSINESS WEEK EVENTS

In 2009 we celebrate the 30th annual **Small Business Week, October 18 to 24**. There are many events scheduled in our region.

On **October 21st** Western School Division will host an **Open House** to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the **Morden Industrial Welding Program** and to announce its Accreditation as a *Canadian Welding Bureau Test Centre* at 171 N. Railway St. starting at 11 a.m. Call 324-7234 to register.

Manitoba Agriculture Food & Rural Initiatives is hosting a video conference event "**Dream It. Start It. Grow It.**" with lunch in Carman on **October 21st**. Call 745-5611 to register.

On **October 22nd** Workplaces in Motion will hold a ½ day "**Introduction to Action Workshop**" at the Morden Community Centre. Email beatrice.davidson@gov.mb.ca

The Winkler Chamber of Commerce will host their annual "**Small Business Week Luncheon**" on **October 22nd**. Call 325-9758 today.

On **October 28th** the Morden Chamber of Commerce and MAFRI are hosting a "**Women in Business Breakfast**" at Morden's Heartland. Call 822-5630 to register.

These events are designed especially for you, be sure to take advantage of the opportunities to learn and network with your peers.

FREE SEMINARS FROM COMMUNITY FUTURES HEARTLAND

Community Futures Heartland offers free video conferencing business seminars in the *Winkler Chamber* Board Room. All seminars are open to everyone whether you are just starting a business or have been in business for many years. The information provided in these ½ day events are topical and will give you tips and tools to improve the way you handle many different situations. To register call **1-877-472-7122**. Each seminar is described on their website: www.cfheartland.ca.

Oct 19 – I am Accessible – Embracing Diversity in the Workplace/Marketing Part 1 – Marketing Basics/ Marketing Part 2 – Marketing Research; **Oct 20** - Marketing Part 3 – Advertising & Promotion/Marketing Part 4 – Developing a Marketing Plan; **Oct 21** – PST: An Introduction to Provincial Sales Tax/ GST Information Workshop; **Oct 26** – Microsoft Office Word 2003 – Tips for Small Business/Microsoft Office Excel 2003 – Tips for Small Business; **Oct 27** – PowerPoint 2003 – Tips for Powerful Professional Presentations; **Oct 28** – CRA Small Business Tax Info Workshop.

BR+E SURVEYS COMPLETED

The *Morden Chamber of Commerce* has now completed the survey portion of the **Business Retention & Expansion Project**. The data has been compiled and is now in the hands of our Consultant. It is hoped that the report will be ready for presentation to community stakeholders by the end of November.

WOMEN IN BUSINESS GET THE WORD OUT!

The *Morden Chamber of Commerce* and *Manitoba Agriculture, Food & Rural Initiatives* are hosting the next in our series of complimentary breakfast networking events for local Business Women. Mark your calendars and register for "**Get the Word Out – Promote your Business & Prepare for Success**" at 7:30 a.m. **Wednesday, October 28th** in **Morden's Heartland Books & Café**. Seating is limited so call **822-5461** or **822-5630** to register today.

OLYMPIC TORCH WILL SHINE IN MORDEN

The **Olympic Torch** will be traveling through Morden on **Thursday January 7, 2010**. A local committee is already working to coordinate community, school and downtown activities for that day.

This committee is looking for ideas to involve businesses that are Olympics themed such as gold/silver/bronze sales, restaurant menu items, decorations, games, etc.

Do you have any ideas? Call the Chamber Office **822-5630** to share.

COMING EVENTS

- Oct 13** Chamber of Commerce Executive Meeting - MMI
- 18-24** **Small Business Week**
- 21** Open House – Morden Welding Shop – 11 a.m.
- 22** Annual Variety Show – Kenmor Theatre
- 23-24** **Take the Leap 3 Rural Entrepreneurship Conference – Dauphin** www.taketheleap3.ca
- 24** Morden Area Foundation Million Dollar Gala – Timbers – Call 822-5614 for tickets **TODAY**
- 24** Epilepsy Fundraiser Out of the Shadows Variety Show – Community Centre
- 26** Town Council Meeting
- 28** **Women in Business Breakfast – Morden's Heartland – 7:15 a.m.**
- 28** Morden Tourism Stakeholders Event - Timbers
- Nov 7** Christmas Arts & Crafts Sale – Community Ctre
- 9 & 23** Town Council Meetings
- 13** Morden Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
- 14** Country Lane Kennels Grand Opening & Open House. Call 822-3129.

OF MEMBERS & MORE

The *Morden & District Chamber of Commerce* welcomes **Guy Bordian**, new Dealer Principal and General Manager of **Pembina Valley Chrysler**. Stop in or call **822-6296** to welcome Guy to Morden.

Planning has begun for the annual **Christmas Lighting Ceremony** on **November 13th**. Are you interested in participating? Call **Pat Plett** at **822-3555** or **James Steedsman** at **822-3298**.

Barb & Walter Petkau, Country Lane Kennels are busy planning their **Grand Opening** for **November 14th**. Watch for more details.