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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 15th** Community Futures is hosting a one-day Business Development Event "**Go Where the Winners Go – Be the Boss**" at the Heritage Centre in Niverville.

On **October 21st** Western School Division will host an **Open House** at the **Morden Welding Shop** starting at 11 a.m. All are welcome.

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 to register.

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 for you, be sure to take advantage of the opportunities.

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 15 – Business Opportunities & Ideas – Choosing the Right One; **Oct 16** – Recruitment & Selection; **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.

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.

THE BUSINESS WORLD IS COMING TO MANITOBA!

As part of *Manitoba Homecoming 2010*, one of the largest and most important international business forums in Canada will come to Manitoba. **Centrallia**, a business to business match-making event, will bring **more than 500 small to medium sized businesses** from around the world to Winnipeg in October, 2010. The idea is to give business leaders a chance to meet new partners, explore new markets and expand their business internationally. Centrallia is the first of its kind for North America's North-South trade corridor and is sure to offer significant opportunities to local businesses.

A **Luncheon** and the **Launch of Centrallia** will be held on **Oct 20th** at the **Fairmont Winnipeg**. This is your chance to learn first hand about the unique opportunity Centrallia represents for business owners in this province. Call today to register at **1-877-484-9931**.

COMING EVENTS

- Oct 13** Chamber of Commerce Executive Meeting - **MMI**
- 13 & 26** *Town Council Meetings*
- 15** Go Where the Winners Go – Be the Boss – Heritage Centre, Niverville Register by calling 1-800-275-6611
- 15** Apprenticeship Information Meeting– Smitty's, Winkler
- 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*
- 28** **Women in Business Breakfast – Morden's Heartland – 7:15 a.m.**
- Nov 7** *Christmas Arts & Crafts Sale – Community Ctr*
- 9 & 23** *Town Council Meetings*
- 13** *Morden Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony*

OF MEMBERS & MORE

The *Morden & District Chamber of Commerce* welcomes **Justin Giroux** of **Pembina Valley Pets** newly opened at **630 Thornhill Street**. Justin offers live pets and pet supplies. Be sure to check out his store, call **822-6143** or visit www.pembinavalleypets.com.

The Chamber has access to **low cost hand sanitizer dispensers**. If you are interested in placing one or more in your business, call **822-5630**. If there is enough interest, we will coordinate an order.

Have you checked out the **2010 Morden Rose Calendars** offered by the *Morden Horticultural Society*? They are **\$10 each** available at the *Art Gallery, Friendship Centre* and the *Chamber Office*.