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3rd ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY SET TO ROCK

Giant Tiger, Velocity Morden and Personal Expressions Photography present the **3rd Annual Block Party September 12th** on **Stephen Street from 11 to 5:00**

Enjoy Live Bands including Jordan Janzen, Bob's Yer Uncle, Wings of Alethia and Threw. There will be a Wake Board Demo, Car Show, Model Search dB Drag Race, Fireman's Rodeo and much more.

There will be plenty of food, games and fun for all ages.

The organizing committee has been working very hard to provide a fresh, new activity in our downtown area. Everyone is encouraged to come out to enjoy all the fun.

Funds raised go to **Youth for Christ**.

CFDC DOING ITS HOMEWORK

The **Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre** Board and Staff Members have conducted numerous surveys and focus group meetings in the last few weeks in support of their major expansion project.

To date over 65 long surveys from several sources and over 75 short surveys conducted during the Corn & Apple Festival have been completed.

The current focus is to try to achieve a strong base of business/retail input so input survey meetings with business people in Morden, Carman, Altona, Morris and Winkler will be held over the next few weeks.

During the autumn major information and input sessions will be held with Pembina Valley Reeves, Mayors and Councilors regarding the CFDC plan.

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.

Sep 8 – Trade Show Selling; **Sep 9** – Critical Elements of Customer Service; **Sep 10** – Is Your Business Ready for a Disaster?; **Sep 14** – Things to know Before Starting your Small Business Website; **Sep 16** – PST: An Introduction to Provincial Sales Tax/GST Information Workshop; **Sep 17** – Dynamic Sales Presentation/ Tax Tips for Small Business; **Sep 21** – Positive Employee Relations; **Sep 22** – Finding your Competitive Advantage & Using It; **Sep 23** – Managing & Organizing Information for your Small Business; **Sep 28** – Preparing a Winning Business Plan; **Sep 30** – Employee Relations – Intervention Skills.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY HAS A ROSE-Y FUTURE

The **Morden & District Horticultural Society** recently introduced a new **2010 Calendar** celebrating Parkland Roses. The photos are the winning entries from the *2008 Chautauqua Spirit Photo Competition*. All photographers are local artists!

The calendars sell for \$10 and are available at the Art Gallery, Friendship Centre and Chamber of Commerce office.

These calendars will make great stocking stuffers and gifts for all occasions. Consider these a new idea for a speaker gift as well.

All proceeds go to the Morden & District Horticultural Society.

ARE YOU READY TO START A NEW BUSINESS?

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

- 4-6 **Pembina Valley Challenge – The Amazing Race**
- 8 **Chamber Executive Meeting – MMI Mtg Rm**
- 10 **Farmers' Market-4-6:30**
- 10 *Posers Gallery Grand Opening – 11 - 2*
- 10-12 MB Dance Jamboree – Community Centre
- 11-12 *Pembina Thresherman's Reunion - Museum*
- 12 Men's Open Golf Tournament – Minnewasta Golf & Country Club
- 12 **3rd Annual Block Party – Stephen Street**
- 12 Mdn Alliance Church Open House & tours of addition.
- 12-13 Pembina Valley Artists Studio Tours – 822-6026
- 13 Ladies Golf Tournament – Minnewasta GCC
- 14-16 *Business Start Workshop – U of M reg. site Carman*
- 14 *Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre*
- 17 **Farmers' Market-4-6:30**
- 19 Parkinson's Super Walk – Friendship Centre
- 20 SC Cancer Resource Golf Tournament - Roland
- 24 **Farmers' Market-4-6:30**
- 28 Morden Historical Society Meeting – Library 7:00 p.m. All are welcome
- 28 *Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre*

OF MEMBERS & MORE

Arlene Friesen of **Posers Gallery, 275 Stephen Street** invites all to attend her **Grand Opening** on **Thursday September 10th** from 11 to 2 with free hotdogs from 12 to 1. Check out her gallery, studio and workshop. Call **822-8111** and visit her website posersgallery.com.

The **South Central Cancer Resource** fundraising **Golf Tournament** will be held **Sunday September 20th** at the **Roland Golf Course**. Call **822-9541** or **343-2460** to enter.