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CORN & APPLE LOTTERY WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The **Morden Corn and Apple Festival 300 Club Lottery** draws for 2007/08 are now completed. On the last Wednesday of each month, volunteers at the Friendship and Activity Centre make our draws and the lucky winners for July were **Alex Ferrigno, \$1,000; Joyce Olfert \$100 and Lenore Laverty, Colleen Kyle and Ken Kroeker shared \$100.**

They join our other lucky winners from: **August** – Bob & Alvin Derksen, Jean Chamberlain & Doreen Smith and the Lautenschlagers; **September** – Gerald Deroche, Floral Scents and Dick Janzen; **October** – Mary Miller, Western School Division Office Staff and Esther Rothenburger; **November** – Friesen & Klatt, Morden Library and Darryl Mullin; **December** – Sheldon Friesen, Canadian Lumber Staff and Pharmasave Staff; **January** – Morden Family Service & Housing Staff, Town of Morden Office Staff and Rebecca Kehler; **February** – Wilf Warkentin, Jamie & Denise Hartry and Morden Family Service & Housing Staff; **March** - Dorothy Janzen, Brittons & Lautenschlagers and Ron & Larry Sherr; **April** – Gary Malenchak, Gordon Hoeschen and Gary Stambuski, Ivan & Ken McGillvary; **May** – Rob & Sandra Lawrence, Olympic Sports and Joe Hogue; and **June** – Joel, Jessica & Rhys Lautenschlager, R & D Auto Service and Betty & Walter Scott.

Corn and Apple Festival **300 Club Lottery Tickets** for 2008/09 are now available. Contact the members of **St. John the Evangelist Church** or the **Festival Office 822-5630** to get your ticket today. The first draws will be held on the main stage on August 23rd and funds raised this year will be used to replace the wheelchair ramp on the portable washroom.

CHAMBER FARMERS' MARKET GROWING

The **Morden Chamber of Commerce Farmers' Market** opened on Thursday June 19th with eight vendors. In the past six weeks that number has grown to twenty-five and new vendors are applying for entry every week.

Customers start lining up thirty minutes before the scheduled opening time of 4:00 and often vendors are sold out before closing time (6:30). To show appreciation, the vendors award a gift basket of miscellaneous items sold at the Market as a prize for a monthly draw to any customers spending \$10 or more at any booth.

The Chamber of Commerce encourages our downtown Merchants to take advantage of this extra activity on Thursday afternoons. These crowds are your potential customers too – be open, attract them with merchandise on the sidewalk outside your store, music, maybe some contests or games. They are there, they have money in their pockets, invite them in.

CORN & APPLE FESTIVAL STILL NEEDS HELP!

Chairman **Ken Wiebe** advises that many of his committee chairs are **STILL** looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to help during the Festival weekend. Please contact the office at **822-5630** if you have any time to help with **Corn Husking**, distribute **Free Corn or Cider**, be a **Tour Guide** on the buses (script provided), help organize the **Parade** Saturday morning or help the **BBQ** organizers set up, tear down and to prep food in the restaurant.

COMING EVENTS

1. Aug – 20th Anniversary Exhibition – Art Gallery
2. **Aug 5 – Corn & Apple Committee Mtg – Friendship Ctr**
3. **Aug 7/14/28 – Farmers' Market – corner 8th & Stephen**
4. Aug 8 – Reception 20th Anniversary Exhibition – Art Gallery
5. Aug 16 -Unveil Mosasaur Mural–Marathon Pizza 1:00 pm
6. Aug 16 – Unveiling Legion Mural – Legion at 2:00 p.m.
7. Aug 16–Unveil Chautauqua Spirit Mural–Friendship Ctr at 3:00 p.m.
8. Aug 18 – Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
9. **Aug 22-24 – Morden Corn and Apple Festival**
10. **Aug 29-31 – Pembina Valley Amazing Race**
11. Sep 3-4 – Service Organization Expo – Rec. Centre
12. **Sep 4/11/18/25 – Farmers' Market– corner 8th & Stephen**
13. Sep 5-6 – Pembina Thresherman's Reunion – PT Museum
14. Sep 6-7 – Pembina Valley Artists' Studio Tour – Art Gallery
15. **Sep 9 – Chamber Executive Meeting–Morden Motor Inn**
16. Sep 11-13 – MB Old Time Dance Jamboree – Rec. Centre
17. **Sep 13 – The Event – Downtown Morden**
18. Sep 13 – An Evening With David Rabinovitch – Art Gallery
19. Sep 25 – An Evening With Ramsay Cook – Friendship Ctr
20. Sep 26-28 – Chautauqua Celebration Festival – Rec Ctr

VOLUNTEERS KEEPING THE TOURIST INFO CENTRE OPEN

Thank you to our Volunteers, **Harold Bollenbach, Kathy Forness and Laverne Wiebe** who have helped to increase the number of hours that the Tourist Information Centre is open to the traveling public this summer.

The Chamber of Commerce from Membership dues, seasonally hires a university student to work in the Centre from May to the end of August and applies for a federal student employment grant to hire a high school student for July and August. As previously reported the Chamber of Commerce, for the first time in over 25 years, was denied this funding so with only one employee was forced to cut back the Centre hours from 70 to 35 hours per week.

We are pleased to announce that with our summer Coordinator **Ashley Klassen** and the help of our faithful volunteers, the Centre has been open approximately 50 hours each week during most of July and we expect to be able to maintain those hours during August as well.

This is good news for Morden businesses as visitors to our community find the Centre open when they arrive. They expect and get a friendly greeting, accurate directions and referrals to local shopping, food, accommodations and much, much more.

OF MEMBERS AND MORE

Welcome to **Cheryl Pearn** and **Wes Harper** of **Klunky's Toys**, opening **August 1st at 108 – 8th Street**. Stop in, say hello and check out the store when you are at the Post Office.

Have you taken any photographs of **Morden Roses** of which you are particularly proud? Please enter them in the **Pictorial Celebration of Morden Roses Photo Competition**. **Application forms** are available at the **Art Gallery** or online at **www.chautauquaspirit.com**. Deadline is **August 16th**.