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MORDEN AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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CHAMBER ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING SET

The *Morden and District Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting* luncheon will be held **Thursday, March 6th** at 12:00 noon in the Friendship Centre.

Mayor Doug Wilson will present his Annual "State of the Community" address at that time. Other agenda items will include introduction of New Businesses, Annual Committee Reports, Election of Executive Officers, Budget and Plans for 2008. All Members are encouraged to attend.

Lunch is provided at a cost of **\$15.00** payable at the door and pre-registration is required. Sponsorship opportunities are also available

Call **822-5630** or email chamber@mordenmb.com to register.

BREAKFAST MEETING FOR WOMEN IN BUSINESS

The *Morden Chamber of Commerce* and *Manitoba Agriculture, Food & Rural Initiatives* invite all local Business women to join us for a complimentary breakfast on **Wednesday, March 5th at 7:30 a.m. at Morden's Heartland Books & Café** with guest speaker **Heather Unger** of **Margaret's Draperies**. Heather's theme is Employee-Management Relationships.

Come to join other women in business to learn and share ideas relevant to us in our southern Manitoba business environment. Nobody starts out knowing everything about business. There's always room for improvement.

Seating is limited so call **822-5630** or **822-5461 TODAY** to register.

BUSINESS START WORKSHOP ANNOUNCED

Manitoba Competitiveness, Training & Trade (Small Business Development Branch), *Heartland Community Futures Development Corporation* and *Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives* have scheduled a **3-day Workshop on Starting Your Own Business** on **March 25, 26 and 27th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Winkler Friendship Centre.**

This is a **FREE** workshop which will provide details on Business Plans; Resources available for small business development; Bookkeeping; Financial Management, Business Management; Sales and Marketing.

To register please contact Heartland Community Futures at **1-877-472-7122** or by email land@heartlandcfcd.com.

LOREENA MCKENNITT COMPOSITION COMPETITION

Morden's Back 40 Festival is now accepting submissions of original folk and roots (Celtic, country, alt. country, bluegrass, blues) music for the Loreena McKennitt Composition Competition. This competition is open to south Central Manitoba youth between the ages of 15 to 25.

Submissions will be judged on criteria such as composition, originality, creativity, melody and lyrical content. A cheque or money order for \$5 to Town of Morden by April 15, 2008 must accompany each application. Entries will not be judged on recording quality, but participants are encouraged to provide recordings for the sake of clarity. For more details visit www.back40folkfest.com (subject LMCC), email gplepage@mts.net or call **JP Lepage** at **822-1915**.

COMING EVENTS

1. Feb 22-23 – Rock & Fossil Festival – CFDC Rec Centre
2. Feb 22-24 – Legion Bonspiel – Curling Club
3. Feb 25 – Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
4. Feb 25–Western School Division Mtg–Division Office
5. Feb 25-29 – Heartland Community Futures Video Conferencing Seminars – **1-877-472-7122**
6. Feb 26 – WSD Community Session with Architects for Buhler Hall, 3:00 p.m. – Friendship Centre
7. Feb 29 – New Wrestling Nation – Rec. Centre. Call Dan King 204-292-2535 to find out how you can sponsor this event and/or school visits on *Feb 27th* by the professional wrestlers.
8. **Mar 4–Corn and Apple Committee Mtg–Friendship Ctr**
9. **Mar 5 – Women's Business Breakfast–Mdn's Heartland**
10. **Mar 6 – Chamber Annual General Mtg – Friendship Ctr**
11. Mar 7-9 – Morden Ladies Bonspiel – Curling Club
12. Mar 9 – Public Skating sponsored by United Way – Rec Ctr
13. Mar 10 & 24 – Town Council Meetings – Civic Centre
14. Mar 10 & 24–Western School Division Mtgs–Division Office
15. **Mar 11 – Chamber Executive Meeting – Civic Centre**
16. Mar 13-16 – Morden Farmer's Bonspiel – Curling Club
17. Mar 15-16 – Toy & Collectors Show – Rec. Centre
18. Mar 17 – Blood Donor Clinic – Morden Collegiate
19. Mar 20 – Morden Area Foundation Community Builders Luncheon – Chautauqua Kick-off – Friendship Centre
20. Mar 22 – Friends of Dance Southern Blues – Rec. Centre

JOIN CORN & APPLE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Corn and Apple Festival Committee Chairman **Ken Wiebe** is working on plans for the 2008 Festival and is putting together his organizing committee. Welcome new volunteers: **Kathy Forness** and **Linda Wiebe**, Parade; **Tamara Thach**, Publicity; **Jenn Cassils**, Parade Luncheon; **Abe Hiebert**, Sunday Stage; **Stephen Ross**, Free Corn; **Nancy Wiebe**, Bus Tours; **Jeff Klassen**, Fundraising and **Jocelyn Unrau**, Children's Events.

We are still looking for Volunteers to chair the **Queen Pageant, Free Cider** and **Street Space**. Please call **822-5630** for more information or to volunteer.

The Festival is pleased to announce that **Enbridge Pipelines** have agreed to become our **Platinum Sponsor** for the next 3 years. They will also contribute toward the construction of a new Information Booth trailer which will be provided by **Junction RV** and **Agassiz Trailers**. **Morden Area Foundation** and **Morden Community Thriftshop** are also contributors to this project.

Sponsorship letters with complete level breakdown are now being sent to local businesses. This is your chance to get behind Morden's largest, most successful event. Watch your mail for this special opportunity.

OF MEMBERS AND MORE

Sandra Ross, Area Manager of **Welcome Wagon** is very pleased to announce that the Morden area now has two new Representatives. New Community members will be welcomed by **Elissa Stacey** at **822-9473** and the Baby Welcome will be handled by **Carla Thiessen** at **822-5347**.