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MORDEN AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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CHAMBER CONSIDERS WORKSHOP FOR MEMBERS

The **Morden & District Chamber of Commerce** is consulting with **Mediation Services** (Resolution Skills Centre) with regard to providing an Interpersonal Conflict Resolution workshop entitled "**How to Deal with Difficult People**" some time this fall. This is a two-day training that can be offered consecutively or spaced over four weeks in either 2 full day or 4 half day formats for a maximum 20 participants. Cost is being discussed at approximately \$250 per person.

This training offers the tools to manage conflict. You will explore how you respond to conflict and consider how that affects your life; learn practical skills to use in difficult situations; and increase your abilities to engage others to resolve conflicts.

Your *Chamber of Commerce* will facilitate this workshop if there is enough interest. Call **822-5630** if you are interested.

MORDEN BUSINESSES RISING TO THE CHALLENGE

The Pembina Valley Travel Association is organizing an **Amazing Race** through 12 communities in the Pembina Valley **August 29 to 31, 2008**. The purpose of the race is to raise awareness of our Region and draw hundreds of visitors to our communities and to use our diverse resources of nature, museums, businesses and heritage to put on an amazing game for participants. Participants pay \$50 per team/vehicle which includes 2 nights unserviced camping, participation in the race and the chance to win \$1,000.

The **Morden Marketing Team** have contributed Morden's \$250 seed money to be used for brochures and promotional start up costs and the **Chamber of Commerce** will work with the committee and local businesses to set up challenges.

So far ten Morden businesses have started planning their challenges and we will also have community challenges at Lake Minnewasta, the Golf Course, Morden Park, the Art Centre and the Murals.

You can still be involved, call the **Chamber office** at **822-5630** to get your information package.

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.

Today is the deadline for ordering Festival logo Golf or T-shirts with your company/business name embroidered on the sleeve. Please fax or email the form you received or call **822-5630 NOW**.

Corn and Apple Festival **300 Club Lottery Tickets** are now available. Members of **St. John the Evangelist Church** are in the process of selling the fundraising tickets on behalf of the Festival. If you have not been contacted yet, call the Chamber Office at **822-5630** and we will make sure that you are not missed. The first draws will be held on the festival stage on August 23rd.

COMING EVENTS

1. July 25-27 – International Golf Tournament – MGCC
2. July 28 – Blood Donor Clinic – Rec. Centre
3. **July 31–Farmers' Market–corner 8th & Stephen**
4. Aug 1 – Big Brothers/Big Sisters Golf Tournament - MGCC
5. *Aug – 20th Anniversary Exhibition – Art Gallery*
6. **Aug 5 – Corn & Apple Committee Mtg – Friendship Ctr**
7. **Aug 7/14/28 – Farmers' Market – corner 8th & Stephen**
8. *Aug 16 -Unveil Mosasaur Mural–Marathon Pizza 1:00 pm*
9. *Aug 16 – Unveiling Legion Mural – Legion at 2:00 p.m.*
10. *Aug 16–Unveil Chautauqua Spirit Mural–Friendship Ctr at 3:00 p.m.*
11. Aug 18 – Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
12. **Aug 22-24 – Morden Corn and Apple Festival**
13. **Aug 29-31 – Pembina Valley Amazing Race**
14. **Sep 4/11/18/25 – Farmers' Market– corner 8th & Stephen**
15. Sep 5-6 – Pembina Thresherman's Reunion – PT Museum
16. Sep 6-7 – Pembina Valley Artists' Studio Tour – Art Gallery
17. Sep 11-13 – MB Old Time Dance Jamboree – Rec. Centre
18. **Sep 13 – The Event – Downtown Morden**
19. *Sep 13 – An Evening With David Rabinovitch – Art Gallery*
20. *Sep 25 – An Evening With Ramsay Cook – Friendship Ctr*

LOOKING GOOD AT THE INFO CENTRE

The landscaping and clean up at the Tourist Information Centre is progressing very well. The park area at the rear of the lot is completed: pathway, wood chips, planters, flowers, picnic table and bench. Many thanks to our volunteers **Carol Williams, Connor Holenski, Paul Link, Nick Nepinak, Ellie Reimer, Randy Penner** who helped create the space and spread the wood chips; to **Yards by Steve** who defined the space, the pathway and placed the rocks and planters above and beyond the call of duty; to **Connor Holenski** who cuts the grass; to **Boundary Trails Landscaping** who delivered the rocks; to **Sarah, Madeline and Conway Dyck** who helped plant all the flowers; to the **Cdn Fossil Discovery Centre** for repairing the Mosasaur sculpture and adding the sign; and to the **Town of Morden Community Services** and **Public Works** departments for continuing to water the plants and for helping to remove debris.

Within the next week or so the new map will be installed on the rear of the Centre building and the rest of the lot will be covered with quarter down limestone.

The **Chamber of Commerce** thanks our partners, the **Town of Morden** and the **Hometown Manitoba Program** for funding to make this project possible.

OF MEMBERS AND MORE

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

Please remember that we have a large number of Trans Canada and Enbridge pipeline workers working in Morden now. This increase in population is greatly stretching our local services. **Be Patient!** The benefits from this increased activity will be positive for our businesses and community.