

# Just the Fax

MORDEN AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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## MORDEN FARMERS' MARKET OFF & RUNNING

The **Morden Chamber of Commerce Farmers' Market** is now a Thursday afternoon fixture in the parking lot at the corner of Stephen and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets and also along 8<sup>th</sup> Street expanding as the season progresses and the number of vendors increase. It is held from **4:00 to 6:30 p.m. every Thursday** rain or shine until October 9<sup>th</sup>.

We have a large variety of baking products, vegetables, fresh flowers, meat, fruit, preserves, mustard, needlecraft and plants on a weekly basis as well as Pampered Chef, Norwex products, jewellery and much, much more. Vendors vary from week to week so you can always find something new.

Please be sure to remind your customers or clients of the street closure at 3:00 so that they are not inconvenienced by having to move their vehicles or having them blocked in.

## PLAN YOUR CHALLENGE FOR THE AMAZING RACE

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.

The cost for each business to be involved is \$25, they must be open Saturday 9 to 9 and Sunday noon to 5 that weekend and set up and manage their challenge.

For more information or for help to organize your challenge call the **Chamber Office** at 822-5630 or **Aggie Buhler** at 1-877-324-6645.

## WHAT'S NEW WITH THE CORN & APPLE FESTIVAL

Chairman **Ken Wiebe** advises that many of his committee chairs are looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to help during the Festival weekend. Please contact the Festival 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), marshal the **Parade** Saturday morning or help the **BBQ** organizers set up, tear down and to prep food in the restaurant.

Recently you will have received a fax or email from the Festival offering each business the opportunity to order logo Golf or T-shirts with your company/business name embroidered on the sleeve. Please note that the **deadline** for orders is **July 25<sup>th</sup>** so that we can ensure all orders are filled prior to Festival.

**Kathy Forness** and **Linda Wiebe**, Chairpersons of the **Festival Parade** want to remind all Morden and area businesses and individuals that now is the time to start thinking about entering a float or other exhibit in the Parade to be held **Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**. The **deadline for entries is July 31<sup>st</sup>** and Parade Applications are available on the Festival Website [www.cornandapple.com](http://www.cornandapple.com).

## COMING EVENTS

1. July 4 – Heartland CFDC Video Conferencing Seminar – call 1-877-472-7122 to register
2. July 6 – Morden Men's Open – Minnewasta GCC
3. **July 8 – Chamber Executive Meeting – Mdn Motor Inn**
4. **July 10/17/24/31 – Farmers' Market – corner 8<sup>th</sup> & Stephen**
5. July 12 – Morden International Triathlon – Colert Beach
6. July 13 - Kids of Steel Triathlon – Colert Beach
7. July 18-20 – P.V. Fur Council Rendezvous – Stanley Park
8. *July 19 – Unveiling Morden Roses Mural – east side of Boundary Trails Place at 1:00 p.m.*
9. *July 19 – Unveiling Dr. Henry Marshall Sculpture – Civic Centre at 2:00 p.m.*
10. July 21 – Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
11. July 25-27 – International Golf Tournament – MGCC
12. *Aug 4-5 – 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition – Art Gallery*
13. **Aug 5 – Corn & Apple Committee Mtg – Friendship Ctr**
14. **Aug 7/14/28 – Farmers' Market – corner 8<sup>th</sup> & Stephen**
15. **Aug 12 – Chamber Executive Meeting – Mdn Motor Inn**
16. *Aug 16 -Unveil Mosasaur Mural–Marathon Pizza 1:00 pm*
17. *Aug 16 – Unveiling Legion Mural – Legion at 2:00 p.m.*
18. *Aug 16–Unveil Chautauqua Spirit Mural–Friendship Ctr*
19. Aug 18 – Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre

## CHAMBER GROUP INSURANCE ANNUAL REPORT

The **Chamber Insurance Corp. of Canada** is a not-for-profit corporation that oversees the Chamber Plan. The Board ensures that the Plan is operated in the best interests of Chamber Members across the country and reports that they have achieved their mission of making competitively priced comprehensive group insurance benefits available to all participating Chamber members and their employees.

The local advisors are members in our communities and understand our business needs, offering benefits solutions to firms of all sizes. Over the last year 4,000 new businesses chose the Chamber Group Insurance Plan for their benefits and 92.5% of existing members chose to keep their current Chambers Plan coverage – a strong sign of overall satisfaction with the product offering.

It is not only an excellent recruitment and retention tool, but it also protects your most important asset - people. The Plan currently covers 109,000 employees and families and in the last year paid over 1 million health claims, ¼ million dental claims and over a thousand disability claims. Call **Reg Braun** at 822-6887 to find the Chambers Group Insurance solution for you.

## OF MEMBERS AND MORE

The **Morden Chamber of Commerce** congratulates **Sarah Hopkins**, recipient of our **Young Citizen** graduation bursary.

Our most sincere condolences go out to **Max Friesen** and his family on the passing of his wife **Esther**.

The *Town of Morden* advises that the **Recreation Centre, Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre and Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame** will be **closed on Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>**. The building renovations require that Manitoba Hydro shut down the power for one day.