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PEMBINA VALLEY CHALLENGE AN AMAZING RACE

Congratulations to **Aggie Buhler** and her Pembina Valley Tourism committee for organizing one of the most unique and interesting events held in this area in a very long time.

Thank you to the **Morden Marketing Team** and sponsors from the other Pembina Valley communities and to the businesses and attractions who organized challenges on Saturday and Sunday, August 30 and 31. In Morden challenges were held at the **Fossil Discovery Centre, Thornview Grocery, The Timbers at Minnewasta, Stir It Up, Kopper Kettle Restaurant, Dimensions, Thornview Grocery, Lake Minnewasta, MB Baseball Hall of Fame, Royal Canadian Legion, Giant Tiger, Eldon's Furniture, Dog Town and A Wee Bit of Heaven Bed & Breakfast**. Your challenges were awesome! The 41 teams participating saw how this event added to your workload and we appreciated your good humour.

The **\$1,000.00 winners** of this first annual Amazing Race were "**Rack Attack**": Chera Kirkpatrick, Kelly Clarke, Allison Stephen and Nicole Hewitt. Congratulations ladies.

MANY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS IN SEPTEMBER

Community Futures Heartland, Manitoba Agriculture, Food & Rural Initiatives and Manitoba Competitiveness Training & Trade are holding a free, 3-day **Business Start Workshop Sept. 15 to 17** at the **Morden Legion**. To register please call **1-877-472-7122** or email **land@cfheartland.ca**.

Heartland Community Futures offers **Video Conferencing Seminars** each month at the **Winkler Chamber of Commerce Board Room**. The Seminars are broadcast from the Canada-Manitoba Business Service Centre in Winnipeg. They are free of charge to businesses and entrepreneurs within the Heartland Region. To register, please call Heartland at **1-877-472-7122** at least 2 days in advance or check the complete seminar listing on their website: **www.cfheartland.ca**:

- Sept 9 – CRA-Payroll Information Seminar (TENTATIVE)
- Sept 17 – Introduction to Income Statements
- Sept 18 – Ownership Means Leadership
- Sept 19 – Evaluating Your Business Idea: Market Research for Start Ups (TENTATIVE)
- Sept 22 – Lunch & Learn: Preparing a Winning Business Plan
- Sept 23 – Introduction to PST
- Sept 24 – GST Workshop
- Sept 24 – How to Start a Business in Manitoba
- Sept 25 – Small Business Tax Information Workshop.

THE 2ND ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY IS COMING

Building on a very successful event last year, the downtown Morden Merchants are busy planning another Customer Appreciation Event on Stephen Street. On **Saturday September 13th** Stephen Street from 5th to 8th will be closed from **noon to 5:00** for a sidewalk sale, 4th annual Velocity car show, snowboard demo, farmers' market, live entertainment, fashion show, model search, dunk tank, face painting, inflatable play structures, food, games and 5 chances to win \$100 in **Morden Moolah** donated by your **Chamber of Commerce**.

For more information or to volunteer to help, call **Jeff Sit** at **822-4000** or **James Steedsman** at **822-3298**.

COMING EVENTS

1. Sep – *Natalie Rostad Exhibition – Art Gallery*
2. Sep 5-6 – Pembina Thresherman's Reunion – PT Museum
3. Sep 6-7 – Pembina Valley Artists' Studio Tour – Art Gallery
4. Sep 8 & 22 – Town Council Meetings – Civic Centre
5. **Sep 9 – Chamber Executive Meeting–Morden Motor Inn**
6. Sep 11-13 – MB Old Time Dance Jamboree – Rec. Centre
7. **Sep 11/18/25 – Farmers' Market– corner 8th & Stephen**
8. **Sep 13 – The Street Party Event – Downtown Morden**
9. Sep 13 – *An Evening With David Rabinovitch – Kenmor*
10. **Sep 15-17 – Business Start Workshop - Legion**
11. Sep 19 – *Quilt Art Exhibit – Friendship Centre*
12. Sep 20 – Super Walk for Parkinson's – Friendship Ctre
13. Sep 20 – *Afternoon Coffee with a Cellist – The Timbers*
14. Sep 20 – *Quilt Workshop – St. Paul's United Church*
15. **Sep 24–Women in Business Breakfast–Mdns Heartland**
16. **Sep 25–Strings at the Market–during the Farmer's Mkt**
17. Sep 26-28 – *Chautauqua Celebration Festival – Rec Ctre*
18. Oct – United Way Campaign Month
19. Oct – Dr Henry Marshall Photography – Art Gallery
20. **Oct 2/9 – Farmers' Market – corner 8th & Stephen**
21. Oct 4 & 11 – Creative Writing for beginners with Arvel Grey – Art Gallery
22. Oct 13 & 27 – Town Council Meetings – Civic Centre
23. **Oct 14 –Chamber Executive Meeting–Morden Motor Inn**
24. **Oct 19-25 – Small Business Week**

CHAUTAUQUA STARS IN SEPTEMBER

We are now entering the busiest month for the Chautauqua committee as they present six major events throughout Morden. Be sure to check out the **Natalie Rostad** rock art exhibit at the **Art Gallery** throughout the month.

Native son **David Rabinovitch**, president of Fleetwood Films, will speak about how he got from here to there at the **Kenmor Theatre** on **September 13th**. Admission is free, get your tickets at Thornview Grocery, Friendship or Arts Centre.

Quilts and **Quilt making** take centre stage at the **Friendship Centre** at 7:00 p.m. **September 19th**. Learn about **Marilyn Stewart Stothers'** quilting journey from here to Japan.

During the week of September 20th to 28th we will be treated to two concerts by celebrated cellist **Leanne Zacharias**.

Leanne grew up in Morden and was the first winner of the **Morden Chamber of Commerce Loreena McKennitt Award** in 1995. Catch her at the **Timbers at Minnewasta Restaurant** at 2:00 p.m. **September 20th** and again with her ensemble at the **Farmers' Market** on **September 25th**.

The events culminate with the **Chautauqua Celebration Festival September 25 to 28** under the big tent at the **Rec. Centre**. Enjoy theatre performances, music, lectures and more.

OF MEMBERS AND MORE

The Chamber of Commerce welcomes another new Member, **Thomas Hildebrand** of **Fastenal** at **575 George Avenue** in Winkler. Call **331-4242** or email **mbwik@stores.fastenal.com**.

If you have accommodations available for pipeline workers, contact **Sheila Waldner** at the **Banister** main office **822-6141**.