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NEW WEBSITES LAUNCHED

The *Morden Corn & Apple Festival* is pleased to announce their newly designed website at www.cornandapple.com. This bright festive site is fully functional with up-to-date schedule of events, sponsorships, entertainer bios and much more.

The *Morden & District United Way* has launched a new volunteer recruitment tool for the non-profit sector in the Pembina Valley at www.VolunteerPembinaValley.com.

Non profit organizations are welcome to post their volunteer requirements on the site and the general public is encouraged to go to the site to find matches for their volunteer talents.

CANADIAN CHAMBER ISSUES WARNING

A new group called the **Canadian Merchants Association** is aggressively targeting businesses with programs and services.

In gathering information about this group, it has become apparent that part of their sales pitch is to ask merchants to submit statements and other documentation as a form of validation for review. In any situation, providing any information to an unknown party is never a wise practice. Further investigation indicates that this is a "third party" working on behalf of a US-based provider operating out of a Call Centre in the Montreal area.

If you are contacted by Canadian Merchants Association we advise you not to submit any documents (merchant or bank statements). Also, besides varying rate offers which appear on this group's payment processing information, a merchant should be cautious about service and support from a provider that is foreign-based. It is best to deal with known organizations that have a physical presence in Canada.

FREE SEMINARS FROM COMMUNITY FUTURES HEARTLAND

Community Futures Heartland offers free video conferencing business seminars in the *Winkler Chamber* Board Room. To register call **1-877-472-7122**. Each seminar is described on their website: www.cfheartland.ca.

Aug 4 – CBSA Customs Workshop; **Aug 12** – PST: An Introduction/ GST Information Work-shop; **Aug 17** – Search Engine Marketing; **Aug 20** – How to Start a Business in Manitoba; **Aug 26** – CRA – Small Business Tax Information Workshop; **Aug 27** – Performance Management; **Sep 4** – Retail Loss Prevention; **Sep 8** – Trade Show Selling; **Sep 9** – Critical Elements of Customer Service; **Sep 10** – Is Your Business Ready for a Disaster?

COUNTERFEITERS TARGET SEASONAL WORKERS

Summer has arrived, which means that seasonal operations including festivals, museums, and concessions are setting up shop in anticipation of a profitable season.

Counterfeiters know that seasonal businesses handle lots of cash and can become easy targets for those who are looking for opportunities to slip fake bills to busy and sometimes inexperienced cash handlers.

Information on how to quickly check bills for security features and what to do with a suspected counterfeit bill are available at www.bankofcanada.ca.

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR MOBC BARBEQUE BALL

The **Manitoba Open Barbeque Championship** organizers are selling tickets for their **2nd Annual MOBC Barbeque Ball** to be held **Saturday August 22nd at 6:00 p.m.** in the tent next to Giant Tiger. Tickets are **\$30** each and include a fantastic barbeque supper and entertainment by the Piano Catz from Winnipeg the MOBC Award presentations and door prizes including a Broil King Barbeque.

Organizer **Perry Hopkins** suggests that this would be a perfect corporate gift for employees or valued customers. Call him at **822-8090** before **July 31st** for tickets.

CORN & APPLE FESTIVAL LOTTERY TICKETS AVAILABLE

The *Morden Corn & Apple Festival 300 Club Lottery* tickets for 2009/10 are now available from the members of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Please generously support this important project that provides for the Festival's capital requirements.

COMING EVENTS

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| Jul 24-26 | International Golf Tournament – Minnewasta GCC |
| 26 | Cripple Creek Music Festival – S of Morden |
| 30 | Farmers' Market – 4 – 6:30 |
| Aug 6 | Corn & Apple Committee Meeting – Friendship Ctr |
| 6 | Farmers' Market– 4– 6:30 |
| 12 | Window on the Arts – Arts Centre – 6-9 pm |
| 13 | Farmers' Market-4-6:30 |
| 15 | South Central Cancer Resource Mixed Texas Scramble Golf Tournament – Roland GC Register by calling 343-2460 |
| 21-23 | Morden Corn & Apple Festival |
| 22 | MOBC Barbeque Ball – call 822-8090 for tickets |
| 24 | Town Council Mtg – Civic Centre |
| 27 | Farmers' Market-4-6:30 |
| 28 | Big Brothers/Sisters Golf for Kids – Winkler GC Call 325-9707 to register |

OF MEMBERS & MORE

The *Morden Chamber* congratulates **Holly Neufeld** of **McKenna's Salon & Spa** on her **Grand Opening** tomorrow at **310 Stephen Street**.

The **Festival Event Brochure** is now at the printers and will be available for distribution soon.

Remember that the Festival will take place on the **4th Weekend of August**, that's **August 21, 22 and 23**.

The **Morden Chamber Farmers' Market** continues to expand with new vendors and new products every week. This week we welcomed the saskatoon and strawberry growers together with our dependable, long-standing vendors selling their meat, perogies, baking, crafts, vegetables and much more. The 2009 Market has far outpaced previous Markets in the number of vendors and variety of products. Find out what's new every Thursday from 4:00 to 6:30 on 8th Street between Stephen & North Railway.