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## CORN & APPLE LOTTERY MAKING WINNERS MONTHLY

The Morden Corn & Apple Festival 300 Club Lottery for 2009/10 continues on the last Wednesday of the month during the Friendship Centre Bingo.

Congratulations to our lucky September winners: **Doug Reichert** from Calgary, **\$1,000**; **R.M. of Stanley Administrative Staff**, **\$100** and **Frank Wiebe** from Winkler, **\$100**.

Projects funded by ticket sales this year were the Festival's final \$7,000 of our commitment of \$35,000 to the Town of Morden for the Stephen Street Electrical Upgrades, modifications to the Corn & Cider Selling Booth, upgrades to the backstage trailer and flooring for the new Information Trailer.

Thank you to the members of **St. John the Evangelist Church** for successfully selling all the tickets again this year.

## CHAMBER GAS DISCOUNT PROGRAM EASIER TO ACCESS

*Morden Chamber of Commerce* Members now have easier access to **ESSO Business Card Program** discounts. A link to the fleet offers is available on the Chamber website [www.mordenchamber.com](http://www.mordenchamber.com) or visit [www.essofleetoffers.com/CHAMBER](http://www.essofleetoffers.com/CHAMBER) for more information.

## FREE SEMINARS FROM COMMUNITY FUTURES HEARTLAND

**Community Futures Heartland** offers free video conferencing business seminars in the *Winkler Chamber* Board Room. All seminars are open to everyone whether you are just starting a business or have been in business for many years. The information provided in these ½ day events are topical and will give you tips and tools to improve the way you handle many different situations. To register call **1-877-472-7122**. Each seminar is described on their website: [www.cfheartland.ca](http://www.cfheartland.ca).

**Oct 15** – Business Opportunities & Ideas – Choosing the Right One; **Oct 16** – Recruitment & Selection; **Oct 19** – I am Accessible – Embracing Diversity in the Workplace/Marketing Part 1 – Marketing Basics/ Marketing Part 2 – Marketing Research; **Oct 20** - Marketing Part 3 – Advertising & Promotion/Marketing Part 4 – Developing a Marketing Plan; **Oct 21** – PST: An Introduction to Provincial Sales Tax/ GST Information Workshop; **Oct 26** – Microsoft Office Word 2003 – Tips for Small Business/Microsoft Office Excel 2003 – Tips for Small Business.

## WELDING SHOP CELEBRATES SUCCESSSES

**Western School Division** and **Red River Technical Vocational Area** will be hosting an **Open House** with tours, speakers and a light lunch at the **Morden Vocational Welding Shop** at the corner of **6<sup>th</sup> and North Railway Street** on **Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup>** starting at **11:00 a.m.**

The Welding Shop is a technical initiative of Western School Division and regional industries which has more than met expectations since it was opened.

## REGIONAL APPRENTICESHIP OFFICE TO OPEN

The **Manitoba Apprenticeship Branch** has committed to establishing an office in southern Manitoba in October as a commitment to training **NEW** Apprentices locally. The first Apprentice training in Electrical and Plumbing will start in January 2010.

An information meeting to discuss how Apprenticeship will work in your business, what financial supports are available for Employers and other trades training suggestions will be held at **Smitty's Restaurant** in Winkler on **Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** at **7:00 p.m.**

Get involved in an attractive, cost effective way to develop highly skilled and productive employees, contributing to a strong labour force in Manitoba.

**RSVP to 325-9758 or 1-877-978-7233**. Seating is limited.

## COMING EVENTS

- Oct 4** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Curves Breast Cancer Walk for Awareness – 1 p.m.
- 8** Last Farmers' Market - 4-6:30
- 13** Chamber of Commerce Executive Meeting - **MMI**
- 13 & 26** Town Council Meetings
- 15** Go Where the Winners Go – Be the Boss – Heritage Centre, Niverville Register by calling 1-800-275-6611
- 15** Apprenticeship Information Meeting– Smitty's, Winkler
- 18-24** **Small Business Week**
- 21** Open House – Morden Welding Shop – 11 a.m.
- 22** Annual Variety Show – Kenmor Theatre
- 23-24** Take the Leap 3 Rural Entrepreneurship Conference – Dauphin [www.taketheleap3.ca](http://www.taketheleap3.ca)
- 24** Morden Area Foundation Million Dollar Gala – Timbers – Call 822-5614 for tickets **TODAY**
- 28** Women in Business Breakfast – Morden's Heartland – 7:15 a.m.

## OF MEMBERS & MORE

The Morden & District Chamber of Commerce welcomes **Justin Giroux** of **Pembina Valley Pets** newly opened at **630 Thornhill Street**, the former Klunky's Toys location. Justin offers live pets and pet supplies. Be sure to check out his store, call **822-6143** or visit [www.pembinavalleypets.com](http://www.pembinavalleypets.com).

The **Morden & District United Way** are looking for businesses to become Workplace Campaign Hosts. Call **822-6992** for info.

Have you checked out the **2010 Morden Rose Calendars** offered by the *Morden Horticultural Society*? They are **\$10 each** available at the *Art Gallery, Friendship Centre* and the *Chamber Office*.