

CHAMBER NEWS

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OUTDOOR MOVIES IN RYALL PARK

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FEATURED MOVIE: **G-FORCE**

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FEATURED MOVIE: **EVAN ALMIGHTY**

Thursday, September 30th, 8:00 to 10:30 p.m.
FEATURED MOVIE: **PRINCE OF PERSIA**



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- Membership benefits - are you using them? Check out Page 5.
- Don't miss this Carman event. Read Page 3.
- Challenge your skills. Turn to Page 2.

**Registration
Deadline
Sept. 10th**

**Hole
Sponsorships
are Limited**

CARMAN CHAMBER 1st ANNUAL 'MEET YOUR FELLOW BUSINESS' GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Monday, September 20th, 2010
Shotgun Starts at 1:00 p.m.
OPEN TO ALL**

Don't Golf - Join us for supper.

For more information or to register, call 745-3155 or 750-3050. You can also access registration forms on our Website's Home Page.

***** GREAT PRIZES *****

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR MOONLIGHT MADNESS EVENT



This year's Moonlight Madness event is on Friday, October 8th.

Details of the event will be posted in October's newsletter.

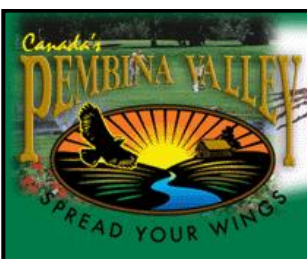
Watch for community posters too.

PEMBINA VALLEY CHALLENGE - AN AMAZING RACE

September 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 2010

Let's raise awareness of our area and draw 100's of visitors to our community.

Your business can participate at a cost of \$25. Organize your own challenge or have help from your own community representative. Contact Tyler King at 745-2675 or Aggie Buhler at PVDC 1-877-324-6645.



To register, contact Tyler King, EDO, Town of Carman/RM of Dufferin at 745-2675.

GOOD LUCK PARTICIPANTS!


HEARTLAND RODEO

 ASSOCIATION
FINALS

September 11 & 12, 2010
Carman, Manitoba



Saturday 2:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm

Dinner
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CHAMBER'S PRESIDENT REPORT - AUGUST 31st, 2010

With a busy summer fleeting by, we see the **blessings of harvest** coming in and families **getting ready for another school year**. We can look back on our summer and witness **many activities and events** that brought visitors to our town. Those visitors bring with them an economic benefit to all of us as business owners, operators, and **Chamber of Commerce members**. We enjoyed the great success of another **Carman Country Fair** which was partnered up with the **Potato & Blossom Festival** to make it bigger and more exciting. We thank the many Chamber Members and volunteers who helped bring this from a seed idea to reality and a great memory to build on. This main event could not happen without the support of our many sponsors... Thank-you again!

Another new event in town this year was the **Outdoor Movie Nights at Ryall Park** which brought many families out for a fun evening of fellowship, movies, and popcorn. *The Movie Screen system was designed and built in cooperation with Walinga Inc. and Winkler Canvas. This was then installed on the stage by Joe Richardson and his team. The Town of Carman and Rural Municipality of Dufferin sponsored the cost of a Movie License. CIBC-Carman Branch will be providing the Sound System. Carman Mennonite Church Youth Group sold popcorn and drinks for all 3 Movie Nights in August as a fundraiser. Thank you to Toews Printing & Office Supply for sponsoring the cost of printing AND to Lite Stop Foods for sponsoring the movie rental costs.*

The Chamber continues its work on a **Strategic Plan** that will allow us to put focus on key areas for improvement and growth within the business community. We look forward to putting more of these initiatives into action over the next year.

On Monday September 20th we plan to host our **1st Annual "Meet Your Fellow Business" GOLF TOURNAMENT**. This is a social and fundraising event intended to help bring the business community together in a relaxed and fun environment. We look forward to a well attended and fun event! Get your registration and sponsorships in soon. The deadline is set for September 10th.

We are also planning a new and expanded format for our **Chamber of Commerce AGM** (Annual General Meeting) which will promote business achievements and milestones within the community and the Chamber membership. Your Chamber is also working on another winter fun event which will be introduced in the near future. There is always something on the go!

Wishing you all the best in family and business this fall.

Cor Lodder – Chamber President.

"BUSINESS NEWS"

**THANK YOU
'LITE STOP FOODS'
FOR SPONSORING THE MOVIE
RENTAL COSTS FOR OUR
OUTDOOR MOVIES.**

KATHY'S FABRICS

Kathy's Fabrics has moved to #16 - 1st Ave. S.W.
(formerly Nine Lives Building).
Same Phone # 745-3074.

ARE YOU UTILIZING YOUR MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS?

DID YOU KNOW that in part of being a member of our Chamber, you are entitled to the following:

- A bi-weekly membership profile feature on the home page of our Chamber’s website,
- Free monthly advertisements in our Chamber’s newsletter,
- Free postings of any business news you wish to share with the public, both on the website and newsletters,
- Chambers of Commerce Group Insurance Plan exclusive to members only. You choose a plan for you and your employees at a cost that’s affordable,
- Free listing in the Manitoba Chamber’s directory and website,
- Entitled to membership benefits offered by the Manitoba Chamber of Commerce. Click on the Manitoba Chamber icon on our website to view all benefits,
- Carman Chamber Cash Bucks that promote local shopping to support our businesses. Anyone can purchase them for any occasion,
- Communiqués to keep you abreast of industry-related issues both locally and provincially.

We continue to plan and develop strategies that build upon or improve membership benefits. It is important to keep your membership information current with our office. Most of our communication is through email, so please make sure your membership contact and their email address is correct.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 3rd, 4th, and 5th
**PEMBINA VALLEY CHALLENGE
 AN AMAZING RACE**
 Contact: Tyler King at 745-2675
- September 9th, 8:00 to 10:30 p.m.
MOVIE NIGHT IN RYALL PARK
 Featured Movie - ‘G-FORCE’
- September 11th & 12th
HEARTLAND RODEO FINALS
 Contact: Brad Middleton at 745-7820
- September 14th, 12 noon
CHAMBER BOARD MEETING
 Memorial Hall Basement
- September 16th, 8:00 to 10:30 p.m.
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* New Release *

Start taking advantage of your membership benefits! You can contact Rosemarie, Executive Director at 750-3050, or email at ccchamber@gmail.com.

Please feel free to call us if you have any questions or ideas.

SEPTEMBER 2010

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Th	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

“BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS”

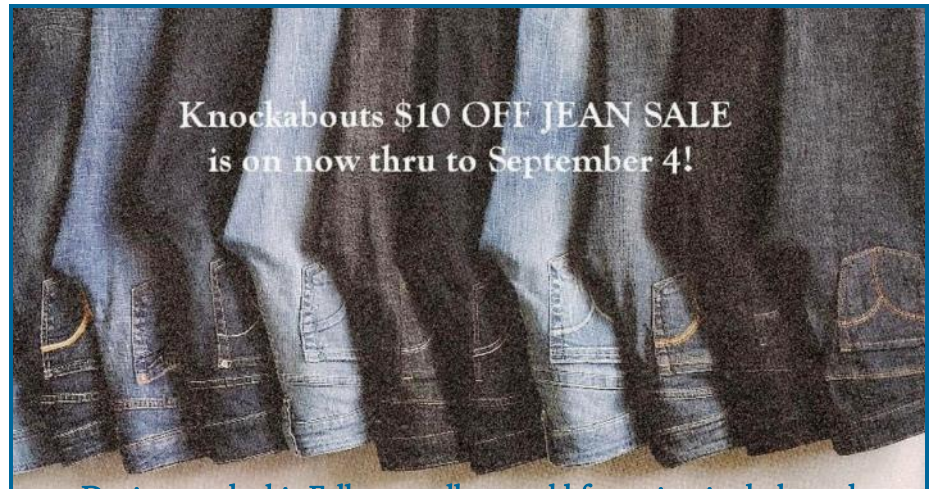
There are no meetings in July or August.

Next Meeting is September 14, 2010.

MEMBER'S CORNER

DID YOU KNOW?

The Province of Manitoba will increase the minimum wage rate by 50 cents to \$9.50 an hour on October 1, 2010.



Knockabouts \$10 OFF JEAN SALE is on now thru to September 4!

Denim trends this Fall cover all your old favourites in darks and distressed, boot cuts, and straight legs - and for gals the 'skinny' and 'jeggings' looks are holding strong. Check out our great selection of jeans for guys and girls - we have SILVER, DISH, MAVI, MOTO, VOLCOM, QUIKSILVER, JAG, LOIS, FRENCH DRESSING, ESPRIT & more!

Enter the DRAW to WIN A PAIR OF SILVER JEANS!

*Moto and Mustang Jeans are excluded from the Sale.

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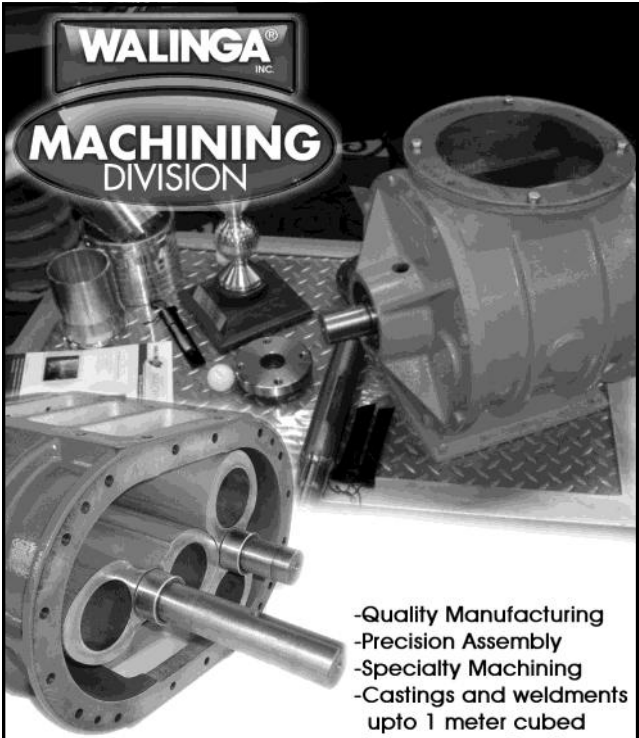
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Potato & Blossom Festival/Carman Country Fair
Carman Fair Parade
Moonlight Madness
Winter Palooza

For other community events, please visit
Town of Carman's website at
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The Canadian Insurance Corporation of Canada is a not-for-profit corporation that oversees the Chambers Plan on your behalf. We ensure that the Plan is being operated to the best interests of Chamber members across Canada.

We're committed to aligning the Chambers Plan with quality service providers for our members. Johnson Group Inc. continues to manage the Plan's day-to-day operations and has been named one of Canada's 50 Best Managed Private Companies for the ninth consecutive year.

A network of over 350 advisors all across Canada work closely with local Chambers and participating business members. As members of the community, advisors understand your business needs, offering employee benefit solutions to firms of all sizes. Over the last year over 3,300 new businesses chose the Chambers Plan for their employee benefits. Equally important as attracting new membership is retaining current membership. Last year, over 92% of existing members chose to keep their current Chambers Plan coverage - a strong sign to us of your overall satisfaction with the product offering.

Since its inception in 1970, the Chambers Plan has been known for price stability, fair renewal rates, and innovative offerings for small business.

Regional In Force Premium (as of April 1, 2010)

		FIRMS	EMPLOYEES
Atlantic Provinces	\$31,898,397	3,211	15,221
Alberta	\$31,660,854	3,654	14,512
British Columbia	\$60,429,943	7,352	30,705
Manitoba	\$14,555,808	1,791	7,778
Ontario	\$75,040,283	9,505	31,573
Quebec	\$23,663,361	1,954	11,142
Saskatchewan	\$11,895,329	1,537	6,850
	\$249,143,975	29,004	117,781

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