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Summer Shopping Spree Promotion Underway!

Back by popular demand is the Minto Chamber of Commerce Shopping Spree. This time the elf is back to enjoy a summer vacation in Minto.

The elf brings with him a summer shopping spree with over \$1,500 in prizes.

The grand prize is a \$500 shopping spree and a one night's stay at the Meiklejohn Bed & Breakfast. Along with that great grand prize over \$1,000 in gift certificates have been donated by Chamber Members.

The grand prize and other winners will be announced Friday August 7th at the Minto Farmers' Market, located in downtown Clifford.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Minto Chamber of Commerce Past President's BBQ at the Home of John Burgess on August 17, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Note: Feature Businesses are selected in alphabetical order.

Feature Businesses for July



Norsco Sports
Located at 295 Main St. W. Palmerston
Offers a wide range of sporting goods and embroidery.
Open Monday—Friday 10:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Call 519-343-2075



North Wellington Cooperative Services
Located at 56 Margaret St. Harriston
Open Monday—Friday 8:00 am—6:00 pm
Saturdays 8:00 am—5:00 pm
Provides agricultural supplies, hardware, bulk propane, garden supplies and more!



Ontario Early Years
Located at 60 Elora St. S. Harriston
Non profit serving families in the community with children 0-6 providing a range of programs
Open Monday—Friday 8:30 am—4:30 pm
Saturdays 10:00 am—12:00 pm
Call 519-338-5973



OSIM Accounting Services
Located at 225 Inkerman St. Palmerston
Virtual and Remote Bookkeeping Services.
Member of the Institute of Professional Bookkeepers.
Call 519-343-2882 to book your first appointment for FREE

O.P.P. Fraud Detection Seminar

When: Wednesday October 14, 2009

Time: 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Where: Clifford Community Hall

Cost: \$10.00

Description: O.P.P. Media and Community Services Officer Mark Cloes will walk you, your staff and other business partners through fraud detection. This is a fun seminar for anyone that interacts with the public in a business setting.

Topics include: Types of fraud, how the thieves do it, video footage of a teller skimming your card, and much more. If you have a retail business in Minto or surrounding areas you don't want to miss this presentation

Pre-registration is required, please email info@mintochamber.on.ca or call 519-327-9619.

Employer Registry *Connecting Employers and Tomorrow's Workforce*

The Employer Registry is a free service aimed at connecting employers to tomorrow's workforce. Across the province, businesses can use this system to connect with students via a range of learning opportunities coordinated by Educators and Passport to Prosperity Coordinators.

The Employer Registry is easy to use, locally monitored, and makes connecting for tours, speakers, career events and experiences, co-op and apprenticeship placement of students a breeze. Signing up only takes a few minutes.

Discover and Train your future workforce

- 1) Partner with other organizations to promote your business.
- 2) Access to local schools and student talent
- 3) Single point of contact for experiential learning opportunities.
- 4) Impact educational and career decisions through direct involvement with students.

For more information contact Cheryl Fayle at the Career Education Council 519-836-7280 ext. 618.

Downtown Revitalization Update

The Minto Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Town of Minto, Palmerston Lions and the Saugeen Economic Development Corporation recently submitted an application for funding to the Rural Economic Development Fund to assist in the revitalization of our downtowns in Minto.

Projects within the grant include:

- ◆ Streetscape Renewals
- ◆ Palmerston Lions Heritage Park Development & Equipment
- ◆ Buy Local Campaign
- ◆ Business Education Seminars
- ◆ Façade Improvement Guidelines and Demonstration Sketches
- ◆ Marketing
- ◆ Investment Recruitment Package
- ◆ Railway Museum Upgrades
- ◆ Rural Downtown Revitalization Summit

We expect to hear shortly whether we were successful in this application.

Stay tuned for more information as it relates to downtown revitalization.

Minto Farmers' Market Now Open

The Minto Farmers' Market is off to a great start in Downtown Clifford.

Make sure you drop by to shop and support our local farmers.

The Market is open every Friday until October between the hours of 3:00—7:00

There are numerous items now in season:

- ◆ Strawberries
- ◆ Peas
- ◆ Lettuce
- ◆ Onions
- ◆ Cucumbers
- ◆ Carrots
- ◆ Green beans
- ◆ Potatoes
- ◆ Radishes

And much more!

