



Trade Winds



The Voice of the Camrose Chamber of Commerce

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The Chamber of Commerce Office will be closed from 12:00 noon on December 24 & December 25 Inclusive
The staff and Board of Directors of the Camrose Chamber of Commerce wish you a **MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Chamber General Meeting

Wednesday, December 2nd, 2009

Location: CRE 11:30am - 1:15pm

Festive Performances by:

The CCHS Chorus 11:30 followed by an Augustana Choir Quartet



Presentation:

Healthy Lifestyles Coalition - Business Participation Award

Tickets: \$15.00 per person

RSVP to 672-4217 by noon Mon. Nov 30th/09

Welcome to our Newest Members!!!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to members who have recently joined our Chamber. We look forward to your future involvement in our activities and committees.

Ackenberry Trout Farm

Owners: Lorne, Horace, and Emily Louden
Manager: Lorne Louden Ph. 780.787.3839

Armour Towing Services

Owners: Shane and Anita Smith
Manager: Don Getschel Ph. 780.673.0062

Brenda's Restaurant 2009 Ltd.

Owners: Gyorgyi and Harry Ramkissoon
Ph. 780.679.4188

Wholesale International Couriers

Owner: James Mendes Ph. 1-888-669-4233



Camrose Kodiaks Home Games

Dec. 5	Royals	7:30 pm
Dec. 6	Olds	5:30 pm
Dec. 13	Brooks	5:30 pm
Dec. 18	Canmore	7:30 pm

Camrose Community Events - December

- 2 **Chamber of Commerce General Meeting - CRE**
- 4 Santa arrives at Duggan Mall at 6:00 p.m.
- 5 Rose City Roots - Scott Cook & the Longweekends - Scalliwags Rum Bar
- 4 Midnight Madness; All Merchants 6:00 p.m.- 12:00 p.m.
- 4 Kinsmen Radio Auction viewing & pre-bidding 6:00 p.m.- 12:00 p.m. in the Provincial building (old ATB)
- 4 Kinsmen Radio Auction On Air 6:00 p.m. -12:00 p.m.
- 5 Christmas Cookie Walk, Tea & White Elephant Sale - Camrose Railway Station & Museum
- 12 **Chamber of Commerce Corporate Christmas Party**
- 28 Blood Donor Clinic - Norsemen Inn
- 20 Moose Breakfast
- 27 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
- 31 Bailey Theatre New Year's Extravaganza - CRE
- 31 Rose City Swingers New Year's Eve Dance - Sparling School
- 4, 11, 18 Rose City Swingers - Sparling School

For additional information about events please go to:
http://www.camrosechamber.ca/calender_of_events

We would be happy to list or update your event - please call our office more than one month prior at 672-4217.



Santa arrives at **Duggan Mall** on Dec. 4th. 6-8:30 p.m.
Visit Santa on Thursdays 4-8 pm, Fridays 4-8 pm and Saturdays 2:30-5:30 until Dec. 22nd.
Mall Christmas hours begin Dec. 14th

The Camrose Police Service is recruiting Police Constables



The closing date for applications is December 11th, 2009. Call 780-672-8300 or visit: www.camrosepoliceservice.ca

Upcoming Employee Workshops

January 6th: **Beyond Pay and Benefits - Retention Strategies**
February 3rd: **Skills by Design - Development Strategies**
The workshops will follow our General Meetings at the CRE



President's Perspective

Another month has already passed and there's still very little sign of snow. (Not that I am complaining).

My thanks and congratulations go to everyone who helped to make Small Business Week and our annual Banquet a success. I also extend congratulations to the businesses that were nominated.

Each and every one of them deserved to be nominated, however, we can only award one in each category per year. Finally, congratulations to all of the extremely deserving 2009 Small Business Week Award winners!

Time seemed to fly by this month. I have stayed fairly busy. I have been to a couple of meetings regarding the Camrose Chamber Train. We have been discussing how we can use it to most successfully promote the Chamber, the City and Camrose County. I have also become part of a committee that will work to recruit and retain doctors in Camrose; I think I'll be on this one for awhile. Join us at the Bill Fowler Centre on December 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. to welcome our new doctor and interns!

Incoming President Shauna Feth and I delivered our 2010 budget request to Camrose County. We look forward to helping to promote tourism throughout the County.

I also attended a couple of ribbon cuttings and a presentation by the Honourable Lindsay Blakett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit, to the Open Door of \$263,000.00 via a matching grant program. Awesome job Randall!

Well, it's getting close to Christmas! I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the Camrose Chamber of Commerce Christmas lunch meeting at the CRE. We will be entertained by Augustana Choir members and Camrose Composite High School Chorus. Remember: if you ever need to get a hold of me just email me at Jason@camrosechamber.ca, I'd love to hear your concerns and idea's!

New! Canada Business Network Website

For a brief introduction to the site and some of its features, please visit: www.canadabusiness.ca/eng/blog/entry/2598

Canada Business is a one-stop shop: In person, online, or by phone. It provides information for entrepreneurs on government programs and services for small businesses.

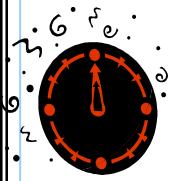
The new site offers the ability to customize information by province and type of business. It is also designed to reduce the time and effort required by small businesses to find information from each of our three levels of government.

www.canadabusiness.ca

The Government of Canada understands that entrepreneurs need relevant information at their fingertips. The new Canada Business Network is designed to provide exactly that.

2009 CORPORATE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sorry, we are SOLD OUT!!!!!!



**CITY CENTRE CAMROSE
&
DUGGAN MALL
MIDNIGHT MADNESS
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4th**



Moonlight Madness at Duggan Mall

9:30 am to 11:00 pm. Santa Arrives at 7:00 pm

Moonlight Madness Downtown

Horse drawn wagon rides - 6:00pm to 9:00pm
from Founders Square on 51st Street.

Strolling Carolers from CCHS Choir will be entertaining.

Santa Claus will be handing out candy canes and many businesses will be offering complimentary hot drinks!

You will find super savings with City Center merchants offering Midnight Madness specials, some with discounts which will progressively get larger as the evening gets later.

The Kinsmen Radio Auction will be held on Dec. 6th in the Provincial building (old ATB) beside Merchants, and will be broadcast live on CFCW.

ChurchMice Players present: *Miracle on 34th Street*

Dinner Theatre: Dec. 12,19 - \$38.00 or \$32.00 (12 & under)

Matinees: Sunday, Dec. 13 & Saturday, Dec. 19

General Seating: December 11 & 18 - \$18.00 or \$12.00

Tickets available at: Imagine Vintage Wear 4904-49 Avenue.

Camrose Souvenirs - Christmas Gift Ideas

To see our great gift selection for all of your out of town relatives and friends, come and visit us at the Bill Fowler Center.



We have new "Camrose" fleece jackets!

There are also hoodies, hats, fleece throws, coffee go-cups, water bottles, Ole charms and many other items in stock.

New: "Tales of the Trail" - Boomtown Trail Stories \$10.00



CAMROSE RAILWAY STATION & MUSEUM

Christmas Tea, Cookie Walk & White
Elephant Sale-December 5th

Enjoy the festive decorations and a taste of old fashioned Christmas. Stock up on homemade Christmas cookies, shop for unique gifts and relax over a hot cup of tea.

Carols & Stories by Fireside
Sunday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for a cup of hot chocolate & cider to sing traditional carols & share favorite Christmas stories.