

May 2009

# MORTON MATTERS

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May 5  
Ribbon Cutting/Open House  
at TCRC

May 13  
25th Annual Prayer Breakfast  
at the Ashland House

May 28  
Business After Hours at Home  
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### BUSINESS AFTER HOURS *Networking Social*

May 28

hosted by  
Home Instead Senior  
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Grimm Heating & AC  
320 South Main Street

4:30 - 6:00 PM



## 25th Annual Community Prayer Breakfast

Please join the Morton Chamber of Commerce at the 25th Annual Community Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 from 6:30-8:00am. This year's featured speaker will be Ted Witzig, Sr.



Ted is well known in the Morton Community as a veteran educator of the Morton School District, where he taught for 30 years at the Junior High School. He has also served his church as a minister and now as an elder of the Apostolic Church of Morton.

Ted has a very unique story. At the age of 4 he was diagnosed with polio, a challenge that never stopped him from accomplishing great feats. "I am very excited to hear his story about his walk with the Lord," said Allison Vershaw, Program Coordinator for the Morton Chamber of Commerce. "Mr. Witzig was a teacher of mine in Junior High and to hear his story will be an amazing opportunity."

The morning will be filled with fellowship and an inspirational message. The Chamber encourages everyone to join them for a hot breakfast buffet and uplifting message. "We look forward to uniting business, political, neighborhood, and faith communities in prayer for the city and leadership of Morton," said Vershaw.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased through the Morton Chamber office by either calling 263-2491 or downloading the form at [www.mortonchamber.org](http://www.mortonchamber.org). Individual tickets are \$15 or you can purchase a table for \$120. Table reservations received by Tuesday, May 5, will receive priority seating.

**When:** Wednesday, May 13  
**Time:** 6:30am-8:00am  
**Where:** Ashland House  
**Cost:** \$15 per person (or)  
\$120 for a table  
**RSVP:** by May 11 to 263-2491 or  
[chamber@mtco.com](mailto:chamber@mtco.com)

## Annual Golf FUNDay Friday, June 5, 2009

The Morton Chamber is planning their annual Golf FUNDay for Friday, June 5, at 12:00pm at Pine Lakes Golf Course. The cost for the afternoon of golf is \$85 per person (includes green fees, cart, hot dog and soda lunch, and dinner). If you are unable to spend the day of fun with your Chamber family, we hope you will plan to join us at dinner for only \$25.



Register your foursome today!  
Register by May 15 to qualify for the early bird drawings!  
Log onto [www.mortonchamber.org](http://www.mortonchamber.org) for your registration form or call: 263-2491

# NEW Pumpkin Festival Sponsorship Opportunities!

## MORTONMATTERS

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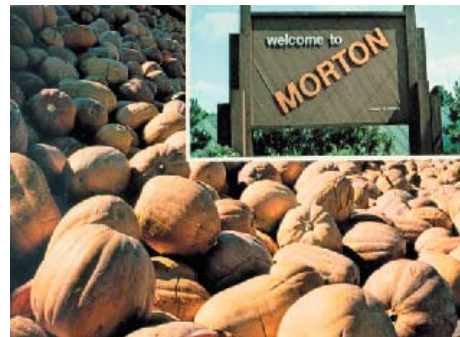
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Looking for a way to advertise effectively with your target market? This year for the first time, the Morton Chamber of Commerce will be offering sponsorship naming opportunities for each of the Pumpkin Festival events. Sponsorship includes recognition on all event publicity, registration forms, and signage. We will also be working individually with each naming sponsor to identify other unique opportunities to promote your company during the event. We will only be accepting one naming sponsor per event, so let us know quickly if there is an event that you would like to secure!



#### Sponsorship Opportunities:

- \$300:** Big Wheel Race, Kiddie Parade, Princess Pageant, Pumpkin Decorating Contest, Soapbox Derby, Softball, Special Kids' Day, Quilt Show, Window Decorating Contest
- \$500:** Cookery Contest (SOLD!), Great Pumpkin Pin Search, Princess Pageant, Pumpkin Weigh-Off & Seed Giveaway (SOLD!), Tennis Tourney, Yard Decorating Contest
- \$1,000:** Delight Tent, Pop & Chop, Pumpkin Pancake Breakfast
- \$2,000:** Main Entertainment Stage
- \$3,000:** Main Food Tent, Parade, 10K Run/Walk (SOLD!)

For more information or to secure your Naming Sponsorship for the 2009 Pumpkin Festival, contact Allison Vershaw at 263-2491 or [avershaw@mtco.com](mailto:avershaw@mtco.com)

## E-Advertisement Begins in June

# Morton DEALS

The Morton Chamber of Commerce will be launching a new E-Advertisement in June called "Morton Deals." The E-Ad will feature monthly themes aligned with holidays and seasons and will give Chamber Members the opportunity to get their special deals out to a large mailing list. "Many of our local retailers and service businesses are struggling due to the economic downturn," said Jennifer Daly, Executive Director for the Morton Chamber of Commerce. "This new publication is something we feel will be extremely effective for our businesses and will help them boost their sales."

National merchants have extensive customer contact lists and email direct advertising to that list regularly. Many small, locally owned businesses don't have the time or expertise to develop a similar ad strategy. "National retailers use e-advertisements very effectively," said Daly. "Morton Deals will help our local businesses to take advantage of a similar program without having to do the work on their own."

Chamber member businesses will receive information and an application for this new program this month and should respond quickly if they would like to participate. "Chamber Deals will be free for our members this year," said Daly. "We hope it will give them the boost they need to make it through an extremely difficult economic time."

## 2009 Membership Renewals

A Perfect Promotion  
Ackerman Farms Downtown  
Advanced System Designs Inc.  
AECOM  
Agape Counseling Ltd.  
Air-Land Transport Service Inc.  
Alltrust Financial Management  
Amazing Glaze  
AmerenCilco  
Apostolic Christian Counseling  
& Family Services  
Apostolic Christian Home for  
the Handicapped  
Apostolic Christian Restmor Inc.  
Area Buyers Guide  
Aupperle & Sons Inc.  
Baymont Inn  
Best Western Ashland House  
Binkley Jewelers Ltd.  
Black, Black & Brown  
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Buckman Photography  
Business Communications Systems  
of Illinois  
Care Solutions  
Carius DQ & Root Beer Stand  
Casey's General Store  
Caterpillar  
CEFCU  
Central Illinois Business Publishers Inc.  
Cherrytree Kitchens  
China Dragon  
Churchill Wealth Management  
Clifton Gunderson LLP  
CMFS Group Inc.  
Coldwell Banker Devonshire Realty  
Comcast  
Country Financial  
Courier Publishing Co.  
Creekwood Apartments  
Culver's, Morton  
David Zimmerman  
Day's Inn, Morton  
Desserts Unlimited Inc.  
Dicks Chiropractic & Acupuncture  
Doerr Siding & Remodeling  
Durlfing Enterprises  
Echo Engraving  
Engineering Design & Development  
Envision Insurance Group  
Erik C. Opperman DMD  
Ewe-Nique Yarns Etc.  
1st Farm Credit Services  
Family Medical Equipment & Supply  
Fliginger's Outdoor Power Center Inc.  
Floral Designs Ltd.  
Focus on Eyes  
Four Seasons Gutter Protection Co.  
From the Field Cooking School  
Goodwill Industries of Central IL  
Grace Church  
Grimm Bros. Trucking Inc.  
Grimm Heating & Air Conditioning  
H&R Block  
Henry W. Rapp, Jr.  
Hohulin Fence Co.  
Hometown Pharmacy  
Hurckes Financial Strategies  
Illinois Central College  
Investment Services  
Iron-A-Way Inc.  
James E. Yordy  
Jefferson Street Clinic  
JH Car Wash of Morton Inc.  
John C. Myers  
Joseph C. Zimmerman III DDS Ltd  
Journal Star  
Joy's Hallmark Shop  
Kaiser Electronics  
Keach Architectural Design Inc.  
Keith Engineering Design Inc.  
Keith Sommer, State Representative  
Keller Williams Premier Realty  
Kelley Construction Contractors Inc.  
Kennel Lake Sportsmen's Club  
Knapp-Johnson Funeral Home  
Koch Physical Therapy  
Kroger  
Kultural Kids LLC  
L & F Electric  
La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant  
Laurus Strategies  
Liberty Termite & Pest Control  
Liquor Station  
Lowell Schroeder, Realtor  
Ludwig Mortuary  
Mary Kay Cosmetics-Joan Kruse  
Mathis-Kelley Construction Supply  
Merle Norman/Pumpkin Patch  
Merlin Birky  
Metropolitan Airport Authority of Peoria  
Midwest Engineering Professionals Inc.  
Midwest Podiatry Group  
Midwestern Wood Products  
Miller Isshinryu Academy  
Miller Paint Shop  
Monical's Pizza  
Morton Animal Hospital  
Morton Buildings Inc.  
Morton Community Foundation  
Morton Dental Center  
Morton Electrical Design  
Morton Kiwanis  
Morton Machining & Manufacturing  
Morton Mini Storage  
Morton Optimist Club  
Morton Township Road District  
MTCO Communications Inc.  
National City Bank  
Nestlé USA  
NuTech/Saladmaster  
Oak Lawn Mobile Estates  
Old Smokeys BBQ  
OSF Saint Francis Morton Health Center  
Otto Baum Company Inc.  
Parker Fabrication Inc.  
Peoria Siding & Window  
Pine Lakes Golf Club  
Pizza Ranch  
Primary Care Chiropractic  
Proctor First Care  
Pro-Fab Inc.  
Professional Therapy Services  
Pumpkin Glass Gallery  
Pumpkin Place  
Quality Inn  
R. P. Lumber Co.  
R. A. Cullinan & Son Inc.  
Randall R. Grieder  
Regions Bank  
Renewal By Andersen of Central IL  
RHMA  
Ronald J. Flanigan DDS  
Ruby Tuesday  
S. A. Moreland Landscapes Inc.  
Safari Bowl  
Sam Leman Chrysler Dodge  
Smithfield RMH Foods  
Stanco Resource Group Inc.  
Stress Busters Massage & Reflexology  
Summer & Associates  
Suzi Davis Travel/American Express  
Tazewell County Asphalt Co.  
Tazewell Floor Covering  
TCRC Inc.  
Technical Publication Associates Inc.  
The Avenue  
The Quilt Corner  
The Whisler Agency  
ToGoAway Travel Network  
Total Energy Concepts  
Training Domain  
Travelodge  
Tri County Cleaning Systems  
Tri County Water Treatment LLC  
Truck Centers Inc.  
University of IL Extension Tazewell Co.  
Vgallery Ltd.  
We Care Inc.  
Woodforest National Bank  
Yellow Brick Boutique  
Zeller Electric Inc.  
Zimmerman Autobody Inc.

## Economic Development News

### Launch Your Dream Business Today



Now is the perfect time to LAUNCH a new business! The LAUNCH Business Plan Competition encourages Central Illinoisans to make that dream of starting a small business come true.

The LAUNCH Business Plan Competition is open to anyone who has a new business idea and plans to start that new business in the Tri-County area. There is no application fee but business plans must be submitted by August 1st. Preliminary rounds begin August 25th. The winning business plan will be chosen September 30th.

The winner will receive cash prizes and a multitude of general business consulting services to get their business up and running properly. Business Week magazine reported that if you want to start a business you have to “provide a demonstrably superior value proposition than the market’s current offerings.” You have to get out of the gate fast and compete effectively against established players. You must be smart and driven-to-win. “Starting a business now will position you just right for the eventual economic recovery. You will be poised to catch the earliest wave of the turnaround and ride it to the next level.”

This competition is brought to you by the East Peoria, Pekin and Peoria Area Chambers of Commerce, the Peoria NEXT Innovation Center, Morton Economic Development Council, SCORE, and Bradley University’s Turner Center for Entrepreneurship and the Technology Commercialization Center.

For more information on the LAUNCH Business Plan Competition contact Ken Klotz, Director Illinois SBDC at Bradley University. 1501 W. Bradley Ave. Peoria, IL 61625. (309) 677-2992. [sbdc@bradley.edu](mailto:sbdc@bradley.edu)

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Turner Center for Entrepreneurship  
Illinois Small Business Development Center

### FREE Help for Businesses

Is your business in need of some one-on-one support or advice? Ken Klotz with the Small Business Development Center offers free counseling services for small businesses located in the Peoria Area on a wide variety of topics including finance, marketing, and human resources. The SBDC is located at Bradley University in Peoria. To schedule an appointment with Ken, contact their offices at 677-2992 or [illinoissbdc@bradley.edu](mailto:illinoissbdc@bradley.edu)

## Welcome New Morton EDC Investor

**Garber Heating and Air Conditioning** was started by Ralph Garber in March of 1972. In 1973, Garber began selling the Carrier name, and now, 37 years later they still sell Carrier today. In January of 1979 Ralph relocated the business to 915 North Main Street in Morton. In September of 1999 the business moved again to a new office building at 310 South Detroit Avenue, where they are currently located. The businesses first installation of a Geothermal heating and cooling system was in 1984. They have been installing Geothermal now for over 25 years! Garber offers purchasing, installation, and maintenance of heating, air conditioning, and air quality equipment. They also have 24/7 emergency service, special financing plans, and outstanding customer service! They are factory authorized and their team is N.A.T.E. Certified. For more information about Garber Heating and Air Conditioning, contact their offices at 309-266-9372 or visit their website at [www.garberheating.com](http://www.garberheating.com)

**Leadership Circle**  
Methodist Medical Center  
Morton Community Bank  
Village of Morton

**Platinum**  
The Iona Group  
Morton Development LLC

## Wii Competition Planned for June



The Morton EDC will be hosting SHOWDOWN, a Wii Gaming Competition for Central Illinois, on Saturday, June 13th at Jefferson Elementary School in Morton. The event will feature a tournament style competition of four popular Nintendo® Wii games and is geared towards children and adults of all ages, including three

youth age categories and one adult category. "We wanted to host an event that would be family friendly, tourism oriented, and technology driven," said John Feser, Principal at The Iona Group and Chairperson for the tournament. "We think this type of tournament has all of those features and a great deal of growth potential for the future."

The competition will be held at Jefferson Elementary School in Morton's downtown. "We wanted a location that encouraged people to shop and eat at our local businesses between games," said Jennifer Daly, CEO for the Morton EDC. "The downtown also has available parking and a playground for added kid entertainment."

Deciding which games to select for the event wasn't easy for the committee. "We reviewed dozens of games before selecting the four that we will offer this year," said Feser. "Mario Kart, Mario Super Sluggers, Guitar Hero, and Dance Dance Revolution." Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals and prizes will be awarded to each age category for each game.

To register for SHOWDOWN, go to [www.showdowncentralillinois.org](http://www.showdowncentralillinois.org) beginning May 6th. "We can only take 744 registrations for the entire tournament this year due to space limitations," said Feser. "When you begin looking at the popularity of Wii and the number of people in our area, it makes you realize that our tournament might be filled extremely quickly."

## Community Foundation News by Scott Witzig



Do you have a dream for giving back to our community? There are many ways you can use the Morton Community Foundation to fulfill your philanthropic goals.

**Benefitting the Community:** *Take care of your family in your will first; then leave a gift to support your church or other local community organization. After you've adequately provided for your family, your professional advisor, in conjunction with the Morton Community Foundation, can help you determine the best way to support a local community organization(s) that you care about.*

**Family Philanthropy:** *Involve your family and pass your values along to multiple generations as the Donor Advised Fund you create addresses the issues and needs you care most about. Pass along your personal and family values by involving them in your fund's grant making decisions.*

**Help Build Your Own Field of Dreams:** *Target your gifts to address needs in an important area of community life. An example would be the MYBA Indoor Batting Facility built, in large part, through a gift from the estate of Mortonite Bob Brenkman. Mr. Brenkman established his fund through the Morton Community Foundation. Now hundreds of young children are benefitted by Mr. Brenkman's dream. What's your dream?*

**Turning Grief to Good:** *Create a fund or scholarship as a memorial to promote a favorite charity or interest of your loved one. The family of Rudy Jungst is in the process of establishing a fund to promote music or music education in Morton's schools as a legacy for their husband/father who impacted so many with his love of music.*

**Assure the Future for your Cause:** *Use your gift to start or support a fund that will keep on giving to your favorite cause or organization forever. No more bake sales or magazine drives, thanks to your generosity. A permanently endowed fund keeps on giving to your favorite group forever. The Morton District 709 Orchestra Fund, started by families who wanted their support to go beyond their children's school years, generates a substantial annual gift to help with purchase of music, software and equipment.*

**Group Giving – Power in Numbers:** *Smaller gifts from multiple members of your group can quickly make a big impact. Rally your "group" and start making a difference today. Take the initiative to rally your former band members, sports team participants, co-workers or church circle. You'll be amazed how much you can do when a number of people each participate in even a relatively small way.*

Scott Witzig, Executive Director, Morton Community Foundation, 309 N Main St., Suite B; phone: 309-291-0434; e-mail: [switzig@mortoncommunityfoundation.org](mailto:switzig@mortoncommunityfoundation.org); website: [www.mortoncommunityfoundation.org](http://www.mortoncommunityfoundation.org).

## Business Briefs

**Brahler's Truckers Supply** will be hosting the Untamed Innovation tour on Wednesday, May 13 from 10:30 AM - 6 PM. A 2010 Navistar Lonestar truck with custom paint and accessories will be featured. This event is open to the public and free lunch will be served.

**Markley's Pest Elimination** will be celebrating their 25th year in business. Curt and Melanie Markley want to thank their customers for the opportunity of serving them, and are looking forward to the next 25 years!

**RSM McGladrey** welcomes two additions to their IT Network Solutions Consulting team. Dan Harkness and Paul Simon have both accepted positions as IT Network Solutions Associates.

**RE/MAX Unlimited** agent Sally Renken of Morton received the prestigious 100% Club Award for her outstanding performance in 2008 by the RE/MAX St. Louis region.

**Pumpkin Postal & Gifts, Inc** will be holding a wine tasting on May 1st from 3pm-6pm (featuring Owl Creek Wines and Pomona Wines) and again on May 2nd from 12pm-3pm (featuring August Hill Wines and Lynfred Wines).

## Tourism Association News by Susan Pyles



With warm weather finally coming our way, many of us are anxious to get outside and do something. The Morton Tourism Association (MTA) has been busy these past few months planning various activities in the community that will take place between now and the end of the year. These fun events raise money to help the MTA plant flowers, hang banners, display and maintain Christmas decorations, and put those little touches in our village that say "Hey, stop by and stay awhile. You'll be glad you did."

The heart of the Morton Tourism Association, as with the Chamber, is volunteers. All of the events are made possible by the dedication of a handful of volunteers. There is room for you and your family in this volunteer team.

All of the events planned by the MTA are family friendly. Volunteering provides an opportunity to give back to our community in a variety of ways. Whether you participate in the "Adopt-A-Pot" program to help fill and maintain the flower planters in the downtown area, join a committee to help organize the Farmer's Market, Tractor Show, Strongman Contest, Punkin Chuckin contest, Classic Car Cruise-In, or the Annual Community Christmas Tree lighting, you will walk away with a sense of accomplishment.

Volunteering allows you to reconnect with friends and meet new people. The opportunities are endless and we always welcome new ideas for events and activities throughout the Village. Do you have an event you would like to see happen here in Morton?

Morton is a great community and the volunteer spirit is alive and well and being demonstrated in a variety of different groups: schools, park district, churches and the community. If you are not a part of this trend, call Susan at 266-5135 and she will help connect you to the many volunteer opportunities in Morton.

### HOLIDAZZLE 2009

With the holiday season just around the corner, the Morton Tourism Association (formerly Morton Business Association) is gearing up to make plans for the Holidazzle Festivities, scheduled for November 13th and 14th.



"As you recall, last year we had the first Tree Lighting hosted by Morton Community Foundation, and everyone had a great time," said Michele Cox, 2009 Holidazzle Chair. "So now we are looking to expand upon the idea this year to include a Parade of Homes and a Parade of Trees among many other ideas."

Michele is looking for energetic and creative volunteers to help pull off this annual event. If you are interested in joining the Holidazzle Committee, please contact Michele at Cristy's Tea Room ([cristys@mtco.com](mailto:cristys@mtco.com) or 263-2637).

## Chamber 150% Club Members

Aaron Miller, Realtor	Hardee's/Shree Krishna Food LLC	Multax
Ackerman Farms	Health Solutions	N. Zobrist Construction
American Fire Service	Heartland Bank and Trust Company	NCI Business Systems
American PC Solutions Inc.	Heartland Chiropractic & Wellness Center	Orndorff Furniture
Aquatech Pools & Spas	Heartland Veterinary Clinic	Paddy O'Flaherty's Irish Pub & Eatery
Area Buyers Guide	Home Instead Senior Care	Paluska Plumbing Services
Barbara Heer, Realtor	Husch Blackwell Sanders LLP	Papa Murphy's
Benckendorf & Benckendorf PC	J.J. Braker & Sons Inc.	Pepsi Americas
Bethel Lutheran Ministries	Jay Fox Insurance Agency Inc.	Prassas Co./Morton Plaza
Bison Financial Group	Jim Maloof Realtor	Pumpkin Postal & Gifts Inc.
Brandon Wood Retirement Center	Jimmy John's	Pure Essence Salon Ltd.
Champion Fitness	Johnson's Floral	Quality Inn
Cleaning Solutions	Kelley Construction Contractors Inc.	Rainmaster Systems Inc.
CMFS Group Inc.	Kevin Littlefield DMD	RE/MAX Unlimited
Colby Natural Health	Klean Wash	Robert Schnarr
CORE Construction	Koch Konstruction Inc.	Roecker Consulting Engineers Inc.
Cornerstone Architectural Concepts Inc.	Kuhl & Company Insurance	Rotary Club of Morton
C P Directions Studio	Laurus Strategies Financial Services	Roth Grain Co. Inc.
Cristy's Tea Room	Lennie's Quality Meat Shop	RSM McGladrey Inc.
CSE Software Inc.	Lighthouse Automotive	Schaffnit Financial Group
David W. Kinsinger DDS	Marie Fisk, Realtor	Schooners
David Mills CPA LLC	Markley's Pest Elimination Services	Shannon Gaunt, Realtor
DeJure Formal Wear & Bridal Palace	McDonald's of Morton	Steak 'n Shake
Donald Baker MD	Menold Construction & Restoration	Stephens Electric Inc.
Durbin Chiropractic & Acupuncture	Methodist at Morton	Tazewell County Chiropractic
Edward Jones Investments	Michael D. Risinger P.C.	Tazewell County Health Dept.
Eli's Coffee Shop	Midwest Hearing Center Inc.	Tender Care Animal Hospital
Ellis Studios	Midwestern Wood Products *	The Center for Prevention of Abuse
Farm & Fleet of Morton	Mike Murphy Ford	The Iona Group
Farnsworth Group Inc.	Modern Methods LLC	Thomas A. Krieg, Attorney at Law
FGM Architects	Morton Animal Hospital *	Thomas E. Davies PC
FJT Office Supplies	Morton Coin Laundry	Travelodge
For His Glory Inc.	Morton Collision Repair	Trillium Staffing
G & D Integrated	Morton Community Bank	Vintage Optical
Garber Heating & Air Conditioning	Morton Development LLC	Wal-Mart of Morton
Gold's Gym	Morton Times-News	William C. Johnson DDS
Grimm Interiors	Morton Unit School District 709	
Grimm's Inc.	Morton Villa/Morton Terrace Care Centers	
H & R Block	Morton Welding Company Inc.	

\*denotes new members

### 2009 Membership Directory

The 2009 Chamber Membership Directories will be available in May. You may pick up your copy at the May 28 Business After Hours or at the Morton Chamber of Commerce Office.

### 2009 Pumpkin Festival Parade Marshall

In June, the Morton Chamber of Commerce will begin soliciting nominations for the 43rd Annual Pumpkin Festival "Christmas in the Pumpkin Patch" Parade Marshall.

## Chamber and EDC Calendar

### May 2009

**Friday, May 1**

Business Recruitment 11:30-1:00pm at Main Street Deli

**Monday, May 4**

TCRC Ribbon Cutting/Open House 5:00-7:00pm

**Tuesday, May 5**

BEAR Meeting 7:30am

**Friday, May 8**

Organizational Meeting 11:30am

**Wednesday, May 13**

25th Annual Community Prayer Breakfast 6:30-8:00am at  
the Ashland House

Downtown Development 7:30am

**Tuesday, May 19**

MCC Board Meeting 7:00-8:30am

**Monday, May 25**

Memorial Day - MCC/EDC CLOSED

**Wednesday, May 27**

EDC Board Meeting 7:00am

**Thursday, May 28**

BAH at Home Instead Senior Care 4:30-6:00pm

**Friday, May 29**

Ambassador Meeting 7:00-8:30am at the MCC

**BUSINESS  
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**TENDER CARE**  
300 EAST COURTLAND STREET

**JUNE 25, 2009**