



# Blabbin'

# About Business

## Free Promotion = Money in Your Pocket

The Lanark - North Leeds Enterprise Centre wants to help you promote your small business without spending your money, with the "Feature Business of the Month" section of our website.

Each month we feature a different business to help promote our local economy, and the best part is...it's free!

All you have to do is, provide us with a few paragraphs about your small business along with a photo or a logo, and we'll do the rest!

## Preparing for the Harmonized Sales Tax

The HST was implemented in Ontario & British Columbia on July 1st, 2010 and is administered by the Canada Revenue Agency. HST replaced the existing Provincial sales taxes (PST/RST) and the Federal goods and services tax (GST).

The move to HST means you now only deal with one set of forms, one payment and one point of contact for audits, appeals and taxpayer services. Here a few things you need to know for the HST:

-If you are already registered for GST, no further registration is required. If you are not required to register for GST, you do not need to register for HST.

-Your HST reporting period will be the same as your GST reporting period.

-Your final RST return is due on or before July 23rd, 2010. Supplemental returns will be available for reporting RST amounts and collected after July 1st, 2010.

For the latest information on the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST), visit the Canada Revenue Agency's website at [cra.gc.ca/harmonization](http://cra.gc.ca/harmonization) or call: 1-800-959-5525.

## 1-888 Business Number to Serve as a Single Point of Access

Through its Open for Business initiative, Ontario is making it easier for businesses to work with government to grow & succeed, while creating an environment that supports innovation, helps attract investment, & creates jobs.

Under this initiative, ServiceOntario is leading the implementation of the new 1-888 Business Info Line, in collaboration with Industry Canada.

By calling a single 1-888 business telephone number, businesses can now get the government information they need, for example:

- ✓ Starting or growing a business
- ✓ Financing option
- ✓ Managing employees
- ✓ Developing business plans
- ✓ Government programs & services
- ✓ Regulations & tax implications
- ✓ And more....

## Did You Know

- Did you know that...  
Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 specific products & services increased by 8% such as: Dry Cleaning Services, Alcoholic Beverages, Electricity & Heating, Gas & Diesel, Travel, and many more...

For more info check out.....

[www.cra.gc.ca/harmonization](http://www.cra.gc.ca/harmonization)  
or [www.ontario.ca/taxchange](http://www.ontario.ca/taxchange)

- Did you know that...  
Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 specific products & services were decreased to 13% such as: Pro Sports, Admission Tickets & Movie Tickets.

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- Did you know that...  
Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 certain items are now exempt from HST such as: Children's Clothing, Prepared Food Under \$4.00, Municipal Water, Legal Aid, Mortgage Interest Costs and many more.....

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Contact the Canada Revenue Agency for full details at .....

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The Summer Company Program is an Ontario Government Program in its 10<sup>th</sup> year running and has over 600 successful applicants across Ontario trying their hand at being their own boss this summer.

The Lanark-North Leeds Enterprise Centre is pleased to announce that eight young entrepreneurs have been accepted to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity through our office.

#### Kelsey Larocque "Digitalize Yours"

Digitalize Yours is a retail shop in Carleton Place that provides its customers with digital images of their memorable photo's in a variety of forms such as; DVD's, CD's, Personal storage devices as well as digital frames with storage capabilities. Contact at: 613-253-2325 or: [digitalizeyours@gmail.com](mailto:digitalizeyours@gmail.com) or: [www.digitalizeyours.com](http://www.digitalizeyours.com)

#### James Chinkiwsky "Mother Nature Maintenance"

Mother Nature Maintenance is a lawn care company that offers services to Merrickville that tends to the lawn and other natural fixtures on the property. Contact at: 613-853-9782 or: [jameschinkiwsky@hotmail.com](mailto:jameschinkiwsky@hotmail.com)

#### Robert Fournier "Rideau Rickshaw Runners"

Rideau Rickshaw Runners provides a fun, safe and easy alternative to walking around to popular tourist destinations in the Town of Smiths Falls. Contact at: 613-430-9141 or: [Rideau.rickshaw@gmail.com](mailto:Rideau.rickshaw@gmail.com) or: [www.rickshaw.webs.com](http://www.rickshaw.webs.com)

#### Austin Crowe "Austin's Lawn Care"

Austin's Lawn Care offers lawn maintenance to the Town of Perth and surrounding area. The services that will be provided include cutting grass, weeding gardens, and trimming hedges. Contact: at: 613-390-0084 or: [Austin.crowe@hotmail.com](mailto:Austin.crowe@hotmail.com)

#### Ethan Hoque "Perfect Pet Portraits"

Perfect Pet Portraits provides high-quality and detailed coloured pencil drawings of customers' pets. The portraits will be drawn based on digital photographs taken of the customers pet at the location of their choice. Contact at: 613-259-2010 or: [perfect.petportraits@gmail.com](mailto:perfect.petportraits@gmail.com)

#### Adrian Schut "Lanark Maple Products"

Lanark Maple Products is a home-based business in Almonte that makes and sells high quality hand-made products manufactured from local maple wood. Contact at: 613-619-9107 or: [adrianschut@gmail.com](mailto:adrianschut@gmail.com) or by website: [www.lanarkmapleproducts.com](http://www.lanarkmapleproducts.com)

#### Jonah Patterson "Lawn and Order"

Lawn and Order provides a lawn care and gardening service in the Town of Perth and outskirts of the South end of Perth. Contact at: 613-267-4082 or: [lawnandorder.perth@yahoo.com](mailto:lawnandorder.perth@yahoo.com)

#### Page Taylor "Paintings by Page"

Paintings by Page provides clients with custom painted portraits of their beloved pets. This home-based business is located in Smiths Falls. Contact at: 613-963-0191 or: [dtaylor14@cogeco.ca](mailto:dtaylor14@cogeco.ca) or: [www.paintingsbypage.webs.com](http://www.paintingsbypage.webs.com)



LNLEC's Summer Company students 2010

Please watch for our 2010 Fall/Winter seminar line up on our website [www.LNLEC.ca](http://www.LNLEC.ca) - later this summer!

Have a great summer!

