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NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

AgChat. Our virtual networking sessions at AgChat are opportunities to connect with others and have intimate conversations with personalities. See the line up of Chairs below.

There are three professional development opportunities coming up. One of them comes with a subsidy to help women entrepreneurs.

DID YOU KNOW?

According to the 2016 Census of Agriculture, only 28.7% (77,970) of females had an ownership stake in an agricultural business. That means that the agribusiness sector is still male-dominated.

COMING UP

AgCHAT

We have an exciting line up of hosts coming up:

October: Jacqueline Queena, Managing Director, Enterprise Machine Intelligence & Learning Initiative (EMILI)

November: Mary Robinson, President, Canadian Federation of Agriculture

January 2022: Michael Hoffort, President, Farm Credit Canada. **March**

2022: William Gruel, Protein Industries Canada's CEO. More details will be posted later on our webpage at <https://www.mwaf.ca/events>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

Business Plan Development Workshop Series -

This is an opportunity to learn to write your business plan guided by experts. This workshop series is delivered by the Women's Enterprise Centre of Manitoba, Farm Credit Canada and the World Trade Centre of you further support. Cost: \$231 including tax. MWF offers a subsidy to cover 50% to 75% of the cost. Details and dates are [here](#) or email us at mbwomeninagnfood@outlook.com

October 5, 2021: 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm MWF webinar - Courage, Confidence and Resilience: Facing and Embracing Change. Courage enables us to make a decision, confidence enables us to take action, and resilience enables us to remain strong. Registration date TBA [here](#).

November 3, 2021: 7:00 - 8:00 pm MWF webinar. Taking Control of Your Career - How to Prepare a Confident Career Plan. You'll learn:

- 1- The three things you need to craft a successful plan
- 2- The action you need to take next to get to the starting line
- 3- How to lower the risk of making a "wrong" move

More information to follow [here](#).

FEATURED CAREERS

Territory Sales Manager - (Agriculture) (Brandon) Ritchie Bros.

Supervisory Veterinarian (Various locations across Western Canada)

Canadian Food Inspection Agency - deadline December 15

To see all current opportunities visit our [careers page](#). Our page is updated regularly.

WHAT MEN ARE SAYING

Welcome to our new feature about men who champion diversity. These men are champions because they are taking action, and speaking up for positive change. Nominate men in your life to do the same. To kick off, here is Paul Gregory from [Interlake Forage Seeds](#), recognizing his wife, Anita Gregory.

As far as our farm business goes, Anita is so key to our success.

"We are a first generation farm, battling high interest rates, and a steep learning curve in farming in the North Interlake.

Anita's teaching salary allowed us to travel to New Zealand to pick up beekeeping management ideas. Anita's summer holidays were spent building bee equipment and extracting honey. Over the years, she has learned to replace bearings, broken chains, shear pins and knows the noise of every pump and motor in the extracting room. We often put through 400 boxes of honey every shift on the line, and she handles every honey frame that goes through. Each honey super has nine frames...

Mostly, Anita supports me in so many ways: great meals for our family (Home Ec. teacher) community minded, being involved at church, coaching, curling, golfing, cross country ski-ing, a competitor at Winter Games. She also keeps home finances organized, shop supplies, payroll, organizing staff hours and being a soft shoulder to lean on for staff."

WE NEED YOU

JOIN OUR BOARD OR VOLUNTEER

Are you looking for a rewarding experience? Get involved in MWF and grow your potential. You'll develop management and team skills, learn, build a network, and get your name out there. Choose the type of work you want to do and how much time you commit. At MWF, we believe that "we do what we can and not more". We have a number of opportunities such as social media, fundraising, membership, networking, website development and marketing but you can choose the role that fits your interests. Or maybe you have children that need to do volunteer hours for school? There are lots of opportunities to help. [Contact us](#) and let us know what you would like to do.

Manitoba Canola Growers Association seeks Board members

The Manitoba Canola Growers Association is seeking MCGA members to stand for elections to the Board of Directors. Deadline Oct 15. More details and nomination forms at [MCGA](#)

CONFERENCES/EVENTS

MFGA Regenerative Ag Conference -Manitoba Forage and Grassland Association. Nov 15-17, Brandon, MB

This year is a hybrid event - both virtual and in-person. Focus is on regenerative agriculture. Register [here](#).

Advancing Women in Agriculture Virtual Conference, November 22 & 23, 2021 Invest in Yourself!

Over two days you'll:

- meet hundreds of women
- learn about leadership, communication, life skills and more
- hear women's unique stories about their journeys and the lessons they have learned
- network with other delegates while the conference is on

Saving and networking opportunity

If we get together and register as a group (minimum six people), we can save \$50 each on the registration cost, and moreover, we'll create our own networking group to discuss how things are going, our impressions, what to ask/who to meet, how to follow up with the people we met, and stay in touch with each other after the conference. Contact Laura at mbwomeninagnfood@outlook.com

EMILI (Enhanced Machine Intelligence & Learning Initiative) **Conference: Agriculture Enlightened, Thursday, November 18, 2021.** The conference will highlight the importance of data in driving digital agriculture. Register [here](#)

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