



The Connection

"Keeping our Community Connected"

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Monthly Newsletter of the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc. acknowledges that we are on Treaty 4 territory, the ancestral lands of the Cree, Saulteaux, Dakota, Lakota, Nakota and the Métis Nation.



We have adjusted our office hours to align with the holidays

Our adjusted hours are as follows:

DEC 25, 26, 2023 & JAN 1, 2024

Otherwise, our staff is available

Mon to Fri from 8 am to 12 pm and 12:30 pm to 3:45 pm.

Call (306)783-2777 to book an appointment.

FUN FACT ABOUT CANADA

The traditional Christmas dinner found at many Canadian dinner tables is turkey, much like Thanksgiving, complete with all the fixings like mashed potatoes, gravy stuffing and vegetables like peas, corn and yams. Eggnog is perhaps an acquired taste for some, but it's a popular holiday drink in Canada. According to Statistics Canada, almost six million litres of eggnog are consumed in December.



This is HOME

Meet *Yamonwan Boonnak*

Newcomer Liaison Worker at the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre



Meet Yamonwan Boonnak, a spirited individual who took a leap of faith from Thailand to Kingston, Ontario, in 2015, seeking new horizons. In 2019, she continued her journey along with her partner, this time to Yorkton, Saskatchewan, where she found not just a place to live but a welcoming community to call home.

Currently wearing the hat of a Newcomer Liaison Worker at the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre, Yamonwan is all about easing the transition for those, like her, who are navigating the exciting yet challenging path of settling into a new life in Canada. She's not just a guide; she's a friendly face, ready to share her own experiences and lend a helping hand.

Yamonwan isn't just about work; she's a genuine fan of the Canadian seasons, especially the magic of fall and the wonder of winter. "I adore fall and winter, when the ground is wrapped in a cozy blanket of snow.

Ice fishing is our most favourite winter activity to do"

For Yamonwan, Yorkton holds a special place in her heart, as it became more than just a location; it became home. "I consider Yorkton home because the first time we moved here, we felt a warm welcome. Everywhere we went, people in town were very kind, friendly, and helpful". In her eyes, Yorkton is not just a place to reside; it's the best place to live and embark on a new chapter in life, characterized by peace and simple living.

EXPLORE OUR COMMUNITY



NOON YEARS EVE



DECEMBER 31, 10AM - 1PM



GALLAGHER CENTRE



Community Activities & Events December 2023

Here is a list of some of the upcoming activities or events happening in our community!

If you are interested in any of these please call our office at
(306) 783-2777 and we can help you register and /or attend with you.

Twinkle Tours

What: Christmas lights display Competition

When: December 2023

Where: The Twinkle Tour Map will be unveiled soon and will receive regular updates!



Frosty Fest

What: Christmas music, bonfire, wiener roast, sleigh rides, hot chocolate, & bake sale

When: Saturday December 9, 2023 - 11:00 AM

Where: Switzer's Home-Grown Family Farm (From Yorkton, take Hwy 16 East to Clonmel Rd. Turn Left and continue for 2 kms. Look for the red shack on the left)

Cost: FREE. MUST HAVE YOUR OWN TRANSPORTATION. Contact rguthrie@ecnwc.ca



Sunday Brunch

What: Breakfast

When: December 10, 2023 — 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Where: At the Painted Hand Casino, Yorkton

Cost: Adults - \$25.99 and Kids \$14.99



Christmas Cultural Potluck

What: Food, Drink, Games and Fun

When: December 16, 2023 — 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Where: At St. Paul's School Gymnasium - 487 Parkview Rd Yorkton

Cost: FREE. Contact Jeisel - jtoltentino@ecnwc.ca or call (306)-783-2777



Noon Years Eve

What: New Years Celebration with face painting, picture taking, art & craft and other activities

When: December 31, 2023 — 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Where: Gallagher Centre—455 Broadway St W. Yorkton

Cost: FREE to the public



Multifaith Festivals in November

Buddhism - Dec 26 - Sanghamitta Day

Judaism - Dec 8 - 15 - Hanukkah

Christianity - Dec 25 - Christmas

Zarathushti - Dec 26 - Death Anniversary of Prophet Zarathustra*

Shinto - Dec 22 - Tohji-taisai (Grand Ceremony of winter Solstice)

Jainism - Maunajiyaras

These dates were highlighted in the Multifaith Calendar which is distributed by the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan



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