



The Connection

"Keeping our community connected"

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Monthly Newsletter of the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.



Happy Saint Patrick's Day

The ECNWC office is open for in-person appointments. We also provide service to through phone calls, emails and other media. Please book appointments ahead of time as we are only allowing a limited number of clients in the office at one time. Preventative measures including sanitizing, masking and physical distancing are followed.

To book an appointment, please call (306) 783-2777 or email ecnwcinfo@ecnwc.ca. Our service hours are Mon-Fri, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

This is HOME – Staff Edition

Meet Shanley Allard



Shanley is our Community Connections Worker at East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc. She was born and raised in Saskatchewan and has lived in many communities in the province. She now calls Yorkton home with her husband, Jeremy and their children, Cameron, Shayla & Kaley. Their family enjoys many sports and also own Hometown Source for Sports in Yorkton.

"As the Community Connections Worker, I have the opportunity to meet new people and am constantly learning through the webinars and events that I organize. I am grateful for all I've learned about different cultures and languages and the friendships I have made. I feel very lucky to call Saskatchewan home and have lived in many different areas throughout the province. Each area I have lived in offers such a differing beauty. From the rocky terrain of the northern forest, to the rolling southern cypress hills, to the beautiful Saskatchewan river that winds through Saskatoon, to the peaceful lakes, sunsets and wildlife right here in East Central SK, I am really proud to call Saskatchewan home and find it so beautiful here." Shanley

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada News

In response to the situation in Ukraine, IRCC is taking steps to support Ukrainians and make it easier and faster for Canadian citizens, Canadian permanent residents and their immediate family members to return to Canada. They have set up a dedicated Ukraine enquiries phone line for clients in Canada and abroad: 613-321-4243, collect calls accepted. Clients contacting IRCC by use of their [Web Form](#) should add the keyword "Ukraine2022" in their enquiry and their email will be prioritized. For up-to-date information on supports to Ukrainians and those affected by the situation in Ukraine, please click [HERE](#).



The world is watching as Ukraine defends itself against Russia in a war that has already left cities in rubble, hundreds dead, hundreds of thousands displaced and families torn apart. Saskatchewan has strong, deep ties with Ukraine. Roughly 13 per cent of Saskatchewan's population claims Ukrainian heritage. People here are watching in horror as this war unfolds. This Thursday, March 3rd, Rawlco Radio is holding a Saskatchewan Day of Caring for Ukraine, in partnership with Ukrainian Canadian Congress(UCC) & Canadian-Ukraine Foundation(CUF). "As we watch the news each day, we can't help but feel their fears in our own hearts," reads a statement issued by UCC acting president Elena Krueger and Executive Director Danylo Puderak. "These attacks on innocent Ukrainians are an attack on us. Today, we ask all Saskatchewanians, our friends, neighbours, colleagues, and all freedom-loving people to show we care through the Rawlco Radio Saskatchewan Day of Caring for Ukraine. Please support the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. "The appeal's main efforts will be to provide humanitarian assistance/relief in the areas of assistance to displaced persons, medical care, emergency shelter and food security." From 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., 650 CKOM will bring you the stories of those living in Ukraine, those fighting to get them help and what your donation will provide. The UCC-CUF Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal has already deployed approximately \$500,000 CAD to provide food packages, medicine and shelter. The Rawlco Radio Saskatchewan Day of Caring for Ukraine provides you the chance to help this campaign. Yorkton will also have local locations available for humanitarian collections. Details on locations will be provided shortly. For more information on the Yorkton Collection locations contact Oksana at 306-783-2777.

FUN Fact about Canada!



The first inhabitants of Canada were the Indigenous people. Indigenous Peoples are composed of three major groups: First Nations, Metis and Inuit. The Canadian government recognizes 634 different First Nations across Canada. Each of these First Nations is a community which exists on a reserve (land set aside by our federal government for the use and occupancy of a First Nation group). There are more than 60 Indigenous languages spoken in these communities. Indigenous cultures have a rich oral tradition. Teachings (values, spiritual and traditional beliefs) were passed down from generation to generation by way of storytelling, song, dance and other oral means. According to the Canadian Encyclopedia, there are 70 distinct Indigenous languages in Canada that fall into 12 separate language families.

For more information and updates, please visit and like our [East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Facebook Page](#).





Community Activities & Event

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.



Curling for Newcomers

Recreation

WHAT? We have partnered with the Yorkton Curling Club and will be offering an activity to learn the popular Canadian game of curling! We will be hosting two sessions, one for our older SWIS students and one for our Settlement adult clients.
WHEN? **March 4th, 2022 at 7pm – Settlement Adult Clients**
March 11th, 2022 at 7pm – SWIS Students in grades 9 to 12.
WHERE? Yorkton Curling Rink (Gallagher Centre in Yorkton)
COST? **FREE but must PRE- REGISTER to confirm your spot. Please register by Feb 28th!**
To register for March 4 (Settlement Clients), email sallard@ecnwc.ca.
To register for March 11 (SWIS), email lmcneill@ecnwc.ca or jtolenino@ecnwc.ca.
You can also call our office at 1(306) 783-2777 to register for either session.



Thanks to the Parkland Valley Sports, Culture and Recreation Outreach Grant for the funding to make this activity possible!



Women in Leadership Workshop

Education / Adults

WHAT? Celebrate International Women's Day with Parkland Valley! A special webinar will be held featuring Randy Goulden, a perfect local example of women in leadership roles!
WHEN? March 8th, 2022, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
WHERE? Online through ZOOM.
COST? FREE. Must register by emailing sallard@ecnwc.ca.



Jeff Meldrum - Art for Animals

Art / All Ages

WHAT? Jeff Meldrum's playful commentary on land and ecology is approachable, comedic, and sincere. The artist's trail camera photography captures animals next to and interacting with simple hand-built sculptures installed in nature. Through this work, Jeff is reflecting on his positionality and privilege, as a settler and as a landowner.
WHEN? Starts March 5th and on display until May 28th
WHERE? Godfrey Dean Art Gallery, 49 Smith St E, Yorkton, SK
COST? FREE. Contact Shanley at sallard@ecnwc.ca if you are interested in visiting the Art Gallery.



Multifaith Festivals in March

Baha'i Faith	March 2 – Ala / 20 Day Fast Begins March 21 – Baha & Naw-Ruz	Judaism	March 17 – Festival of Purim
Buddhism	March 3 – Tibetan New Year March 14 – Memorial of Shan-tao /Zendo Daishi March 17 - Festival of Higan-e	Scientology	March 13 – Birthdate of Ron Hubbard
Christianity	March 1 – Shrove Tuesday March 2 – Ash Wednesday March 4 – World of Prayer Day March 7 – Great Fast (Lent) Begins	Shinto	March 20 – Shunbun-no-hi
Hinduism	March 1 – Mahashivaratri March 18 – Holi	Sikhism	March 14 – Sikh New Years Day March 18 – Hola Mohalla March 20 – Ostara
Islam	March 17 - Laylat al Bara'at	Wicca	March 16-20 – Ghambar Hamaspathmaedem
		Zoroastrianism	March 21 – Now Ruz (Fasli) March 26 – Birthdate of Prophet Zarathustra
		Aboriginal Spirituality	March – Pexsisen (Moon of opening hands)
		Supplemental	March 17 – St. Patricks Day March 26 – Earth Hour (20:30)

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



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