

# The Connection

"Keeping our Community Connected"

## MAY 2026

Monthly Newsletter of the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.



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:

**CLOSED MAY 18, 2026**

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.

### INFORMATION FROM

Immigration, Refugees and  
Citizenship Canada (IRCC).....

New immigration and asylum measures from Bill C-12  
have become law

On March 26, 2026, Bill C-12 received royal assent and has become law, strengthening Canada's immigration and asylum systems in 4 key areas:

1. New eligibility requirements for asylum claims
2. A modernized asylum process
3. Domestic information sharing
4. Immigration document and application authorities

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## This is HOME

Meet *Lindsay Mapayi*

USASK Nursing Student and Research Intern with Suncrest College



Lindsay Mapayi moved to Canada from Zimbabwe in May 2024 and now proudly calls Yorkton home. A permanent resident, Lindsay is currently pursuing nursing studies through the University of Saskatchewan at Suncrest College while balancing work and learning. Lindsay works as a research intern with Suncrest College and the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre, conducting research on Newcomers and community organizations in Yorkton and area. The project will create a resource of community organizations that provides services to newcomers and examine how services offered by these organizations affect newcomers interest and willingness to remain in East Central Saskatchewan.

"What I love most about Saskatchewan is the opportunity to work while building my future in healthcare. I've been able to meet people from many different cultural backgrounds, make new friends, and grow independently with the support of accessible community resources."

Yorkton has become a place of growth and belonging for Lindsay, offering community, comfort, and support from friends, institutions, and family living in the area. Through working and studying in Yorkton, Lindsay has established a strong support system that contributes positively to personal and professional growth. For Lindsay, this community truly represents a place to put down roots and call home.

Lindsay's journey is one of adjustment, determination and opportunity, learning to balance education and work while laying the foundation for a bright future. You can do it too!

## EXPLORE OUR COMMUNITY

### LOBSTERFEST

Lobster or Steak dinner

May 26, 2026

Yorkton Wildlife Federation



