



The Connection

"Keeping our community connected"

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Monthly Newsletter of the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.



ECNWC OFFICE UPDATE

The ECNWC office is open for appointments. Please book ahead of time. To book an appointment, please call (306) 783-2777 or email ecnwcinfo@ecnwc.ca. Our service hours are: Mon-Fri, 8am – 12 noon and 12:30pm. – 4 pm. **The office will be CLOSED on August 1st, 2022.**

Upcoming Satellite Office Schedule:

August 9, 2022 – Foam Lake August 23, 2022 – Moosomin

Please call (306)783-2777 if you would like to meet with our staff in these communities on the above dates

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada News

IRCC released their Anti-Racism Strategy 2.0, which brings into focus a departmental action plan for the next two years and identifies measurable anti-racism goals, key stakeholders, and governance and accountability structures.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

Outdoor Scavenger Hunts

Join our SWIS team starting at 6pm each date for a fun evening outdoors!

- July 28 - Invermay (Invermay School)
- July 29 - Melville (St. Henry's School)
- Aug 2 - Preeceville (Preeceville School)
- Aug 3 - Canora (Canora Junior Elementary School)
- Aug 10 - Esterhazy (Esterhazy High School)
- Aug 16 - Kamsack (Victoria School)
- Aug 17 - Langenburg (Langenburg Central School)

ALL AGES WELCOME

Please wear insect repellent and comfortable shoes. Please bring a water bottle.



MUST REGISTER. To register, contact Leah at lmcneill@ecnwc.ca or call 1(306)783-2777.

This is HOME

Meet Mandi Leibbrandt



Mandi moved to Canada in 2019 from the city of Pretoria in South Africa. She currently resides in Yorkton where she works as a veterinarian with a restricted license while completing bridging exams towards a general license.

"I love the respect for law and order people have here in Canada and I don't think Canadians realize what a privilege it is. I love being able to trust the police and the security of knowing when I call emergency services, someone will answer and someone will respond. I also love the respect people have for each other.

Making close Canadian friends and connecting with fellow South-Africans have been the best way to connect in our new country. We found a wonderful church where it was easy to connect with people, made friends through our kids' activities and we make time to visit with each other as much as possible. We always make sure to share special days, like Christmas and birthdays, with friends. That way we've made closer friends quicker than ever before. We also have the privilege of having family close by, and they have been invaluable in settling down. We have met people through the Newcomer Welcome Centre and are able to help fellow South Africans the way we were helped. What a privilege! Founding a supportive and positive work space has also helped me to fall in love with our city!"

South Africans tend to be very straight-forward and can sometimes seem rude because of it. It's born from a constant fight to get anything done and not at all an attack. We can also be loud as a culture, love to sing and dance, and especially love to BBQ...which in Afrikaans is "braai" with a loud-rolling r. South Africans walk people to their vehicles after a visit, and I was very much taken aback the first-time people said good-bye and shut the door in my face. (We laugh about it now). We tend to be friendly and very social and find the Canadian culture not that much different." - Mandi

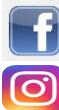
FUN Fact about Canada!

Hail seems to be a normal occurrence here in Canada during the summers. Hail forms when updrafts in thunderclouds carry raindrops upward into extremely cold areas of the atmosphere, where they freeze and merge into lumps of ice. When the lumps become too heavy for the updraft to support, they fall to the ground at speeds of up to 100 km/h or more. Hailstones as large as grapefruit have been reported in Canada, but even smaller hail can be dangerous and can cause extensive damage in a matter of minutes.



The Prairies are especially vulnerable to hail. The Prairies receive more severe hail events and more damage to crops and personal property than from all other summer severe weather events combined, including tornadoes, severe thunderstorm winds and heavy rains.

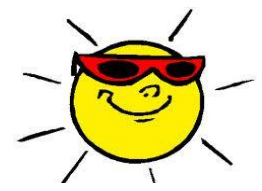
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Community Activities & Event

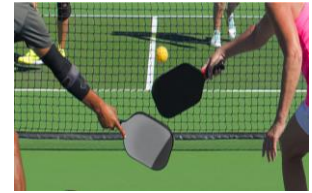
Here is a list of some of the upcoming activities or events happening in our community!
If you are interested in any of these please call our office at (306) 783-2777 and we can help you register and /or attend with you.



Pickleball

Youth aged 12 to 20 / Recreation

WHAT? Join our SWIS team as we all learn how to play the fun racquet sport of Pickleball!
All the equipment required to play will be provided.
WHEN? August 5, 2022 (9 AM - 16 to 20 years old and 1 PM - 12 to 15 years old)
WHERE? Knight of Columbus Park, Circlebrooke Drive, Yorkton, SK
COST? FREE. Please register by contacting Jeisel at jtolenion@ecnwc.ca or call (306) 783-2777



Sharing Cultures – Ukrainian Heritage Museum

All ages

WHAT? Join us at the Ukrainian Heritage Museum in Canora. The museum depicts all aspects of Ukrainian culture and features displays of early settlers' artifacts from the area. We will tour the museum and enjoy a snack following the tour.
WHEN? August 8, 2022 at 1pm to 3pm
WHERE? Ukrainian Heritage Museum in Canora, SK (located at 215 Main Street)
COST? FREE to attend. Must have your own transportation.
Contact sallard@ecnwc.ca to register. Registration deadline August 4th at 4pm.



Rally Round the Mill

All Ages

WHAT? There will be two separate rally flights, with a classic car segment on pavement and a different course for pickups and off-road vehicles. The day will also include a pancake breakfast, barbeque, beer garden, a cruise of cars down Broadway and a show-and-shine.
WHEN? Sat Aug 6, 2022 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
WHERE? Starting at the Yorkton Brick Mill
COST? Cost varies depending on the activity you are attending.
Information about the day's activities can be found at www.yorktonflourmill.ca.



Sharing Cultures – Motherwell Homestead

All ages

WHAT? Join one of our Sharing Culture activities as we discover prairie life in the 1900's and visit the Motherwell Homestead National Historical Site. Have a blast while exploring the home and farm of W.R. Motherwell and discover his influence on the development of agriculture in western Canada. They will have Metis demonstrations that day, including artwork, hide tanning and music. We will also enjoy a meal at the homestead.
WHEN? August 13, 2022 from 10 am to 1 pm
WHERE? Motherwell Homestead near Abernathy (located 3 km south of Abernathy off Highway 22).
COST? FREE. Must have your own transportation.
Contact sallard@ecnwc.ca to register. Registration deadline is August 10th at 8am.



Multifaith Festivals in August

Baha'i 1 - Kamai
20 - Asma
Buddhism 26 - Festival of Ksitigarbha
Christianity 6 (Western Calendar) - Transfiguration
19 (Eastern Calendar) - Transfiguration
15 - Assumption
Hinduism 11 - Raksha Bandhan
19 - Sri Krishna Jayanti
31 - Ganesh Chaturthi

Islam 8 - First of Muharram
Judaism 19 - Tish'a B'Av
Wicca 1 - Lammas (Lughnasad)
Zoroastrianism 8-17 - Fravardeghan Days
18 - Nowruz
24 - Birth of Prophet Zarathustra

Aboriginal Spirituality
August - Centawen (The Coho Salmon Return to Earth)

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



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