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## President's Message

I want to start this message off with some congratulations. Firstly to the exhibition for putting on another top notch event. My only suggestion to this board would be to lower the height restriction on some rides so I don't have to artificially lengthen my child by holding her under her arms as she stands under the wooden clown with his hand outstretched. This only worked in one instance and all others resulted in a very upset four year old. It's those darn insurance regulations. Secondly I want to congratulate the Centennial Fashion Show committee. That was an absolute first class affair. You need someone with the energy level of a Peggy 'wired' Parker to handle a task that size. Well done!

A lot of people are probably wondering what is going on with all the upgrades happening around town. You might remember about a year ago the city sent out surveys to over 6000 households. These surveys were geared toward getting your input on how the city could best improve its downtown and quality of life in Yorkton. Overwhelmingly the respondents asked for better lighting and a more pedestrian friendly environment downtown. The corner bulbouts and better street lighting are what you will see in the first phase of the plan to revive our downtown. Coupled with the incentive programs the City has in place, let's hope the result will be a fully occupied and thriving downtown core. The roundabout under construction at the end of Gladstone is to create better traffic flow. Apparently a traffic study took place and this was one recommendation. In Australia a four way stop does not exist! All intersections have round-about, but they also grew up with the same round-about. I can see some people big enough to get on this ride but unable to get off (remember European Vacation with Chevy Chase!). The round-about purpose is to improve flow so let's hold judgment.

The highway #9 project is now underway. Saskatchewan Highways has gone to the cities whose expansion has surrounded provincial highways, and told those centers that the same highways should be the responsibility of the city, as most of the traffic is city traffic. The City of Yorkton in turn agreed with this thought but only under the condition that the cost of upgrade be shared. The median which was located in the middle of the highway created a snow and rain trap which also created a maintenance nightmare. The median is being eliminated and the roadway property crowned to create proper drainage, safer driving conditions, and longer shelf life. By doing this project now, the city was able to cost share with the province. Well done!

The Travelodge was donated to SIGN. Before this raises any concern, I would reserve judgment until the facility's new use is unveiled. I know there are some truly exciting possibilities. The satisfaction on Mr. Remi's face was hard not to recognize at the press conference so let's celebrate the new opportunities versus second guessing the intent of the gesture.

On September 9 the Chamber has Mike Carr from IPSCO speaking on the current labor legislation and how it's effecting their business. If you want to stay informed on this issue I would suggest you attend.

August is the time of year we celebrate agriculture and the huge impact this sector has on our economy. Please come out and show your support the the Ag week breakfast and BBQ.

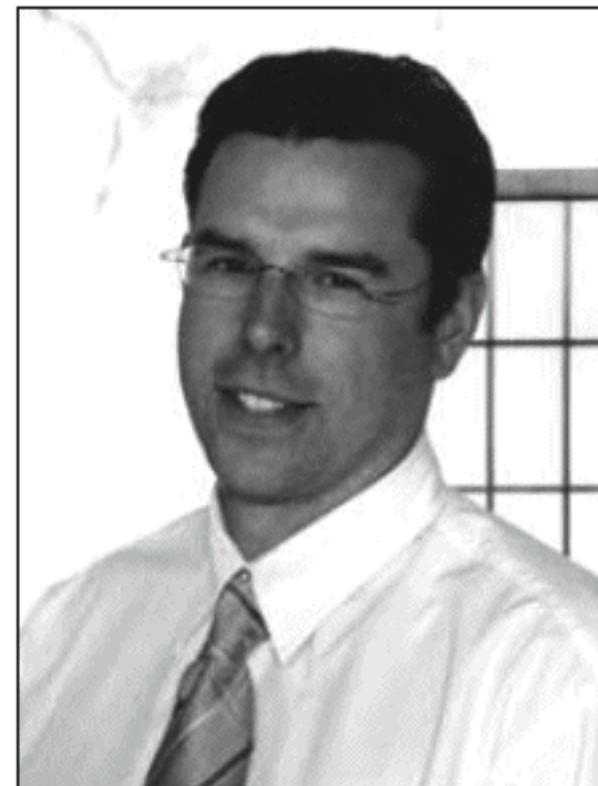
Plan on attending Cowboy Days; this is the resurrection of the outdoor rodeo . . . it will be a great event.

Watch for M&M Meats opening in August. This is one of the 146 new business licenses issued since December 2004.

Support local if you expect the same.

Enjoy the sun,

Jason



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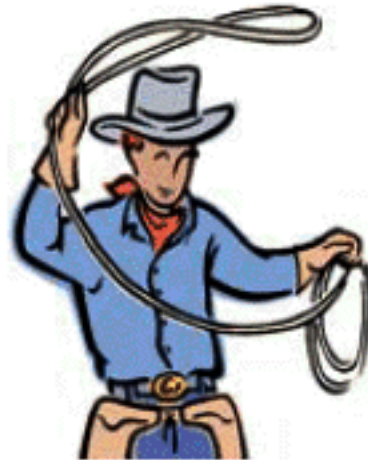
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Congrats to **John & Sonya Remail of the Travelodge** for donating their property to SIGN! Big Congrats to SIGN!

Congrats to the **2005 Charity Golf Classic for Health** held June 9th - \$69,600 was raised, the best ever result!

Congrats to **Holiday Inn**, now Best Western Parkland Inn!

Congrats to **everyone who participated in Yorkton's Homecoming week!** Peggie Parker for her Centennial Fashion Show, Centennial Committee for the Haunts of Yorkton, Gerry Muir & Dianne Holfeld for their creation of the 1905 City Council meeting, Exhibition Committee for another great Exhibition & Parade. Congrats to all the Businesses that had their own Homecoming Week special events. Hats off to all volunteers! Couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you **Godfrey Dean Art Gallery, On Trac Consulting, Yorkton Exhibition, and Key Chev Olds** for sponsoring the "Haunts of Yorkton" Centennial Coin Souvenirs.

A Huge Thank you to our **Ag Days Sponsors** for our BBQ: Marlin Travel, The News Review, The Yorkton This Week, TD Bank, Spiritview Therapeutic Massage, Parker Quine LLP, Coop Agro Center, Farm Credit Canada, Farrell Agencies, Friendly Acres Seed Farm, Canadian Wheat Board, Patrick Place, Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, Maple Farm Equipment, Logan Stevens Construction, Yorkton New Holland, RBC, Custom Printers, Minute Muffler, Yorkton Aircraft Services, Clay Serby, Cornerstone Credit Union, Growers Direct / Welcome Home Crafts, Ducks Unlimited, Shoppers Drug Mart & City of Yorkton. Thank you Yorkton 4H for helping out!

Congrats to **Dowie Quick Print & Leech Printing Ltd.** for their newly formed partnership. Dauphin Quick Print operation will now be under the direction of Dowies in Yorkton! We'd also like to welcome Jan Myers and family to Yorkton as the new General Manager.



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