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Chamber Business Dinner

The Yorkton Chamber Business Dinner was held September 10 with the Hon. Ken Krawetz, Deputy Premier as the Guest Speaker. A few Cabinet Ministers, MLAs and several Deputy Ministers and Chiefs of Staff were also in attendance. Once again, the Yorkton business community was well represented and enjoyed the opportunity to network with the government officials.



Deputy Premier Ken Krawetz shared his government's vision for the province in the upcoming year.



Deputy Premier Ken Krawetz and Chamber President Lori Walsh



SaskTel purchased a table so that students could attend the Dinner. Pictured are Dillon Hackman and Bailey Inglis from Sacred Heart. Students from the Yorkton Regional and Parkland College were also in attendance.



Three American delegates from the Ports-to-Plains group enjoyed the opportunity to network with business and government. Pictured is Scott Flukinger speaking with representatives from the Saskatchewan East Enterprise Region (SEER).



An event like this Dinner is of great interest to the Media. Pictured are Calvin Daniels of Yorkton This Week; Devin Wilger, The News Review; and other fellow will be identified later. CTV, CJGX/the Fox FM and 100.5 the Rock FM were also in attendance.



Chamber Director Dolores Harris selling tickets for the diamond earrings donated by Gifts of Gold.

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Interesting Facts on Saskatchewan

- The Holy Trinity Anglican Church at Stanley Mission, Saskatchewan is the oldest Church in Western Canada.
- The first bird sanctuary in North America was established in 1887 at Last Mountain Lake in Saskatchewan and now forms the Last Mountain Lake National Wildlife area.
- Longest Pedestrian Bridge—The Skytrail Bridge in Outlook is the longest pedestrian bridge in Canada. It is part of the Trans Canada Trail. The bridge spans over 914 metres (3,000 feet) and is over 45 metres (over 150 feet) above the South Saskatchewan River, providing a spectacular view.
- The Big Muddy (near Big Beaver) in south-central Saskatchewan was the only Canadian stop on the Outlaw Trail. The Outlaw Trail (which ran from Canada to Mexico) was used by Butch Cassidy and his gang, and by cattle and horse thieves. The Big Muddy Badlands had deep coulees and caves which were places for the outlaws to hideout.
- Prince Albert is the only constituency in Canada that has been represented by three Prime Ministers—William Lyon Mackenzie King, John Diefenbaker and Sir Wilfred Laurier.
- The first Ukrainian Governor of Canada was Ray Hnatyshyn. He was born and raised in Saskatoon.
- The first female Governor General of Canada was Jeanne Sauve. She was from Prud'homme.
- Did you know that a goat from Broadview Saskatchewan served overseas in World War 1 and has the medals to prove it? A girl from Broadview presented her pet goat to the 5th Canadian Infantry Battalion as a mascot in 1914. "Sargeant Bill" became a favorite among men. Bill went into the trenches near Armentiers, was gassed during the Second Battle of Ypres, was wounded by shrapnel at Festhubert, and suffered from trench feet. Sgt. Bill survived World War 1 and returned to Saskatchewan. When he died, Bill was stuffed, mounted, and placed in the Saskatchewan Legislative Building. Eventually he was returned to Broadview where he now has a place of honor in the Broadview Museum.

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Summer Student's Message



Wow it's hard to believe it's that time already! My summer here just flew by. I suppose that's an indication of how much I enjoyed my time at the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce. It was an enlightening experience, as I had never had a job that so heavily relied on my computer skills before.

Juanita and Sherry made me feel really welcome and were always there to help me when I needed it.

My main tasks in this position were to help out with Dine-A-Nite preparations, update the website, decorate the Chamber's float, as well as playing the role of tech support. Most recently though, I have been helping out with the Yorkton Chamber Business Dinner and selling spots on the community signboard (of which there are still some spots available by the way!) and revising the business development package.

Thanks to everyone who made my term here so enjoyable!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

September 30

Nominations for Yorkton City Council close at 4:00 pm. For more information, visit the City's website at www.yorkton.ca or call the City Clerk's Office at 786-1717. Nominations for the Good Spirit School Division and Christ the Teacher Catholic School Division also close at that time.

October 14

All Candidates' Forum for Yorkton City Council. 7:00 pm at the Gallagher Centre.

October 15 - 30

Yorkton Chamber Board of Director Nominations

October 19 - 25

Small Business Week

October 22

Business After Hours 5:00 - 8:00 pm at the Gallagher Centre

October 28

Election Day for the City and School Divisions

November 20

Business Lunch with Mr. Dwain Lingenfelter, Leader of the Opposition.

Need some financing to improve your **SMALL BUSINESS?**

The Canada Small Business Financing Program may be able to help. Loans can be used for financing up to 90% of the cost of:

- Purchasing or improving land, real property or immovables
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To learn more about this financing program, contact the Small Business Financing Directorate Industry Canada 1 88-959-1699 or www.ic.gc.ca/cabfa

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Air Travel Survey Results Shows Need for Air Service

A couple of months ago, on behalf of the Yorkton Airport Authority, Chamber members were invited to participate in a survey regarding potential passenger air service to and from Yorkton. While this is not a statistically sound survey, it does provide the YAA with an indication of the business community's thoughts about air travel. The following are some of the highlights from that survey:

- Winnipeg and Swan River are the 2 destinations that Yorkton businesses visit most often. These were followed by Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon and Regina.
- The maximum cost for one-way, that would justify using air travel was \$250 to Winnipeg, Swan River, Regina, Saskatoon and Edmonton. A one-way ticket costing between \$250 and \$500 would also justify air travel to Edmonton and to Calgary.



- 85% of the respondents indicated that if the cost of air travel was within their maximum limit, they would use scheduled air service from Yorkton.
- 59% indicated that daily, week day use would be of value.
- 45% indicated that service at least 3 days a week is important.

STEP

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For information, contact Janice Lawless 787 - 7919 or jlawless@sasktrade.sk.ca

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A tour offered by the Tianjiao International Education Group will depart November 10, 2009 from Vancouver.

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SEER CEO Kim Wondrasek (left) speaking to SEER Director David Ranson (middle) and Minister of Enterprise Saskatchewan Ken Cheveldayoff (right) at the recent launch of SEER in Melville.

The newly formed Saskatchewan East Enterprise Region (SEER) was officially launched this summer. With the Head Office located in Melville, the region encompasses an area stretching from the Manitoba border to Foam Lake, from Ituna to Montmartre and from Canora and Kamsack to Moosomin. SEER is a not-for-profit entity with the mandate "to assist the region to increase business and industry competitiveness, realize its economic potential and compete globally. SEER will assess and take action on the needs of businesses and key sectors within the Region."

For information about how SEER can assist your business, contact Kim Wondrasek, CEO 728 - 2740 or ceo@saskeast.com