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Myrtle Zenkewich named 2010 Employee of the Year

At the recent Employee Recognition Event, Myrtle Zenkewich, a Food Service Attendant at McDonald's Restaurant, was named the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce 2010 Employee of the Year. In her nomination, Myrtle was described as giving "fast and friendly service" and is someone who is "an excellent example of a strong work ethic." McDonald's owners, Dean & Tricia Shyiak said that Myrtle is a great asset to the staff team, providing excellent customer service and going the extra step to look after everyone.

Employers and members of the public were invited to submit nominations for the Award. Photos of the nominees and the reasons they were nominated were then put on the Chamber website. Chamber members were each allowed



Myrtle Zenkewich accepts the Employee of the Year Award from Chamber President, Lawrence Wegner.

one vote for the person they felt most deserving of the award. Twenty well deserving employees were nominated for the award including Gene Wonchulanko, Laurie Steele, Tim Soloshy, Florence Saskatchewan, Penny Sandercock, Shelly Ross, Gale Pelletier, Laretta Ritchie-McInnes, Carol MacLeod, Sheila MacDonald, Dean Klippenstine, Barbara Gulash, Lee Grandquist, Muriel Federowich, Gloria Faryon, Jenni Dolowski, Sheri Coutts, Carol Bown and Rosie Blazeiko.

The Chamber sends best wishes to all the nominees and congratulations to Myrtle Zenkewich.



Chair of the Chamber's Marketing Committee, Dolores Harris, introduced each nominee at the Employee Recognition Event.

The Saskatchewan Worker's Compensation Board and Safe Saskatchewan are joining together to create Saskatchewan's first **Health & Safety Leadership Charter**. The **Health & Safety Leadership Charter** is a public commitment that safety is a key value for a company and its leaders. An injury-free Saskatchewan where safe lifestyles influence how we live, work and play is within our reach. Signing of the Charter will occur 3:00 pm June 10 at Government house in Regina. To learn more about the Charter and how to become a signatory, contact Heather Becker, Manager Social Marketing, Sask Workers' Compensation Board (306) 787-4651 or visit www.safesask.com or www.worksafesask.ca

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How Might Yorkton Businesses Assist the Parkland College Expansion?

At a recent meeting, Parkland College displayed the conceptual drawings for a proposed new Trades and Technology Centre in Yorkton. The new 70,000 square foot facility will house 3 large trade shops, a power engineering lab, several classrooms, a large lecture theatre, an advanced health sciences wing, gymnasium, student center, and space available for applied research for local industries. This campus signifies an expansion of service and program delivery that is not available in our region.

The College is currently in discussions with the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour on moving this project forward. The Ministry has indicated its interest in the project and that **local support for the expansion will increase the project's priority for the Saskatchewan government.**

Parkland College wants to hear from business

and industry on their future plans for expansion in the region and the advanced skills they will require in their existing and future workforce. The College will then strive to be "the answer" by educating and training the workforce of today and tomorrow, right here close to home.

Parkland College is seeking all forms of support from communities in East-Central Saskatchewan to bring this facility to the region. **Support includes direct capital investments, equipment donations, in-kind contributions, and long term training commitments from local businesses, associations and communities. The College will launch a capital campaign in the near future to generate the necessary resources to realize this project.**

For more information on the proposed Trades and Technology Centre or to find out how you can support the development of this new campus, please contact Dr. Fay Myers, President of Parkland College at (306) 728-6588 or f.myers@parklandcollege.sk.ca.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

June 11 - 13

Yorkton Dodge Canadian Professional Chuckwagon races at the Yorkton Exhibition Grounds

June 17

Chamber 5:05 Club,
Painted Hand Casino,
5:00 - 7:00 pm

June 21

National Aboriginal Day

July 1

Canada Day celebrations at the Western Development Museum noon to 4:00 pm

July 7 - 10

Yorkton Exhibition Summer Fair
(parade July 10)

July 31 & August 1

Annual Threshermen's Show & Seniors' Festival, Western Development Museum

September 21

Chamber Business Dinner with Premier Brad Wall

November 3 - 6

22nd Annual Grain Millers Harvest Showdown



William Litchfield, Director of Advancement and Dr. Fay Myers, President of Parkland College, displayed the conceptual drawings for a proposed new Trades and Technology Centre in Yorkton. The College will soon be launching a Capital Campaign in order to raise funds for the expansion.



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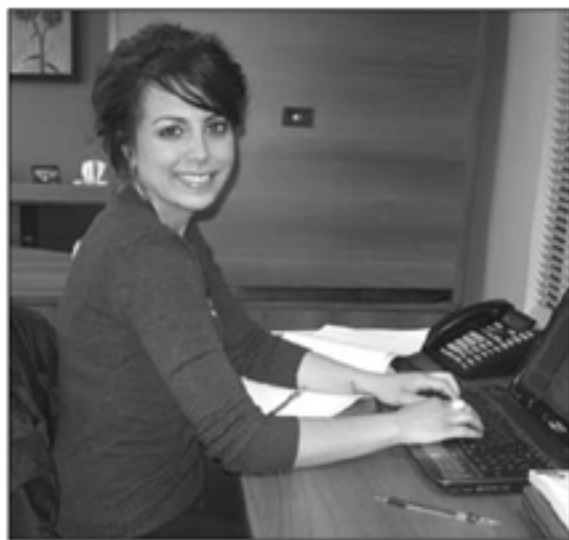
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Summer Assistant Hired

The Chamber is pleased to welcome Amanda Lere as the new Summer Assistant. Amanda has completed her Diploma in Marketing from SIAST Palliser Campus, Moose Jaw and holds a Certificate in Business. She will continue her education in the fall as she is enrolled at the University of Regina where she will work toward a degree in Business Administration with a major in Marketing.

Amanda's primary responsibilities will be to assist with the marketing of memberships and the community sign board.

Free Data Available at www.statcan.gc.ca

In 1997, Statistics Canada became one of the first statistical agencies in the world to create a new sector for non-profit institutions. During the last decade they have been compiling data on the non-profit sector and now, for the first time, have recently released the numbers and stories behind them.

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At the bottom of the home page, a list of the most popular resources has been compiled. Search by Subject, or simply click on the Key Resource tab to go directly to Articles, Reports, Data Tables, Definitions, Maps and More!



Tyler Redwood and Barona Fivehundred battling at Yorkton in 2009
(Yorkton This Week)

Quick Facts from the Sask Horse Federation

Yorkton plays host to a number of equine events including Standardbred Harness Racing and the Yorkton Dodge CPCA Pro Tour. With the Horse Racing Season soon upon us, the SHF has released a study conducted in 2009 on the impact the horse industry has on the Saskatchewan economy:

- \$1 Billion has been invested in the horse industry in this province
- \$426 Million in annual expenditures including production, care and activities with horses
- \$723 Million total annual economic impact on the provincial economy
- In the Parkland Valley Sport, Culture & Recreation District in which Yorkton is located, there are nearly 15,000 horses or 14% of the province's herd
- 600 persons are employed full time province wide to care for horses (this number does not include owners/family members)

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Lawrence Wegner (right) congratulates Barry Sharpe (left) and his committee for the great job they did in organizing Yorkton is Riderville week May 3 - 9.

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Population of Yorkton on Rise

Since 2001, the population of Yorkton has grown to 17,608 in 2009 - an increase of 4%. Two Chamber of Commerce Directors are doing their part to ensure that the population continues to rise in 2010! Director, Amie Zamonsky welcomed a baby girl into her family in April and Director, Cassidy Westberg's new baby boy, missed being the Riderville baby by only a few days. The Chamber of Commerce congratulates both ladies and looks forward to meeting these new residents at future Board meetings!

