



Congratulations to the Co-op Scholarship Recipients



Eight \$1000.00 **Co-op scholarships** have been awarded to: Peter Boggis, Jaya Bastedo, Garrett Hinchey, Ayrma Schreurs (Judy Wilson Memorial Scholarship), Laura McLeod and Lana Campbell.

Pictured here is Jessica Landry, recipient of the Ted Sabine Memorial Scholarship, with Board member Susan Ledrew.

Member Referral Rewards

Members who get new members to join the Co-op family get a "signing bonus" of a \$20 gift certificate. Recent referrals have come from:

- Mike Wendeworst
- Lori and Jeff Peddle
- Anthony Kendall
- John and Marsha Argue
- Nora Lafferty
- Peggy Holroyd
- Peter McArthur
- Scott Mitchell

Grocery Packing Dates

- Nov. 1 – AFS
- Nov. 2 – Yellowknife City Football Club
- Nov. 15 – École St. Joseph School
- Nov. 16 – Sir John Franklin SCUBA Club
- Nov. 29 – Montessori School
- Nov. 30 – Hot Shots High Performance Basketball

Make a Wish Birthday Cake Draw

If you have a birthday coming up soon, drop your name in the entry box at the bakery counter and you could win an oven-fresh cake!

Recent winners:

- Marlyse Lenardon
- Caeli Callaghan
- Darius Ash
- John Garbutt
- Kaylen Sundberg

Be part of the Co-op Team!!

The Yellowknife Co-op Ltd. is a growing, member run organization and we understand that our success depends not only on the products that we sell, but also on the talent and skills of our employees. Each one of our employees contributes directly to the Co-op's growth and success and together we share a commitment to meet our customers' needs and be a good member of the Yellowknife community

Whether you're looking for a part time job, or to kick-start your career, the Yellowknife Co-op Ltd. has a place for you.

We offer:

- Competitive wages;
- An employee recognition program for outstanding performance;
- A challenging work environment with on-the-job training to help you succeed;
- Opportunities to learn, develop and advance throughout the Company.

Interested in joining our team? Come in and apply at our Member Service Desk or e-mail your resume to jobs@ykcoop.com



Contact us

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Store Hours

Mon. & Tues. 9 am – 7 pm
Wed. to Fri. 9 am – 9 pm
Saturday 9 am – 7 pm
Sunday 10 am – 6 pm

Gas Bar Hours

Monday to Sunday 6 am – 11 pm

Department

Member Services Counter
Member Relations Manager
General Manager
Accounting Manager
Human Resources Manager
Bakery Manager
Bakery Cake Orders

Ext.

237
270
221
224
245
242
232

Department

Corporate Sales
Deli Manager
Front End Manager
Gas Bar Manager
Grocery Manager
Meat Manager
Produce Manager

Ext.

269
230
226
235
238
229
228

Your Co-op

The Best Deal in Town

November
2008



First Air's Chris Kulas, Manager of Charter Sales, left, and Matt Mossman, Manager of Corporate Sales, are excited about the new partnership between the northern airline and Yellowknife Co-op.

Families will be flying high thanks to First Air

New partnership takes flight on November 8

The Co-op will be flying high on November 8 as Yellowknife's favourite grocery store kicks off an exciting new partnership with First Air, the Airline of the North.

Representatives from First Air and the Co-op Board will be on hand from noon to 3 p.m. to celebrate a relationship that will let Co-op members fly to Edmonton one-way for \$244 (plus applicable taxes).

"We're building a relationship that is beneficial to First Air and to the Co-op

and its members," says Matt Mossman, First Air's Manager of Corporate Sales.

"This is probably the cheapest fare available."

The multi-year partnership is the result of several months of negotiations between the two.

"There will be a launch party for the Co-op Family Travel Plan with cake, refreshments, balloons, giveaways and a draw for a trip for two to Edmonton

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More Great Benefits of Membership

9 cent per litre gas rebate

Blue Wave Energy home heating fuel rebate

A share of the profits (patronage dividend)



Flu Clinics at Your Co-op

Help prevent yourself and others from getting sick this winter season. Join us on November 1st and 15th from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm to get your flu shot!

Get on Board!

Your Co-op is on the search for new members for the Board of Directors

If you are:

A member in good standing of the Yellowknife Co-op,

Willing to commit the time necessary to attend meetings,

Willing to work on a volunteer basis...

You may enjoy being a Director of the Co-op

Interested persons should:

Pick up an information package at the Member Services Desk

Leave a note at Member Services stating your interest with your name, phone number and membership number to the attention of Mark Needham, Board Chair.



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Travelling man a cut above

Leonard Grant, employee of the month, cuts into some bison as he prepares meat trays for customers in the Co-op's meat department.

After two years travelling around the Southern Hemisphere, Leonard Grant has settled in – cutting meat at the Yellowknife Co-op.

A native of Scotland, Grant has enjoyed visits to Africa, Thailand, New Zealand, Australia, Cambodia and Mexico. In Canada, he has seen the sights of Alberta's Kananaskis region, and rode the train from Winnipeg to Churchill, Manitoba, where he was able to view polar bears.

He's been in Yellowknife for about a year and quite enjoys working in the Co-op meat department. This month's featured employee, Grant trained to be a butcher in his home country, in a very touristy region of Scotland where much of the work was seasonal.

Wanting a steady trade, he apprenticed in a butcher shop, learning to bone meat, prepare sausage and make haggis, a skill that earned him an award. "It can't be too spicy and not too bland," says Grant of the famed Scottish delicacy.

"I've never worked in a supermarket before," said Grant, who said he's not likely to make haggis here, in part because the Co-op doesn't have a boiler.

The meat department is a very good work environment, he explained. "We get things done."

The work is different than he's used to – as a meat cutter here he slices up beef and bison and puts them on trays, rather than cutting meat off hanging sides of beef which he trained doing in Scotland.

Coming from a small shop, he enjoys every opportunity to chat with customers.

"They can come in and request a four rib or a three rib roast," said Grant.

He enjoys life in Yellowknife and plans to stay at least a couple of years. He's been out sailing and would like to try his hand at radio broadcasting – he had his own show in Scotland.

You don't have to be a member

GROCERY DEPARTMENT

New town, new job and a new family

After years spent working around the NWT and Nunavut for the Northwest Company, Kim Halley has landed in a new town, found a new job and gained a new family.

She's the assistant grocery manager and at the time of the interview for this story had been at work in the Co-op for eight weeks. It's a big change.

Halley – spelled like the comet, she explains – has worked in retail for more than 20 years, the last two as a general merchandise manager in Inuvik, and in Fort Simpson and Iqaluit before that.

"This is my first experience in grocery," she says. "This is a new learning curve, something very exciting."

Originally from Newfoundland, she's married and has one daughter, who graduated high school this year and has headed off to university, a change that prompted the move to Yellowknife.

"What do you do when your kids leave home: switch jobs and move. We're trying to adjust to everything new."

Learning the ins and outs of the grocery department is about what sells and what doesn't. Determining how much milk to order is very important. After all, dealing with food is different from ordering towels. Towels don't go bad

She's being helped along the way by her co-workers, who have become an extended family.

"I've not been her for long, but I feel like I've been here my whole life," says Halley.

She also enjoys the fact they can order pretty much whatever they want – a big change from life in a small Northern community where bread would sometimes arrive after its best before date.

Halley says she hopes to put her experience to use, incorporating some general merchandise items into the store.

So if you're looking for something in particular, ask for Kim and if you see her in the store, say welcome home!



Assistant Grocery Manager Kim Halley has 20 years of retail experience, much of it throughout the North, working with the Northwest Company.

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courtesy of First Air," says Margaret Woodley, Co-op's manager of member relations.

During the afternoon event, members will receive a Travel Card that contains a code that will entitle them to earn the special rate. When travellers check in for flights at the airport, they'll need to show their Co-op membership card.

Making this relationship better than a seat sale is the fact there are no restrictions and travel can be arranged up to two days prior to departure. Cancellation can be up to two hours

prior to scheduled departure.

"From time to time there will be special weekend rates for Co-op members," says Woodley.

Mossman says the partnership will see the Co-op receive a number of free trips that can be used by them each year.

So make sure you stop by on November 8 to help celebrate, pick up your card and try some cake as well.

If you're not a member, this is just one more reason why the Co-op is the best deal in town!

Even More Great Benefits of Membership

A voice in how the Co-op is run

Scholarships

Discounts at selected Yellowknife retailers

Your investment returned when you leave the Co-op



to shop at the Co-op