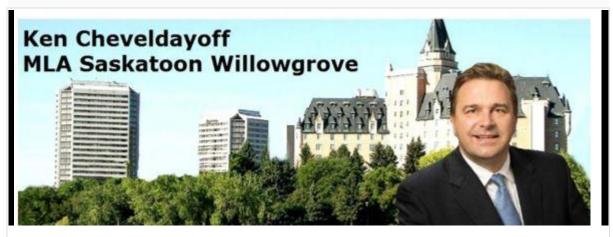
Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!



READ THE FANTASTIC SASKATOON STAR PHOENIX ARTICLE ABOUT SASKATOON WILLOWGROVE CONSTITUENT GRANT KOOK!



Check out the recent story on Grant Kook, Founder, President and CEO of Westcap Mgt. Ltd. (Fund Manager of Golden Opportunities Fund). The Saskatoon StarPhoenix did a fantastic job capturing the humble beginnings that remain rooted today and the tremendous impact that continues to be made across Saskatchewan!

I encourage you to read the full story at: https://goldenopportunities.ca/news/bridges-kook-quietly-walks-

in-fathers-footsteps/

Congratulations Grant and thank you for all you do to make this province a better place.

WISHING EVERYONE ACROSS THE PROVINCE A SAFE, FUN FAMILY DAY!



by the City of Saskatoon, Recreation & Community Development

Well, it's that time of year again. Canada's newest long weekend is approaching! Family Day, as it's known here in Saskatchewan, is a chance to set aside the busy-ness of working life and spend some time with the ones we love. Lucky for Saskatonians, there is no better place to get out and enjoy some QT with our families than right here at home. Our very own City of Saskatoon, Recreation & Community Development Division has added some extra special (and FREE) activities to our list for 2019! Find out what's happening:

*** Click title links for more details on dates, times, and locations ***

The Ultimate Guide to Family Day Weekend in Saskatoon

1. Take the crew for a Family Day Skate

The City of Saskatoon is offering two FREE opportunities for families to go ice-skating on February 18th. The Clarence Downey Speedskating Oval and the Cosmo Civic Centre will be open from 2 – 4pm. Check out the Cosmo gym as well for tipi teaching and Indigenous hand games.

2. Try Penguin Racing

Drop-in at one of <u>four City of Saskatoon locations</u> offering the Winter Play Program. Kids ages 2 – 12 can enjoy a range of seasonal activities including snow carving, snow golf, snow painting, freeze tag, powder-puff football and, yes, even penguin racing!

3. Learn to Skate

On Family Day weekend, drop in at one of the following locations during <u>designated times</u> for some FREE skating instruction: Lawson Heights (748 Redberry Road), Holliston (1151 Louise Ave), Montgomery (3229 Caen St), Greystone Heights (2711 Main St) and Massey Place (3110 Massey Pl).

4. Hit up a \$3 Movie

Cineplex's Saturday morning showing of 'The House with a Clock in its Walls' is the perfect place to kick off your Family Day Weekend in Saskatoon! Grab some popcorn, cozy up with the family and don't break the bank with Cineplex Family Favourites' budget-friendly price of only \$3!

5. Book a Tour of the Synchrotron

On Friday or Monday of your long weekend, you can book a FREE tour of the brightest light in Canada! The Canadian Light Source, located on the University of Saskatchewan campus, offers informative tours of their cutting edge facility. Just remember to phone ahead of time to prevent any disappointment!

6. View Some Celestial Objects

Head to the University of Saskatchewan Observatory on Saturday evening between 7 and 9:30pm where staff can assist you in viewing the night sky through a telescope! The Observatory is FREE.

7. Take the Family Sledding

Winter is a long season in Saskatoon. Why not make the best of it with the family at a tobogganing hill near you!

8. Attend a Party

On Sunday or Monday of the long weekend, attend a Family Day Carnival at the German Cultural Centre where you can look forward to bouncy castles, a petting zoo, carnival food and more!

9. Get Moving at an Indoor Play Place

Why not get the family out and active this Family Day Weekend? Whether you've got young kids or are just a big kid yourself, Saskatoon has it's <u>fair share of indoor places</u> to do just that. And don't forget to check out the newest attraction on the Indoor Play Scene—<u>Clip n' Climb!</u>

10. Get Arty with SCYAP

Drop in, bring the family, start creating–those are the rules at SCYAP (Saskatoon Community Youth Arts Programming) between 1 and 6pm on Saturdays! There are materials and helpful staff available to help you in your creative pursuit!

11. Nab Yourself a Bargain

The Super Duper Saskatoon Lions Flea Market runs at the Western Development Museum on February 16th with knick knacks, antiques and bargains galore!

12. Watch a Puppet Show

Get cozy on the Friday of Family Day Weekend with a puppet performance hosted by the Saskatoon Public Library. Rabbit and Bear Paws is a fun and interactive show full of Indigenous wisdom and lively characters.

13. Soak up some Sunshine at the Bessborough

The Cameco Family Day Skating party invites all to the Meewasin Skating rink next to the historic Bessborough Hotel for face painting, sleigh rides, balloon animals, hot chocolate and more!

14. Get Jiggy at the Saskatoon Public Library

Don't miss your chance to learn the Red River Jig from experts Dallas and Phil Boyer at Round Prairie Branch Library on Saturday, February 16th.

15. Raise a Tipi

Head on out to Wanuskewin Heritage Park and discover the ancient art of tipi raising and stay for a cultural dance performance. This is part of Wanuskewin's weekly winter programming.

16. Feed a chickadee

It's a winter wonderland at Beaver Creek! That's why SaskEnergy is hosting SaskEnergy Saturdays at Beaver Creek this season. This Family Day weekend, discover the natural wonders of the beautiful Saskatchewan ecosystem, enjoy an interpretive adventure and maybe even feed a chickadee!

17. Transport Yourself to Other Worlds

On Family Day Weekend, the Saskatoon Public Library is offering not one, but TWO extraordinary opportunities for willing listeners to be transported to other worlds through the art of storytelling. Hear Joseph Nayto's tales of life as a Plains/Woodland Cree person at Dr Freda Ahenakew Branch on Saturday or join Storyscapes where you and your kids will explore a new story-telling method at Carlyle King Branch.

From our family to yours, happy long weekend!

CELEBRATE FAMILY DAY WEEKEND WITH FREE FISHING



With Saskatchewan's Family Day holiday fast approaching, residents and visitors are encouraged to participate in the annual winter free fishing weekend from February 16-18. Each year in conjunction

with Family Day, people are encouraged to try ice fishing at no cost and enjoy Saskatchewan's natural beauty in the winter.

Residents and visitors may fish in any waterbody that has an open sport fishing season without purchasing a fishing license.

"With Saskatchewan attracting more than 250,000 anglers annually, this is the perfect opportunity to try something new, enjoy the outdoors and spend time with family and friends," Environment Minister Dustin Duncan said. "Free fishing weekend provides a chance for those who have never been ice fishing to give it a try without having to worry about the cost of a license."

Read the entire news release here.

TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFF CELEBRATED IN SASKATCHEWAN THIS WEEK



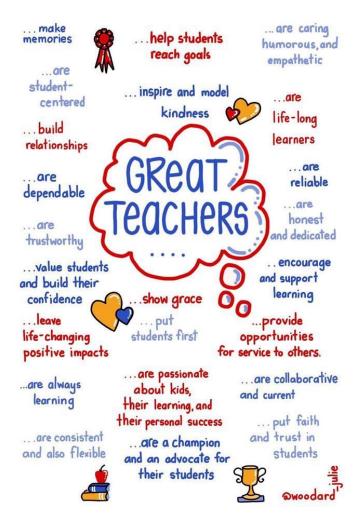
The Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed the week of February 10-16, 2019 as Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week in the province. This year's theme is Creating a Vibrant Education Together and was chosen by the Saskatchewan Association of School Councils (SASC).

"Throughout the past year, I have had the privilege of witnessing first-hand the enormous contributions made to our children and school communities by teachers and school staff," Deputy Premier and Education Minister Gordon Wyant said. "We are fortunate to have such outstanding education professionals in our system supporting our students."

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week is celebrated across Canada each year to acknowledge the hard

work and dedication of all our teachers and education professionals. This year marks the 32nd year that Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week will be celebrated in Saskatchewan.

Click here to read the entire news release.



OPTIMIST HILL IS OPEN!!



Photo credit Saskatoon CTVNEWS.CA - SEE THE VIDEO HERE

Global news: Optimist Hill officially opened Sunday after six years in the making. Snow enthusiasts carved up and down the almost \$3 million multi-space recreation area at Diefenbaker Park in Saskatoon. Anthony Thoen worked on the Optimist Hill Campaign and was grinning ear to ear watching people of all ages take to the hill.

READ MORE: Optimist Hill in Saskatoon set to open to winter outdoor fun seekers

"When I think of winter, I think of skiing and snowboarding," he said. "To have this in the city, I see this as a beacon of winter activity."

Phase one of the project includes space for snow tubing, skiing and snowboarding. A terrain park is slated to open next week, while the free toboggan hill is expected to be completed next year. Joe Van't Hof, a co-chair of the project, is incredibly pleased with the communities support for winter recreation in the community. "Anything is possible," he said. "If you can dream it, vision it and have enough stamina to push this through it can be done, we're living proof that is can be done."

READ MORE: Ground broken on \$2M Optimist Hill project

Van't Hof said the project has been a six-year process, starting from an idea to a fully functioning snow hill complete with a temporary chalet. "We are overjoyed to see families have the opportunity to spend time together," he said. "We've created a legacy to slide up and down, to learn their craft and maybe someday we'll have a future Olympian come from Saskatoon." Optimist Hill will be open to the public seven days a week unless the temperature drops below -25 degrees Celsius. Both lift tickets and rental equipment are available on site.

SIX CONSECUTIVE MONTHS OF JOB GROWTH IN SASKATCHEWAN



Premier Scott Moe, "Very encouraging to see 7,700 jobs added to our province in the last year, with strong private sector growth. Together with the efforts of our workers & job creators, we'll keep maintaining an investment climate that fosters even more job growth in the future."

Saskatchewan's year-over-year employment increased by 7,700 jobs from January 2018. This marks the sixth consecutive month of strong job gains for the province. The job gains were split between full-time and part-time increases, with full-time up 4,400 jobs and part-time up 3,200 jobs. Jobs in the private sector were up 16,200.

"Saskatchewan has seen strong job growth for six consecutive months now," Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "This is an encouraging trend to see in spite of the economic headwinds we have been faced with in recent months. We will continue to work hard and stand up for our province to ensure this positive economic trend continues."

The seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was 5.5 per cent, down from 5.6 per cent a year ago and below the national average of 5.8 per cent. Saskatchewan had the third lowest unemployment rate among the provinces.

Other January highlights include:

- Saskatchewan had record high labour force, employment, full-time employment, male and female employment for the month of January.
- Major year-over-year gains were reported for health care and social assistance up 4,300 jobs;
 agriculture up 3,500 jobs; educational services up 3,400 jobs.
- Youth employment up 1,800 jobs year-over-year.

NEW SASKATCHEWAN HOSPITAL TOPS FUNDRAISING GOAL FOLLOWING \$1M DONATION



David Dekker (centre) poses with members of the Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford New Beginnings campaign on Feb. 7, 2019. (Chris Vandenbreekel/650 CKOM)

CKOM News: A \$1 million donation is putting Saskatchewan's new psychiatric rehabilitation hospital over the top in its fundraising goal.

Gordon and Jill Rawlinson, owners of Rawlco Radio, donated \$1 million today to the Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford (SHNB).

The SHNB opened last year, replacing its 104-year-old predecessor. It's described as an innovative approach for delivering mental health care and supports to two separate groups of people with significant psychiatric rehabilitation needs.

The new 284-bed Saskatchewan Hospital provides secure facilities for criminal offenders as well as beds for people with mental health needs.

In recognition of the Rawlinsons' donation, the main lobby and central hub of the new SHNB will be known as the Gordon and Jill Rawlinson New Beginnings Centre. It's a place for patients, staff family members and friends to visit, and hold events.

The donation helps the hospital's fundraising campaign exceed it's \$8 million goal. In fact, it's now topped \$9 million, meaning there's enough for a legacy fund.

Saskatchewan Health Authority CEO Scott Livingstone thanked the Rawlinsons and all who donated to the campaign.

"Through your generosity and commitment to the patients of SHNB – some of our province's most vulnerable individuals – they and the staff who care for them have been able to settle in to an up-to-date, appropriate, home-like environment that will without doubt bring out the best patient care and recovery."

The SHNB is a partnership between several ministries including Health, Corrections and Policing and the Saskatchewan Health Authority, which will operate the facility.

"Thanks to the generosity of the Rawlinsons and everyone who has donated to the New Beginnings campaign, we have been able to fully furnish and equip the new SHNB with modern, appropriate items that meet the latest safety and infection control standards – everything from patient beds, tables and chairs, to dietary equipment, machinery for patient programs, and health care equipment including an onsite digital x-ray machine," said Linda Shynkaruk, Director of Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford.

"We are humbled and deeply grateful for the amazing support of individuals, businesses, and organizations across Saskatchewan and beyond."

Rawlco Radio owns and operates six radio stations in Saskatchewan

COMMUNITY RECOVERY TEAM LAUNCHES IN SASKATOON



Photo credit: Devin Sauer / Global News - read their story here

A new Community Recovery Team in Saskatoon is providing more intensive supports for people living with complex, persistent mental health challenges. A total of \$4.2 million in targeted funding supports the launch of Community Recovery Teams in Saskatoon and seven other communities across Saskatchewan.

"Mental health is a priority for our government," Deputy Premier and Education Minister Gordon Wyant said. "By providing more intensive care out in the community, we can better support people living with complex, persistent mental health challenges."

Community Recovery Teams (CRTs) use a holistic and team-based approach to help clients manage symptoms, achieve their goals, avoid hospitalization, and thrive in the community. The Saskatoon CRT includes a Mental Health Nurse, Social Worker, Clinical Counselor, Occupational Therapist, Addiction Counselor, and Assessor Co-ordinator.

"Community Recovery Teams are an important step in supporting clients to be successful at home and in their community," Executive Director of Mental Health and Addictions for Saskatchewan Health Authority Colleen Quinlan said. "The interdisciplinary team approach allows for comprehensive and customized care plans that are centred around the client. This type of model allows us to be flexible and responsive and provide supports when and where the client needs it the most."

CRTs support Saskatchewan's Mental Health and Addictions Action Plan and will also be launched in Regina, Prince Albert, North Battleford, Swift Current, Moose Jaw, Yorkton and Weyburn.

Funding comes from the Canada-Saskatchewan Bilateral Funding Agreement. Announced in January 2017, the federal government is providing Saskatchewan with close to \$350 million over 10 years for targeted incremental investments in home and community care and mental health and addiction services.

SHARING A NEWS STORY - THIS CANADIAN CITY IS LITERALLY COLDER THAN SIBERIA AND MARS RIGHT NOW!



Narcity News: Elizabeth Keith, February 6 - This Canadian city is even colder than Siberia right now and we feel really bad for the people who live there. While parts of Canada Ontario and British Columbia have experienced a recent warm spell, one Canadian city is literally colder than Siberia right now. Right in the heart of the Canadian prairies, Saskatoon is sitting at a very frigid -43°C with the wind chill today. Meanwhile, in Novosibirsk, the capital of Siberia, the temperature feels like -36°C and that's in the middle of the night with no sun.

The cold in Saskatoon is due to an arctic ridge that is passing over Saskatchewan today. With the ridge, there are extremely cold temperatures reaching around -40°C and even the smallest wind can cause a wind chill bringing the temperature down to -50°C. The weather is so bad that it has prompted an extreme weather warning from Environment Canada.

Click here to read the entire news story.

PRAIRIE MEATS DONATES SKILLS, TOOLS AND TIME TO PROCESS MISTAKENLY SHOT DEER



With the help of a Saskatoon butcher, the Ministry of Environment was able to donate the meat of four mistakenly shot deer.

The deer had been seized after hunters self-reported their mistake to the TIP hotline.

Tim Grabowski, of Prairie Meats, donated his skills, tools, and time to process the 205lbs of meat. ...

EGADZ Drop In Centre received 50lbs of sliced jerky meat and 155lbs of ground venison. EGADZ feeds 20 to 40 teenagers a night on a food program run by donations. The sliced meat will be used to help teach the youth how to make jerky.

This is a great example of ethical hunting and community leadership. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

DID YOU KNOW?



The Government of Saskatchewan regularly uses money forfeited from criminal activity to provide funding to police and community organizations for upgraded equipment and new programming.

Government recently disbursed nearly \$330,000 of this money to fund technology and programming such as:

- an Avatar III robot, modular cameras and rifle scopes (Regina Police Service);
- a robotic search stick, a vented drug processing cabinet and an ION scanner (<u>Saskatoon Police</u> Service);...
- lightweight body armor and helmets (Prince Albert Police Service);
- off-road equipment (File Hills First Nations Police Service);
- a youth cadet corps program; (File Hills Board of Police Commissioners); and
- other tools and programs.

As part of this, approximately \$280,000 in additional money will be put into Saskatchewan's Victims' Fund to provide support to victims of crime.

Find more information at https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../.../seizure-of-criminal-property.

SOME FAMILY DAY ACTIVITIES IN SASKATOON!



Celebrate Family Day together as a community. This is a free community event put on by The Neighbourhood Church, 233 Pinehouse Drive. This is for all ages, all stages of life.

No matter how cold, there will be indoor and outdoor activites. Free Hot chocolate and popcorn while supplies last. Carnival games for kids. Craft and activity tables. Bouncy castles inside. Superheros and princess's coming for photo and to play games. Petting zoo - \$1 if you choose to feed them. Food truck. Fire pits to stay warm and roast marshmallows with your family. Glitter tattoos. Colouring contest.



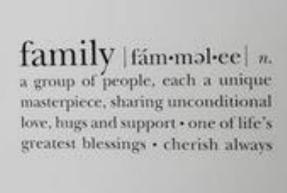
Cameco is hosting a Family Day Skating Party at the Cameco Meewasin Skating Rink @Nutrien Plaza! There will be FREE: Sleigh Rides, Music, Face Painting, Balloon Artists, Hot Chocolate and Cookies, Prizes...Skating with the Saskatoon Blades!



Bring your skates and safety gear and come down for an afternoon of skating and winter fun! Family Day Skate runs at the locations below from 2 to 4 pm and is free for all ages.

- Clarence Downey Speed Skating Oval* Dudley Street and Avenue R South. Winter games!
- *Skating event at the Clarence Downey Speed Skating Oval will be cancelled if the temperature reaches -25° C or below with the windchill.
- Cosmo Civic Centre 3130 Laurier Drive
 Stay warm inside the Cosmo gym with tipi teachings and Indigenous hand games presented by
 Saskatoon Indian & Métis Friendship Centre.

HAPPY FAMILY DAY WEEKEND!



"EVERYONE NEEDS A HOUSE TO LIVE IN, BUT A SUPPORTIVE FAMILY IS WHAT BUILDS A HOME."

Anthony Liccione

COLD WEATHER STRATEGY ENSURING EVERYONE IS SAFE AND WARM DURING EXTREME COLD

With extreme cold across the province, the Government of Saskatchewan, along with its community partners, wants to remind residents of its Cold Weather Strategy to ensure that every Saskatchewan resident has a safe and warm place to sleep.

"These extreme temperatures are especially dangerous for people who don't have shelter or a home," Social Services Minister Paul Merriman said. "Shelter spaces are still available across the province and we encourage anyone who finds themselves without shelter to contact the Ministry of Social Services, our community partners or 911 for help. We will find them a warm, safe place to stay."

In Saskatoon, the Salvation Army can be contacted by calling (306) 244-6280. They provide emergency services and referrals 24 hours a day, seven days a week. People will be directed to appropriate shelter supports in Saskatoon that will meet their needs. During weekday business hours, people may visit the Ministry of Social Services' Saskatoon Service Centre at 160 - 2nd Avenue South for assistance.

People in other communities across the province should contact their nearest Ministry of Social Services Centre. Click <u>here</u> to read the entire news release and see a link for service centres is

available in Regina, Prince Albert and around the province.

GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN TO SAVE LIVES FROM OPIOID OVERDOSES



Opioid Overdoses: What You Need to Know

Anyone is at risk of an overdose.

- · Don't use alone. Have a Take Home Naloxone kit on hand.
- People can't sleep off an overdose. Know the signs: shallow or stopped breathing, unable to wake up.
- If you think someone is overdosing: CALL 911. The Good Samaritan Act protects you from being arrested if illegal drugs are present.

For more information or to get a free Take Home Naloxone kit call Healthline 811 or visit saskatchewan.ca/opioids



The Government of Saskatchewan today launched an awareness campaign to encourage people to learn the signs of an opioid overdose, know how to respond to one, and be assured that The Good Samaritan Act protects them from being arrested if illegal drugs are present when the police or first responders arrive.

"Opioids and opioid-related deaths are an increasing public health concern in Saskatchewan and across Canada," Health Minister Jim Reiter said. "An opioid overdose can happen to anyone, whether the drugs were obtained legally or illegally. It is important to know the signs of an opioid

overdose and how you can prevent one from becoming fatal."

The Good Samaritan Act was introduced by the federal government in 2017 and provides legal protection for people who seek an emergency response to a drug overdose. The goal is to ensure that fear of repercussion does not get in the way of anyone taking action to save a life.

"You can save a life. Call 911 and use your Take Home Naloxone kit," Reiter said. Continue reading this news release here.

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION AWARENESS CAMPAIGN - PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THE SYMPTOMS YOU CAN'T SEE



Sexual and Reproductive Health Week runs from February 11-15, 2019 and the Government of Saskatchewan is encouraging people to discuss sexual health as part of routine visits to their health

care provider and get tested regularly for sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

An awareness campaign aims to normalize assessment of sexual health and screening for STIs among sexually active individuals and reduce the stigma associated with discussing sexual health. Deputy Chief Medical Health Officer for Saskatchewan Dr. Denise Werker is reminding people that sexual health at all ages is important.

"We are concerned about the high rates of STIs in our province," Werker said. "We want to make sure that if people are sexually active, they know they may be at risk of contracting a STI, and that getting tested and conversations about your overall sexual health should be expected as part of your regular checkup.

Read the entire news release here.



Additional Government News Releases:

SPRING RUNOFF EXPECTED TO BE BELOW NORMAL
WEYBURN WELCOMES NEW COMMUNITY RECOVERY TEAM
CORRECTIONS AND POLICING FUNDS NEW POLICING TOOLS ACROSS THE PROVINCE
SWIFT CURRENT HELIPAD SAVES PRECIOUS TIME FOR CRITICALLY ILL AND INJURED
FEBRUARY PUBLIC OFFERING BRINGS 2018-19 TOTAL REVENUE TO \$57.5 MILLION

COMING EVENTS

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE FAMILY DAY EVENTS FEATURED IN THIS NEWSLETTER

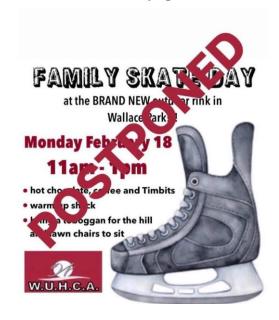
IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO HIGHLIGHT IN THIS NEWSLETTER, PLEASE LET US KNOW!

Provincial Point of View is a great way to connect with our community. We appreciate the opportunity to share the successes we see in our constituency and highlight the many events happening in our community. If you have a suggestion for items you would like highlighted in this newsletter, please email: ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net



POSTPONED - WUHCA Family Skate Day

When: Monday, February 18th
Where: Willowgrove outdoor rink
Watch their facebook page here for details



RBC Training Ground Program

When: February 23

Where: Henk Ruys Soccer Centre

Click here for details



Eastview Community Association Family Fun Day & AGM

When: Saturday, March 2

Where: Alvin Buckwold School, 715 East Drive

Click <u>here</u> for additional information



Dress for Success Saskatoon Ensemble

When: March 7
Where: Remai Modern

Click here for additional information



Caregiver Workshop 2019

When: Monday, March 18 Where: Cliff Wright Library

Click here to register or for more information



Quinn Stephenson 6th Annual Golf Tournament

When: August 23

Where: Willows Golf and Country Club

Watch here for details



THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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KEEP IN TOUCH

I appreciate the many opportunities to make a positive difference in my constituency. Your phone calls, letters, and emails make a big difference in keeping me informed on the issues that matter to you.

If you would like me to recognize anyone or have your event mentioned in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to call or email me.

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