

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



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WILLOWGROVE



I appreciate the opportunity I have to help make a positive difference in our constituency, city, and province. I enjoy visiting with you on your doorsteps and events in and around our community. Your thoughts, ideas and feedback help to keep 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 our office at 306.651.7100 or email ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net.

Your opinions are important and your letters, emails, and phone calls on any issues relating to the provincial government are most welcome!

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE BUDGET ADDRESS MARCH 18, 2020



The budget, to be released March 18th will build on the Growth Plan our government introduced last fall by providing financial stability and investment in communities and infrastructure to support expanding our export-based economy.

You are cordially invited to be present
in the
Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Chamber
for the presentation of the
Budget Address
by the Honourable Donna Harpauer
Minister of Finance
1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Note: I have a limited number of invitations available. Please contact my office at ken.cheveldayoff.mla with your contact information if you would like to attend. You will receive a confirmation email. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Tea to follow the Budget Address.

GRAND OPENING OF SAVE ON FOODS IN BRIGHTON



Pictured at the Grand Opening with Darrell Jones, President, Save-On-Foods

Another new business opened its doors in Brighton Marketplace located at 151 Gibson Bend in our constituency of Saskatoon Willowgrove.

I was delighted to attend the grand opening of Save-On-Foods Thursday, March 5th. This beautiful new store will employ approximately 118 people! Congratulations on this amazing facility showcased at the opening celebration.

Check out the Easter Bunny Event to be held at the new Save-On-Foods April 4th



Mark your calendar... April 4th, Meet the Easter Bunny! This fun event will be hosted by the Brighton Community.

Hop on over to the new Brighton Save-On-Foods and join in the fun! Bring the kids over to get a free photo with Mr. Easter Bunny himself. For parents...take in some games for the chance to win Easter baskets from Save on Foods! Check out Brighton's facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/events/623532264880349/>

PREMIER SCOTT MOE IS ONCE AGAIN CANADA'S MOST POPULAR PREMIER ACCORDING TO ANGUS REID INSTITUTE!



STRONG LEADERSHIP - STRONG SASKATCHEWAN

Congratulations to Saskatchewan's Premier, Scott Moe! who is once again Canada's most popular premier according to Angus Reid Institute!

PREMIER ANNOUNCES NEW PRINCE ALBERT HOSPITAL PROJECT



Premier Scott Moe, "I was thrilled to join with Mayor Greg Dionne, government MLAs, Chiefs from the Prince Albert Grand Council and local officials to announce a new and expanded Prince Albert Victoria Hospital to serve the people of Prince Albert and Northern Saskatchewan. This new and expanded hospital will increase the healthcare services available to the region with 40% more beds, a larger emergency department, a helipad, and enhanced medical imaging services, including an MRI.

"We're committed to meeting the health needs of a strong and growing Saskatchewan."



Residents of Prince Albert and northern Saskatchewan will have access to improved and expanded health services, through a renewed and expanded Prince Albert Victoria Hospital.

The provincial government has announced a commitment of more than \$300 million to a new multi-storey addition to Victoria Hospital. The approved project concept includes a new acute care tower, replacement of the existing adult mental health space and renovations to the current facility.

“We are moving forward to address the health care needs of our growing population in Prince Albert and the north,” Premier Scott Moe said. “This significant investment reflects the importance of Victoria Hospital in providing a wide variety of health services, not only to people in Prince Albert, but to patients and clients across northern Saskatchewan.”

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/march/06/pa-victoria-hospital>

SASKATCHEWAN INVESTS \$1.4 MILLION TO ENGAGE IN PROVINCE'S OLDER WORK FORCE

The Government of Saskatchewan is moving forward with its 2020 Targeted Initiatives for Older Workers (TIOW) program in an effort to increase the engagement of older workers in Saskatchewan's labour force.

The program is aimed at workers aged 55-64 who are currently unemployed and are legally entitled to work in Canada, but lack the skills needed to successfully secure employment.

“The TIOW program will increase the employability of older workers in Saskatchewan,” Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “These workers have decades of valuable experience and we want to ensure they have the skills needed to remain active and productive participants of Saskatchewan's labour market for as long as they choose to do so.”

This is just one part of a larger effort by the province to increase the diversity and inclusiveness of its labour force. Projects will be launched in Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Regina and Lloydminster.

It is anticipated that at least 186 participants will take part in the program this year.

SASKATCHEWAN EXPORTS REMAINED STRONG IN 2019



According to Statistics Canada preliminary trade data 2019, Saskatchewan exported nearly \$30 billion worth of products to international markets in 2019 and continued to provide the food, fuel and fertilizer the world needs.

“The success of our economy depends on trade and these numbers are very encouraging, especially considering the market access issues in countries such as China,” Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “Our government has made it a priority to diversify markets for our products through trade missions and international engagement and the result of these efforts is unprecedented market diversification in a relatively short period of time. We will continue working to grow our exports, as outlined in Saskatchewan’s Plan for Growth, to build a strong economy that creates more jobs for a strong Saskatchewan.”

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/march/03/exports-remain-strong>

REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE



The spring session of the legislature resumed Monday, March 2nd a focus on the upcoming provincial budget which will build on the strength of our people with investments in stronger families, stronger communities and a stronger economy.

The budget – to be released March 18th – will build on the Growth Plan our government introduced last fall by providing financial stability and investment in communities and infrastructure to support expanding our export-based economy.

The Supreme Court of Canada is set to hear Saskatchewan's argument against the federal carbon tax later this month. Your Saskatchewan Party government is calling on Prime Minister Trudeau to pause the carbon tax in Saskatchewan, until the Supreme Court delivers its ruling. The Alberta Court of Appeal has ruled the carbon tax unconstitutional and we are confident the Supreme Court will rule the same.

On the economic front, our government recently delivered on a commitment to provide \$10 million to support Estevan, Coronach, and nearby communities transitioning from coal-based industries to other economic opportunities. This situation was unfortunately imposed much earlier than planned by new federal regulations. Our government will work hard to ensure this part of our province can successfully move to cleaner energy sources and new business developments to remain prosperous and vibrant.

As we grow Saskatchewan over the next decade we have committed to building and upgrading another 10,000km of highway across our province.

The Government of Saskatchewan is upgrading Highway 5. This is a multi-year project, to be completed in three phases, which include passing lanes, widening of the shoulders, resurfacing,

grade-line improvements, access consolidation, intersection realignment and treatments, as well as culvert replacements.

As part of our commitment to safety and growth, we also recently announced an agreement to improve 39km of Highway 21 and 9km of the Frenchman Butte Access, upgrading the surface to asphalt concrete from the current thin membrane surface.

As our government carries out the work of the legislative session, we continue to see quality of life improvements across our province.

Just recently, it was announced that thirty-six additional permanent acute care in-patient beds are opening at Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon. Investing in these additional acute care beds allows our health system to better meet the urgent care needs of our residents. The new acute care beds initiative will receive annual funding of almost \$8 million to staff more than 50 full-time nursing and support positions.

Our government has also directed the Saskatchewan Health Authority to gather information to determine the feasibility of a privately built, owned and operated parkade at Regina General Hospital. We know that parking at Regina General Hospital has been an issue for a long time, and we are committed to finding a long-term solution. It's important that staff and visitors feel safe around the facility and have convenient access to the building. Since parking is a support service, not a direct health care service, we believe it could be appropriately provided through the private sector.

New homes for people with different abilities recently opened in Saskatoon. In partnership with LutherCare Communities, our government is providing over \$530,000 in annual funding to cover residential and day program supports for new residents.

LutherCare Communities provides services to people with intellectual disabilities, high medical needs and complex needs. The funding for this new home is part of the more than \$5.5 million provided to LutherCare Communities each year.

Our government also opened a new affordable rental housing project for six families in need of a safe, comfortable home. The project, in partnership with the Governments of Canada, the City of Saskatoon and SaskNative Rentals Inc. is designed for independence and affordability and is fully accessible to individuals with varying mobility.

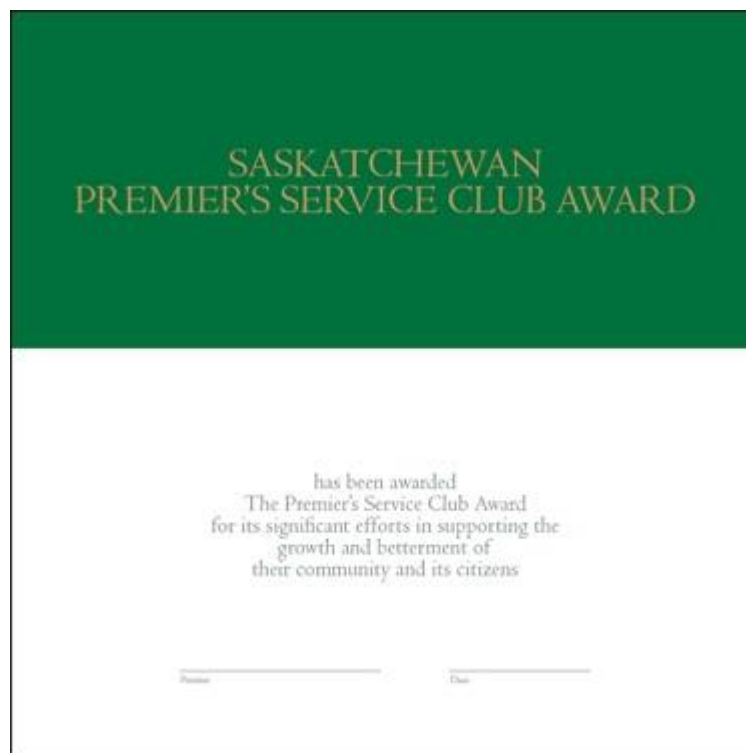
One of the first announcements of the new legislative session was that in-province ministerial travel and expense reports will be publicly disclosed on a quarterly basis. The bi-annual public

disclosure of out-of-province ministerial travel and expenses, a measure we introduced to increase transparency, will also now be posted quarterly.

Our government values the hard-earned tax dollars of Saskatchewan people. While we have previously taken steps to decrease travel costs and increase transparency, we feel it is necessary to continue these efforts to ensure the public knows how tax dollars are being spent by government ministers as they travel across the province.

Increased transparency measures accompany a number of steps the government has taken to reduce ministerial travel expenses. These include a 53 per cent reduction in travel costs in 2018-2019 compared to the last year of the former government in 2006-2007, and the shutdown of Executive Air, the former government-owned air service, for an annual savings of \$1 million.

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE PREMIER'S SERVICE CLUB AWARD



The Government of Saskatchewan is accepting nominations for the 2019 Premier's Service Club Award. Since its establishment in 2013, the Premier's Service Club Award has recognized the dedication and charity of the province's service clubs.

“Service Clubs are an integral asset to our province,” Premier Scott Moe said. “Their efforts make a substantial impact on our communities. Through their philanthropy, Service Clubs provide many individuals and organizations with resources and assistance which not only enrich lives, but also contribute to the continued success of Saskatchewan.”

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/march/03/service-club-award>

GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR 2020 GREY CUP FESTIVAL



The Government of Saskatchewan today announced that Tourism Saskatchewan is providing \$3 million to the 2020 Grey Cup Festival that will be held on November 17-22. The festival culminates with the 108th annual Grey Cup Championship that will be played at Mosaic Stadium.

“It is a privilege for Saskatchewan to host the Grey Cup for the fourth time and showcase Rider Pride – a phenomenon unequalled in Canada,” Minister Responsible for Tourism Saskatchewan Gene Makowsky said. “Major events like the Grey Cup bring widespread profile and thousands of visitors to our province. The government’s commitment to supporting events of this scale aligns with priorities shared in Saskatchewan’s new Growth Plan. The plan has an ambitious goal of increasing tourist expenditures in Saskatchewan by 50 per cent by 2030. Achieving our tourism growth targets will require concentration and investment in activities that will yield a solid return.”

Saskatchewan last hosted Grey Cup celebrations in 2013. That event had an economic impact of \$93 million. The 2020 Grey Cup Festival is anticipated to have a similar return.

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/march/02/grey-cup-festival>

TELEMIRACLE 44!



\$5,523,472

Congratulations Saskatchewan! Kinmen, Kinettes, volunteers, entertainers and the people of this great province showed their spirit and generosity making the 44th annual Telemiracle an outstanding success! Over \$5.5 million raised to help the Kinsmen Foundation provide specialized mobility equipment and access to medical travel assistance to Saskatchewan residents in need.

HIGHWAY 5 PASSING LANES TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND SUPPORT GROWTH



As part of our commitment to safety and growth, the Government of Saskatchewan is upgrading Highway 5.

“Our Growth Plan is designed to increase exports and support sectors, such as manufacturing, agriculture and energy,” Highways and Infrastructure Minister Greg Ottenbreit said. “Highway 5 is a key economic corridor in our province, linking the Saskatoon region with the rest of the country. I have personally driven the highway a number of times over the years, and have experienced the safety challenges that can surface from time to time. Whether it be a family driving to hockey practice or farmers moving equipment, I look forward to a more efficient and safer corridor for those in the region.”

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/march/03/highway-5-upgrades>

ENGINEERING AND GEOSCIENCE WEEK PROCLAIMED

The Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed March 1-7, 2020, as Engineering and Geoscience Week. The week recognizes the important role members of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan (APEGS) play in the lives of Saskatchewan residents.

“APEGS is one of our province’s largest and most respected professional associations,” Highways and Infrastructure Minister Greg Ottenbreit said. “We are very pleased to recognize Engineering and Geoscience Week, which is a great way to celebrate the achievements of geoscientists and engineers and reinforce the significance of these fields.”

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/march/02/apegs-week>

ACEC-SK HOSTS RECEPTION AT THE SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATURE



Pictured above with Beverly MacLeod, Executive Director of ACEC-SK

I was delighted to attend a reception hosted by the Association of Consulting Engineer Companies at the Legislature last week.

ACEC-SK is a non-profit association representing the interests of the majority of consulting engineering and consulting geoscience firms in Saskatchewan.

PROVINCE PROCLAIMS AGRICULTURE LITERACY MONTH

The Government of Saskatchewan proclaimed March 1-31, 2020, as Agriculture Literacy Month in Saskatchewan. Agriculture Literacy Month brings producers and industry professionals to the classroom to give students the opportunity to learn where the food on their plate comes from.

“Our food has a story and Agriculture Literacy Month allows students to hear that story first hand from producers,” Agriculture Minister David Marit said. “It is important that our children and grandchildren receive accurate information about the work done by our agriculture industry straight from the experts.”

This year’s theme is technology, which will teach students about development, uses and the importance of innovation on modern farms and ranches.

“Agriculture has always been, and continues to be, a significant part of the province,” Deputy Premier and Education Minister Gordon Wyant said. “Our government supports classroom opportunities for Saskatchewan students to learn about agriculture and its contribution to our province.”

“There are so many myths and misconceptions about food and agriculture today, it is difficult for people to know what to believe,” Agriculture in the Classroom Executive Director Sara Shymko said. “The classroom visits with real people working in the industry are so important because they give students a chance to ask questions and have them answered honestly and openly.”

PLANNING FOR COVID-19

Protect yourself and others!

Help stop the spread of harmful viruses.



Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.



No tissue? Cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands.



Wash your hands often with soap and warm water, or use a hand sanitizer.



Stay home if you are sick.

Hand washing is important to stop the spread of germs and avoid getting sick. Stay healthy. Wash your hands often and for **at least 20 seconds**.

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The Best Protection is Personal Protection

With an increasing number of confirmed cases of Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) around the world, the planning and preparedness of governments, organizations and individuals can still assist in containing and mitigating the spread of the illness.

The risk of COVID-19 to Saskatchewan residents remains low. As of March 5, there are no laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the province.

“With COVID-19 transmission occurring in many countries, Saskatchewan will be expanding testing criteria and increasing surveillance,” Saskatchewan Health’s Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Saqib Shahab said. “Testing is important to ensure the healthcare system has the best possible information to ensure our facilities and staff are prepared for any cases that present in the province. The most recent science indicates that 80 per cent of individuals who contract COVID-19 will experience only mild symptoms and will recover in their homes. Protecting

yourself from transmission and planning to stay home if you become sick will allow the healthcare system to focus on the most severe cases.”

Learn more about Health System Preparedness and Travel

Guidance: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/march/05/planning-for-covid-19>

MLA LISA LAMBERT BRINGS GREETINGS AT THE SREDA FORUM IN SASKATOON



MLA Lisa Lambert brought greetings on behalf of Premier Scott Moe and the Government of Saskatchewan Friday, March 6th at the SREDA Forum at TCU Place. It was a pleasure to be in attendance with over 600 community and business leaders.



This dynamic event introduced SREDA's five-year plan, "Growing Together: A Vision for Saskatoon in the New Economy."

Congratulations to the organizers, speakers and everyone attending for making this forum such a success.

**19 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS OF STRONG, STEADY JOB
GROWTH IN SASKATCHEWAN**



Jobs continued to grow in February for the 19th consecutive month. Saskatchewan saw an increase of 4,900 jobs over February 2019, with 569,700 people employed, a record high for the month of February.

“Despite the significant economic headwinds facing the province, we continue to see strong, steady job growth in Saskatchewan,” Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “Our government will continue to stand up for Saskatchewan families and work hard to ensure our province and economy remain strong.”

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/march/06/job-numbers>

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION AND FRAUD

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY



Tell them to call someone they trust before making financial decisions.

Tell them to not to give out credit card information if someone emails, calls or texts asking for it.



The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan (FCAA) wants to protect seniors from financial exploitation and fraud.

Here are some tips for seniors so they can protect themselves:

- **Be very cautious when speaking to people on the phone if you do not know them.**
- **If someone emails, texts or calls asking for personal or banking information, do not provide the information.**
- **Never wire money to a stranger.**
- **Do not download email attachments from people you don't know.**

For more information visit: <https://fcaa.gov.sk.ca/financial-l.../senior-financial-abuse>. #FPM2020
[#showmetheFRAUD](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=snpwJ6jM10s>

**MARCH DEADLINE APPROACHING TO REMOVE ICE FISHING
SHELTERS**



As ice fishing season begins to wind down, anglers are reminded that all fishing shelters south of Highway 16 must be removed by March 15.

Shelters in areas north of Highway 16 must be removed by March 31.

Every year, ice fishing shelters are abandoned on the ice, which can pose a danger to boaters, water-skiers and others enjoying our lakes. Pieces of abandoned shelters can also wash up on shore, causing environmental hazards.

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/march/04/remove-fishing-shelters>

**FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR SASKATCHEWAN TOURISM
AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE**



Tourism Saskatchewan is pleased to announce the names of 33 finalists and three Tourism Builders for this year's Saskatchewan Tourism Awards of Excellence.

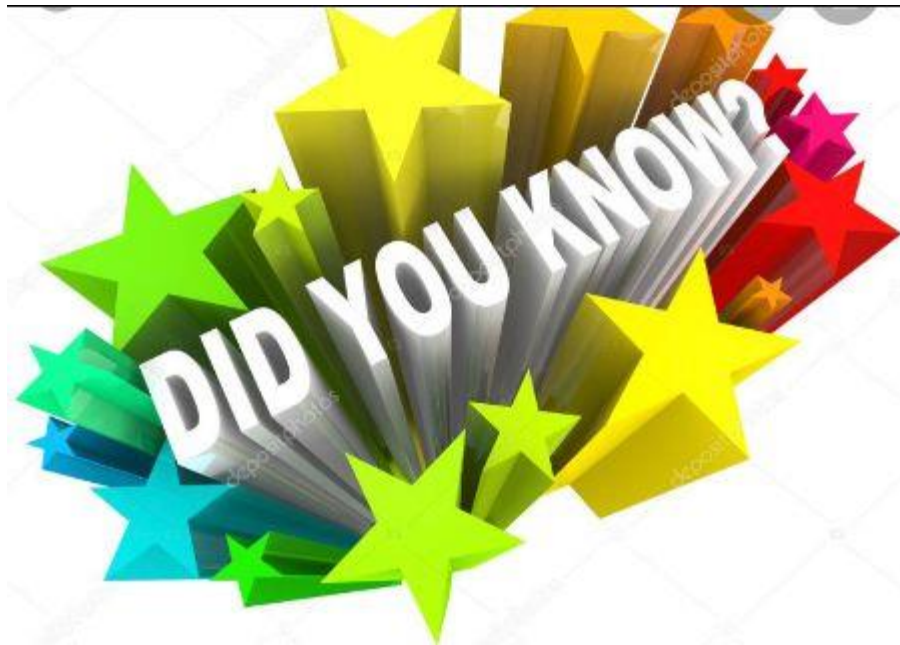
Nearly 90 nominations were received in the 13 award categories, including marketing, service, business practices, Indigenous tourism, human resource development and other areas.

The finalists and award recipients will be honoured at the 31st annual Saskatchewan Tourism Awards of Excellence Gala. The evening celebration, being held on April 2 at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Regina, follows the HOST Saskatchewan Conference.

Three people will receive the Tourism Builder Award for making tourism an important part of their life's work. Tourism Builders have shown exceptional dedication to positioning Saskatchewan as a welcoming destination.

"The Government of Saskatchewan congratulates this year's finalists and Tourism Builders," Minister Responsible for Tourism Saskatchewan Gene Makowsky said. "The Saskatchewan Tourism Awards of Excellence Gala pays tribute to their inspiring leadership and contributions to Saskatchewan's growing tourism sector."

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/march/03/tourism-awards>



- **Telemiracle has raised more than \$134 million over the past four decades.**
- **Saskatchewan's top export products included crude oil, potash, wheat, pulse crops, canola oil, barley, oats, agricultural machinery, and refined petroleum.**
- **The Prince Albert Hospital project is anticipated to increase the number of beds in Victoria Hospital to 242 on opening day, up from the current 173 beds, an increase of 40 per cent, with space to expand further as needed.**

JUST THE LINKS



PROVINCE RECOGNIZES WOMEN WHO ARE AGENTS OF CHANGE ON
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

HELPING SASKATCHEWAN FARMERS COPE WITH STRESS

SPRING RUNOFF POTENTIAL FOR MOST OF THE PROVINCE MOVES TO BELOW
AVERAGE

PROVINCE STRENGTHENS SUPPORT FOR NEWCOMERS IN THE SOUTHEAST
GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS BENEFIT FROM APPROXIMATELY \$1.2 MILLION IN
CHARITABLE GAMING GRANTS

PROVINCE STRENGTHENS SUPPORT FOR NEWCOMERS IN YORKTON
A SPECIAL ONE BOOK, ONE PROVINCE EVENT AT THE RSM

PROVINCE STRENGTHENS SUPPORT FOR NEWCOMERS IN MOOSE JAW

SPRING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON SECONDARY HIGHWAYS

PROVINCE STRENGTHENS SUPPORT FOR NEWCOMERS IN REGINA

LANGUAGE TRAINING INVESTMENT HELPS NEWCOMERS ACCESS EMPLOYMENT

GOVERNMENT INCREASES MINISTERIAL TRANSPARENCY



**FROM A PROVINCIAL
POINT OF VIEW.**

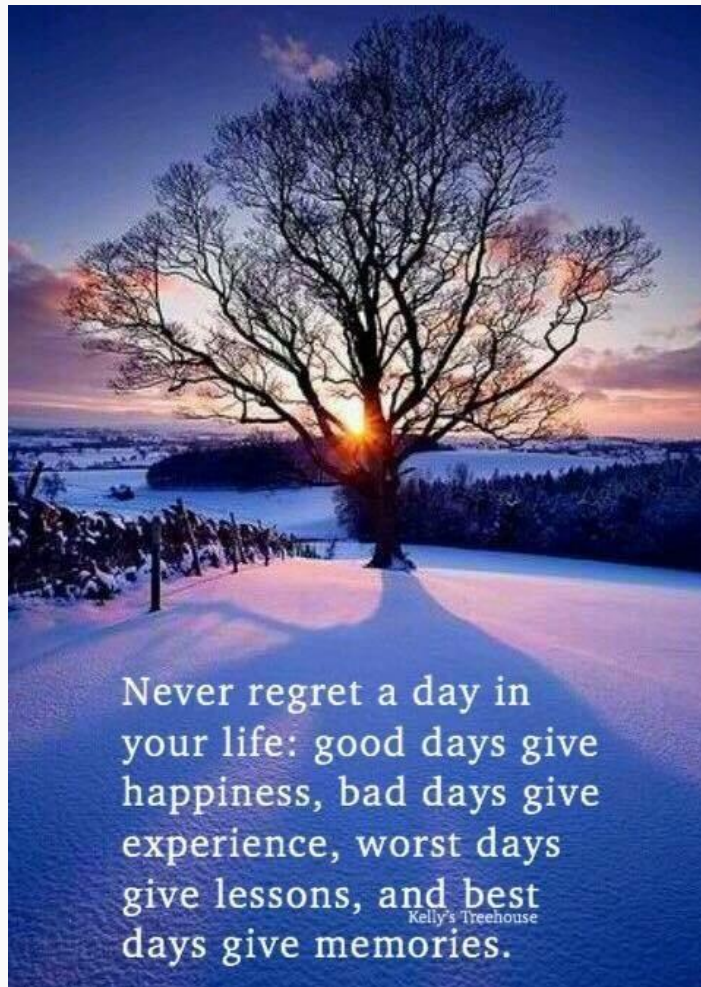
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THOUGHT OF THE DAY



Never regret a day in
your life: good days give
happiness, bad days give
experience, worst days
give lessons, and best
days give memories.

Kelly's Treehouse

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