

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



Provincial Point of View

November 28, 2017

FATHER/DAUGHTER GALA



Last night was an incredible evening at the Western Development Museum. Fathers and their daughters instantly felt the elegance of the "Enchanted Winter Wonderland" as they entered the

special gala. The annual Father/Daughter Gala has become a tradition for Paige and I. I have had the honour of escorting my daughter to this gala for the past 11 years. Sincere thanks to the organizers, sponsors and volunteers for their efforts. Several proud dads with their daughters of all ages enjoyed the Festival of Trees at the beautiful Western Development Museum! The night is definitely a highlight of the Christmas season.

The gala is part of the Festival of Trees festivities. This community festival runs from Friday, November 24 - Saturday, December 2. The 2017 theme is inspired by the famous song from the movie, *The Sound of Music*. It will highlight a multitude of *Favourite Things* in tree decorations, gingerbread houses, special events and attractions. Click [here](#) for additional information.

OPERATION RED NOSE



Impaired driving is among the leading causes of fatal collisions in Saskatchewan. Last holiday season 3 people were killed and 35 more were injured in 83 collisions because someone chose to drive impaired.

Call on Operation Red Nose

Operation Red Nose (ORN) is a national road safety campaign aimed at reducing impaired driving during the holiday season. It allows people to drink responsibly and get home safely.

For the 9th year, SGI is the Saskatchewan sponsor of the program, which currently runs in The Battlefords, Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert and Yorkton. To arrange a safe ride, call the applicable number below:

- **Prince Albert: 306-763-6673**
- **The Battlefords: 306-480-9876 or 306-480-9879**
- **Saskatoon: 639-480-6673**
- **Regina: 306-949-2400**
- **Yorkton: 306-783-3041**

How the service works

For the 2017 holiday season, the ORN service will operate on select dates between Nov. 24 and Dec. 31. Check operationrednose.com or the new [mobile app](#) for operating hours and the schedule in your area. Then, if you need to get home safely after celebrating the holiday season with some drinks, call ORN for a free ride home.

A team of 3 volunteers - coordinated through the local Lions Clubs in the Battlefords, Prince Albert and Saskatoon, and the Queen City Kinsmen in Regina and the Kinsmen Club of Yorkton - will pick you up and drive you, in your own vehicle, to the destination of your choice. 1 volunteer drives your vehicle, a 2nd volunteer navigates and a 3rd volunteer follows in an escort vehicle to pick up the 2 volunteers once they drop you off.

The service is free but donations are accepted. ORN is a great fundraising opportunity with 100% of client donations going towards local youth or amateur sport organizations where the program is held.

In your community

If your community is interested in taking part, visit the ORN website at operationrednose.com or contact the national office at 1-800-463-7222.

If you live in The Battlefords, Saskatoon, Regina, Prince Albert or Yorkton and would like to be a volunteer for ORN, contact your local office or find more information, including an application form at operationrednose.com.

Click [here](#) for information.

SASKATCHEWAN TAKING ZERO TOLERANCE STANCE AGAINST DRUG-IMPAIRED DRIVERS

Preparing for Impacts of Federal Bill C-46

New federal legislation on drug-impaired driving is expected to take effect in late December or early January, and the Government of Saskatchewan wants drivers in this province to know how it impacts them. *The Miscellaneous Vehicle and Driving Statutes (Cannabis Legislation) Amendment Act, 2017* was introduced in the Saskatchewan Legislature today to prepare for those federal changes.

“It’s important for people to remember that in Saskatchewan it is currently and will continue to be illegal to drive while impaired – whether by drugs or alcohol,” Minister Responsible for SGI Joe Hargrave said. “That is not changing, even when personal cannabis use becomes legal in July. New federal legislation gives police new tools to detect drug-impaired drivers. Anyone caught will face the same tough consequences as drivers impaired by alcohol.”

Marijuana impairs a driver’s judgment, reaction time, motor co-ordination and ability to make decisions. Mixing drugs with alcohol increases impairment. Please continue reading this important news release [here](#).

SASKATCHEWAN'S NEWEST EMBLEM, THE PROVINCIAL FOSSIL



The Government of Saskatchewan has introduced legislation to amend The Provincial Emblems and Honours Act, adding the Tyrannosaurus rex as Saskatchewan’s Provincial Fossil.

In 2016, the Royal Saskatchewan Museum’s (RSM) Saskatchewan Fossil Campaign held a video contest for schools, an exhibit and an in-person vote at the RSM, and an online poll allowing anyone across the province to vote for one of seven provincial fossil candidates. The results were announced in May of 2016, showing massive support for the T.rex.

“The Royal Saskatchewan Museum’s campaign to choose a provincial fossil saw many from

across the province learn more about Saskatchewan's rich fossil history," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky said. "Thanks to the leadership of the RSM, the Bill introduced today will see Saskatchewan as the only jurisdiction to have the Tyrannosaurus rex as its official fossil."

Continue reading [here](#).

MANUFACTURING WEEK PROCLAIMED IN SASKATCHEWAN



The province's dynamic manufacturing industry is the focus of Saskatchewan Manufacturing Week, which officially began November 27th.

Various events and activities are scheduled to take place throughout the week, with the goal of raising awareness of the nature and importance of manufacturing to the province, promoting business opportunities in the sector to a national audience, and emphasizing manufacturing careers as a viable choice for young people.

"Manufacturing Week is a chance to showcase the technologies and ideas that are driving the ongoing success of this industry in our province," Economy Minister Steven Bonk said. "We want to show people what Saskatchewan's smartest and most versatile businesses are doing to be successful in the global marketplace and grow our economy."

Continue reading the news release [here](#).

NEW SASKATOON HOUSING PROJECT OFFERS A SAFE, AFFORDABLE HOME FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH COMPLEX NEEDS

Released on November 24, 2017The Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan, along with Lighthouse Supported Living Inc., officially opened seven spaces of much-needed affordable rental housing with support services for individuals with complex needs in Saskatoon.

Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, on behalf of Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development and Minister Responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), Social Services Minister and Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Housing Corporation (SHC) Paul Merriman, City of Saskatoon Mayor Charlie Clark, and Lighthouse Supported Living Inc. Executive Director Don Windels, made the announcement today.

“Through investments in affordable housing, our government is providing assistance to those who need it most here in Saskatoon and in all corners of the country,” said Goodale. “Because of critical support services provided by The Lighthouse, seven people here will have a chance to stabilize their lives and begin their journey toward greater independence. We are committed to making communities stronger through projects like these.”

Read more [here](#).

BUILDING DEDICATION POLICY ANNOUNCED



W. Ross Thatcher building,
Saskatchewan Polytechnic Moose Jaw



Allan Blakeney Adult Campus,
Regina, Saskatchewan



Roy Romanow Provincial Laboratory,
Regina, Saskatchewan



Grant Devine Lake and Dam,
near Alameda, Saskatchewan

Former Premiers Thatcher, Blakeney, Devine, Romanow Honoured

The Government of Saskatchewan today announced a new policy for naming buildings and other provincial landmarks after former Premiers. It also announced the naming of three provincial landmarks after former Saskatchewan Premiers, in accordance with the new policy.

“Bestowing the name of these past premiers on Saskatchewan landmarks is a demonstration of gratitude for their years of dedicated service to our province,” Premier Brad Wall said. “This is an appropriate way to honour their contributions to Saskatchewan.”

The new naming policy follows the recommendations of a report by former Lieutenant-Governor Gordon Barnhart. Under the new policy, buildings or landmarks that do not already bear the name of a person can be named after former Premiers, except for the immediate past Premier.

Read the entire news release [here](#).

SASKATCHEWAN CANNABIS SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED



The Government of Saskatchewan has released the results of the province's online cannabis survey.

The government conducted the online survey from September 8 to October 6, 2017, to collect insight from residents to help shape cannabis legalization within Saskatchewan. The online survey received 34,681 responses – the most of any survey the province has previously conducted – indicating that Saskatchewan residents have a lot to say about cannabis legalization in the province. Respondents provided valuable information which is being used to help guide Saskatchewan's approach to cannabis legalization.

“The Government of Saskatchewan would like to thank residents who participated in the provincial government's consultation survey and took the time to provide us with their thoughts on how to best legalize and regulate cannabis within Saskatchewan,” Justice Minister and Attorney General Don Morgan said. “The results of the survey are vital in developing the best possible framework.”

Read the entire release [here](#).

JINGLE BELL LUNCH

SUPPORTING JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN



The Jingle Bell Lunch, supporting Junior Achievement of Saskatchewan will be held Thursday, December 7th at the Saskatoon Travelodge. A Student Trade-show will be held at 11 am with lunch at 11:45 am.

This event is presented by Loraas Recycle, in partnership with the Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce. The Jingle Bell will feature guest speaker Amit Gupta from Soido Design Automation. As well, attendees will have an opportunity to meet many junior achievers at the student-run company trade show.

Tickets and additional information on the event are available at: www.picatic.com/SaskatoonJBL2017 or by calling 306.955.5267.

CELEBRATING SASKATCHEWAN SUCCESS IN SUMMER SPORT



Saskatchewan athletes, coaches and organizers from the Tony Cote First Nations Summer Games, the [2017 Canada Games](#) and the 2017 North American Indigenous Games gathered November 27th at the Legislative Building to celebrate Saskatchewan success in summer sport. At just the North American Indigenous Games held in Toronto, Saskatchewan ranked second overall with 65 gold, 54 silver and 47 bronze medals.

Nearly 45 athletes, coaches and organizers who represented Saskatchewan in summer games across Canada this year were introduced in the Saskatchewan Legislature November 27th.

“On behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan I would like to congratulate all athletes, coaches and organizers on their strong performances this past summer,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky said. “The countless hours of hard work and dedication that each of you put in to achieve your goals is evident — you have made Saskatchewan proud. Thank you for showcasing Saskatchewan’s diverse talents in sport and for being excellent ambassadors of our province.”

Check out the entire news release [here](#).



It was great to see Julie Labach at legislature this week. Julie is one of Saskatchewan's accomplished athletes and was part of the group being honoured for their success at the 2017

Summer Games. She was recognized for her Canada Games gold medal in the 800 m and her silver medal in the 1500 m. Julie also plays soccer for the U of S team. Congratulations to Saskatoon resident, Julie Labach!

GOVERNMENT PROVIDES FUNDING TO HELP FIND MISSING CHILDREN

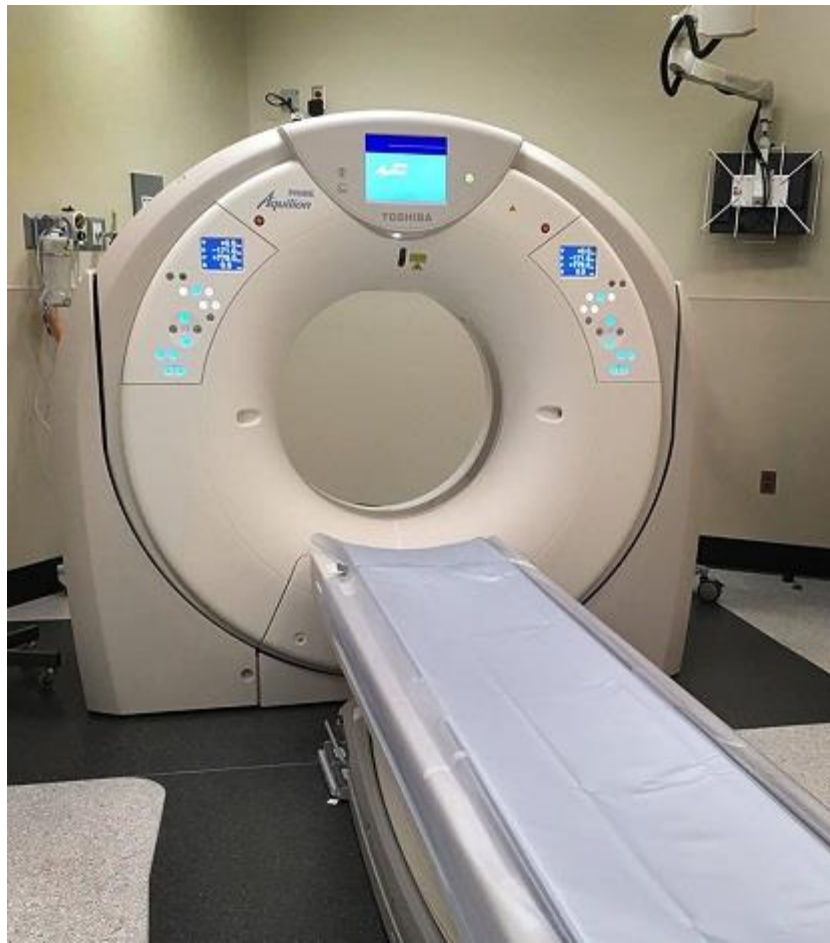
The Ministry of Justice is providing \$100,000 through its Criminal Property Forfeiture Fund to the Missing Children Society of Canada to expand its Most Valuable Network Program into Saskatchewan.

The Most Valuable Network uses the power of social media such as Facebook and Twitter to instantly post messages on the social media feeds of people who have volunteered to be part of the program. It also has the capability to send push notifications to participants in the network through a mobile app.

“The introduction of social media has changed a lot about modern life over the last decade, and it’s important that we recognize that and make use of these powerful tools when we’re dealing with something as important as a missing child,” Justice Minister and Attorney General Don Morgan said. “This network is a comprehensive tool that will provide support to police searching for a missing child and fill the gap that exists when a missing child doesn’t meet the criteria for an Amber Alert.”

Read the entire news release [here](#).

NEW CT SCANNER IMPROVES SERVICES FOR PATIENTS IN LLOYDMINSTER AREA



A new computed tomography (CT) scanner installed at Lloydminster Hospital now provides more detailed information for diagnostics and the direction of treatment, while reducing radiation exposure for patients.

Lloydminster MLA Colleen Young on behalf of Rural and Remote Health Minister Greg Ottenbreit joined representatives from the Prairie North Health Region, Lloydminster Region Health Foundation, hospital staff, donors, volunteers, and community leaders at a ceremony celebrating the \$1.2 million 160 slice CT scanner. The previous unit was a 16 slice scanner.

“Our government is proud to contribute \$600,000 toward enhanced CT services in Lloydminster and the surrounding area,” Young said. “This investment reflects our commitment to ensuring patients have access to high-quality, timely medical diagnostics as close to home as possible.”

To read the entire news release, click [here](#).



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- **By moving to a single provincial health authority, senior administrative staff positions will be reduced by 86% and senior administrative staff salaries by 80% -- a savings of \$9M annually**
- **In real dollar terms, Saskatchewan’s manufacturing GDP increased an average of 2.8% per year from 2006 to 2016, ranking first among the provinces, and shipments grew at the highest average rate of any province—3.7% a year.**
- **In the Fraser Institute’s 2016 Annual Survey of Mining Companies, Saskatchewan was ranked first out of 104 jurisdictions for investment attractiveness, a combination of geologic attractiveness and perception of government policies on the investment climate for exploration.**

LEGISLATION IMPROVES SMALL CLAIMS COURT

Government has proclaimed new small claims legislation that will come into force on January 1, 2018.

The legislation is the result of recommendations that came out of the small claims review that took place in 2015.

“This new legislation fulfills our commitment to review and improve the small claims process as part of our ongoing efforts to improve access to justice in this province,” Justice Minister and Attorney General Don Morgan said. “With this legislation, we’re hoping to make the small claims process easier to navigate and less costly for the people of Saskatchewan.”

To read more about Small claims actions in Saskatchewan, click [here](#).

SASKTEL SASKATCHEWAN JAZZ FESTIVAL ARTIST APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN



Bombargo, 2017 Festival, Photo by: Nicole Romanoff Photography

Local artists take note! Applications to perform at the festival are now open until Friday, January 12th, 2018. Local artists have the opportunity to perform on the Potash Corp Club Jazz Free Stage, which attracts the largest crowds of the Festival, and many other clubs and venues around Saskatoon! Mark you calendars - June 22 - July 1 for the Jazz Festival.

Artists, click [here](#) to apply.

GEOLOGICAL OPEN HOUSE COMMENCES TODAY IN SASKATOON

The results of minerals-related geoscience research carried out in the province during the past year will be the focus of activities at the 48th annual Saskatchewan Geological Open House which begins today in Saskatoon.

“Saskatchewan provides developers some of the world’s best mineral resource prospects,” Economy Minister Steven Bonk said. “Our government’s policies, and long-term strategy, encourage responsible and competitive investment in our province’s resources. We understand

how important a strong and vibrant mining industry is for Saskatchewan's economy.”

The open house is co-hosted by the Ministry of the Economy's Saskatchewan Geological Survey and the Saskatchewan Geological Society. The event includes a technical program showcasing new high-quality geoscience data collected by the Saskatchewan Geological Survey and others in support of the provincial mining industry, which uses this information to plan and undertake exploration programs for the coming year.

Read the entire news release [here](#).

JUST THE LINKS



OZMANS LAKE COMMEMORATES EARLY SETTLERS

PROVINCE INTRODUCES UPDATES TO ANIMAL PROTECTION

TEN FAMILIES BECOME HOMEOWNERS WITH HELP FROM FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS AND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

ESTEVAN POLICE SERVICES RECEIVES \$330,000 FOR TARGETED POLICING INITIATIVES

MAN ORDERED TO PAY MORE THAN \$41,000 FOR STARTING WILDFIRES

MOOSE JAW POLICE SERVICE RECEIVES \$330,000 FOR TAGETED POLICING INITIATIVES

CITY OF YORKTON RECEIVES \$330,000 FOR TAGETED POLICING INITIATIVES

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COMING EVENTS

**IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO HIGHLIGHT
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Festival of Wreaths

When: November 21 - November 28, 2 pm - 4:30 pm daily

Where: Preston Park, 114 Armistice Way

For additional details, click [here](#)



Festival of Trees

When: Nov. 24 - December 2

Where: Western Development Museum

Click [here](#) for information



Favourite Things 2017

Friday, Nov. 24 - Saturday, Dec. 2
Western Development Museum



[BHP Enchanted Forest Holiday Light Tour](#)

When: November 18 - January 7

Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park

Click [here](#) for details

November 18 - January 6 Nightly

A Saskatchewan Christmas Tradition for 19 Years

BHP
Enchanted Forest
HOLIDAY LIGHT TOUR

2017-2018
Saskatoon
Forestry Farm Park

Featuring the New
Grinch Display

Limited Light Displays now available for sponsorship
Website, phone or email
(306) 222-5392 or
email hvassos@sasktel.net
TODAY

[Eaton's Once Upon a Christmas Exhibit](#)

Where: Western Development Museum

When: 9 am - 5 pm, through to January 7, 2018

Click [here](#) for additional information



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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