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Provincial Point of View

October 16, 2018

CONGRATULATIONS TO SASKATOON WILLOWGROVE CONSTITUENT GRANT J KOOK - NAMED 2018 ABEX BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR!



Congratulations to Saskatoon Willowgrove constituent Grant J. Kook who was named the 2018 ABEX Business Leader of the Year! A well deserved honour.

The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that the 2018 ABEX Business Leader of the Year is Saskatchewan businessman Grant J. Kook. Mr. Kook will be presented the award at the 2018 ABEX Awards on October 20th at TCU Place in Saskatoon.

Grant Kook is the founder, President and CEO of Westcap Mgt. Ltd., a leading Saskatchewan venture capital and private equity fund manager. By designing and executing on niche funds that fill capital gaps in Saskatchewan's economy, Westcap, over the past 25 years has completed investment transactions in excess of a billion dollars impacting thousands of jobs, communities, small and

medium-sized companies and the provincial economy as a whole. Spanning from Cheung on Investments Group, an international investment fund to Golden Opportunities, the HeadStart on a Home infrastructure fund, First Nations funds and a series of private equity funds supported by high-net-worth investors and financial institutions, Mr. Kook has been instrumental in all parts of the capital eco-system in Saskatchewan. He is also the owner and President and CEO of the Ramada Hotels in Regina and Saskatoon.

Mr. Kook is a seasoned business leader with a strong focus on building the community. He has sat on numerous Provincial and Federal Government task forces on economic policy and is an active supporter of community-based organizations. Mr. Kook is currently the Chairman of the Board of SaskTel, the Vice-Chairman of the Saskatchewan Health Authority, Vice-Chairman of Saskatchewan Blue Cross, a Board member of 3sHealth Shared Services Saskatchewan, and a member of the Saskatchewan Teacher's Federation Pension Plan Investment Committee. Grant Kook has sat on a variety of boards, advisory councils, associations and charity organizations and was a prominent advocate for a new \$275 million Provincial Children's Hospital, anticipated to open in Saskatchewan in 2019.

Grant Kook is a sought-after thought leader given his expertise on Canada's innovation economy, acquisitions and mergers, private equity, investment banking, Indigenous engagement, and infrastructure investment. In addition, he holds a Chartered Director Designation from McMaster University DeGroote School of Business.

Grant Kook is a recipient of the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Medal, an inductee into the Junior Achievement of Saskatchewan Business Hall of Fame, recipient of the B'nai B'rith – We are Proud of You Award for community involvement, past nominee for Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award, and Saskatoon United Way Dinner Honoree – to name but a few of his many accolades for business and community involvement.

“As the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, we are very pleased to recognize Grant Kook with this award. His business acumen and entrepreneurial spirit continues to have a positive effect on Saskatchewan's business landscape,” said Steve McLellan, CEO of the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets for ABEX 2018 can be purchased online at <http://bit.ly/TicketsABEX>.

PUBLIC LAUNCH OF THE UNIVERSITY PLAN 2025



I was pleased to join Premier Scott Moe, Eric Olauson, MLA, Saskatoon University, The Honourable Tina Beaudry-Mellor, Minister of Advanced Education and several of my colleagues at the public launch of the University Plan 2025 on October 10th.

The new University Plan is an outwardly facing, ambitious plan that connects the university's roots with its future and is remarkable in its deep commitment to communities, collaborative work, and to genuine curiosity driven inquiry. This successful launch of the plan will be an asset to institutional reputation and will build advocacy and support, and will differentiate the U of S from peer and competitor institutions. Importantly, this launch generates excitement and good will within the campus community, faculty & staff, students, alumni and others deeply immersed in university life.

Premier Scott Moe, "The University of Saskatchewan is a very important institution in our province. It was an honour to attend the launch their strategic plan to 2025 today.

With world class research and top quality higher education, the U of S has benefitted people in Saskatchewan and around the world.

We're looking forward to even more progress in the years ahead."

SMALL BUSINESSES CONTINUE TO DRIVE SASKATCHEWAN'S ECONOMY



The Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to recognize the positive impact of small businesses to the province during the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) Small Business Week taking place from October 14 to 20, 2018.

The week is set aside every year to celebrate entrepreneurship across Canada. The theme for 2018 is Digitize now: Transform your business.

Saskatchewan has Canada's second highest rate of small businesses—about 130 for every 1,000 people, compared to about 111 nationally. These organizations, which have fewer than 50 employees, made up 99 per cent of all businesses in the province in 2017.

“Small businesses continue to be major players in Saskatchewan, helping to keep our economy dynamic and competitive,” Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “Through innovation and a commitment to their communities, they offer goods and services that advance the province and the quality of life of all who live here.”

Click [here](#) to see how the Government of Saskatchewan continues to invest in initiatives, services and programs that support small businesses in the province

EDUCATION WEEK IN SASKATCHEWAN CELEBRATES STUDENT SUCCESS AND TEACHER DEDICATION

Education Week / Semaine de l'éducation

October 14-20, 2018 / Du 14 au 20 octobre 2018



*A world of learning for every student
Un monde d'apprentissage pour chaque élève*



The Government of Saskatchewan has designated October 14-20, as Education Week in Saskatchewan.

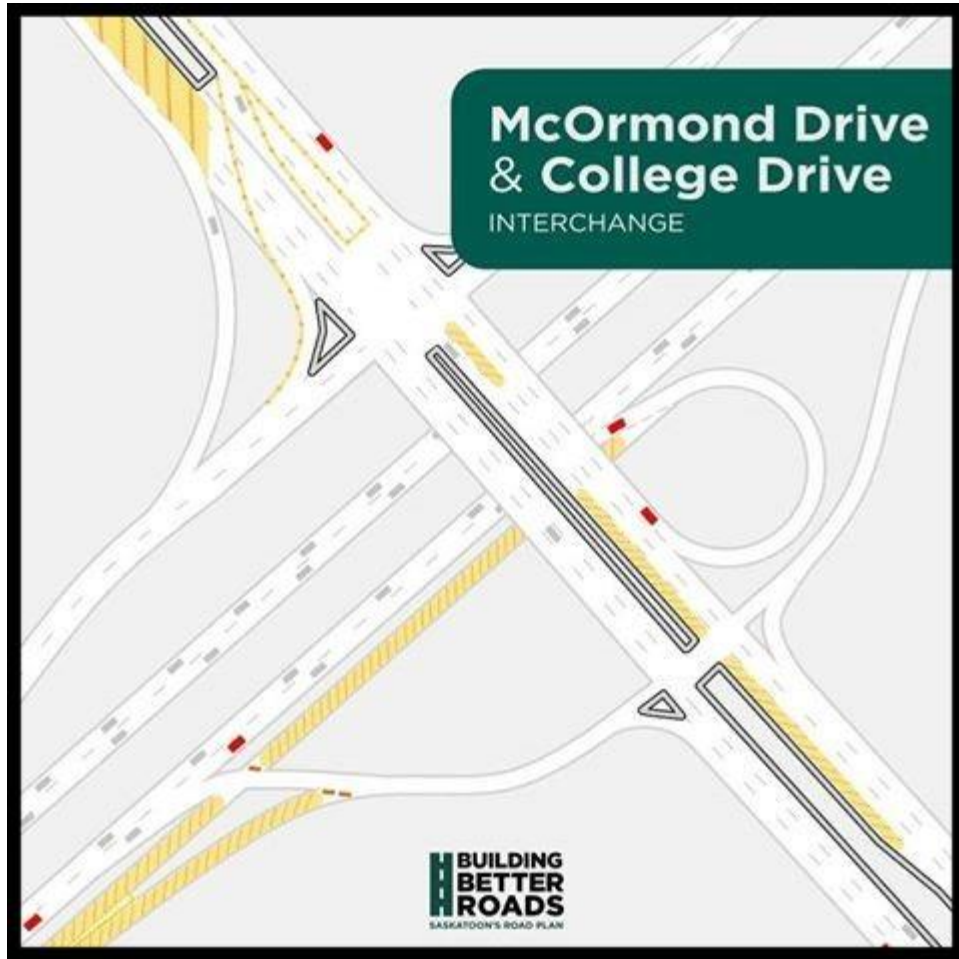
For more than 30 years, Saskatchewan has dedicated a week to celebrate student success and recognize the dedication and commitment of education professionals across the province.

This year's Education Week theme, *A World of Learning for Every Student*, recognizes the multiple pathways to learning available to our students. It also highlights the important roles educators play in broadening the horizons and enriching the lives of Saskatchewan students.

“Teachers and school support staff have a significant influence on the future of our youth,” Deputy Premier and Education Minister Gordon Wyant said. “Throughout my visits to schools across the province, I have had the opportunity to see educators motivate, challenge, and support their students. We should all take a moment this week to celebrate the terrific work being done in Saskatchewan classrooms.”

Read the entire news release [here](#)

**MCORMOND DRIVE & COLLEGE DRIVE INTERCHANGE OPENING
TOMORROW!**



City of Saskatoon News Release:

The McOrmond Drive and College Drive interchange will open to traffic on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, alleviating congestion on priority roads that have become busier as the city continues to grow.

“Once open, traffic at the McOrmond Drive and College Drive intersection will be free flowing with all interchange ramps operational,” says Bryan Zerebeski, the City’s manager for the Saskatoon Interchange Project. “Due to a wet September, some work surrounding the interchange will now resume in the spring.”

Southbound traffic on McOrmond Drive exiting onto College Drive will continue to use the existing ramp. All traffic exiting from College Drive onto McOrmond Drive northbound and southbound must use the right lane. (see attached gif)

The Boychuk Drive and Highway 16 interchange partially opened to traffic on September 30, nearly a year ahead of schedule. Construction on both interchanges started in April 2017 and both are expected to be totally complete by the end of July 2019.

Drivers are reminded that the speed limit through work zones at both interchange sites is 60 km/h. For more information about the project, including renderings and video updates, visit saskatoon.ca/interchanges.

WILLOWGROVE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY - RAISING MONEY FOR AN OUTDOOR RINK



Once again, volunteers are working hard in our constituency. Folks in Willowgrove University Heights see the need for an outdoor rink so Community members have rallied together to commit time and service in kind to make this happen. They have plans drawn and are breaking ground this fall and are in need of further funds so that they can complete the project this year and have a place for kids of all ages to skate. Please help by donating! If you are able to also give your time during the construction phase, or special expertise, please let them know. Click [here](#) to donate or for more information.

CELEBRATING LIBRARY WEEK ACROSS THE PROVINCE



The Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed October 14-20 as Saskatchewan Library Week to celebrate the contribution libraries make in the lives of residents. This year's theme is "Libraries Transform" as libraries can open a world of knowledge to their users.

"Libraries provide valuable services in our province and in the many communities they serve as gathering spaces," Deputy Premier and Education Minister Gordon Wyant said. "I encourage everyone to take the opportunity to visit their local library to explore the programs and resources they have available."

Saskatchewan Library Week is a province-wide, annual event that promotes the services that our more than 1,200 public, school and post-secondary libraries have to offer. The Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA) has proudly presented this week-long celebration throughout the province since 1976.

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

PROVINCE CELEBRATES SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY



Thank you to all of the school bus drivers across the province for safely transporting our students to and from school each day!

Premier Scott Moe, "Yesterday was school bus driver appreciation day, and it's also Education week.

Thanks to our teachers and professionals in our schools who ensure our next generation has the best possible education, and to the bus drivers who get them to and from school safely each and every day."

Deputy Premier and Education Minister Gordon Wyant has proclaimed October 15 as School Bus Driver Appreciation Day in Saskatchewan. Every day, school bus drivers ensure that more than 70,000 Saskatchewan students are safely transported to and from school. School buses travel approximately 250,000 kilometres per day which results in more than 46 million kilometres travelled each year.

"I want to thank all the school bus drivers across the province for their commitment to the safety of the students who ride the buses to and from school," Wyant said. "I encourage everyone to take some time today to recognize school bus drivers in their communities."

Read more [here](#).

TRAVEL BLOGGER MARC MY TRAVELS - DELTA BESSBOROUGH BLOG



Travel blogger [Marc My Travels](#) recently checked out Saskatoon's well-known hotel, the [Delta Hotels by Marriott Bessborough](#). Read on to hear what he thought of the 'castle on the river'.

Click [here](#) to read about "Old World Elegance With Modern Amenities at Saskatoon's Delta Bessborough."

THE 2019 SASKATCHEWANDERER SEARCH BEGINS NOW



With more than 80,000 social media fans across Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, the Saskatchewaner is a 'must follow' for many Saskatchewan residents and tourists.

As the program continues for its ninth year, Wanderer hopefuls, who are up to the challenge of showcasing our province in a unique way, can apply to become the next Saskatchewaner until November 9, 2018.

“Kevin Dunn is a talented storyteller and an inspiring ambassador for Saskatchewan,” Minister Responsible for Tourism Saskatchewan and Parks, Culture and Sport Gene Makowsky said. “He captured the imagination of fans and followers across social media through his innovative use of drone photography. Tourism Saskatchewan extends its appreciation to Dunn for his impressive work as the 2018 Saskatchewaner.”

Click [here](#) to read the entire news release.

NEW SENSORY PLAYGROUND OPEN IN SASKATOON FOR KIDS WITH DISABILITIES



Photo credit: Global News

What a wonderful addition to our city ... a fully accessible sensory playground at John Dolan School officially opened Wednesday, October 10th. The playground features a wheelchair accessible swing and several textures to stimulate children with special needs.

Read some heart warming stories about this special playground. Read the CTV news story [here](#) and the Global story [here](#).

SASKATCHEWAN PROCLAIMS VETERINARY TECHNICIAN WEEK



Agriculture Minister David Marit proclaimed October 14 to 20, as Veterinary Technician Week in Saskatchewan. The week coincides with National Veterinary Technician Week in both Canada and the United States.

“Through their varied roles, veterinary technologists are key to ensuring the health and welfare of Saskatchewan’s livestock and other animals,” Marit said. “Everyone in the agriculture industry greatly appreciates the work of our veterinary technologists. Celebrating Veterinary Technician Week gives us a much-needed opportunity to recognize that work.”

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

CELEBRATING WASTE REDUCTION WEEK IN SASKATCHEWAN



Good news, Saskatchewan!

You've contributed to some impressive recycling and waste reduction in our province:

- More than **400 million beverage containers** recycled through SARCAN in 2017.
- More than **409,000 litres of paint** collected and diverted from landfills in 2017.
- More than **2,200 tonnes of waste electronics** collected and recycled in 2017.
- More than **18 million litres of used oil** and almost **two million oil filters** recycled in 2017.
- Over **480 municipalities** have blue box recycling programs, leading to more than **41,250 tonnes of printed paper and packaging materials** recycled in 2017.

Environment Minister Dustin Duncan has proclaimed October 15 to 21 as Waste Reduction Week in Saskatchewan. Throughout the week, people are encouraged to find innovative ideas and solutions to become more environmentally conscious. In its 17th year, Waste Reduction Week continues to highlight the importance of waste reduction, conservation and recycling, as well as the positive impact living green has on our environment.

“Waste Reduction Week is a chance to celebrate Saskatchewan’s achievements in developing successful recycling programs and waste management systems,” Duncan said.

Over the past year, Saskatchewan has made progress on a number of waste stewardship and recycling initiatives. Earlier in 2018, a program for the responsible management of used grain bags was launched, the first of its kind in Canada. The waste electronics program was expanded to include more items, such as microwave ovens, GPS units and game consoles.

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

PREPARATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR'S CONSTRUCTION SEASON NOW UNDERWAY



As a successful construction season comes to an end, work is already underway for next year.

“A lot has been accomplished this construction season including new passing lanes, surfacing, and bridge work,” Highways and Infrastructure Minister Lori Carr said. “We are excited that planning has begun for next season and we look forward to tackling even more important projects next year.”

Tendering capital projects early allows the ministry to secure contractors earlier, mitigate risk of inflationary pressures and allows the industry to grow and develop in a planned way.

Click [here](#) to see a list of projects to be tendered.

BRA DAY IN SASKATOON



Breast Reconstruction Education · Awareness · Access

BRA DAY
BREAST RECONSTRUCTION AWARENESS



Canadian
Cancer
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The Canadian Cancer Society presents
Breast Reconstruction Awareness Day. A FREE, annual event.

- Learn about the options available
- Connect with women who have been through it
- See real results in the Show & Tell Lounge
- Get answers to your reconstruction questions from leading breast reconstruction experts

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018
6:00 – 9:00pm

Remai Modern Art Gallery
102 Spadina Crescent East
Saskatoon, SK S7K 0L3

Register at bra-day.com today.

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Photo from Breast Cancer Support Saskatoon's post in BRA Day Saskatoon 2018

BRA (Breast Reconstruction Awareness) Day is an initiative that promotes education, awareness and access for women considering post-mastectomy breast reconstruction.

BRA Day is a FREE, annual event that brings leading breast reconstruction experts together to answer all your questions.

- **Learn about the options available**
- **Connect with women who have been through it**
- **See real results of reconstruction in the Show & Tell Lounge**
- **Get answers to your reconstruction questions**

With any questions related to this event, please contact: Deanna Ratzlaff at bradaysask@gmail.com

Register at bra-day.com today.

EVERGREEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION RAISING FUNDS FOR AN OUTDOOR RINK



The Evergreen Community Association in our constituency of Saskatoon Willowgrove saw several volunteers get together last weekend to construct a utility shed for the community out-door rink that will be located in Funk Park, behind the Sylvia Fedoruk School. Over the past few years, the

“Government has had a strong partnership with MADD Canada for many years, and we’re proud to provide them with this funding for their educational programs,” Corrections and Policing Minister Christine Tell said. “We’re always impressed by the great work that MADD Canada does, and we know that ongoing education, especially among young people, is a big part of creating the social shift needed to eliminate impaired driving.”

The funding will be used by MADD Canada for programs that educate students and their teachers about the dangers of impaired driving. This programming also provides students and teachers with strategies they can use to promote safe choices among their family and peers.

“MADD is a key ally in the Government of Saskatchewan's fight against impaired driving,” Minister Responsible for SGI Joe Hargrave said. “Saskatchewan has made significant progress when it comes to curbing impaired driving, but we need to remain vigilant. MADD's education and advocacy work in communities, in schools and in the media helps keep the issue top of mind.”

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

**AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM NOW ACCEPTING
APPLICATIONS**



Students wishing to submit an application for the 2019 Saskatchewan Agriculture Scholarship program can now do so.

“Our government is proud to support a strong participation of young Canadians in the agriculture and food industry which is essential to the future and growth of our sector,” said Lawrence MacAulay Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. “Through scholarships like these, we’re giving students the knowledge, skills and tools they need to succeed in an industry that’s growing our economy and creating well-paying jobs.”

The scholarship is funded through the Canadian Agriculture Partnership, a five-year, \$388 million investment in strategic initiatives for Saskatchewan agriculture by the federal and provincial governments.

“Agriculture is a major employer and economic driver in our province and there are many exciting career opportunities to pursue,” Agriculture Minister David Marit said. “The scholarship program is all about encouraging youth interested in agriculture to take an active role in shaping the industry.”

This year’s theme ‘Our Food Has a Story’ emphasizes the connection between modern agriculture

practices and trust in the agriculture industry. A food story ties consumers and producers together through shared values of health and nutrition, affordability, food safety and sustainability.

Application deadline is March 1, 2019. For more information, click [here](#).

RECOGNIZING SASKATCHEWAN'S TOP CADETS



Saskatchewan's top Sea Cadet Corps, Army Cadet Corps and Air Cadet Squadron are being showcased in a series of events over the next several weeks.

Saskatchewan's Provincial Military Liaison Greg Lawrence, will present the Saskatchewan Premier's Commendation of Achievement certificates and pins to the Cadets at ceremonies in Saskatoon and Regina. The top units are selected by Zone Training Officers through the use of a scoring matrix.

"The Cadet program is a wonderful opportunity for youth in Saskatchewan," Lawrence said. "Through Cadets, young people in Saskatchewan take part in a variety of environmental, citizenship and community activities, learning life and work skills that will serve them well into the future."

Read more [here](#).

NEW EXPLORATION INCENTIVE SEEKS TO ENCOURAGE SASKATCHEWAN MINING OPPORTUNITIES



The Government of Saskatchewan is now receiving applications for a new incentive to help encourage mineral exploration in targeted areas of the province.

The Targeted Mineral Exploration Incentive is designed to cover a portion of expenditures associated with ground-based exploration activities. It offers a rebate of 25 per cent of eligible direct drilling costs, up to an annual maximum of \$50,000 per company on a pro-rated basis. The incentive will focus on base metals, precious metals and diamonds - commodities that have significant unrealized potential in the province.

“As part of the Mineral Development Strategy announced in the 2017 Speech from the Throne, this incentive will help generate jobs in our northern and rural mining communities,” Energy and Resources Minister Bronwyn Eyre said. “The drilling activity this stimulates is expected to lead to new discoveries that will grow and diversify Saskatchewan’s mining sector.”

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

**PROTECTIVE SERVICE MEDALS HONOURING LONG-SERVING
EMERGENCY PROFESSIONALS PRESENTED IN REGINA**



Today Lieutenant Governor W. Thomas Molloy will be joined by Provincial Secretary Nadine Wilson to honour the latest recipients of the Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal at a ceremony in Regina. This ceremony follows medal presentations in Saskatoon earlier this month.

“It’s important we acknowledge the men and women in this province who have taken on the responsibility of keeping their communities safe,” Wilson said. “Their commitment to the people of Saskatchewan is commendable and I thank them for their service.”

The medal honours personnel with 25 years of service in Saskatchewan in the emergency services field, including police services, fire services, emergency medical services, mobile crisis services and family violence outreach services.

Read the news release [here](#).

COMING EVENTS
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



Octoberfest Dinner & Comedy Night

When: October 19

Where: German Cultural Centre, 160 Cartwright St. E

TOP 10 Reasons to Attend

Oktoberfest
Dinner & Comedy Night
Friday, October 19, 2018
Presented by **Rubicon** HEALTH SOLUTIONS

1 Sample Pilsner Craft Beer	2 Enjoy Comedian Lars Galleou	3 Be Entertained	4 Cry with LAUGHTER
5 Eat Bratwurst!	6 Pop your Pils to Oom-pah-pah	7 BID on Unique Auction Items	8 Feast on Apple Streusel!
10 Support a GREAT CAUSE! Funds raised will enhance quality of life for clients of Porteous & Stewart Lodges.		Jubilee RESIDENCES FOUNDATION	

Visit: www.jubileeresidences.ca Phone: 306.955.0234

Saskatoon Evergreen Community Association Activity

When: Tuesdays from 10 am - 11 am

Where: Evergreen Community Resource Room

Click [here](#) for additional information.



Free Community Event - Erindale Alliance Church

When: every second and fourth Thursday from 9:30 am - 11:30 am

October 11 - December 6

Where: Erindale Alliance Church

For more information, call Tracy at 306.249.3393 or click [here..](#)

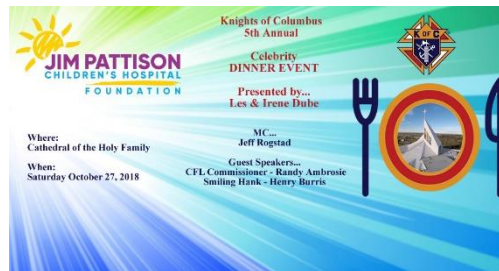


Knights of Columbus 5th Annual 2018 Celebrity Dinner

When: October 27, 5:30 pm - 10:30 pm

Where: Holy Family Cathedral, 123 Nelson Road

Click [here](#) for information



Lows in Motion - 10th Parkinson's Fundraiser

When: November 3 at 6:45 pm

Where: Prairieland Park

Click [here](#) for details



Choc 'la Cure - Celebrating 12 years!

When: November 3, 6 pm

Where: Dutch Growers

Click [here](#) for details

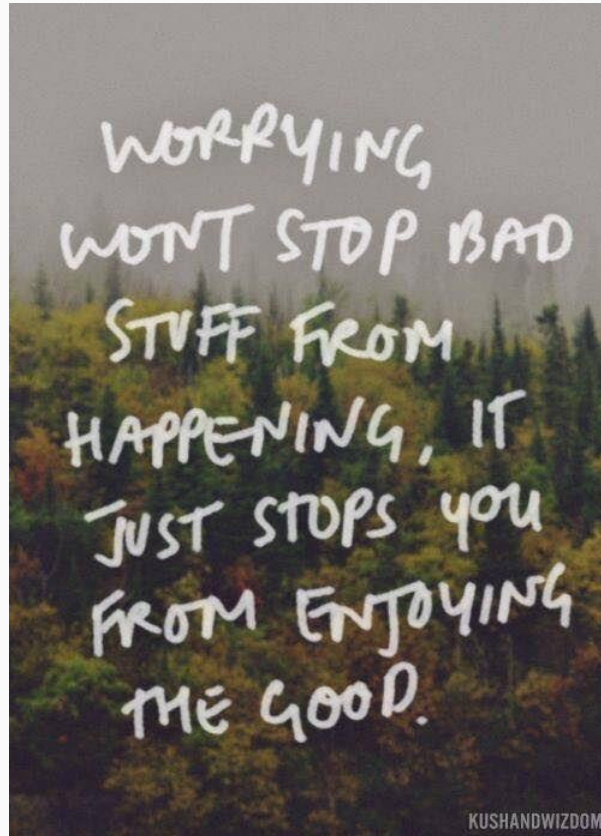


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THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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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.

"From a Provincial Point of View" is a weekly message from Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA Saskatoon Willowgrove. Your opinions are important and your letters, emails, and phone calls on any issues relating to the provincial government are welcomed.

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