

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



Provincial Point of View

October 18, 2016
Another busy week in Saskatchewan!

MERLIS BELSHER PLACE ANNOUNCED!

Belsher's gift is the largest donation from an alumnus and individual in the university's history!



It was indeed an exciting day as many gathered in the existing home of Huskie men's and women's hockey, Rutherford Rink October 13. I was pleased to join University officials, alumni, hockey aficionados, Huskie athletes and minor hockey representatives as plans were announced for the new twin-ice facility to be built on the University of Saskatchewan campus near the Saskatoon Field House.

Saskatoon Willowgrove constituent Merlis Belsher announced a \$12.25 million donation to the

proposed new arena. The donation is the largest received from an alumnus and individual in university's history. Merlis Belsher is an accomplished accountant, lawyer, entrepreneur and philanthropist. For as long as I have known Merlis, he has given back to this community. His generosity and passion for people, this city and province is a true reflection of his character.

“Sports are inextricably interwoven with education,” he said. “Sports keep young kids off the streets, and get them involved in community.” said Belsher.

Built in 1929 and affectionately called the “Dog House”, Rutherford Rink has fallen well below the standard of quality required for a competitive university athletic program. Student intramural and community-based programs and teams also experience challenges with the outdated facility. Although renovated numerous times, it has been clear for many years that Rutherford is beyond repair.

Belsher was honoured to kick off the campaign with his unprecedented contribution to his alma mater while hoping others will consider contributing to the \$7.3 M still needed for the Home Ice Campaign. The announcement marked the public launch of the Home Ice Campaign which will look to the community for additional financial support. To make a donation to the Home Ice Campaign, [click here](#).

“I made this donation because of my gratitude for the University of Saskatchewan—it provided me with confidence and education in two professions,” he said. “That was my doorway to a satisfying career in the manufacturing industry.”

The new ice facility will be called Merlis Belsher Place in honour of the historic donation.

To read more about the facility and the opening of *Merlis Belsher Place*, click [here](#). I encourage you to read more about the life of Merlis Belsher by clicking [here](#).



HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THREE PEOPLE WHO WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICE



This past week has been emotional as family and friends say good bye to three distinguished citizens who have served their communities, cities and provinces with passion.

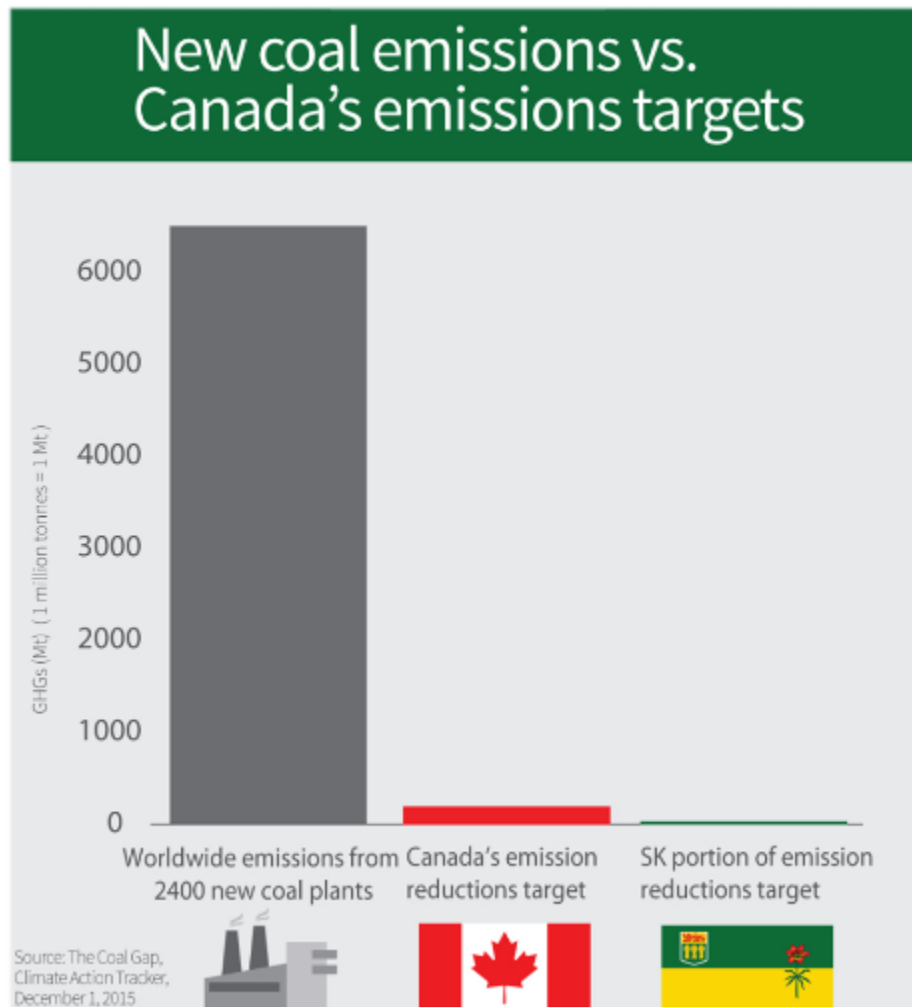
Shirley Ryan worked tirelessly for our city and province. She was a fiery, passionate, quick-minded and opinionated woman who will be long remembered for her work with the community and NSBA.

Jim Prentice, former Premier of Alberta and Federal Cabinet Minister lost his life tragically in a plane crash. His commitment to those he served will long be remembered.

Terry Hincks was a long time city councillor in Regina and will be remembered for his involvement in the sports community and for his passion and commitment to the city of Regina. He lost his hard fought battle with cancer last weekend.

I extend my condolences to the Ryan, Prentice and Hincks families. Shirley Ryan, Terry Hincks and Jim Prentice had something in common ... their commitment, dedication, service and love of community made this world a better place. The positive memories will live on for eternity.

PREMIER BRAD WALL OUTLINES SASKATCHEWAN'S PLAN FOR CLIMATE CHANGE



Premier Brad Wall today released Saskatchewan's White Paper on Climate Change, outlining an alternative approach to Prime Minister Trudeau's national carbon tax.

"There are three approaches we can take to fighting climate change – adaptation, innovation and taxation," Wall said. "Of the three, a carbon tax will do the most harm to the economy while having the least positive impact on reducing emissions.

"We should be focusing our efforts on innovation and adaptation, not taxation."

Wall noted that there are more than 2,400 new coal-fired power plants planned or under construction around the world, according to a report released last December at the Paris climate change summit. Those plants alone will emit 6.5 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂) a year – nearly nine times Canada's annual Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions.

Please take time to read the entire news release [here](#).

You can read the white paper here: <http://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../2016/oct.../18/climate-change-plan>

GOVERNMENT APPROVES SASKENERGY RATE CHANGES FOR NOVEMBER 1; SECOND BILL DECREASE FOR NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS IN 2016



The Government of Saskatchewan October 12 approved SaskEnergy's adjustments to both its Commodity and Delivery Service rates, as recommended by the Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel. Starting November 1, 2016, residential customers will see an overall decrease of nearly two per cent per month or \$15 annually to their heating bills. This follows a decrease of \$53 annually, which came into effect January 1, 2016.

"When you add the savings from earlier this year to this latest decrease, residential customers

will see their natural gas bill shrink by \$68 annually,” Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Dustin Duncan said. “I’m pleased we’re able to pass on savings to customers as we head into the winter heating season. SaskEnergy also offers price protection, which shields customers against market volatility at a time of year when they’re using most of their natural gas.”

Read more [here](#).

"BREAK OUT THE WEST" KICK OFF!



As Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport I had the great pleasure of attending the opening ceremonies of Breakout West on behalf of Premier Brad Wall and the government of Saskatchewan. The 2016 festival featured many talented individuals and groups that entertained in Regina October 13 - 16. Creative Saskatchewan was a sponsor of this incredible event. I've heard great reviews from many people that had the opportunity to attend and hear the outstanding performances.

COMMUNITY GARDEN IN SUTHERLAND TAKING NAMES FOR NEXT YEAR'S GARDEN PLOT!



As the third season of the SFG Community Garden comes to an end, the group is thankful for their gar-den-ers and those in the community who have supported this project. Reaching near full capacity, over forty gar-den-ers have had a productive year. This year they started some on-site composing, participated in the City's Green Bin pro-gram, and rotated some different crops into the "corn" plot, including some strawberries for the neighbourhood kids (of all ages) to enjoy. If you are interested in obtaining a plot next year and are not already on the contact list, please contact the Garden at sfgcommunitygarden@gmail.com or 306-373-2421.

ITS RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS DAY NOVEMBER 4



This year we celebrate Random Act of Kindness Day on November 4! RAK Day is the is a chance for Saskatonians to remind each other why we love our great city and show each other kindness and compassion!

Driven by a dedicated committee of volunteers in the business community, we are proud to say this this is the fourth annual RAK Day in Saskatoon!

What is RAK Day?

It is a city wide celebration of kindness promoting a 'pay it forward' movement in the community that takes place annually on the first Friday in November. It is not a fundraising activity and no solicitation occurs during this event. RAK Day is meant to be a fun and simple way to encourage unexpected moments of kindness in our community.

How does it work?

Do something nice for someone and ask nothing more than for that person to pay it forward. We have created RAK Day 'Pay it Forward' cards that can be left behind so that person has the information they need to also participate in RAK Day. Pay it Forward cards are available for pick up at the Saskatoon Community Foundation office at 101 – 308 4th Ave North.

Not sure how to show your kindness? Get a group together and plan a neighbourhood clean-up. Volunteer at a charity. Shovel someone's walk. Compliment a stranger. We have a list of 101 acts of kindness to get your started.

Sign up to be a Kindness Crew in 2016 and spread the kindness. We can provide Kindness Crews Pay it Forward cards so you can encourage others to be a part of Random Act of Kindness Day. We would love to promote the good work you are doing on our social media channels on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Click [here](#) for additional information

**ADVANCE POLLS FOR THE 2016 CIVIC ELECTION ARE OPEN
NOW**

ELECTION



To learn more about candidates and see where the advance polling stations are for the 2016 Saskatoon Civic Election, please click [here](#).

SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATURE TO RECONVENE OCTOBER 19



The First Session of the Twenty-Eighth Legislature resumes tomorrow, Wednesday, October 19, at 1:30 pm. I'm looking forward to serving you in the legislature. Please watch this newsletter for details about what our government will focus on this sitting.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION CONTINUING DESPITE EARLY SNOWFALL



Despite snow recently hitting Saskatchewan, motorists are reminded to watch for construction zones, as bridge, culvert and some grading projects can continue in colder temperatures.

“People travelling in colder weather are reminded to continue to watch for road work zones,” Highways and Infrastructure Minister David Marit said. “Please obey all construction signs so crews working in freezing temperatures get home safely.”

Click [here](#) to read more and to see photos.

MACKENZIE FIRBY - GUEST AT SHAKEN WITH A TWIST



Saskatoon Willowgrove constituent Mackenzie Firby was this month's Shaken with a Twist guest. It was a pleasure to attend this fun event to hear Mackenzie talk about her journey to becoming a successful entrepreneur.

Two Fifty Two Boutique is owned and operated by Mackenzie. Mackenzie has always had a love of fashion and wanted to bring her favorite brands to Saskatoon. She excels in superior customer service and employs friendly and outgoing stylist that share her passions to ensure the Two Fifty Two experience is second to none. This year, Mackenzie was awarded two SABEX Awards for Best in Customer Service and New Business Venture. Congratulations Mackenzie! To learn more about Two Fifty Two Boutique, click [here](#).

SUMMER STUDENT PROGRAM



While it may be fall now, it's never too soon to start thinking about next summer. The Government of Saskatchewan is the largest student employer in the province, providing more than 1000 students with summer work in 2016. A variety of great summer jobs are available including delivering programs and services in government offices, building and repairing highways, and maintaining our beautiful provincial parks - to name only a few!

Be one of them - apply now! Click [here](#) for details.

EDUCATION WEEK 2016: CELEBRATING TODAY, PREPARING FOR TOMORROW



The Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed October 16-22, 2016 as Education Week in Saskatchewan.

October 17, Deputy Premier and Education Minister Don Morgan was at École Lakeview School in Saskatoon to celebrate with staff and students.

“The future of our province depends on having an educated and skilled workforce and the work of preparing our youth for that future is happening every day in our schools,” Morgan said. “This fall, I had the opportunity to visit schools across the province, to meet staff and students, and to

see firsthand the important work that goes into supporting student success. I encourage all residents to join me in celebrating our students and education professionals this week.”

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

SASKATCHEWAN CELEBRATES SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY

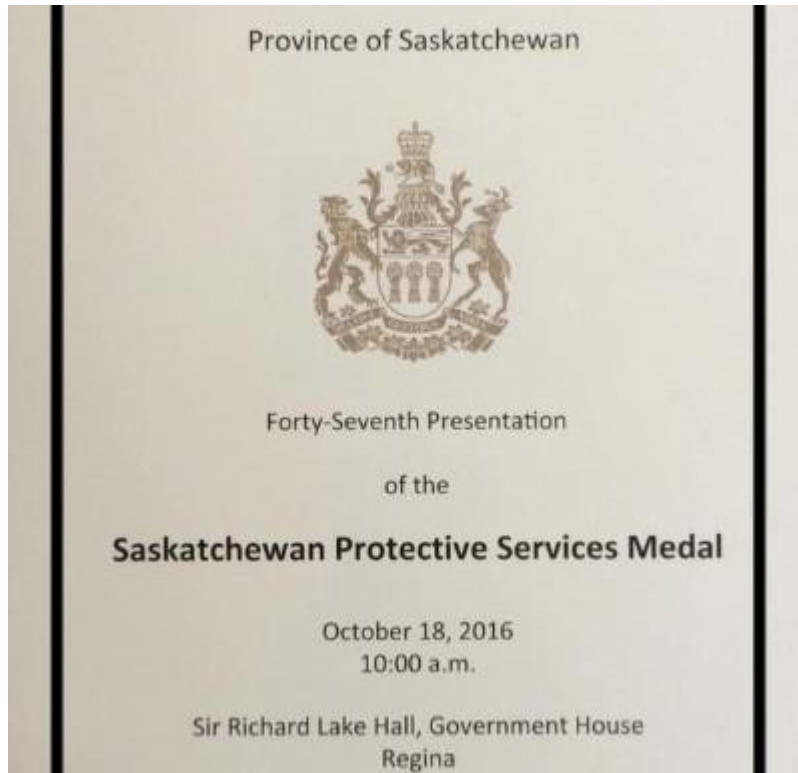


Deputy Premier and Education Minister Don Morgan has proclaimed October 17 as School Bus Driver Appreciation Day in Saskatchewan. Celebrated since 2010, School Bus Driver Appreciation Day is observed on the first day of Education Week, October 16 – 22, to recognize the important role that school bus drivers play in safely transporting students to and from school.

“The safety of Saskatchewan students is always our top priority and our province’s school bus drivers deserve to be recognized and celebrated for their role in ensuring student safety,” Morgan said. “I encourage parents, students and school staff to take some time today to acknowledge our bus drivers for their important work and dedication to our students.”

Read more [here](#).

PROVINCE HONOURS THOSE WITH OUTSTANDING CAREERS IN THE PROTECTIVE SERVICES



Today, Provincial Secretary Nadine Wilson joined Lieutenant Governor Vaughn Solomon Schofield to present the Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal to outstanding individuals who have devoted 25 years or more to protecting the people of Saskatchewan.

“It is a pleasure to acknowledge the men and women who have devoted their lives to keeping residents safe and protected,” Wilson said. “These everyday heroes can be found all across our province whenever we need them: preventing crime in our neighbourhoods, extinguishing fires in our communities, providing emergency medical care for our loved ones, offering compassion, and delivering countless services on which we all rely.”

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

Note: Many honoured were residents of Saskatoon. Congratulations to the worthy recipients!

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTAKULAR!



The Second Annual
Quinn Stevenson **QS**
Halloween Spooktakular

SUTHERLAND HALL - FRIDAY OCTOBER 21/2016
8PM TO 2AM

FEATURING MYLES AWAY ENTERTAINMENT
TICKETS \$25
All proceeds go to Quinn Stevenson Memorial Fund

Come and enjoy a great evening with the community, friends and family. This night has proven to be a night of great memories. Bring your best, as costumes are a MUST! The most fun of the evening is finding your friends!

Get your tickets at the Redwings Hockey Day Oct.8/2016
OR contact Camey (306)280-3635 Kris (306)291-7149

Midnight Lunch

Friday, October 21 Sutherland Hall will be the location of a fun night! You can attend a Halloween Cabaret for \$25/ ticket. There will be MylesAwayEntertainment and proceeds go to the Quinn Stevenson Memorial Athletic and Spirit Trust.

See details on the poster above!

PLEASE NOTE DATES
ERINDALE ALLIANCE CHURCH FAMILY EVENTS!



Friday, October 28 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, join family and friends at the Erindale Alliance Church Family Fun Night. Enjoy supper together with other families and then onto an event for the rest of the evening. Events include games, crafts or other entertainment. Whatever it is, it will be fun. This evening is FREE but registration is required. Please call the church office at 306.249.3393



What a great evening of fun for families, especially children aged 3-12. Carnival games, prizes and treat bags will be handed out in the church gym. Come dressed in your favourite costume and ready for an exciting evening. The games begin at 5:00 pm and will be open until 8:00, **October 31**. Must have a parent accompanied. Click [here](#) for additional information.

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@

[Second Annual Quinn Stevenson Halloween Spooktakular](#)

When: October 21

Where: Sutherland Hall

For tickets call 306.280.3635 or 306.291.7149



[Community Information Night - Saskatoon Police Service](#)

When: October 27, 7 - 9 pm

Where: Community Room, Saskatoon Police Service 76-25th St. E

Information on drugs, guns, gangs, citizen patrol and personal safety

Click [here](#) to see additional Police Service Upcoming Events

Contact Constable Kim Robson at 306-975-2265 for further information



[Knights of Columbus 3rd Annual Celebrity Dinner](#)

When: October 28

Where: Holy Family Cathedral, 123 Nelson Road

Click [here](#) for additional information



2016 Abex Awards

When: October 22

Where: TCU Place

For information, click www.saskchamber.com.



FREE Family Fun Night

When: October 28

Where: Erindale Alliance Church

Call the Church office for information at 306

249.3393



Kids October Festival

When: October 31

Where: Erindale Alliance Church

When: 5 - 8 pm

Free drop in - must have a parent accompanied



Choc'La Cure - Celebrating 10 Years!

When: November 4, cocktails 6 pm, supper 7 pm

Where: Dutch Growers Garden Centre

Click [here](#) for information and to get your tickets!



Random Act of Kindness Day

When: November 4

Where: Everywhere!

Click [here](#) for additional information




[Lows in Motion](#)

When: November 5

Where: Prairieland Park

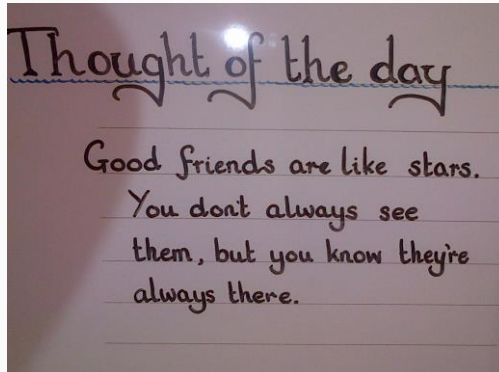
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I appreciate the many opportunities to make a positive difference in my constituency. Your phone calls, letters, and emails make a big difference in keeping me informed on the issues that matter to you.

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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