

Provincial Point of View

October 30, 2014

4A FOOTBALL SEMI-FINALS: ST. JOSEPH GUARDIANS VS CENTENNIAL CHARGERS





It will be an exciting football game tonight as our two constituency high schools, the St. Joseph Guardians and the Centennial Chargers, go head to head in the City 4A Football Semi-Finals!

Game time is 7:30 p.m. on the Saskatoon Minor Football Field at Gordie Howe Bowl. I hope you are able to make it out to the game and support our high school athletes!

Good luck to both teams!

FUNDING FOR INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARHIPS

On October 29, Advanced Education Minister Kevin Doherty announced \$5 million for the Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarships (SIOS) program. This amount is to be matched by scholarship funding raised by post-secondary institutions, the private sector and community based partners.

"Our government is providing substantial assistance to students so that they can complete their

studies, transition directly into employment and participate in Saskatchewan's growing economy," Doherty said. "This scholarship is especially helpful to students in emerging fields of study where innovative work is being done."

More than 3,900 Innovation and Opportunity scholarships were awarded in 2013-14. The average value of the SIOS scholarship is \$2,200 per student.

Nearly 10,000 SIOS have been awarded since the program was launched in 2011. The government has allocated \$18 million for this program, with an additional \$11 million in matched donations.

Funding for Innovation and Opportunity Scholarships

6TH ANNUAL LOWS IN MOTION PARKINSON'S SHAKER



Do you have your tickets for The 6th Annual Lows in Motion Parkinson's Shaker taking place Saturday, November 1, at Prairieland Park?

Trish and I look forward to attending this incredible fundraiser. The evening is always action packed and really is unlike any other fundraising event!

Entertainment for the night includes comedian Bob Marley and Saskatoon's own Nokyo. There is also a live auction, silent auction, and raffle held throughout the festivities.

The Lows in Motion Parkinson's Shaker is recognized as Canada's most attended Parkinson's fundraising event, raising over \$250,000 in the past five years! All of those proceeds going directly to the Parkinson's Society of Saskatchewan.

If you haven't already purchased your tickets, time is running out! Visit the <u>Lows in Motion Parkinson's Shaker</u> website to purchase tickets.

MILITARY HERITAGE PROJECT HONOURS SECOND WORLD WAR VETERANS

On October 28, the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport premiered Stories of Courage: Saskatchewan Second World War Veterans Remember, a series of eight videos presenting the oral histories of 17 Saskatchewan residents who served during the Second World War.

The project started when community advocates asked the Government of Saskatchewan to help preserve our province's military heritage before it was lost. Together, three priorities were established: organizing a new provincial military heritage committee, developing an oral history project using video and integrating information about military heritage into the Saskatchewan curriculum.

"These oral histories will help future generations gain a sense of what life was like in Saskatchewan during the war, the values that led our country to join in the fight, and why the veterans who shared their stories so readily volunteered to serve," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Mark Docherty said. "You can draw a direct line from that generation's valour to the spirit of the Canadian military today as we honour the lives of the two soldiers killed last week defending our freedoms."

The videos, along with a new teaching guide containing detailed lesson plans for each video, will be placed in the provincial social studies curriculum for teachers to use in the classroom. They can be viewed online at www.saskatchewan.ca/storiesofcourage/.

Military Heritage Project Honours Second World War Veterans

TWO FIFTY TWO BOUTIQUE GRAND OPENING



Congratulations to Mackenzie Firby and the entire team at "Two Fifty Two Boutique" located in University Heights. The store held their grand opening last Saturday!

I encourage everyone to stop by this fantastic new business in our community. The store features great styles for every season and friendly faces to help you pick out just the right outfit.

It is great to see young entrepreneurs in our community contributing to the growth of our city and province.

I always enjoy having the opportunity to feature new businesses in my newsletter. If you are opening a new business in the community and would like it featured, please let us know. We are always excited to share the news!

CONSUMER ADVISORY - TIMESHARE SCAMS

The Consumer Protection Division of the Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority reminds consumers to be aware of timeshare sales fraud. Companies claiming to sell timeshares for properties in Mexico are soliciting in Saskatchewan.

Complaints have been received against Lakebridge Realty and Minne Realty in Canada and the United States.

Consumers have complained that no goods or services were received after payment and the companies did not return calls.

Red flags:

- Upfront fees unless specified in the contract, buyers typically only pay 'closing fees' on property sales. Be wary if you are asked to pay "advanced appraisal fees", "transfer fees" or "taxes and liens."
- High pressure sales timeshares are generally a buyers' market. If a company pressures
 you to "buy now or lose out on a limited time offer," you should be wary.

Protect yourself:

- Do business with well-established companies with a long track record.
- Don't wire money to people you don't know.
- . Check with the Better Business Bureau and research the company for free online
- Learn more from the Consumer Handbook
 at www.consumerhandbook.ca/en/topics/housing/timeshares.

Consumer Advisory - Timeshare Scams

PASSPORT CLINIC



Brad Trost, MP Saskatoon-Humboldt is hosting a Passport Clinic on Saturday, November 22, by appointment only.

Don't forget to check your Canadian Passport expiry date before booking that warm weather trip! This is a great opportunity to renew your passport!

If you take advantage of the MP Passport services, a photographer is available on-site and your fully completed application is reviewed by knowledgeable staff to minimize errors. Applications are then forwarded to the MP Section at Passport Canada.

Visit <u>www.bradtrost.ca</u> for full details or call (306) 975-6133 to book your Passport Application appointment today.

HAPPY HALLOWE'EN!



I hope everyone has a fun and safe Hallowe'en, with more treats than tricks!

Motorists. Please remember our youngsters are excited so remember to drive slowly and watch carefully for the little pumpkins, ghosts, goblins, and princesses that will be filling up their treat bags!

HALLOWE'EN TREATS

- Why did Dracula's mother give him cough medicine?
 - O Because he was having a coffin fit!
- What do you call a ghost with a broken leg?
 - A hobblin' gobblin!
- What do you call two spiders that just got married
 - Newlywebbed!

JUST THE LINKS

- October 27, 2014 Violence Prevention Week Proclaimed in Saskatchewan
- October 27, 2014 <u>Saskatchewan's Best Job Ever Offered Again in 2015</u>

- October 28, 2014 Premier Takes Province's Agriculture and Energy Story to India
- October 29, 2014 Revised Child Abuse Protocol Protects Saskatchewan Children
- October 29, 2014 Increased Protection for Victims of Violence and Abuse

COMING EVENTS

Lows in Motion Shaker

Date: November 1

Where: Prairieland Park When: 7 pm - 2 am

Saskatoon Parent and Tot Expo

Date: November 1

Where: Prairieland Park When: 10 am - 4 pm

Artisan's Craft Market

Date: November 7 - 8

Where: German Cultural Club When: 6 pm - 9 pm; 10 am - 8 pm

Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Date: November 11
Where: SaskTel Centre

When: 10 am

Passport Clinic

Date: November 22

Where: Saskatoon-Humboldt MP, Brad Trost's Office (505B Nelson Rd)

When: By Appointment

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"To the mind that is still, the whole universe surrenders."

~ Lao Tzu

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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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