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Provincial Point of View

June 13, 2017
Happy Father's Day Weekend!

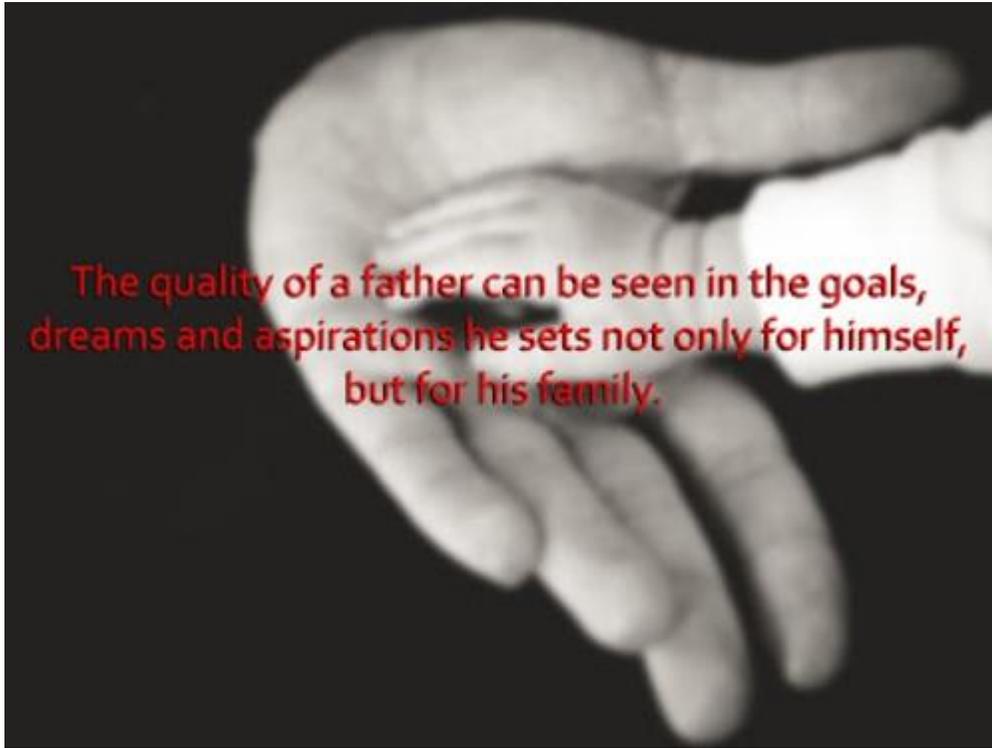


Happy Father's day to all dads, grandpas and "father figures" this weekend.

A few things your dad may not have told you:

- *He loves you more than you'll ever know*
- *Every time you're upset, his heart sinks*
- *He smiles knowing you are his child*
 - *You could never disappoint him*
- *Being your dad is the best thing that has ever happened to him*
 - *You make his life so much more meaningful*
 - *You are his pride and joy*

- *He will always be there for you through good times and bad*



I think one of the best things in life is being called "dad". Thanks Carter and Paige! Wishing everyone a fantastic Father's Day weekend and hoping you get to spend time with your kids.

BIOBLITZ CANADA 150 HELD IN REGINA JUNE 9 - 10



Last weekend I was pleased to participate in the kick of the unique and important BioBlitz Canada 150: Regina on behalf of Premier Brad Wall and the Government of Saskatchewan. Participants had the rare opportunity to work directly with scientists and specialists to help gather data for a national database.

In Saskatchewan we are fortunate to have beautiful lakes, rivers, forests and prairies, and hundreds of parks and natural spaces to enjoy. This was a fantastic event for our province's citizens to take part in and I sincerely thanked the organizers, volunteers and participants for making it happen. There was a great turnout and fantastic contributions were made to BioBlitz Canada 150. Please read more on the Royal Saskatchewan Museum Website by clicking [here](#).

**CONGRATULATIONS SASKATCHEWAN'S MURAD AL-KATIB - EY
WORLD ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR 2017**



Photo credit: Troy Fleece / Regina Leader Post/ Regina Leader Post

Saskatoon Star Phoenix: Murad Al-Katib, founder of AGT Foods, bested a field of 59 candidates for the EY World Entrepreneur of the Year 2017 on Saturday.

Al-Katib was named this year's winner at a ceremony in Monaco. He was picked from among the 59 country winners from 49 countries also in contention for the award.

The decision to give the award to Al-Katib was unanimous, according to the chair of the judging panel, Jim Nixon, who is the chairman and CEO of Nixon Energy Investments.

“Murad is an incredible entrepreneur who has demonstrated outstanding value creation, organizational reach and expansion. Through sustainable agricultural practices, he is making a positive impact on the global environment,” Nixon said in a statement.

Al-Katib, the president and CEO of the Saskatchewan based company, founded AGT Food and Ingredients in 2003. It's one of the world's largest suppliers of pulses in the world.

**IT WAS GREAT TO MEET WITH SASKATCHEWAN ASSOCIATION
OF RECREATION PROFESSIONALS TODAY**



Left to right: Stacey DeDelly, Executive Administrative Assistant, myself, Jasmine Jackman, Executive Director, and Vickie Clarke, Board Chair

I had the opportunity today to meet with members of the Saskatchewan Association of Recreation Professionals (SARP) at the legislature. SARP is a strong advocate for the recreation sector. It was a pleasure to hear from this group, who are passionate about recreation and ensuring the Recreation Professional is portrayed as a priority in communities across the province.

ERINDALE ALLICANCE CHURCH COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE



Erindale Alliance Church Community is having a Garage Sale! You may leave them your donations July 10-14 (8:30-4:00) or call 306.249.3393 to book a table and sell your own stuff!

Mark you calendar for Saturday, July 15 (8am-2pm) – Rain or Shine. Plan to attend this sale at Erindale Alliance Church - 310 Pehudoff Crescent. There will be a concession available.

K + S BETHUNE MINE PRODUCES ITS 1ST TONNE OF POTASH



Premier Brad Wall, "The first tonne of potash from the first potash mine to open in Saskatchewan in 40 years!"

Billions invested. Thousands of jobs created for Saskatchewan families. Congrats to K+S on their world-class mine in Bethune."

600,000 to 700.000 tonnes of potash expected to be mined at Bethune this year! Click [here](#) to read the CBC news article.

SASK SPORT ANNUAL MEETING



It was a pleasure to join Kevin Gilroy, Chief Executive Officer, Sask Sport, Donna Schmidt, Executive Assistant, Sask Sport and members of the sports community, staff and volunteers at the 45th Annual General Meeting of Sask Sport Inc. last Saturday in Regina.

Sask Sport is an important organization in our province and on behalf of Premier Brad Wall and the Government of Saskatchewan, it was an honour to thank this organization that is dedicated to the continued growth and development of sport in Saskatchewan.

Sask Sport greatly contributes to our province's vibrant quality of life. The pride and passion that sport creates brings our people and communities together. Individuals, volunteers, Sask Sport staff, representatives of sports organizations and the thousands of coaches and officials in our province help teach values such as teamwork, dedication and inclusion. Everyone involved plays a significant part in enabling our citizens to lead healthy, happy and active lifestyles.

NEW COMMUTER PARKEWAY AND TRAFFIC BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION TAKING SHAPE

BRIDGING TO TOMORROW

Saskatoon's new Traffic Bridge and North Commuter Parkway are literally taking shape. The [Bridging to Tomorrow](#) project began a year and a half ago and both bridges remain on schedule to be complete in October 2018. The six-lane North Commuter Parkway will connect Saskatoon's Marquis Industrial Area to neighbourhoods on the east-side. It will also accommodate pedestrians and cyclists.

"At the North Commuter Parkway, the structural steel for the west half of the bridge is in place and work is ongoing on the final in-river pier," says Dan Willems, Special Projects Manager for Major

Projects and Preservation. “Once the final pier is finished, the structural steel for the east half of the bridge will be installed. Crews are also installing deck panels on the west half of the bridge.”

Before the North Commuter Parkway can open, new roads and upgrades to existing ones are also necessary. The twinning of Central Avenue continues, and the McOrmond Drive extension is well underway. The new Traffic Bridge looks similar to the old traffic bridge but is four spans and is slightly wider and taller in order to accommodate wider traffic lanes, wider pathways on both sides, and overhead clearance for emergency vehicles. Once complete, it will once again serve as a convenient link for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists crossing the South Saskatchewan River.

“All of the structural steel is now in place on the Traffic Bridge and work is ongoing to install the deck panels which create the ‘subfloor’ of the new bridge. By the end of summer, all of the deck panels will be installed. The asphalt driving surface and adjacent landscaping will be completed in the summer of 2018,” says Willems.

Bridging to Tomorrow project updates, including detailed monthly summaries, links to live cameras at each bridge site, and quarterly video updates, are available at saskatoon.ca/bridging. In person, anyone can watch Traffic Bridge progress at the River Landing viewing area. North Commuter Parkway construction can be viewed from the Meewasin Trail just east of the cul-de-sac at the north end of Kinnear Avenue (north of Silverwood Golf Course).

URBAN HOUSING STARTS
May 2017

#2 in Canada

Year-over-year
up 57.9%
vs Canada up 2.5%

Source: Statistics Canada

Saskatchewan

Premier Brad Wall, "As Saskatchewan's population continues to grow, so does the demand for housing.

Urban housing starts are up a massive 57% vs 2% nationally.

Great news for the construction industry and shows momentum building in our economy."



Premier Brad Wall, "“June Place”, a new [Oxford House Regina](#) home we opened last week in partnership with the federal government, is named in honour of former Social Services Minister June Draude. Thanks June for your many years of service to not only the Oxford House Society of Regina, but for all your hard work to improve the lives of Saskatchewan people."

MOTORCYCLE RIDE FOR DAD SATURDAY, JUNE 17!



The annual Motorcycle Ride for Dad takes place this Saturday, June 17. Registration is from 8 - 10 am at the Western Development Museum, 2610 Lorne Avenue South.

The ride includes a poker run, lunch, door prizes, and much more; all while helping raise money to fight Prostate Cancer in Saskatoon!

Please join the organizers for pancake breakfast starting at 8am at the Western development museum. Proceeds go to the fight against prostate cancer.

The parade starts at 10:45 am sharp and proceeds through the city to the Lawson Heights Mall. They will head NW on Highway #16 to Radisson. From there riders will head North on Highway #340 to Hafford where they will stop for lunch and some camaraderie. The ride continues East on highway #40 to Blaine lake for another poker stop and then back to Saskatoon on Highway #12 for a total distance of 222 Km. The ride will conclude at the Royal Canadian Legion #362, 3021 Louise St. in Nutana for refreshments and prizes.

Click [here](#) for contact information.

SASKATCHEWAN SIGNS ON TO FEDERAL EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE FRAMEWORK



June 12, Deputy Premier and Education Minister Don Morgan joined his federal, provincial and territorial counterparts in Ottawa to announce that Saskatchewan will be working together on an Early Learning and Child Care Framework agreement. This sets the groundwork to provide a multi-

year federal investment to continue improving access and affordability to early learning programs and child care for children and families in Saskatchewan.

“We are very happy to be working together with our counterparts across the country and are pleased that the federal government is providing this long-term investment to help continue to increase the availability of high-quality, inclusive and affordable early learning programs and child care here in Saskatchewan,” Morgan said. “We know that investing in children during their early years is important to ensuring that all children may grow to meet their full potential.”

Read the news release [here](#).

**SASKATCHEWAN'S KELSEY FITCH CHOSEN TO REPRESENT
SASKATCHEWAN IN THE CANADIAN COUNTRY MUSIC
ASSOCIATION'S SPOTLIGHT PERFORMANCE CONTEST!**




Kelsey Fitch

Saskatchewan's Kelsey Fitch has been chosen to represent Saskatchewan in the Canadian Country Music Association's Spotlight Performance Contest!

An online voting poll against 8 other country artists from across Canada, vying for an expense paid trip to the Canadian country music week in Saskatoon Sept 6-10, as well as a performance spot at a CCMA sanctioned event!

This opportunity is HUGE for Kelsey. If she wins, she will network with industry professionals who will be in attendance, have the chance to perform on a stage alongside big Canadian country music acts, and could potentially be a career launching moment.

Lets show Canada how amazing Saskatchewan support is!! Click [here](#) to vote or go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JVT83S7>. Voting is easy, one click, and one vote per device. Voting is open from June 7th - June 16th!! So make sure to vote, share, and tell all your friends to vote as well!!

MAY JOB GROWTH



Released on June 9, 2017 There were 1,300 more jobs in Saskatchewan last month compared to May 2016, according to Statistics Canada data released today. Compared to last month, there were 2,100 more people working in the province (seasonally adjusted).

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in May was 6.3 per cent in Saskatchewan, the fourth lowest among the provinces. The national unemployment rate for May was 6.6 per cent.

“Our economy continues to create jobs,” Economy Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “Over the past four months we have seen positive job growth in the province. While our labour market is showing strength and resilience, other economic indicators demonstrate momentum such as wholesale trade, urban housing starts, manufacturing sales, merchandise exports and retail sales. A recent forecast

by the Conference Board of Canada suggests our economy this year will have one of the highest growth rates in the country, in part due to our economy's diversification."

Read the highlights [here](#).

THE 4TH IN THE 11 AMAZING PLACES YOU HAD NO IDEA WERE IN SASKATCHEWAN - VALLEY OF 1,000 DEVILS



WE IN SASKATCHEWAN take a great deal of pride in our home province. Yes, we've got those famed wheat fields of the southern prairies — but there's also the lesser-known lakes and forests of the central and northern parklands. Saskatchewan's landscape is nothing if not diverse, complete with plunging chasms and soaring cliffs, shifting sand dunes, and the sharpness of the Canadian Shield. Below, you'll discover just a few of the amazing places you had no idea were hiding right here.

This is the FOURTH of the eleven amazing places in Saskatchewan we're highlighting in each newsletter if you're anxious to see them all, please click [here!](#)

The buttes and badlands of southern Saskatchewan hold a beauty all their own, and the best place to behold it is in the Killdeer Badlands in the East Block of [Grasslands National Park](#). Pick your own path southwest of McGowan's Visitor Centre at Rock Creek Campground, and hike for roughly an hour and a half across one of the last remaining patches of pure prairie, until the plains give way to a vast array of red clay hoodoos, flat-topped buttes, and other whimsical wind-sculpted formations set stark against the sky.

Hiking through this dry and dusty region, you may run into mule deer or short-horned lizards, or see a golden eagle fly overhead. You're also likely to stumble on some dinosaur bones or marine fossils

from the area's prehistoric past. It's these big bones and haunting hoodoos that give this area of the Badlands its name: Valley of 1,000 Devils.

PS: There's quicksand in this part of the park, so pick your path carefully!

**STILL TIME TO GET YOUR TICKETS TO THE ROAST OF BARRY
FIRBY!**

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Retirement
ROAST

SAT. JUNE 17
KENASTON
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- ♦ DINNER
- ♦ LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS
- ♦ AND MORE!

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COME OUT TO SUPPORT KENASTON & RAISE FUNDS FOR THE POOL, RINK & KENASTON PLACE!

**INAUGURAL SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDER FOOTBALL GAME
HELD AT THE NEW MOSAIC STADIUM!**

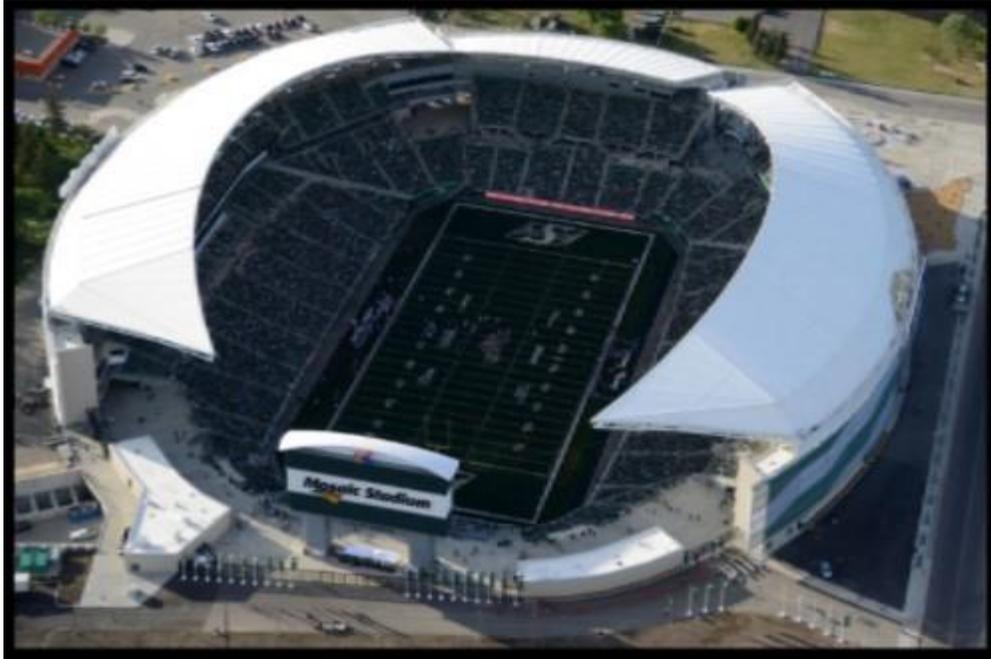


Photo credit: Ken Sawatsky & Ron Garnett

A sell out crowd was in attendance at the inaugural game in the New Mosaic Stadium last weekend. The Saskatchewan Roughriders and the Winnipeg Bombers ended in a tie in the pre-season opener. The stadium is an incredible facility!

DOOR-TO-DOOR DRIVEWAY REPAIR SCAMS



Released on June 9, 2017 Consumers are advised to be cautious when it comes to unsolicited driveway paving offers. If a contractor comes to your door asking to pave, patch or apply a protective treatment to your driveway, you should immediately ask to see a direct seller's license number. Door-to-door salespersons are required to be licensed under *The Direct Sellers Act*. You can confirm a contractor's license is valid at www.fcaa.gov.sk.ca/fcaa411/.

Red Flags:

- The price sounds too good to be true;
- High pressure sales—if the sales representative pressures you to “act now or lose out on a limited time offer”, and
- The salesperson requires you to pay a substantial down payment before providing any services.

Protect yourself: Check the validity of the licence number on FCAA411.

- Get everything in writing and create a formal contract with clear expectations of the work to be done and the timeframe that the work has to be completed in.
- Do not hand over a blank cheque.

Contact Consumer Protection Division

If consumers have questions about hiring a contractor doing door-to-door sales, they can find more information at <http://fcaa.gov.sk.ca/drivewayrepairs>. They can call toll free at 1-877-880-5550 or email

at consumerprotection@gov.sk.ca.



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WUHCA Summer Yoga in the Park

When: Tuesdays 6 pm-7 pm, June 6 - July 25

Where: Willowgrove Square

Register online <https://www.registrationlogic.com/secure/Register.aspx.....>

or in person 8:30 Willowgrove school.



Saskatoon Pride Festival

When: June 11 - 25

Where: Various locations

Click [here](#) for details



Original 16 Country Concert Series at Rock Creek

ORIGINAL 16
country concert series
AT ROCK CREEK!

TUES. JUN. 6.17 JACKIE GUY, SHANTAIA POULIN
TUES. JUN.20.17 JJ VOSS, BRODY SIEBERT
TUES. JUL.11.17 BRUIN, LISA MOEN
TUES. JUL.25.17 ERIN HILL, BROCK ANDREWS
TUES. AUG.15.17 JUSTIN LABRASH, KELSEY FITCH
TUES. AUG.22.17 MABALEKA, AARON RIDGEN
TUES. AUG.29.17 ALEX RUNIONS, ELLY THORN
TUES. SEPT.5.17 DARLENE TULETA, ROLAND CORRIGAL
WED. SEPT.6.17 AMANDA HAGEL, STEVE GIBSON
THUR. SEPT.7.17 TENILLE ARTS, SAMARA YUNG

ALL CONCERTS WILL TAKE PLACE
AT ROCK CREEK TAP AND GRILL- MCORMOND LOCATION,
#102-1820 MCORMOND DR
RESERVATIONS ENCOURAGED! CALL 306.979.7337 TO RESERVE A TABLE.
ALL CONCERTS START AT 7:30PM.

SASKO MUSIC Rock Creek TAP AND GRILL ORIGINAL 16 PotashCorp COUNTRY MUSIC WEEK

You Have Options to Maintain Your Lifestyle as you Age

Coffee gathering to talk about options:

When: July 14, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Where: Cliff Wright Library, 1635 McKercher Drive



City's 43rd Annual Civic Breakfast

When: Thursday, June 15, 7 - 10:30 am

Where: Civic Square, 23rd Street beside City Hall

\$5.00 per plate, great entertainment and proceeds go to United Way of Saskatoon & Area

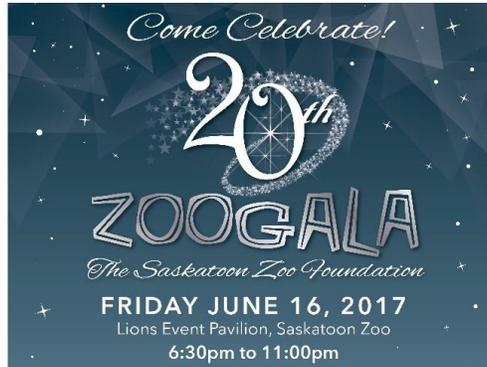


20th Annual Zoogala

When: June 16

Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm and Zoo

Click [here](#) for information on sponsorship and tickets



SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival

When: June 23 - July 2

Where: Various Venues throughout Saskatoon

Click [here](#) for additional information



Optimist Canada Day Celebrations

When: July 1

Where: Diefenbaker Park

When: 10 am - dusk

Click [here](#) for information



Hands On Outreach Golf Tournament

When: Thursday, July 17

Where: The Dakota Dunes Golf Links

Reservations 306.653.4182 or info@handsonoutreach.ca



Canadian Country Music Association Awards

When: September 10

Tickets on Sale Now, click [here](#) for details



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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