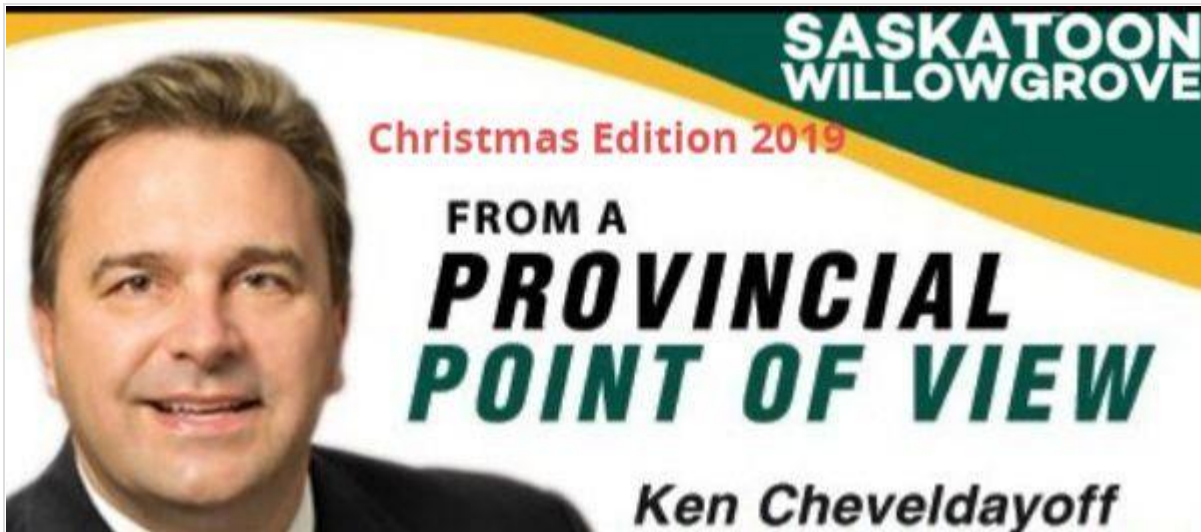


Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!



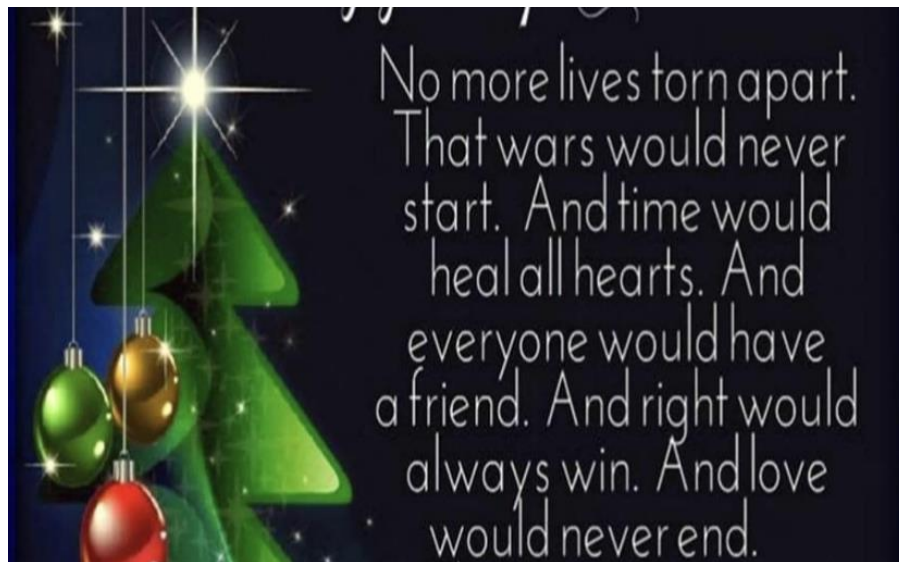
MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Christmas is a special time of year when we celebrate faith, family, and goodwill towards others. It is also a time to be thankful for the beautiful province in which we live and for the freedoms we enjoy. Regardless of the special traditions you may embrace, please be mindful of those who cannot be home with their own families and friends. I offer my deepest thanks and Merry Christmas wishes to members of the Canadian Forces here at home or deployed overseas.

If your holiday plans involve travel, please do so safely and may the true meaning of this holiday season fill your heart and home with many blessings. From my family to yours, we wish all of you a very Merry Christmas!

My wish:



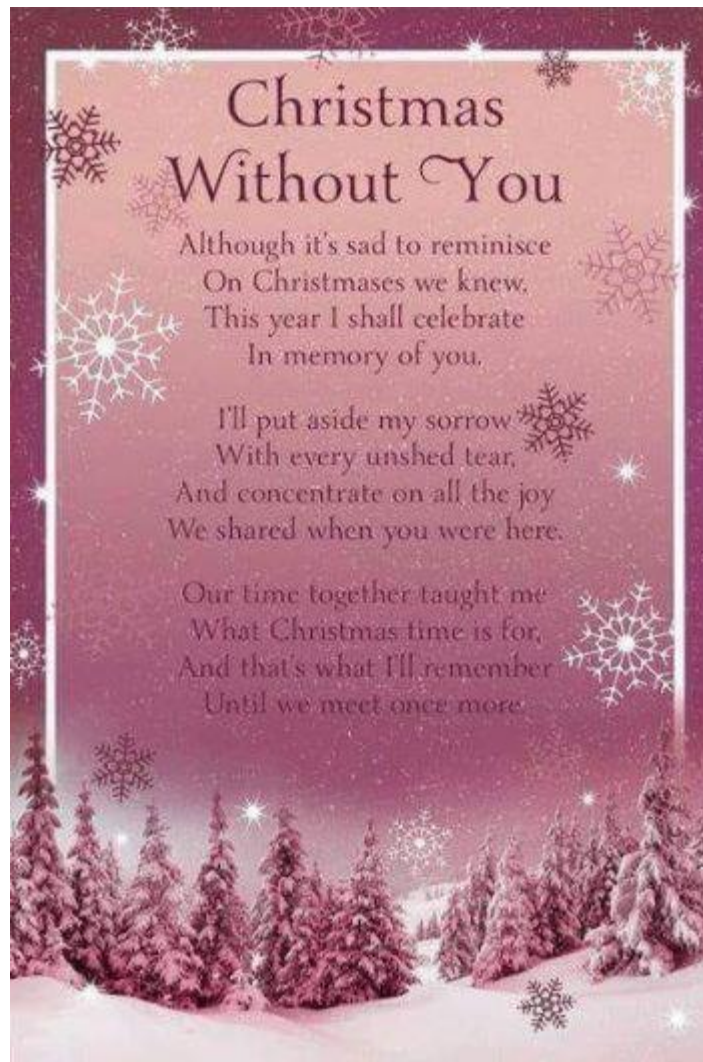
**THE SASKATOON MENORAH LIGHTING CELEBRATION
TONIGHT, DECEMBER 22ND!**



The first night of Chanukah is this evening, Sunday, December 22nd. Chanukah's universal message of freedom makes it more than a Jewish holiday. It is truly a community celebration, a time for all of us to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy as Canadians. The tapestry of our province is made stronger by its diversity. As we move into the holiday season, we recognize that our religious and cultural pluralism is a source of strength.

The Chabad Jewish Centre of Saskatoon invites you to join them on Sunday, December 22nd at 5 pm when they'll be lighting the 20 foot menorah. The celebration will be held at Saskatoon Farmers; Market, 414 Avenue B South, Saskatoon. There will be no charge for parking.

The event is free. There will be crafts for children, jelly doughnuts, hot latkes and chocolate gelt. The Saskatoon Klezmer Band will perform. Menorahs, candles and dreidels will be available.



My thoughts are with those that have lost a special person in their life.

CONSTITUENTS BONNY & CRAIG STEVENSON GETTING THE MESSAGE OUT - PLEASE DON'T DRIVE IMPAIRED!



Bonny and Craig Stevenson were on Saskatoon Global News talking about what MADD is doing in Saskatoon, [Red Ribbon Campaign](#), and making sure everyone has a safe ride home this Holiday Season. [Watch video clip of the interview.](#)



**GoFUND ME CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED TO HELP RIDER GREAT,
GEORGE REED**



CKRM Radio, December 18th, Mitchell Blair:

A Regina restaurant owner wants to help arguably the greatest player to ever wear a Saskatchewan Roughriders jersey.

Eric Johnson runs Smokin Okies BBQ in the city's east end. He has gotten to know George Reed quite well over the past few years with the Rider legend being a frequent visitor to his restaurant.

Johnson says he has started a [GoFundMe](#) campaign because the 80-year-old Reed is having mobility issues over the past few years and that helping out would greatly improve his quality of life.

“There are things he will need down the road to help deal with his mobility issues.” Johnson said. “He needs a custom knee brace right now to help him get around. It’s tough enough for him to get around now and with things like a knee brace, more physiotherapy and things around home to make it easier. He loves to go out to games, he loves to go out in public and whatever can be done to help him do that will be great.”

Johnson, who says he has spoken with Reed about doing this before going ahead with the move, feels Rider Nation will come through for number 34.

“I think so,” Johnson said. “George has a lot of pride, but he has given so much to this community that I think people will be able to help him with what he and his family needs”

Reed spent 13 seasons with the Roughriders. He is their all-time leader in rushing yards and touchdowns having run for 16,116 yards and 134 touchdowns. He was inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in 1979.

Since moving back to Regina from Calgary, Reed has been seen at many events in the community and at Rider games. Last month, he was recognized by both the City of Regina and the Riders by having the street outside the stadium renamed to George Reed Way.

PREMIER SCOTT MOE TRYING ON HIS "VOLUNTEERING SUIT"



Premier Scott Moe gets approval from his wife Krista as he tries on his volunteer suit. He said it fits like a glove!! Looking great Premier!

REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE



The holiday season is a time to celebrate and enjoy the company of family and friends. It's a season of generosity, a time of giving and a time to give thanks.

Looking back on 2019, there have been a lot of highlights at the provincial level, including our government's tabling of a balanced budget.

Despite harmful federal policies and economic headwinds, we were able to strike the right balance with careful spending and priority investments. This fulfilled our three-year fiscal plan and set Saskatchewan on a path to balanced budgets in the years ahead.

Major infrastructure projects such as Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford, Jim Pattison Children's Hospital and the Regina Bypass were opened this year.

Our government stood side by side with farmers and ranchers, energy workers and all those negatively impacted by a costly and ineffective carbon tax.

We built upon and strengthened interprovincial relations when Premiers from coast-to-coast-to-

coast met in Saskatoon for the Council of the Federation.

We advocated for Saskatchewan exports in Asian markets during a very successful 11-day trade mission to Japan and South Korea.

We made new commitments to develop Small Modular Reactors that rely heavily on Saskatchewan-mined uranium.

Together through partnerships with First Nations we worked toward building a more compassionate, respectful and understanding Saskatchewan.

Our government has also outlined steps Saskatchewan is taking to advance our economic future, and to assert provincial autonomy in areas such as taxation, immigration, trade and climate change policy.

Not only is the holiday season a time of reflection, but it's also representative of renewal and optimism – maybe even more so now as we begin a new decade.

We need to ensure a strong economy that will support strong communities and families. That's the essence of *Saskatchewan's Growth Plan for The Next Decade*.

Growth supports quality of life and allows us to help and to protect the most vulnerable among us. Growth enables us to provide opportunity for young people so that they stay in Saskatchewan to build their careers and raise their families.

Saskatchewan's new Growth Plan is an ambitious plan to do just that by expanding our economy and creating jobs and opportunity in communities and across our province.

Our plan for the next decade has two overarching goals: to grow the province's population to 1.4 million people and create 100,000 more jobs.

The sectors that have driven our economy for the last decade – energy and mining, agriculture, manufacturing and forestry – will continue to drive our economy. These traditional industries will benefit as new, emerging industries like the tech sector, ag bio-tech and value-added processing, are all poised for significant growth.

Together we can build a growing, prosperous, confident and optimistic Saskatchewan for our children and their children.

As your representative, I will continue working as part of our provincial government to strengthen our economy, communities and families.

From my family to yours, Merry Christmas and best wishes for good health, happiness and prosperity in the new year!

BE SURE TO INCLUDE A TOUR OF THE ENCHANTED FOREST IN YOUR HOLIDAY PLANS!



One of the most magical places in our province during the holiday season is located right here in the constituency of Saskatoon Willowgrove. Open now until January 6th from 5:30 - 10 pm, the awesome BHP Enchanted Forest is celebrating its 21st "Starry, Starry Nights" Holiday Light Tour at the Saskatoon Forestry Farm!

Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park is located on Forest Drive off Attridge Drive. Note: Right turn only

for westbound traffic off Attridge. No left turns.

• Tune your radio to the Enchanted Forest 97.3 FM • The Holiday Light Tour will normally require 20-30 minutes. • Please remain in your vehicle throughout the Tour.

Click [here](#) for additional details.

CONEXUS CREDIT UNION CONTRIBUTES \$1 MILLION TO PHASE II CAMPAIGN - OPTIMIST HILL



Saskatoon Willowgrove Constituent, Brad Sylvester, " We are so proud to have a partner like Conexus Credit Union that believes in our vision. \$1 million for Phase II, construction of 15000+ ft Conexus Credit Union Riverview Chalet. Conexus Credit Union is starting our Phase II campaign in a big way!!

Special thanks to my board colleagues Terry McAdam VP Finance, and Co-Chairs of the Build the Hill Campaign Joe Van't Hof and Robert Letts. Amazing work with an amazing team!"

Optimist Hill was an idea conceived a little over 6 years ago. Over the years, our team has worked relentlessly to ensure the manifestation of this idea- and to leave a legacy. Conexus Credit Union has just made Phase 2- a beautiful, state of the art Chalet for our riders- a reality.

Conexus embodies 3 core values; Be Authentic, Be Bold & Creative, and Be Responsible. These values have been so important to Optimist Hill's campaign and are cemented as guidelines for business today, and moving forward.

On December 19th, Conexus donated 1 MILLION dollars. Conexus Credit Union; Saskatoon thanks you!

CONSTITUENT SALLY MEADOWS SHARE 6 WAYS TO INCREASE YOUR JOY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



1. **RELAX.** Don't take on more than you are able; ask for help if you need it!
2. **EXERCISE.** Find opportunities to be active. Whether ice skating at the local pond or taking your dog for on a walk on a mild winter night, find time in your busy schedule to be kind to your body, soul, and mind!
3. **MEDITATE.** Spend one-on-one time with the Lord. Soak in His presence. Be fully cognizant of the reason for the season!
4. **MAKE NEW MEMORIES.** Don't spend time documenting it for social media, live it! Candid photos just for yourself are more meaningful than posed photos to boast to others.
5. **BE GRATEFUL.** Give to those less fortunate. Enjoy your traditions. Make a list of everything good in your life.
6. **DO WHAT MATTERS TO YOU!** Don't feel pressured to do everything or things you don't really want to do. Think about what matters to you most and let everything else fall away.

Equalization Payouts 2020-2021



Premier Scott Moe, "Equalization amounts for 2020 have been released and they once again show how equalization isn't working for provinces with resource-based economies like Saskatchewan, Alberta and Newfoundland and Labrador.

That's why all the provinces and territories are calling for changes to the federal Fiscal Stabilization Program to address this inequity."

COSMOPOLITAN INDUSTRIES IN SASKATOON RECEIVES AN EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT!



Cosmo received an early Christmas present from Waste Management. Leon, Allan and Jason delivered a \$5,000 'Think Green Grant' cheque to help set up a new Cosmo... program. Inspired by the non-profit organizations Vecova in Calgary and Empties2Winn in Edmonton, Cans4Cosmo will be an at-home collection service for deposit containers.

Residents of Saskatoon will be able to sign up for Cosmo participants to pick up beverage containers from their homes and take them to SARCAN in return for receiving an annual taxable donation receipt.

Cosmo thanks Waste Management for investing in opportunities for individuals with disabilities. They look forward to announcing details on this new initiative shortly.

SASKATCHEWAN PROVINCIAL PARKS OFFER FUN WINTER EXPERIENCES THIS SEASON!



Winter in Saskatchewan is a time to get cozy by a fire, connect with family and enjoy outdoor activities like tobogganing, snowshoeing and ice-fishing. This winter, many Saskatchewan Provincial Parks will be hosting events to help Saskatchewanians embrace the winter season!

“Winter is a great time to enjoy Saskatchewan Provincial Parks,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky said. “Our parks boast world-class trails for snowshoeing or cross-country skiing and with the variety of events planned all over our province this winter, we should be reminded that Saskatchewan Provincial Parks are open to be enjoyed all year.”

Several Winter Fun Day events can be found at www.saskparks.com by clicking on Activities, or by following SaskParks on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/saskparks/>.

Visitors are encouraged to use #saskparks when posting photos in provincial parks this winter. A valid park vehicle entry permit is required to visit provincial parks year-round. The purchase of a Saskatchewan Provincial Parks Annual Entry Permit is a great way to enjoy park activities and events both in the summer and in the winter. Read the entire news release [here](#).

SASKATCHEWAN CONTINUES TO GROW



Saskatchewan's population grew by another 4,195 people in the third quarter of 2019, to an all-time high of 1,178,657 people.

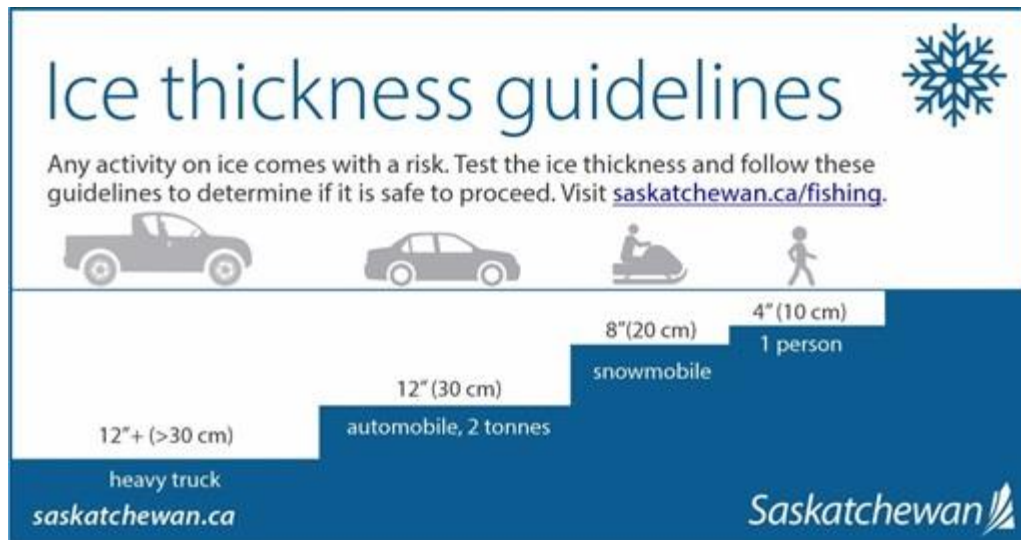
This represents the 54th consecutive quarter of population growth in Saskatchewan.

“Saskatchewan continues to enjoy the longest and strongest period of sustained population growth since the 1920s,” Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “Since our government took office in 2007, Saskatchewan has now grown by nearly 170,000 people.”

Last month, Premier Scott Moe released the government's new Growth Plan to ensure the 2020s are another decade of strong growth for the province.

“Our new Growth Plan includes goals of 1.4 million people living in Saskatchewan and 100,000 more jobs in our province by 2030,” Harrison said. “More people, jobs and opportunities means a better quality of life for everyone who calls Saskatchewan home.”

**REMINDER - PROTECT YOURSELF TO ENSURE SAFETY ON ICE
THIS WINTER**



With the arrival of colder temperatures, the Government of Saskatchewan reminds everyone to make sure that ice is safe and thick enough before walking or driving on it. Ice thickness depends on the particular waterbody and the local conditions. It does not freeze at a uniform thickness and ice strength can vary considerably from one area to another.

To be sure, check the ice thickness before you travel on it. As a guideline, you need at least 10 cm (four inches) of ice to walk on, 20 cm (eight inches) to drive a snowmobile or ATV on, 30 cm (12 inches) to drive a car or light truck on, and more than 30 cm (12 inches) to support a heavy truck.

Be aware that any activity on ice has risks. Guidelines are provided to help individuals make a decision about whether to venture on to the ice. Thickness is just one consideration when evaluating ice safety. Clear, hard ice is the only ice recommended for travel.

Also avoid ice that:

- looks slushy;
- has thawed, then frozen again;
- is near moving water;
- is layered, caused by sudden temperature changes; or
- has structures on it, such as pressure ridges.

For more information about ice fishing, visit www.saskatchewan.ca/fishing to view the 2018 Saskatchewan Anglers' Guide.

In comparison to lake ice, river ice is often more hazardous and inconsistent, particularly

downstream of dams when winter releases are being made. The Water Security Agency is currently releasing water from Grant Devine Lake on Moose Mountain Creek and Reid Lake on Swift Current Creek. There is also flow throughout the Qu'Appelle and Saskatchewan river systems. These flows would impact the formation the ice covers and these areas should be avoided as conditions can change significantly over short distances.

SOME INFORMATION ON RECYCLING

Done unwrapping presents?
Here's what you can and cannot recycle

Saskatoon		Regina
❌	Bows	❌
✅	Brown paper <small>with no wax coating</small>	✅
✅	Cards and envelopes	✅
✅	Gift bags <small>made entirely of paper</small>	✅
❌	Gift bags <small>made of plastic, that are shiny, sparkly or metallic</small>	❌
✅	Gift boxes <small>made of paper or cardboard</small>	✅
✅	Paper-based wrapping	✅
❌	Ribbon	❌
❌	Tape	❌
❌	Tissue paper <small>with plastic coating or foil</small>	❌
✅	Tissue paper <small>without plastic coating or foil</small>	❌
❌	Wrapping paper <small>with a shine, coating, sparkles, metallic finish; foil or cellophane</small>	❌



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Want to cut down on your holiday waste? Here's some info on what can and can't be recycled. Read more about how you can reduce waste this Christmas: www.cbc.ca/1.5394675



News Releases

[CHANGES TO FISCAL STABILIZATION TOP HARPAURER'S AGENDA AT FINANCE
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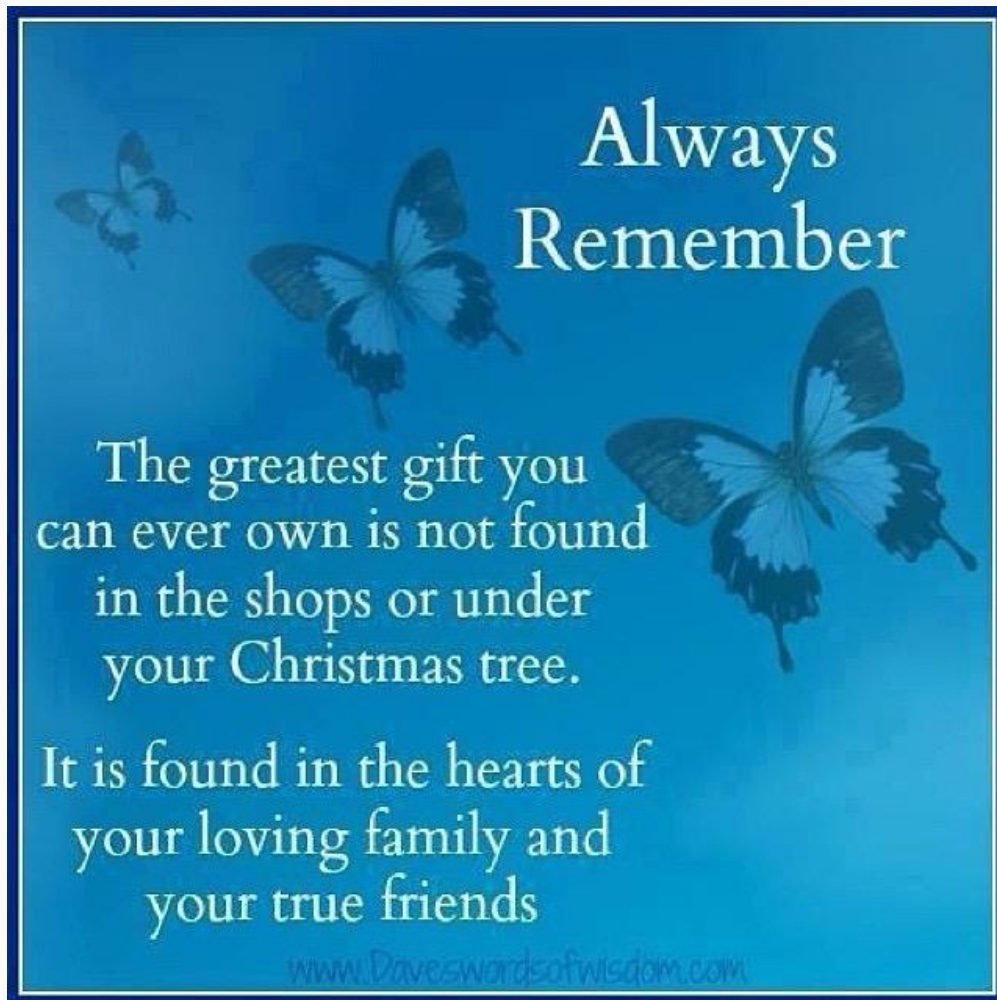
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THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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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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