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**FROM A PROVINCIAL  
POINT OF VIEW.**

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**SASKATOON**  
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**PLEASE JOIN ME TODAY AT THE WUHCA OUTDOOR RINK!**

**FAMILY  
DAY  
SKATE**

**Please join -  
KEN CHEVELDAYOFF  
on Mon. Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>  
from 1-3 pm**

**Willowgrove  
University  
Heights  
Outdoor Rink**

✓ Hot Chocolate  
✓ Coffee  
✓ Enter your  
name for some  
great prizes.



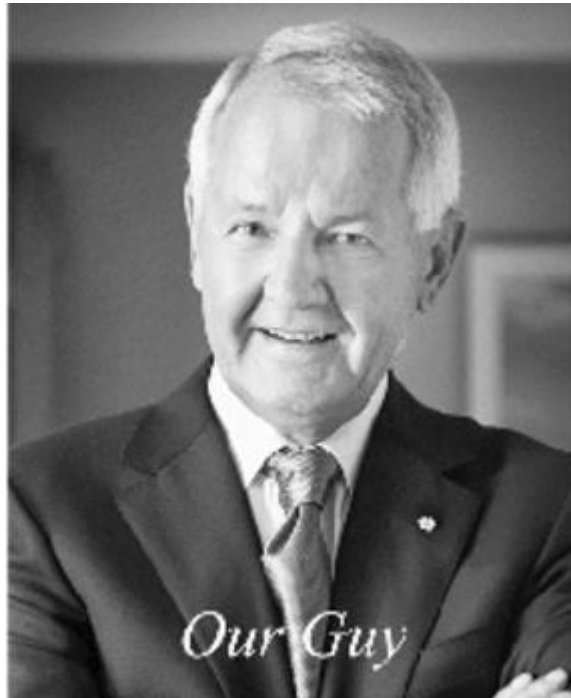
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*I look forward to seeing you this afternoon at the Willowgrove University Heights Community outdoor rink. It may be cold outside but there will be plenty of hot chocolate and coffee to keep you warm. Please join me and your neighbours any time from 1 pm - 3 pm.*

## REMEMBERING PETER ZAKRESKI



It is with profound sorrow that we say goodbye to a great friend, philanthropist and humanitarian, Peter Zakreski. Peter will be remembered for his prominent role in civic politics, his impact on the Saskatoon sports community and especially the philanthropy he and his wife Elaine displayed both locally and across the globe.

Taken from Peter Elmer Zakreski's obituary: Peter, a husband, father, uncle, cousin and friend, passed away February 5, 2020, at the Palliative Care Unit in St. Paul's Hospital. He died much as he lived - quietly, tenaciously, hardly complaining, bursting with love, gratitude and spreading laughter when he could. His was a beautiful death, surrounded by family, tranquility, and love. Peter started out in the same hospital eighty and a half years ago on June 28, 1939. He grew up on a farm near Alvena, but the self-described boy from Alvena spent most of his adult years in Saskatoon. In truth, the city never had a greater fan. He is an alumnus of St. Paul's High School Class of 1957 and earned his B.A. from the University of Saskatchewan in 1961. He joined Federated Cooperatives that year as a Personal Officer. By 1978 he had risen to the rank of Senior Vice President of Human Resources and Industrial Management, a post that he held until 2010. Of his forty-nine years with Federated Co-op he was proud to say that there wasn't a single day that he didn't wake up excited to go to work. Peter's rock was his faith. He carried the Prayer of St. Francis in his wallet and prayed it daily. It was his code for how to live - always putting others ahead of himself and being a channel of God's mercy and love to his family and to countless others lucky enough to have known him. He always listened before he spoke and always insisted on picking up the tab. He would have sought to console us in our present darkness with a hug, an

assurance that he will always be with us, that we honor him by helping others and with a simple whispered message of hope from his favorite prayer, "it's in dying that we are born to eternal life." It was from this faith foundation that his astonishing record of public service sprang. First, with parish councils, spreading to community associations, City Council, alumni associations and then major community events like the Canada Games and the World Junior Hockey Tournament. He served on dozens of community boards, as a member, chair or president. A Rotarian and a Knight of Columbus. He was a phenomenal community volunteer with a reputation for getting things done. Even Saskatoon didn't contain him as he and Elaine founded Hope for Malawi Foundation, a charity that has built schools, a medical clinic, bridges, wells and two churches in Malawi. Nearing eighty, Peter still greatly enjoyed serving as a Citizenship Judge and swearing-in recent immigrants to Canada. For his philanthropy and community involvement, he received the Order of Canada in 2002. He also was named CFQC's Citizen of the Year, awarded B'Nai Brith's "We are Proud of You Award," received the U of S's Alumni Humanitarian Award, was inducted into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame as a builder, received the Saskatchewan's 100th Anniversary Medal, St. Thomas Moore's Distinguished Graduate Award, Queen Elizabeth's Golden Jubilee Medal and recently the Saskatchewan Red Cross' Humanitarian Award for his and Elaine's charitable work in Malawi. There is even a park named after him in Stonebridge. Former mayor, Cliff Wright, probably said it best at the B'Nai Brith Dinner, "we told Peter our secrets, we told him our dreams, the secrets are still secrets, the dreams have all come true." Peter is survived by Elaine, his wife of 58 years. She was his inspiration, constant companion, foundation and fountain of youth. He is also survived by his children who were his pride and joy, Michael (Tammy Folsom), Terry (Cynthia Nave), Laurie (Stephan Glaude) and Lynn. He welcomed into his heart all the friends, spouses and stepchildren that his children brought into his life as his own. He loved and spoiled his grandchildren, Ellen and Erica (children of Michael and Lynn Coates), Alexandra (child of Terry and Cynthia Nave), and Peter and Kathleen O'Keeffe (children of Lynn and Eamon O'Keeffe). He was never too busy for his children, finding time to drive them to their many activities and events. They could not have asked for a better father and he was a father figure and friend to many, including our beloved Fr. Stefano Penna. He is also survived by his brothers, Morris (Natalie) and Wes (Sylvia) and his sisters, Vicky Gillies and Elizabeth Lesko (Bill) and numerous and dear nieces and nephews.

That distinctive twinkle that was in his eyes may have gone out but it now shines above us, inspiring us to do what we can to make our world a better place.

<https://thestarphoenix.com/news/local-news/philanthropist-volunteer-peter-zakreski-exemplified-what-saskatoon-was-all-about>

## PREMIER MOE RETURNS FROM SUCCESSFUL MISSION IN WASHINGTON, D.C.



Premier Scott Moe has returned from a trade mission to Washington, D.C. where he led a delegation of Canadian premiers to the National Governors Association (NGA) Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C., from February 7 – 10 in his capacity as chair of the Council of the Federation (COF). The COF delegation included New Brunswick Premier Blaine Higgs, Québec Premier François Legault, Ontario Premier Doug Ford and Alberta Premier Jason Kenney.

“Over the past weekend, it was an honour to represent not just Saskatchewan, but all Canadians as premiers attended the National Governor’s Association,” Moe said. “The United States is Canada’s most significant trading partner and is the destination of more than 55 per cent of Saskatchewan’s exports. It is of the utmost importance that we continue to build on this relationship and ensure that our American neighbours know that we are actively working to ratify the USMCA in Canada.”

The mission to Washington, D.C. included a meeting between the COF delegation, Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland and United States Trade Representative Ambassador Robert Lighthizer. The COF delegation also held a joint meeting with Acting Canadian Ambassador to the United States Kirsten Hillman. In both meetings, Premiers communicated their commitment to the swift Canadian ratification of the USMCA and discussed opportunities to further integrate

the Canadian and United States economies.

Read more about the bilateral meetings with

officials: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/february/12/moe-returns-from-washington>

## 2020 SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS IN MOOSE JAW THIS WEEK



It is an exciting week in Moose Jaw as many watch the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, Canada's national women's curling championship being held in now through to February 23rd.

Premier Scott Moe was joined by the Honourable Gene Makowsky and Moose Jaw MLAs Warren Michelson and Greg Lawrence at the opening of the 2020 Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

Premier Scott Moe, "Great to be in Moose Jaw at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts Opening Gala and wildcard game and to meet Team Silvernagle representing Saskatchewan. May the sociability of curling bring our nation together here in Moose Jaw. Best of luck to all athletes, let's have a great week!"

## FEBRUARY 16TH WAS DECLARED SANDRA SCHMIRLER DAY IN SASKATCHEWAN



Congratulations to Saskatoon Willowgrove constituent Brad Sylvester for the great work he does with the Sandra Schmirler Foundation. Yesterday, Sunday, February 16th was declared "Sandra Schmirler Day" in Saskatchewan. The legacy lives on. A new telethon record of \$450,500 was raised! You can still give online anytime at [sandraschmirler.org](http://sandraschmirler.org). #ChampionsStartSmall #STOH2020.

Premier Moe stopped by to help answer phones in support of babies across Canada.



This telethon, hosted by passionate people took calls throughout the day from donors across Canada. Their efforts support helping babies in NICU's across our country.



## Aly Jenkins honoured at Scotties Tournament of Hearts

Aly Jenkins, a curler who passed away last October, was honoured at this year's Scotties Tournament of Hearts in a special ceremony. Heartfelt sympathy to Aly's husband Scott and



three young children. There was not a dry eye in the building, as Aly's Team Anderson teammates were presented with honorary Team Saskatchewan jerseys with Jenkins on the back.

Here's the link to the full tribute on TSN: <https://bit.ly/2wmUSQs>

## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

**Transcript requests:**

**Order online:**

**Visit** [saskatchewan.ca](http://saskatchewan.ca) and search 'transcript'

**Questions?**

**Call** 306-787-6012

**Email** [student.records@gov.sk.ca](mailto:student.records@gov.sk.ca)

[saskatchewan.ca](http://saskatchewan.ca)

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**Attention Saskatchewan high school students! Do you need a copy of your high school transcript to apply for post-secondary education? You can order them online at [www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/education-and-learning/credits-degrees-and-transcripts/requesting-transcripts-for-high-school](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/education-and-learning/credits-degrees-and-transcripts/requesting-transcripts-for-high-school).**

**THANK YOU TO OUR TEACHERS**



Thank you to  
the teachers  
and staff who  
are making a  
difference for  
students!

February 9-15 is Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week in Saskatchewan, as proclaimed by Deputy Premier and Education Minister Gordon Wyant. This week is a chance to recognize the many teachers and staff who embody this year's theme of *Bringing Learning to Life* in supporting the more than 190,000 Prekindergarten to Grade 12 students in the province.

“Our government values the work of tens of thousands of teachers and staff that support student learning every single day,” Wyant said. “From the bus drivers to educational assistants to caretakers, thank you all for ensuring our students have a welcoming space.”

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/february/10/teacher-appreciation-week>

**CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION FOR PUBLIC AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS AT SASKATCHEWAN.CA**

# What is Coronavirus?

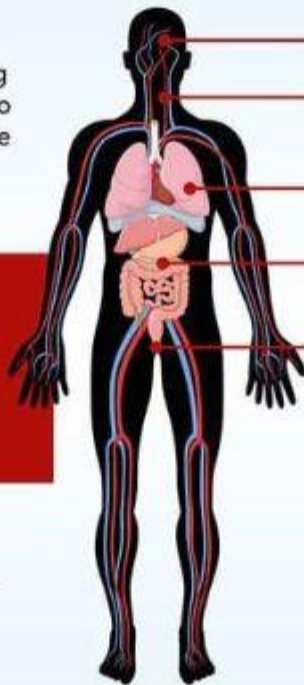
Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases like pneumonia, MERS and SARS

## SEVERE SYMPTOMS

- High Fever (100.4°F or higher)
- Pneumonia
- Kidney failure
- Death

## TRANSMISSION

Coughs or sneezes from infected person or touching contaminated objects



## COMMON SYMPTOMS

- Fever
- After 2 to 7 days develop a dry cough
- Mild breathing difficulties at the outset
- Gastrointestinal issues
- Diarrhea
- General body aches

\* Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/ USA Today

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During an event like Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19), the role of public health is to limit the spread of an illness through surveillance, containment and education. The best personal protection against novel coronavirus is informed, evidence-based information.

Whether a member of the public or a healthcare provider, COVID-19 information is available at [www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus).

- For the general public, there is public health guidance for those travelling from Hubei province and China, and questions and answers on the illness and when to stay at home and not go to work or school.
- For healthcare providers, there are guidance documents on screening for respiratory illnesses and management of returning travellers or COVID-19 inquiries, and policy on infection prevention and control measures.

As of February 13, 2020, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the province and the risk in Saskatchewan remains low.

“While the risk to residents in Saskatchewan remains low, we are working closely with the Public Health Agency of Canada on preparedness, procedures and reporting to quickly identify and manage any cases that present for care,” Saskatchewan Ministry of Health’s Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Saqib Shahab said. “Canada has multiple systems in place to prepare for, detect and respond to the spread of serious infectious diseases like novel coronavirus.”

Information for the public and healthcare providers will be updated frequently and the public should check [www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus) for the latest information.

Public health’s advice as of February 13, 2020, is that anyone who has travelled from China’s Hubei province needs to self-isolate at home for 14 days from the date that they left Hubei. Do not go to school, university, work or social events. Actively monitor for symptoms such as fever and cough. If even minor symptoms develop, call HealthLine 811 for further assessment and direction. Those who have had close contact with a person ill with COVID-19 should also self-isolate and actively monitor for symptoms for 14 days from that point of contact.

People arriving from other parts of China need to actively monitor for symptoms and symptoms of their children for 14 days from the date that they left China. If there are even mild symptoms (fever, cough), do not go to school or work and call HealthLine 811 for further assessment and direction.

## YOU CAN STILL FISH FOR FREE TODAY!



**It's free fishing weekend in Saskatchewan! Try your hand at ice fishing Feb 15th to 17th – no license required.**

**Fun for all ages and a perfect way to celebrate family day weekend.**

## **INTRODUCING LEAH MERTZ - THE 10TH SASKATCHEWANDERER**



**Musician, self-proclaimed digital fanatic and voiceover artist, Leah Mertz has officially been announced as the 2020 Saskatchewaner.**

**Hailing from Saskatoon, Leah has plans to explore Saskatchewan and connect with the residents who make this province such a wonderful place to live and visit.**

**“I’ve always had an innate passion for storytelling and sharing people’s voices no matter how big or small,” 2020 Saskatchewaner Leah Mertz said. “The people are what make this province**

great, and I will work closely with everyone I meet to honour Saskatchewan's cultural vibrancy, entrepreneurial spirit, vast diversity, and its beautiful landscape. I grew up on the prairies, and despite living all across Canada the past decade, I knew the prairies were where I was meant to be. More specifically, I knew Saskatchewan was where I was meant to be. I look forward to continuing the great work of the previous wanderers, and with your help, tell your stories and showcase this province like never before. It's 2020 and we're going big!"

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/february/10/new-saskatchewanderer>

## REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE



*Saskatchewan has seen steady job growth for 18 consecutive months – growth that shows our economy is resilient and providing opportunities in a province that continues to enjoy the longest and strongest sustained population growth since the 1920s.*

*Last year, my colleagues and I canvassed our constituents for ideas on how we can keep Saskatchewan moving in the right direction. In November, we officially unveiled Saskatchewan's Growth Plan for The Next Decade of Growth 2020-2030.*

*We've got work to do to ensure we have a strong economy to support strong communities and strong families, and that's the essence of our new plan which aims to create 100,000 jobs and grow our population to 1.4 million people.*

*The past decade provides plenty of examples of how a growing Saskatchewan is a strong Saskatchewan. Our population has grown by more than 170,000 people because our economy has grown with nearly new 80,000 jobs and over \$180 billion in capital investment.*

*In spite of economic headwinds, there is momentum in our major and emerging industries. Production and exports continue to climb, increasing by more than 60 per cent, with Saskatchewan product shipping to more than 150 countries around the world. This growth has given us a greater ability to invest in our overall quality of life.*

*Our government has made the largest investment in infrastructure in the province's history – more than \$30 billion.*

*There is a new hospital in Moose Jaw, and new hospitals being planned for Weyburn and Prince Albert. We recently opened the new Saskatchewan Hospital in North Battleford and the new Jim Pattison Children's Hospital in Saskatoon.*

*There are 42 new schools in communities across the province with new elementary schools on the way in Regina, Saskatoon and Moose Jaw.*

*More than 14,000 kilometres of road have been built or upgraded while major projects, like the Regina Bypass, have greatly improved public safety.*

*Hundreds of millions of dollars have been invested in water and waste water projects – treatment plants, lagoon expansions, reservoir expansions and lift stations. We have undertaken – collectively – the most significant upgrade of water and waste water infrastructure in the province's history, with more work to do.*

*We understand that significant capital investment is crucial to building strong communities. That is why in next month's budget, we will see one of the largest investments in provincial infrastructure in the history of our province. At the same time, we will also see Saskatchewan's largest investment in municipal infrastructure.*

*In the upcoming fiscal year, Saskatchewan municipalities will receive record revenue sharing. Overall funding under the municipal revenue sharing program will increase to a record of \$278 million – nearly an 11 per cent increase in 2020-21 from the current fiscal year, and almost a 119*

*per cent increase from the 2007-08 fiscal year.*

*Municipal revenue sharing has provided municipalities a stable and predictable source of provincial revenue and our government is proud to continue supporting key local priorities that help lay the foundation for a growing Saskatchewan.*

*Strong communities and strong families are a major focus of our government's Growth Plan. This coming Family Day weekend (February 15-17, 2020), I encourage you to seek out opportunities to enjoy time with family.*

*Special activities to mark the occasion are planned for communities across the province. The holiday weekend is also a great time to give ice fishing a try with no license required. You can learn more online at [Saskatchewan.ca/fishing](http://Saskatchewan.ca/fishing).*

## **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE USED TO TRACK SASKATCHEWAN WASTE**



# Innovation Saskatchewan: let the trash talk begin!

New ways to  
monitor waste  
and save the  
environment



[saskatchewan.ca](http://saskatchewan.ca)



*Premier Scott Moe, "Over the next decade, our government plans to reduce solid waste dumped into landfills by 30%. By encouraging Saskatchewan technology companies, solutions are being found the way of artificial intelligence to capture waste data and automatically generate reports from across the province, and to weigh moving vehicles in extreme weather. The technologies brought forward through our Innovation Challenges are answering challenges we face in Saskatchewan and providing solutions that can be used around the world."*

Following a province-wide competition, Innovation Saskatchewan today unveiled new technologies to track how much solid waste is generated in the province and where it all goes.

The solutions will be beneficial to the government's efforts announced in January to reduce solid waste dumped into landfills by 30 per cent by 2030.

**“Our tech community has developed a tracking and reporting mechanism using artificial intelligence which can reduce the expense of landfill operations and lead to long-term environmental efficiencies,” Innovation Minister Tina Beaudry-Mellor said.**

**Read more ...** <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/february/11/ai-used-to-track-waste>

## **SPECIAL MEDIATOR APPOINTED TO ASSIST IN CO-OP REFINERY DISPUTE**



*Photo credit, Regina Leader Post*

**Labour Relations and Workplace Safety Minister Don Morgan has appointed Vince Ready as a special mediator to assist in the negotiations between Unifor Local 594 and the Consumer’s Co-operative Refineries Limited.**

**The labour action began on December 5, 2019, at the Co-op Refinery Complex after the union issued strike notice and the Co-op issued lock-out notice to workers.**

**“It is in the interest of both parties to negotiate a contract at the bargaining table,” Morgan said. “The parties have had the opportunity to negotiate an agreement and have been unsuccessful. We are appointing a special mediator to help resolve the impasse because of the impact of the dispute on Saskatchewan families, communities and businesses.”**

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/february/12/special-mediator-appointed>

## THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE COMMON COLD AND INFLUENZA

COLD	SYMPTOM	INFLUENZA
rare	 FEVER	usual high fever (102°F/39°C to 104°F/40°C) sudden onset, lasts 3-4 days
rare	 HEADACHE	usual - can be severe
sometimes, mild	 GENERAL ACHES & PAINS	usual - often severe
sometimes, mild	 FATIGUE & WEAKNESS	usual, severe, may last 2-3 weeks or more
unusual	 EXTREME FATIGUE	usual, early onset - can be severe
common	 RUNNY, STUFFY NOSE	common
common	 SNEEZING	sometimes
common	 SORE THROAT	common
sometimes, mild to moderate	 CHEST DISCOMFORT, COUGHING	usual - can be severe
can lead to sinus congestion or earache	 COMPLICATIONS	can lead to pneumonia and respiratory failure; can worsen a chronic condition; can be life-threatening
 <p>Lower your flu risk. Talk with your doctor, nurse, pharmacist or local public health unit about influenza immunization.</p>		

There have been over 1540 confirmed cases of influenza in Saskatchewan this season. Do you know the difference between the common cold and influenza symptoms?

Find more information here: <https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/.../Signs-and-Symptoms.aspx>

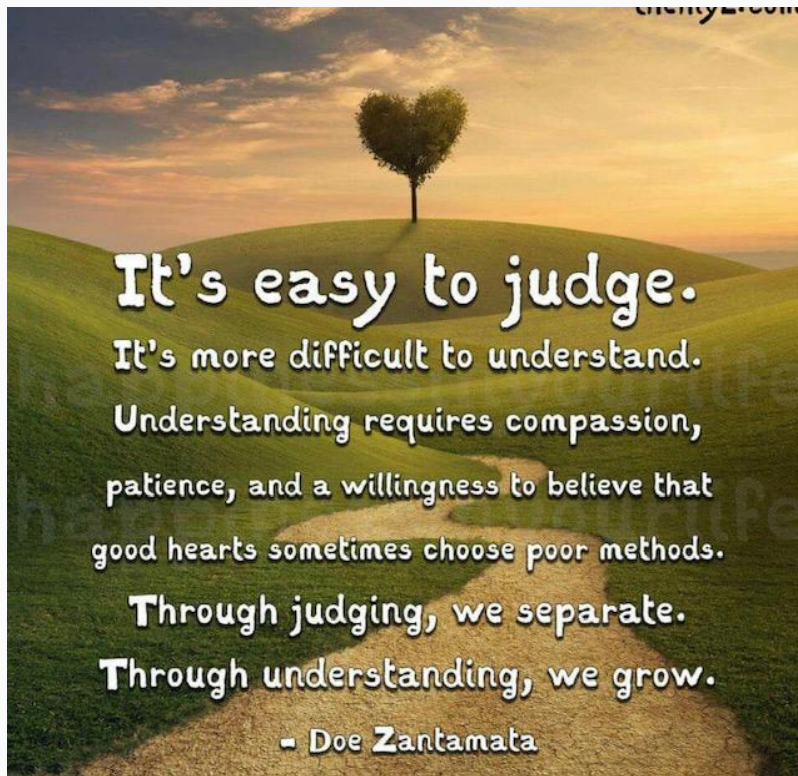
# DID YOU KNOW



Did you know, 80% of common infections are spread by hands and contaminated surfaces?

At this time of year, it is very important to make sure you are washing your hands regularly and properly to ensure you aren't picking up or transferring germs that can make you and your loved ones sick.

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**



**It's easy to judge.**

**It's more difficult to understand.**

**Understanding requires compassion,  
patience, and a willingness to believe that  
good hearts sometimes choose poor methods.**

**Through judging, we separate.**

**Through understanding, we grow.**

**- Doe Zantamata**

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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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