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





Premier Scott Moe, "Today, Minister of Agriculture David Marit and Minister Marie Claude Bibeau announced \$11 million in funding under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership. This funding will advance 47 crop-related research projects in Saskatchewan, supporting producers and agribusinesses in our province's role as a world leader in agriculture research."

Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Marie Claude Bibeau and Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit announced \$11 million in funding under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership for 47 crop-related research projects through Saskatchewan's Agriculture Development Fund (ADF).

The ADF program is supported through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a five-year, \$388 million investment in strategic initiatives for Saskatchewan agriculture by the federal and provincial governments.

"Producers reap huge rewards from the new knowledge and discoveries developed by research – they become more profitable and more productive," said Bibeau. "By investing in applied research

relevant to Saskatchewan producers' needs, we are increasing the competitiveness of our industry."

"We're strategically investing in crop-related research that will increase our industry capacity, driving toward our goal of increasing crop production to 45 million metric tonnes," Marit said. "The research we're investing in includes projects that explore how to manage clubroot, mitigate herbicide resistance and add value to our commodities. These projects will support producers and agribusinesses and help secure our place as a world leader in agriculture research."

Read the entire news release here.

FUNDRAISER FOR SASKATOON WILLOWGROVE CONSTITUENT KAYDEN KOT - GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!



It is always a pleasure to attend Kayden Kot's annual fundraiser. Kayden has had challenging and complex medical issues from birth. Kayden was recently diagnosed with a very rare genetic disorder (C-F-C) that caused his digestive issues and global developmental delays. There is no cure or treatment for this disorder so the prognosis for Kayden's future is still unknown. At this stage, the family needs help with the following priorities: ABM therapy for neuro movement continued appointments with a pediatric neurologist/dietician who has experience with CFC syndrome, but mostly his specialized formula and equipment. He will also need to travel to Montreal this year for surgery.

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Peter, Sylvie, and Edyn are extremely grateful to family, friends and the community for the amazing generosity that has been shown to them in the past. We hope that you can continue to support Kayden's family to provide him with the best quality of life possible.

For tickets or more information please contact: *Sylvie Fortier-Kot at: <u>smfortier@hotmail.com</u> or <u>ps.kot@sasktel.net</u> or call/text 306-381-8873 or 306-341-3819 *Kim Deibert (<u>kdeibert@gscs.ca</u>) *Heather McNairn (hmcnairn@gscs.ca) If you would like to donate but cannot attend the event, donations can also be made on the following website (no tax receipt issued): https://www.gofundme.com/steak-night-for-kayden

Friendly Evening – Kids Welcome!! Build-Your-Own Burger (3 options) Includes Fries and Salad Chicken Fingers for Child's meal

When? Friday, Feb. 7, 2020, 5:30 pm (Dinner 6:15) Where? Travelodge Hotel, 106 Circle Dr. W

Cost? \$20 per adult \$10 per child (10 and under)

SASKATCHEWAN RATTLERS ANNOUNCE BARRY RAWLYK AS GENERAL MANAGER



Pictured above: Lee Genier, President Saskatchewan Rattlers & Barry Rawlyk January 9th, I was pleased to attend the media announcement naming Barry Rawlyk as General Manager of the Saskatchewan Rattlers.

<u>The Saskatchewan Rattlers</u>, member club of the <u>Canadian Elite Basketball League</u> (CEBL), are elated to announce Barry Rawlyk as their second General Manager in franchise history. Rawlyk is no stranger to the Rattlers, having served the 2019 Championship season as the lead assistant coach as well as assisting in the recruitment of the roster.

He joins the Rattlers as the current University of Saskatchewan Huskies men's basketball team head coach. As the sixth head coach in University of Saskatchewan men's basketball history, Rawlyk took the helm in an interim position in the 2010-11 season. In May 2012, he was officially named head coach of the men's basketball program.

During the 2010-11 season, Rawlyk led the Huskies to a fourth place finish at the CIS Championship and a second place finish in Canada West. The following season, the team finished first in their conference and hosted the Canada West Final Four for the first time in the program's history. Prior to joining the Huskies, Rawlyk spent over two decades coaching at Holy Cross High School in Saskatoon. During his time with the Crusaders, he led them to 11 City Championship titles as well as three Provincial Championships.

The Saskatoon native will start assembling the Rattlers 2020 roster when CEBL free agency starts on Feb. 1. The Rattlers head coach announcement is expected at the end of January. "We couldn't be more excited to have Barry join the Rattlers as the General Manager," says Rattlers President and

COO, Lee Genier.

"Barry has an extensive track record of building winning teams full of high-character individuals who not only excel on the court, but also in the community. We are prepared to enter free agency with a focused plan of attack that will give us the best possible chance to build another championship team in 2020."

The Rattlers enter the 2020 season as the defending CEBL Champions. They will open the season away from home on May 8 when they take on the Fraser Valley Bandits. The Rattlers home opener will take place on May 14 against the Bandits, when they will celebrate the 2019 season by unveiling the first-ever CEBL Championship banner. Season tickets are available on <u>therattlers.ca</u>, with group tickets, flex packs and single game tickets expected to be released in the coming months.

CURRICULUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS BEEN CREATED FOR KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12 EDUCATION IN SASKATCHEWAN



A committee of education stakeholders, parents and business professionals will meet for the first time later this week to begin developing recommendations on future development of curriculum and high school graduation requirements in Saskatchewan.

"It is important that we hear from parents, educators, post-secondary institutions and the business community about what students need to learn in the classroom in order to be successful," Deputy Premier and Education Minister Gordon Wyant said. "I look forward to hearing the committee's recommendations for curriculum development and renewal to meet the future needs of students."

Click here to read the entire news release and see the representatives appointed to this committee.

GOVERNMENT FUNDS INCREASED RESEARCH AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Investing in Research and Business in Saskatchewan

\$400,000

provincial funding in 2019-20

\$13.3M total investment since 2007, including federal funding and industry contributions

925 students

in total, have benefited from research internships and international programs

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Advanced Education Minister Tina Beaudry-Mellor announced a \$400,000 grant to advance research and increase international business opportunities in Saskatchewan.

The grant will fund 68 graduate students and postdoctoral fellows in research and development internships in science, technology, engineering and mathematics as well as 33 international student research opportunities.

"This funding supports our Growth Plan by keeping talented young people in the province," Beaudry-Mellor said. "Providing students the opportunity to build their careers with Saskatchewan companies benefits our economy and gives us the ability to compete globally."

Click here to read the entire news release.

JANUARY IS ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH



Do you have questions about dementia? Call the Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan's helpline at 1.877.949.4141. Their mission is to alleviate the personal and social consequences of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and to promote the search for a cause and a cure. They provide support for people living with and affected by dementia. If you have questions about dementia or in need of assistance in finding services and support to help you please contact them. They want to hear from you.

Since 1982, they've been dedicated to providing help for people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and their caregivers. That help is delivered in many ways, including support and information, education and awareness, advocacy and research.

zheimer's Poem Don't ask me to remember Don't ask me to remember, Don't try to make me understand, Let me rest and know you're with me, Kiss my cheek and hold my hand. I'm confused beyond your concept, I am sad and sick and lost. All I know is that I need you To be with me at all cost. Don't lose your patience with me, Don't scold or curse or cry. I can't help the way I'm acting, Can't be different though I try. Just remember that I need you, That the best of me is gone, Please don't fail to stand beside me, Love me 'til my life is done.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS INCREDIBLE EVENT!



Breaking Barriers, a journey to mental wellness is an afternoon conference and evening gala dedicated to understanding the challenges to mental wellness in our families, friends, and peers.

In today's world, it is a fact that someone we know will go through a mental illness. The next conversation is now how to best support ourselves and each other when experiencing mental health problems, as well as supporting those who support others.

How can we increase belonging and show that no one is ever alone when experiencing these issues? How can we normalize mental health challenges and build trust to end the ever-lingering stigma surrounding these issues? Just how powerful is the act of vulnerability, and how can we build trust with those around us?

On January 28, Breaking Barriers 2020 is going to show us just that.

As we continue our Journey to Mental Wellness, the second annual Breaking Barriers focusses on putting action to 'ending the stigma' of mental health in today's society, as well as recognizing the strains on the individuals who are the support system for someone with a mental illness.

In the follow up to an epic Breaking Barriers 2019, we will continue to bridge the gap and facilitate attendees in coming together to gain a deep understanding of the pain and fears that our peers are experiencing, and to provide normalization and acceptance of our own struggles. Breaking Barriers is a fundraising event, with the proceeds from the event being donated to UnderstandUs, a mental health initiative that challenges people to feel, think, and act differently about mental health. UnderstandUs promotes awareness, provides, education, and builds relationships in our communities.

On January 28, 2020 - join Bridges Health along with renowned speakers from across North America, including Clint and Joanie Malarchuk, Dr. Robyne Hanley-Dafoe, and Jordan Axani to be a part of this important conversation.

Set in the unique format of an educational afternoon conference and evening gala, it is a do not miss event! Click here for additional information.

VIGIL HELD IN SASKATOON FOR PLANE CRASH VICTIMS

I joined many who attended the vigil held in Saskatoon following the tragic plane crash in Iran. Each story I've read and heard about is absolutely heartbreaking. Sincere and heartfelt sympathy to friends and families of all those who lost loved ones in this tragedy. Please read the thought of the day in this newsletter. It seems fitting after this terrible tragedy.

<u>CTV News Saskatoon, January 10</u> - The Persian Student Association held a vigil at the University of Saskatchewan on Friday for the victims of the Ukrainian International Airlines flight that crashed in Iran this week.

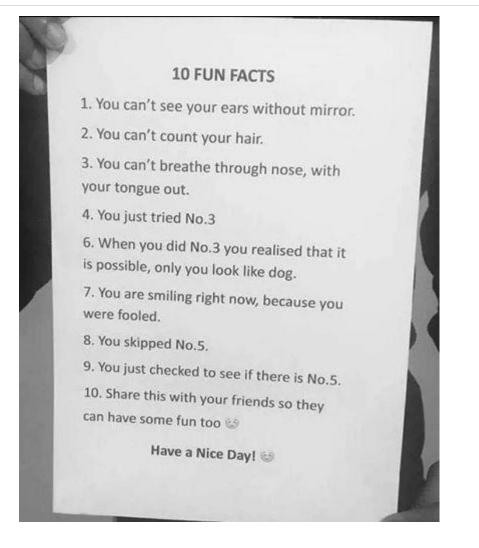
"This is my family, the people that are here are my family out of the country and the way that Iranians are raised, you are told that everyone in the community is your brother or sister," organizer Amir Abolhassani said.

All 176 people on board the plane were killed after it crashed in a field outside Tehran shortly after takeoff, including 57 Canadians.

None of the victims have been identified as Saskatchewan residents, but the university has a large number of Iranian students attending classes on campus.

One of the victims was U of S researcher Marzieh (Mari) Foroutan. Though Foroutan was based at the University of Waterloo, she was part of Global Water Futures — a U of S led research program.

SOME FUN FACTS!



ARE YOU A FULL-TIME STUDENT LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB?



Are you a full-time student looking for a summer job? The <u>Government of Saskatchewan</u> hired approximately 1,000 students last year and is looking for its 2020 students now.

For more information or to apply, visit our website at: <u>www.careers.gov.sk.ca/studentjobs</u>.

CHECK OUT THESE LOCATIONS TO TAKE A DATE DURING WINTER IN SASKATOON (THAT DON'T INVOLVE EATING OR DRINKING)



Check out <u>Tourism Saskatoon</u> for the complete story. Saskatonians love to hang out and dine together – in fact, we have more restaurants per capita here than anywhere else in Canada. It's a classic date-night activity. But sometimes, it's fun to change things up and head out somewhere that isn't focused on food and drinks.

During the winter months especially, it can be a little tricky to plan places to go to spend some quality time with your significant other.

Here are some places to check out for some good wholesome fun.

1. Campus Observatory - A romantic way to spend the night with your partner is to show them the stars and planets. <u>The University of Saskatchewan Campus Observatory</u> is open to the public free of charge most Saturday nights. (They also offer private tours that can be booked in advance on Sunday through Friday evenings). The observatory has a refracting telescope which means you'll be able to see planets, nebulae, star clusters, galaxies and even comets on your night out.

2. Saskatoon's Newest Golf Lounge - One of Saskatoon's first golf simulator lounges, <u>YXE Golf</u> Lounge, opened this fall in Saskatoon and I went to check it out.

3. Indoor Rock Climbing - <u>Grip It</u> is one of the province's premier rock climbing facilities and is a top rope, lead and boulder gym. But even if you've never climbed before, they're set up to drop in anytime with their auto-belay systems (so you don't need a partner to hold your rope and you can both have fun climbing).

4. An Escape Room - Escape rooms are such a fun way to spend date night – especially when considering you're locked in a room together. The race against time to figure out the puzzle is a great way to work in tandem with your partner. Check out <u>Breakout Escape Game & Lounge</u>.

5. The Stoked Centre - <u>The Stoked Centre</u> offers a few different activities to try like their indoor electric go-karts which go up to 45 kilometres an hour or the world's first 220-degree, 200-foot zipline and ropes course. There's also an arcade coming soon to make it a perfect way to spend the afternoon.
6. Skate Night - The <u>Cameco Meewasin Rink @Nutrien Plaza</u> is a wonderful location to go skating. A bonus is the free rentals (a donation is recommended) as well as the indoor warm-up shelter.
7. Boffins Public Garden - A quieter and very romantic location to take your date is skating at <u>Boffins</u> <u>Public Garden</u> at Innovation Place on campus at the University of Saskatchewan. Their summertime pond turns into a gorgeous outdoor skating rink with twinkle lights strung through the trees all around the Japanese gardens.

48 COMMUNITIES TO BENEFIT FROM TRAFFIC SAFETY FUND GRANTS

Traffic safety projects in 48 communities across Saskatchewan have been approved for funding from the proceeds of photo speed enforcement (PSE).

The PSE committee has awarded the second round of Provincial Traffic Safety Fund grants, providing a total of \$500,000 to improve safety in Saskatchewan. These include intersection and crosswalk improvements, speed display signs, pedestrian crossing signals, school zone beacons and other speed-reduction initiatives.

Grants from this round range from \$850 to just over \$37,000.

"These projects will help calm traffic and make Saskatchewan roads safer," Minister Responsible for SGI Joe Hargrave said. "I want to congratulate the successful applicants and express how pleased I am that so many communities are keeping traffic safety top of mind and have taken the initiative to make improvements to keep their citizens safe. I continue to encourage other municipalities and Indigenous lands or territories to consider applying for these grants for their own safety initiatives."

Click<u>here</u> to find out more information about applying for the next round of Traffic Safety Fund grants.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SASKATCHEWANDERER KICKS OFF WITH A BLAST FROM THE PAST



The very successful Saskatchewanderer program marks its 10th Anniversary in 2020. To celebrate, social media followers will be re-introduced to past Saskatchewanderers in what is being called the month of the Retro Wanderer!

Ashlyn George, the 2015 Saskatchewanderer will kick things off January 10. On January 17 and January 24, the Saskatchewanderer social media channels will be taken over by two other past fan favourites.

In early February, the new 2020 Saskatchewanderer, who will continue showcasing our province until the end of the year, will be officially announced.

"The Saskatchewanderer program has been a very successful platform to feature our province as a great place to visit, live, play and work year-round," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister and Minister Responsible for Tourism Saskatchewan Gene Makowsky said. "I look forward to hearing about what some of our previous Wanderers are up to now and then following our 2020 Saskatchewanderer on his or her adventures."

Read the entire news release here.

10,400 NEW JOBS CREATED IN 2019

Saskatchewan Saw A Year Of Strong Job Growth In 2019 - According to new Statistics Canada data, Saskatchewan saw an increase of 10,400 jobs, or 1.8 per cent, from 2018 to 580,400 jobs. More than half of that job growth is due to full-time jobs.

Saskatchewan's annual unemployment rate was the fourth lowest among provinces at 5.4 per cent and remained below the national rate of 5.7 per cent in 2019.

"In spite of external headwinds, the creation of 10,400 jobs in 2019 is an indication that Saskatchewan has a robust, diverse and growing economy," Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "Saskatchewan's growth plan set an ambitious target of 100,000 new jobs by 2030, last year's job growth shows that this target is reachable and well on its way of being met."

December 2019 also marked the 17th consecutive month of job growth on a year-over-year basis.

In December 2019, there were 579,900 people employed, an increase of 6,700 jobs over December 2018. Saskatchewan's monthly unemployment rate was 5.7 per cent (seasonally adjusted) in December 2019, down from 5.8 per cent in November 2019.

Other December 2019 highlights:

- Record highs for the month of December for labour force (612,000 persons), employment (579,900 jobs), full-time employment (470,000 jobs) and female employment (269,300 jobs);
- Off-reserve Aboriginal employment increased by 4,400 jobs (+9.8 per cent) and Aboriginal youth employment was up 3,200 jobs (+45.1 per cent);
- Major year-over-year gains were reported for information, culture and recreation up 3,500 jobs; accommodation and food services up 3,500 jobs; and manufacturing up 3,100 jobs; and
- Female employment was up 3,100 jobs (+1.2 per cent) and youth employment up 1,500 jobs (+2.1 per cent) compared to last December.

INNOVATION SASKATCHEWAN ANNOUNCES NEW CEO



Minister Responsible for Innovation Saskatchewan Tina Beaudry-Mellor is pleased to announce that after a comprehensive selection process, Kari Harvey will serve as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Innovation Saskatchewan effective January 8.

Harvey has dedicated more than 25 years to the public service, which has included senior leadership roles in the Ministries of Agriculture, Health and Intergovernmental Affairs. Most recently she has served as the Acting CEO and Chief Operating Officer of Innovation Saskatchewan.

"Kari's work with our entrepreneurial ecosystem has created trust and co-operation among a sector that is critical to our economic growth," Beaudry-Mellor said. "I am excited to work with her to deliver on the targets of the Growth Plan and to push for Saskatchewan's growing recognition as a tech leader both nationally and internationally."

The Government of Saskatchewan is taking bold steps to ensure Saskatchewan's tech-sector stays strong during the next 10 years of growth. Tripling the tech-sector by 2030 by aggressively pursuing new measures to retain and attract large scale tech employers will help ensure Saskatchewan is on the right path with a modern economy.

In 2017 Innovation Saskatchewan launched Co.Labs, a provincially backed incubator which in less than three years has created 160 jobs, incubated 88 start-ups and secured more than \$8 million in investment. Saskatchewan also offers the Saskatchewan Technology Startup Incentive, the most aggressive tech angel investment incentive program in Western Canada.

For more information on Innovation Saskatchewan visit https://innovationsask.ca

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! - NUTRIEN WINTERSHINES JANUARY 25 - FEBRUARY 2



The frosty fun of Nutrien WinterShines happens in Saskatoon from January 25 to February 2, 2020 at the Saskatoon Market building, Market Square and the Banks in Riversdale between Avenue A and Avenue C on 19th Street.

We are a WINTER city – let's experience and promote it! In Market Square, walk through the Enchanted Ice Garden (琉璃仙苑) designed by architect Don Greer collaborating with Kyuubi Culture Artist Collective with construction led by Don Greer with lighting effects by Production Lighting. In the Banks Courtyard, take a photo in front of the gargoyles and perch on an Emperor's Ice Throne by Fire and Ice Creations.

Winter Camp in the City for school kids will take place during the week, and there will be pony rides,

petting zoo, shinny tournament, bonfires and plenty of daily bustle to shake the frost off your chin. We are truly celebrating Saskatoon's Cool Culture! Check out their facebook page <u>here.</u>

TAX FILING MADE EASIER, LESS COSTLY FOR SASKATCHEWAN BUSINESSES

The government is continuing its efforts to cut red tape, making Saskatchewan more attractive for small- and medium-sized businesses.

As one of the first red-tape reduction initiatives of the new year, Saskatchewan is raising threshold amounts for businesses that file returns for the Provincial Sales Tax (PST), Liquor Consumption Tax (LCT), and Beverage Container Program. In addition, due dates for electronic filers are being extended.

"These changes will make tax filings easier for Saskatchewan businesses and reduce their administrative costs," Red Tape Reduction Committee Chair Gene Makowsky said on behalf of Finance Minister Donna Harpauer. "The changes also provide more incentive for businesses to switch to electronic filing."

Effective April 1, 2020:

- the threshold for annual filing of PST, LCT, and beverage container returns will increase to \$4,800 (from \$3,600);
- the threshold for quarterly filing will increase to a range of \$4,800 to \$12,000 (from \$3,600 to \$7,200); and
- the threshold for monthly filing will increase to \$12,000 (from \$7,200).

Click here to read the entire news release.

NEXT ROUND OF ONLINE AUCTIONS FOR RETAIL LIQUOR PERMITS SET TO OPEN

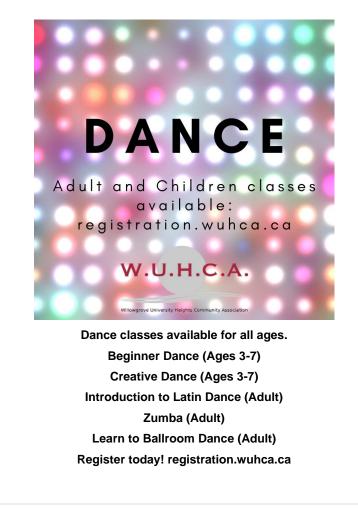
The second round of auctions for available retail liquor store permits in Saskatchewan begins January 21 with bids closing on January 31.

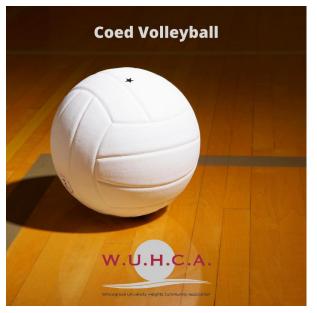
Communities included in the second round of auctions are the Rural Municipality (RM) of Blucher, Carlyle, RM of Corman Park, Esterhazy, Gull Lake, RM of Kindersley, Langham, RM of Longlaketon, Regina Beach, RM of Shellbrook, Unity and White City. "There was strong interest during the initial online auction for permits that concluded in December," Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority Gene Makowsky said. "The auction process has worked well and ensures that available liquor permits in the province are allocated efficiently and transparently."

Each auction will have an opening bid of \$1,000 and interested bidders are required to register at www.McDougallBay.com, which is the website where all bidding will take place.

More information about the auction process can be found at <u>www.slga.com</u>. For additional information, click <u>here.</u>

CHECK OUT THE ACTIVITIES OFFERED BY YOUR WILLOWGROVE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION





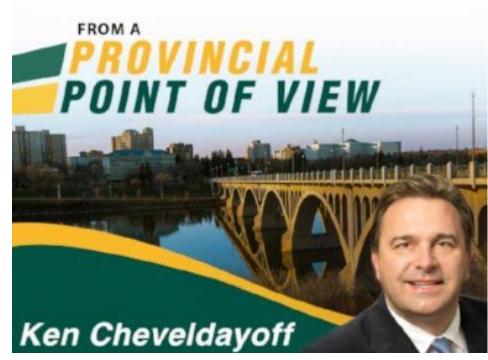
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Martial Arts and Body Wellness (Ages 40+) Fitness with Fern (Ages 16+) Tae Kwon-Do (Ages 3.5+) registration.wuhca.ca

TO READ ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES, CLICK <u>HERE</u>



PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH

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.

I appreciate 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.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

As the world fights to figure everything out, I'll be holding doors for strangers, letting people cut in front of me in traffic, saying good morning, keeping babies entertained in grocery lines, stopping to talk to someone who is lonely, being patient with sales clerks, smiling at a passersby. WHY? Because I will not stand idly by and live in a world where love is invisible. Join me in showing kindness, understanding, and judging less. Be kind to a stranger, give grace to friends who are having a bad day, be forgiving of yourself - today and every day

BE the change, BE the light, start today and never stop.

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