

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



Provincial Point of View

January 18

A beautiful day in Saskatchewan!

LAUNCH OF ACUTE STROKE PATHWAY IMPROVES PATIENT CARE ACROSS SASKATCHEWAN

LEARN THE SIGNS OF STROKE

FACE is it drooping?
ARM**S** can you raise both?
SPEECH is it slurred or jumbled?
TIME to call 9-1-1 right away.

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“When dealing with stroke, we’re working against the clock,” Saskatoon Health Region cerebrovascular surgeon Dr. Michael Kelly said. “By arriving at an accurate diagnosis quickly, we increase the chances of reducing or eliminating the sometimes debilitating damage a stroke can cause.”

Since 2013, Dr. Kelly and a team of stroke experts have worked with health system partners to align local procedures with national standards for hyperacute stroke care. Physicians and health region staff were instrumental in the adoption of the Acute Stroke Pathway protocols, so more patients can receive early assessment and access to life-changing acute stroke treatment.

Be sure to read the entire news release [here](#).

SASKWATER ANNOUNCES TWO YEAR RATE ADJUSTMENT

Today, SaskWater announced a two year rate adjustment for customers receiving potable and non-potable water. Rate adjustments vary by system and will take effect in May 2017 and May 2018.

Approximately 77 per cent of the 48,000 Saskatchewan residents affected by this adjustment are in the Saskatoon area. SaskWater buys potable water directly from the city of Saskatoon to serve these customers. Last month, the City approved a 9.5 per cent increase for 2017 and a 9.25 per cent increase for 2018. SaskWater customers around Saskatoon will receive the same increases.

Read the entire news release [here](#).

SASKATCHEWAN RESIDENTS REMINDED TO GET A FLU SHOT



Health officials are reminding residents it's not too late to get a flu shot as influenza activity picks up across Canada and Saskatchewan.

“We have seen an increase in influenza cases in the last couple of weeks, and we expect flu activity

will continue through March,” Saskatchewan’s Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Saqib Shahab said. “I encourage everyone to get a flu shot if they haven’t already. This season’s vaccine is a good match for circulating strains, including H3N2.”

There were 590 lab-confirmed influenza cases in Saskatchewan between September and January 7, with a spike of 175 cases during the last week of December.

For more information, click [here](#).

2017 SASKATCHEWANDERER BRINGS SASKATCHEWAN PRIDE AND HUMOUR TO THE ROLE



The 2017 Saskatchewan wanderer is a small-town guy with five years of world travelling experience, who is ready to share Saskatchewan stories. Andrew Hiltz is from Coronach, Saskatchewan, and brings with him a background in marketing and a passion to explore.

Hiltz has spent the last five years visiting Europe, Australia, and North and South America. Along the way he has documented his travels through photography, videography and journaling. He focused on trying new things, meeting fascinating people, and updating his social media along the way so that “mom knew where I was.”

Hiltz takes pride in the experience he gained from working with local businesses, such as Richardson Pioneer, which equipped him with a better understanding of Saskatchewan agriculture, and SaskPower where he learned about the operations of a coal-fired power station. Being the

Saskatchewanderer has been a goal of his for a long time.

“Friends and family have been encouraging me to apply for this job since day one,” Hiltz said. “This was the first year that the stars aligned and I truly felt ready to take on the challenge.”

“In addition to an incredible sense of humour, Andrew brings impressive skills to the role of 2017 Saskatchewanderer and will be a terrific ambassador for the province,” Minister responsible for Tourism Saskatchewan Jeremy Harrison said. “The year ahead will provide him a chance to share new discoveries about this great province, its friendly citizens and communities, and the entrepreneurial and job opportunities in Saskatchewan.”

“This program is now in its seventh year,” Minister responsible for Parks, Culture and Sport Ken Cheveldayoff said. “All of our past Wanderers have brought something special to the program and encouraged growth on the social media following; Andrew will be no exception. I look forward to following Andrew this year and discovering all there is to see and do in Saskatchewan.”

Click [here](#) to see the entire news release and Andrew's fantastic video!

THANK YOU HAYLEY WICKENHEISER!



I join the thousands of people as I congratulate and celebrate the outstanding career of Canadian women's hockey icon Hayley Wickenheiser. Hayley's contributions both on and off the ice have left a trail of success that will be an everlasting legacy for generations to come.

Our province is proud of Wickenheiser who was born in Shaunavon. Her accomplishments as an outstanding hockey player are just incredible, especially the five medals earned at the Olympics. In addition, we celebrate Hayley's true Saskatchewan spirit displayed through her several local and international charitable endeavours.

Congratulations Hayley for sharing your journey with our province and making us so proud!

DID YOU KNOW - SASKATCHEWAN

This is the first in a series of "Did you Know" Saskatchewan. If you know of any "firsts" for an upcoming newsletter, let us know!



The first automated teller machine in Canada was developed by Saskatchewan Credit Unions in 1977 and first went into service at two Sherwood Credit Union branches (now Conexus Credit Union) in Regina. Users could access the machines 18 hours a day, seven days a week, with a maximum withdraw of \$200. Saskatchewan is also home to the first debit card transaction in Canada. The MasterCard payment card – MasterCard II – allowed credit union members to pay for purchases without running up credit card interest.

PROVINCE PROVIDES MORE THAN \$1.3 MILLION IN CHARITABLE GAMING GRANTS

Groups and organizations across the province are receiving more than \$1.3 million in charitable gaming grants from the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA).

“Communities have minor sports programs, clubs for senior citizens, enhanced recreational facilities and many other vital programs and services thanks to the hard work of volunteers,” Minister responsible for SLGA Jeremy Harrison said. “Many of these groups and organizations rely on their own fundraising to provide these programs and as a government we’re pleased to provide additional support through the charitable gaming grant program.”

Click [here](#) to read the news release.

PROVINCE REACHES \$348-MILLION HEALTH FUNDING DEAL WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



The Canadian Press Photo

January 17... Premier Brad Wall, "Today we reached a 10-year agreement with the federal government on health care funding.

The deal ensures long-term sustainability of our health system while adding nearly \$350 million in new funding to expand mental health services and home care for Saskatchewan people.

We also look forward to demonstrating over the next year how our 2-for-1 private MRI initiative is

good for Saskatchewan patients and the public system."

To read the Leader Post article, click [here](#).

GREAT THOUGHTS!

GRATEFUL FOR...

- 1 Early wakeups
= Children to Love
- 2 House to clean
= Safe place to Live
- 3 Laundry
= clothes to wear
- 4 Dishes to wash
= Food to Eat
- 5 Crumbs under the table
= Family meals ♡
- 6 Grocery shopping
= \$ to provide for us
- 7 Toilets to clean
= Indoor plumbing
- 8 Lots of noise
= People in my life
- 9 Endless questions about homework
= Kids' brains Growing
- 10 Sore + tired in bed
= I'm still alive!
Amen



Winterruption 2017

When: January 19 - 22

Where: Broadway Theatre, Louis', the Basement, Cosmo Senior's Center

Click [here](#) for information



Banner Raising Home Opener - Saskatchewan Rush

When: January 21

Where SaskTel Centre

Click [here](#) for tickets and information



Knights of Columbus Saskatchewan Indoor Games

When: January 26 - 28

Where: Saskatoon Field House

Click [here](#) for information



PotashCorp Wintershines Festival

When: January 28 - February 5

Where: Saskatoon Farmers Marker, 414 Ave. B South

Click [here](#) for information



Steak Night Benefit for Kayden Kot - A special child in our constituency

When: January 28

Where: The Thirsty Scholar, Grovenor Park Centre, 2105 8th St E

Contact smfortier@hotmail.com or ps.kot@sasktel.net or dkdube@sasktel.net for tickets or information



Volunteer Fair For Older Adults

When: February 1, 8 -11 am

Where Saskatoon Field House

Click [here](#) for additional information



THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Success is not the
key to happiness.
Happiness is the key
to success. If you
love what you are
doing, you will be
successful.

Albert Schweitzer

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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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