

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

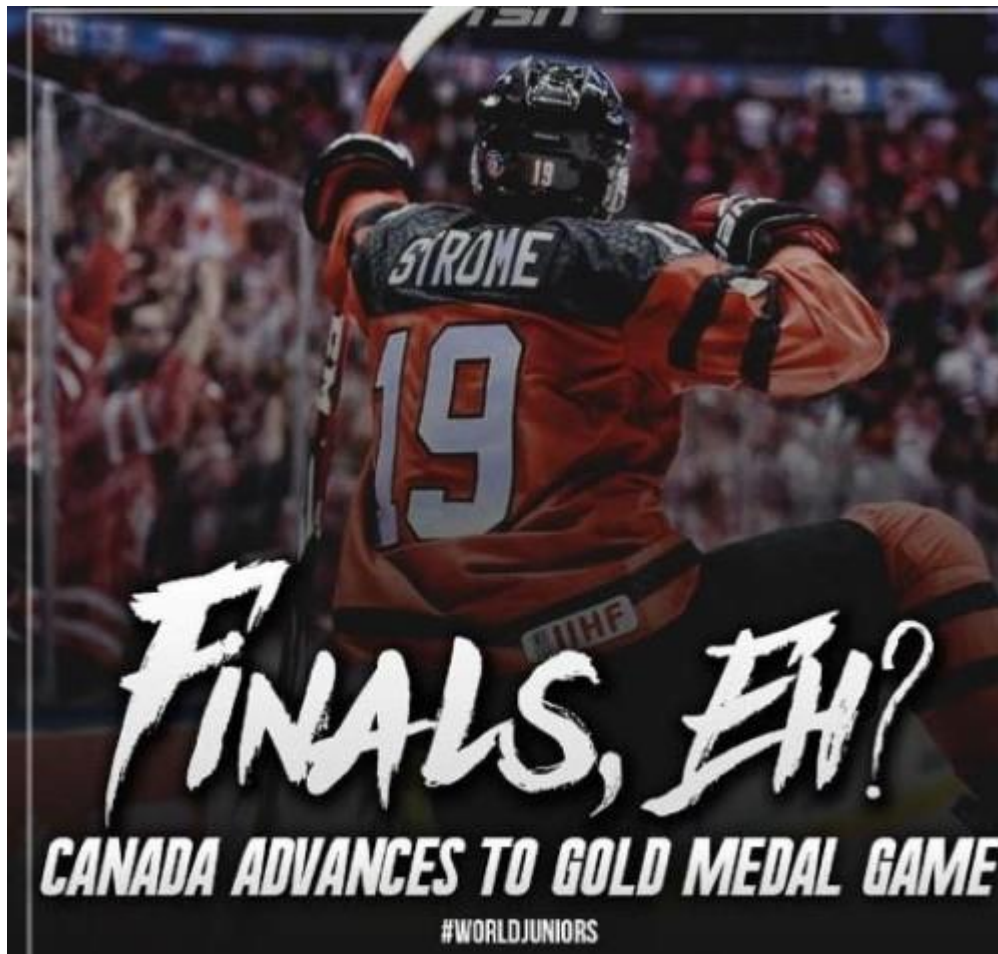


## Provincial Point of View

**January 5, 2017**

**GO TEAM CANADA!**

**GO CANADA!**



**SASKATCHEWAN PROVINCIAL PARKS ANNOUNCE NIGHTLY  
CAMPING LAUNCH SCHEDULE**

## 2017 Campsite Reservation Launch Dates

**Tuesday, April 4:** Blackstrap, Pike Lake

**Wednesday, April 5:** Buffalo Pound, Danielson, Douglas

**Thursday, April 6:** Echo Valley, Rowan's Ravine

**Friday, April 7:** Duck Mountain, Good Spirit Lake,  
Greenwater Lake

**Saturday, April 8:** Crooked Lake, Moose Mountain

**Sunday, April 9:** Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park

**Monday, April 10:** The Battlefords, Saskatchewan Landing

**Tuesday, April 11:** Meadow Lake

**Wednesday, April 12:** Bronson Forest Recreation Site,  
Chitek Lake Recreation Site, Lac La Ronge, Makwa Lake

**Thursday, April 13:** Candle Lake, Great Blue Heron,  
Narrow Hills

Though it may be the middle of winter, the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport is already looking ahead to summertime. Planning is underway for the 2017 park season and campers will be able to book their provincial park campsites beginning Tuesday, April 4.

“Saskatchewan’s provincial parks continue to grow in popularity, setting a new visitation record of nearly four million visits in 2016,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. “We know that families are excited to plan their next visit and we look forward to providing them with the high quality experience they have come to expect.”

As in past years, the launch will be staggered over a 10 day period, with different parks becoming available for reservations on different days. A queuing system will also be in place again this year to manage the high volume of traffic on the reservation website.

The 10 day launch and queuing system has been very effective at managing demand and ensuring the stability of the reservation system over the past three seasons. Additional information on reservations is available at [www.saskparks.net/Reserve-a-Site](http://www.saskparks.net/Reserve-a-Site).

Click [here](#) to read more about making a reservation!

**CHIEF PASKWA PICTOGRAPH NOW ON EXHIBIT AT THE ROYAL  
SASKATCHEWAN MUSEUM**

The Royal Saskatchewan Museum (RSM) has launched a new temporary exhibit entitled *We Are All Treaty People*. This exhibit showcases the Chief Paskwa Pictograph, a two-panel graphite drawing that depicts the only known historical Indigenous perspective of Treaty Four.

The Chief Paskwa Pictograph appears to portray European and Aboriginal people engaged in treaty negotiations with a record of treaty promises and payments made between 1874 and 1883. The *We Are All Treaty People* exhibit also features a reproduction of the original hand-written version of Treaty Four. This temporary exhibit will eventually be replaced by a larger, permanent exhibit of the Chief Paskwa Pictograph.

“After working closely with the Pasqua First Nation, the Royal Saskatchewan Museum now displays an important and historic Indigenous depiction of Treaty Four,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. “The Chief Paskwa Pictograph is significant to all Saskatchewan people in gaining a further understanding of our province’s history.”

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

**FUNDRAISER PLANNED JANUARY 28 TO SUPPORT SASKATOON  
WILLOWGROVE CONSTITUENT KAYDEN KOT**

## Steak Night Benefit for Kayden Kot Saturday Jan. 28, 2017

Please join us for a Steak Night Benefit as we raise funds for the therapies Kayden needs to reach his potential!

Kayden has made great progress since his brain injury and paralysis in 2013. He is now 5 years old – he is not yet walking, talking or eating orally. Kayden's family pays for private therapies as well as his dietary supplements out of their own pocket. They would also like to return to the US to meet with a pediatric neurologist regarding his seizures and with a pediatric dietician/nutritionist regarding his diet.

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 get the help he needs!



For tickets or more information please contact:  
Sylvie Fortier-Kot at:  
[smfortier@hotmail.com](mailto:smfortier@hotmail.com) or [ps.kot@sasktel.net](mailto:ps.kot@sasktel.net)  
or call/text 306-381-8873  
OR Donna Dube' at [dkdube@sasktel.net](mailto:dkdube@sasktel.net) or 306-244-2227

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/kaydenkotfund>

Thank-you for your thoughts, prayers and generosity!

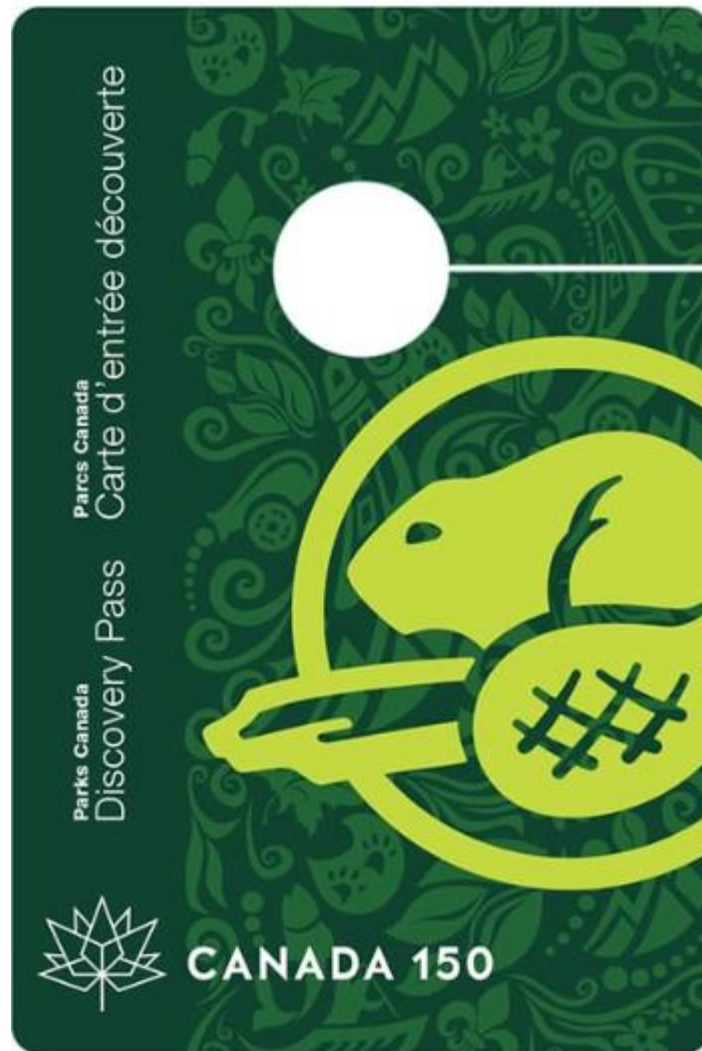
All the Details:  
When? Saturday Jan. 28, 2017, 5 to 8 pm  
Where? The Thirsty Scholar, Grosvenor Park Centre, 2105 8 St E  
Cost? \$25/ticket  
Admission includes: Steak supper consisting of steak, mushrooms, garlic toast, salad, baked potato and beverage.

Please join us for Silent Auction, 50/50 draw, Raffles, Dessert table - All benefiting Kayden's therapy needs!! Cash and Cheque only.

**You Make All the Difference - Thank-you!**

I encourage you to support this beautiful young child and his family by contributing to the silent auction, donating or purchasing a ticket to attend this fun filled event! Friends and family have organized this evening to raise funds to help Kayden on this journey. You make all the difference! Thank you. See details above.

## FREE 2017 PARKS CANADA DISCOVERY PASS



For all of 2017 this pass gives you unlimited opportunities to enjoy National Parks, National Marine Conservation Areas and National Historic Sites across the country!

**Please note:**

- You only need to order one pass for your group or family if you are all travelling together. A 2017 Discovery Pass is valid for everyone arriving in the same vehicle at a national park, or arriving together at a marine conservation area or historic site.
- The Discovery Pass is only accepted at national historic sites which are operated by Parks Canada.
- Activities such as tours or parking that normally carry a separate fee may not be covered by the Discovery Pass.

- **Camping fees are not included with the Discovery Pass**
- **Validity Period: January 1st 2017 to December 31st 2017.**
- **Display: The 2017 Discovery Pass must be hung from the rear view mirror of the vehicle facing forward or it can be placed on the front driver side dashboard facing up.**

If you have questions regarding the above information, please contact our National Information Service at 1-888-773-8888 or [information@pc.gc.ca](mailto:information@pc.gc.ca) . For additional information, click [here](#).

## **NEW RULES ON ACCESS TO BIRTH REGISTRATION NOW IN EFFECT FOR ADULT ADOPTEES AND BIRTH PARENTS**

On January 1, new regulations came into effect to make it easier for adult adoptees and birth parents to access birth registration information.

The Government of Saskatchewan originally announced the changes in February 2016 to provide notice to individuals involved in the 37,000 adoptions that have occurred in Saskatchewan since 1922.

“Adoptees, their adoptive families and their birth families have been asking for us to improve access to birth registration information,” Social Services Minister Tina Beaudry-Mellor said. “These changes will help support individuals involved in an adoption in learning more about their history, and even potentially strengthening their connections to their culture and birth family, if this is something they wish to move forward with.”

Read more [here](#).

## **GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES MOVE TO SINGLE PROVINCIAL HEALTH AUTHORITY**

# Optimizing and Integrating Patient-Centred Care



*Change Will Reduce Administration While Improving Co-ordination of Health Services*

Today, Health Minister Jim Reiter accepted all of the recommendations of the Saskatchewan Advisory Panel on Health System Structure, and announced the province will consolidate the 12 existing Regional Health Authorities (RHAs) into one single Provincial Health Authority.

“One Provincial Health Authority that is focussed on better co-ordination of health services across the province will improve the quality of care patients receive,” Reiter said. “It will also reduce administration and duplication across the health system.

“This change represents a consolidation of administration, not a centralization of services. Our government remains committed to providing high-quality health services in every part of the province. Our goal is better co-ordination between the health services provided in different areas of the province.”

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

## **THREE SASKATCHEWAN RESIDENTS NAMED TO ORDER OF CANADA**



*Photo Credit to Richard Marjan / The Star Phoenix*

**Congratulations to Saskatoon's Irene and Leslie Dubé and Harold Everett Chapman who were among three Saskatchewan residents among 100 people named to the 2017 Order of Canada. Please see the following write up from the Saskatoon Star Phoenix!**

**Recognized for their leadership in the community, Harold Everett Chapman and Irene and Leslie Dubé were named as Members of the Order of Canada in the landmark 50th year awarding the honour.**

**"I am delighted to recognize these new recipients of the Order of Canada in this milestone year," Governor General David Johnston said in a release.**

**"Besides marking Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 2017 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Order. So let's be inspired by the examples set by these remarkable Canadians and use this occasion to build a**



smarter and more caring country in which every individual can succeed to the greatest extent possible.”

Chapman is recognized for his leadership in the co-operative movement over the last 70 years, an experience he shared in his book, *Sharing My Life: Building the Co-operative Movement*.

After growing the Concorde Group of Companies into a successful business, in 1993 Irene and Leslie Dubé decided to focus on giving back to the community through a variety of philanthropic works across Saskatchewan. Their generous donations and work in health care, education and community organizations has benefited the Royal University Hospital, Lighthouse Supported Living and the Ronald McDonald House Saskatchewan, among many others.

Created in 1967, the Order of Canada is meant to honour outstanding achievement, dedication to the community and service to Canada. Chapman and the Dubés join nearly 7,000 people from across the country also invested into the Order.

## **SASKATCHEWAN'S TWO MAJOR NEWSPAPERS TEAMING UP FOR A SPECIAL PROJECT TO CELEBRATE CANADA'S 150TH BIRTHDAY!**



On July 1, 2017, Canada will celebrate its 150th birthday — otherwise known as its sesquicentennial — marking a century and a half since Confederation. And as usually happens on Canada Day, the

focus of the festivities will no doubt be the nation's capital, where fireworks will fly once again over Parliament Hill.

But while the events leading up to that historic day in 1867 took place mainly in the east, the significance of the younger, western half of the country cannot be overlooked. Saskatchewan, in particular, has played a pivotal role in defining what it is to be Canadian, even though our province didn't come into being until 38 years after the dominion was formed.

To help recognize this fact, Saskatchewan's two major newspapers are teaming up for a special project. You could call it our "Sask-uicentennial" celebration.

Starting on Jan. 4 and continuing every publishing day until July 1, the pages of the Saskatoon StarPhoenix and Regina Leader-Post will feature daily profiles on Saskatchewan people who have shaped our nation. Drawing on various resources, including newspaper archives, the opinions of local experts and suggestions from our readers, we'll share the stories of 150 people whose impact extended beyond the borders of our province, helping to build the country we live in today.

To build a list this large, the newspapers will make sure to draw from all walks of life, from the European and First Nations leaders who dominated our early history to the women and men of more recent vintage, whose exploits continue to make their mark. Some were born here and moved away at a young age, while others settled in Saskatchewan later in life. All were influenced by this province in some way and, in turn, influenced the nation.

Their list is not yet complete, so they're asking readers to help them out with your own additions. Over the course of the next six months, send your feedback and suggestions to [Sask150@postmedia.com](mailto:Sask150@postmedia.com). And if you disagree with their picks — some of which will be controversial — make sure to let them know ... after all, Canada's 150th birthday deserves plenty of fireworks.

**SASKATCHEWAN'S PREMIERE WINTER FESTIVAL COMING  
SOON!**



PotashCorp wintershines, Saskatchewan's Premiere Winter Festival will be held January 28 - February 5, 2017. Watch this newsletter for updates on the many events taking place. To see a schedule of events, click [here](#).

## STUDENTS ACROSS SASKATCHEWAN ARE RETURNING TO CLASS THIS WEEK



Please remember to slow down in school zones to help keep our kids safe.

## YOUR CHANCE TO WALK THE FOREST!



Saskatchewan Blue Cross Push2Play LightWalk is taking place [January 8 from 5:30 - 9:00 pm](#). This is your chance to walk the forest. No vehicles or pets are allowed. Park vehicles nearby at the church or school parking lots. You'll be able to warm up by the huge bonfire and enjoy a hot chocolate in the Forest Farm House! Admission is \$5.00 a person or \$20.00 a family. Click [here](#) for details.

## [SASKATOON FEATURED IN NEW YORK TIMES 'LIST OF PLACES TO GO' IN 2017](#)



*Photo credit to Daniella Ponticelli / 650 CKOM*

**Saskatoon made an appearance in the New York Times' 52 Places to go in 2017!**

**The Bridge City made an appearance in the New York Times' [52 Places to Go in 2017](#) – a feature long regarded by travellers as “the list.”**

**“There is a perception outside of the Prairies, that Saskatoon has very little going on, when in fact we are a dynamic and growing city, with the youngest demographic in the country,” said Aviva Kohen, media director at Tourism Saskatoon, in a news release Thursday.**

**Saskatoon is featured alongside the Louvre as a compelling art destination to visit.**

**“Remai Modern’s opening in 2017 will be an exciting time in Saskatoon” said Gregory Burke, the gallery’s executive director and CEO, in a news release Thursday.**

**“Our aim is to attract local, national and international visitors so we’re thrilled to have been included in the New York Times’ list of new museums opening this year.”**

**Overall, Canada is number one on this year’s list released online Thursday and in a special print edition slated for Sunday.**

**Tourism Saskatoon helped put the city on the New York Times’ radar while at a travel media conference in 2015.**

## **IMPROVING LOCAL ROADS AND BRIDGES IN SASKATCHEWAN'S URBAN MUNICIPALITIES**

**Investing in infrastructure is vital to strengthening the middle class and growing the economy. Modern and efficient community infrastructure like roads and bridges contributes to a high quality of life by helping connect people to jobs, supporting local businesses, and ensuring Canadians can spend less time on the road and more time with their families. Based on project planning in 2016, the federal Gas Tax Fund (GTF) supported 120 local road and bridge projects in Saskatchewan’s urban municipalities.**

**“We need smart investments in safe and modern transportation infrastructure to support trade and create good, well-paying jobs that help the middle class prosper,” said Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, on behalf of Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities. “Over a decade ago, as Finance Minister, I created the federal Gas Tax Fund to provide municipal governments with a new and substantial revenue stream to upgrade local infrastructure. It recognizes the importance of local decision-making, allowing Saskatchewan’s urban municipalities to direct federal dollars to their priorities across a wide range of project**

categories, including local roads and bridges, making a real difference in people's lives.”

“Support for these types of projects demonstrates the province’s commitment to make life better for our citizens and keep Saskatchewan strong,” Government Relations Minister Donna Harpauer said. “Improving the roads, bridges and sidewalks in these communities increases the safety for both motorists and pedestrians, in addition to promoting the efficient movement of goods and services through our urban centres.”




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

## The FACTS about street **FENTANYL**

There is no such thing as a safe street drug. Know the risks.

Fentanyl is often **added** to other illegal drugs without people knowing.

Fentanyl has been used illegally in various forms including:

-  Pills
-  Pure powder
-  Powder mixed with other drugs
-  Patches



**50 - 100  
times**

more potent than  
Heroin • Oxycodone • Morphine

**Fen•ta•nyl**  
[fen-tuh-nil]

An opioid narcotic, a prescription drug used for cancer patients in severe pain.



### Overdose Signs

- Trouble walking or talking
- Pinpoint pupils
- Seizures
- Slow heartbeat
- Shallow breathing
- Bluish or cold/clammy skin



### Slang Terms

- Fake oxy
- Greenies
- Green beans
- Green apples
- Apples
- Eighties
- Shady eighties

You can't  
**See it,**  
**Smell it, or**  
**Taste it.**

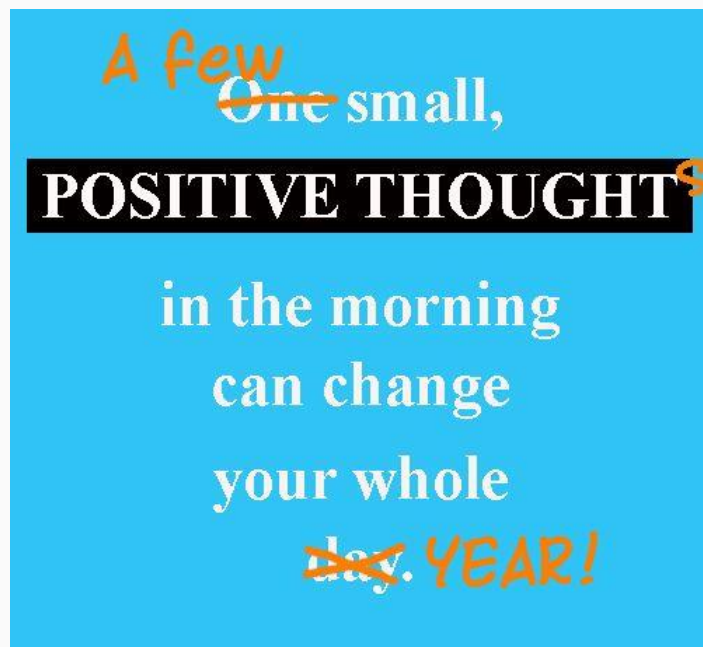
Visit [saskatchewan.ca/addictions](http://saskatchewan.ca/addictions) for more information.



Call 911 if you suspect someone has overdosed!



## 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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