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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO THOSE CELEBRATING UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS!



Ukrainian cyrillic

Ukrainian transliterated

English translation

1. Veselykh Sviat

1. Happy Holidays

1. Веселих Свят
2. Христос Родився
3. Щасливого нового року
4. Свята вечеря
5. коляда

2. Khrystos Rodyvsia
3. Shchaslyvoho novoho roku
4. Sviata Vecheria
5. koliada

2. Christ is born
3. Happy New Year
4. Holy Supper (Christmas Eve)
5. Christmas carol

This is a very special week in many Ukrainian homes across our province. "Kristos Rodyvsya" - Ukrainian for "Christ is born!" ... words that have been echoed last evening and again today across dinner tables throughout Saskatchewan as many families get together to celebrate Ukrainian Christmas. For those following the Julian Calendar, I wish you a very Merry Christmas. Enjoy your rich heritage with family and friends!

Щасливого Різдва і щасливого Нового року to everyone that will be celebrating Ukrainian Christmas!

SIXTIES SCOOP APOLOGY - GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN

Today was an important day. We gathered at the Saskatchewan Legislature as Premier Scott Moe on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan apologized for the Sixties Scoop.



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Elder McArthur, thank you for the prayer.

Elders, survivors, Chiefs, distinguished guests, legislative colleagues, ladies and gentlemen.

Good morning everyone.

Welcome to your legislature.

Welcome to Treaty 4 Territory . . . the traditional lands of the Cree, Sauleaux, Dakota, Nakota and Lakota peoples and the home of the Métis.

And welcome to our Dene friends with us this morning.

Before I begin, I want to recognize members of the Sixties Scoop Indigenous Society of Saskatchewan who are with today.

Honoured guests, thank you so much for your participation in the process that has brought us to this point, on this day.

A process that began more than three years ago, under my predecessor, Premier Brad Wall, who first promised this apology on June 24, 2015.

Friends, we would not be here today if not for your determination, your commitment and your courage.

We are deeply indebted to you.

Ladies and gentlemen, this is an important day in the life of our province.

This is a day for our government to acknowledge with honesty, with humility and with deep regret what happened in Saskatchewan.

The Sixties Scoop refers to a period in Canadian history when Indigenous children were removed from their families and their communities by child welfare services.

Thousands of First Nations, Métis and Inuit children were placed in non-Indigenous foster and adoptive homes in Saskatchewan, and in some cases across Canada and the United States.

In Saskatchewan, at that time, those who managed the foster and adoption programs believed they had a moral and legal obligation to act.

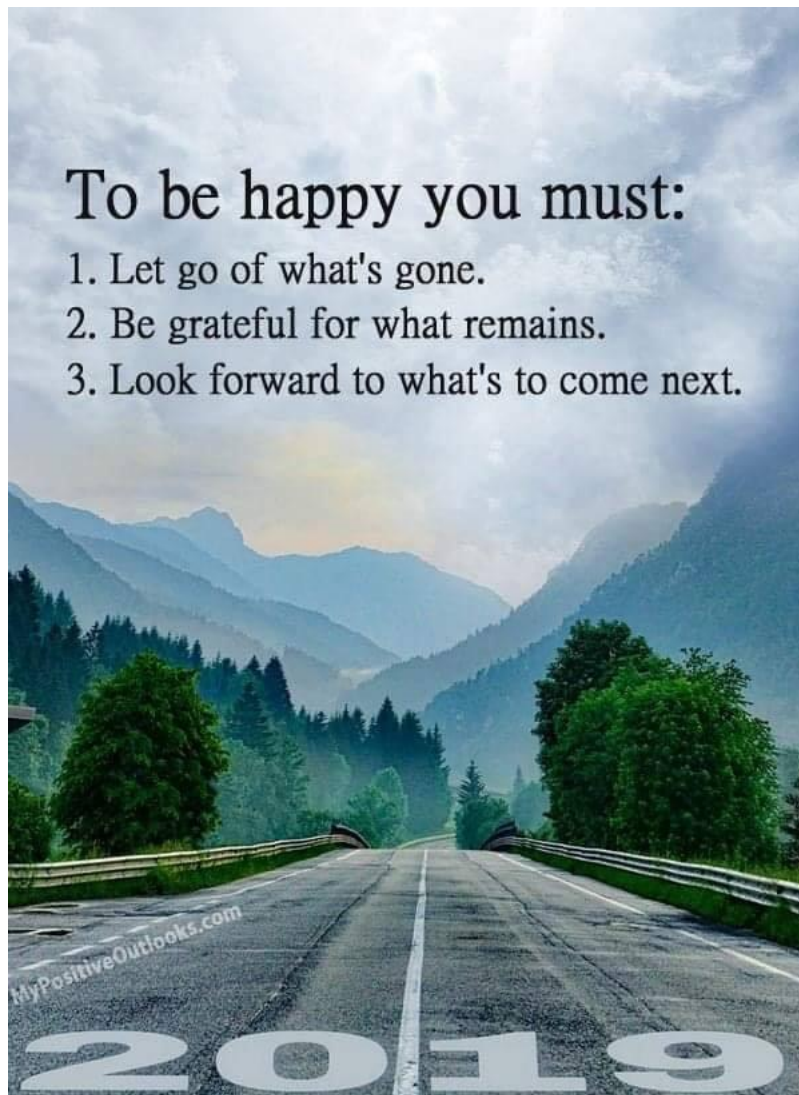
However, during the Sixties Scoop, not nearly enough consideration was given to the fact that Indigenous children come from communities with their own rich traditions, culture and history.

Some Indigenous children were separated from their families and their communities, and as a result those children were cut off from their culture, and they were cut off from their traditions.

Despite the good intentions of many foster and adoptive parents, too many of these children were caught between two worlds.

To read the entire apology, click [here](#).

Read the CTV News Story [here](#).



To be happy you must:

1. Let go of what's gone.
2. Be grateful for what remains.
3. Look forward to what's to come next.

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REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE



A new year is a time for optimism and renewal – and here in Saskatchewan we see encouraging signs that our best days are still to come. Despite the challenges facing our energy sector, people continue to see Saskatchewan as a great place to live, work and invest.

In addition to the 16,000 new jobs over the past year, which gave us the best rate of job growth in western Canada, Saskatchewan grew by 3,841 people in the latest quarter. This represents the 50th consecutive quarter of population growth – the longest sustained period of population growth in Saskatchewan since quarterly records started being kept in 1971.

Saskatchewan’s record growth has strengthened our province and allowed your Saskatchewan Party government to make important investments to improve health, education, infrastructure, and the overall quality of life for all people who call Saskatchewan home.

There is always more to do. For example, we have heard that too many rural areas still have poor cellular coverage and slow internet service – so we’re working to fix that.

The Wireless Saskatchewan initiative is our plan to improve wireless services, with Phase 2 of that plan addressing 100 rural communities that had no cellular coverage or fringe service at best. The

deployment of small cellular sites will improve the level of service by next year. High-speed internet and cellular connections are incredibly important to all of us, and this initiative will greatly benefit many residents, farms, and businesses who call rural Saskatchewan home.

The first 50 towers will be completed and operating by March 31, 2019 with remaining new small community towers functioning by March 31, 2020.

Meanwhile, major infrastructure investments continue in larger urban centres. The new Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford, Jim Pattison Children's Hospital in Saskatoon, and The Regina Bypass are all on track to be completed later this year.

In addition to these major projects, our government recently announced a \$9.6 million investment in major improvements to the Winnipeg Street overpass in Regina. The new overpass will significantly improve connections among the city's major arterial roads, providing more efficient commutes and supporting the growth and development of our capital city. The investment in the Winnipeg Street overpass is part of more than \$37 million in direct provincial infrastructure investments for key City of Regina projects in the last two years alone.

At the end of the holiday season, many of us are starting to plan – or at least think about – our summer getaways. Starting in April, visitors will be able to reserve campsites for in Saskatchewan provincial parks on a new and improved online reservation site. The upgraded site enhances the overall visitor experience and increase online services, such as seasonal bookings.

This year, seasonal campsites will be moved to the online reservation system. Due to high demand for seasonal sites, a queuing system will be used to ensure a fair process. For seasonal campsites, customers will only be able to book for one person in one campsite with one payment. Reservations for seasonal campsites will open Tuesday, April 2 at 7:00 a.m.

Group campsites will also be added to the online reservation system this year. Starting on Thursday, April 4, sites can be booked online year-round or through the call centre up until October. School and youth groups will continue to book by calling the parks directly.

Nightly reservations for 2019 campsites will open at 7:00 a.m. Monday, April 8. Staggered launch dates and a queuing system will be implemented again to help provide the best user experience possible during reservations.

For additional details on fees, and seasonal and group campsite reservations, visit www.saskparks.com.

KAYDEN KOT FUNDRAISER FEBRUARY 1

Kisses for Kayden Benefit for Kayden Kot Friday Feb. 1, 2019

Please join us for Kayden Kot's annual fundraiser.

Kayden has had challenging and complex medical issues from birth. He is now 7 years old and was recently diagnosed with a very rare genetic disorder (C-F-C) that caused his digestive issues and global development 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 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. Any additional money raised will go toward a hydraulic bed for Kayden.

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:

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ps.kot@sasktel.net or call/text 306-381-8873 or Kim Diebert
(kdiebert@gscs.ca) or Leanne Schapeart (leanneschap@shaw.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>

Thank-you for your thoughts, prayers and generosity!

All the Details:
Family Friendly Evening – Kid's Welcome!!
Build-Your-Own Burger
Includes Fries and Salad

When? Friday Feb. 1 2019, 5:30 to 9 pm

Where? Travelodge Hotel, Circle Dr W

Cost? \$20 per adult
\$10 per child

Please join us for Entertainment, Silent Auction, 50/50 draw, Raffles! (Cash and Cheque only).

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

I am looking forward to attending this event for Kayden who is a Saskatoon Willowgrove constituent. Kayden is the son of Peter and Sylvie Kot and little brother to Edyn.

Please consider donating to Kayden's health fund so that his family can continue to provide him with the best quality of life possible. All thoughts and prayers for the Kot family are also appreciated.

If you are able to help in any way by contributing to the silent auction or by purchasing tickets to this event, it would be greatly appreciated. This year it's a bit of a different approach- it's a family night, at the Travelodge hotel. The organizers are doing a build a burger night. Chicken fingers for the kids. Please try to attend!

HERITAGE CLASSIC WILL SEE THE WINNIPEG JETS TAKE ON THE CALGARY FLAMES IN REGINA!



The NHL Tim Horton's Heritage Classic will see the [Winnipeg Jets](#) take on the [Calgary Flames](#) in an outdoor game at Regina's [Mosaic Stadium](#) on Oct. 26, 2019.

League commissioner Gary Bettman made the announcement during the Winter Classic at South Bend, Indiana's Notre Dame Stadium, where the Boston Bruins took on the Chicago Blackhawks.

"The 2019 Tim Hortons NHL Heritage Classic will be a one-in-a-lifetime opportunity for many people to see two great Canadian teams in action, right here at home," said Regina Mayor Michael Fougere.

"This is an amazing way for our community to demonstrate our civic pride and showcase Mosaic Stadium across North America and the world.

"The fan experience at Mosaic Stadium is spectacular with great views from every seat, wide concourses, a variety of hospitality offerings and premium seating areas that provide an incredible hosting experience."

For the entire Global News Story and to read about how Regina got the Heritage Classic, click [here](#).

For additional information go to NHL.com or click [here](#).

Global News, January 1, 2019:

SASKATCHEWAN SEES STRONG JOB GROWTH HEADING INTO 2019



Saskatchewan saw strong job gains for the fifth consecutive month in December. Year-over-year employment increased by 10,900 jobs from December 2017. Saskatchewan's growth rate of 1.9 per cent ranked second among the provinces.

The job gains were driven entirely by full-time employment with an increase of 13,300 full-time jobs. Major year-over-year gains came from the province's agriculture sector. From 2007 to 2018, Saskatchewan had the third highest employment growth rate among the provinces at 12.9 per cent.

"For the fifth month in a row Saskatchewan has seen strong job gains," Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "Our economy continues to see steady growth despite the economic headwinds that we are currently facing. It is encouraging to see significant job growth in full-time employment. We will continue to stand up for our province's economy and resource sector as we head into 2019." Click [here](#) to continue reading this news release.

TRANSITION AT THE GLOBAL TRANSPORTATION HUB



Firm To Be Retained To Help Identify New Private Sector Management Structure

Minister Responsible for the Global Transportation Hub (GTH) Don Morgan confirmed today the Government of Saskatchewan's intention to move forward with the divestment of the GTH.

Morgan announced that the GTH's board of directors are in the process of hiring a third party

consultant to lead that transition and define a new governance structure for the GTH.

While the transition proceeds, the GTH's current clients and future prospects will remain a priority. Key staff members working in operations, business development, marketing, and investment attraction will remain in place to ensure there is no disruption in business operations.

"We believe the GTH plays a vital role in Saskatchewan's export oriented economy and will for many years to come," Morgan said. "However, the GTH will be in a better position to reach its full potential operated by the private sector. This process will be handled professionally and responsibly to ensure the GTH can continue to help drive economic growth in Saskatchewan."

GTH President and Chief Executive Officer Bryan Richards will not be a part of the transition. Matt Schroeder, the organization's current Vice President of Finance will serve as Acting CEO.

The Global Transportation Hub Authority Act, the provincial legislation governing the GTH, will remain in place.

"I want to thank Bryan for his work and vision over the past five and a half years," GTH Board Chair Terry Baker said. "We wish Bryan all the best with his future endeavours and we will work closely with Matt and the remaining staff as the divestment proceeds."

DID YOU KNOW?



A fun read:

Saskatchewan - Who Knew?

- * Regina is in the Guinness Book Of Records.. It has the longest bridge (Albert Street Bridge) over the shortest body of... water (Wascana Lake).**
- * The railway track from Regina to Stoughton used to be the longest stretch of perfectly straight track in the world, at 85 miles.**
- * Battleford was the capital of the Northwest Territories before Saskatchewan became a province. But lost out to Regina when the province was formed. The original government House looked over the former battle grounds of the rebellion until it burned to the ground a few years ago.**
- * The very first Dairy Queen was started in Melville in 1953. The original owner was Donald M. Patrick.**

* In Saskatchewan there are over 100,000 lakes, rivers, and bogs. The Province has three major river systems all of which empty into Hudson Bay; the Assiniboine, the North & South Saskatchewan and the Churchill.

*The Frenchman River, sourced in the Cypress Hills, empties into The Gulf of Mexico.

*The South west corner of the province was a part on the Louisiana Purchase.

* Over one-half of the province, or approximately 3,450,000 square km, is covered by forests. Of the total forest area, 2,165,000 square km are classified as commercially productive forest land and contain both hardwood and softwood species.

* Famed theorist/physicist Albert Einstein played goal for the Canwood (SK) Canucks one winter while sojourning north to Canada to 'find peace and silence' for his work on the Theory of Relativity. He had played hockey in his younger years in Germany.

* Dr. Ballard of dog food fame was a veterinarian in Wolsely which, incidentally, was also the home of the very first Beaver Lumber.

* Dad's Cookies were once made at the former roller skating rink in White City.

* Brett Hull lived in a little log house a few miles out of Whitewood.

* Gordie Howe was born near Saskatoon.

* Moose Jaw - The former Joyner department store was the western distributor of Levis jeans. The stock would sometimes exceed one million dollars. It had been reopened as a Gift/Crafu/Souvenir store. Tragically, this store and several nearby historical buildings recently burned down. This store ! also owned the largest Cash Cable Car system (over 1000 feet in length) that was still operational. The only other one in working order is in Europe or China and is between 600 and 700 feet.. Disney had offered the Joyner family \$600,000 for the system so they could put it into their Euro-Disney complex, but the family honoured the wishes of the original store owner that the system remain in Moose Jaw.

* In the 20's Moose Jaw's (AKA 'Little Chicago') River Street was the home of gambling, prostitutes and the bootleg center of booze running into the States. The tunnels under the streets there connected the various businesses and were used by various gangsters, and rumour has it, including Al Capone. The tunnels were believed to have been dug years earlier by Chinese immigrants as a way to escape. (Canada had Chinese concentration camps although no one ever brags about that!)

* W.O. Mitchell, who wrote Who Has Seen the Wind, and Jake and the Kid (both of which are regularly read in classrooms across Canada), grew up in Weyburn. In 1976 the town of Arcola was the site of the filming of Who Has Seen the Wind

* Estevan is the sunshine capital of Canada.

* Saskatchewan has the largest kimberlite field, (diamond-bearing rock) in the world, located near Prince Albert, where DeBeers & other companies are working now.

* Wilkie is home to the world's largest Grasshopper - which everyone hates because it's a farming community. Apparently you can fit eight people and three cases of beer comfortably on his back.

* A small town called Saltcoats, (16 miles S/E of Yorkton PTH 16) has been titled the salamander capital of Canada .. The town is nestled on the side of Anderson Lake which is where thousands and thousands (varies from year to year) of!salamanders also call home. On rainy nights they can be seen making their trek from the water to land. It is a crazy sight to see so many lizards running across the roads.. I will not tell you what it sounds like as the cars drive by.

* Every tree growing in Regina was planted or reseeded by the trees planted.

* Manitou Lake is not in fact the 3rd 'saltiest' body of water - The others are The Dead Sea and The Great Salt Lake in Utah. There are many bodies of water in Saskatchewan that are saltier, but none have the mineral content of Manitou. No one knows for sure where!Manitou gets the minerals from. In fact, in 1946, there was a team of doctors commissioned by the Province to do a medical study on Manitou ('the lake of the healing waters'). The

doctors didn't complete their study however, because at the time, they felt the lake may dry up.

* Danceland - at Lake Manitou near Watrous - world's only horse hair padded dance floor.

* John Diefenbaker, former Prime Minister, lived in Wakaw and Prince Albert. Interestingly, Sir Wilfred Laurier, Mackenzie King and John Diefenbaker were all elected to the House of Commons from the Prince Albert constituency. Laurier had actually run in two seats--he ran in Prince Albert as it ! was a 'safe' Liberal seat, but gave that seat up and represented his seat won in Quebec; King represented Prince Albert from 1925 to 1944 (not a well known fact). Dief's story is well known. This marvellous bit of trivia is added by Rod Thomson in PA---only!because it was conspicuous byits absence.=PAN>

* Tom Sukanen, a Finnish immigrant, built an ocean-going boat near Macrorie during the middle of the dust-bowl years. He was 15 miles from the South Saskatchewan River. He intended totake a load of wheat back to Finland. He hand made every part, including boiler and steam engine. He died before completion. The assembled ship can now been seen on Highway 2 south of Moose Jaw.

* Wynyard is the chicken capital of Canada because they export the highest amount of chicken per capita. Every summer during the carnival days they host the 'chicken chariot race' where chickens are hooked up to a homemade chariot and they are raced down lanes to see which one is the fastest.

Now you know!

**NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR ERINDALE COOPERATIVE
PRESCHOOL 2019-2020!**



Erindale Cooperative Preschool

- Online registration link access for previous ECP families- Jan.13-15, 2019 @ 9:00 a. m.
- Online registration link access for everyone- Jan. 16, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m.
- Orientation and payment night- Jan.31, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

Erindale Cooperative Preschool (ECP) has a new online registration system for 2019-2020. The online registration link will be available on our Erindale Cooperative Preschool Facebook page and our ECP website (<https://www.erindalecooperativepreschool.ca>). Visit their Facebook page [HERE](#) or their website for more information and registration updates!

SASKATOON FRIENDSHIP INN



The Saskatoon Friendship Inn are looking to add a couple more volunteer opportunities. They are looking for someone interested in helping out with doing some pickups for us a couple times a week and a couple people to help with reception. If you are interested in either of these opportunities

please contact Jody their Volunteer Coordinator at (306) 242-5122 or friendshipinn.volunteer@shaw.ca. [#volunteers](#)

JIM YUEL - SASKATOON'S CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

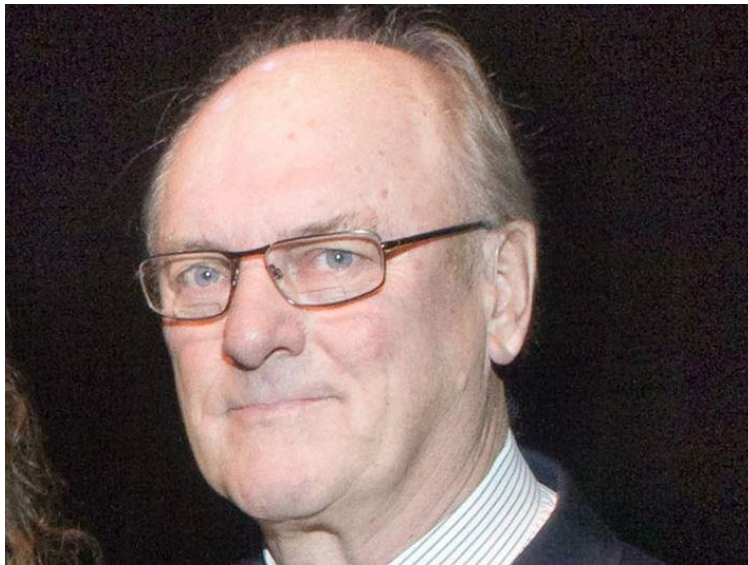


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Congratulations to James (Jim) Yuel who was name Saskatoon's citizen of the year.

Saskatoon StarPhoenix Article: A local volunteer, philanthropist and entrepreneur, James (Jim) Yuel has been named CTV Saskatoon's Citizen of the Year for 2018.

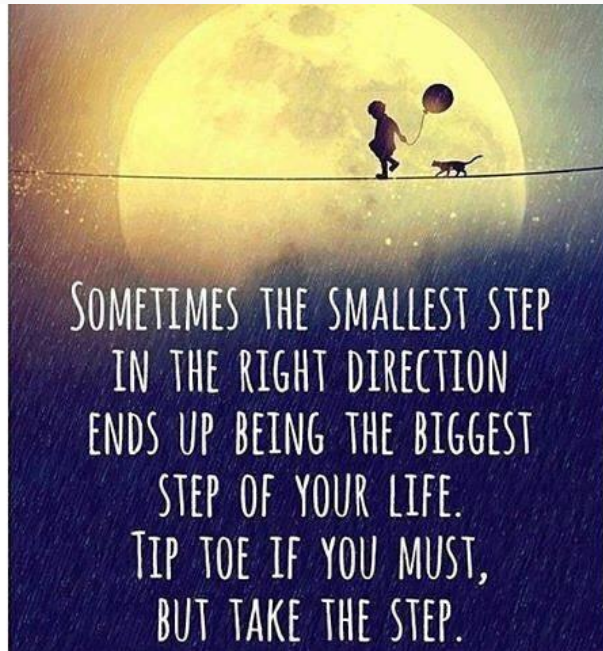
Yuel is a founding member of the Saskatoon Regional and Economic Development Authority (SREDA) and has served on the [Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce](#). He has also supported Junior Achievement of Saskatoon, the Raj Manek Mentorship Program, Ducks Unlimited and the Children's Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan — now called Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation.

Yuel's contributions to organizations and foundations "have had a lasting impact on Saskatoon and its residents," said Bell Media's Manitoba and Saskatchewan general manager Jeff Bollenbach in a statement, noting Yuel's involvement with Ronald McDonald House, Persephone Theatre, and Saskatoon Tribal Council's Youth Entrepreneurship Program.

“Throughout his life, James has used his talents and knowledge as a successful business leader to enrich our community,” said Bollenbach.

Read the entire [Saskatoon StarPhoenix article here](#).

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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