

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

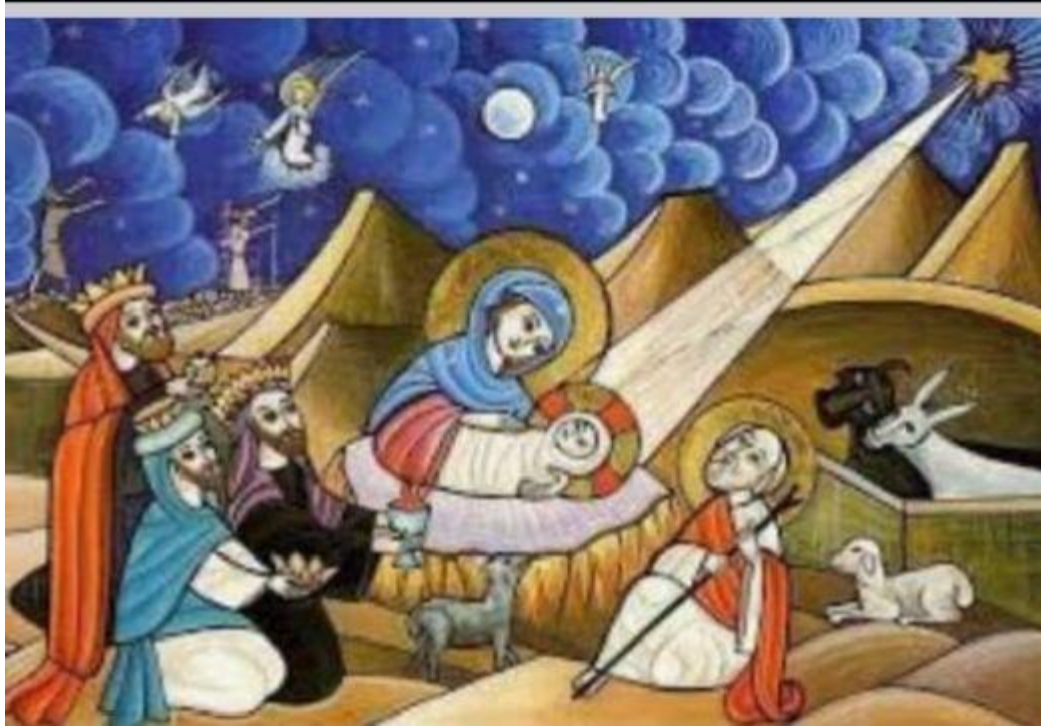
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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE CELEBRATING TODAY!



Ukrainian cyrillic

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

Ukrainian transliterated

1. Veselykh Sviat
2. Khrystos Rodyvsia
3. Shchaslyvoho novoho roku
4. Sviata Veчерia
5. koliada

English translation

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



For those following the Julian Calendar, this is a very special week in many 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. 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!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO SASKATOON WILLOWGROVE
CONSTITUENT MERLIS BELSHER ON BEING A RECIPIENT OF THE
2019 QUEEN'S COUNSEL APPOINTMENT**



I was very humbled to represent Saskatoon Willowgrove resident Merlis Belsher at the 2019 Queen's Council Induction Ceremony at Government House on January 3rd. Fourteen outstanding Saskatchewan citizens were honoured with Queen's Counsel (Q.C.) appointments. The 2019 Queen's Counsel Induction Ceremony was co-hosted by His Honour the Honourable Russ Mirasty, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan and Her Honour Donna Mirasty, The Honourable Don Morgan, Q.C. Minister of Justice and Attorney General and the Law Society of Saskatchewan.

Q.C. appointments were first made in British North America in 1815 to recognize lawyers of high standing in the profession. Today the Q.C. designation reflects the esteem in which its recipients are held by their colleagues, the courts, the legal profession and the community.

Currently in Saskatchewan, at the end of each year, the Lieutenant Governor in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of Justice, appoints certain lawyers as Queen's Counsel.

All potential appointments are reviewed by a Committee consisting of the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, either the Chief Justice of Saskatchewan or Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench, the immediate Past President of the Law Society of Saskatchewan, and the immediate Past President of the Canadian Bar Association (Saskatchewan Branch). The contributions of these individuals lend the Q.C. designation its significant credibility.



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Merlis is so deserving of this honour. Merlis is a well known in Saskatoon and across the province. In Saskatoon we're all familiar and grateful for Merlis Belscher Place, a multi-sport facility located on the University of Saskatchewan campus. This is just one of the many projects Mr. Belscher has contributed to. A few years ago I highlighted a Saskatoon Star Phoenix article, "From tragedy comes a sense of community, giving back". The December 30, 2016 article written by Girard Hengen is such an outstanding depiction of Merlis' life. Please take the time to read about this outstanding individual [here](#).

2020 - NEW YEAR'S DAY CELEBRATION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE



It was an honour to join the Lieutenant Governor at her annual New Year's Day Levee at Government House. It was Lieutenant Governor Russ Merasty's first time hosting the Levee. It was great to have the opportunity to exchange New Year's greetings with those in attendance while enjoying the historic house full of entertainment, refreshments and activities.

REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE



Report from the Legislature, January 2, 2020 - Happy New Year!

2019 was an amazing year of growth and success that found the right balance for Saskatchewan. Our provincial budget carefully managed spending with no tax increases and important infrastructure investments for our future. The budget provides record funding for healthcare and education as well as several notable investments, including:

- \$30 million for targeted mental health and addictions initiatives, including 140 new mental health and addictions beds;**
- \$1.1 million to train police in detecting drug-impaired driving;**
- \$10.5 million increase to Municipal Revenue Sharing, which will keep municipal taxes low; and**
- \$211 million in targeted investments that will benefit Indigenous communities, businesses and organizations, a 4.7 per cent increase from the previous year.**

You can learn more about our government's balanced budget online at saskatchewan.ca/budget.

The start of a new year is an exciting time as it represents renewal, hope and optimism for what is to come. Unfortunately, the arrival of a new year means a higher Federal Carbon Tax which will cost Saskatchewan families and businesses more.

Your Saskatchewan Party government will continue standing up and fighting this unconstitutional tax in the Supreme Court and making meaningful progress to reduce GHG emissions. Our province and our industries have taken meaningful steps to address our carbon emissions. Technology like zero-till agriculture and carbon capture have done more to reduce our carbon emissions than taxing the people of Saskatchewan. It is time the federal government recognizes our industries and the work they are doing.

For many of us, a new year and decade inspires goal-setting and plans for improvement. Our government begins a new decade with ambitious goals and a plan to achieve them. Saskatchewan's Growth Plan goals include growing our population to 1.4 million people and creating 100,000 more jobs by 2030. Our plan also aims to increase exports by 50 per cent, and grow agriculture value-added revenue to \$10 billion.

20 actions for the 2020s will ensure the province remains on track to accomplish the goals set out in our plan. These actions include keeping the province's finances strong and the budget balanced, building strong communities by investing in infrastructure, and delivering on Saskatchewan's climate change plan to reduce carbon emissions.

The purpose of growth is to build a better quality of life for Saskatchewan people; to build a strong economy, strong communities, strong families, and a stronger Saskatchewan. We recently learned that our population in Saskatchewan grew by 4,195 people during the 3rd quarter of 2019, to an all-time high of 1,178,657. This marks the 54th consecutive quarter of population growth in our province, and is a great start to our goal of raising the population to 1.4 million people by 2030.

My colleagues and I look forward to continuing serving the people of Saskatchewan in 2020 and beyond. Once again, happy new year and best wishes for good health, happiness and prosperity all year long!

BURN CALORIES, NOT CASH THIS WINTER

At this time of year, gym memberships are often top of the mind for consumers and the Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority (FCAA) receives an increased number of inquiries about them.

Some consumers may not ask the right questions or fully read the contract before signing up for a membership, and encounter problems later on regarding cancellation rights, membership packages, and extra programs and services included in a membership.

Here are some tips to consider before signing a gym membership contract:

- **Make sure you've read the entire contract and understand the terms and conditions. By law, your gym contract must not exceed two years in length.**
- **Find out the total cost of your membership, including the regular fees for programs and services. Remember to ask questions if you don't understand something.**
- **Know that you have the right to cancel your contract within seven business days of receiving a written copy. You may also be able to cancel if:**
 - **you move more than 30 km away from your home gym or one of its other locations;**
 - **you experience material physical, medical, or mental changes supported by your medical practitioner that would make gym participation unreasonable; or**
 - **there are material changes in the services being provided, or if the facility moves more than 10 km from its former location.**

For more information about fitness/gym memberships, visit our website

at <http://fcaa.gov.sk.ca/consumers-investors-pension-plan-members/consumers/consumers-of-goods-and-services/fitness-gym-memberships>.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH YOUR TREE?



Don't know where to take your tree now that Christmas is over? Use the search function on www.saskwastereduction.ca to find your closet drop-off location!

SASKATOONING IN 2020!



Three Things to Expect in 2020! - [Tourism Saskatoon](#)

It's officially a new decade and Saskatoon is excited about the new year! Here are three exciting things happening in Saskatoon in 2020.

1. The JUNOs 2020 -[The JUNOs](#) are Canada's music awards. Each year [The JUNO Awards](#) are hosted in a different city and showcase the local music scene. This year they will be taking place in Saskatoon! The week leading up to The JUNO Awards broadcast is called JUNO Week and includes many events such as JUNO songwriters' circle, JUNOfest and JUNO cup.

If you want to check out The JUNO Awards in Saskatoon make sure to get your tickets [here](#)! Stay tuned to our channels as we release more information on the JUNOs 2020 in Saskatoon!



2. Reintroducing Bison to Wanuskewin Heritage Park - [Wanuskewin](#) is a sacred site where Northern Plains Indigenous peoples have been gathering for over 6400 years and the home to Canada's longest-running archaeological dig. There are two historical bison jumps in the park. In 2020 they will be reintroducing bison to the park. They are starting with four young female Bison and will grow their herd over time.



3. SaskTel Jazz Festival Changes Dates - [Jazz Fest](#) is Saskatoon's largest music festival and in the past was considered the beginning of summer in Saskatoon, but no longer! [Sasktel Jazz Fest](#) has changed their dates so the beloved festival will take place later in the summer.

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CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION JANUARY 25

中國新年聯歡餐會

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Chinese New Year Banquet

When: 6:00 p.m. Cocktail, 6:30 Dinner Saturday, January 25, 2020

Where: Mandarin Restaurant (京華 245 - 20th Street West)

Menu: Nine course meal (Veg. meal available by book a table of 10 only)

Ticket: \$35/person, \$12/child (4-13 at children's table; 0-3 free)

Contact: 306-249-1018 (Gwen), or 306-979-6761 (Pei-yl)

Best gift for any occasions

Hurry! Limited seating!!

Entertainments, Door Prize ...

Students' New Year concert will be held in the afternoon



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GET YOUR TICKETS BEFORE THEY'RE SOLD OUT!



Swinging with the Stars is a high energy, action packed evening of dance & fun, featuring Saskatoon's finest celebrities coming together to compete to raise money for the Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation.

[Ens Auto Swinging with the Stars 2020 - Saskatoon](#) will be held Saturday, February 1st beginning at 5 PM at TCU Place, Saskatoon. Would you like to volunteer?



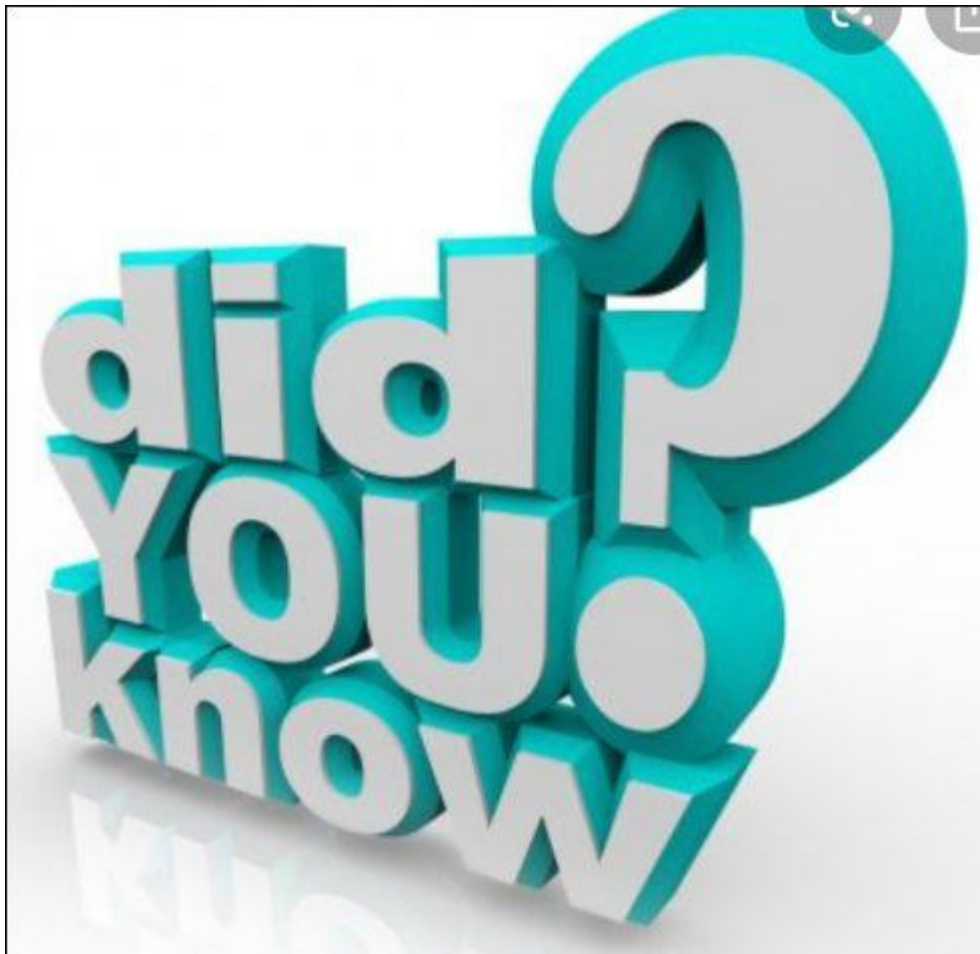
Get your tickets for this event before they're sold out! Click [here](#) for ticket information.

PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK



The Government of Saskatchewan is seeking public feedback on the draft range plan for woodland caribou in the western portion of the province's boreal plain.

The draft range plan is available at saskatchewan.ca/public-consultations. The 60-day review period runs from December 10 to February 8, 2020.



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.

* 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.

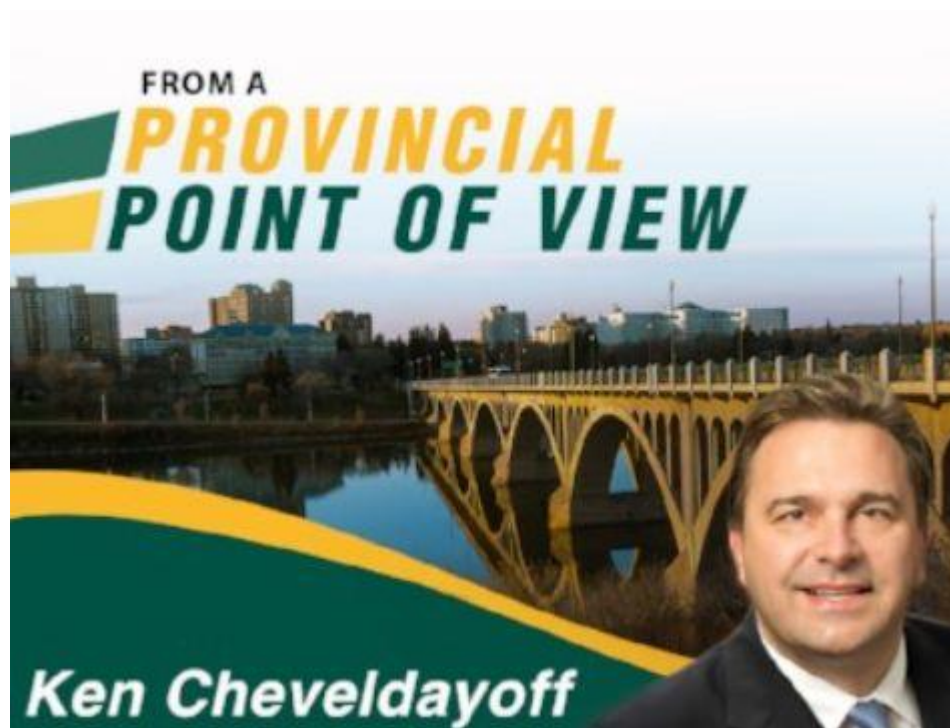
* Danceland - at Lake Manitou near Watrous - world's only horse hair padded dance floor.

* 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) .

* 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!



I appreciate any opportunity to make a positive difference in our 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.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

This
year 2020

"Be so busy
loving your life
that you have no
time for hate,
regret or fear."

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KEEP IN TOUCH

**"From a Provincial Point of View" is a weekly message from Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA
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