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HAPPY EASTER WEEKEND!



WEAR PINK TOMORROW - APRIL 1 TO RAISE
AWARENESS AROUND BULLYING



April 1, 2015, has been proclaimed Red Cross Day of Pink to raise awareness around bullying issues. Everyone is encouraged to speak out against discrimination, violence and abuse.

I encourage you and your families to wear pink tomorrow, April 1 to show your support and help stop bullying behavior.

I join the Minister of Education, the Honourable Don Morgan in encouraging you to learn more about anti-bullying initiatives in Saskatchewan. Student safety is a shared responsibility of the home, school, and community. [Click here to learn more about how you can support anti-bullying.](#)

Red Cross bullying prevention education programs provide information and tips about the their programs. [Click here for additional information.](#)

KEEPING SASKATCHEWAN STRONG



Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance, the Honourable Ken Krawetz in his post-budget speech addressed an audience at the March Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce Luncheon in what will be his final year delivering Budget Highlights in Saskatoon.

It was a pleasure to be in attendance along with colleagues, the Honourable Don Morgan and the Honourable Scott Moe to hear the Honourable Ken Krawetz speak. We are very grateful for the incredible job Ken Krawetz has done serving as our Finance Minister in Saskatchewan.

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON CHILD CARE CENTRE AT UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

Today, Education Minister Don Morgan, Advanced Education Minister Kevin Doherty, and University of Saskatchewan Interim President Gordon Barnhart gathered to celebrate the start of construction for the university's newest child care centre. The Government of Saskatchewan has committed \$1.3 million toward the \$4.6 million project.

The new facility will accommodate 90 child care spaces, bringing the total number of licensed child care spaces on the university campus to 200.

“Our government recognizes that providing parents with access to high quality child care is important for a strong economy,” Morgan said. “This new facility will give parents at the university convenient access to child care so they can focus on furthering their education and taking advantage of the employment opportunities in Saskatchewan.”

[Read more ... Saskatchewan has made a record investment in licensed child care](#)

WILLOWGROVE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CONTINUES
TO PLAN COMMUNITY EVENTS!



The WUHCA continues to make our community a better place. I encourage your families to participate in a few very important events that are currently being planned.

April 22 is Earth Day Clean Up! It is a great opportunity to help collect trash from parks around our community. Snacks and supplies are provided at a central collection area. The association is hoping to involve schools this year. More details to follow.

Are you starting your spring cleaning? May 7, 8 & 9, marks the WUHCA community garage sale. Members can register with the WUHCA for free and will be placed on a pdf map of the area on the website for shoppers to use as a guide. The WUHCA will post an ad on Kijiji for the event and will plan to

arrange a community living pick up after the sale for those interested.

I commend and thank the WUHCA for their outstanding efforts and commitment to making our community a better place.

[Click here to check out the WUHCA website for updated details and events](#)

PROCUREMENT ACTION PLAN INCREASES FAIRNESS AND CONSISTENCY FOR SASKATCHEWAN BUSINESSES



I was pleased to attend the NSBA Luncheon Series last Friday. The Honourable Gordon Wyant, Q.C. Minister of Justice and Attorney General was the guest speaker. His presentation provided background on the progress the provincial government is making to ensure there is a level playing field for Saskatchewan businesses competing for public contracts.

The government is taking decisive action through the new Procurement Transformation Action Plan to ensure there is an open, fair and transparent bidding environment for Saskatchewan businesses, and that taxpayers receive best value.

“Our government is committed to ensuring Saskatchewan businesses are treated fairly, respectfully, and consistently,” Minister responsible for SaskBuilds Gordon Wyant said. “We are taking immediate action to ensure there is a level playing field for local businesses and to ensure contracting is strategic so taxpayers get the best possible value.”

[Click here to read more about agreements to benefit Saskatchewan businesses](#)

SASKATCHEWAN WAGE GROWTH RATE BEST IN CANADA

Saskatchewan had the highest percentage year-over-year wage growth in the country in January 2015, up 4.9 per cent over January 2014 (seasonally adjusted), well ahead of the 3.0 per cent growth posted nationally, according to Statistics Canada

“The Saskatchewan economy remains strong, which in turn allows employers to increase wages for Saskatchewan people,” Immigration, Jobs, Skills and Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “Compared to other jurisdictions in Canada, we are continuing to do very well.”

[Click here to read about Saskatchewan having some of the highest wages in the nation](#)

SASKATCHEWAN TO RESTRICT TANNING BED USE BY MINORS

Saskatchewan plans to develop regulations that will prohibit the use of indoor tanning beds by youth under 18 years of age.

The regulations are expected to be finalized in time for implementation in summer 2015.

“Our government’s goal is to protect the health of Saskatchewan residents,” Health Minister Dustin Duncan said. “Our young people are particularly vulnerable to the effects of indoor tanning, and this is one way we can help them lower their risk of melanoma.”

[Read the entire news release here](#)

PLEASE CHECK OUT SOME EXCITING COMING EVENTS

Saskatoon Prayer Breakfast

Date: April 18

Where: Prairieland Park

When: 7:30 am - 10 am

[Click here for additional information](#)

Bust a Move

Date: April 18

Where: Saskatoon Field House

[Click here for additional information](#)

WUHCA Earth Day Clean Up

Date: April 22

Where: Willowgrove Square

When: 10 am - 3 pm

Watch for further details

City Wide Food Drive

Date: May 2

Where: throughout the city

When: 11 am - 1 pm

Note: There will be a barbeque at 1 pm on May 2 for all volunteers at the Circle Drive Alliance Church

[Click here for additional information](#)

Teen Aid Saskatoon - Fundraising & Silent Auction

Protecting Our Children In A Digital Age

Date: May 3

Where: Smiley's Buffet & Event Centre, 702 Circle Drive East

When: 5 pm

[Click here for additional information](#)

Child Find Charity Breakfast

Date: May 6

Where: Hilton Garden Inn

When: 7:15 am - 8:30 am

[Click here for additional information](#)

WUHCA Community Garage Sale

Date: May 7, 8 & 9

Watch for further details!

SABEX Awards - Celebrate Success

Date: May 14

Where: Saskatoon Prairieland Park

[Click here for additional information](#)

MLA Ken Cheveldayoff's Annual Picnic in the Park

Date: June 18

Where: Forestry Farm

When: 4 pm

Mark your calendars and watch for details!

ZOOGALA

Date: June 19

When: 6:30 pm - 11:00 pm

Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo - Lions Event Pavilion

[Click here for additional information](#)

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

May you be blessed on this Easter weekend, and may it be a new beginning of greater prosperity, success and happiness. Happy Easter!

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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.

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