

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



## Provincial Point of View

May 16, 2017

Wishing you an enjoyable  
Victoria Day Long Weekend!

### SGI'S NEW IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION CAMPAIGN SHOWS REAL LIFE IMPACT OF IMPAIRED DRIVING



This month, SGI is launching a new version of its emotionally-charged multi-media awareness campaign showing the void left behind when a loved one is killed by an impaired driver.

Every statistic is a person, and the 2017 campaign highlights 12 lives cut short because of the senseless decision someone else made to drive impaired. SGI is replacing the stock photographs used in the original 2016 campaign with photos of real Saskatchewan people killed by impaired drivers.

Ben Darchuk, a 53 year-old married father of three, was tragically killed in 2012 in a head-on collision with an impaired driver in Prince Albert.

“Ben was an amazing individual, husband, father and community member,” Ben's wife Leanne said. “With Ben gone there is now an unfillable hole in our lives. Nobody ever deserves to experience the tragic pain from a loss like this. There are no words strong enough to explain the feeling of having your husband robbed from you.”

The campaign also features Tanner Kaufmann, Adrienne Gardiner, Danille Kerpan, Quinn Stevenson, Brandy Lepine, and the Van de Vorst family (Jordan, Chanda, Kamryn and Miguire).

The human cost of impaired driving is sobering, considering that the 12 people featured in the advertisement represent only a fraction of the lives shattered every year in Saskatchewan due to impaired driving. Over the last decade, more than 600 people have been killed, and more than 4,000 injured in impaired driving collisions.

“I want to thank the families who came forward and agreed to share their stories,” Minister Responsible for SGI Joe Hargrave said. “Theirs are the shattered lives behind the faces of this campaign. Their goal – our goal – is that this campaign prevents others from experiencing the pain of losing a loved one because of someone’s decision to drive impaired. Too many lives have been lost and too many families have been torn apart due to impaired driving. It has to stop.”

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

**THIS SGI CAMPAIGN FEATURES SASKATOON WILLOWGROVE  
CONSTITUENT QUINN STEVENSON'S STORY AMONG OTHER  
TRAGIC STORIES**

**In Loving Memory of  
Quinn Stevenson**

**Please Help  
Everyone  
Plan a Safe  
Trip Home**

**Home Safe Plan - For Everyone**

- *Leave your car at home • Have a designated driver*
- *Spend the night • Walk - but only if it is safe to do so*
- **Public Transportation:** 306-975-3100
- **Call a Taxi** - download an app to your phone or call:
  - United Cabs Ltd: 306-652-2222
  - Prestige Car Service 306-664-2222
  - Comfort Cab: 306-664-6464
  - Provincial Car Services Ltd: 306-665-0000
- **Designated Driver Service:**
  - SafeRide Designated Drivers: 306-262-3308
  - First Choice Designated Driver Service 306-380-9394
- **Call a Tow Truck:**
  - Astro Towing Ltd: 306-242-2030
  - Always Towing Ltd: 306-653-1777

*If you see what you think may be an impaired driver  
please pull over and call 911 with details.*

Contact 306-290-8278 for posters

**Get Home Safe** 

**Call a Friend or Family Member**

It was a very emotional day at the Legislature last week. Sadly, I know several people who have lost their lives to a drunk driver and are featured in the heartfelt video. I have witnessed the pain and sorrow of the Stevenson family who live in our constituency. I have also sadly witnessed the tragedy experienced by the Kerpan family. Allan was a colleague of mine in the legislature. I have been friends with the Vandervorst family for almost 30 years. It was difficult to see these families watch the very personal video.

Since Quinn lost his life tragically to a drunk driver, Bonny and Craig have worked tirelessly to create awareness, as have the other families. Their efforts go a long way to ensuring other people never have to deal with pain and suffering they experience each and every day.

As you read about this campaign, PLEASE sit down with your families and watch the video. As difficult as it is, we all have to have the discussion about the dangers and devastation of drinking and driving. Impaired driving tears families apart.

Click [here](#) to see the video with real people, real families that have lost their loved ones.

## **PROVINCIAL PARKS OPEN MAY LONG WEEKEND**



Saskatchewan Provincial Parks officially open for the season on Thursday, May 18, 2017. Provincial parks continue to be among Saskatchewan's most popular vacation destinations. With a record of nearly four million visits in 2016, the parks are preparing for another busy season.

**"Saskatchewan people love their parks," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. "Whether it's camping, fishing, relaxing on the beach or any of the other activities available, there is something for everyone in Saskatchewan Provincial Parks."**

As in past years, an alcohol ban will once again be in place from Thursday, May 18 to Monday, May 22 inclusive. This alcohol ban affects all campgrounds and picnic areas within provincial parks and recreation sites. The ban is also in effect for several regional parks. Cottages and commercial businesses in provincial parks are not affected by the ban.

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

## THE T.REX DISCOVERY CENTRE OPENS FOR THE 2017 SEASON



The Royal Saskatchewan Museum (RSM) T.rex Discovery Centre in Eastend, reopens for the season on Saturday, May 20, 2017.

A gem of Saskatchewan's southwest, the centre's fossil exhibits feature Saskatchewan's marine reptiles, prehistoric mammals and impressive dinosaurs including Scotty. Scotty is arguably the world's largest T. rex and the complete skeleton can only be seen at one location: the T.rex Discovery Centre.

"Saskatchewan has a rich fossil history and the T.rex Discovery Centre is an excellent place for citizens of our province to learn more about it," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. "Many of our province's most famous fossils were discovered in southwestern Saskatchewan and visitors to the T.rex Discovery Centre can not only take in the exhibits, programs and events at the centre, but can also enjoy the great amenities and services offered by the Town of Eastend. This centre is a great stop while travelling with families this summer."

So much more to read .... click [here](#).

## GREAT TO MEET WITH SASKCULTURE THIS WEEK



*Pictured above with SaskCulture's Acting CEO, Dean Kush and Board President, Joanne McDonald*

I was pleased to meet with SaskCulture representatives at the legislature. SaskCulture is a non-profit, community-based, volunteer-driven, provincial cultural organization. I appreciate the good work they do to build a culturally vibrant province, where all citizens celebrate, value and participate in a rich, cultural life.

**LAST CHANCE TO VISIT THE SNAKES AT THE ROYAL  
SASKATCHEWAN MUSEUM**



The hugely successful Royal Saskatchewan Museum (RSM) exhibit Snakes Alive closes in one week, on May 22, 2017.

The exhibit aimed to connect people with nature and it was successful with more than 139,000 visitors to the museum. All of the nine species of snakes native to Saskatchewan were on exhibit. By all accounts, they have been happy in their temporary homes over the past year, including one of the Plains Garter Snakes who gave birth to eleven babies. At the close of the exhibit, the snakes will be returned to the wild at their original place of capture, including the babies with their mother.

Before they go, programming staff at the museum have planned a going away party. The RSM is open 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. throughout the May long weekend, and guests will have a final opportunity to visit the RSM's scaly friends. Drop-in Snakes Alive stage shows will occur at 2:30 p.m. on both Sunday, May 21 and Monday, May 22. Following the stage show on May 22, families can enjoy a slice of a goodbye "snake cake".

**"Snakes Alive has been a great exhibit at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. "The exhibit was both visually stunning, educational and it attracted a huge number of new and repeat visitors to the museum. I look forward to seeing the RSM's next temporary exhibit, 150 for 150."**

**REPLACING SNAKES ALIVE WILL BE 150 FOR 150 OPEN JULY 1, 2017!**



Replacing Snakes Alive will be a new temporary exhibit; 150 for 150 will open on July 1, 2017. The exhibit recognizes Canada 150 by displaying 150 items from the provincial natural history and fossil collections. This exhibit features a special fundraising component, Adopt an Artifact. Until December 31, 2017, the public can adopt one of the 150 species on display. The names of those who adopt by June 21, 2017 will be featured in the exhibit. Every adoption supports the 150 for 150 exhibit and the Friends of the Royal Saskatchewan Museum.

The RSM, located at 2445 Albert Street, is open daily from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Visit [www.royalsaskmuseum.ca](http://www.royalsaskmuseum.ca) or call 306-787-2815. Admission is by donation.

### [INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON FUTURE SASKATOON FREEWAY ROUTES](#)



You now have an opportunity to find out more information about the recommended routes for the west and southeast portions of the future Saskatoon Freeway.



An online forum is going live today to share the routes and the rationale for selecting them in order to finalize the general location study for the project. Landowners, project stakeholders and members of the public are encouraged to visit the site at [www.saskatchewan.ca/saskatoon-freeway](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/saskatoon-freeway). It features a narrated presentation by members of the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure team, who will walk you through the recommended alignments and evaluation criteria.

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

## **SASKATOON WILLOWGROVE CONSTITUENT TEACHER ANDREA REGIER HONOURED WITH THE NATIONAL AWARD FOR TEACHING**



**Credit: for this article to the Saskatoon Star Phoenix:**

**The annual awards recognize elementary and secondary school teachers for innovative teaching methods and achievements in education. Regier is one of 11 teachers in the country to receive the national-level award this year.**

**“I’m very happy for her, that her work is being recognized,” school principal Kim Pasloski said. “One of the challenges that teachers often get is that great work is not acknowledged enough in our school and community. And this is someone doing exemplary work.”**

Pasloski said Regier regularly demonstrates leadership and creativity. For example, students in one of her physics classes staged a play about the Northern Lights.

“When students are up moving, they’re involved in their learning,” Regier said. “I take this approach with many different challenging concepts ... and it’s funny how seemingly difficult concepts suddenly become much easier for the students to understand.”

Regier’s high school students were the first to be involved in research with the synchrotron at the University of Saskatchewan, and she has coached students to compete in the Biology Olympiad. She will be the lead teacher for Bishop Mahoney’s new Health and Sciences Academy, a unique program in which students can immerse themselves in health sciences through specialized classes.

She was quick to give credit for her successes and inspiration to her parents, colleagues, and her own past teachers. Most importantly, she said her students make her happy to teach every day.

“They really are the reason I received this award, and the reason that I truly love what I do.”

## LAW ALLOWING BLUE AND AMBER LIGHTS FOR ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE VEHICLES NOW IN EFFECT



The Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed *The Traffic Safety (Tow Trucks) Amendment Act, 2017* to permit blue lights to be used in conjunction with amber lights on tow trucks and other vehicles providing roadside assistance. Adding blue lights will increase visibility from further distances on

highways. The law goes into effect immediately.

“Operators of tow trucks and roadside assistance vehicles put their lives on the line to help stranded motorists,” Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) Joe Hargrave said. “Adding blue lights to these vehicles will alert motorists sooner, providing them ample time to slow to 60 while passing. It will help make highways safer for all road users, and help our roadside responders make it home safely.”

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

## **SASKATCHEWAN CELEBRATED WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS WEEK**



The Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed last week, May 8 to 14, as Women Entrepreneurs Week in Saskatchewan. The week provided the opportunity to recognize and celebrate the successes of women entrepreneurs in the province, and their contributions to its economy.

“Women entrepreneurs are a vital part of business in Saskatchewan, providing opportunities and creating jobs that contribute to the stability and vibrancy of the province,” Economy Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “This week is an opportunity to recognize and promote the important role they play,

advancing Saskatchewan and enhancing the quality of life of all who live here.”

“Women continue to make significant contributions toward the long-term economic growth and prosperity of our province,” Social Services Minister and Minister Responsible for the Status of Women Tina Beaudry-Mellor said. “They are seizing opportunities, pursuing their goals, creating jobs and working to keep Saskatchewan strong. Our government also thanks the Women Entrepreneurs of Saskatchewan for their significant role in recognizing and advancing women entrepreneurs throughout the province and for helping them to achieve their goals.”

Read more [here](#).

## **FOUR THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE HIRING A CONTRACTOR**

Spring is the season when people begin to plan home renovation projects like building a new deck, replace shingles, landscaping and more. Getting the work done by a professional contractor is common, but every year most complaints come down to the same problem, lack of a contract.

Before hiring a contractor, consumers should:

1. **Get a contract in writing, establish costs, agree on the work to be done and set the timelines.**
2. **Do reference checks. Ask to speak with previous clients. Ask them if the price was fair, if work was done on time or if there were any unexpected problems.**
3. **Seeing is believing. The best way to judge the quality of work is to see it yourself. Ask the contractor for pictures or visit previous jobs in person (ask permission if it's private property) to see the quality.**
4. **Ask about property damage and liability insurance. Contractors can show certificates of insurance before work begins. If someone gets hurt or something gets damaged, homeowners don't want to be on the hook.**

If consumers have questions about hiring a contractor, they can find more information at <http://fcaa.gov.sk.ca/contractors2017> or toll free at 1-877-880-5550 or by email at [consumerprotection@gov.sk.ca](mailto:consumerprotection@gov.sk.ca).



## The Edwards School of Business Leadership Conference

When: May 18

Where: TCU Place

Click [here](#) for information



## Silverspring Community Association Annual Garage and Trunk Sale

When: Saturday, May 27 from 9 am - 3 pm

Where: Silverspring Community

For information or to register, click [here](#)

Note: you must register your house address by May 24 to be included on the office garage sale map!



## Race for Kids

When: Saturday, May 27

Where: Rotary Park, 10 am start

"Support of Boys and Girls Clubs"

Click [here](#) for details



### The Teddy Bear Picnic 2017

When: May 27

Where: Deifenbaker Park

Click [here](#) for details



### Tim Horton's Camp Day

Buy and coffee and help turn a kid's life around!

When: Wednesday, May 31

Click [here](#) to find out more



### Team Naomi Get Well Now 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament

**When: June 3**

**Where: Greenbryre Golf and Country Club**

**For information contact [teamnaomigetwellnow@gmail.com](mailto:teamnaomigetwellnow@gmail.com) and watch this newsletter for more details**



**Original 16 Country Concert Series at Rock Creek**

**ORIGINAL 16  
country concert  
series  
AT ROCK CREEK!**

**TUES. JUN. 6.17 JACKIE GUY, SHANTAIA POULIN**  
**TUES. JUN. 20.17 JJ VOSS, BRODY SIEBERT**  
**TUES. JUL. 11.17 BRUIN, LISA MOEN**  
**TUES. JUL. 25.17 ERIN HILL, BROCK ANDREWS**  
**TUES. AUG. 15.17 JUSTIN LABRASH, KELSEY FITCH**  
**TUES. AUG. 22.17 MABALEKA, AARON RIDGEN**  
**TUES. AUG. 29.17 ALEX RUNIONS, ELLY THORN**  
**TUES. SEPT. 5.17 DARLENE TULETA, ROLAND CORRIGAL**  
**WED. SEPT. 6.17 AMANDA HAGEL, STEVE GIBSON**  
**THUR. SEPT. 7.17 TENILLE ARTS, SAMARA YUNG**

ALL CONCERTS WILL TAKE PLACE  
AT ROCK CREEK TAP AND GRILL, MCORMOND LOCATION,  
#102-1820 MCORMOND DR.  
RESERVATIONS ENCOURAGED! CALL 306.979.7337 TO RESERVE A TABLE.  
ALL CONCERTS START AT 7:30PM.

**SASKO MUSIC** **Rock Creek** **PotashCorp** **COUNTRY MUSIC WEEK**  
TAP AND GRILL **ORIGINAL** **16**

**Junior Achievement of Saskatchewan Business Hall of Fame**

When: June 7

Where: TCU Place

Inductees: Darcy Bear, Betty-Ann Heggie and Vaughn Wyant

[Click here for details](#)



### 20th Annual Zoogala

When: June 16

Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm and Zoo

Click [here](#) for information on sponsorship and tickets



### Canadian Country Music Association Awards

When: September 10

Tickets on Sale Now, click [here](#) for details





## 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.**

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