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Provincial Point of View

August 8, 2013

QUINN STEVENSON WILL BE REMEMBERED ALWAYS



It is with profound sadness that I reflect on a life that ended tragically last week. Quinn Stevenson, son of Bonny & Craig Stevenson and brother to Shea was on his way to his early morning job when his life tragically ended. As a parent, there are no words to express the pain and sorrow I feel for Quinn's family.

Quinn Stevenson was only 17 years old. In those 17 years, he was a role model to many. I was always amazed by Quinn's enthusiasm, work ethic, talent and his keen interest in everything he did. His leadership qualities were admired. What an incredible young man. Many of you will remember seeing Quinn at Picnic in the Park. He was always so willing to lend a hand with set up and clean up. He was so interested in learning about political processes and was wise beyond his years. His parents instilled in him a desire to volunteer and I am so thankful for Quinn's assistance in many Saskatoon Silver Springs events, making his community a better place.

I, along with so many, will remember Quinn's handsome smile, his kindness, his respect for his family and friends, his great sportsmanship displayed in many sports and his willingness to help out. Quinn will always be remembered. I was blessed to know him.

My family, Trish, Carter and Paige, express our heartfelt sympathy to Bonny, Craig, Shea, Quinn's grandparents, family and friends. Quinn leaves a lasting legacy to all that knew him.

Quinn's obituary below speaks more about this amazing young man.

Our lives have been changed forever: Quinn was taken from us suddenly, and his family and friends are left looking for answers. Craig, Bonny, Shea, and dog Kai will have to find a way to go on without Quinn, but keep him in our hearts forever. Saddened beyond words are Grandparents Leo and Agnes Frerichs, Bruce and Nadia Stevenson, Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins, Karen and Kevin Dow sons Josh and Colton, Brad and Leann Frerichs sons Colby, Carter and Brody.

Quinn was a son who was always making us proud or trying to convince us why we should be proud of him. Since the accident, we have received so many notes regarding Quinn. Quinn was a leader, true friend, happy, joker, sportsman, driven, stand-up guy, the list goes on. These notes that speak to his character will be cherished in our hearts forever. Quinn had many great experiences and people he got to know as a younger boy growing up, but his final years in high school were his most memorable. On June 25th, Quinn graduated from Centennial Collegiate, a school he was incredibly proud of. He wore the Charger colours with a lot of pride. In his senior year, he was elected as Senior Watch with the SRC. He participated in many sports at school, which included football, curling, and badminton. In his senior year, Quinn had the opportunity to participate in the History Study Tour Program. He saw a lot of Eastern Europe, he fortified many deep friendships and had great stories to share with us when he got home.

Quinn was also a hockey player with the Saskatoon Redwings and ASHL Bruins, and Baseball player with the Saskatoon Blue Jays (Slow Trains for Life) who just won the Midget AA City Championship with Quinn at the mound. Quinn could also be found on many of the golf courses; like other sports, he had a great passion for golf. During the summer months Quinn was employed by Saskatoon Golf and Country Club, a job he loved going to. During the winter months, he could also be found at the hockey rink wearing the stripes, he was a highly regarded Referee. Quinn also curled a lot; his high school team in Grade 11 captured a city championship for Centennial. Since Grade 8, Quinn's wanted to become a broadcaster (TSN Sportscaster) and he was about to make his dream come true this fall. Along with broadcasting he wanted to take his Referee Career to a much higher level. There is no doubt that he would have accomplished all

of these, because if Quinn wanted it, he went out and got it.

Quinn had a huge group of friends, who are all finding ways to deal with this terrible loss. Our basement, garage, and backyard were often filled with laughter, the loudest always being Quinn. His friends were held close to his heart and he would have done anything for them; he was a true friend. We are going to celebrate his joyful life, not mourn his passing.

The funeral service will take place Friday, August 9, in the Centennial Collegiate Gym, a place that Quinn really loved. The family is asking everyone to wear their favourite team jersey and if you shared a team with Quinn, wear that jersey. If you don't have a jersey to wear, they are asking that you wear green as a Rider fan.

To keep Quinn's spirit alive at Centennial Collegiate, there has been a Quinn Stevenson Memorial Athletic & Spirit Scholarship created. Donations to this scholarship account can be made at TD Canada Trust at 970 Attridge Drive.

CIRCLE DRIVE SOUTH PROJECT TO OFFICIALLY OPEN TO TRAFFIC



I was excited to join officials from the federal, provincial, and municipal governments who led a Bridge Parade across the new Circle Drive South Bridge to ceremonially open Saskatoon's largest infrastructure project on July 31. The roadway officially opened that evening, and includes the bridge and 10 kilometres of new roadways as part of the Circle Drive South Project.

Participating in the ceremony were Canada's Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway Ed Fast, Minister of State (Foreign Affairs and Consular) Lynne Yelich, Saskatchewan's Minister of Highways and Infrastructure Don McMorris and Saskatoon Mayor Donald Atchison.

"The Circle Drive South Bridge project is symbolic of this province's enthusiastic embrace of economic growth," McMorris said. "The provincial government's \$98 million investment will ensure that moving forward Saskatoon's shippers and motorists will have the advantage of one of the safest and most efficient roadways our province has to offer."

[Circle Drive South Project to Officially Open to Traffic](#)

SASKATCHEWAN'S HUNTING, ANGLING, AND TRAPPING LICENSING SYSTEM IS FULLY OPERATIONAL

Saskatchewan's new online automated Hunting, Trapping and Angling Licence (HAL) system is now fully operational. As of August 6, all game bird, big game and big game draw licences are available for purchase.

As Minister of Environment, I commented, "Over the last several years, the ministry has consulted with many hunters, anglers, trappers and issuers, and has heard that the current system needs to be updated. The fact that hunters and anglers have purchased over 170,000 licences, demonstrates that HAL is meeting the needs of the public."

There are three options to purchase licences through this system:

- online through your personal computer any time;
- through private issuers, Ministry of Environment and select provincial park offices; or
- by phone at 1-855-848-4773 (8 am to 9 pm)

[Saskatchewan's Hunting, Angling, and Trapping Licensing System is Fully Operational](#)

A TRIBUTE TO WALTER SCOTT, THE FIRST PREMIER OF SASKATCHEWAN



On July 31, Premier Brad Wall unveiled the new, life-size, bronze statue of Walter Scott at the north end of the Queen Elizabeth II Gardens in front of the Legislative Building. He also announced that a section of Lakeshore Drive north of Legislative Drive is now named Walter Scott Way.

"Walter Scott was our first premier and father of confederation," Wall said. "But I do not believe he has received the recognition he so richly deserves for his vision for Saskatchewan and for his great personal sacrifice and effort to build the foundation for this great province."

"It is fitting that we acknowledged Walter Scott and the legacy he left behind as we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the Legislative Building in 2012," Minister responsible for the Provincial Capital Commission Kevin Doherty said. "This statue and interpretive panel will serve as a focal point for educating our growing population about our history as we look to the future."

[A Tribute to Walter Scott, the First Premier of Saskatchewan](#)

SECOND PHASE OF UPDATED LIQUOR REGULATIONS UPDATED

Another 37 of the province's 77 updated liquor regulations announced last fall are now in effect as a result of legislative and regulatory changes made by the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA).

"Our government is committed to cutting red tape where possible," Minister Responsible for SLGA, Donna Harpauer, said. "These latest changes now in effect will benefit businesses involved in the sale and service of alcohol as well as their customers."

[Second Phase of Updated Liquor Regulations Take Effect](#)

CREATIVE PLAY EXHIBIT AT THE SASKATOON EXHIBITION



Dollhouse by Heather Benning

Creative Play: The Saskatchewan Arts Board's 65th Anniversary Touring Exhibit is being featured at the Saskatoon Exhibition this year.

This unique exhibit, curated by Jennifer McRorie, explores the concept of play as a process of individual, collective, and artistic discovery. Discovery through play as children informs how we identify with the world around us and allows us to imagine other possibilities. Play can also be an inherent part of an artist's creative process, allowing for intuition to inform artistic work through experimentation with new ideas and approaches.

Creative Play features the work of Amalie Atkins, Heather Benning, Clark Ferguson, Lionel

Peyachew, Jefferson Little, Ed Pas, Yuka Yamaguchi, Twyla Exner, Griffith Arron Baker, Gabriela Garcia-Luna, and Jody Greenman-Barber. The work of each artist offers unique perspectives on the notion of play, from exploring fairy-tale narratives in our contemporary age to offering playful animations and delving into the creative process.

This is a great activity to take part in between the rides and the food at the Saskatoon Exhibition for both your children and your inner child to rediscover the art of play.

MINISTER APPOINTS DR. DENNIS KENDEL TO BEGIN CONSULTATIONS ON TEACHER CERTIFICATION AND MISCONDUCT

Education Minister Russ Marchuk has appointed Dr. Dennis Kendel to conduct consultations and provide recommendations to address concerns around teacher certification and disciplinary authority in cases of alleged professional misconduct and incompetence.

Marchuk said he has concerns with the current process that need to be addressed and Dr. Kendel's expertise as a regulator will be valuable to this process.

"Our goal is to have a process that ensures the safety of our students, protects the integrity of the teaching profession and helps to maintain public trust in the disciplinary process," Marchuk said. "This will require consultation with the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation and sector leaders. Dr. Kendel has the expertise we need to conduct this type of research and analysis. I look forward to receiving his recommendations."

[Minister Appoints Dr. Tennis Kendel to Begin Consultations on Teacher Certification and Misconduct](#)

SASKATOON EXHIBITION



This year's Saskatoon Exhibition is proving to be another amazing year. The Ex kicked off with a very entertaining Parade on August 3 and the gates officially opened on August 6. The rides, shows, and amazing fair food have been a staple for the Saskatoon summer since the beginning of the last century.

To conclude the Exhibition on August 11, Sunday will be Share the Fair Day. People 60 and over will be admitted for free when accompanied by a member of their family and children 10 and under can ride all of the rides all day for just \$20.

General admission is \$15, youth (11-15) admission is \$11, and children (10 and under) are \$8 or free if accompanied by an adult. Parking is \$8 or free if there are 5 or more people in the vehicle. For more information please visit www.saskatoonexhibition.ca.

Thank you to the organizers and volunteers who make the Saskatoon Exhibition a memorable summer event.

GREAT PLACES IN CANADA

The Annual Great Places in Canada contest, sponsored by the Canadian Institute of Planners, celebrates those special locations that people love most. Canada has an abundance of great places and everyone has a special place they feel passionate about. It may be a street, a neighbourhood, or simply an open space. There is just something about it that inspires and

delights.

We are so fortunate to live in the most beautiful city in Canada. We often take for granted the simple beauty along the South Saskatchewan River, but the ever changing riverbank is spectacular during all four seasons. The Meewasin Valley and River Landing have both been nominated as Great Places in Canada.

Please visit www.cip-icu.ca to vote for our beautiful Saskatoon landmarks or nominate your favourite place in Saskatoon or throughout the province. The winning locations are honoured not only because of their popularity, but also because they exemplify the highest standard of planning.

2013 FOLKFEST



The 34th year of FolkFest will take place from August 15 to 17 in pavilions around the city. This year, 24 ethnic pavilions showcase the immense multiculturalism we are so privileged to experience in Saskatoon. Inside each pavilion, you can find cultural displays, dance, song, food, folklore, fables, and skits.

FolkFest 2013 Passports are \$15 for adults and children age 12 and under are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Your Passport is also your "ticket to ride" free of charge on the special FolkFest buses. August 15 and 16, pavilions are open from 5:00 pm to midnight and August 17 from 3:00 pm to midnight. For more information and pavilion locations visit www.saskatoonfolkfest.ca.

FolkFest is a great way to celebrate the many amazing cultures that make up our community. I encourage you to attend FolkFest and become part of the cultural heartbeat of Saskatoon.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Government of Saskatchewan constructs and maintains its buildings by nationally recognized environmental standards.
- The Government tenders \$147 million in goods each year.
- The Government receives more than 62,000 job applications each year.

JUST THE LINKS

- July 29, 2013 - [Water Security Agency Rehabilitating M1 Canal](#)
- August 1, 2013 - [MLA Rob Norris Named Legislative Secretary for International Trade and Education](#)
- August 7, 2013 - [Government of Saskatchewan Funds Capital Upgrades in Three Provincial Parks](#)
- August 8, 2013 - [Province Shows Surplus at First Quarter](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saskatoon Exhibition

Date: August 6 to August 11

When: August 6: 3:00 pm - 12:00 am; August 7 to August 11: 12:00 pm - 12:00 am

Where: Prairieland Park

Saskatoon Folk Fest

Date: August 15 to 17

When: August 15 & 16: 5:00 pm - 12:00 am; August 17: 3:00 pm - 12:00 am

Where: Various locations around the city

2nd Annual Golf "Fore" Autism Tournament

Date: August 15

When: All Day

Where: Moonlake Golf & Country Club

Lupus Saskatchewan Golf Tournament

Date: August 23

When: 9:30 am

Where: Willows Golf and Country Club

First 36 paid teams will be accepted. Phone 1-877-566-6123 to register

Saskatoon Cruise Weekend

Date: August 23 to 26

When: All day

Where: Downtown Saskatoon

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart."

Helen Keller

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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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