

NUTRIEN WINTERSHINES JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 3



Nutrien WinterShines will take place January 26 to February 3, 2019. Giving life and meaning to our winter city, this community event is Saskatchewan's Premier Winter Festival.

Events are headquartered at the Saskatoon Farmers' Market for all ages with various interests in mind.

Activities include Ice Carving and a Snow Park for children of all ages. A winter cuisine will tantalize the taste buds during the Soup Cook Offs, as well as local entertainment to fill the air with music. Other features include large outdoor igloo, pony rides, sleigh rides and more!

Check out www.nutrienwintershines.ca for all 94+ event details!

ZANE BUCHANAN INTRODUCED AS THE PROVINCE'S 2019 SASKATCHEWANDERER



Raised in Saskatchewan, but with experience living and working away from the province, Zane Buchanan will bring a unique perspective to the role as 2019 Saskatchewanderer. He has a passion for the arts and social media blogging, and looks forward to meeting the people who make the province an inviting destination.

"Along with my travel companion – my trusty dog, Stedman – I'm eager to expand on the legacy left behind by the seven unique and talented wanderers who preceded me," Buchanan said. "Aside from exposing the evident natural wonder of Saskatchewan, I'm keen on giving a voice to the many inspiring entrepreneurs, artists and diverse communities that our province has to offer."

Buchanan grew up on an acreage near White City. He spent time in eastern Canada and on the west coast, pursuing an education and working in broadcasting, theatre and social media before applying to become the next Saskatchewanderer. Along with a diploma in broadcasting for web, radio and TV, he earned a bachelor of music theatre performance and completed a comedy writing course. He nurtures his appetite for knowledge and learning through continuing education courses with Simon Fraser University.

The Saskatchewanderer program is an inter-ministerial partnership that involves Tourism Saskatchewan and the Ministries of Agriculture, Trade and Export Development and Parks, Culture and Sport.

Follow Zane's year of wandering the province on Facebook at www.facebook.com/skwanderer, Twitter @skwanderer, Instagram @saskatchewanderer or YouTube at www.youtube.com/user/skwandererofficial.

Read up on his latest adventures by visiting www.saskatchewanderer.ca.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Saturday, February 2nd from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, the Saskatoon Triathlon Club, in connection with the Nutrien Wintershines Festival, is pleased to bring you the GO-Gordie-GO Wintershines Do-Athlon.

Triathlon isn't just a summer sport – we have outdoor fun during winter too! Have a laugh, race the clock or just have family fun in the snow – we have events for all ages and abilities. All registrants will receive a beautiful Wintershines race medal and post-race drinks and food. Participate on your own or as part of team! Get out and have fun!

The event will take place at the Gordie How Sports Complex, 1525 Avenue P South. The Challenge and Citizen Event begins at 9:30 am, the Family Snowman Circuit has a 10:30 am start time. You can choose from their Challenge event, Citizen event or the Family Snowman Circuit. Click here for additional information about this event.

USA TODAY TOUTS SASKATOON AS TOURISM DESTINATION

Article cites Remai Modern art gallery among reasons to visit Paris of the Prairies

Phil Tank, Saskatoon StarPhoenix



News Story, Saskatoon StarPhoenix:

Last year, the New York Times recommended its readers pay a visit to Saskatoon. Now another of America's best-read newspapers has done the same.

USA Today, which is distributed throughout the United States, abroad and online, ran a travel story last week that praised Saskatoon as a destination for tourists.

"Surrounded by shimmering wheat fields in southern Saskatchewan lies Canada's fastest growing city: Saskatoon," travel writer Lavanya Sunkara wrote. "Known as the 'Paris of the Prairies' for its eight bridges that span the South Saskatchewan River, this small city is vibrant with natural, cultural, and culinary delights."

As with the New York Times, which named Saskatoon among the top 52 places in the world to visit last year, the USA Today article recommends the city in part because of the Remai Modern art gallery.

The online version of the article carries the headline "Why you need to visit Saskatoon, the Paris of the Prairies" with the sub-headline "Canada's best destination you've never heard of."

Sunkara's article praises Remai Modern, the Meewasin Valley trail system, the Western Development Museum, Wanuskewin Heritage Park and the city's summer festivals.

Saskatoon's new restaurants, breweries and bars are mentioned, as is a "welcoming prairie spirit."

Sunkara is a New York-based freelance travel writer.

The gallery, which opened in October 2017 after much controversy and delays, has attracted more visitors than expected; an estimate for its first full year pegged the number at 450,000.

The exposure in USA Today follows a November article in Architectural Digest that placed Saskatoon atop the list of "Seven underrated travel destinations in Canada."

That feature called the Remai Modern "gorgeous."

Despite all the accolades for the city's new art gallery, the man seen as the guiding force for its success, director Gregory Burke, announced last month he was leaving to lead the Auckland Art Gallery in New Zealand.

GOOD LUCK TO TEAM SASKATCHEWAN RINGETTE WHO WILL BE COMPETING IN THE 2019 WINTER GAMES



Congratulations to the Saskatchewan Girls Ringette Team - TEAM SASKATCHEWAN who have advanced to the 2019 Canada Winter Games! A few of the team members are from our constituency of Saskatoon Willowgrove!

The Canada Winter Games takes place from February 15 until March 3, 2019 in Red Deer, Alberta. The event is broken down into 2 - 1 week competitions. The ringette competition occurs in the first week of the games. The opening ceremonies takes place on Friday, February 15th and the competition begins the next morning, Saturday, February 16th. Our girls from Saskatchewan will play their first ringette game on Saturday, February 16th at 1:30 pm at the Collicutt Arena in Red Deer. The athletes will be housed at the athletes village located at the Red Deer College.

Good luck Team Saskatchewan Ringette ... we'll be cheering you on at the 2019 Canada Winter Games!

TREEERNITY MEMORIAL FOREST



Let a tree tell your story, a modern way to remember a person, pet or life event. A memorial tree & plaque is a great way to leave your mark on Earth! An eco-friendly, modern way to celebrate an event, loved one, or family.

Treeternity allows you to celebrate or remember an important person or aspect of your life in an environmentally positive way. A walk through Treeternity Memorial Forest in the future will be a journey of all walks of life, every memory is equally welcome. Each tree has its own story so there are countless reasons why planting a tree may be something you want to do. You can also offer it as a unique gift for someone you love, they are a perfect example of something that gives more than once.

A Treeternity Memorial Forest memorial includes a tree (approx 3 years old), which will be planted on a 12'x12' space of land, a 9"x5" plaque with a personal message from you and a keepsake certificate with GPS coordinates.

Each Treeternity Memorial *gives back 144 square feet to our planet.* There is an agreement with the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation to donate the land as wildlife conservation in the future so you can be sure the land will never be sold.

Treeternity is just 15 minutes from Saskatoon. I encourage you to check it out at: treeternity.com or call 306.291.3817 for additional information. You can also check out their facebook page here.

PROVINCE ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES IN SASKATCHEWAN



Photo credit CBC news

Wildfire and Provincial Emergency Services to Become Part of the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency

Government Relations Minister Warren Kaeding and Environment Minister Dustin Duncan announced that the Government of Saskatchewan will be enhancing and expanding the mandate of the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA).

Wildfire Management Branch from the Ministry of Environment, and the emergency management and fire safety responsibilities from the Ministry of Government Relations will become part of the SPSA.

"Our government's commitment to public safety and enhancing citizen-centred services is paramount, and over the year's emergency management, and wildfire response staff have done a tremendous job for the people of Saskatchewan," Kaeding said. "Becoming part of the SPSA will allow for greater internal co-ordination and co-operation, while providing a more streamlined provincial response when emergencies strike. Ultimately this will lead to better service for the people of Saskatchewan."

Read the entire news release here.
Read the CBC News Story here.

SCAMS AND FRAUDS TARGETING SASKATCHEWAN RESIDENTS

Released on January 14, 2019 The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority (FCAA) and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) want to warn residents about common frauds and scams that are occurring in Saskatchewan.

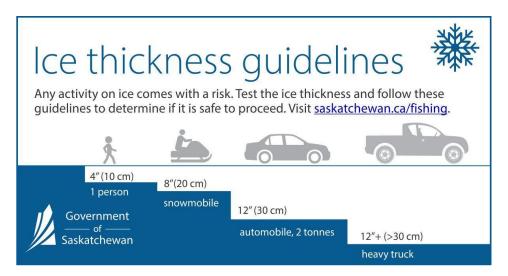
"We are partnering with the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre because we have common concerns about frauds happening in the province," Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority Director of Securities Dean Murrison said.

The most prominent frauds and scams in Saskatchewan by complaint are:

- Phishing Any email falsely claiming to be an established legitimate organization such as a financial institution, business or government agency in an attempt to have the consumer give private and personal information.
- Service scam Any false, deceptive or misleading promotion of or solicitation for services. These solicitations involve third parties that commonly make offers for telecommunications, and internet finance services.
- Prize scam Any false, deceptive or misleading solicitation advising victims they have won or have a chance to win something, but are required to purchase something first or pay an advance fee, such as taxes, to receive the prize.
- Sale of fraudulent securities Sale of investments that do not exist.
- Recovery scam A victim who lost money in a previous scam, is approached by someone claiming to work for a government agency, private company or consumer organization and told that they can help recover the lost money for a fee.
- Extortion Any person who unlawfully obtains money, property or services from a person, entity or institution, through coercion.

Read the entire news release here.

ALWAYS CHECK ICE THICKNESS - BE SAFE



Premier Scott Moe, "As temperatures have been up and down the last few weeks, I've heard many people talk about unstable ice conditions across the province, including a few close calls.

Please remember to check the ice before going out on a truck, sled, or even ice fishing. If it's not thick enough, it's not worth the risk."



Premier Scott Moe, "By the numbers, Saskatchewan's exports to China have increased 313% between 2007 and 2017 and Saskatchewan Potash makes up 22% of all Chinese potash imports.

A new agreement between Mosaic and Sinochem, China's largest Agricultural inputs company, means those numbers will only climb higher.

With help from industry-led trade missions and participation from governments, we can continue marketing even more Saskatchewan exports to the world!"

CALL HEALTHLINE AT 811 FOR PROFESSIONAL HEALTH ADVICE ANYTIME

SYMPTOMS	COLD	ALLERGY	INFLUENZA
Fever	Rare	Rare	Very common
Headache	Sometimes	Unusual	Usual – Can be severe
General aches and pains	Sometimes, mild	Rare	Usual - Often severe
Fatigue and weakness	Sometimes, mild	Rare	Usual - Severe
Extreme fatigue	Unusual	Rare	Usual early onset - Can be severe
Runny, stuffy nose	Common	Very common	Sometimes
Sneezing	Common	Very common	Sometimes
Sore throat	Sometimes	Unusual	Very common
Cough	Sometimes	Unusual	Very common
Chest discomfort,	Sometimes, mild	Rare	Usual - Can be severe



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saskatchewan.ca/flu



Influenza has been hitting Saskatchewan hard this year. Here are some facts...

What is influenza?

Influenza (also known as flu) is a contagious respiratory (breathing) illness. It can cause mild to severe illness, even death. Symptoms usually include a sudden onset of fever, headache, muscle aches, joint pain, sore throat, tiredness and cough. Fever may not be prominent in children or the elderly and while nausea, vomiting and diarrhea are not common in adults, they may occur in children.

Why get your yearly influenza vaccination?

It is the best tool modern medicine currently has to prevent infection with influenza viruses. The vaccine changes year to year to try to best match the strains of influenza circulating that year. Influenza vaccine clinics are still available. Find one here or get one at your local pharmacy (must be 5 years or older): https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/.../Clinic-Locations.aspx

What should I do if I suspect influenza?

http://publications.gov.sk.ca/.../94747-influenza-decision-ch...

What else can I do to protect myself?

Get the influenza vaccine, which is available to anyone over 6 months old. Wash your hands often. Clean common surfaces often. Cough into your elbow (not your hands). Stay home if you feel sick.

More information: The Government of Saskatchewan weekly influenza activity report can be found here: https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../other-repor.../influenza-reports

RESULTS OF 2018 SASKATCHEWAN CLUBROOT SURVEY RELEASED

January 9th, the Government of Saskatchewan released a map outlining the rural municipalities (RMs) where clubroot has been identified to date.

Visible symptoms of clubroot have been confirmed in 43 commercial canola fields and the clubroot pathogen was confirmed in soil samples from an additional three fields that did not have visible clubroot symptoms. These fields were identified through the 2017 and 2018 clubroot surveys or reported to the ministry by producers and agrologists outside of the survey.

"Monitoring the spread of clubroot through surveys is valuable to everyone in the agriculture industry, as it helps the industry make informed decisions around clubroot management,"

Agriculture Minister David Marit said. "We consider awareness and education of clubroot to be

priorities, as both will help prevent the spread of the disease in Saskatchewan."

Click here to read more.

BLAINE LAKE DISTILLERY MAKES SPLASH ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE



Paul Riben, CEO of Radouga Distilleries in Blaine Lake established the company in 2014.submitted photo/Lawrence

Eberle

paNOW by Ronald Quaroni:

Saskatchewan Distillery located between Prince Albert and The Battlefords is enjoying the sweet taste of success and aims to expand further.

Blaine Lake based Radouga Distilleries, which recently claimed more international accolades, aims to add to their 10 full-time staff in 2019. They also have staff in California and B.C.

Operations Manager Lawrence Eberle said their growth and success allowed them to begin a 44,000 square foot expansion.

"We have nothing but the people of Saskatchewan to thank for that," he told paNOW.

The company began as a two-man operation in the latter part of 2014. CEO Paul Riben and one employee began by brewing Paul's Apple Pie liqueur. Since then, Radouga won multiple awards for their spirits and the company expanded to become one of the largest micro-distilleries in

Saskatchewan.

Read the entire article from paNow here.

BHP ENCHANTED FOREST SETS NEW ATTENDANCE RECORD



The Enchanted Forest at Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo turned its lights on for the holiday season on Nov. 16, 2017. (Chris Vandenbreekel/650 CKOM)

Story credit, CKOM News: The 20th annual BHP Enchanted Forest wrapped up the 2018/2019 holiday season with record-breaking attendance.

Officials say 80,520 people visited the light display over the seven week period that it was open at Saskatoon's Forestry Farm Park.

It beats the old record of 77,000 set during the 2017/2018 display.

Organizers credit warmer than normal weather, the new Charlie Brown display and contests and giveaways for attracting more people.

Another big draw was the Saskatchewan Blue Cross Light Walk events.

Over two nights, around 9,000 people walked through the display.

The Saskatoon Zoo Foundation and Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation expects to have raised more than \$250,000 but are still crunching the numbers.

Plans are already underway for the next display which is set to open on Nov. 16, 2019.

PROVINCE SEEKING INPUT ON REPORT ON SASKATCHEWAN LIBRARIES ENGAGEMENT



The survey and report are available at https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/public-consultations/report-of-saskatchewan-public-libraries-engagement-survey, the report outlines eight themes identified by Saskatchewan's library sector during the engagement process. This process fulfills the commitment made by the Government of Saskatchewan in the spring of 2017.

"Two Public Library Directors and the Saskatchewan Provincial Librarian accompanied me as we met with representatives from all of Saskatchewan's public library systems this past fall," Dennis said. "During these engagement meetings, stakeholders identified several important themes

which are included in the report, and I'd like to thank them, and the panel, for their valuable contributions."

Read the entire news release here.

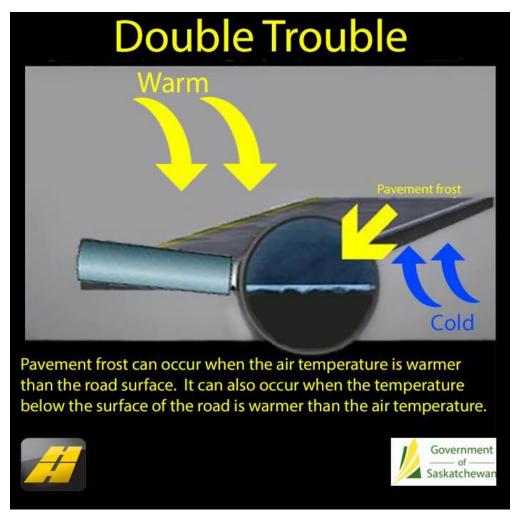
As part of the library engagement process, the public is now invited to provide their feedback on Legislative Secretary Terry Dennis's Report of Saskatchewan Public Libraries Engagement.

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE



Free until Jan. 31st at the University Heights Recycling Depot at the corner of Lowe Road/Attridge Drive.

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE HIGHWAY HOTLINE BEFORE TRAVELLING



If you're travelling, conditions could mean slippery conditions because of the pavement frost. Be safe and be sure to check the Saskatchewan highway hotline before travelling. Click here to see road conditions.

REMEMBER TO GET YOUR TICKETS FOR THE 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 compex 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.

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



For tickets or more information please contact:
Sylvie Fortier-Kot at:
smfortler@hotmail.com or
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/steaknight-for-kayden
Thank-you for your thoughts, prayers and generosity!

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



I just wanted to run this again this week to remind you to consider supporting this special young man in our constituency.

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!

REMINDER - PRESCHOOL 2019-2020



- 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!

Online registration link access for previous ECP families- Jan.13-15, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m.

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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