



Highlights of recent news and public events from Saskatoon Southeast MLA Don Morgan

Government Restores Funding for Libraries

The Government of Saskatchewan announced last week that it will restore funding for Saskatchewan Libraries back to 2016-17 funding levels to ensure that regional and municipal libraries and library to library loan services remains operational. The announcement will provide \$4.8 million in addition to the \$3.5 million that was announced on budget day.

“Premier Wall has always said that we would be the kind of government that would admit its mistakes and then fix those mistakes,” Education Minister Don Morgan said.

“There were many necessary, difficult decisions taken in this budget, however the reductions in library funding without giving libraries the tools to meet the new challenge was a mistake. So I have announced the restoration of library funding as well as a consultative review with the Saskatchewan libraries and municipalities to determine the way forward in terms of what is best for library users and communities as well as what is also financially responsible.”

City Wide Food Drive May 6

In the last few days a bag for Food Bank Donations has appeared in your mailbox. Please fill your bag with healthy non-perishables such as; infant formula, canned protein, canned vegetables, hearty soups & stews, whole grain cereals and pasta and 100% fruit juice.

Saturday May 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. volunteers will collect donations from your doorstep. Help the 21,000 people who use the Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre every month.

Premier Promoted Benefits of Canada-U.S. Trade and NAFTA During Visit to Washington

Premier Brad Wall travelled to Washington D.C. recently to raise awareness of the importance of Canada-U.S. trade and the benefits of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

“Canada and the United States have built the largest trading relationship in the world, a vibrant partnership that has created millions of jobs on both sides of the border,” Wall said.

“NAFTA is the largest free trade area in the world, accounting for 28 per cent of the world’s GDP with less than seven per cent of the world’s population.”

“With a new administration in place in Washington, it is vital that we highlight the value of free trade and the risks associated with protectionism. Saskatchewan is a trade dependent province. We need to do everything we can to ensure our exporters have access to our most important market.”

During the visit, from April 3 to April 6, Wall met with Senators, members of the House of Representatives, and senior administration officials.

On Wednesday April 5, Wall delivered a keynote address at the Heritage Foundation, where he also participated in a round table discussion on trade, energy and economic policy.

The United States is Saskatchewan’s largest customer, accounting for about half of the province’s total exports, shipments valued at \$12.9 billion in 2016. Last year, the value of Saskatchewan’s exports to just two states - Minnesota and Illinois – surpassed what the province exported to China. Meanwhile, the U.S. was the source of 83 per cent of Saskatchewan imports in 2016.

Last year, the U.S. had a trade surplus with Canada, the only trade surplus it posted among its five largest customers.

“It’s important to remember that billions of dollars in trade flows both ways across the Canada-U.S. border so any barrier to the free flow of trade would be harmful to both countries,” Wall said.

In addition to promoting the importance of trade, Wall told the Saskatchewan story, emphasizing the province’s role as one of the world’s top producers of energy, food and fertilizer and its status as a research leader in energy, carbon capture and storage and biosciences.

“I’m looked forward to discussing the Saskatchewan Advantage with our American friends,” Wall said. ***“We have a lot to offer in the area of energy and food security. And Saskatchewan***

is a welcoming place for investment. This mission affords us an opportunity to strengthen our most important trade relationship and to say thank you to our best friend and closest ally.”



Left to right, Senator John McCain, Premier Wall,
Senator Lindsey Graham

Annual YWCA Women of Distinction Awards Dinner to be held May 31

The Saskatoon Annual YWCA Women of Distinction Awards Dinner, a celebration of inspirational women in leadership roles in our community, will be held this year on May 31. The Dinner will take place at TCU Place and begins with a reception at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and a program.

In addition, the event raises funds for the YWCA to support essential programs and help women find safety, hope, growth and well-being.

To purchase tickets contact Sharon Davies at 306-244-7034 ext 121 or visit www.ywcaskatoon.com.

The Generation Gap (explained)

People born before 1946 are called **The Greatest Generation**, those born between 1946 and 1964 are called **The Baby Boomers**, people born between 1965 and 1979 are called **Generation X**, and those born after 1980 are called **Generation Y**.

The Greatest Generation – those who grew up in the Great Depression & World War II.

The Baby Boomers – those who were part of the post-war ‘baby boom.’

Generation X – (also called echo boomers) children of the baby boomers.

Generation Y – (also called Millennials) those who came of age at the turn of the century.

The weekend

“What did you do this weekend?”

“I dropped some hooks in the water.”

“How was the fishing?”

“I wasn’t fishing, I was golfing.”

A Cautious Man

Definition of a cautious man – someone who wears a belt and suspenders.

Lonely

“I’ve been so lonely in my saddle.....since my horse died.”

“**Saskatoon Southeast Newsletter**” is a message from Don Morgan, MLA Saskatoon Southeast. Your opinions are important and your letters, emails and phone calls on any issue relating to the provincial government are welcomed. Contact Don Morgan by calling 955-4755, emailing mla@donmorgan.ca or writing Don Morgan, MLA Saskatoon Southeast, 109-3502 Taylor Street East, Saskatoon, S7H 5H9.

To subscribe or be removed from this newsletter, click [here](#).