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This issue includes some highlights of the major accomplishments that the SaskTel Pioneers have been involved with in your community. **We DO encourage you to share this newsletter with your family.**

Please give us a call or letter if you have any **comments or suggestions** regarding this bulletin or future newsletter items.

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Pioneer Membership Upates

Please advise us of any of the following changes:

- ⇒ address or name change
- ⇒ marital status change (either way)
- ⇒ spousal information
- ⇒ death (employee, superannuate or spouse)

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**YOU CAN HELP US STAY IN
TOUCH BY KEEPING US ADVISED**

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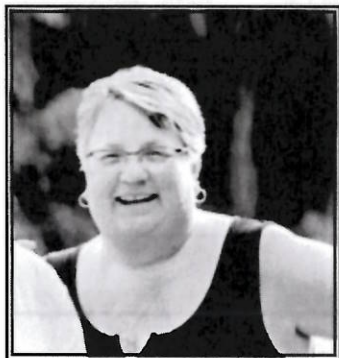
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Message from our 2018 Chapter #59 President



Greetings Fellow Pioneers

As the leaves turn color and there is a nip in the air, I know our pioneer members are gearing up for numerous Christmas projects. Along with the tried and true provincial and club projects, I look forward to hearing about some new and exciting projects.

I look forward to hearing about all these projects at the AGM and conference held in November in Regina.

I am also looking forward to the International Leadership conference in San Diego, CA in March 2019, I know there will be lots to learn at that event.

Chapter is always looking for new project ideas, so please do not hesitate to contact us if you have an idea for a project, or just a story about an existing project to share.

Yours in Pioneering

Judi Livingstone

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!



*"Our focus is our Community
and our strength is our Volunteers"*



Pioneer Mission & Vision

Pioneer Mission



We are a volunteer network dedicated:

- To making a recognized contribution to a variety of community needs.*
- To providing value to our partner organizations by contributing to their strategic priorities.*
- To creating rewarding fellowship opportunities and personal growth of our members.*

Our Vision—To be recognized as a network of volunteers who effect immediate, tangible change in local communities, in partnership with their sponsor companies.



>>>>> Pioneer WebSite <<<<<

**An electronic version of this Provincial Newsletter is on the website.
This newsletter is issued twice a year - April and November.**

www.sasktel pioneers.com

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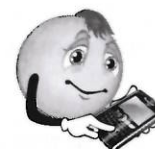
Visit the International TelecomPioneer website to learn more about our organization as it provides an overview of benefits unique to Pioneer membership

www.telecompioneers.org

www.pioneersvolunteer.org



Upcoming Special events



Chapter 59 AGM and Training Session—November 16th and 17th—Regina

TPAC—2106 1st Avenue. Contact President Judi Livingstone for more information—Phone 306 737-1917. AGM on November 16, 2018 at TPAC.

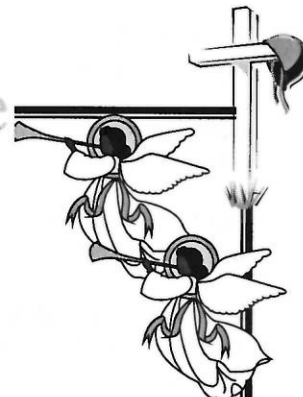
PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED >>>>>>>>>>>>

We try our best to advise you of the deaths of employees, superannuates and/or their spouses. We are not always advised of these deaths, especially when they are the spouse of a working or retired person or a member of the Public Employee Pension Plan.

Please keep us advised so we can include this information in this newsletter.
Contact your local Club Executives or Pioneer Office at 777-2515 or 1 (866) 944-4442.

Thank You.

Love



In Memoriam . . . (Employees, Superannuates and Spouses)

Sympathy is extended to the following employees, Superannuates and their families.

SaskTel Superannuate Howard Crawford of Regina passed away March 15, 2010 at age 82. Howard retired in 1983.

SaskTel Superannuate Simon Schmidt of North Battleford passed away 13 Sep 2014 at age 67. Survived by spouse Denise.

Joan Schneider of Assiniboia (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate John Schneider**) passed away on December 9, 2015.

SaskTel Superannuate Doug Johnson of Ryley AB passed away on March 20, 2016 at age 83. Doug retired in 1997.

SaskTel Superannuate Larry Muggleston of Calgary (formerly North Battleford) passed away 2 Nov 2017 at age 71. Retired in 2000. Survived by spouse Susan.

Dallas O'Lain of Saskatoon (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Paulette**) passed away 31 Jul 2017.

SaskTel Superannuate Bob Jones of Richmond BC (formerly of Estevan) passed away on 22 Nov 2017 at age 82. He is survived by spouse Pauline.

Marvella Lovely of Regina (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Bill Lovely**) passed away 30 Nov 2017.

SaskTel Superannuate Bob Beesley of Regina passed away 3 Feb 2018 at age 79. Retired in 1993. Survived by spouse Gail.

Keith Slotzer of North Battleford (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Irene Slotzer**) passed away 8 Feb 2018.

SaskTel Superannuate Carol Simmons of Weyburn passed away on 8 Mar 2018 at age 79.

SaskTel Superannuate Dorothy Peterson of Melfort passed away 24 Mar 2018 at age 83. Retired in 1991.

Phyllis Ellis of Saskatoon (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Robert**) passed away 27 Apr 2018.

SaskTel Superannuate Val Jurista of Regina passed away 28 Apr 2018 at age 57. Retired in 2015. Survived by spouse Dave.

SaskTel Superannuate Norma Middleton of Saskatoon passed away 19 May 2018 at age 68. Retired in 2002.

Marjorie Hunter of Nanaimo BC (**spouse of deceased SaskTel Superannuate Bob Hunter formerly of Swift Current**) passed away 4 Jun 2018.

SaskTel Superannuate Ken Kerr of Regina passed away 20 Jun 2018 at age 80. Retired in 1992. Survived by Donna Cameron.

Bev Headington of Saskatoon (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Gary Headington**) passed away 7 Jul 2018.

SaskTel Superannuate Betty Lloyd of Regina passed away on 2 Aug 2018 at age 84. Retired in 1994.

SaskTel Superannuate Louis Marcotte of Prud'homme passed away 14 Aug 2018 at age 90. Retired in 1991. Survived by spouse Helene.

SaskTel Retiree Charmaine Korchynski of Regina passed away on 23 Jun 2018.

Judy Herom of Regina (**spouse of SaskTel Superannuate Glen Herom**) passed away



Lord,
*Help me live this day,
Quietly, Easily.*

To lean upon your great strength,
Trustfully, Respectfully.

**To await the unfolding
Of your will,**
Patiently, Serenely.

To meet others,
Peacefully, Joyously.

To face tomorrow,
Confidently, Courageously





SaskTel's Retirements—2017-18

Congratulations and good luck to all of you who have chosen Retirement.
We hope to see you involved in SaskTel Pioneer functions.



Due to Privacy Laws we can only provide a list of
employees who have given us permission to release their names:

01-Jun-18	WARD, Peter	REGINA
19-Jun-18	WEIR, Gerry	REGINA
22-Jun-18	MILLER, Perry	REGINA
29-Jun-18	WALKER, Wendy	PRINCE ALBERT
29-Jun-18	CHAMBERS, Penny	SASKATOON
29-Jun-18	RUSHWORTH, Beverly	REGINA
10-Jul-18	KERR, Ian	ESTERHAZY
11-Jul-18	BRAUN, Wes	REGINA
13-Jul-18	PIECOWYE, Deborah	SASKATOON
18-Jul-18	HOFFER, Ellene	REGINA
27-Jul-18	ALLEN, Glen	REGINA
27-Jul-18	FLEMING, Merren	REGINA
28-Jul-18	ZIEGLER, Dennis	REGINA
28-Jul-18	MACK, Lynn	REGINA
13-Aug-18	FRASZ, Susan	REGINA
20-Aug-18	KOŁODZIEJSKI, Bob	CANORA
25-Aug-18	MALINOWSKI, Andy	YORKTON
31-Aug-18	LAZAR, Richard	YORKTON
31-Aug-18	SIGFUSSON, Larry	SASKATOON
04-Sep-18	PETROVITCH, Laura	REGINA
07-Sep-18	LAURANS, Jackie	REGINA
07-Sep-18	BECKEL, Glenn	REGINA
07-Sep-18	SCHERGEVITCH, Brenda	SASKATOON
10-Sep-18	VINET, Maurice	SASKATOON
12-Sep-18	KLAUSE, Blair	YORKTON
14-Sep-18	PARKER, David	REGINA
21-Sep-18	BELLIVEAU, Roberta	REGINA
28-Sep-18	BEITEL, Claudette	REGINA
28-Sep-18	KOSHMAN, Tim	ESTERHAZY
09-Oct-18	SCHWAB, Ronald	PRINCE ALBERT
12-Oct-18	DOLTER, Randy	REGINA
15-Oct-18	PATERSON, Marilyn	MOOSE JAW
26-Oct-18	LIM, Patsy	REGINA
31-Oct-18	ECKEL, Brock	RAYMORE
08-Dec-18	CROSSMAN, Patricia	REGINA
13-Dec-18	WUDRICK, Kim	SASKATOON
28-Dec-18	JANIER, Heather	REGINA
29-Dec-18	POSTEY, Terry	SASKATOON
31-Dec-18	WILLIAMSON, Peter	REGINA





WHO GOT LUCKY with the 2017 SaskTel Pioneer Payday Lottery

Draws are made every two weeks (on SaskTel payday)

Two Special draws valued at \$2,500

\$500 winners every two weeks

*On behalf of the Pioneer Lottery Committee we would like to thank you all for participating.
We appreciate your continued support.*

*The funds raised from this lottery goes towards the improvement of our
communities throughout Saskatchewan.*

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW ON WHEN NEXT
LOTTERY IS TO START UP AGAIN**

Congratulations to the 'Winners'



SaskTel Pioneer Payday Lottery More Money, More Chances in Payday Draw

Bi-weekly draws for \$500 and two \$2,500 draws.

SecurTek employees and Life Members can choose one of the following
Payday Lottery payment options:

>>> one cheque, covering the entire \$130 enrolment fee or two cheques @\$60 (post-dated)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT !!!

Over \$400,000 raised since 2005

Funds are used to provide assistance to many of the communities that you live in

If you have any questions please call SaskTel Pioneer office—Darrell Liebrecht at 306 777-2515.

darrell.liebrecht@sasktel.com

2nd Floor, 2121 Saskatchewan Drive, Regina SK S4P 3Y2

Participation/Membership Reports . . .

** Associate and Partner numbers not included in totals

There are 4025 Life and Regular Members as of June 5, 2018



**149 members volunteered a total of 10,204 hours in 2018 (GOAL 60,000)
which is 3.7% of eligible Pioneer volunteers**

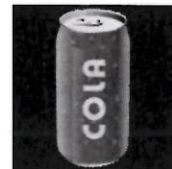


***Do you have any of the following items ?
Check with your Club Executive as to where to send them.***

Keeping Tabs: Metal Tabs

Please save your metal tabs off of aluminium cans. The current tab collection program benefits the Pasqua Hospital.

Contact: Janice Muir, Phone: 306-777-4635



STAMPS – Stamp out Leprosy

—You can help “Stamp Out” Leprosy by saving all your postage stamps. The SaskTel Pioneers are shipping them to the Leprosy mission in Ontario. The Leprosy Mission is 130 years old. Any monies realized from the stamps after they have been sold to collectors will be used to pay for education and medicine etc.

Contact: Darrell Liebrecht—306 777-2515

QUILT MATERIAL

The SaskTel Pioneers are making lap quilts for Seniors and the Allan Blair Cancer Clinic. If you have left over quilt material that you no longer need and would like to make a donation of it to the pioneers, we would be happy to make use of it. The material does not all have to be 100% cotton. Soft materials like fleece and mink are great for the backings. In 2013, we were able to make 27 lap quilts that we donated. The majority of the material was from donations.



Contact: Jolene Norleen Phone: 306-949-7607

WOOL

If



you have any wool taking up space in your closets, we will gladly turn it into lap robes for seniors. The SaskTel choir visits senior establishments each Christmas and leaves them with a selection of lap robes for their residents.

Contact Jeannine Nelson at 306-777-1848

Donations for Local Shelters / Outreach Centers

SAEN and the SaskTel Pioneers are accepting donations of unused hygiene items (e.g. soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste / brushes, feminine hygiene, etc) to be distributed to local shelters / outreach centres.

Contact Gina Angielski at 306 777-3341



USED EYEGLASSES - can be forwarded to Darrell Liebrecht at Head Office. District locations can drop them off with their pioneer executive.

SaskTel Pioneer contacts are: Darrell Liebrecht at 306 777-2515 or
Email darrell.liebrecht@sasktel.com

Pioneer Salvage Sales

>>>>OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISER >>>>

All monies raised go towards Pioneer projects.

**Raised over \$100,000 last year for our
Saskatchewan Communities ... GREAT JOB !**

They can teach you all you need to know on inventory,
repairing/refurbishing computers/parts.

If you are interested in volunteering or purchasing,
please call your local Club President.

Regina—call Crawford McKee 306 777-3431
Moved to 2106 1st Avenue
(Back of the TPAC Building)

Volunteers
Needed
sign up today!



Computers for Schools

Computers for Schools (CFS) in Regina and Saskatoon are looking for Volunteers to assist
in their weekday and Saturday operations.

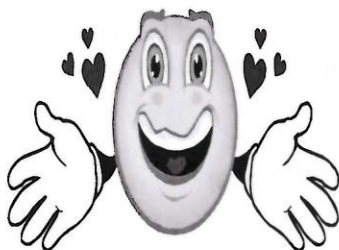
They collect and repair donated computer equipment from government
and private sector sources and distribute them free of charge
to K-12 schools and libraries in Saskatchewan.

Contact:

**Regina call Keith Grill @ 777-3435
Saskatoon call 931-5625**



*To all our Volunteers who have
generously donated their
time and talent.*



*This project is our major
fundraiser*



Memories Are Made of This! SaskTel's Recognition Ban- quet Celebrates Employees

Regina's Queensbury Centre was the site of this year's SaskTel Recognition Banquet.



Years may pass, decades even. But at SaskTel, one thing has remained consistent through the years. Take it from SaskTel's Acting President & CEO.

"When it really comes down to the success of a company, it all boils down to the type of people a company employs," said Doug Burnett, speaking at this year's Recognition Banquet. "And for 110 years now, SaskTel has had the good fortune of having outstanding employees in all corners of the province."



"So, it's only fitting that we take this opportunity to get together and celebrate the years of service that you've put into the corporation and the community."

With those words, Doug expressed the prevailing sentiment and atmosphere for this year's banquet, which took place on the evening of 27 Apr 2018 at Regina's Queensbury Centre. There were 220 attendees, including 50 Retirees and their guests and 33 Achievers (25 year employees) and their guests.

"It really was a great way to cap off a great career with a great company," said recent retiree Bruce Learmonth. While Bruce had a few different positions at SaskTel, he'll be remembered as SaskTel's first male Operator. Despite a 43-year career, the evening allowed him to meet some of his colleagues for the first time.

"These are people I may have spoken with over the years, but it was nice to finally meet them!" he said. "The whole thing was enjoyable and well thought out."

As they entered, guests were greeted at the door by members of the Regina Symphony String Ensemble, who provided background music during the reception portion of the evening. Since it's SaskTel's 110th anniversary, the evening featured moments in SaskTel's proud history on a big screen, with an emphasis on some of the company's significant accomplishments over the years.

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Charlene Gavel, Chief Financial Officer. Besides Doug, the audience heard from Dave Kuntz, Unifor President Local 1-S and Pioneer Manager Darrell Liebrecht.

In his speech, Darrell spoke about how SaskTel employees are quick to help out their communities. "Through the years, I have seen how quickly our employees can come together to help a cause," he said. "Whether it's our Pioneer projects or things like the recent fundraising we did after the Humboldt Broncos tragedy, these are all programs that were developed and managed by our employees and retirees. We aren't asking customers for donations or selling items to raise funds. We are simply doing it ourselves because we care. You folks have had a very large impact in our communities across the province."

Guests were treated to a fantastic meal at Queensbury followed by a short program where all achievers and retirees were introduced on stage. Those in attendance also had the opportunity to take their photo as a remembrance of the evening and of their career at SaskTel.

Congratulations! to all the honorees!

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CHAPTER 59 PROVINCIAL PROJECTS

- Motion approved that Chapter will assist each club to purchase reading books up to \$2,000
- SaskTel Pioneer Reach for the Stars Award – \$1,000 awarded to Yorkton Club for their YouTube video of the park project that was started to celebrate 60 years of pioneering in Saskatchewan. This award was based on number of votes we received. Money was used to fund various projects—such as the local food bank, books for school libraries, our annual Santa party for special needs children.
- SaskTel Pioneer Hero Award. Winners are:

Regular member	Brent Degenstein from North Battleford
Life member	Brian Oakman from Swift Current
Pioneer Partner/Other	Len Leveille (partner of Donna Leveille) HAD Allen Regina
- Donated \$500 to Go Fund Me for Dione Wall towards purchase of custom make bike. Dione was fundraising for childhood cancer by participating in the Great Cancer Challenge. She was riding her bike to work from Langham and her custom-made bike was stolen from a highly secure area at SaskTel.
- Childhood cancer fundraiser - bought table of 8 and got great coverage on Facebook & instagram. There were posters and a power point presentation running with our logo flashing.
- Langham newsletter mention of Pioneers coming out to teach cell phone class 60+ club
- Provided volunteers to work at Stars show homes in Saskatoon and Regina. A fundraiser for STARS.



IF YOU HAVE SOME 'EXTRA TIME' TO SHARE YOUR SKILLS .. IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE APPRECIATED.

>>>> Also is an opportunity to socialize <<<<

SOME PROJECTS THAT SASKTEL PIONEERS ARE INVOLVED IN:

(Check with your local club and see if they are participating in these projects)

- **HUG-A-BEARS**—Donated to emergency vehicles to give to children in crisis situations.
Regina Workshops are held once a month—Wednesday 9 a.m. Regina Contact: Mary Wilhelm 306 545-5110 and Saskatoon contact Anita Derksen 306.931-3534
- **HEART PILLOWS**—Donated to open heart surgery patients.
Saskatoon coordinator is Brenda Iwasuik (iwassb@sasktel.net) and for Regina Contact:: Andrea Hasz at 306 789-3700
- **TURBANS and TUBES** —Donated to cancer patients—for Regina contact Jackie Huynink at 306 545-3827
- **QUILTING**—Donated to cancer clinic. Workshops are held three Monday a month. 9 am to Noon.
For Regina contact Jolene Norleen at 306 949-7607
- **WALKER BAGS**—Donated to various Seniors / Nursing homes and any Pioneer or partner that needs one. Workshops are held every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 1 to 4 pm. For Regina contact Jolene Norleen at 306 949-7607
- **CARD NIGHTS**—Regina holds them once a month—every 3rd Friday 7 p.m. Contact Brenda Glaspey 306 777-3138
- **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**—Regina holds them on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (except Apr, Jul, Aug) —306 777-8450
- **COMPUTERS FOR SCHOOLS**—Refurbished computers donated to schools—Keith Grill at 306 777-3435. Saskatoon contact is Barry Rutherford at 306 931-5625.
- **SALVAGE**—Prepares and sells used SaskTel office equipment and computers to the general public. Regina—Contact: Jolene Norleen/ Barry Zerr at 306 777-3431. Saskatoon—Dan Blum Salvage – Dan Blum 306-931-5564

See the Pioneer Calendar for scheduled workshops at www.sasktel pioneers.com
under "get Involved" tab.



Yorkton Club...

Contact Club President: John McMurdo (786-3440)
Email: john.mcmurdo@sasktel.com

President—John McMurdo
Secretary - Sheila Johnson
VP - Social - Adeline Markham/Sheila Johnson

Past President - Bob Hume
Communication—Charlotte Ross

VP Jean Bryski
Treasurer - Wendy Hume

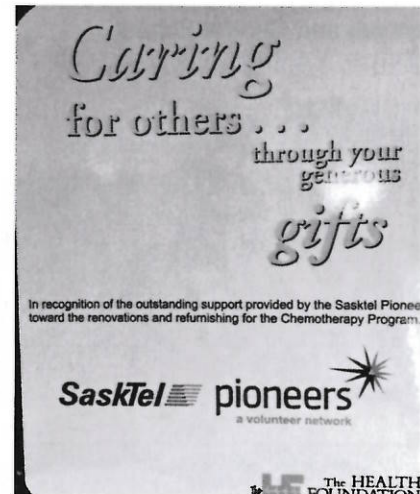
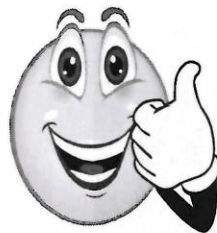
Volunteers can now email Yorkton.pioneers@sasktel.sk.ca to register their hours

- Volunteered at Yorkton skate club
- Meals on wheels
- Prenatal blankets
- Upgraded park tables and benches for Pioneer Park—Diamond in the Rough. Both sets are on cement pads and got a table top replaced on one of the tables.
- Yorkton Club received SaskTel Pioneer Reach for the Stars Award for their YouTube video of the park project that was started to celebrate 60 years of pioneering in Saskatchewan. This award was based on number of votes we received. Money (\$1000) was used to fund various projects—such as the local food bank, books for school libraries, our annual Santa party for special needs children.
- SaskTel Pioneer Hero Award. Winners are:
- Completed annual park spring clean up
- Santa's elves handed out candy at the Santa parade in December 2017. Lots of fun, nice night, and happy kids. What more could you ask for.
- Purchased food items for the Salvation Army Food Bank.



The Pioneer Park situated on Betts Avenue, between Broadway Street West and Smith Street West, is a particular source of pride for all members. Since its public debut in 2007, it has become a favorite place for residents to meet up with friends, eat lunch, and take in an enjoyable walk through the city's business district. As Canada ramped up for its 150th birthday last year, the Yorkton Pioneers made further investments into the park with the addition of a new metal sign which was installed at the park entrance.

This year we upgraded the Park tables and benches. Refer to page 24 for more information.



Yorkton Club received recognition by the East Central Health Foundation for renovations and refurbishing the Chemotherapy room in Yorkton. They purchased a TV, Health monitor and a reclining leather chair for one of the rooms. Total donation was \$5,000.



Swift Current Club . . .

Contact Club President: 306-778-9877
Email: rhonda.wollbaum@sasktel.com

President - Vacant
Secretary - Rhonda Wollbaum
Treasurer—Tanya Bouvier-Mortensen

Past President - vacant
Life Member Rep & TPAC— Dennis Riach
Salvage—Eliaja LaFontaine

Meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month (except for July and August)
Activity Center—1800 Sidney St. W—Phone: 773-6035

- Good turnout for fellowship at Fred Wall's acreage on June 15
- Set up telephone display at Swift Current Exhibition Grounds
- Donated \$2000 to The Meadows (Sask Health Authority) for their "Music and Memory" program to purchase iPods and MP3 players for use by individuals with dementia. Photo appeared in Prairie Post newspaper.
- Donated \$250 to Great Plains College Swift Current for a scholarship
- Served refreshments at August Blood Donor Clinic. Next clinic is in November.
- Served meals at Fresh Start in June and August. Next dates are October and December. We host the first Wednesday of every second month.
- Filled in playground maps at three schools that were outlined last fall —All Saints Catholic School, Ecole Centennial, and Central School



Filled in playground maps at All Saints Catholic School, Ecole Centennial, and Central School that were outlined last fall. Above picture is Ecole Centennial photo (L-R) — Gary Walker, Kathy Green

Exhibition ground display (L-R) — Dennis Riach & the lineman



The Meadows photo (L-R)
Rhonda Wollbaum (Secretary), Swift Current Pioneers,
Camille Campbell (The Meadows Recreation Therapist),
Sara Stukings (The Meadows Recreation Co-ordinator)
and Tanya Bouvier-Mortensen (Swift Current Pioneers
Treasurer)



Prairie Council . .

Contact Club President: Sheila Solvason—777-1518
Email: Sheila.solvason@sasktel.com

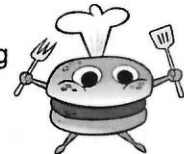
President - Sheila Solvason
Past President - vacant
HAD Allen Life Member Club - Del Jones
VP Membership—Vacant
Salvage - Jolene Norleen (777-3431)
Computers for Schools—Keith Grill

Secretary - Trina Klein
VP Sports - Bev Cyca
VP Ways & Means - Crystal Isaac
VP Community Outreach & Collections—Laurel Werner
Members at Large—Laureen McWilliams and Tiffany Eide
VP Community Service - Haydee Iglesias (Special) & Sandy Elliott (Routine)

Treasurer - Andrew McKay
VP Education - John Winter
VP Youth —Vacant

Monthly Club Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 3:00 p.m. at Head Office

- Donated \$1.322 to NICU
- Donated \$2,178 to RCMP & Habitat for Humanity. Money raised from burger night and selling 50-50 tickers
- Held paint night on May 2. Raised \$705
- Sorted clothes for Dress for Success
- Partnered with United Way Success Campaign – for their literacy program for kids during the summer. Rented a van and delivered meals to inner city families. August 6—17th.
- Pioneers delivered Good Food Boxes from REACH (Regina Education and Action on Child Hunger) for the United Way's Summer Success Program. The Summer Success Program involves schools from both the Public and Catholic school boards. The objective of the literacy camp is to provide reading support to achieve grade reading level over the summer for vulnerable students. The Good Food Boxes are provided to the students and their family on both Friday's of the two week camp. This program goes on every year and is always in need of volunteers. For more information about how to get involved next year please contact Tiffany Eide tiffany.eide@sasktel.com



Media - Thank you from Children's Wish Foundation for supplying pregame meal

Weyburn Club . . .

Contact Club President: Belinda Kradovill 848-3392
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President—Belinda Kradovill
LM Rep—Paul Wilson

Secretary - Vacant
Member at Large—Willie Kradovill and Dale Huff

Treasurer - vacant

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

**Life Member Report . . .**

1st VP —Pat Tegart—761-1441
2nd VP— Carol Sagin —306 525-8383

NB—Hugh Martin
Melfort—Lynne Floyd
Weyburn/Estevan—Paul Wilson
Regina—Del Jones

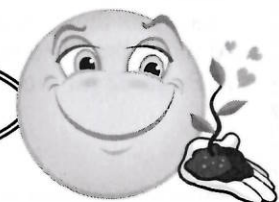
Saskatoon—Debby Gorlick
PA—vacant
SC—Dennis Riach

Direcwest—Judi Livingstone
Yorkton—Jean Bryski
Moose Jaw—Vacant

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Volunteer Hours can be submitted online at
[Http://www.sasktelpioneers.com/form_hours_project.htm](http://www.sasktelpioneers.com/form_hours_project.htm)
or Email: sasktelpioneers@sasktel.com



Bridge City Club . . .**Contact Club President: Mark Grambo 931-5050****Email: mark.grambo@sasktel.com**

President—Mark Grambo
 Vice President— Dwayne Iwasuik
 Vp Publicity—Anita Derksen
 VP Community—Michelle Hankewich
 VP Membership/Participation—Dorianne Urquhart

Past President—Dione Wall
 VP Fellowship— Valerie Lukash
 VP Education - Kacey Vooght
 VP Environment - Vacant
 Life Member Rep—Debby Gorlick

Secretary - Pam Shillington
 Treasurer - Wanda Voss
 Ways & Means—vacant
 VP Salvage—Dan Blum

Our Club meetings are held every 2nd Thursday at 11:00 a.m.

Computers for School and Pioneer Salvage Sales is operated from the Sutherland Warehouse in Saskatoon

210 103rd Street E. 306 931-5564 Email - npac@sasktel.net

Hours of Operation: Monday—Friday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

- Casual dress day for the Humboldt Broncos, raised just shy of \$8,000
- Donated \$1000 for Childhood Cancer - Hayley Wall Cancer Fundraiser
- Donated \$150 to cover costs for planting flowers at RUH garden
- Donated \$2,000 to Public School Board in Saskatoon so they could purchase books and get the credit from Scholastics
- Donated \$3000 to Langham for park benches
- Donated \$4200 to E.D Feehan to support safe transport & remove barriers in participation in extracurricular activities
- Provided Power packs to inner city schools
- Provided volunteers to staff the STARS show home and sell tickets.
- Served lunch at Friendship Inn in place of summer executives meetings

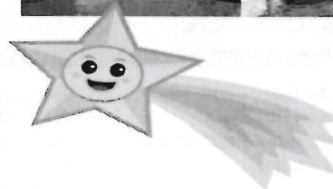


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Media - thank you from the Lighthouse for donation of items used to make personal hygiene care kits; mention on CBC morning edition for support to E.D. Feehan to remove barriers to participation;

>>> Anita Derksen is the new coordinator for Hug a Bear program 306.931.3534

>>> Friendship Inn is always looking for Volunteers, please contact them directly for more details



Pioneer Pick Up and Paddle day was held on July 28th. Volunteers helped clean the shorelines of the South Saskatchewan River (picking up trash) as they paddled to Saskatoon from Paradise Beach. They held a celebratory BBQ in Victoria Park when the clean-up was done. See Page 32 for more details



Directwest . .

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President - Brittany Bartel
Sr. VP—vacant
VP Participation - vacant
VP Social & Fellowship—Britney Brodt

Past President— Sharon Finnik
Treasurer - Val Dodman
VP Community Service - Allan Milham
LM Rep—Judy Livingstone

Secretary—vacant
VP Membership —vacant
VP Marketing—Michelle Roberts

- Contributed \$1300 for Humboldt Bronco's Go Fund Me
- Held Hot dog day in May
- Collected items for "Dress for Success" and donated them to Carmichael Outreach
- Sent a family of kids to the Dallas Valley Ranch camp that wouldn't have been able to go otherwise
- Welcome new members: Sarah Sinclair, Daniel Bay, and Rosa Brittner



Donations for Dress For Success

**SecurTek . . .**

Contact Club President: vacant
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President— vacant
VP - Finance—vacant
Community Service—Amber Chepil

Past President—Brittany Nagy
Publicity—vacant
VP Membership—Shayla Hydamacka

Secretary - vacant
Participation—vacant

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Moose Jaw Club . .

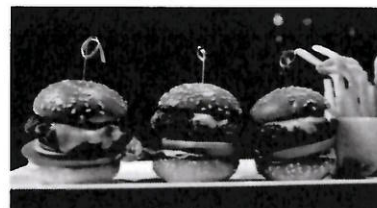
Contact Club President: Kristian Sjoberg 775-4308
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President - Kristian Sjoberg
Secretary - Todd Carrol
VP Fellowship & Social —Hoy Chey-Hill

Past President - Karena Warren
Environment—vacant
VP—Ryan Dionne
Email: mjpioneer.news@sasktel.net

Treasurer —Todd Carrol
VP Community - Michelle Wiley

- Donated \$500 for Free to be Me – animal sanctuary
- Held appreciation BBQ in May 30 at warehouse
- Moose Jaw has a literacy program through the public library
- Community garden getting some traction



Media - Thank you for fixing train station at WDM; mentions recently part of Moose Jaw GAX awards for Gamers Association donations; Kristian was on radio and TV in July and promoted SaskTel Pioneers.

Prince Albert . . .

Contact Club President: Michael Vancoughnett—930.7200
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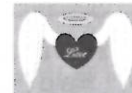
President—Michael Vancoughnett
Treasurer - Janessa Herbert
Communication—Michelle Zurakowski

Past President - vacant
Life Member Rep - Jamie Tilford
VP Fellowship—Shauna Uhlik

Secretary - Mark Johnson
VP Social—Jordan Weatherbee
Membership—Maureen Pepper

Club Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month in the PA Conference Room (Basement) at noon.
 Fellowship held on the 3rd Thursday of every month in the basement Pioneer Room.

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**Melfort Club . . .**

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President - Ted Magis
Past President—Doreen Parenteau
Life Member Rep - Lynne Floyd

VP Education - Kathy Fidyk
VP Membership- Claude Bourgeois
Members at Large—Karen Skwark , Russ Floyd and Kelly Bonk

Treasurer—Maureen Wood
Secretary—Diane Bonk

- Completed another successful Income tax program—over 300 returns
- Selling 50-50 tickets for Mustang Hockey games
- Donated 11 care bears to Melfort Ambulance
- Hug a bear bee – made 22 bears
- Park clean up
- Cleaned water tower
- Held BBQ after MS Walk



Media: CJVR radio mention for tax program 1-2 times a day; mention Melfort Journal for Habitat for Humanity

North Battleford . . .

Contact Club President: Dan Nesdoly 441-0118
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President—Dan Nesdoly
Secretary & Treasurer — Brent Degenstein
VP Salvage—Sharon Bogdan

Past President – Brent Degenstein
VP Social - Marion Cashmore
VP Computer Sales & Salvage—Lloyd Edmunds (445-3985)
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VP Membership - Marilyn Eckel
LM Rep—Hugh Martin

Ladies meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month and the Men meet every Wednesday for coffee.

- Volunteering at canteen at Kinsmen rodeo
- Meals on wheels
- Supplied teen packs for back to school
- Prepared and distributed 300 Hygiene Kits to inner city schools. Basic items such as toothbrushes/paste, soap, shampoo, dental floss, etc.
- SaskTel Pioneer/Craig Anderson Impact Scholarship Fund was awarded to two High Schools for \$500 each. It is awarded to the students who made the most positive impact on the people around them. This award was named after Craig Anderson and is not based on academics or athletics but is based on character because of Craig's very positive impact on everyone he met. Craig passed away from cancer several years ago.



H.A.D. ALLEN Life Member Club . . . President Del Jones — 543-7360 Email: dw.jones@sasktel.net

President—Del Jones
Secretary - Marlene Romanuck
Salvage—Crawford McKee
Computers for Schools—Keith Grill

Past President - Wayne Rutten
Volunteer Coordinator —vacant
Member at large—Alex Yakichuk, Carol Sagin

Treasurer - Lyle Fluter
VP Social—Gloria Lawson

☐ Monthly Club Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am at the TPAC in Regina.

☐ Birthday Parties are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the TPAC in Regina



- Volunteered at the Brier
- Donated \$2000 towards new sound system for Dining room in Elmview Care Home
- Donated for after school program at Mother Theresa middle school
- Donated \$1000 to mayors lunch & purchased a table
- Set up flower beds at Wascana Rehab Hospital
- Purchased and set up three gazebos – one at Cosmo Learning Center and two for Parkside Seniors Home
- Sorted and sent out 1st books Canada—thousands of books given out .
- Purchased and delivered School supplies for four inner city school students – valued at \$1500
- Members participated in Walk for Alzheimer held on May 29, 2018
- Volunteered at Connect Street Fair held in September —non profit organization called the Caring Place which is located in the Cathedral area in Regina. For Mental Health.
- Volunteered at the Summer Bash held at Harbour Landing Community Association.
- Donation Box for Alzheimer's Coffee break passed around at September Birthday Party



Volunteers at the SaskTel Pioneer Community Volunteer Income Tax Clinic at the United Way in Regina completed 5,075 Income Tax and Benefit Returns during the tax season of March and April 2018. Their busiest day was April 30th where they completed 234 returns despite a 1.5 hour power outage. For this time period they reported 2,750 volunteer hours to the Pioneers.

Since the end of the tax season, they have conducted a number of Late Tax Filer clinics, completing another 675 returns. Many of these have been completed for clients who needed to file their tax return so they can receive Social Assistance, the Canada Child Benefit or other government benefits.



Our volunteers in our sewing projects getting ready for the fall season. Heart Pillows, Hug-a-Bears, Quilts, Turbans and Walker Bags. Back row—L-r: Joan Lang, Aaron Duchscher, Phyllis Kaiser, Ellen Jackson, Shirley Anderson, Mary Wilhelm, Jackie Huynink, Roxanne Buchanan, Janet Edmiston. Front row: Sherrin Harvey, Barbara Garnier, Jan Fehr

Three gazebos were purchased and set up:
> Cosmo Learning Center
> Parkside Seniors Home received two.

Volunteers were:
Blair Buchan, Bert Wenzel, Len Nagy, Dale Richardson and Dale Leir (missing).



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In the Zadar Zone Saskatoon Employee will take part in 'Wings For Life World Run' in Zadar, Croatia

Randy Kennedy will run for spinal cord injury research in Zadar, Croatia **Run in Croatia**

Randy Kennedy is an active guy. He plays hockey, rides his bike year-round, enjoys golf, and, this weekend, he plans on outrunning a car...for as long as possible that is.

Randy, who works as a Facilities Technician in Saskatoon, has jet set halfway across the world to prepare for the Wings for Life World Run event in Zadar, Croatia which takes place on 06 May 2018. The running event is different than most, not least because there is no set finish line.

From the starting point, racers must push themselves to go faster than the 'Catcher Car' which acts as a moving finish line. While runners get a 30-minute head start, the race is over for a runner once the car overtakes them.

The Zadar event is one of 187 Wings for Life events happening that day globally, including six 'app runs' organized in Canada where runners will be set against a virtual Catcher Car. Only 12 of the races globally including Zadar will have runners trying to outpace the Red Bull-sponsored vehicle. The charity run raises funds for the Wings for Life foundation that supports spinal cord injury research initiatives around the world.

Randy says he was inspired to sign up for the race after helping a close friend train and prepare for a marathon. His friend, who is a four-time participant in the Wings for Life run, encouraged him to join her for a 2018 event. He admits that preparing for endurance running events is a lot harder than it looks.



"I trained during the winter months and I have gotten used to pushing my body in those temperatures," he jokingly explained. "Last I checked it's 22 degrees in Croatia so I'm going to need some time to adapt."

Since January he has been running 5 days a week to get ready for what is sure to be an adrenalin-filled run. Randy has set a personal goal of reaching 22 km before the car reaches his point in the race. To do so, he will need to maintain an average running speed of 11 kph (6.9 miles/hr.). According to the event website, the starting speed of the Catcher Car is a steady 15 kph which shifts to 16 kph after one hour and 17 kph after two hours, with speed climbing incrementally as the race goes on.

The tragedy of the Humboldt Broncos bus crash has emboldened him to push even further. With many of the survivors now adjusting to life with a spinal cord injury, he is trying to fundraise as much as possible so that future research can benefit the young men affected in the accident.

"It was just a stroke of fate, I suppose, that this tragedy has come to happen as I had already been entered into the race prior to the mishap," he said. "But knowing that there are survivors of the crash that are inflicted with spinal cord injuries has pushed me to do more for the fundraising side of the race."

For Randy, he is all too aware of the fickleness of life's luck. In 1991, he survived a severe rollover crash in his car with no lasting injuries. The event's motto of "Running for Those Who Can't" takes a special meaning to him:

"I have an affinity for those who have not been as lucky in similar situations."

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A Sporting Relationship SaskTel Builds Stronger Communities through Commitment to Amateur Sport



SaskTel is a strong supporter of a variety of high school sports in Saskatchewan.

Although SaskTel is constantly working to connect communities to the world, it's also making sure to help keep communities connected by investing its support in hundreds of charities and organizations across Saskatchewan.

And, while you're probably used to seeing the SaskTel logo associated with high-profile sponsorships such as the Saskatchewan Roughriders or the Saskatchewan Rush, you may not be quite so familiar with its many investments in amateur sport throughout the province.

"The benefits of amateur athletics reach beyond encouraging healthy lifestyles and teaching kids the value of hard work and perseverance," said Jodine Smith, SaskTel Manager of Community Relations. **"You can visit any town or city in this province and find examples of sports unique ability to bring people together."**

A prime example of how SaskTel helps sport connect people in the province is its long-term sponsorship of the Saskatchewan High School Athletics Association (SHSAA). For well over a decade, SaskTel has sponsored the organization; helping to support high school sports and championship tournaments from badminton to wrestling and everything in between.

In the last year alone, this investment has translated into support for high school provincial championships hosted in every corner of the province. Just recently, SaskTel sponsored HOOPLA, the Provincial High School Basketball Championships in Prince Albert. SaskTel took the extra step of making replays of the 5A Girls and Boys Championships available through SaskTel *maxTV*™ Local on Demand service.

"With these tournaments taking place virtually anywhere in the province, it can be heartbreaking for family and friends when they may not be able to travel to the competition and show their support," said Michelle Klimchuk, SaskTel Local on Demand Manager. "It takes a ton of hard work for these young athletes to reach the championship level, and we were super excited that we could record some of the games for all those wanting to watch them back home."

Other centres where SaskTel sponsored High School events include Girls Curling in Ituna, Badminton in Weyburn, Golf in Estevan, Cross-Country in Turtleford, 1A Girls Volley Ball in Fox Valley.



Beyond its sponsorship of the SHSAA, SaskTel continues to help support youth athletics across the full spectrum of the amateur level. This ranges from organizations aimed at ensuring that all youth can participate in community sports programs such as KidSport Saskatchewan to the those helping older youth and young adults reach the highest levels of amateur competition like the U of R Cougars and the U of S Huskies.

"SaskTel operates all over Saskatchewan, and that means we have employees living virtually everywhere too," said Jodine. **"Giving back is one of the essential things that defines us as a company and supporting youth athletics is one more way we can continue strengthening our communities by helping them maintain the special connections that only sport can provide."**



Bring Those Phones! Phones for a Fresh Start Aims To Go Higher

Deb Ottenbreit (L), Community Relations Specialist and Timothy Jones, Communications Manager-External, are asking you to bring in your unwanted phones.

Last November, Tim Jones was surprisingly overwhelmed at the number of used cellphones that were dropped off for recycling through SaskTel and network dealer stores. Between 17 to 31 Oct 2017, Tim helped organize and promote SaskTel's first ever Phones for a Fresh Start province wide cellphone drive asking people to drop off their used devices. The drive couldn't have been more successful.

"We were so pleased with the time and effort people took to drop off their devices and the volume we collected," said Tim, External Communications Manager. "During that campaign we collected over 5,000 cellphones and accessories."



Those 5,000 cellphones and accessories translated into good news in two ways. First, SaskTel used the proceeds generated from cellphones recycled through Phones for a Fresh Start to purchase pre-paid phone cards and new cellphones distributed to those fleeing domestic violence through the Provincial Association of Transition Houses and Services of Saskatchewan (PATHS). Secondly, 5,000 fewer devices were discarded into Saskatchewan landfills.

So pleased was Tim and SaskTel with last fall's campaign, that a second Phones for a Fresh Start cellphone drive is taking place. In celebration of Earth Month (April), SaskTel is again asking all Saskatchewan residents to discard their unused or unwanted cellphones at a SaskTel Store or participating network dealer locations. SaskTel is hoping for an even better response this time around, and is encouraging all other Saskatchewan Crowns to participate in the drive.

Since its launch in 2009, the program has provided PATHS with more than 2,800 cellphones and \$78,000 in prepaid cards. On top of that, it has diverted more than 106,000 cellphones from our landfills. "E-waste is a growing problem, with most people holding onto two or more cellphones in storage," said Doug Burnett, SaskTel Acting President and CEO. "We know that finding a place to recycle specific items can be hard for people and the last thing we want to see is those phones somehow ending up in landfills."

This year's campaign runs through to 30 Apr 2018. If you or anyone you know is looking at getting rid of an unwanted cellphone, donate it to Phones for a Fresh Start at any SaskTel store or authorized dealer.



By donating not only will you receive a complimentary Phones for a Fresh Start wrist band (while supplies last) but you will also feel good about helping in the fight against domestic violence as well as helping the environment. All good reasons to bring those phones.



**No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.**

- Aesop

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Super Volunteers!

SaskTel Employees Appreciate the Satisfaction of Giving Back

Brent Degenstein (l) makes a presentation on behalf of the SaskTel Pioneers to the principal of École Monseigneur



Darrell Liebrecht has a very good understanding about the importance of volunteerism.

As Pioneer Manager, he's part of an organization of present and past SaskTel employees who make remarkable contributions to a variety of community needs.

Whether it's helping out students, children in hospitals, homeless shelters, the STARS Air Ambulance program or so many other worthy causes, the SaskTel Pioneers have a strong commitment to giving back.

"There are a number of benefits to volunteering, and some are not obvious at first," said Darrell. "By helping the causes we support, we are hoping to make a positive difference in people's lives and in our communities, and that's a very satisfying thing."

"It feels great to help others, but it's also a great way to gain confidence and experience in skills you're interested in. It's also a fantastic way to meet people, and of course, can be a lot of fun!"

The week of 15 to 21 Apr 2018 marks National Volunteer Week. It's a great time to celebrate the efforts of the Pioneers, who include employees like Brent Degenstein, a Trunking & Switching Technician in North Battleford. Brent is someone who contributes his time and efforts to many causes in his community.



"In the last 10 years I have really become active with Pioneer volunteering," he said. "Before that, most of my volunteering was based around my three kids. As they got older, they were required by their high school to volunteer in the community for 10 hours each year.

"That's when I saw opportunities through the Pioneers where I could volunteer with my kids. They were able to get the hours they needed and it opened a whole new world of volunteer opportunities for us."

Brent's Pioneer-based work includes volunteering with projects such as: Meals on Wheels; the School Backpack Program; the Battlefords Union Hospital Annual Festival of Trees; Breakfast With Santa; school literacy programs and the Battery Salvage project.

"I think the idea of a socially engaged company (like SaskTel) that gives its employees an organized and structured way to volunteer and help their communities is something all SaskTel employees should recognize and be grateful for," said Brent. "It's vital for us to give back to our communities in whatever way we can because our communities are our customers, as well as our families and friends and their loyalty is important for SaskTel."

"As Pioneers, we do a lot of good things, and the support of our company is imperative to make it happen." Outside of the Pioneers, Brent has also volunteered with Minor Hockey and Baseball in the Battlefords, his children's high school prom committees, and the North Battleford Dance Festival.

"There's always something or someone in need of help, so if you are able and can spare a little time -- why not?" said Brent. "I get it's not for everybody, but I enjoy lending a hand and putting a bit of a smile on someone's face that could use it. Not really complicated!"



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Pioneer Project Shines 'Diamond in the Rough'

Project Chosen for Reach for the Stars Award

Since its public debut in 2007, the Pioneer Park has become a favourite place for Yorkton residents.

In Saskatchewan, there is rarely a short supply of volunteers ready to roll up their sleeves to support worthwhile causes. But when funds are short, it can be difficult for the volunteers who keep things moving.

For the Yorkton SaskTel Pioneers Club, finding the needed funds to carry on their important work just became a little easier thanks to a \$1,000 award from the SaskTel Pioneers' Reach for the Stars contest which took place earlier this month. The club won the extra funding in recognition for their 'Diamond in the Rough' project which celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2017. The money comes from the Provincial Chapter's general funds and was raised through fundraising.

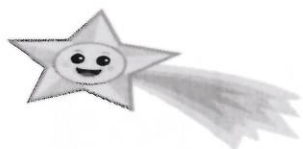
From May 1 to 15, 2018, all Pioneer members were invited to go on-line and vote for their favorite Pioneer project from the past year. The project to receive the most votes would be awarded extra funding to put towards a future project.

For Yorkton Pioneers, it was an easy choice. The Pioneer Park situated on Betts Avenue, between Broadway Street West and Smith Street West, is a particular source of pride for all members. Since its public debut in 2007, it has become a favorite place for residents to meet up with friends, eat lunch, and take in an enjoyable walk through the city's business district. As Canada ramped up for its 150th birthday last year, the Yorkton Pioneers made further investments into the park with the addition of a new metal sign which was installed at the park entrance.

"That sign is really the crowning touch," said Jean Bryski, Yorkton Pioneer Chapter Vice President. "It was made by a local company and the materials and labour were all donated free of charge to our club."

The walk-through park, which was once a sparse, under-utilized lot, is now widely considered a valuable community asset. When speaking of this year's win, Jean said it all came down to word of mouth between members to get out the vote. "We're a small club with only about two dozen active members but we are lucky to have a very dedicated membership who worked hard to spread the word."

And it does take dedication to keep this community gem shining. Each year, the Yorkton Pioneers and other community members dedicate dozens of volunteer hours to enhance the green space and ensure that it is well-maintained. On 15 May 2018, Pioneer members descended on the area for the first of two clean-ups planned for this year. Mulch was added around the trees and shrubs and annuals were planted in the flower planter located at the front of the park. Plans are in the works to make further improvements to the park, including the replacement of a damaged tabletop and the installation of a concrete pad for each of the park's tables and benches. While there are no official plans for the new funds as of yet, Jean says she is sure a portion will go towards the park as well as other projects such as their annual school book purchase.



"I want to congratulate all members of the Yorkton Pioneers for their hard work and continued commitment to community service," said Darrell Liebrecht, Pioneers Manager. "Pioneer Park is a great example of how a group of people can make a meaningful difference for the quality of life of people in a community,"

To learn more about Pioneer activities in your community, please visit the Pioneers' website using the sidebar link.

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All Because of Will! Friends of Iron Will Committee Present Cheque for \$300,000 to Children's Hospital

Members of the Friends of Iron Will Committee outside of the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital in Saskatoon



It's amazing to see what employees can do to make a difference.

The story of Iron Will and last month's remarkable gift of \$300,000 to the Jim Pattison Children's Foundation is the culmination over four years' worth of fundraising and an incredible amount of hard work. During this time, connections were weaved across the community and SaskTel employees from every department were brought together around a common goal: to make a difference for Saskatchewan sick kids.

With close friends and family nearby, the celebratory presentation on 25 May 2018 also proved to be a powerful reflection of the love and support the Rattray family has received as they have worked to honour their son Will's memory. Desiree Rattray, Will's mom and a SaskTel alumnus, was joined by Michelle Gray (Marketing Manager), Renee Pestyk (Clerical Associate), Tanya Adair (Service Representative – Business Sales), and former SaskTel employee Tarilynn Tymiak. The women, who together helped to create the Iron Will Committee with Desiree's friend and neighbour Melissa Jackson, developed a strong bond during their time working alongside each other at Regina's Head Office.



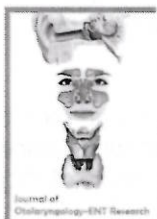
"I have tried to say thank you but I don't think those words would ever capture the love and gratitude we have for these gals," said Desiree Rattray. "Not only did they devote countless hours of their lives to help coordinate fundraising, but not for one moment did they ever lose sight of the reason behind it all. Everything they did was to ensure that Will's legacy will live on."

The total amount fundraised came from small contributions collected from across the province through a variety of special events, such as four separate Iron Will Family Days, 22Fresh partnership to sell Iron Will hoodies, sale of cookbooks, stuffed animals, decals, and other items.



"We can't thank SaskTel enough for being such a strong supporter of our efforts, and of me and my family. My co-workers loved Will and treasured him while he was here," said Desiree.

The story of Iron Will showed how employee-led action can lead a trail of generosity. Although a large part of the fundraising efforts was initiated and coordinated by this intrepid group of women, the SaskTel Pioneers also played a significant supportive role that merits recognition. Over the years, they gave multiple cash donations which allowed the committee to purchase hundreds of Iron Will stuffed animals that were sold at events and assisted with the coordination of volunteers.



"When we learned about Iron Will's story, we absolutely wanted to show our support to Desiree and her family, but it was also a chance to give support to other kids and parents of kids who were struggling through a threatening illness," said Darrell Liebrecht, Pioneer Manager.

After an inspiring journey spanning over four years, Iron Will's courageous spirit will now live on within the new Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) exam room that bears his name. Following the cheque presentation, Desiree, her husband Jason, and the entire Iron Will Committee were treated to a hard hat tour of the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital where they got to see Will's room and the many other family-centric facilities in the works at the building.

While this marks the end of the official Iron Will fundraising campaign, Desiree wants to emphasize that this doesn't mean that the story of Iron Will is over – far from it. She will continue to share Will's story and advocate for children's health initiatives whenever she can, but she also feels blessed that others will carry on Iron Will's story as well:

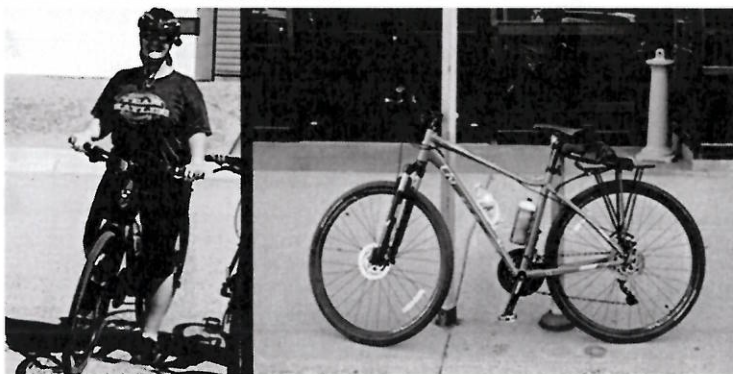
"I think all a grieving parent can ever ask for is that their child is not forgotten. That people feel like they can say his name, remember him and know that life is forever changed because he's gone. And so, I think, beyond the fundraising and the impact on the hospital and the province, I hope that over the last five years we've helped challenge some stigmas around child loss ... We hope that Will continues to inspire families for years to come. In his short life he taught us all so much about resilience and strength."

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One Big Family Colleagues Kindness Wows Employee

Dione Wall, Service Representative in Saskatoon, was blown away by the generosity of her work colleagues following the theft of her bike.



SaskTel and its employees are known for a culture of caring. Over and over again, there are examples where employees have supported not only the community where they live and work, but also their fellow employees in time of need.

SaskTel employee Dione Wall, Customer Services Representative in Saskatoon, recently experienced this unique SaskTel culture and she shares her story with Source readers.

This June, I was riding my brand new shiny Liv Rove 1 bike (special ordered and custom fit with custom upgrades) as my method of helping battle childhood cancer through the Great Cycle Challenge in Saskatoon. I pledged that if I raised \$500, I would commute to work on my bike from Langham to Saskatoon. My friends, family and work peeps must have really wanted to see me with a sore bum because I raised \$1100! Wow, was I pumped! I proud of myself when I made it to the front door of my workplace at 140 – 1st avenue in Saskatoon. It took just over 2 hours to ride the 43.2 kms. I locked up my bike in the secured bike cage with my fancy new lock and went to work.

***Can you imagine my devastation when I got off work 8 hours later and found my bike GONE?
A thief had not simply broken in and stolen it but actually scoped it out, came back with tools, cut a hole
in the cage, cut my new lock and stole it. My new baby was gone.***

Yes, I cried. I'm not ashamed to admit it... she was my pride and joy and after all, I was just trying to do something good for all those kids and families who are battling cancer and just trying to survive.

I lost my niece (age 13), to cancer. So, I can understand the pain and heartache these families are going through. This Challenge was my way of adding some light in their lives; of adding hope that one day, with enough research and knowledge, more of our little ones will survive this devastating disease. Now with my bike gone I felt like I couldn't continue and that not only was I violated by having it stolen, but that I had let down every kid trying to fight cancer.



But then something amazing happened. My cousin started a GoFundMe page to help me replace my bike. My work family got a hold of it and spread it around the workplace. And then, before I could even fully comprehend what was happening let alone why, there was enough in that fund to replace my bike in its entirety with enough left over to make a contribution to Childhood Cancer Canada. Many of the same people who helped me raise the \$1100 for Childhood Cancer also donated to the page to help me replace my bike.

I still don't quite understand why everyone was so touched by this and I can never ever thank everyone enough for their participation in getting me back on the road, so I can continue to do my part as a warrior against childhood cancer. Their kindness, generosity and concern has touched me in a way I will never forget. SaskTel may be made up of thousands of people from all walks of life, but in the end, we are one big family. This experience has shown me that when it matters, our SaskTel work family is here to pick you up, dust you off, and get you back on the road to success.

I want to acknowledge everyone who helped me! Lori Leschyshyn, Lisa Torgeson, Ann Lennon, Diane Herman, Haley Langston, Cheryl Rutledge, Giselle Howard, Brandi Evans-Rouffosse, Denise Gryschuk, Tammy Hinds, Sheri Lee Don, Dylan Youngstrom, Craig Sled, Sheldon Allison, Jennifer Hitchings, Cecily Howe, Kacey Vooght, Lana Olson, Deanne Klieboer, Dorianne Urqghart, Philip Warwick, Chelsea Cannam, Heidi Antoski, Ryanne Leahy, Leena Mennon, Sandra Tarasoff, Rachel Reader, Lisa Priel, Cynthia Stevens, Shannon Sonmor, Helen McHattie, Ang Kerpan and last but not least, Denise Kirkpatrick. There were also several anonymous donations, so if those were SaskTel employees, too...

I thank YOU so very much, from the bottom of my heart! Dione Wall



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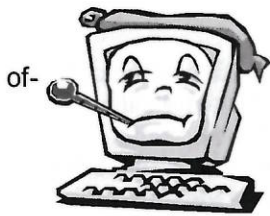
A Surplus of Kindness! Pioneer Salvage Sales Support Projects That Improve lives in Our Communities

Part of the SaskTel Pioneer Salvage Sales team (from l): Bert Wenzel, Ken Kulach, Al Sulma, Otto Dobler, Crawford McKee, Joe Flegel and Lynn Brown.

Summertime is a great time to scope out local garage sales.

Did you know that just past the edge of Regina's Warehouse District is one of the city's longest ongoing garage sales?

Since 1995, the SaskTel Pioneer Salvage Sales in Regina has sold used SaskTel computers and electronics that are no longer needed by the company and have been donated for resale. When purchases are made, the proceeds are then used by the Pioneers to support valuable projects that improve the quality of life in our communities.



Those working at Salvage Sales have become experts on the market values of the variety of items sold in the warehouse. Jolene Norleen, a SaskTel retiree and longtime Pioneer, can be ten found zipping around and finding items for customers. For her, volunteering at the Regina Salvage office has been a way to stay active and make new connections in the community.

"Salvage sales is about team work", said Jolene. "We see the value of giving back to the community. Most of our volunteer staff are retired and it provides a social environment and opportunity to learn new technical things that we may not get at home."

In 2017, salvage sales helped to net over \$176,000 for Pioneer activities – their highest number yet. So how do SaskTel items make their way to the Pioneers? When computers have reached the end of their useful lifespan at SaskTel due to technological changes or necessary upgrades, they are collected from each department where they are forwarded to the Pioneers for further sorting.

There is the odd desk or office chair available, but due to the limited space available at the Regina warehouse, SaskTel has shifted to donating excess office furniture and other supplies through other channels. While sometimes the computers and electronics they receive are somewhat outdated, most items do end up being sold. For items that cannot find a home, some are recycled while others are donated to non-profit agencies in the community.

For instance, the North Central Family Centre and Regina Seniors Centre have hosted computer labs using excess hardware. Also, when Pioneer Salvage Sales has an abundance of computers, they will transfer some of them to Computers for Schools, another SaskTel Pioneer project located at the same location.

"Our clientele includes students, businesses for their own use and reselling, non-profits, families, collectors, technical geeks, newcomers, and of course our own SaskTel employees and retirees," said Jolene. Whether you know a student heading to university in need of a laptop or need some extra power bars for use at home, there's a good chance that you will find what you need.



A portion of the proceeds raised by Regina Sales and Salvage is shared with other Pioneer clubs throughout the province who also operate smaller salvage sales operations in their districts.

In Regina, you can see all current ads on UsedRegina, but with an ever-changing inventory you may wish to stop by the salvage office at 2106 1st Avenue (entrance at back of building) to see the latest stock. And if you're in the market right now, the Regina location is running a Summer Sale with all desktops, laptops and iPads on sale for \$50 off until 28 Sep 2018.



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A View from 2018 (Part I) Past Employees Reflect on Their Time With SaskTel on Our 110th Anniversary

(from I): Doug Barss, Bob Walker,
Alvina Forsberg and Al Schaefer.



***As SaskTel celebrates 110 years, who better to provide their memories of SaskTel
than employees who provided many years of service?***

Years after their retirement they are still part of the SaskTel family through the SaskTel Pioneers

SaskTel Pioneers in Regina celebrate the birthdays of Pioneers' members. The Source visited the latest event at the TPAC centre in Regina to catch up with a few past employees. Here's the first of a two-part look at that visit!

The world was a different place in 1961. John F. Kennedy became the president of the United States. Russia sent the first person ever into space. Wayne Gretzky and George Clooney were born.

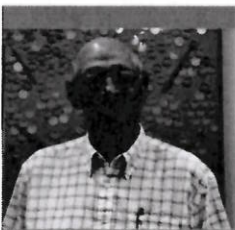


And Alvina Forsberg became a SaskTel Operator. "In my mind I can still see the old switchboard," said Alvina. "Each position had six pair of cords, and when someone called us a light flashed on the board in front of us." Alvina went on to other areas of the company, including the 'Assignment Centre' where she was a dispatcher for Installers. But perhaps her favourite job of all was in Engineering, making her one of the only women in the area at the time. "It was a great place to work – they really treated me with respect!" she said.

"My job was to price out the cost of laying new underground cable to different areas, since Regina was growing." Alvina rounded off her career in the Marketing department. The job included traveling (with her trusty car phone) between Regina and the Swift Current area. She would instruct employees about Envoy 100, which was a precursor to what we now know as e-mail.

Alvina retired from SaskTel in 1986. "I had covered a lot of areas at SaskTel – it was a wonderful place to work," she said. "They hired me at almost 32-years old and with 4 children – they gave me my future!"

"I still feel a great attachment to the company, and I stay in touch through the Pioneers."



Al Schaefer feels the same way.

The SaskTel that Al knew was one before long distance competition. Internet was also still in the future, and cellular service was only beginning to take hold. When Al worked for SaskTel, pay-phones were a big deal. That's just the way the world was during his time here.

He began in 1952, the same year Hockey Night in Canada debuted on CBC! The network also featured the first televised Grey Cup game that year (the Argos beat the Eskimos 21-11).

He retired from SaskTel in 1989. "I retired after 37 years as a Product Manager in the Coin area (pay phones)," said Al. "In those days, there was quite a bit of revenue from payphones, but obviously that is no longer the case since everyone has cellular phones."

And speaking of cell phones, Al was around to see and use the earliest incarnations. "When we first began to introduce cellular service, the first cell phones I saw were those big ugly, heavy things!" he laughed. "Seeing the technology, the way it advanced through the years, was really something."

A View From 2018 (Part II)

SaskTel Family Roots Run Deep

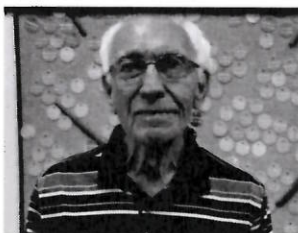


Part 2 of our visit to SaskTel Pioneer TPAC in Regina.

There's something very special about the SaskTel family. Our employees have contributed so much to Saskatchewan. Over the course of 110 years, SaskTel went through (and continues to go through) some spectacular changes. Some of our most valued contributions to the province literally changed the way people went about their day. We don't think of these things much today, but imagine a time when you had to dial an operator to assist in the making of a call. And everyone loves a party. But party lines? Not so much! With the Rural Individual Line Service program in the 1970s, multi-line party telephone facilities were upgraded so that everybody had private line service.

Through it all, SaskTel people were there to help usher in these changes.

Bob Walker and Doug Barss are two of those people. They both concluded their careers many years ago. And yet, they remain connected to the SaskTel family, mostly through the SaskTel Pioneers.



Bob Walker flew into SaskTel in 1945 at the tail end of World War II, where he served with the Canadian Air Force. The world was forever changed, and SaskTel was too. When asked about his time with SaskTel, Bob quipped, "I'm gonna be 93 next month but my memory is back there somewhere!"

It didn't take Bob long to fondly recall his career. "My first job was to dig holes for the telephone poles, then I carried on as a Cable Splicer," said Bob. "I then looked after the Regina City outside plant and eventually looked after small towns in the province." "In those days, there could be up to 10 people per line for calls in the small towns. When I first started, if you lived on a farm, you had a phone that you shared with all your neighbors - it was hard to keep a secret! Of course, we improved that to private lines."

Bob retired in 1983 after 38 years with the company. The people are what he misses the most. "If you ever had a big job to do, there were always people there to help you, whether at work or away from work. The fellowship was amazing."



Doug Barss also made some great contributions in his 35-year career.

He was recruited right out of Regina's Balfour Collegiate (or Balfour Technical High School as it was known back then). "In Grade 10 and 11 you had to specialize in one shop, and I specialized in Electricity," said Doug. "SaskTel were looking to modernize and needed people who had a background in electrical work, so a bunch of us got hired."

They entered an industry which was changing before their eyes. "In 1955 they installed a new switch in Regina, and suddenly it went from 5-digit phone numbers to the seven we know today. The only phones available at the time were dial phones. My young grandkids don't know how to operate a dial phone! Of course, I don't know how to operate their stuff either!"

Doug held several positions at SaskTel, including Section Manager with MARTENS, where he was responsible for the conversion of paper assignment records to computer. But if you speak with him, the memories he remembers most fondly involve his colleagues. "Whether it was playing softball with SaskTel folks in a competitive league, or some other after-work function, we would always have lots of fun and laughs," he said.

That sense of camaraderie lives on to this day, whenever these and other past employees gather at the Pioneer Activity Centre. It's their way of never losing touch of their SaskTel family as they recall the role they played in SaskTel's 110 years.



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Off To Camp! SaskTel Pioneers Lend Hands at Camp Easter Seal

SaskTel Pioneers worked hard to help get Camp Easter Seal ready for the summer.

Along the tranquil and picturesque shores of Manitou Beach, SaskTel volunteers headed out to help make the scenery even more beautiful over the May long weekend.

Nearly a dozen volunteers from the SaskTel Pioneers, along with their family members, helped setup Camp Easter Seal, located at Manitou Beach -- about 100 kilometers east of Saskatoon. "For us here at the camp, I think that what the Pioneers do is so incredibly important for our setup process, because without them it might not get finished in time for the upcoming season," said Marty Hayden, manager at Camp Easter Seal.



Supported by the Saskatchewan Abilities Council, Camp Easter Seal is a staple destination for hundreds of people with complex physical and mental disabilities who want to enjoy a barrier-free experience. It's the only completely wheelchair-accessible camp facility in Saskatchewan.

Annually, a group of Pioneers head to the campsite to replant flower beds and clean up the grounds before the mass of eager campers arrive.

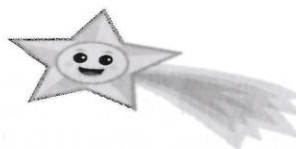
Trevor McGugan, SaskTel employee and Pioneer Volunteer, has led the event for nearly a decade. While he says the number of volunteers has dropped over the years, the group continues to work hard so campers can enjoy their summer.

"I think this is one of the best things that SaskTel does," said McGugan. "This year was very successful, and it's always for a wonderful cause."

Each year, campers begin piling into the Easter Seal grounds starting in June and sessions run until August. Activities include swimming, boating, horseback riding, adapted sports activities, cook-outs, picnics, banquets and crafts.

"We really see what the value of the camp is," said Hayden.

"For some people who come, it's a once in a lifetime experience, and I think that's another



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Just the Spot! The TPAC for All Kinds of Activities and Functions

There are activities of all kinds happening at the TPAC in Regina.



We all know the SaskTel Pioneers love a good get-together. For many years now, the Pioneers in Regina have had a special place known as the Tele-Pioneer Activity Centre (TPAC) for gatherings of all kinds.

But did you know the TPAC can be rented out for *your* event?

That's correct! Any employee can rent the TPAC as long as they have a Pioneer Member or partner renting on their behalf. The Pioneer member needs to be present during the event.

"Almost any function, family or otherwise, can be hosted at the TPAC as long as the number of people sitting at tables does not exceed 60 or 79 sitting in rows of chairs," said Jolene Norleen, a SaskTel retiree and Pioneer who helps with the booking of the centre.

"Over the years, the TPAC Board has expanded the use of the facility to include functions like weddings, baby and wedding showers, family gatherings and retirement parties, to mention a few."

The TPAC is the perfect spot for small to large Pioneer projects.

"The space is busy with many traditional projects like hug-a-bears, heart pillows, and some newer projects like Turbans for Cancer, Quilts for Cancer patients, and Walkers bags for the elderly," said Jolene.

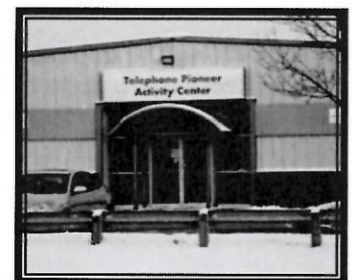
Larger projects have included the 'First Book Canada Book distribution'. It involved bringing in one or two pallets of books (about 2000-2500 in each pallet!), sorting them and donating the books to organizations that support families at risk.

This space was also used to host the provincial Pioneer Training session, which was open to all Pioneer executive members across the province. Special speakers were brought in for the event, and the spacious room allowed for a variety of workshops and break-out sessions.

"An important part of the Pioneers is the ability to maintain contact with retired members," said Jolene. "We've had Christmas and spring dinners parties with entertainment. Once a month, a birthday supper is held at the TPAC for all members and is prepared by a team of volunteers."

The TPAC was originally created in 1994 at the Pasqua St. Wire Centre in Regina. The centre moved to 2106 1st Ave in October 2009 and has been there ever since. The TPAC is run completely by a team of volunteers, with a board that makes decisions on the general operation of the space.

Anyone wishing to rent the TPAC can call 306-777-8450
or e-mail sasktel.pioneers@sasktel.net.
Please include your name, phone number, dates you wish to rent and
someone will get back to you!





Pick Up & Paddle A Nice Way To Spend A Saturday

Bridge City Pioneer volunteers on the shores of the South Saskatchewan River in Saskatoon

Kacey Vooght has lived in Saskatoon for just over a dozen years. She loves the city and says one of the best things about living there is being able to enjoy the beautiful Saskatchewan River.

That's why Kacey, an Admin. Assistant (Technical Writer), just knew she had to volunteer for Pick Up & Paddle, the Bridge City Pioneers latest volunteer project.

On July 28, Kacey and 14 Pioneer volunteers spent the day canoeing and kayaking on the South Saskatchewan River just south of Saskatoon. Along the way they stopped at several public launch points picking up debris like pop cans and bottles and garbage left behind by picnic go-ers and riverbank users. "I had to volunteer as soon as I heard of the idea," says Kacey. "I think it's our responsibility as Saskatoon residents to help preserve the riverbanks and doing our part to make sure it stays clean and safe for everyone to enjoy."

The idea for the project originated from Dione Wall, a member of the Bridge City Pioneers Executive. About three years ago, Dione started kayaking down the Saskatchewan River. She quickly noticed all the trash which also included used flotation devices and tires, at public launch points along the river south of Saskatoon. And she wasn't the only one.

A Facebook page created by a concerned Saskatoon citizen of the growing trash along the river valley was brought to Dione's attention. The page suggests we are all stewards of our river valley. It encourages individuals to take the lead and step up and cooperate to keep the riverbanks clean to support the efforts of the Meewasin Valley Authority, an organization that conserves and protects the river valley but could not do so without the efforts of volunteers like the SaskTel Pioneers.

From there, Dione reached out to Eb's Source for Adventure in Saskatoon and shared her plan. Eb's quickly came on board and provided four canoes, all the safety gear, the transportation to the riverbank and a paddling expert, all at no charge.

"We have these amazing gems just south of Saskatoon that are open to all of us," says Dione. "Unfortunately, there are careless people who do not understand the impact of their litter. Their actions are putting these places at risk."

The volunteers paddled their way along three popular public launches right on through to Saskatoon, collecting 10 to 15 large bags of trash. They wrapped the day up with a thank you BBQ. For Kacey Vooght, it couldn't have been a better day.

"Spending the day on the river, working with a group of volunteers to do something positive for the environment and our city, and wrapping up with a BBQ is a pretty nice way to spend a Saturday."



Par Fore The Course! Employees Show Their Golfing Skills in the Friendly City

A scene from the SaskTel Provincial Golf Tournament, which was held in Moose Jaw.



What do you get when you combine great golf weather, a favorite summer pastime and the 'Friendly City'?

If you answered the annual SaskTel Provincial Golf tournament in Moose Jaw, you are correct!

This year's tournament was held at the Hillcrest Golf Club in Moose Jaw on 25 Aug 2018. And while the competition was intense at times, it was the camaraderie that won out in the long run.

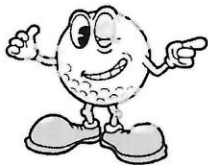
"The Provincial Golf Tournament continues to be a great way for employees from different areas of the province and even some corporate partners to get together in a relaxed environment and enjoy a round of golf and some laughs," said Trunking & Switching Technician Lorne Hill, who was one of the organizers for this year's event.

"All together, we work to deliver world class service to our customers, and this tournament is a chance to strengthen our personal relationships and put faces to names. SaskTel is an ICT company, but much more. It is part of the fabric of Saskatchewan and the people that use our products and services. These events are but one example that display the benefits of SaskTel being an active part of our communities."

The weekend began with a round played on the Friday before the tournament which included SaskTel corporate sponsors and partners

The Saturday was a perfect day for any golfer according to Lorne. "It was sunny, about 20 degrees with no wind - like playing in your living room, without the damage!" he said.

This year's tournament featured 77 golfers from all parts of Saskatchewan.



The big winners from the weekend were:

Karen Purdy (Ladies' Low Gross Score)
Cathy Cuthbert (Ladies' Low Net Score)
Larry Sexsmith (Men's Gross and Net Low Score)

Winners!

A banquet was also held at the Hillcrest when the golfing was done. It was filled with laughter and conversations about a good day at the course.

"To put on an event like this takes a lot of planning and commitment from our people," said Lorne. "There were many e-mails, phone calls and meetings. The folks at the Hillcrest Golf Club were also a big part of it all. I would like to thank all involved with this year's event for helping to make it the success it was."



Be sure to mark your calendar for next year's tournament, which is slated for 24 Aug 2019 in Prince Albert.

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DID YOU . . .

..... *ever think about*



Why the sun lightens our hair, *but* darkens our skin?

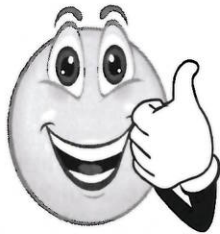


Why don't you ever see the Headline '*Psychic Wins Lottery*'?

Why is '*abbreviated*' *such a long word*?

Why is it that Doctors call what they do '*practice*'?

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid *made with real lemons*?



Why is the man who Invests all your money called a *broker*?

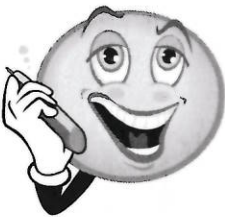
Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called *rush hour*?

Why isn't there *Mouse-flavored cat food*?

Why didn't Noah Swat *those two mosquitoes*?

Why do they sterilize the Needle for *lethal injections*?

**You know that Indestructible black box that is used on airplanes?
*Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?!***



Why don't sheep shrink *when it rains*?

Why are they called Apartments when they are *all stuck together*?

If con is the opposite of Pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?

If flying is so Safe, why do they call the airport the *terminal*?

