

Remembering a Leader Mr. Allan Blakeney

by Taylor Bendig

Allan Blakeney
DOB: 1925
Lived: 800-block King St.
(1968-1988)

Back home in Canada after two years at Britain's Oxford University, young Allan Blakeney knew there was no place he'd rather be than Regina.

"I wanted to see what the (Tommy) Douglas government, which was then a pioneering government, might be doing in Saskatchewan," he recalled "I wouldn't have gone to work for any other provincial government."

But at the time, Douglas' Co-operative Commonwealth Federation government had no place for Blakeney. His application for a job – any job – was turned down, and he headed for Edmonton and a private law firm instead. But four months later, in spring 1950, Blakeney's luck changed: a position opened up as legal advisor to Saskatchewan's Crown corporations. He pounced on the opportunity.

Though he'd intended to stay only a couple of years, long enough to "get a feel" for CCF government, Blakeney remained a civil

servant until 1958. Then, with an eye toward running in the 1960 election, and preferring not to run as a government employee, he returned to practising private law.

Blakeney earned his seat during an election that "was fought on medicare, and little else," as he put it. The CCF was returned to power, and he was quickly appointed Minister of Education, then shuffled into a new post as the provincial treasurer. As the debate over medicare heated up, Blakeney was heavily involved in introducing free health care despite public protests and a determined doctors' strike.

But the controversy over medicare took its toll on the CCF's popularity, and the party was defeated in 1964. Following a second defeat in 1967, party leader Woodrow Lloyd stepped down, and after a hotly-contested leadership convention Blakeney emerged to take his place. Under Blakeney, the CCF – now renamed the New Democratic Party – swept into office in 1971 with more seats than it had won since 1944.

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As Blakeney was leading his party back to the governing side of the legislative building, he also led his family into a much humbler part of Regina. In 1968, they had a house built at 837 King Street, in the heart of Blakeney's riding, and moved there from Lakeview.

"I said 'If I'm gonna represent those people, I think I should live there,'" said Blakeney. The move, he recalls, took him out of familiar middle-class surroundings, and into a solidly blue-collar neighbourhood that broadened the soon-to-be-premier's horizons.

"When I was in North Central I met with a lot of people who were straight working stiffs, had never been to university and never really expected their kids to go to university, which was sharply different from my own life," he said. "I didn't have a lot of working class experience, and I got a little of that in North Central."

Over his 11 years as premier, many of Blakeney's greatest achievements championed the working-class Saskatchewanians he lived alongside. His government put through legislation to improve the workers' compensation system and raise minimum wages to among the highest in Canada, and added prescription drug benefits and childrens' dental care to the universal health services provided by the province. Blakeney also took pride in his success at putting resources like potash and uranium under public control, and his efforts to encourage a common feeling of pride and connection amongst the province's citizens – what he called "a sense of Saskatchewan."

Always faced with a heavy political workload, Blakeney admitted he couldn't spend nearly as much time as he wanted to with his constituents in North Central. But he recruited a team of locals to keep an eye on the neighbourhood in his absence, helping him head off trouble before it became serious.

North Central's First Nations population rose sharply during Blakeney's time as premier, and though he said most residents "had no great difficulty getting along with them," matters of inter-racial tension sometimes demanded his attention. So he made a point of working with the neighbourhood's Native leaders, who helped him bridge the racial divide. That connection later helped him make the most of provincial low-income housing projects, by subletting the buildings to Native groups who were in close touch with those in need of housing. Living in North Central also helped him realize the difficulty of adapting from reserve life to urban living, and in the mid-70s he assigned a permanent social worker to each of the neighbourhood's elementary schools, to help students and staff cope with those challenges.

Blakeney's political fortunes worsened suddenly in 1982, as the NDP suffered a staggering defeat that reduced them from 44 seats to nine. He stayed on as party leader, and by 1986 the NDP had rallied enough to win 28 seats and the largest share of the popular vote. But it was not enough to reclaim government, and a year later Blakeney decided it was time to resign from politics. In 1988 -- 20 years after moving into the neighbourhood – he left Regina to begin teaching law, first in Toronto and then, from 1990 onward, at the University of Saskatchewan.

In his retirement, Blakeney joined a Canadian delegation to the post-apartheid South Africa, helping the newly-democratic country design a system of government that would accommodate its wide ethnic diversity. It was a challenge that Blakeney felt well prepared

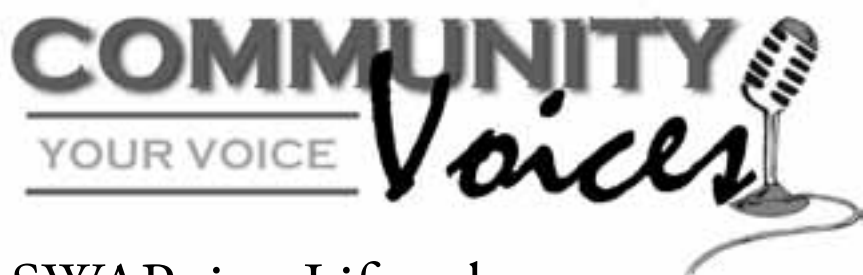
for, after his years governing a province as diverse as Saskatchewan.

After his work in South Africa, Blakeney returned home to Saskatoon. He continued to teach occasional law classes until he passed away in April 2011, following a short battle with cancer.

Editor's note: Taylor Bendig has concluded his position of Researcher for the North Central History Project. He conducted this interview with Mr. Blakeney by telephone weeks before his passing. It is the final interview he gave. We are grateful to Taylor for his recording of Mr. Blakeney's memories of North Central. We are ever grateful to Allan Blakeney for being a compassionate human being and leader.

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SWAPping Lifestyles

by Alanna Adamko

A year-and-a-half ago, a typical day for ex-street worker Sherry would start by waking up in darkness.

"Before the only thing I did was to get up in the late afternoon and use drugs or wake up at night to go out on the streets," said Sherry.

She became a street worker when she was 19. "I had children when I was 18, then they were taken away, I had no support and I started using drugs and had a horrible street life."



A year-and-a-half ago however, Sherry made an impulse decision that would change her life. "I knew about SWAP [Street Workers Advocacy Program] from my cousin who had worked there and told me about it years ago. I decided to give them a call and see if they could help me."

One hour later she was in SWAP's drop-in centre filling out forms and taking a tour of the building located in North Central. The next day, Sherry was tested to determine her educational level and started classes in SWAP's Adult Education Program.

SWAP offers programming and outreach services to street workers, youth and the homeless, and was created in 1994 out of initial frustration over the lack of community services to help street workers, said executive director Barb Lawrence. As a result, all levels of government, community-based organizations and concerned individuals came together to try to find solutions. A steering committee was formed which hired two female researchers who spent four months interviewing street workers to find out their needs. They then published their findings and recommendations, from which SWAP was formed.

Sherry is one of its many clients whose daily schedule revolves around SWAP. Her average weekday now begins by waking in the morning and being ready by 9 a.m. for SWAP workers who pick up those who are enrolled in the Adult Education Program.

SWAP also arranges transportation to help clients like Shirley get identification they need, show up to court dates and other important errands they would be unable to do without a vehicle, said Lawrence.

The centre works with other community partners to ensure that the person receives the help they need, whether it's for addictions treatment, shelter, food or clothing, said Lawrence.

At 10 a.m., Shirley along with 18 other regular students start their day learning subjects such as reading, writing, math and social studies. Each student works on individual assignments with the ultimate goal of writing their GED test at SIAST to attain their grade 12 equivalent.

Sherry enjoys the individualized setting and the opportunity to learn, which she didn't feel she had in high school. "In high school I went to see friends and then left. I didn't learn anything, but here I learn a lot," she said.

At 11 a.m., a break is given, and then it's right back to work until noon for Sherry and the others. Lunch is provided, and classes resume with anger management, parenting, self-talk, and self-counselling groups.

Sherry, who spent more than five years in prison, said SWAP is teaching her better ways to deal with her anger.

"Before when I got angry I didn't even care to argue I just started swinging. I didn't know there was other ways, I couldn't just talk about or walk away. I was so angry then; since coming here, I can now just sit down with the person."

Sherry appreciates the fact that at the centre the workers leading the classes are ex-street workers themselves and can relate to how she feels inside. "I like that they've been there and they aren't just saying, give me a minute to open a book and try to figure out why you're feeling this way."

Almost every member of SWAP's board of directors is currently an 'experiential person' who has come from a street background said Lawrence. SWAP has a bylaw requiring the majority of its board to be made up of 'experiential people.' "That recognizes their knowledge and expertise in terms of their lives and challenges," said Lawrence.

At 4 p.m., Sherry returns home to her two-bedroom apartment shared with her

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mother and nephew. She has been drug-free since starting SWAP and is proud that she's held an apartment on her own for more than a year. Instead of "waking up to the moon, alone and angry," said Sherry, she now enjoys coming home to her family. "I now get to go home, have supper and see how my nephew did at school," she said. Although tired at the end of every day she thrives on having a routine.

"I feel so alive now. I get to do things other regular people do," she said.

Her main goal is to eventually bring her children back home. They are in custody of social services. "I'm working on getting my children and they are helping me. Just the fact that I quit drugs is the most important thing and is keeping me going to this place," she said.

Sherry is also focused on helping her community and volunteers with SWAP's youth programming, and its Outreach Program.

On the weekends, she keeps busy going with other SWAP workers to hand out warm drinks, condoms and 'bad date' sheets, warning street workers of 'johns' to avoid. She sees groups of street workers and drug users - just a short time ago she was part of this culture.

"All these people are still doing what I was doing a year-and-a-half ago and are looking at me and saying how did you do it? Well SWAP has been there for me and they are still here for me they have never turned away from me or said there is no way - we can't help you, they have always tried to help me," said Sherry.

She says as a volunteer now, she tries to "support street workers by giving them information and trying to help them," but stresses, "I don't look down on them or condemn them." Sherry wants to eventually attain her GED and take courses at SIAST. She would like to work with children or even work at a place such as SWAP.

The centre once offered a successful work placement program, said Lawrence, but it was only operating on temporary funding as a pilot project. She wants future funding secured to run the that program on a permanent basis.

For more information about SWAP and its services phone 525-1722.

Evening Star

Her first experience with the Street Worker Advocacy Project (SWAP) was seeing them make their rounds during their Evening Outreach Program. “I remember telling them, go away, you’re wrecking my business,” laughs Evening Star.

SWAP addresses the needs of people like Evening Star involved in the sex trade and at-risk youth. SWAP also tries to get people off the streets through its education, life skills, and counselling programming at its drop-in centre. Now in her forties, Star said she was tired of being a street worker and SWAP helped her find a way out.

“I was getting old, she said. “And I didn’t like all the drama.”



Evening Star wanted to go back to school and complete her high school education and has been in the Adult Education Program at SWAP for over a year. She’s stayed because of its welcoming environment. “Nobody was pointing fingers at me here,” she said. With SWAP’s help she has also been drug-free for over a year.

After attending school at SWAP in the morning, she volunteers at the Traditional Grandmothers Guidance Centre in the afternoon. “I want to get into my community and give back,” she said.

photos: Alanna Adamko



The Author’s Reflections • Alanna Adamko

It was an eye-opener for me to talk with some of the women at the Street Worker Advocacy Project (SWAP) recently and find out how different their educational and life experiences were to mine.

Being in the field of journalism I take it for granted that I carry around a digital recorder and camera. These are the tools of my trade. But to them, these were fancy items they wouldn’t encounter in their lives.

One woman in her 30s, who was very interested in my recorder, told me proudly that SWAP was teaching her how to use a computer, “It’s like a whole other world,” she said referring to the internet. Many people in North Central are in fact living in a whole different world compared to those who grew up on the south side of the railroad tracks.

I take it for granted that having a computer and knowing how to use it is a given. Today, it is a necessity for work, school, daily networking and accessing information.

I feel disconnected from mainstream society when I go more than a day without checking my email, Facebook and the news online to find out what is happening with my friends and the larger community. Many people in North Central however, live their whole lives in this disconnect, not knowing a world outside of their neighbourhood.

Prior to this, it did not occur to me that the internet is only an open database to those who own a computer and can afford an internet hook-up. The reality is many people in Regina can’t.

Even if they found a free computer to use for example, at a local library, they might not have the knowledge of how to use it fully.

Increasingly, not only is access to technology but also to a quality educational experience is growing the divide between Regina’s richest and poorest neighbourhoods.

I realize that not everyone can attend post-secondary education because of its expense. School is mandatory however until age 16 and I assumed prior to visiting SWAP that most people had at least some high school education.

I was surprised then to learn that most of the women I talked to had an elementary school level education. They were so grateful, even in their 30s and 40s to now have the opportunity through SWAP’s educational program to study for their GED.

From those I talked to, either personal circumstances or just lack of their local school engaging and seeming to care about them, led to them dropping out. In a time where most employers require a minimum grade 12 education, even for entry-level positions and most of the job postings are now being done online, many people growing up in North Central don’t have a chance at making a livable wage legally.

Understanding this reality then, it is easy to see why some women I talked to, as young as age 11 had turned to the only means of making income they had – selling their bodies to feed themselves and their siblings.

Until youth in North Central are given a different reality, where they have the same educational and work experience opportunities as youth in more affluent neighborhoods, they will continue to be left behind.

Youth Programs Blossom in North Central

by Michelle Miller

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There is a lot being done to help youth in the community of North Central Regina. A variety of programs help youth to develop into healthy adults.

Jori Cachene knows all about developing programs for youth. She is a grade twelve teacher at **Scott Collegiate**. She started up a project for her students with fellow teachers Sherrie Kuntz and Barry McKay.

It’s called HR Magazine. HR stands for Healthy Relationships. This magazine integrates English, Visual Arts, Native Studies, Arts Education and Life Transitions classes all together into one project. The magazine features stories about relationships including articles like: “How babies change your life”, “Why Cheat? The Science behind Cheating”.

Robert Kequahtoway liked Cachene’s school project. The 19 year old is graduating from Scott this year. He enjoyed contributing to HR Magazine, writing “How babies change your life.” “HR Magazine was a really good project because we got to talk about real issues we face,” Kequahtoway said.

He admits balancing between school, work and family presents challenges in his life, but projects like HR Magazine really help him get through it and have some fun along the way.

Kequahtoway’s classmate Tylan Bird contributed to HR as well. “Healthy relationships is a good topic for a magazine. Having a healthy relationship is a problem for a lot of people I know,” Bird said.

Bird wrote about relationships between parents and their children. “I chose the topic because it’s an issue in almost every home. Some parents call their kids down and some children yell and swear at their parents. I just wrote about it because it was on my mind.”

Cachene said the magazine “gives [the students] a sense of leadership as well. They are appearing like an expert in the eyes of the rest of the school. It builds confidence and self-esteem.”

This was echoed by Bird, “my favourite thing about the magazine was just being a part of it.”

“Pretty much every street corner has [some type of program] going on,” Cachene said. This is obvious when you tour through the 183 square-block community of North Central Regina.

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dear auntie

GOT RESPECT?

Our community could really change for the better if everyone had a little more respect. Respect for each other, respect for property, respect for ourselves.

Recently, I attended the Annual FNUC Pow wow and I heard others talking about the lack of respect shown there. There was a time when we stopped and listened to what our elders and leaders had to say. Nowadays we don't even stop to be still during a prayer. It's shocking.

Facebook could be a very positive way to connect with friends and family. Instead it has become a vicious tool to spread gossip, brag about wrongdoings and showcase explicit language. It's sad to me to see this behaviour especially in my younger friends. I read one elder's response and she feels the same way. I want to stay in touch, but I don't want to be treated to a dose of that negativity either.



It's all about respect.

Respect could have a snowball effect. Can you imagine safe, clean streets, clean walls and intact windows? It all starts with respect.

First, we learn to respect ourselves. Be yourself. You don't have to be what everybody else thinks is cool. Being you is cool! Know yourself and your values then stick to them. Don't bend on what you know is right for anybody. Most of all take care of yourself and stay out of trouble.

Then, we respect others. Respect is all about having a positive attitude and caring. We treat people the way we want to be treated. It's the Golden Rule. It's why we have manners. Be polite. Learn to listen and listen to learn. Show your positivity and you will feel it. And others will too.

Demonstrate respect and teach your children.

Auntie says.....

“Know yourself and your values then stick to them.”

You have to be willing to talk about respect. Make it the rule. Children need boundaries. Too often we look away or let it slide. Yes it is hard work to enforce rules and respect. But, if you don't establish values in your children, somebody else (media, peers, gangs) will.

Next time you hear someone putting down our community, think about how we act and portray ourselves. Do we command respect? Do we encourage each other to be respectful?

Let respect be the norm and what is expected in our community.

Hey North Central! I am a certified life skills coach and I would love to hear from you.

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Youth Programs Blossom in North Central (continued)

Another centre that helps adolescents in the area is **Aboriginal Family Services Inc.** They have several programs aimed at supporting youth. One of them is a mentor program, similar to Big brothers/ Big sisters of America.

Wanda Rockthunder, Foster Care Coordinator at Aboriginal Family Services Inc. explains that the youth mentor program has been around for four years as an extension of family support that the centre offers.

“The youth involved are usually ones with child welfare so they have a lot of trust issues because they have a lot of people coming in and out of their life. It does take a lot of time to build solid relationships between them and their mentors. But once the relationship is built, the bond is really strong,” Rockthunder says.

Savannah Gordon is a sixteen-year old girl who lives in North Central Regina. She proves that the program works. Like Rockthunder suggests, it did take a while for Gordon to become comfortable with her mentor, Nicole Akan. Once she and Akan's relationship was built on trust, they now consider each other as mentors.

“Savanna has been a really positive influence in my life. She makes me want to be a better person,” Akan said. “[Nicole] has helped me through a lot of hard times,” Gordon explains. “She is a positive role model for me. She's trying to get me a job and she just helps me out with everything. If she weren't in my life I might turn to drugs or other bad things,” she said.

Akan has not only helped Gordon through life's problems, but also supports her in all of her extra-curricular activities. Since Gordon

met Akan she has set a lot of new goals for herself. She began modelling, playing piano, learning Spanish, kick boxing and hip hop dance classes. Gordon's favourite of the activities is modelling.

The mentor program through Aboriginal Family Services has improved Gordon's quality of life. Akan said she “helps the youth because they are the ones that will eventually make a difference in our world.”

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Making a difference is also the goal of the **North Central Family Centre's** Founder and Executive Director, Sandy Wankel, is often referred to as ‘mom’ by many of the people there.

“We are an agency that works with at-risk youth to give them an alternative to the bad influences out there, whether it's drugs or alcohol or a life of crime. Our main focus is keeping the youth that are at a vulnerable age into really positive activities, programs and literacy - to help the kids realize their potential and realize what they can be!” Wankel said.

Many people can testify that Wankel is doing exactly what she has set out to do. Twenty-four year old Gary Prettyshield admires Wankel. Because of her, he is doing his dream job as a chef at the North Central Family Centre. He started working there seven years ago, shortly after it opened in 2002.

“If this place didn't exist you know I would probably be in jail because without it I would probably still be a full-time gang member,” Prettyshield explained. “I changed my life when I started

working here. I just started looking at all the little kids that came here and I just figured you know I don't want them growing up like me. I would rather do something about it than have

them growing up being gang members or out working in the streets,” he said. The centre was the ray of sunshine Prettyshield needed help to change his life. Now he sees himself as part of the solution in what Maclean's 2007 article called, “Canada's Worst Neighbourhood”.

“You just feel like everybody is your family. Everybody together makes you feel whole.”

Looking around the Family Centre, you would never guess there are troubled youth right outside of the doors. Everyone inside is smiling, playing, laughing and talking. Twenty-three year old Shyanne Obey grew up in the area. She started going to the centre when she was eleven and never stopped. Today, she is a youth worker there. She calls the centre a real family, “You don't feel intimidated, eerie or uneasy when you come here. You just feel like everybody is your family. Everybody together makes you feel whole.”

She, like everyone else in the building, seems to genuinely enjoy her role. “I love this job! I'd never want to do anything else. I'm grateful to this building and to Sandy,” Obey said.

The centre isn't your everyday non-profit organization. They offer an astounding array of programs for youth such as: nutrition cooking, sewing classes, marathon training, art programs, music lessons, children's literacy classes, organized skateboarding, computer programs, swimming, movie nights, entrepreneurial jewelry making, bingo, hip-hop and belly dancing.

Whether it is at school, throughout the community or with mentor programs, it seems North Central is a place of blossoming young people.



Savannah Gordon

photo by Adam Martin

Community Volunteer Fun Day

by Lisa Workman

On March 24, 2011, volunteers, community groups and agency representatives gathered at Scott Collegiate for a special day of celebrating volunteers. Agencies included All Nation's Hope, Four Directions Community Health Centre, North Central Community Association, Campion College, Cosmo Connections, Transition to Trades, Road to Employment, SEARCH and Scott Collegiate.

"Volunteering has the potential to transform our community" says Lisa Workman, Community Coordinator for Four Directions and volunteer co-ordinator for Dream Team Volunteer Central.

The Dream Team started as a volunteer program at Four Directions Community Health Centre. It was expanded to a community wide program under a partnership with the North Central Community Association. Dream Team Volunteer Central strives to promote volunteerism in our community as a positive, healthy activity.

In 2010, Dream Team Volunteer Central hosted a Community Volunteer Forum to discuss a variety of topics from what kind of recognition volunteers want to the best ways to communicate. From the Forum results, a report was developed, a Facebook page and website were launched and presentations were made to a variety of community groups.

This year's Community Volunteer Fun Day kicked off with a sign-in, munchies and an ice breaker activity. A power point was presented about Dream Team Volunteer Central. Volunteers were then invited to take part in a choice of workshops: Connecting to Work, Community Gardens, Communication Skills and Volunteer Skills.

"We learned how to organize and work as a team. This basic training will help us to help others through volunteerism. It will also be useful in our real lives" say Armando Courtepatte and Dorin Wolfe-Whitehead, Scott Collegiate students.

Lunch was a special treat. Transition to Trades, All Nation's Hope and Four Directions entered the first contest of the day – Best Bannock Contest. Celebrity judges Warren McCall, Bert Adema and Constable Chris Tunison did their best evaluating to choose Transition to Trades as the winner. Four Directions presented a Safeway's gift card to the winner. Along with bannock, an agency Stone Soup was served to all the participants. In the morning, agencies had brought items to add to the soup. It was delicious!

After a full lunch, participants were divided up into teams and asked to come up with a team name and a cheer. Groups came up with names like: North Central Big Bears and Volunteer A Team. Cheers were enthusiastically delivered. Teams were then off to their Volunteer Bee Contests. The outdoor teams delivered flyers through a flyer drop scavenger hunt.

They found items throughout the neighbourhood while delivering flyers and racing to the finish line. Teams were then judged on the most creative way to deliver flyers and then raced back, while delivering flyers to Scott Collegiate.

"We had some of the other team members delivering flyers while dancing pow wow, our member delivered

our flyer pretending to be an old man or someone that looked crazy. It was all fun. Our team won the most Sportsmen like Team. We look forward to next year's Volunteer Fun Day" explains Wes Keewatin, All Nations Hope.

The indoor teams competed in clothing sorting, folding and bagging as well as seed package making and file assembling. Teams were judged on categories like best performance, fastest completion, best team work and sportsmanship.

At the end of the day, all teams gathered together again to find out all of the results. Teams cheered as their achievements were announced. Every participant then received a certificate and a prize. Prizes were gathered by the North Central Community Association from local businesses including Bonanza Restaurant, Brandee's Corner Store Inc., Buds 'n Blossoms Florists, Clark's Luggage and Shoe Repair, Conex Credit Union, Dewdney Drugs, Noah's Ark Café on 5th, Noah's Ark Café on Pasqua, Head to Head Novelties, Horse & Rider, Houston Pizza, Magic Comb Hairstyling, Minute Muffler, Stapleford Pharmacy, Regina Little Theatre, Scotiabank, Sonshine Gas & Wash and Wind & Weather Store.

Organizers hope to make this an annual event. Thank you to all of the organizers, participating agencies and volunteers, celebrity judges and to all of the prize donors.

Jessic Hanna of NCCA dishes the latest Agency Stone Soup.



by Jessica Hanna

PLANTING DAYS!

Thursday, June 2 (10am - 3pm)

Come join us in the first phase of planting day. We are meeting up at 10 am at the Rae St garden to plant it. Then we will be having lunch together. Lunch will be provided. In the afternoon we will be planting the Retallack St. garden.

Saturday, June 4 (10am - 3pm)

On Saturday we will be meeting at the Garnet St. plot (1372 Garnet) to plant the final garden. Then we will be celebrating for the rest of the day. Bring your family and friends while we have a BBQ and block party at the Garnet St. plot.

NC Dream Team Volunteer Kitty Walker orchestrates the loading of the Garden Shed



First Nations University of Canada presents

Dakota and Lakota Traditional Food and Tea Workshop

Friday, June 10 at 1:30 pm
Albert Scott Community Centre
1264 Athol St., Regina

Elder Lorraine Yuzicapi lives on Standing Buffalo Dakota Nation and gives workshops on traditional foods and teas across Canada. Elder Lorraine is passionate about many things, including traditional ways and aboriginal health. A major concern for her is the epidemic of diabetes and obesity that has struck First Nations and non First Nations people alike. She is a firm believer in maintaining a healthy diet and exercise through preparation of traditional foods, and using traditional medicines to heal the body inside and out.

Everyone is welcome!
 For more information, contact Fidji Gendron (790-5950 ext 3335) or Jessica Hanna (791-9888).

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North Central Shared Facility: Province & Local Partners Funding

April 18, 2011

PROVINCE AND LOCAL PARTNERS ANNOUNCE \$38.8 MILLION IN CAPITAL FUNDING FOR NEW NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTRE

Regina's North Central community received good news today when the Ministry of Education, the City of Regina, the Regina Public Schools and the Regina Public Library announced over \$38 million in combined capital funding for the construction of a new integrated learning facility in Regina's North Central neighbourhood.

The "Learning Across the Community" themed project will include a high school (Scott Collegiate), a child care facility, a city recreation complex, a public library and potentially other community support functions. Future plans include the possible addition of an onsite community health centre operated by the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region.

The Ministry of Education is a primary contributor, investing \$16.2 million in capital funding towards the school component of the facility. "We are very excited to be a part of this unique community initiative, said Minister of Education Donna Harpauer. "Our understanding of the way students learn has changed and our learning facilities are starting to reflect that knowledge. Working with our partners, we will create a community-oriented shared facility that will become a central hub in the community. It will provide unique opportunities for community members to become role models and mentors for students and will revitalize the neighbourhood by enhancing the valuable relationship between school and community."

Regina Public Schools will contribute \$8.72 million. "We are very pleased to see this important project move forward," says Dr. Barbara Young, Chair, Regina Public Schools. "Learning Across the Community engages students in real world learning experiences. The building of a new facility in this community will complement and enhance the exceptional work already done at Scott Collegiate that has led to enhanced student attendance, credit completion and graduation rates; improved literacy and numeracy outcomes; and enhanced labour market attachment.

The City is committing \$8.8 million towards the creation of the North Central Community Learning Centre. "This community shared facility is a terrific example of the confidence the partners have in the North Central neighbourhood," said Regina Mayor Pat Fiacco. "A community is only as strong as its weakest neighbourhood and today's commitment will help to further strengthen North Central and our community as a whole. This facility fits well with the City's vision to be Canada's most vibrant, inclusive, attractive, sustainable community where people live in harmony and thrive in opportunity."

The City of Regina and the school division have also donated land valued at \$3 million for the project.

The Library's investment of \$1.25 million will support the creation of a new public library onsite within the new learning centre. "Regina Public Library is proud to be a partner in this dynamic new facility," said Darlene Hincks Joehnck, Board Chair of Regina Public Library. "The North Central Shared Facility is a bold vision that will provide the community with a safe, caring and vibrant learning environment."

The new facility, which has yet to be formally named but has been referred to in the planning stages as the North Central Shared Facility, builds on the vision developed by the community throughout eight years of planning and consultations. It will be a first for Regina in several ways: it is the first time a wide range of community services have come together in a facility devoted to one urban community, and the first time that learning experiences will take place within shared community spaces.

The project will soon enter into a detailed design phase and once construction begins is expected to take fifteen to eighteen months to complete.

photo: Allen Lefebvre



About the Partners

The Government of Saskatchewan has committed more than \$422.5 million since November 2007 to move forward 38 major school capital projects and about 580 additional smaller school capital projects across the province. This represents a record high investment in school infrastructure over a four year period.

Regina Public Schools has been committed to this project since its inception in 2003. It is the result of many partners coming together, rolling up their sleeves and creating a bold new vision for community learning in Regina's North Central neighbourhood. The vision looks to integrate: innovative approaches and programs that work together; cooperation among community stakeholders; and all levels of government in a facility that is in the heart of the community and that meets that community's unique needs.

Integral to the Learning Across the Community Centre will be the evolution of **Scott Collegiate** learning philosophy. The facility will foster and enhance unique and successful learning practices that include project and service based learning teamed with authentic internships and apprenticeships.

The learning philosophy includes:

- Flexible teaching arrangements and instructional groupings
- Teacher collaboration
- Interdisciplinary and inquiry-based learning; and
- Inclusive practices.

Working closely with partners based in the facility and throughout the city of Regina, students will connect with adults in real-life environments. This will prepare the students to become

the workforce and leaders of tomorrow.

The City of Regina has been supportive of the North Central Shared Facility since its inception in 2003 and has helped to create dialogue and build relationships through its representation on management, steering and working sub committees. Beyond its funding commitment, the City has worked to represent and engage the broader community including the **North Central Community Association**, residents and other stakeholders.

The City of Regina, as one of the primary funders of the project, is excited to be involved in the development of the North Central Shared Facility. The opportunity to bring together a variety of service providers with a commitment to true service integration will change the way services are delivered to residents in North Central, resulting in a stronger, more engaged, sustainable community that provides greater opportunity.

Regina Public Library (RPL) is a non-profit, Board-run organization dedicated to enriching quality of life in Regina. For over 100 years, RPL has provided open access to materials, programs and services that encourage cultural, economic, educational and recreational development. RPL currently operates Central Library in downtown Regina, as well as eight Branch locations throughout the city, all of which play a key role in supporting the diverse cultures in our community.

For further information about the project, please visit www.northcentralsharedfacility.ca or contact Allen Lefebvre, Project Coordinator, at shared.facility@rbe.sk.ca

Message from the Office

Another school year is quickly coming to a close here at Scott Collegiate. This year saw Scott Collegiate implement Project Based Learning at all grade levels. For two to three hours per day, students worked in grade groupings with a team of teachers to meet a wide range of Learning Outcomes. The work our students have done is truly remarkable. Some of this work is on display at the Northgate Mall - check it out if you have a chance!



Rod Allen
Principal

This is a critical time of the year for course completion. Please let the

school know if your student is going to be away so that we can ensure they get caught up on any work missed. And please contact us at any time to check on your student's progress.



Mike Tomchuk
Vice-principal

Finally, we must say thank you to our many community partners who have helped us with so many of our student projects. We will continue to expand these connections for our students and welcome any suggestions you might have to further enhance these partnerships.

Thanks again for a wonderful year.

Important Dates at Scott Collegiate for June 2011

- June 6** Grad banquet tickets go on sale – email janine.taylor@rbe.sk.ca for more details
- June 9** Project Scott – 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. – a showcase of student work in Scott's auditorium
- June 10** PD Day and Staff Meeting – No SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- June 17** LAST DAY OF REGULAR CLASSES
- June 20 & 21** Completion Days – time for students to finish any incomplete assignments
- June 23** Grade 12 Graduation
 - 10 a.m. Ceremony at Scott Collegiate; Tea for family and friends to follow – free to the public
 - 6:30 p.m. Supper and Banquet at the Ramada Hotel – tickets available for purchase on June 6th
- June 28** Report Cards issued at 8:30 a.m.
- June 30** Last day of school for teachers

Poetry Slam in conjunction with Regina Public Library



Katin Perrault

Angel in the Sky

April Anaskan, Grade 11

I sit there in my room thinking why you had to go.
Feeling the pain run through my mind, trying to find an answer.
When I sleep I dream of you being there once again.
I reach out to hold your hand, you fade away.
Tears fill my eyes because I never said my goodbyes.
I remember the day when I was younger, I saw you; at least I thought I did.
I ran to the door, but you were gone but not forgotten.
I have fought and struggled to say strong, but I feel it's wrong.
I need you here, need someone to talk to, to feel my sadness from
losing someone so important to me, and my mother.
When I think about it, she looking down on me a smile on her face
to show me she is free.
I think about it at night because she's always on my mind.
Hearing all the stories makes me want to break down and cry.
But then again she is my angel, my angel in the sky.



Grade 11 students at the opening of their photojournalism exhibition at Northgate Mall called **Sākēwē** – a Cree word that means 'come into view'.

Left to right – Roseanne Topp (teacher), Nathan Sangwais, Shiana Starblanket (sitting), Gabrielle Bird, Shania Obey, Keena Aisaican-Checkosis, Constance Kaisawatum, Janine Taylor (teacher), and Feona Fourhorns.

Drawing

Dorin Wolfe, Grade 9

Drawing, that is the only word on my mind.
Whenever I get in a stressful situation, I draw.
Whenever I get bored, I draw.
All my life, all I ever think about is drawing.
I know everybody else thinks that way,
well maybe some of you.
It's the only thing to entertain us.
Drawing cartoons, comic books, and pictures
of what's in your head.
All you need to draw is a pen, paper, skills and beliefs,
so everyone do your best to draw whatever you want.
So get out there and draw, if you have the time.

SCOTT COLLEGIATE VOICES ✌ Poetry Slam in conjunction with Regina Public Library

Facing the Nation Katin Perrault, Grade 12

When he steps onstage
Stuck in a bind
He lost his mind cause when
his teeth grind
And there's no time to unwind
A victim of stage fright
The crowds a laughing stock
He's the laughing stock
He takes a look at the clock
Now he's unsure
Anxieties got no cure
His mind ceases to fight
So he takes a break
It's only a presentation
Time to impress the nation
Process of elimination
He's handed the mic
Stuck in his imagination
Feeling of dehydration
He's full of frustration
But when the time comes
And the words come
The crowd, they scream and shout
He closes his eyes and takes a bow
And he turns around
That's his imagination
He's got the mic in his hand
And he's facing the nation

Ours Kashala Checkosis, Grade 12

They're mine, they're yours
They're both of ours
We share, we care, we need them there
They're mine, they're yours
They're both of ours
We love them, we provide for them, we
guard them
They're mine, they're yours
They're both of ours
We encourage them, we respect them,
we honour them
They're mine, they're yours
They're both of ours
Because they're both our babies

The Forbidden Fruit Kaitlin Bird, Grade 12

Let me tell you something mister
You do not get to HURT her
Not emotionally, especially not physically
You do not get to look at her the same
From the moment you have
done her wrong
You do not get to think you are
worthy of her
You are no longer her better half,
but her worst
You slithered along, with your lies
and deceit
Look what you have done to her
You clogged her throat
with sobs and weeps
You ripped her fingers off, one by one
The ones that trembled with delight
from the sight of you
Her stomach twists upside down,
gravity has no control
It used to hold butterflies with
every word you spoke
Her eyes sting with needles
overflowing her face
They used to smile brightly with every
thought of you
You tore her muscles; she no longer has
the strength to stand
Against the mutilated situation you put her
through
As she wonders why
WHY WHY WHY WHY you do this to HER
HER! Of all people
HER! The one who cared for you
as no one else could
HER! She would never do this to you
Why would you do that?
Why would you do this?
As a mathematician, did you think up
probability of getting caught?
As an adult, did you consider how
her feelings would react?
As a man, did you care for the woman
who loves you?
As a human being, did you forget
how not to be an animal?
You disgraced her. She gave up
her traditional, happy life for you
Will she forgive you?
Did Eve succumb and believe the serpent?
Did she eat the Forbidden Fruit,
knowing she shouldn't?

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REGINA PLAINS MUSEUM

Warehouse District and North Central Regina. Ask to book these portable units for your group!

In addition to the kiosks, the museum will be offering a free downtown Walking Tour at

2 pm on Friday, June 10th. This tour will require pre-registration (by the 8th) and will run approximately an hour in length.

Regina Plains Museum is located on 2nd floor of 1835 Scarth St. ph: 780-9435
www.reginaplainsmuseum.com . Hours are Mon - 1-4, Tues to Fri - 10-4

NCCA's partners in the North Central History Project are launching three digital kiosks, now on display at the museum. One features Regina Visionaries, a second looks at the tragedies of the Regina Tornado of 1912 and the Regina Riot of 1935. The third kiosk celebrates the histories of 'Germantown' (Heritage Community),



Territorial Buildings on Dewdney Ave.

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The People of North Central: A Community-Based History Project
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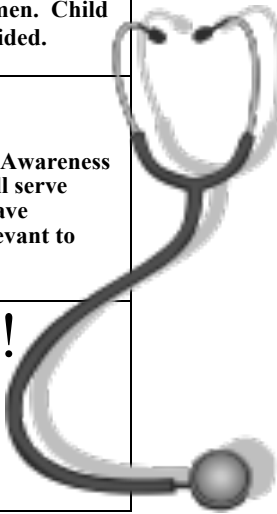
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SEARCH

Student Energy in Action for Regina Community Health

Saturdays 12:30-3:30 pm at Four Directions-3510 5th Ave.
NOTE: Doors open at 11:30 for Still SEARCHing (AA) program only.
All ages welcome.
We are a student run walk in clinic-come see the doctor on Saturdays.
Childcare provided for guests during the shift.
Free healthy snacks and beverages served every shift.
Free fun and interesting health related workshops for all ages.

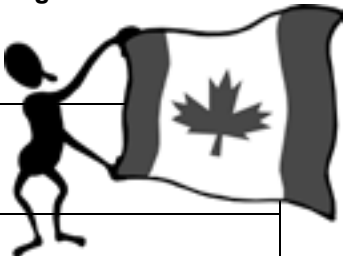


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June 11	Still SEARCHing 11:30-12:30 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)	Fun with Food 1:00-2:00 Engaging food related workshop. Join us to make yummy recipes, and chat about food shopping and Canada Food Guide.	Super Circuits 2:00-2:30 Fun moves for the whole family and all ages. Come and participate in different physical activities each week. Let's get fit together!	Kids Bike Safety 2:30-3:20 Join us to learn about how to stay safe on your bike! Enter a draw to win free bikes & helmets!	Women's Group 2:30-3:20 A safe and relaxing time for women to enjoy each other's company and build relationships with other women. Child care provided.
June 18	Still SEARCHing 11:30-12:30 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)	Fun with Food 1:00-2:00 Engaging food related workshop. Join us to make yummy recipes, and chat about food shopping and Canada Food Guide.	Super Circuits 2:00-2:30 Fun moves for the whole family and all ages. Come and participate in different physical activities each week. Let's get fit together!	Aboriginal Awareness Day! In the honour of the Aboriginal Awareness Day, throughout the shift we will serve Indian Tacos and we will also have activities and crafts that are relevant to Aboriginal Culture.	
June 25	Still SEARCHing 11:30-12:30 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)	Fun with Food 1:00-2:00 Engaging food related workshop. Join us to make yummy recipes, and chat about food shopping and Canada Food Guide.	<h1>Welcome Summer BBQ!</h1> <p>Starts at 12:30</p> <p>Free food, crafts, fun activities & face painting!</p>		

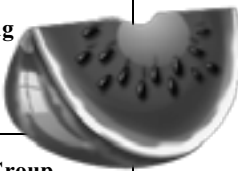
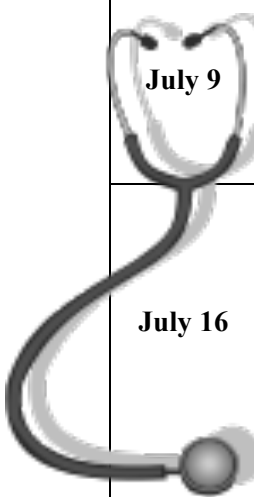
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July 16	Still SEARCHing 11:30-12:30 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)	Fun with Food 1:00-2:00 Engaging food related workshop. Join us to make yummy recipes, and chat about food shopping and Canada Food Guide.	Super Circuits 2:00-2:30 Fun moves for the whole family and all ages. Come and participate in different physical activities each week. Let's get fit together!	Summer Skin Care 2:30-3:20 Get information on how to care for your skin during summer. Doctor will be present to answer any skin care related questions. Free skin care supplies will be given out!	Women's Group 2:30-3:20 A safe and relaxing time for women to enjoy each other's company and build relationships with other women. Child care provided.
July 23	Still SEARCHing 11:30-12:30 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)	Fun with Food 1:00-2:00 Engaging food related workshop. Join us to make yummy recipes, and chat about food shopping and Canada Food Guide.	Super Circuits 2:00-2:30 Fun moves for the whole family and all ages. Come and participate in different physical activities each week. Let's get fit together!	Canada Food Guide 2:30-3:20 A group discussion regarding healthy eating and making healthy food choices. Fun Games included!	
July 30	Still SEARCHing 11:30-12:30 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)	Fun with Food 1:00-2:00 Engaging food related workshop. Join us to make yummy recipes, and chat about food shopping and Canada Food Guide.	Super Circuits 2:00-2:30 Fun moves for the whole family and all ages. Come and participate in different physical activities each week. Let's get fit together!	Healthy Living and Wise Spending 2:30-3:20 A workshop to discuss ways to spend less money while maintaining a healthy lifestyle.	Women's Group 2:30-3:20 A safe and relaxing time for women to enjoy each other's company and build relationships with other women. Child care provided.





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**Monday
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Review the events of 2010. Consider
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Meeting begins
7:00 pm

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Deadline for August issue: JULY 15, 2011

Community Calendar

IN MEMORIAM

*Young or old. Before their time,
or having lived a good long life.*

*We recognize the passing of those friends,
family or neighbours who have helped to
weave the community
of North Central Regina.*

*There are passings that are violent and senseless,
passings that are in the comfort of loved ones.
Sometimes you didn't get to say goodbye.*

*Please take the opportunity to share this sad news
or remember those who left us years ago.*

WE REMEMBER

Ronnie J. Drummond

Born: February 5, 1959

At: Sicamous BC

Died: February 19, 2011

Lived on 11 block Robinson St.

Funeral Home: Speers

Deb Zerr

Born: 1954

At: Regina SK

Deceased: May 19, 2006

Lived on 12 block Wascana

Missed by her friends at NCCA

Funeral Home: Speers

If you would like to remember your Loved One in the
North Central Community Connection, published 6 times
a year, contact the NCCA office at 791-9888. There is
no charge for this In Memoriam tribute.

PlayEscapes is a FREE summer
drop-in program offered by the **City
of Regina** for children entering
Kindergarten (must be 5 years old by
December 31, 2011) through Grade 7.

The program runs **Monday through
Friday, July 4 to August 12** (no
program August 1), from 9:30 am to
12:00 noon and 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm.
There is no supervision over the lunch
break.

The program offers leader-facilitated
play opportunities that promote
physical activity and develop creativity,
imagination, life skills, and positive self-
image.

PlayEscapes welcomes children
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**Weekly Prayer (Silent) Retreat for
activists, mobilizers, ministers &
residents in Regina's inner city areas.**

*Do you often worry about the people in
Regina's inner city areas?*

*Do you work overtime even when you're
tired?*

*Do you put your own health on the back
burner in order to tend to others' needs?*

*Do you have troubles laying down the
problems of other people?*

Consider joining us...

When: Tuesdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Where: Indian Métis Christian
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Facilitation: Rev. Dawn Rolke,
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We will begin each session with 45
minutes of silence and prayerful
listening. At times, in the silence, a
participant may be moved to speak.
The rest of the group will hear the
words spoken, but not respond; we
merely return to the silence. Following
the silence, we have a few minutes for
greetings. NOTE: people from all faith
perspectives (or no faith perspective)
are welcome. If you seek a hour of
energetic silence, join us. Please: no
late arrivals or cell phones. For more
information, call Dawn (Regina Native
Outreach Ministry, United Church of
Canada) at 789-3048.

From the President **WRIGHT'S RAMBLINGS**

Have you heard? Funding for design of the Shared Facility is approved!!! It's been a frustrating wait, but we as residents of North Central will see this unique project completed in the heart of our community. Yes, our patience does get tested. Indeed, it's worth pondering: If patience is a virtue... shouldn't North Central be crime free?

Confession time: Talk of domed stadiums and the like, do not excite me while basic needs of

inner Regina remain ignored/unmet. It takes healthy parts to make a healthy whole. Glitz and glamour do not a great city make. We need to focus on the basic building blocks needed to revitalize our neighbourhoods. Decent and affordable housing is North Central's chief need. Let's get innovative: e.g. container housing is a means of providing attractive, economical, easily maintained, long-lasting housing. I love Regina. It will become a 'great' City when the whole is healthy.

Our North Central Community Association AGM (annual general meeting) is coming up in June. Please make an effort to come out: get a firsthand report on what has happened in 2010/11; and consider taking a more active role in the coming year.

Each one of us can make a difference - we need you.



Tom Wright - President,
North Central Community Association

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If you have an idea for a story or a feature interview GET IN TOUCH with the Editor at the contact information at the bottom of this page.

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Working together
with the community
of North Central
to enhance the quality of life
by representing,
promoting,
developing partnerships
and unifying
our community
and its image.



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Sat, Jul 9 @ 2:00 p.m.	Sat, Jul 30 @ 7:30 p.m.
Fri, Aug 12 @ 7:00 p.m.	Sun, Sep 4 @ 2:00 p.m.
Sat, Sep 17 @ 2:00 p.m.	Sat, Sep 24 @ 2:00 p.m.
Sun, Oct 16 @ 2:00 p.m.	Sat, Oct 29 @ 1:00 p.m.

Do you - or someone you know -
have a beautiful yard?



Enter the:

Beautiful North Central CONTEST

Contact NCCA with nominations. We will send our photographer to meet with homeowners and capture the beauty of their yards or gardens.

The loveliest yards will be featured in the August issue of *Community Connection*.

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