


# The Cosmo Communicator



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## First-ever Lemonade Day in Saskatchewan

3,000 elementary school children in Saskatoon will learn and demonstrate the basics of entrepreneurship on Lemonade Day, Sunday May 1st. The Wilson Centre for Entrepreneurial Excellence with the sponsorship of Potash Corp is bringing this outstanding event to Saskatoon. Cosmo is proud to assist in this initiative as a Community Sponsor. This is the first Lemonade Day outside of the U.S. and we are doing our best to make this project a rousing success. Businesses are vitally important to Cosmo. Companies provide placements for our participants at their business locations. We also do various jobs, like labeling, collating, and assembly, for businesses on a contract basis. More and more companies

are supporting our participants through using our confidential shredding service, Cosmo Shred. Business people provide opportunities for participants to contribute to society through their efforts and dedication. They also support our fundraising activities through the Riverside Vipond Golf Classic and the Cosmo Day Bowl n' Cruise.

Saskatoon's business community cares and being a champion of Lemonade Day gives us a chance to encourage and foster this fine tradition. Our involvement in Lemonade Day allows us to make the next generation of decision-makers and wealth creators aware of the capabilities of adults with intellectual disabilities.

Lemonade Day encourages children to take the profit they earn and to spend some, save some and share some. It is the responsibility of business people to give back to the community which supports them. Lemonade Day promotes the social benefits of entrepreneurship.

Any elementary school child can register and engage in Lemonade Day. The information can be found at <http://saskatchewan.lemonadeday.org> and through the Cosmo Industries web site.

If your child is interested in making a difference in the life of a person with an intellectual disability, we suggest a donation to the Top of the Rock Trust. For more information, you can contact Ken Gryschuk at Cosmo.

## Mardi Gras at Cosmo

This year's winter carnival preparations began in advance as all areas decorated masks for Mardi Gras. Then finally on March 11, 2011 the building was filled with sequins, feathers, purple, gold and of course Rider green. Did you know that in Mardi Gras celebrations purple represents justice; green, faith; and gold, power? Everyone was also adorned with the traditional Mardi Gras beaded necklace.

For lunch we enjoyed lasagna, Caesar salad, garlic toast and a donut for dessert. Following lunch everyone was able to join in the parade around the building which marched to the authentic sounds of Mardi Gras jazz. Everyone smiled and waved, showing off their masks to all the other areas.

The party kept on rolling with a dance in the gym, complete with Mardi Gras images on our new big screen. Country Two Band also played in the Life Skills Training Division. It was a toe tapping, leg slapping good time. Others chose to relax with a movie or colouring in the Seniors area.

It was a great closure to winter and now we welcome spring. Watch for details on this year's Summer Wind Up being held Sept 9th, 2011. It is being called the Miracle on 34th Street Festival and will celebrate Cosmo's 40th Anniversary!



**In Memory of**  
*Lorne Ducie*

May 17th, 1942—March 1st, 2011



A pioneer of the Cosmopolitan Industries Program, Lorne would have celebrated his 40th anniversary on March 12th. He was very proud to be one of the “originals”. Lorne worked in many different areas of Cosmo touching on Paper Sort in Waste Reduction as well as the now obsolete division once known as Decorations, however the majority of his employment was spent in Contracts as his fine motor coordination and ability to read and write was a definite asset.

Later, Lorne joined Seniors as a drop in visitor then as a full-time Seniors participant, finally becoming part of the Cosmo at Kinsmen Manor Program where his sense of humor and mischievous manner continued to keep staff on their toes.

Social and gregarious Lorne never forgot those he knew. His memory was truly amazing. He enjoyed reading the newspaper and keeping abreast of what was going on. If there was gossip afoot you could bet your bottom dollar Lorne was “in the know” He loved to be the bearer of news, be it good or bad.

Lorne loved his friends and especially his family. He often reminisced how his grandma “saved” him from Valley View and he always spoke of his twin sister Loretta and his nieces and nephew with love and pride.

It is with sorrow that we say goodbye but his memory will remain in our hearts for Lorne Ducie truly was an original, a one- of- a-kind and a real character!

**St. Patrick’s Day in Seniors**

Our St. Patrick’s Day in Seniors was a whirlwind adventure. Trish attempted to make onion rings in the morning. We played St. Patrick’s bingo and everyone won a Shamrock tattoo. We gave hot potato a try and luckily no one got burned. Lunch was a blast, we enjoyed pizza, macaroni salad, green jello and green juice. Beautifully decorated cupcakes were provided by the Smiths, St. Michael’s School and Bailie. We then relaxed with a movie and had enough leftovers to enjoy more at coffee break. It was an exciting day.

-*Renee Kiniski*  
*Supervisor, Seniors Division*

**TeleMiracle Stars tour Cosmo**

TeleMiracle stars Bob McGrath and Andrea Menard toured Cosmo on March 2nd, 2011. They were welcomed with open arms and lots of smiles. Andrea Menard even got to take part in one of the Rhythm Bands practices and was awed by Angie Wiesner’s beautiful singing voice.

TeleMiracle 35 raised \$4,635,768 this year. Cosmo will be having an Easter basket raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 10 tickets for \$5.00.

**Oldtimer’s Hockey Challenge**

20 staff and participants had the opportunity to attend the Oldtimer’s Hockey Challenge on March 17th, 2011, thanks to tickets that were donated free of charge in conjunction with Volunteer Saskatoon. The Oldtimer’s Hockey Challenge is designed to give fans and players alike an opportunity to celebrate a common joy of the game while giving to worthy organizations. Thank you for the tickets!

Katherine & Kevin Johnston  
Welcome Baby Boy

*Cole William*

February 26th, 2011  
6 lbs 3oz 20 inches

*Congratulations!*

**Skipping  
Stones**



*By Brian Stones, Contracts Area Participant*

Well, it is March and if anything I would say that is true! The fact that well, TeleMiracle 35 was a success and well, before I get carried away, I should say “Hi” to all of you my friends and my family. You know what? I have something to say and I shall say it now: May God bless Cosmo Industries.

Did you know? St. Patrick’s Day is an event we celebrate on March 17th about everything green and leprechauns and gold.

Now that I thought about it I just want to tell ya that, yes... Spring is coming and so is Summer.

Now before I go for lunch there is something I want to tell ya: Did you know that on March 1st, 2011 was Justin Bieber’s birthday and you know what I will say this: NEVER say NEVER! Well, I am out of here. Gone for lunch. See ya.

-Brian Skipping Adam Stones  
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**New Staff**

**D’arcy Hagglund**– term Life Skills  
**Darcy Mazurek**– term Life Skills  
**Sheelah McKay**– casual  
**Joyce Torreliz**– casual

**Staff Changes**

**Brittany Steinbach**– term Pathways  
**Danielle Grasby**– Community Work Group Coordinator  
**Darla Janzen**– Community Work Group Coordinator  
**Roberta Helmke**– maternity leave  
**Amy Moore**– fulltime Contracts  
**Trish Telford**– fulltime Contracts  
**Belinda Harris**– term Community Work Groups

**Cosmo Says Goodbye**

Sarah Bray  
Kirk Taylor  
Dawn Crawford  
Edwin Cardeno