



From a Provincial Point of View

June 7, 2012

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SAVE THE DATE!

We are busy planning another "PICNIC IN THE PARK". I hope everyone can join us at the Forestry Farm June 20 from 4 – 8 p.m.

Watch for further details.

PHOTO FROM SWEARING IN CEREMONY

I am very excited about the new role Premier Wall has asked me to fulfill in Cabinet as Minister of Environment, Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority and Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation.

I am honoured and humbled to serve as a Cabinet Minister and at the same time, I will continue to work hard to represent my constituents in Saskatoon Silver Springs.



SASKATCHEWAN CELEBRATES CLEAN AIR DAY

Canadian Environment Week will be held June 3-9, 2012, and Clean Air Day will be celebrated on June 6. It is an opportunity to recognize the importance of the environment and celebrate the excellent quality of air we have in the province while raising awareness that we should not take them for granted.

Saskatchewan residents can take an active part in helping to reduce air pollution by using public transit, walking, cycling or turning off electronics when not in use. Addressing air quality issues and reducing greenhouse gas emissions will help maintain cleaner air and create a healthier environment for everyone.

"The Government of Saskatchewan is committed to maintaining the high quality of air in Saskatchewan," Environment Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. "Collaboration and co-operation with municipalities, industry, non-government organizations, and the public and other jurisdictions is the key to successful air management. By ensuring that on-going monitoring activities are conducted, we can accurately measure and manage air quality throughout the province to ensure residents continue to enjoy good quality air."

JOB POSTINGS UP 25 PER CENT ON SASKJOBS.CA

SaskJobs.ca continues to help workers and families connect to new opportunities in Saskatchewan.

There were 16,779 jobs posted on the site in May, a 25 per cent increase compared to a year ago. More than half of all the jobs posted in May were full time positions and that trend continues to move upward.

"Saskatchewan's strong economy is attracting people from across Canada and around the world," Economy Minister Bill Boyd said. "With jobs available in more than 350 communities, there are opportunities for people in every corner of our province."

[Job Postings Up 25 Per Cent on Saskjobs.ca](#)

SASKATCHEWAN'S AVERAGE WAGE HITS HIGHEST LEVEL EVER

Saskatchewan's average weekly earnings reached an all-time high of \$918.15 in March 2012 according to Statistics Canada.

Saskatchewan's 5.9 per cent jump in average wages from a year ago was the highest among all provinces and well above the national increase of 2.1 per cent. Saskatchewan's \$51.50 increase was almost three times as high as the \$17.91 national increase.

"More people are working in Saskatchewan than ever before," Economy Minister Bill Boyd said. "Better jobs, better wages. This is all part of the Saskatchewan Advantage."

[Saskatchewan's Average Wage Hits Highest Level Ever](#)

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Summer is fast approaching and youth in the province, 14 and 15 year-olds, who are interested in summer jobs, must complete Saskatchewan's Young Worker Readiness Certificate Course (YWRCC) in order to work.

The course teaches youth about their rights and responsibilities, hazards in the workplace and provides occupational health and safety information.

"This course is critical for helping youth to gain information that will enable them to safely engage in the workplace," Labour Relations and Workplace Safety Minister Don Morgan said. "Youth and new workers experience higher rates of injuries, so we want to make sure they have the opportunity to learn about health and safety practices."

[Youth Looking for Summer Jobs Must Complete Worker Readiness Certificate Course](#)

SUMMER SEASON, CONSTRUCTION SEASON

Saskatchewan's new Highways and Infrastructure Minister Don McMorris is reminding drivers to be on the lookout for road construction on more than 50 highway improvement projects throughout the province.

"About a dozen projects have been added to a growing list of road maintenance and construction work in the province," McMorris said. "Wet weather has held up a number of projects over the past week, but it's expected that work will resume or begin shortly."

[Full Speed Ahead for Highway Construction](#)

PHOTOS TO SHARE FROM THE ROYAL VISIT

Trish, Paige and I had the great honour of meeting His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall. It was a very exciting day as we had the opportunity to spend time with the Prince and Duchess as they took part in the celebrations at the First Nations University.



MEETING AT MOTHER TERESA SCHOOL

I had the opportunity to meet with an enthusiastic group of educators this week at Mother Teresa School. I appreciate the great discussion we had and look forward to continuing our conversations going forward. Education continues to be a priority with our Government.

A big thank you to all educators as they complete another successful school year.

MEEWASIN OPENS SASKENEGY BEAVER POND

Tuesday, June 5, 2012, Meewasin opened the SaskEnergy Beaver Pond room at Beaver Creek Conservation Area. Established in 1979, Beaver Creek Conservation Area is located 13 km south of Saskatoon off of Highway #219. The Interpretive Center officially opened in 1984. Considered a

microcosm of the Meewasin Valley, BCCA offers educational programs that provide visitors with opportunities to discover nature along a selection of trails winding through prairie, forest, dune, creek and valley habitats. In June 2010 heavy rain caused a flood which ultimately destroyed the interpretive beaver room. A major donation from SaskEnergy allowed Meewasin to rebuild the room as an interpretive beaver pond, as well as provide an accessible stair climber, an interpretive web cam and a 600 metre accessible trail from the interpretive centre to overlook Beaver Creek.

TIM HORTONS CAMP DAY JUNE 6

Tim Hortons Camp Day is a time each year where every Tim Hortons restaurant owner donates all of their coffee sales from that day to the "Tim Hortons Children's Foundation". I had the privilege of joining owner Dale Martin at the Attridge Drive location to serve coffee.

Each year, Tim Hortons Restaurants partner with local youth organization to select economically disadvantaged children to attend one of the six Foundation Camps. Buying coffee on Camp Day is a great way to support this worthwhile cause to help send kids to camp and give thousands of children an opportunity that will inspire them for years to come.



COLD A LONG TIME

Duncan MacPherson, was a talented Saskatoon hockey player who played junior hockey with the North Battle Barons (1981-82) and the Saskatoon Blades (1982-86); he was ultimately drafted by the New York Islanders. When his contract with New York was not renewed in 1989, he went on a brief tour of Europe and vanished without a trace.

His parents spent fourteen years looking for their son. Fourteen years later, Duncan's body was found at a popular ski resort in Austria. There was never a proper investigation to find out what happened to their son, in order to help heal, they enlisted author John Leake to help with their ongoing search for answers.

Cold a Long Time: An Alpine Mystery, is the book that has come out of this search. Congratulations Mr. Leake and Lynda and Bob MacPherson, Duncan's parents, on the Independent Publisher Award the book has won as well as top seller at McNally Robinson for the past four months.

I encourage everyone to purchase the book and keep the memory of Duncan MacPherson alive.

SASKATCHEWAN ORDER OF MERIT – HONOURING CITIZENS

Do you know someone who has enriched the lives of others and helped build a better society? These individuals deserve to be recognized for their achievements and contributions to the social, cultural, and economic well-being of the province and its residence.

Nominating an individual to the Saskatchewan Order of Merit is an appropriate way to say "thank-you" to someone who has worked to create a promising future for Saskatchewan people. The Saskatchewan Order of Merit is the province's highest honour.

Canadian citizens who are current or former long-term residents of Saskatchewan are eligible for nomination. These talented and deserving individuals may come from all walks of life and from many different backgrounds. The fields of endeavor recognized by this honour include the arts; agriculture; business and industry; community leadership; occupations or professions; public service; research; sport and recreation; and community service.

The only exceptions to eligibility for nominations are presently-serving members of Parliament or the Legislature and members of the judiciary. Posthumous nomination may be accepted within one year of the death of the nominee. Honourary membership in the Order can also be granted to distinguished persons who are not Canadian citizens or residents of Saskatchewan.

Any person or organization can nominate someone they feel is deserving of the Saskatchewan Order of Merit. Although nominations are accepted at any time during the year, July 5th is the deadline for nominations to be considered this year. For further information on the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, please visit the website at www.ops.gov.sk.ca/Protocol. The website provides information on the nomination process and the opportunity to download nomination forms.

3RD ANNUAL SASKATCHEWAN SENIOR VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Seniors are the backbone of the community; they built the province up to what it is today. Because of this it is important to celebrate their leadership and commitment to the community.

Saskatchewan Senior's Mechanism is holding their annual Senior Volunteer Awards, with the Honourary Patron this year being Her Honour, The Honourable Vaughn Solomon Schofield, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan. The Banquet will be held Sunday September 30, 2012 in Regina.

Nominees must: be +55, reside in Saskatchewan, be a volunteer, and actively contribute to their community.

This year's deadline for the nominations is **June 15, 2012 12:00pm**.

To receive a nomination package or for more information you can contact the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism at (306) 359-9956 or www.skseniorsmechanism.ca

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS - PICNIC IN THE PARK

If you have some time to help out with the Picnic in the Park on June 20, 2012 please stop by our office at 1106A Central Avenue or contact Megan at 651.7100 or email: cheveldayoff.mla.assistant@sasktel.net.

Our committee looks forward to hosting another great family picnic and we welcome your participation.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Saskatchewan Advantage is about more than just growth for growth's sake – it's about using the benefits of growth to improve the quality of life for you and your family.
- It's about things like improving access to healthcare; to this end, we have announced the new Plains Surgery and Outpatient Care Centre as part of our ongoing response to the 2009 Patient First Review.
- Our government is delivering on its commitment to improve childcare with the opening of another 51 child care spaces in Saskatoon.
- Since 2007, we have made a record investment in licensed childcare, by providing funding for almost 4,000 new spaces. That's a 42 per cent increase.
- Our government is working hard to keep it to make Saskatchewan the best place in Canada to live for people with disabilities - over the next four years, SAID benefits will increase significantly and the program is being restructured in a way that combines several allowances under the Saskatchewan Assistance Plan into a single "Living Income" – further distinguishing SAID as a non-welfare support. It is important that people with disabilities live with dignity and independence and we feel these changes are a good start down that road.

JUST THE HEADLINES

- May 28, 2012 – [Fifty One Child Care Spaces Open in Saskatoon](#)
- May 28, 2012 – [Legislative Building Residence Artists Announced](#)
- May 31, 2012 – [Saskatchewan Prepares to Launch a Lawsuit Against the Tobacco Industry for Health Care Costs](#)
- June 1, 2012 – [Province Moving Ahead on Child Welfare Transformation](#)
- June 4, 2012 – [Emergency Flood Program Continues to Help Saskatchewan Communities](#)
- June 5, 2012 – [New Surgery and Outpatient Centre Planned for South Saskatchewan](#)
- June 7, 2012 – [June Land Sales Yields \\$10.5 Million for Province](#)

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS IN SASKATOON

3rd Annual Optimist Twirling Connection Golf Classic

Where: Holiday Park Golf Course

When: June 10, 2012

Time: 12:00pm

For more information email: golfotc2012@hotmail.com

Motorcycle Ride for Dad – On the Move Against Prostate Cancer

When: June 16, 2012

Where: Western Development Museum

Time: Registration 8:00am to 10:00am Parade leaves at 10:45am

Saskatoon Silver Springs Picnic in the Park

When: June 20, 2012

Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm

Time: 4:00pm – 8:00pm

Board Governance Workshops

If you are interested in board governance, I encourage constituents to consider the following opportunity to participate in workshops on June 19.

You can learn from experienced directors about: the role of a director, how to excel in the boardroom, how to get on boards, and networking skills.

For additional information contact: Dani vanDriel, 653-0488 or dani.vandriel@sasktel.net

SaskTel Saskatchewan's Jazz Festival

When: June 22 to July 1, 2012

Where: Various venues all over Saskatoon as well as the Free Stage, Friendship Park

If you would like your event listed in Provincial Point of View, please contact me at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"Happiness is not a destination: it is a manner of traveling. Happiness is not an end in itself. It is a by-product of working, playing, loving, and living."

Haim Ginott (1922-1973)

KEEP IN TOUCH

I appreciate the many opportunities to make a positive difference in my constituency. Your phone calls, letters and emails make a big difference in keeping me informed on the issues that matter to you. If you would like to recognize anyone or have your event mentioned in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to call me.



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