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From a Provincial Point of View

August 19, 2011

WERE YOU AWARE THAT:

- Saskatchewan has 40 new Physician Training Seats and 60 new medical residency positions
- Our province has seen the largest property tax reduction in Saskatchewan's history
- PST has been eliminated on used cars
- The cost per prescriptions for children under 14 has been capped at \$15
- 114,000 people no longer pay provincial income taxes
- A family of 4 pay no tax on their first \$45,500 of income; the highest threshold in Canada



Ken in front of legislative building

FOLKFEST THIS WEEKEND!

WHEN: This Thursday and Friday (August 18 & 19) 5:00 p.m. to Midnight Saturday (August 20) 3:00 p.m. to Midnight

Celebrate the 32nd anniversary of Folkfest. You will have the opportunity to visit up to 25 pavilions in various locations and experience the food, entertainment and cultural displays representing Saskatchewan's multicultural heritage.

For three days every year, Saskatoon comes alive with the sights, sounds and tastes of our ethnic heritage. Thousands of volunteers contribute hundreds of hours to ensure your visit to each pavilion is a great experience. Performers of all ages, combined with exquisite artisans, global merchants, talented cooks, and enthusiastic servers, are proud to share their unique culture with you. I encourage everyone to become part of the cultural heartbeat of Saskatoon!

THE FOLKFEST PASSPORT is still your best entertainment value over the summer! You can visit any of the pavilions as often as you wish, and stay as long as you want. Passports are \$14.00 including GST. Children ages 12 and under are admitted FREE, if accompanied by an adult. A Folkfest passport is also your "ticket to ride" - free of charge - on special Folkfest buses!



ATTENDANCE RECORD SET AT 2011 SASKATOON EX

I hope everyone enjoyed the parade to kick off the annual Saskatoon Exhibition. Special thanks to Ken Sawatsky for driving the antique fire truck and to all the children who participated. This fire truck was used as the fire engine in the town of Strasbourg from 1944 to 1958.

The weather was fantastic at the annual Saskatoon Exhibition resulting in record breaking numbers this year, with 33,825 people attending the event on Sunday, culminating in a six day event total of 216,856, breaking the 2009 record by 1,380 people (0.6%).

I had a great time attending with my wife Trish and children Carter and Paige. Special thanks to the organizers and entertainers for making the exhibition such an outstanding success. The support of the annual exhibition was overwhelming. 125 years of fun!!

The antique fire truck was the runner up in the antique vehicle category in the exhibition parade.

SASKATCHEWAN EXPORTS CONTINUE STEADY RISE

Saskatchewan's goods continue to be in high demand, generating \$2.3 billion for provincial businesses in June. This was an increase of 29.6 per cent over June 2010 according to the latest merchandise exports report by Statistics Canada.

The last six months showed a similar upward swing of 13.3 per cent, which totalled \$13.7 billion in merchandise exports over the same period in 2010.

The Statistics Canada report noted strong increases for Saskatchewan, especially in the agricultural, energy, automotive and industrial sectors.

[Read more...](#)

MINIMUM WAGE TO INCREASE SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

Employers and minimum wage earners are reminded that Saskatchewan's minimum wage is going up effective September 1, 2011.

The Government of Saskatchewan will increase the province's minimum wage from \$9.25 to \$9.50 per hour, which will also result in a corresponding increase to the minimum call-out pay to \$28.50.

This increase will affect approximately 22,000 minimum wage earners in Saskatchewan, representing approximately five per cent of the paid workforce in Saskatchewan.

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NHL PRE-SEASON GAME COMES TO SASKATOON!



I encourage everyone to take advantage of obtaining tickets to the NHL pre-season game on Tuesday, September 20 at Credit Union Centre. The Chicago Blackhawks, 2010 Stanley Cup champions are pleased to announce that they will host an exciting pre-season home game in Saskatoon against the Edmonton Oilers. The game is already 70% sold out! This will be the only pre-season NHL contest hosted in Saskatchewan.

What a great opportunity to watch the NHL live in Saskatoon! Tickets can be purchased at Credit Union Centre box office or Ticketmaster.

SASKATCHEWAN WHOLESALE TRADE BEST IN CANADA

Saskatchewan's wholesale trade increased by an impressive 35 per cent in June 2011 compared to June 2010, according to Statistics Canada. That gives the province the highest percentage increase in Canada.

On a monthly basis, Saskatchewan's wholesale trade increased by 3.6 per cent between May 2011 and June 2011, the third highest increase among the provinces. Nationally, wholesale trade was up 0.2 per cent.

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MANUFACTURING SALES INCREASE TEN TIMES THE NATIONAL RATE

Saskatchewan led the country in manufacturing sales during the month of June; an increase almost ten times the national average, according to a report on manufacturing sales released by Statistics Canada.

In June 2011, manufacturing sales were up by 21 per cent over June 2010, the highest increase among the provinces and well ahead of the 2.3 per cent posted nationally over the same period (seasonally adjusted). Sales were also up between May 2011 and June 2011, rising by 0.7 per cent, third highest in Canada and much better than the 1.5 per cent decline on a national level.

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CODIE PREVOST NOMINEE FOR THE "RISING STAR AWARD"



The 2011 Canadian Country Music Awards are coming up very quickly. Codie Prevost is one of the nominees for the "Rising Star Award". He has been selected to participate in a contest they are putting on for one artist to perform at Fan Fest 2011 in Hamilton.

He needs your help to get there. All you have to do is click the following link, <http://www.facebook.com/pages/CCMA-FanFest-Final-Spot-Codie-Prevost/151251964957802> then click the "Like" button on the facebook page.

On August 30 the artist with the most "Likes" gets the final spot at Fan Fest.

Be sure to show your support.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR SASKATCHEWAN VOLUNTEER MEDAL

Saskatchewan residents have until October 18 to nominate individuals for the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal. The Volunteer Medal recognizes individuals who have provided outstanding volunteer service or exceptional community involvement.

We count on volunteers to fill a multitude of important roles. The Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal is a chance for us to acknowledge these committed individuals who make such valuable contributions to our province, and I encourage everyone to consider nominating a deserving volunteer.

Any Canadian citizen who is a current or former long-term resident of Saskatchewan is eligible. Nominations cannot be accepted for sitting members of Parliament, the Legislature, or the judiciary who currently hold office. Groups or organizations cannot be nominated. Posthumous nominations are not accepted.

Since its inception in 1995, 139 recipients have received the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal. Additional information, nomination forms and a list of previous recipients can be found online at www.ops.gov.sk.ca/svm, or call toll-free 1-877-427-5505.

THE SASKATCHEWAN HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

The Saskatchewan Hockey Hall of Fame is organizing the first ever call to the hall. The inaugural class of the new Saskatchewan Hockey Hall of Fame is set to be inducted in July of 2012, but potential inductees are still needed. Do you know of someone who is special to the hockey world and has Saskatchewan ties? This is your chance to get them recognized.

Nominations can be made in five categories: Builder, Grassroots Contributor, Player, Official and Team.

Nominations must be received at the Saskatchewan Hockey of Fame by 5:00 pm on September 1. For information on the nomination processor or for the nomination forms visit www.saskhockeyhalloffame.com. Nominations can be made via email or fax, but hard copies will also need to be mailed to the induction selection committee.

The Hall of Fame is to be located in Swift Current in the recently upgraded I-Plex. The first ever nominees will also be introduced at the Saskatoon Blades game in January.

JUST THE HEADLINES – www.gov.sk.ca/news

Aug. 15, 2011 - [GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN PROUD TO INVEST \\$500,000 IN ARTS AND CULTURE FUNDING OVER NEXT 2 YEARS](#)

Aug. 15, 2011 - [WATERSHED PLANNING UNDERWAY IN OLD WIVES WATERSHED](#)

Aug. 15, 2011 - [NEW VEHICLE SALES CONTINUE TO RISE](#)

Aug. 15, 2011 - [PROVINCE MEETS AND EXCEEDS 4-YEAR COMMITMENT TO REGIONAL PARKS](#)

Aug. 12, 2011 - [UPDATE ON SASKATCHEWAN TEACHER BARGAINING](#)

Aug. 12, 2011 - [PROVINCE WORKS WITH PARTNERS TO RENEW CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM](#)

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

“Enjoy the little things in life, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things.”

Antonio Smith

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS IN SASKATOON

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

Please check my website at www.cheveldayoff.com for additional information.

Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan Festival

When: Aug 21, 2011

Where: Along the South Saskatchewan River, Saskatoon

Details: Experience Shakespeare's greatest works performed by some of Saskatchewan's finest actors. In 2011, enjoy mainstage productions of A Winter's Tale and Love's Labour's Lost. Other festive activities including medieval Feasts and community stage entertainment. Click [here](#) for more information.

Jul 12, 2011 to Aug 21, 2011.

WhiteCap Dakota Days

When: Aug 22, 2011

Where: Whitecap

Details: Semi-pro rodeo featuring CCA contestants competing in Saddle Bronc, Bareback, Bull Riding, Tie Down Roping, Steer Wrestling and Ladies Barrel Racing.

Junior Steer Riding, Junior Girls Barrel Racing, Amateur Saddle Bronc, Amateur Bareback and Amateur Bull Riding events are being offered as well.

Performances: Saturday August 20th @ 5:00pm, Sunday August 21st @ 1:00pm and Monday August 22nd @ 1:00pm.

Aug 20, 11 to Aug 22, 11

Ukrainian Day in the Park

When: Aug 27, 2011

Where: Kiwanis Park on the riverbank, on both sides of the Delta Bessborough Hotel, Saskatoon

Details: 11th annual. Saskatoon's only outdoor Ukrainian festival. Colourful stage concert presented by

performing groups from Saskatoon and around the province. Ukrainian food, beer gardens, children's activities, displays, souvenirs. Please bring own lawn chair. Click [here](#) for more information.

Walk or Run for Diabetes

When: Aug 27, 2011

Where: Archibald Park, Saskatoon 1410 Windsor St, Saskatoon

Details: Family Fun! Prizes! Refreshments!

Get Active while raising vital funds in support of the Canadian Diabetes Association and the 9 million Canadians living with diabetes or pre-diabetes.

Raise \$150 or more for the Canadian Diabetes Association and have your registration fee waived! Early bird registration until July 15!

Time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Click here for more information.

Saskatoon Sports Council Sports Expo

When: Aug 27, 2011

Where: Sasktel Sports Center 150 Nelson Rd. Saskatoon, SK, Saskatoon

Details: Time: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

(Please use the North Entrance by Centennial High School)

The Sports Expo is an event that presents a comprehensive look at the eclectic variety of organizations, groups, and sports our city has to offer.

- All Ages are welcome as there is something for everybody.

- Attendance is FREE

Special Thank you to our partners:

Saskatoon Soccer Center Inc., Sask Sport, Saskatoon Sports Tourism, Sasktel MAX, Saskatoon Express, CTV Saskatoon, & Beagle Productions.

Easter Seals Drop Zone

When: Aug 30, 2011

Where: Carlton Tower, Saskatoon

Details: This event encourages individuals to Challenge Yourself and Change Lives. The challenge is to rappel down the side of the 22-storey Carlton Tower in a heroic effort to raise money for Camp Easter Seal and make a difference in the lives of kids with disabilities. Make the commitment and join an elite group of Superheroes that walk the streets of Saskatoon!

Potash Corp Fireworks Festival

When: Sep 3, 2011

Where: River Landing, downtown, Rotary Park, Remail Arts Centre (Persephone Theatre), Saskatoon

Details: Saskatoon's newest festival caps off the multitude of summer events with a cultural showcase of ethnic performing groups culminating in a spectacular display of fireworks all choreographed to music.

Concessions, vendors, washrooms. Free bike valet provided by Road Map Saskatoon. .

Sep 2, 2011 to Sep 3, 2011.

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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