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Provincial Point of View

February 19, 2015

THOUGHT OF THE DAY



"Among the things you can give and still keep are your word, a smile, and a grateful heart."

-Zig Ziglar

SASKATCHEWAN TEACHERS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION 2015

I had the pleasure of joining the Honourable Don Morgan, Minister of Education at the STA Convention this morning at TCU Place. Over 3000 educators gathered to attend the 2015 convention.

Congratulations to the convention committee Christy Blazieko, Kate Day, Amber Espenent, Marc

Gobeil, Tom Hickey, Ken Hodson, Jeff Kenney, Vince Mamer, John McGettigan, Yvonne Musey Johnson, Jason Sand, Nicole Stevens, and Chetwin Swales for doing an outstanding job organizing this event.

Guest Speakers are Simon Breakspear, a learning strategist, researcher and innovator and Dr. Alec Couros, an Associate Professor of educational technology and media at the Faculty of Education, University of Regina.

I'm sure the remainder of the convention will be informative and interesting. I appreciated the opportunity to attend.

PROVINCE CELEBRATES APPROVED PRIVATE SERVICE HOME WEEK IN SASKATCHEWAN

Social Services Minister Donna Harpauer, along with Health Minister Dustin Duncan, have proclaimed February 15-21 as Approved Private Service Home (APSH) Week in Saskatchewan. The week recognizes the family-based model APSH homes provide for individuals with cognitive, mental health and physical disabilities.

“Setting the dates for Approved Private Service Home Week around Family Day (February 16) reinforces that home providers and their family members care for their residents, enabling them to reside in family settings in the community as long as they are able,” Harpauer said.

[Province Celebrates Approved Private Service Home Week in Saskatchewan](#)

MEDAL PRESENTATION - ALL SENIORS CARE SENIOR GAMES



It was a pleasure to bring greetings today at the Preston Park Retirement Residence on behalf of the Honourable Dustin Duncan, Minister of Health.

It was an honour to have the opportunity to present Norman Berry with two gold medals. Norman won the Wii Golf National Gold Medals ... the best across the country in 2014 and 2015 following the 2015 All Seniors Care Senior Games held across the country.

The theme of the Seniors Games was, "The Power of the Smile". It was inspiring to visit the residents and learn that so many of them embraced these games with such energy and enthusiasm. The games encourage healthy and active lifestyles, positive social interaction and a sense of pride. It was clear that the games were all about building a better quality of life.

Congratulations to the organizers and all participants.

AGREEMENT REACHED IN TEACHER BARGAINING

The Government-Trustee Bargaining Committee (GTBC) and the Teachers' Bargaining Committee have accepted terms of settlement for a new provincial collective bargaining agreement for Saskatchewan teachers following conclusion of conciliation and receipt of the Conciliation Board Report.

“After working through the conciliation process, as a board we saw no possibility of agreement on any terms more favourable to either party,” said Andrew Sims Q.C., Chair Conciliation Board. “We believe the terms in the report represent the best agreement possible given the circumstances and the interests of all parties.”

The terms of settlement include a wage increase of 7.55 per cent over four years and a 0.25 per cent increase in government pension contribution rates to the Saskatchewan Teachers’ Retirement Plan effective July 1, 2016.

[Agreement Reached in Teacher Bargaining](#)

HOLY FAMILY PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISING UNDERWAY



Many hands make light work! Volunteers are busy raising money for the construction of a creative play structure at the site of the new school in Saskatoon's Willowgrove neighbourhood near Willowgrove Square. A playground is not included in the funding allocated for the new schools so the community has come together to raise the money to provide the children and families in the area with a beautiful new inclusive playground.

The spirit of volunteerism is evident as I look at the many fundraisers the group is currently working on. They are asking the community to get involved and help them build a playground!

Presently the group has several fundraisers underway. Click on any of the events for additional information. Planned events include a [Steak Night Fundraiser](#) March 3, a [Spring Meltdown Cabaret](#) March 27. They have recently announced they will be publishing a School cookbook. Trish and I were happy to submit a few recipes and look forward to buying the book

once it is completed.

100% of the profit will go towards the accessible playground behind Holy Family School. Don't miss this great opportunity to be part of the community and support the construction of a playground for the children. I encourage everyone to visit their excellent website to learn more about the events, to donate or [sign up to volunteer](#).

Congratulations to the many volunteers, parents and staff that are spending many hours working on the fundraisers!

[Holy Family Playground](#)

GOVERNMENT DECLARES HERITAGE WEEK IN SASKATCHEWAN

In recognition of Saskatchewan's vibrant historical past, the provincial government has proclaimed February 15-21 as Heritage Week across the province.

"Our government is proud to recognize this week as Heritage Week in Saskatchewan," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Mark Docherty said. "As our province continues to grow, with more and more people moving here to work or start a family, it is important that we take the time to understand our past. Saskatchewan has a fascinating history filled with people, places and events that have shaped our province into the remarkable place it is today. Heritage Week is the perfect time to recognize this history by visiting one of Saskatchewan's many historical attractions or attending events such as Government House's first ever Pop-up Museum."

[Government Declares Heritage Week in Saskatchewan](#)

HEROES COMMEMORATED THROUGH GEOMEMORIAL PROGRAM

The Government of Saskatchewan is commemorating the lives of eight more fallen heroes through its GeoMemorial Commemorative Naming Program.

"Our government is honoured to recognize eight appreciated individuals whose sacrifices have bettered our province and nation," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Mark Docherty said. "The names we bestow on Saskatchewan's geographic features reflect those who have made a difference to our province. They are the names of those who have enriched the quality of life enjoyed by citizens of the past, present and future. These individuals have helped make

Saskatchewan the place it is today and our government is proud to recognize them through the GeoMemorial Program.”

[Heroes Commemorated Through GeoMemorial Program](#)

EXHIBIT CELEBRATING CANADIAN FLAG ANNIVERSARY OPENS AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Canadian flag. In recognition of that anniversary, Government House staff designed and built an interactive exhibit that pays tribute to the iconic national symbol.

Deputy Premier Ken Krawetz officially opened the new feature exhibit at Government House in Regina this afternoon.

“I am pleased that Government House and the Lieutenant Governor’s Office are celebrating our national flag in this way,” Krawetz said. “This anniversary deserves to be recognized and historic Government House is the perfect setting for this innovative, educational display.”

[Exhibit Celebrating Canadian Flag Anniversary Opens at Government House](#)

JUST THE LINKS

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[December Sets All-Time Record For Saskatchewan's Wholesale Trade](#)

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COMING EVENTS

Pink Shirt Day

Date: February 25

Information: [Pink Shirt Day - Stand Up Against Bullying](#)

EACCA Spring Soccer Registration for Willowgrove University Heights Community Association

On-line registration closes Monday, March 2

[WUHCA Outdoor Soccer Spring 2015 Registration](#)

EACCA Spring Registration Night

Date: March 3

Where: Dr. John G. Egnatoff School, 227 Kenderdine Road

When: 7 pm or check out their online registration

[Click here for additional information](#)

City of Saskatoon - Main Event | Growth Plan Focused Discussions

Date: March 3

Where: TCU Place (Gallery C/D), 35-22nd St E

When: Daytime Session - 12 pm - 2 pm

Evening Session - 6 pm - 8 pm

[City of Saskatoon Website](#)

Growth Plan Campus Consultation

Date: March 10

Where: Louis' Loft, 93 Campus Drive

When: 3 pm - 5 pm

[City of Saskatoon Website](#)

Royal University Hospital Foundation's Greek Gourmet Feast

Date: March 11

Where: Manos Restaurant on 8th Street

[Click here for additional information](#)

NSBA Business Builder Awards

Date: March 19

Where: Prairieland Park - Hall B

[Click here for additional information](#)

Bust a Move

Date: April 18

Where: Saskatoon Field House

[Click here for additional information](#)

SABEX Awards - Celebrate Success

Date: May 14

Where: Saskatoon Prairieland Park

[Click here for additional information](#)

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 me to recognize anyone or have your event mentioned in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to call or email me.

***"From a Provincial Point of View"* is a weekly message from Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA Saskatoon Silver Springs. Your opinions are important and your letters, emails, and phone calls on any issues relating to the provincial government are welcomed.**

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