

Check out What's happening in Saskatoon Silver Springs and throughout the Province!



**Provincial Point of View
January 27, 2016
Many people struggle with
mental health in silence ... Healthline
811 is available 24 / 7**

**OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE PEOPLE OF LA
LOCHE**



Our province was shocked and is deeply saddened by the horrific news of the school shooting in La Loche last Friday. Premier Wall told the people of La Loche they have the support of our entire province after an unspeakable and unimaginable tragedy.

**"KISSES & CUDDLES FOR KAYDEN" FUNDRAISER A GREAT
SUCCESS!**



The spirit of our community shone brightly last Saturday evening as hundreds gathered to support a fundraiser held at Cathedral of the Holy Family for Kayden Kot. Trish, Paige and I joined a packed house and had the opportunity to see a moving presentation by Kayden's parents, Sylvie and Peter Kot. Musical entertainment was provided by St. Joseph's High School Band, Adele and Camille Gaudet and DJ music provided by the Dale family.

Kayden faces many challenging days and weeks ahead but Peter, Sylvie, Edyn and Kayden know they have the support, thoughts and prayers of this community. I know it means the world to their family. They are grateful for the love, support and generosity of an awesome team of volunteers, many donors and all those that were in attendance at the fundraiser.

A big bouquet to the organizing committee members: Donna Dubé, Pat Eckel, Pamella Wiberg, Kendra Martin-Chubb, Chantal Pek-Piché, Amélie Thériault, Wendy Dale, Kathy & Garry Maier, Diane Hryhor, Cathy Bouvier, Aline Gauthier, Dr. Angela Lindberg, Gil Wist, Marie Reinbolt, Carol Grant, Heather Durand, Jan Henrickson and last but not least, Kayden's parents Sylvie & Pete Kot.

If you would like more information on this special young boy or would still like to make a donation, please contact dkdube@sasktel.net.

KEEPING SASKATCHEWAN STRONG

EDUCATION - DID YOU KNOW SINCE 2007:

- **There have been 40 brand new or replacement schools and 25 major school renovations.**
- **There are 600 more teachers and 200 more student support teachers!**
- **The operating funding for K - 12 has increased over 30 per cent while delivering record education property tax cuts.**
- **Funding for post-secondary institutions has increased by 46 per cent over eight years - nearly 6 per cent!**

Watch next week's newsletter for some interesting facts about Health Care

Reporting from the legislature ... A global slowdown in the resource sector has presented Canada with economic challenges; challenges Saskatchewan is well positioned to manage. Despite a downturn, a diversified Saskatchewan economy continues to attract people, investment and job growth.

Saskatchewan's economy continued to create jobs in 2015. There were 2,800 more people working in Saskatchewan in 2015 compared to 2014. Since 2007, Saskatchewan has had the second-best rate of job creation in Canada.

There's an important distinction between the government's finances and the economy. While the government is experiencing a revenue shortfall due to the impact of the price of oil on Saskatchewan's economy, our economy and province remains resilient. The last thing our economy needs right now are higher costs on those trying to retain jobs or create new ones. We need to ensure we are retaining any advantages we can offer to those who are trying to keep people employed and create new jobs.

Our government continues to invest in needed programs and services, and critical infrastructure

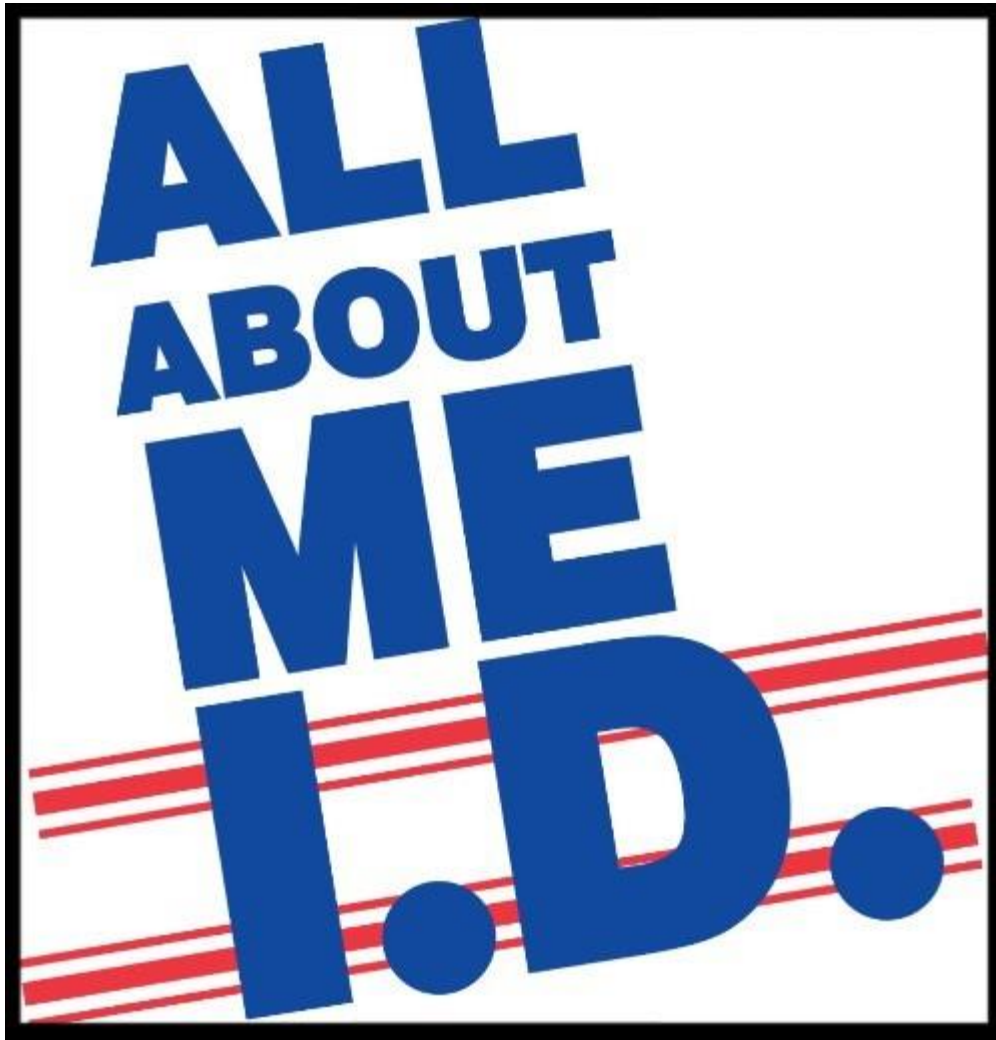
projects to keep our province moving forward and our economy strong.

While we are facing short-term challenges, our government remains focused on long-term growth and prosperity for all Saskatchewan people. We know there is more work to be done. The further diversification of our economy remains a priority. We continue to seek new trade opportunities across Canada and around the world to help get our products to market.

In order to meet the revenue challenges, there are a number of choices that governments can make. We can make a choice to keep building and moving forward, or stop investing. Our government is choosing to move forward and keep Saskatchewan strong. Our government's track record of managing the province's finances is strong.

There is no doubt that today we face some challenges. However, on balance, compared not only to the history of our province but also to the rest of Canada, our economy, and our people remain strong, resilient and focussed on the future.

SASKATOON FAMILY EXPO



Mark your calendars ... Child Find Saskatchewan is holding an "All About Me" ID Clinic at the Saskatoon Family Expo March 18 from 2 pm - 8 pm and March 19 from 10 am - 5 pm. This clinic is an opportunity for you to stop by the Child Find Saskatchewan booth and have your child ID'd at the "All About Me ID Clinic". Be sure you have two pieces of identification for you and one piece of identification for your child (custodial parent only).

All programs and services at Child Find Saskatchewan are offered free of charge and donations are gratefully accepted. **Remember, a missing child is everyone's responsibility.** For more information, contact 306.955.0070 or 1.800.513.FIND (3463) or email childfind@childfind.sk.ca

**GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND SASKATCHEWAN
ANNOUNCE NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN SASKATOON**

The Government of Canada and the Province of Saskatchewan, along with the City of Saskatoon and the Saskatoon Housing Coalition, announced a new rental housing project in Saskatoon. The project consists of 20 studio-style units for at-risk individuals who are unable to find or maintain secure housing without support services.

Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, on behalf of Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development and Minister Responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), along with Central Services Minister Jennifer Campeau on behalf of Social Services Minister and Minister responsible for the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation Donna Harpauer, and City of Saskatoon Mayor Donald Atchison made the announcement today.

“Congratulations to everyone involved in the development of Camponi Transitional II,” said Goodale. “In the coming weeks and months, we look forward to working with Canadians, housing stakeholders and our partners in provinces, territories and municipalities as we restore a constructive role for the federal government in supporting affordable housing.”

“Our government is pleased to support the construction of this project, which will provide 20 units of affordable housing to people with complex needs in Saskatoon,” Campeau said. “We are proud to help provide safe and secure homes to help Camponi residents embark on a promising future.”

“Safe and secure housing is key to a strong and vibrant community,” Atchison said. “This 20 unit complex will provide the foundation upon which these individuals can build a successful life in our community. We are proud to partner with the provincial and federal governments to ensure that everyone in Saskatoon has hope and opportunity.”

Read the entire news release [here](#)

TEAMWORK!



I am sharing a message that hope you will find as inspiring as I did:

- When geese fly in formation, they travel about 70% faster than when they fly alone.
- Geese share leadership. When the lead goose tires, he (or she) rotates back into the “V” and another flies forward to become the leader.
- Geese keep company with the fallen.
- When a sick or weak goose drops out of flight formation, at least one other goose joins to help and protect.
- By being part of a team, we too can accomplish much more, much faster.
- Words of encouragement and support help inspire and energize those on the front lines, helping them to keep pace in spite of the day-today pressures and fatigue!
- And, finally, show compassion and active caring for fellow team members.
- The next time you see a formation of geese, remember that it is a reward, a challenge, and a privilege to be a contributing member of a team.

CREATING FAMILY LITERACY DAY IN SASKATCHEWAN

The Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed January 27, Family Literacy Day. Family Literacy Day is celebrated across Canada to encourage families to strengthen their literacy skills together.

“Enjoying a good quality of life starts with being able to read, write and understand the world around you,” Education Minister Don Morgan said. “Playing board games, singing and reading are just a few of the ways that families can build their literacy skills together. I encourage all families to make time for literacy, today and every day.”

Read the entire news release [here](#)

POTASHCORP WINTERSHINES - SASKATOON'S WINTER FESTIVAL



PotashCorp Wintershines, Saskatchewan's Premier Winter Festival is underway January 23 - 31. There is still time to take in many exciting activities while enjoying this beautiful Saskatchewan winter! Have some fun in the snow and enjoy the activities for all ages.

Click [here](#) for additional information and a list of events.

SASKATCHEWAN PARKS ANNOUNCE 2016 CAMPSITE RESERVATION LAUNCH DATES

Summer is park season in Saskatchewan and avid campers will be able to book their provincial park campsites beginning Monday, April 11. The campsite reservation launch, which typically happens in March, has been moved to April for 2016 to avoid overlap with the upcoming provincial election.

“Saskatchewan’s provincial parks continue to be extremely popular destinations, as shown by

the nearly 4.0 million visits recorded in 2015,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Mark Docherty said. “We are looking forward to starting another busy and exciting year with campsite reservation launch in April.”

Click [here](#) to see the schedule for the reservation launch.

SASKATCHEWAN BRINGS HOME ENVIRONMENTAL GOLD

The Ministry of Central Services has received its first-ever LEED® Gold certification under the prestigious Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system, administered by the Canada Green Building Council, for the Tamarack building at the Pine Grove Correctional facility.

“This project demonstrates the governments' commitment to reduce the environmental impact of our operations and our dedication to environmental sustainability in the construction and renovation of the province's facilities,” Central Services Minister Jennifer Campeau said. “I'm very pleased of the work that went into seeing this facility attain executive government's first-ever LEED Gold certification and I would like to thank everyone involved for their efforts.”

Read more [here](#).



Do you have a family member celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary? Our office will co-ordinate messages from officials to mark the special occasion. I am always pleased to highlight important occasions or accomplishments, significant birthdays, anniversaries or items of general interest. If you have a story or an event you would like to see featured in this newsletter, please let me know.

Contact my office at 306.651.7100 or email ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net. I look forward to hearing from you!

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"You either get bitter or you get better. It's that simple. You either take what has been dealt to you and allow it to make you a better person, or you allow it to tear you down. The choice does not belong to fate, it belongs to you."

Josh Shipp

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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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