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Provincial Point of View

November 1, 2016
Wishing you a happy November!

GOVERNMENT TAKING ACTION TO COMBAT IMPAIRED DRIVING



An emotional meeting with victims of the impaired driving group

Premier Brad Wall, "With the highest per capita impaired driving fatalities in Canada, we have a problem in Saskatchewan...and it needs to change. Too many lives have been lost and people injured. So today, our government is taking further action to prevent impaired driving."

Government is taking action against impaired driving through effective legislation, more tools for law enforcement, and doing more to build awareness.

“Drinking and driving has taken far too many lives in this province and people need to get the message that it is never acceptable, period,” Minister responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance Joe Hargrave said. “Our government is committed to reducing the number of lives lost and people injured due to impaired driving.”

I encourage you and your families to read this very important news release by clicking [here](#).



**IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO HIGHLIGHT IN
THIS NEWSLETTER, PLEASE LET US KNOW!**

Provincial Point of View is a great way to connect with our community. We appreciate the opportunity to share the successes we see in our constituency and highlight the many events happening in our community. If you have a suggestion for items you would like highlighted in this newsletter, please

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**BE LEERY OF TRADING WEBSITES THAT OFFER EXTREMELY
HIGH RETURNS**

The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority (FCAA) is warning people about binary option website scams and offering tips so people can protect their money. Binary options are bets on whether an asset (currency, stock etc.) will go higher or lower in price at a certain point in time. Currently there are no websites or online trading platforms registered or authorized to sell binary options in Canada.

“If people come across a trading website that offer high returns for little investment, they need to think twice about entering their credit card information or sending money offshore and call us,”

FCAA Securities Enforcement Deputy Director Ed Rodonets said.

[Click here to read more.](#)

FAREWELL TO MOSAIC STADIUM



Over 600 CFL games have been played at Taylor Field with Saturday, October 29th being the last before moving over to the new Mosaic Stadium next season. The fans offered their support by filling all of the stadium's 33,427 seats one last time before saying farewell. Taylor Field will hold a special place in the hearts of the Saskatchewan Roughriders and Rider Nation.

There were many tributes and stories. It was a day to remember favourite Mosaic memories spanning decades. One of my favourites was the 2013 Grey Cup. Saturday, October 29th was a display of passion for our Saskatchewan Roughriders ... a sea of green! Memories that will never fade away. From the fireworks to undisputed legends and a light show on the wrist of over 30,000 fans, it was a great way to bid farewell to a piece of Saskatchewan history.

AMENDMENT SUPPORTS WORKERS EXPERIENCING PSYCHOLOGICAL INJURIES

A change to *The Workers' Compensation Act, 2013* was introduced today which will expand workers' compensation coverage to workers experiencing psychological injuries. The amendment establishes a rebuttal presumption for all forms of psychological injuries, which means that it is presumed that a worker has a work-related injury and would not have to prove it occurred in the workplace.

"We are committed to protecting our workers, especially those who protect us," Labour Relations and Workplace Safety Minister Don Morgan said. "Many of the people experiencing psychological injuries such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder are our first responders who are exposed to traumatic situations because of their jobs."

Read more [here](#).

CRAVEN COUNTRY JAMBOREE REBRANDED TO "COUNTRY THUNDER SASKATCHEWAN"



It was fantastic to join an enthusiastic group, many of whom are, like myself, huge country music fans. I was thrilled to bring best wishes from Premier Brad Wall and the Government of Saskatchewan, at the Country Thunder - Saskatchewan Launch and Lineup Announcement last week. The room was filled with excitement as we learned about something bold and new coming to the Craven Valley next Summer!

Under the skillful hands of Troy Volhoffer, who took over the festival in 2005 and rebranded it as the Craven Jamboree, he and his team including Brian Andrews, Ted Gross and Kim Blevins are back to bring Craven to the next level as a world-class music festival. It doesn't get any better than this for true country music fans.

This great concert experience is good for Saskatchewan as growing attendance enhances the local

economy and boosts tourism beyond the festival. Many people make the Craven weekend part of their summer plans and the festival at Craven will no doubt continue to be a source of fun, friendship and great memories.

We congratulate Troy, Brian, Ted and Kim for on this exciting announcement. We're sure Saskatchewan Country Thunder will continue to be a phenomenal success. For next summer's lineup of amazing artists, click [here](#) and be sure to get your tickets soon!

GOVERNMENT PROCLAIMS DANADIAN DOWN SYNDROME WEEK IN SASKATCHEWAN

Released on November 1, 2016 Saskatchewan has joined all of Canada in proclaiming November 1-7, 2016, as Canadian Down Syndrome Week. Canadian Down Syndrome Week was created by the Canadian Down Syndrome Society to show the world that Canada is a place where all people are valued and have the opportunity to be fully participating citizens.

This year's theme is "See the Ability" and is meant to encourage the inclusion and celebration of people with Down syndrome and to dispel myths and stereotypes.

"I am pleased that Saskatchewan will once again join the rest of Canada in celebrating Canadian Down Syndrome Week," Social Services Minister Tina Beaudry-Mellor said. "Each year, this week encourages Canadians to empower individuals with Down syndrome and their families, and I hope that all Saskatchewan citizens will 'See the Ability' in each other as we work toward becoming a more inclusive and supportive province and country for everyone."

Read more [here](#).

RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS DAY NOVEMBER 4



November 4 is a special day in Saskatoon and many communities across our province. Driven by a dedicated group of volunteers in the business community, this is the fourth annual RAK Day in Saskatoon!

It is a city wide celebration of kindness promoting a 'pay it forward' movement in the community that takes place annually on the first Friday in November. It is not a fundraising activity and no solicitation occurs during this event. RAK Day is meant to be a fun and simple way to encourage unexpected moments of kindness in our community. Do something nice for someone and ask nothing more than for that person to pay it forward. We have created RAK Day 'Pay it Forward' cards that can be left behind so that person has the information they need to also participate in RAK Day. Pay it Forward cards are available for pick up at the Saskatoon Community Foundation office at 101 – 308 4th Ave North.

Not sure how to show your kindness? Get a group together and plan a neighbourhood clean-up. Volunteer at a charity. Shovel someone's walk. Compliment a stranger. We have a list of [101 Acts of Kindness](#) to get your started.

LEGISLATION CREATES COMMON MEANING FOR "PRIVATIZE"

The government has introduced legislation that will provide a legal definition for the term "privatize".

"These changes clarify the meaning of the term when used in future and existing Saskatchewan Acts and regulations," Justice Minister and Attorney General Gordon Wyant said. "This definition explains actions that would be considered privatization and recognizes the necessary flexibility for

government to restructure Crown corporations while maintaining ownership.”

Read the entire news release [here](#).

SASKATCHEWAN'S RED WILLIAMS RECEIVES FRANCE'S HIGHEST HONOUR



Each and every day we think of those that served for our freedom. November is a special time to show our appreciation to those that fought for our freedom. It is a pleasure to recognize Red Williams and share this story with you this month as we prepare for Remembrance Day November 11. The French government has been presenting the honour to surviving Canadian veterans who fought on the beaches of Normandy. Fifteen Saskatchewan soldiers have received the Legion of Honour over the past two years.

This year, Red Williams, from Richardson, Saskatchewan was bestowed the French Legion of Honour, the highest honour by Frances government, a HMCS Unicorn in Saskatoon. Williams says it's a high honour to be a recipient, but "one can't help but think some of the guys that were there that are gone. Vincent Martin, the honorary consular of France in Saskatoon, says for France, the help of Canada was "extremely important" in securing victory on D-Day.

Read more [here](#).

SASKATCHEWAN PARKS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE



The Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association indeed plays a significant role in making Saskatchewan one of the best places to live, work and play in Canada!

Last week, it was a pleasure to join a great group of people from the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) at their Annual Conference Opening Luncheon, hosted in conjunction with Communities in Bloom. The theme of this year's event was 'Healthy Communities - Harvesting the Benefits'.

On behalf of Premier Brad Wall and the Government of Saskatchewan, it was a pleasure to address the SPRA and recognize them for their contribution to helping our province grow. As Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport we value the strong relationship we have with many that were in attendance, as they are advocates and leaders in Saskatchewan. It was a pleasure to also welcome national and international delegates attending the conference.

Saskatchewan is made for recreation. From swimming, hiking, mountain biking to snowshoeing or cross-country skiing, our parks offer great recreation opportunities that contribute to a high quality of life. Our government looks forward to continuing to work together on important programs and agreements like Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund, the After School Time-Period Program, the Community Rink Affordability Grant - to name a few.

It was fantastic to have the opportunity to thank everyone in attendance for their commitment to making positive contributions to the lives of their fellow citizens.

SASKATOON'S NEW MAYOR AND COUNCIL SWORN IN OCTOBER

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Congratulations to all Saskatchewan residents who put forth their names for election in their communities and allowed democracy. Many were re-elected, elected for the first time or defeated. They all deserve a huge pat on the back for their commitment and dedication to their respective communities. It takes a great deal of effort to run a campaign and those efforts are greatly appreciated. Congratulations as well to the school board Trustees who ran for office and those elected.

To Saskatoon's new Mayor Charlie Clark, and elected Councillors Darren Hill, Hilary Gough, Ann Iwanchuk, Troy Davies, Randy Donauer, Cynthia Block, Mairin Loewen, Sarina Gersher, Bev Dubois and Zach Jeffries, congratulations on your victories and your willingness to serve the residents of our city!

I am very grateful for the opportunity I had to work with Don Atchison over the past number of years. I recognize Don for his tireless efforts and dedicated service to the residents of the city of Saskatoon and thank him for his excellent leadership. Don's hard work, passion for this city and presence at many events will long be remembered ...he leaves an incredible legacy.

SASKATCHEWAN CELEBRATES SKILLED TRADES AND
TECHNOLOGY WEEK

The Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed October 31 to November 6 as Skilled Trades and Technology Week. This proclamation aligns with National Skilled Trades and Technology Week, as well as celebrations happening across the country.

The week kicked off October 31 with a launch event at the Saskatoon Trades and Skills Centre. The goal of Skilled Trades and Technology Week is to raise the profile of careers in the skilled trades and technology sectors, which is what the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission (SATCC) and Skills Canada Saskatchewan strive to do as part of their strategic plans, and why the organizations jointly request the week’s proclamation every year.

“The skilled trades and technology fields offer a variety of long, rewarding careers,” Saskatoon Fairview MLA Jennifer Campeau said on behalf of Economy Minister Jeremy Harrison. “Skilled Trades and Technology Week reminds young people, their parents and the public of the skills training options available for students to achieve their career goals here at home in Saskatchewan.”

See the list of suggested school activities and read the entire news release [here](#).



Premier Brad Wall, "Despite challenges in our resource sector, Saskatchewan has the third-highest weekly earnings in all of Canada."

THREE TIPS FOR BOOKING WITH A TRAVEL AGENT



Consumers should take three steps to protect themselves in the event something goes wrong with their travel agency:

1. **Pay with a credit card.** It is easier for consumers to get a refund through their credit card provider.
2. **Minimize or avoid cash or cheque deposits.** It may be more difficult or impossible to get a refund if something goes wrong.
3. **Do some research, read customer reviews, check with the Better Business Bureau and the Association of Canadian Travel Agencies, and confirm that the agency is well established and has a good reputation within the community.**

Please read the entire news release [here](#)

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW CHILDREN'S ADVOCATE, COREY O'SOUP



MINISTRY TRAVEL SPENDING DROPS \$582,000 IN 2015-16

Communications Spending Down \$1.5 Million, Excluding Increase By Elections Saskatchewan

Spending on ministry travel was down \$582,000 or 1.5 per cent in 2015-16, compared to the previous year, as part of the Saskatchewan government's fiscally responsible approach to ongoing economic challenges.

This reduction is part of the detailed financial information that was released today in Volume 2 of the 2015-16 Public Accounts. Compared to the last full year of the previous government in 2006-07, overall travel costs were down about \$4.0 million or 10 per cent in 2015-16.

"Our government continues to manage expense carefully while investing in priority areas for Saskatchewan people such as health care, education and social assistance," Finance Minister Kevin Doherty said.

Read the entire news release [here](#).

REGINA HOSTING THE 2016 WORLD BROOMBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



It was a pleasure to welcome players and teams from across Canada, Australia, Europe, Japan and the United States to the 2016 World Broomball Championships in Regina on behalf of Premier Brad Wall and the Government of Saskatchewan.

Our government recognizes the contribution healthy lifestyles have on the strong quality of life we enjoy in Saskatchewan. Sports builds communities and it takes a strong community to pull together to host successful events. Thank you to the organizers, the Host Committee and the International Federation of Broomball Associations for their efforts to bring this fantastic event to our province.

I especially thank Don Black, president of the Saskatchewan Broomball Association and chair of the 2016 world championships for demonstrating what can be achieved through hard work, dedication and a love of sport.

GRADE 3 READING LEVELS CONTINUE TO RISE IN SASKATCHEWAN



The number of Grade 3 students reading at grade level continues to rise, thanks to the collaborative work between the education sector and the Ministry of Education. School division data from 2016 shows that 74 per cent of students are reading at grade level compared to 65 per cent in 2013.

“I am thrilled to see continued improvement in Grade 3 reading levels this year as our government continues to work collaboratively with our sector partners toward the goal of having 80 per cent of students reading at grade level or above by 2020,” Deputy Premier and Education Minister Don Morgan said. “Students who are reading at or above grade level are more likely to go on to be successful in school and to graduate, and are better able to reach their full potential.”

Read more [here](#).

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COMING EVENTS

[Choc'La Cure - Celebrating 10 Years!](#)

When: November 4, cocktails 6 pm, supper 7 pm

Where: Dutch Growers Garden Centre

Click [here](#) for information and to get your tickets!



Random Act of Kindness Day

When: November 4

Where: Everywhere!

Click [here](#) for additional information



Lows in Motion

When: November 5

Where: Prairieland Park

Click [here](#) to find out more!



Presented by  **ENS**

Saskatoon Remembrance Day Service

When: November 11

Where SaskTel Centre, 3515 Thatcher Avenue

For additional information including transportation, click [here](#)



Our Best To You Art & Craft Sale

When: November 18 - 20

Where: Saskatoon Prairieland Park, Hall E

For more information, click [here](#)



26th Annual Santa Claus Day Parade

When: November 20

Where: Saskatoon's Central Business District

Click [here](#) for additional information and to see the parade route



Festival of Trees

When: Nov. 20 - 26

Where: Western Development Museum

Click [here](#) for information



BHP Billiton Enchanted Forest Holiday Light Tour

When: November 19 - January 7

Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park

Click [here](#) for details



THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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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.

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