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Provincial Point of View

November 21, 2016

HOLODOMOR MEMORIAL WEEK

FANTASTIC TURNOUT AT THE SANTA CLAUS DAY PARADE!



The Santa Claus Day Parade is a special event each year that marks the beginning of the festive season. It is always a pleasure to participate. The sun was shining and the parade route was filled with excitement as the children eagerly awaited Santa's arrival. The enthusiastic spirit of the hundred of people that line the parade route is always such a highlight of the day. Participating in the parade were colleagues, Honourable Don Morgan, Honourable Gord Wyant and MLA David Buckingham.

Special thanks to the organizers, participants and the families that continue to make Saskatoon's Santa Claus Day Parade a fantastic event!

MINISTER OF FINANCE, THE HONOURABLE KEVIN DOHERTY TO SPEAK AT LUNCHEON IN SASKATOON



Keeping Saskatchewan Strong in challenging times will be the topic of the Honourable Kevin Doherty's address on Friday, December 16 at the Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce Luncheon. The Minister of Finance will be at the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel and looks forward to the opportunity to speak to you. Registration begins at 11:30 with the luncheon beginning at 12 noon. Click [here](#) for additional information or click [here](#) to purchase your tickets.

A PLEASURE TO SHARE COMMENTS AT THE WANUSKEWIN RECEPTION AT THE LEGISLATURE



It was a pleasure, along with Deputy Premier Don Morgan to bring greetings at the Wanuskewin Reception at the legislature last week. Our province has a remarkable historic and cultural landscape and it is important its shared with current and future generations. Saskatchewan's story has been shaped by many people, places and events.

Our government was proud to support Wanuskewin at the February announcement of the exciting vision for renewal where they are going to apply to become Saskatchewan's first United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage designated site. We are happy to support their application efforts to bring global recognition to this remarkable heritage resource.

The renewal will elevate Wanuskewin on the world stage and will highlight the cultural and historic importance of Wanuskewin Heritage Park. We applaud Wanuskewin for taking such a bold step and officially announcing November 16 its intent to seek UNESCO World Heritage designation. We look forward to participating in the renewal journey as it unfolds.

**SMALL BUSINESS LUNCHEON IN SUPPORT OF RONALD
McDONALD CHARITIES SASKATCHEWAN**



Small & Medium Businesses are invited to a celebrate their staff at the Small Business Holiday Luncheon, in support of Ronald McDonald House Charities Saskatchewan. Includes buffet lunch, cash bar, door prizes & more! Purchase tickets / table: (306) 667.5330

Friday, December 2 @ 11:30am - 1:30pm

Garden Ballroom - Hilton Garden Inn Saskatoon

More info on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1813577398884932/>

PREMIER WALL PARTICIPATES IN NASCO MEETINGS



Premier Brad Wall, "Honoured to be a part of NASCO (North American Strategy for Competitiveness) meetings at the [George W. Bush Presidential Center](#) in Dallas. More cross-border partnerships, trade, and relationships lead to greater economic opportunity for all of North America. I have also been raising the importance of NAFTA specifically and talking Keystone XL with the pending change in U.S. administration now supporting the pipeline from Canada."

**SASKATCHEWAN HONOURS THOSE WHO SUFFERED
DURING THE 1930s UKRAINIAN GENOCIDE**



Holodomor Means “Extermination by Hunger” in Ukrainian

Today the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan-Ukraine Relations Greg Ottenbreit joined with members of the local Ukrainian community at the Saskatchewan Legislative Building to remember the millions who died during Holodomor, a genocide inflicted through starvation in Ukraine in the 1930s.

“One cannot begin to imagine the devastation experienced by the Ukrainian people as a result of Holodomor,” Ottenbreit said. “Today we remember those who were lost and honour those who survived and built thriving communities in our province and around the world.”

Read more about Holodomor Memorial Week [here](#).

2016 COLD WEATHER STRATEGY LAUNCHED

The Government of Saskatchewan and its community partners are encouraging all Saskatchewan residents to contact the Ministry of Social Services, community agencies, or 911 if they see someone in need of shelter this winter.

“There is no reason anyone should be on the street when it is cold,” Social Services Minister Tina Beaudry-Mellor said. “We want Saskatchewan residents to know that they can contact the Ministry of Social Services or our community partners if they need help. Community and government

organizations are working together again this year to make sure everyone has a safe and warm place to sleep.”

“This is a dangerous time of the year for those without a warm place to stay, and we are here to support anyone who needs our help,” Regina Mobile Crisis Executive Director John McFadyen said. “Warm, indoor spaces are available 24 hours per day, and we are all working together to ensure everyone stays safe this winter.”

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO CONSTITUENT CHELSEA EKSTRAND FOR HER OUTSTANDING RESEARCH IN BRAIN SURGERY



University of Saskatchewan PhD student Chelsea Ekstrand is doing brain research that could help make brain surgery safer and more effective.

Working with cognitive neuroscience professor Ron Borowsky, she is combining two well-known imaging techniques with novel 3D mapping to look at cognitive areas of the brain in people about to undergo surgery.

This new approach, developed during Ekstrand’s recently earned master’s degree, is already helping Saskatoon surgeons plan brain surgeries by providing information about brain areas to avoid during surgery. This information is not available from regular scans such as computed tomography (CT) or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

“Our team has collaborated with neurosurgeons in over two dozen cases,” said Borowsky. “This has resulted in important advances in pre-surgical planning in Saskatoon, enabling even safer and more effective neurosurgeries.”

Read more about this incredible accomplishment [here](#).

TODAY AND EVERY DAY!



**SASKATCHEWAN FIRST IN CANADA TO OFFER PROSPECTIVE
FOSTER FAMILY TRAINING ONLINE**



Training to become a foster parent has become a lot more convenient for interested Saskatchewan individuals and families.

The Saskatchewan Foster Families Association (SFFA) and the Government of Saskatchewan are the first in Canada to partner together to provide the 30 hours of required training for all foster families online, with video conferencing equipment donated by SaskTel Pioneers.

“This is a real game-changer for prospective foster parents, and I am very excited about what this could mean for the foster family program in Saskatchewan,” Social Services Minister Tina Beaudry-Mellor said. “There are many people who want to help children in need. They have a lot of love to give and so much to offer, but what they lack is time. This will allow us to meet them half way and still provide all of the training and support a person needs to take on the role of foster parent in a way that works for them.”

Find more information [here](#).



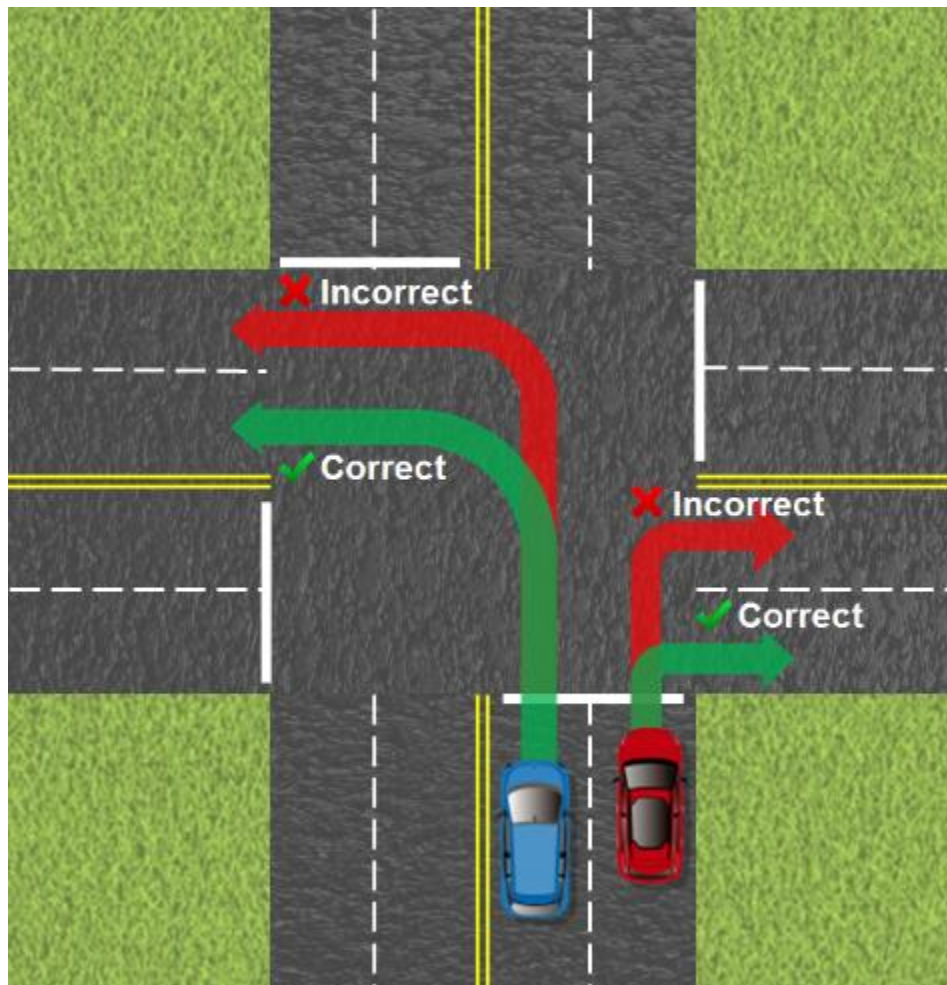
Government finances have taken a huge hit but the economy is still showing signs of strength. Saskatchewan's diversified economy leads all provinces in manufacturing sales, growing at six times the national average.

Saskatchewan's manufacturing sales took a leap in September from a year ago, increasing by 8.2 per cent, the highest rate among the provinces and more than five times the national average. On a month-over-month basis, manufacturing sales were up 1.0 per cent, the third best among the provinces. Manufacturing sales in September were \$1.24 billion.

"Manufacturing is one of the mainstays of the Saskatchewan economy and the impressive year-over-year growth is good news," Economy Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "Our provincial manufacturers are innovative, competitive-minded and are meeting the needs of global markets with made-in-Saskatchewan solutions."

The entire news release can be read [here](#).

TURNING? THIS IS HOW ITS DONE



Making a turn? Make sure it's into the first available driving lane. A good tip is to end your turn in the lane that corresponds to the lane you turned from.

Taking a wide turn into the wrong lane creates an unpredictable action for other drivers and increases your chances of being involved in a collision.

<https://www.sgi.sk.ca/individuals/licensing/studyguides/drivershandbook/roadrules/turning.html>

GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN CELEBRATES EDUCATION SAVINGS WEEK



The Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed November 20-26, 2016, Education Savings Week in the province.

Education Savings Week is recognized nationally to increase the financial knowledge of Canadians and encourage them to save for their children's education.

"Our government understands the importance of post-secondary education and we hope this week will encourage Saskatchewan residents to save for their children's education," Advanced Education Minister Bronwyn Eyre said. "To help them accomplish this, we offer the Saskatchewan Advantage Grant for Education Savings (SAGES) for contributions made to a registered education savings plan."

For more information and to read about eligibility requirements, click [here](#).

JINGLE BELL LUNCH IN SUPPORT OF JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT!



Junior Achievement Saskatchewan's programs inspire youth to value free enterprise, understand business & economics, and develop entrepreneurial & leadership skills. Presented by Loraas Recycle, and in partnership with the Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce, the Jingle Bell Lunch provides an opportunity for our business community to learn about, celebrate, and support Junior Achievement. The luncheon will feature guest speakers Michael & Phillip Wyant from Wyant Auto Group, as well as an opportunity to meet many of our junior achievers at the student-run company trade show. The trade-show begins at 11 am with the meal and program commencing at 11:45 am.

Tickets are available online at www.picatic.com/JBLSaskatoon or by calling the JA office at 306.955.5267.

A GREAT GIFT IDEA!



The Saskatoon Rush had a great first season in Saskatoon. If you want to take in the action this year or purchase tickets for family or friends, call 1.306.978 RUSH (7874) or click [here](#) for ticket options.

BE A SANTA TO A SENIOR!



Help make a difference in the lives of seniors this Christmas! This holiday season, many Saskatoon seniors who are alone and living in care facilities will receive some holiday cheer thanks to the 7th Annual Be a Santa to a Senior® program. Sponsored by the local Home Instead Senior Care® office, the program brings together area nonprofits, retailers, volunteers and members of the community to provide gifts and companionship for lonely and isolated seniors.

"Many of our community's seniors do not have the chance to celebrate the holidays surrounded by

loved ones, and we know that there are many people in the community who want to reach out - together we can make a difference by providing gifts and companionship," says Greg Charyna, owner of the Home Instead Senior Care office serving the Saskatoon area. "Many seniors living in care homes have very few visitors. Our Santa initiative brings holiday cheer to those who need it most."

Please read more [here](#) to see how you can participate in this helping local seniors this holiday season!

AS A RENTER, YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF FROM LOSS

Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan (FCAA) wants to remind people who are renting apartments, condos or houses to take time to do their homework so they can protect themselves and their wallet.

"Whether you are an existing renter or about to become one there are relatively easy steps that you can take to protect yourself during your tenancy," FCAA Insurance and Real Estate Division Director Ian McIntosh said.

Click [here](#) to read some things to think about when renting.

CLICK HERE TO READ SEVERAL ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES!



Be a Santa to Senior

When: Beginning now!

Where: You can volunteer to wrap or deliver gifts at various times

Call Marina @ 306.931.4663 to volunteer yourself, your family, your team, neighbors, or employees

or co-workers or click [here](#) for dates and times to volunteer



Festival of Trees

When: Nov. 20 - 26

Where: Western Development Museum

Click [here](#) for information



SWITCH 3rd Annual Charity Breakfast

When: Friday, November 25 from 7 - 8:30 am

Where: Park Town Hotel

Click here for additional information



BHP Billiton Enchanted Forest Holiday Light Tour

When: November 19 - January 7

Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park

Click [here](#) for details



10th Annual Jingle Bell Lunch

When: Thursday, December 8, 2016

Where: Saskatoon Travelodge

Student Tradeshow at 11:00AM

Meal & Program Begin at 11:45 AM

Information: www.picatic.com/JBLSaskatoon or by calling the JA office at 306.955.5267



Kayden Kot Steak Night Benefit

When: January 28, 5 - 8 pm

Where: the Thirsty Scholar, Grosvenor Park Centre, 2105 8 St E

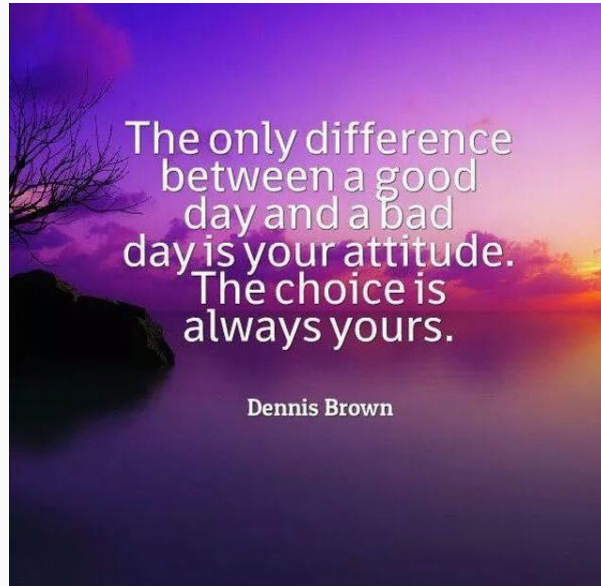
For tickets or information or to donate to the silent auction, please contact

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This spot is being held for your event! Please let us know if you have an event you would like in our newsletter!

THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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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.

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