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From a Provincial Point of View

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TODAY IN SASKATCHEWAN:

- Surgical wait times have been reduced in the past few years. (18 month waits are down by 75%, 12 month waits are down by 55%).
- Over one third of K – 12 schools in Saskatchewan have been upgraded or improved.
- Government debt has been reduced by \$3 billion or 44 percent since 2007.
- Small business tax has been lowered from 4.5 percent to 2 percent, saving small businesses an estimated \$80 million per year.

PREMIER WALL UNVEILS PLAQUE FOR UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN HEALTH SCIENCE PROJECT

Premier Brad Wall and University of Saskatchewan (U of S) President Peter MacKinnon officially unveiled an engraved plaque today at the U of S to mark progress on the new Health Sciences D-wing expansion and to recognize the provincial government's contribution to the project.

The Government of Saskatchewan's commitment of more than \$300 million is the largest ever contribution to a capital project in U of S history and part of the overall commitment to post-secondary education over the past four years, including:

- A record \$2.8 billion invested in the post-secondary system;
- Increasing funding to Saskatchewan universities by 40%, including \$247 million in operating funding; surpassing the government's commitment of \$125 million;
- 3000% increase in funding for student housing to build 650 new beds for students; and,
- Introducing the Graduate Retention Program which, to date, issued approximately 49,000 certificates to recent post-secondary graduates in Saskatchewan, who are now able to get their tuition costs back if they remain in the province after they graduate.

The project involves the construction of two additions and extensive renovations to the existing Health Sciences Building. Various components will open as they are completed, with the final components expected to be complete in 2015-16. Today's unveiling was held in the still-under-construction D-wing entranceway.

Students, faculty, researchers and staff from a number of health sciences colleges will occupy the Health Sciences project where they will teach, learn and conduct research together in an integrated setting. The project will also provide expanded learning resources for health-care instructors, clinical supervisors and practitioners across the province.

For more details on the Health Sciences project, visit www.usask.ca/healthsciences.
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GEORGE REED AUTOBIOGRAPHY NOW AVAILABLE



The opportunity to be attendance as George Reed marked the official release of his autobiographical account of the iconic Saskatchewan Roughriders life on and off the field was an occasion that was truly heartwarming. His book, "George Reed: His Life and Times", tells the story of George's life and experiences. Co-authored by Regina-based writer John Chaput, the book chronicles Reed's life from origins in Vicksburg, Mississippi through his record-shattering 13-season career with the Riders and beyond.

George has had such an incredible impact on the lives of thousands of people, particularly through his tireless and ongoing efforts to help those less fortunate in our province. The George Reed Foundation Inc. supports a range of community partners and individuals who help the disabled, disadvantaged or disengaged members of our society become productive, proud, and live life to their full potential.

I encourage everyone to get their coy of this limited-edition autobiography sold exclusively at The Rider Store locations and online at shop.riderville.com.

RCMP POLICING IN SASKATCHEWAN SECURED FOR ANOTHER 20 YEARS

The Provincial Police Service Agreement secures RCMP policing service in Saskatchewan for the next 20 years.

The agreement continues the current cost-sharing model with the province of Saskatchewan paying 70 percent of the costs and the federal government covering the remainder. The terms of agreement also modernize the relationship between the parties. It provides a strong management partnership in terms of financial reporting and priority setting. In addition, under the terms of the agreement the aging RCMP infrastructure in the province will be renewed.

The agreement comes into effect April 1, 2012 and runs until March 31, 2032.

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SENIORS RIDE FOR JUST \$10 IN SEPTEMBER

For the month of September, seniors 60 years and older will be able to ride anywhere along the Saskatchewan Transportation Company's (STC) network for only \$10 one-way.

STC reaches 290 communities. The extensive coverage STC provides gives Saskatchewan seniors province-wide access to this offer. STC ran a similar promotion in May 2011.

Since September 2009, more than 45,000 riders have taken part in STC's senior seat sale which has helped increase the company's ridership levels over recent years. As of July 31, STC's 2011 total ridership results show an increase of 12.2 per cent over 2010, an increase of 18,076 passengers.

Bus travel is an environmentally friendly way to travel. Transport Canada reports bus travel as having the lowest social cost (air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, noise, road congestion and accidents) per passenger kilometre than any other form of transportation.

Visit www.stcbus.com to learn more about the benefits of bus travel.

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SASKATCHEWAN AND HITACHI SIGN NUCLEAR R&D AGREEMENTS

My colleague, Innovation Minister Rob Norris joined with Mr. Hiroto Uozumi, President of Hitachi-GE Nuclear Energy, Ltd. and Mr. Taiji Yoshida General Manager of Hitachi, Ltd. to announce \$10 million in funding for two Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) that will facilitate and support research collaborations in nuclear medicine, materials science, nuclear safety and small reactor design.

Innovation Saskatchewan will provide \$5 million over the next five years to support R&D activities pursuant to the MOUs in collaboration with Saskatchewan-based research institutions including the University of Saskatchewan, the University of Regina, the Saskatchewan Research Council and the Canadian Light Source Synchrotron. The Hitachi Group, including its alliance with General Electric will match Saskatchewan's contribution.

The new research partnership will leverage Hitachi's successful development and commercialization of proton beam therapy technologies and Saskatchewan's world class research facilities such as the Canadian Light Source Synchrotron to investigate the development of new nuclear medicines and nuclear imaging technologies.

Nuclear safety will be another major research priority as Hitachi and Innovation Saskatchewan consider research proposals pursuant to the MOUs.

Another area of interest to both Saskatchewan, Hitachi-GE, GEH and GNF-A is research into the reclamation of unused uranium fuel rods.

Under the MOUs, Innovation Saskatchewan will also work with Hitachi-GE, GEH and GNF-A on research into the design and feasibility of small reactor technologies although any decision on whether to pursue nuclear power in Saskatchewan is still many years away.

Today's \$10 million investment in nuclear R&D builds on announcements by the Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan this year to invest \$30 million for the establishment of a new centre for research in nuclear medicine and materials science, \$17 million for the establishment of a Centre for Innovation in Cyclotron Science, \$12 million to support innovative research in the production of life saving medical isotopes and \$10.1 million for the development of Saskatchewan's first PET/CT facility for diagnosis and treatment of cancer and heart disease at the University of Saskatchewan.

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UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN SET TO KICK OFF CENTENNIAL YEAR CELEBRATIONS!



The University of Saskatchewan will kick off Centennial Year celebrations next week as the first week of the new school year. It will be an exciting time and I encourage all of you to check out the great activities they have planned.

I will be attending the Huskies flag raising ceremony on Tuesday, September 6 at Civic Square, City Hall.

Hope to see you there.

RETAIL SALES UP FOR THE SIXTH STRAIGHT MONTH

Saskatchewan retailers continue to set the bar nationally with the highest increases in the country, according to a report released by Statistics Canada today. Retail sales were up by 9.5 per cent between June 2010 and June 2011, the highest increase among the provinces on a seasonally adjusted basis, more than double the national increase of 4.6 per cent.

On a monthly basis, retail sales jumped 2.4 per cent between May 2011 and June 2011, well above the 0.7 per cent recorded for Canada. This was the sixth consecutive month that sales were up on a month to month basis.

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COMMUNITY SKATE PROGRAM UNDERWAY



As part of my Ministerial responsibilities I participated in an announcement of a new program that will provide skaters of all ages with the opportunity to hit the ice.

On behalf of Casino Regina, in partnership with Evraz Place I had the pleasure of being a part of an activity that encourages families to have fun together and share a healthy activity.

Casino Regina is the presenting sponsor for the Community Skate Program at the Co-Operators Centre, Evraz Place.

This program is such a great opportunity to work together with an outstanding community partner and introduce a skating program that's accessible and affordable for everyone.

SASKATCHEWAN WORKERS RECOGNIZED ON LABOUR DAY

This Labour Day, we ask that everyone take extra care and remember to make safety a priority at work, at home and in the community. Our government is strongly committed to reducing the rate of workplace injuries because every resident of Saskatchewan deserves to work in a safe and healthy environment.

The work of Saskatchewan people is driving our economy and helping sustain our economic momentum. The exceptional growth we are experiencing in our province has meant a lower unemployment rate, increased opportunity for individuals and businesses, and a positive attitude toward working in Saskatchewan. However, it is important to remember that growth and expansion must be tied closely to safety to ensure the health and well-being of Saskatchewan workers.

On behalf of the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety and the Government of Saskatchewan, I wish everyone a safe and restful long weekend this Labour Day.

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SASKATCHEWAN HELPS HONOUR FALLEN TROOPS

Saskatchewan welcomed the Portraits of Honour National Tour mural in August. The painted mural is 10 feet tall by 50 feet wide and features 157 Canadian troops, including ten from Saskatchewan, who lost their lives in the Afghanistan war.

The national, 171-day mural tour has spent most of August in Saskatchewan visiting various communities. The Portraits of Honour National Tour is presented by Kin Canada. The Government of Saskatchewan provided \$9,000 to help present the mural throughout Saskatchewan.

The Portraits of Honour mural travelled to Saskatoon, Regina, Spiritwood, Prince Albert, Yorkton and Raymore and will continue on to Moose Jaw, Swift Current and Lloydminster. The mural will continue its cross-Canada journey where it will visit the hometowns of our fallen heroes.

The ten Saskatchewan fallen soldiers include:

Lieutenant Justin Boyes
Sergeant Prescott Shipway
Corporal Dustin Roy Robert Joseph Wasden
Master Corporal Joshua Brian Roberts
Corporal Brendan Anthony Downey
Corporal Shane Keating
Corporal David Braun
Master Corporal Jeffrey Scott Walsh
Corporal Bryce Jeffrey Keller
Corporal Cole D. Bartsch

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

“Experience is not what happens to you; it is what you do with what happens to you.”

Aldous Huxley

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

Sep. 2, 2011 - [PROVINCE SUPPORTS STUDENT/SINGLES HOUSING PROJECT IN SASKATOON](#)
Sep. 2, 2011 - [SASKATCHEWAN'S T. REX SCOTTY IS ON THE ROAD AGAIN](#)
Sep. 1, 2011 - [IMPROVING HOME SECURITY FOR LOW-INCOME SENIORS](#)
Sep. 1, 2011 - [THE WEEKLY PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE](#)
Aug. 23, 2011 - [PROVINCE COMMITS \\$66 MILLION TO PAY FOR FLOOD-DAMAGED HIGHWAYS](#)
Aug. 23, 2011 - [SHORELINE REHABILITATION AT ELBOW HARBOUR RECREATION SITE](#)
Aug. 23, 2011 - [GAMING GRANTS INVEST \\$1.9 MILLION IN SASKATCHEWAN COMMUNITIES](#)

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.

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.

Synergy 8 and Potash Corp "2011 Drive for Kids Campaign"

When: Sept 7, 2011

Where: Prairieland Park – Hall 8

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 pm.

Details: Gala supper, special guest Sir Nick Faldo

When: Sept 8, 2011

Where: Moon Lake Golf and Country Club

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Details: Special guest Sir Nick Faldo, golf, followed by a steak supper

Broadway Street Fair

When: Sep 10, 2011

Where: Broadway Ave, Saskatoon

Details: 28th annual. Day begins with a pancake breakfast 8 - 11am. Other activities include celebrity

dunk tank, silent auction, dance and musical performances. Vendor booths. Street fair runs 10 am - 5pm.

Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra's Masters Series

When: Sep 10, 2011, Noon

Where: TCU Place - Saskatoon's Arts & Convention Centre, 35 - 22nd St E

Details: The Masters Series features some of the greatest classical work ever composed.

North Saskatoon Business Association - Luncheon with Premier Wall

When: September 14, 2011

Where: Prairieland Park, Hall A

Details: North Saskatoon Business Association presents Premier Wall as the guest speaker.

NHL Game in Saskatoon

When: Sept 20, 2011

Where: Credit Union Centre

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Details: Chicago Blackhawks vs Edmonton Oilers

Child Find Saskatchewan

When: Sept 21, 2011

Where: Broadway Theatre

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Details: Benefit Concert featuring Dr. Draw whose musical style brings together the seemingly disparate elements of classical violin, jazz-rock fusion, folk and pop into a riveting masala that feeds the soul and invigorates audiences. For every ticket bought/sold by any one the sixth ticket is free. Tickets can be purchased by visiting our website: www.childfind.sk.ca or calling 306-955-0070. Tickets can also be purchased from the Broadway Theatre Box Office (306-652-6556).

8th Annual Aboriginal Music Festival

When: Sep 23, 2011

Where: TCU Place, 35 - 22nd St E, Saskatoon

Details: Festival highlights Canadian and Saskatchewan Aboriginal talent in a variety of musical genres. Other activities include traditional instrument workshops, craft exhibits, fashion show, media exhibits, prizes and one of Saskatoon's largest youth career fair and leadership workshop. Begins 9am. All ages welcome.

Sep 22, 2011 to Sep 23, 2011.

The Word on the Street - National Book and Magazine Festival

When: Sep 25, 2011

Where: Saskatoon Market Place

Details: National, annual one day book and magazine festival in celebration of reading. The festival offers author events, literacy activities and a large marketplace. Visit website for details on locations and activities.

Zumba® For Lung

When: Sep 25, 2011

Where: Silverspring School 610 Konihowski Road, Saskatoon

Details Besides an invigorating workout, each participant will receive a free haircut from Enigma Salon (a \$40 value), a one month pass to Mawson Fitness and an opportunity to win great door prizes!

As tickets are only \$25 we encourage all participants to register early and to raise pledges. Bring in \$100 in pledges and receive a Breathe tank top. Plus for every \$100 you raise, receive one entry into the draw for a Romance Retreat donated by the Sheraton Cavalier (valued at over \$200)!

Go Loco collecting pledges and you could win:

Top Fundraiser – A one year Mawson Fitness Zumba® pass

2nd Place – A ClubMynx “Girls Night Out” Dance Party for you and 9 of your closest friends

3rd Place – An electronics package

Premier - Saskatchewan's Win, Spirits and Specialty Food Show

When: Oct 1, 2011

Where: TCU Place, 35 - 22nd St E, Saskatoon

Details: Sample fine wines and spirits from around the world and taste gourmet Saskatchewan-made foods prepared by our province's leading chefs. The festival supports Autism Services. Click here for more information.

Sep 29, 2011 to Oct 01, 2011.

Provincial General Election

When: Nov 7, 2011

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