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From a Provincial Point of View September 9, 2011

HUSKIES 100TH ANNIVERSARY



I had the pleasure of joining Mayor Atchison, President MacKinnon and Chancellor Pezer to help kickoff the start of the Huskie Centennial celebrations.

Over the years, many athletes and teams have proudly displayed the special university crest on their uniforms. Many of the team players aren't just from Saskatoon but from across the province. This truly makes the University of Saskatchewan Huskies representative of this great province we live in.

It is great to look back over the first 100 years of Huskies Athletics as we get ready to embark on the next 100 years of success.

I am a proud alumnus of the U of S and was absolutely thrilled to participate in the flag raising ceremony. I encourage everyone to attend the many exciting events planned for the Huskie Centennial.

Congratulations to the organizers!

SASKJOBS.CA BREAKS ALL-TIME JOB RECORD IN AUGUST

Job postings on Saskjobs.ca more than doubled in volume compared to this time last year. The 16,084 jobs posted represent a 56 per cent increase from August 2010 and a 29 per cent rise over July's numbers. The August monthly total exceeded the previous all-time high of 15,449 position postings set in April 2008.

Of the 16,084 jobs posted to Saskjobs.ca in August:

- Postings for trades, transport and equipment operators represented 32 per cent of all available jobs (a 95 per cent increase over August 2010);
- 30 per cent of the positions posted were in the sales and service category;

- More than half of the positions posted were for vacancies outside of Regina and Saskatoon; and
- More than 10,000 jobs were full-time.

As the number of postings continues to rise, so does the number of visitors. This includes 834,172 visitors in August. Since January 1, 2011, there have been more than 6.7 million visits originating from more than 215 countries and territories around the world. The site remains on target to surpass the record of 8.8 million hits in the 2010 calendar year.

Saskjobs.ca is Saskatchewan's largest job-matching website. The site provides job posting services free of charge for employers across the province and free résumé posting services for job seekers around the world. Today, there are more than 10,000 jobs posted on the website.

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SASKATCHEWAN SET TO INVADE COUNTY MUSIC WEEK



Codie Prevost performing at the CCMA announcement

Saskatoon will have the opportunity to shine in Hamilton next week. Our great city is looking forward to playing host to PotashCorp Country Music Week and the Canadian Country Music Awards in 2012. The Saskatoon Host Committee will be in Hamilton, Ontario to promote “PotashCorp Country Music Week Saskatoon 2012” at this year’s Country Music Week.

It was indeed an honour to be present at the unveiling of the official logo for Country Music Week 2012 on Wednesday, September 6.

Saskatoon’s Codie Prevost just won a spot on the prestigious FanFest stage in a fan-voted contest and is also nominated this year for Rising Star of the Year. Langenburg’s Jess Moskaluke, this year’s Big Dog 92-7 “The Next Big Thing” winner will be performing in a New Artist Showcase. Jess was selected from a record number of submissions to receive one of these eight coveted spots.

Country Music roots run deep in Saskatchewan and hosting the 2012 CCMA’s is a great opportunity to showcase Saskatchewan’s quality of life, our top talent and Saskatoon as a tourism destination both this year in Hamilton and next year.

Saskatchewan has been graced with the talent of so many artists and performers: Brad Johner, the band Wyatt and Donny Parenteau to name a few. Over the course of 4 days, thousands of people from across the country will enjoy performances in this beautiful city.

I wish all Saskatchewan nominees well as they represent our province at the 2011 CCMA’s in Hamilton.

SASKATCHEWAN SMALL BUSINESS OPTIMISM IMPROVES IN AUGUST

Provincial highlights include:

- 63 per cent of businesses in Saskatchewan say the overall state of business is good (38 per cent nationally); 33 per cent say it is satisfactory (47 per cent nationally).
- 16 per cent of Saskatchewan businesses plan to increase full-time employment in the next 3-4 months (14 per cent nationally) and only four per cent plan to decrease (12 per cent nationally).
- The shortage of skilled labour (55 per cent) is identified as the main business constraint.

- Major cost concerns causing difficulties for small business include: fuel/energy costs (65 per cent), tax/regulatory costs (48 per cent), wage costs and insurance costs (46 per cent).

SASKATCHEWAN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 4.5 PER CENT – LOWEST IN CANADA

Full-Time Employment Hits Another All-Time High

There are now more people working full-time than ever before in the province's history and Saskatchewan's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 4.5 per cent in August, its lowest level since February 2010. That's also the lowest unemployment rate in Canada, according to the August labour force report released today by Statistics Canada.

Saskatchewan has now had the lowest unemployment rate in Canada for six straight months.

Regina (tied with Guelph) has the lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate among Canadian cities at 4.7 per cent while Saskatoon is the fourth lowest at 5.1 per cent.

Full-time employment hit an all-time high of 454,300 in August, breaking the record that had been set the previous month.

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CORE NEIGHBOURHOODS TO BENEFIT FROM NEW MOBILE HEALTH BUS



Residents of Saskatoon's inner-city neighbourhoods will soon benefit from a newly-purchased Mobile Health Bus that brings basic health services closer to their homes.

The Saskatchewan Government announced a \$50,000 contribution toward the \$380,000 cost of a new vehicle which will replace the current bus this fall.

The Saskatoon Health Region has operated a Mobile Health Bus in partnership with MD Ambulance eight hours per day, seven days a week since 2008. The bus is staffed by a Nurse Practitioner and a Paramedic and provides health services such as vaccinations, wound care, diabetes treatment and health education.



Sir Nick Faldo & Ken

The Mobile Health Bus, which has earned national recognition, averages 12 to 14 visits per day and serves more than 5,000 clients in and around the Saskatoon core neighbourhoods of Westmount, Meadow Green, Pleasant Hill, Riversdale and King George.

A fundraising gala in support of the Mobile Health Bus was held on Wednesday, September 7 in Saskatoon. I was delighted to be attendance to bring greetings on behalf of Premier Wall and the Government of Saskatchewan and welcome Sir Nick Faldo to Saskatoon. Also in attendance was community partners, contributors and supporters, including representatives from the Saskatoon Health Region, the St. Paul's Hospital Foundation, MD Ambulance, Synergy 8 Community Builders and Potash Corp.

A very successful golf tournament was held featuring professional golfer Sir Nick Faldo on Thursday, September 8. A very special thank you to Synergy 8 Community Builders.

CAN YOU FIND KEN?



If you chose "77", you're right!!

JULY BUILDING PERMITS TOPS IN CANADA WITH 85 PER CENT GROWTH

Activity in the province's construction industry continues to lead the country and power the Saskatchewan economy full steam ahead.

Saskatchewan's year-over-year building permit increases ranked number one in Canada in July according to a report released by Statistics Canada today, up 85.7 per cent in July 2011 over July 2010 (seasonally adjusted).

Building permits were up by 11.6 per cent on a national basis on an annual comparison. Saskatchewan's residential permits were up by 88.5 per cent and non-residential permits rose by 83.4 per cent over the same period.

Regina ranked fourth among major Canadian cities as permits increased by 155.7 per cent between July 2010 and July 2011.

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"People are like stained glass windows; they sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is light from within."

E.K. Ross

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

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Sep. 7, 2011 - [AMENDMENTS TO FISHERIES REGULATIONS PROTECT SASKATCHEWAN WATERS](#)
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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.

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

Lows in Motion

Parkinson's Fundraiser

When: October 1, 2011

Where: Prairieland Park, Hall A

Time: 6:30 pm to 2:00 am

Details: Tickets \$50 each, Dress code is business casual. Contact information is mail@lowsinmotion.com

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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