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From a Provincial Point of View

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THANK YOU!

It is with sincere and heartfelt gratitude that I thank you, the people of Saskatoon Silver Springs for the opportunity to serve as your Member of the Legislature for the next four years. I am humbled by your support and will continue to work hard to represent you.

Saskatchewan is about the people. Many of you have contributed to help move Saskatchewan forward and I thank you for your commitment and dedication. There is still much that needs to be done, but we will continue working for and with you to improve the quality of life for everyone.

As Premier Wall says, "The only day better than today in Saskatchewan is tomorrow in Saskatchewan".

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALICE!



Many of you know Alice Tastad. Please join with my wife Trish and I and Team Chevy to wish Alice a very happy birthday. Alice and her husband George are pillars in our community and we take great pleasure in wishing them all the best.

SASKATOON REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE



It was a great privilege to have the opportunity to honour those who gave their lives for their country.

My family and I joined over 8,600 people that gathered for Saskatoon's Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Credit Union Centre November 11 Canada's largest indoor service of remembrance.

We were moved seeing the young soldiers that served in Afghanistan. Let us remember, each and

every day throughout the year, those who defend and protect us.

HIGHWAY 1 DESIGNATED “SASKATCHEWAN’S HIGHWAY OF HEROES”



Highway 1 between Moose Jaw and Regina has been named "Saskatchewan's Highway of Heroes" as a permanent tribute to Canadian Forces personnel from Saskatchewan who have lost their lives in service to our country.

Premier Brad Wall made this announcement November 9, alongside representatives from the Canadian military and family members of Saskatchewan's fallen, where he unveiled a new sign to mark the highway's new designation.

"It is with honour and the deepest respect, that we take this opportunity to preserve the memory of our fallen soldiers by naming Highway 1 between Regina and Moose Jaw as Saskatchewan's Highway of Heroes," Wall said. "This will serve as a visual tribute and reminder of the sacrifice of Saskatchewan soldiers who fought and died to preserve our freedom."

"The province and the people of Saskatchewan have time and again demonstrated by their actions the respect they have for fellow Canadians in uniform," Commander Land Force Western Area Brig.-Gen. Paul Wynnyk said. "We are extremely grateful for the incredible support from the hundreds of communities across Western Canada that our soldiers call home."

"The Canadian Forces greatly appreciate this tribute to the men and women who gave their lives in the service of Canada and pay respect to Canada's veterans and their families," Commander of 15 Wing Moose Jaw Col. Marc Bigaouette said.

In Saskatchewan, the Trans Canada Highway between Moose Jaw and Regina has been chosen as "Saskatchewan's Highway of Heroes". Both cities were important bases to the Air Training Program during the Second World War and an active military presence in both cities remains today.

The naming ceremony took place just west of Regina, where the sign will be permanently mounted. An identical sign will be installed on Highway 1 in the eastbound right-of-way just outside of Moose Jaw.

FIRST PROMISE KEPT: PST EXEMPTION ON CHILDREN’S CLOTHING EXPANDED ON NOVEMBER 15

Premier Brad Wall announced that his first campaign commitment will be fulfilled on November 15 when the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) exemption on children's clothing is expanded to include children 17 and under. It currently applies to clothing purchased for children 14 and under.

"We made this announcement to make life a little more affordable for Saskatchewan families and today we are keeping our promise," Wall said. "We wanted to bring this tax break into effect right away, in time for families' Christmas shopping."

The cost of the current tax exemption on children's clothing to age 14 is \$7.3 million in the 2011-12 budget. Expanding it to include those 15 to 17 years of age is estimated to cost approximately \$3 million a year and will cost about \$1 million in the remainder of the current 2011-12 fiscal year.

Retailers are required to maintain a record of the declaration made at the point of sale verifying that the purchase of adult sized clothing is made for a person 17 and under.

More information about the exemption can be found at <http://finance.gov.sk.ca/revenue/pst/bulletins/PST-1%20Children's%20Clothing%20and%20Footwear.pdf>.

ENCHANTED FOREST OPENING TODAY!



It was fantastic to attend the media conference on Tuesday, November 15 to announce the opening of the thirteenth edition of the BHP Billiton Enchanted Forest. Displays are set to open today, Friday November 18. Now considered a Saskatchewan Christmas Tradition, the Enchanted Forest runs for seven weeks through January 8 every evening 5:30 – 11:00. Last year's event drew 62,000 visitors with 35% tourists, making the event Saskatoon's top winter visitor attraction.

Before the forest opens to vehicles on Friday, Saskatchewan Blue Cross and their Push2Play initiative is once again presenting a "Light Walk" on Thursday evening from 5:30 – 9:00. Walkers may warm up and enjoy a hot chocolate in the Forestry Farm House as they make their way through the displays on foot. No vehicles will be allowed in the forest and walkers should park nearby or make arrangements to be dropped off and picked up at the front gates. Admission is \$5 per person or a family rate of \$20.

The new display at the Forest is the Conexus Credit Union Curling display. This one of a kind display is the latest addition to the sports themed displays started last year by BHP Billiton with the popular hockey display. The curling display will be a huge attraction for curling fans around the province especially with the Tim Horton's Brier coming up.

SaskTel and the SaskTel Pioneers are once again teaming up to present "Families to the Forest" where less fortunate folks are hosted on City Buses by the Pioneers volunteers. This important program brings over 1250 people to the forest to enjoy the magic of the Christmas Lights. A special "Tip of the Santa's Hat" to SaskTel and the Pioneers for this outstanding community program.

The BHP Billiton Enchanted Forest is a major fundraiser for the Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation and the Saskatoon Zoo Foundation. Last year \$125,000 was shared by the two organizations.

Gate admission is \$25 per car or \$6 per person. Visitors can save \$5 off the gate admission by purchasing a Car Pass for only \$20 at any Saskatoon Safeway, Shoppers Drug Mart, or the Midtown Plaza Guest Services Kiosk.

For more information please check out their website at www.enchanted-forest.org



SASKATOON HILLTOPS WIN THEIR 15TH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Saskatoon Sports Tourism had the opportunity to welcome home the Saskatoon Hilltops as they returned from Hamilton, Ontario with their 15th National Championship! The Hilltops defeated the Hamilton Hurricanes with a score of 29-1 in the Canadian Bowl Championship.

Congratulations to the coaches and players on another successful season. A luncheon was held yesterday, November 17 at the Delta Bessborough to celebrate the Hilltops achievements from the 2011 season.

NUMBER OF EI RECIPIENTS CONTINUES TO DROP IN SASKATCHEWAN

The number of Saskatchewan people receiving regular Employment Insurance dropped significantly in September, decreasing by 3,230 (-24.9 per cent) compared to the same month last year (seasonally adjusted).

This is the 18th consecutive month of year-over-year decreases.

"The latest number of EI recipients from Saskatchewan indicates the strength of our labour market, particularly as our economy continues its steady growth," Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration Minister Rob Norris said.

When expressed as a percentage of the total labour force population, Saskatchewan has the second fewest number of people receiving EI benefits in Canada at 1.2 per cent.

"As we see improvement in our Employment Insurance numbers with each passing month, we continue to foster the creation of jobs for Saskatchewan residents," Norris said. "With more than 9,800 jobs posted on SaskJobs and the continued work by our Can-Sask Career and Employment Services offices, we are providing Saskatchewan job seekers with more employment opportunities."

CONGRATULATIONS AURORA CONCORDES SOCCER TEAM



The hard work and desire of the Aurora Concorde earned them the Provincial title in Regina in early July. This gave them the great honour of representing their province at BMO Club Nationals in Mount Pearl, Newfoundland. The girls represented themselves, their province, Saskatoon and their zone of Aurora with great pride. The team played the season in the U14 Provincial Soccer League (PSL).

The team received great support from family and friends, who not only cheered them on at games, but also helped make the trip to nationals possible by helping with various fundraising events throughout the season.

The team and coaching staff would like to thank all those who helped make this an experience they will look back on and treasure for years to come.

GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

The Government of Saskatchewan joins over 100 countries around the world to celebrate International Education Week (IEW).

"International education is a critical component of the Government of Saskatchewan's immigration strategy," Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration Minister Rob Norris said. "With our growing economy, Saskatchewan continues to be poised to attract the best and brightest from around the world to our internationally-recognized educational institutions."

"International education is part of the foundation that will ensure the continued prosperity of our province as we continue our leadership role in the global knowledge economy," Norris said.

In the last five years, the number of international students who choose to study in Saskatchewan has increased by nearly 25 per cent. Currently, there are more than 4,300 international students enrolled in primary, secondary and post-secondary institutions in Saskatchewan.

RID EXPANDS PROVINCE-WIDE

People all over Saskatchewan can help keep roads safe now that the Report Impaired Drivers (RID) program is in effect across the province.

RID encourages the public to call 911 if they see a driver they suspect is impaired.

"Sixty people are killed and another 800 are injured in our province each year due to impaired driving collisions," Minister responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) and the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA) Tim McMillan said. "With the support of the RCMP and a whole province behind it, the RID program helps remove impaired drivers from our roads, preventing these senseless collisions from happening in the first place."

RID is a partnership led by SGI, SLGA and the RCMP, with support from Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Students Against Drinking and Driving. It began as a pilot program in Saskatoon in March 2010, expanded to Regina in September 2010, to Moose Jaw and Prince Albert in March and to Weyburn and Estevan in September.

Since then, police say RID calls have led to 300 impaired driving charges. Police have also sent warning letters to more than 2,100 vehicle owners, advising them their vehicle was reported as being operated by a suspected impaired driver. These results show that public awareness of the program is quite high. In fact, a recent survey conducted by Inshtrix Research Inc. found that two thirds of respondents were aware of the RID program.

"We are very pleased to partner with SGI and SLGA to expand the RID program province-wide," Officer in Charge of RCMP 'F' Division Traffic Services Insp. Andy Landers said. "The RCMP and SGI share the common goal of enhanced safety on Saskatchewan roads, and with the public's support of the RID program, we are one step closer to reaching that goal."

It is recommended that drivers pull over safely to the side of the road before dialing, or have a passenger make the 911 call.

BANNER YEAR IN 2011 FOR NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION

Saskatchewan's urban housing starts in the first 10 months of 2011 were up by 33.2 per cent when compared with the same period last year, the highest percentage increase among the provinces.

"The strong economy and a growing population have increased demand and had a significant impact on housing starts in the province's cities," Enterprise Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "The surge in new home

construction, particularly for multiple units will definitely help ease some of the housing crunch in our cities."

[Read more . . .](#)

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way."

John C Maxwell.

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

Nov. 17, 2011 - [SASKATCHEWAN TO HOST INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE](#)

Nov. 14, 2011 - [WINTER WEIGHTS IN EFFECT DECEMBER 1](#)

Nov. 14, 2011 - [GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK PROCLAIMED](#)

Nov. 14, 2011 - [HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE URGING PEOPLE TO ENSURE THEIR MEASLES IMMUNIZATIONS ARE UP-TO-DATE](#)

Nov. 14, 2011 - [INNOVATION PLACE HOME TO ONE OF CANADA'S TOP YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS](#)

Nov. 14, 2011 - [GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN DECLARES ARCHITECTURE WEEK](#)

Nov. 10, 2011 - [HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE URGING GOOD HAND HYGIENE TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF SHIGELLA](#)

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS IN SASKATOON

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Santa Claus Day Parade

When: Nov 20, 2011

Where: Downtown Saskatoon

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Details: Theme is "Parade of Trees"

2011 Festival of Trees

Saskatoon City Hospital Festival of Trees

When: November 20-26, 2011

Where: Western Development Museum, 2610 Lorne Avenue, Saskatoon SK

Time: The Festival is open from 9 am to 9 pm daily

Details: Over 100 wonderful displays. Admission prices: Adults - \$8.50, Seniors \$7.50, Students \$5.75, Children – (age 6-12) \$2; Preschool free. Proceeds towards medical equipment needed at Saskatoon City Hospital

Sundog Arts & Entertainment Faire

When: December 2, 3 and 4, 2011

Where: Credit Union Centre

Time: Friday – 5 to 10 pm; Saturday – 10 am to 10 pm; Sunday – 11 am to 5 pm

Details: Over 200 amazing artisans and specialty food producers from across Canada. 44 new exhibitions in addition to regulars and much more. Admission is \$8/ or 2 day pass for \$12. Free for children under 12 accompanied by an adult. Free bus service from the downtown terminal.

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