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From a Provincial Point of View

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RESIDENTS ARE URGED TO ENSURE THEIR HEALTH CARDS ARE VALID

Saskatchewan residents are being urged to contact Health Registration if they haven't received the renewal stickers for their Saskatchewan Health Services card. The majority of Saskatchewan Health Services cards expired on December 31, 2011, and the renewal stickers revalidate health cards to December 31, 2014.

"The Saskatchewan Health Services card confirms that a Saskatchewan resident is entitled to health coverage under the provincial health insurance plan," Saskatchewan Health Services Director of Health Registration Pat Cambridge said. "Without a valid health card residents may not be able to continue receiving insured health benefits."

Health card renewal packages containing renewal stickers were mailed to Saskatchewan residents in September 2011. While the success rate of reaching residents is more than 90 per cent, there are always those who are missed because they have not advised Saskatchewan Health of changes to their personal circumstances such as address changes, moves out of province or changes in marital status.

Residents who have not received their renewal stickers to date are asked to immediately contact Health Registration Branch by mail at 100-1942 Hamilton Street, Regina, SK S4P 4W2, email athcrenewal@health.gov.sk.ca, fax at 306-787-8951 or by phone at 306-787-3251 or 1-800-667-7551.

For more information on health cards and health benefits, visit www.health.gov.sk.ca/health-benefits on Ministry of Health's website.

SASKATOON FEATURED IN GLOBE AND MAIL

I received the following information from SREDA and found it very interesting. I encourage everyone to go to the SREDA website (www.sreda.com) for additional information about the great work they do in our province. To see a great story on Saskatoon and Region go to SREDA's main page simply scroll down to the icon that says: "Globe and Mail Saskatoon and Region".

The Globe and Mail also has an interesting blog - Posted on Wednesday, January 11, 2012. The following is an excerpt from that blog:

Saskatoon will lead the country's economic growth this year, along with the other resource-rich cities of Calgary, Edmonton and Regina.

The Conference Board of Canada's annual metropolitan outlook of 27 cities also sees a deepening economic divide between the West and the rest. Growth in factory-heavy central Canada will be tepid and St. John's, which had led the country's growth in the prior two years, will tumble to the bottom of its economic growth ranking.

For this year, Saskatoon will tally the strongest expansion, pegged at 4 per cent. The country as a whole is projected to grow a modest 2.4 per cent in the year.

Despite global economic turmoil, "high prices for agricultural products, minerals and oil are likely to continue," said Mario Lefebvre, director of the board's centre for municipal studies. "Canada's prairie cities will reap the benefits of this global demand for commodities."

Read more. . .

CONGRATULATIONS CURLING CHAMPIONS!

Saskatoon's Brady Scharback captured his first Provincial Junior Men's title this week in Stoughton with an astounding 9-1 win over favoured Colton Flasch in the Championship final. Scharback, along with third, Quinn Hersikorn, second, Jacob Hersikorn and lead, Brady Kendel will now represent Saskatchewan at the Canadian Junior Championship in Napanee, Ontario, February 4-12, 2012.



Left to right - Brady Kendel (Lead); Jacob Hersikorn (Second), Quinn Hersikorn (Third), Brady Scharback (Skip)

We congratulate Team Scharback for winning the 2012 Provincial Junior Men's Championship. This young team of Brady Kendel (Lead), Jacob Hersikorn (Second), Quinn Hersikorn (Third), and Brady Scharback (Skip) will be great representatives of Saskatchewan at the 2012 Canadian Junior Championships. Brady Scharback, Quinn and Jacob Hersikorn all reside in Silver Springs. You can follow the boys in action in February at www.curling.ca. Best of luck boys!

Good luck in Ontario boys!

NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS UP MORE THAN 100 PER CENT FROM LAST YEAR

Saskatchewan non-residential building permits had the highest growth in the country according to new figures released today by Statistics Canada. Non-residential construction was up 118.0 per cent in November 2011 over November 2010, the largest increase among the provinces.

"There has been steady growth in building permits for several months now creating construction jobs and opportunities for Saskatchewan businesses," Enterprise Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "With a growing economy and a growing province, we expect to see both residential and non-residential construction continue to see growth."

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MS CLINICAL TRIAL APPLICATIONS OPEN TO SASKATCHEWAN PATIENTS

Premier Brad Wall announced that Dr. Gary Siskin of the Albany Medical Centre is in the final stages of Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval for the largest Liberation Therapy clinical trial of its type, and that Saskatchewan Multiple Sclerosis (MS) patients can now apply to volunteer to participate in the trial.

"We're keeping our promise to help find answers for patients," Wall said. "Saskatchewan has aggressively pursued options to advance MS research, and we will continue to support studies that will accomplish that goal. We owe that to the 3,500 people in Saskatchewan with MS."

Read more . . .

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties".

Helen Keller

DID YOU KNOW

- Saskatoon is the fastest growing city in Canada; population reaches 234,200
- The number of people employed in Saskatchewan in December 2011 was 523,500. This is a record for the month of December.
- There are more than 8,400 job vacancies posted on the SaskJobs.ca website.
- Saskatchewan's unemployment rate moved to 5.2 per cent, the second lowest in the country behind Alberta.

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS IN SASKATOON

[If you would like your event listed in Provincial Point of View, please contact ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net](mailto:ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net)

[Please check my website at www.cheveldayoff.com](http://www.cheveldayoff.com) for additional information.

PotashCorp Wintershines

When: Jan 28, 2012 – Feb 12, 2012

Where: Market Square at River Landing

Details: Featuring an ice park with climbing wall, zipline and luge. Visit

<http://www.postashcorpwintershines.ca>

Saskatoon Wellness Expo 2012

When: Feb 10, 2012 –Feb 12, 2012

Where: Prairieland Park, 503 Ruth Street

Details: Visit <http://saskatoonex.com>

Tim Horton's Brier

When: Mar 3, 2012 – Mar 11, 2012

Where: Credit Union Centre

Details: Visit <http://www.curling.ca>

Homestyles

When: Mar 22, 2012 – Mar 25, 2012

Where: Saskatoon Prairieland Park

Time: Mar 22 – 5:00-9:00 pm; Mar 23 – 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm; Mar 24 – 10:00 am – 9:00 pm; Mar 25 – 10:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Details: Visit <http://www.homestylesonline.com>

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