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From a Provincial Point of View

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BEST WISHES TO HERB COX, MLA

I join colleagues and friends throughout the province in extending my thoughts and prayers to Herb Cox, MLA who has been diagnosed with bone cancer. Herb is presently undergoing chemotherapy. We are all confident that Herb, with the support of family and friends will undergo stem cell harvesting and transplanting procedures successfully. Herb has a fantastic attitude and will fight this battle with the remarkable courage we have seen him display so often.

1st SESSION OF THE 27th LEGISLATURE UNDERWAY

- Spring is often referred to as the season of renewal.
- That phrase has special significance for our government as the spring session of the legislature gets underway.
- In the coming weeks, we will have the opportunity to renew and honour the trust that you placed in us last fall.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE BUDGET SPEECH ON MARCH 21

During the 1st Session of the 27th Legislature, as MLA for Saskatoon Silver Springs, I will continue to work on your behalf to keep the Saskatchewan Advantage.

On **March 21**, the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Ken Krawetz will present the budget. Our government continues to take action to ensure Saskatchewan stays strong.

I have a limited number of tickets available to attend the Budget Speech at the Legislature. To reserve a spot, email or call my office as soon as possible (ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net or 651-7100)

TELEMIRACLE BREAKS ANOTHER RECORD!

Once again, the tremendous generosity that exists in our province was evident at the 36th Kinsmen Telemiracle that was held in Regina last weekend.

This year's Kinsmen Telemiracle raised a record-setting on-air fundraising record of over \$5.9 million! The spirit of the event was boosted by the special efforts of the Saskatchewan people and companies.

Potash Corporation started the weekend by announcing they would match donations raised for a one-hour period up to \$250,000 on both Saturday and Sunday, in the end directly contributing \$500,000 and helping to raise a total of \$1 million.

Congratulations to the organizers and participants of this incredible event!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS SEND OFF



Colleagues Paul Merriman, the Honourable Rob Norris and I had the pleasure of attending the send off for the Special Olympics athletes at the Saskatoon Airport on Monday, February 27.

The Team Saskatchewan athletes along with their coaches and mission staff left for the Special Olympics National Winter Games in St. Albert, Alberta.

It was fantastic to have the opportunity to wish these fine Saskatchewan athletes all the best as they headed to Alberta.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THREE SASKATOON SILVER SPRINGS RESIDENTS!

Congratulations to Saskatoon Silver Springs constituents Mark Regier, Brad Sylvester and Grant Kook who are among the 2012 Chartered Director Graduates.

These three graduates were among over twenty Saskatchewan residents to accomplish the completion of this designation.

HOT SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMY KEEPS HITTING NEW RECORDS

Saskatchewan continues to attract investors and newcomers with its pace-setting economic activity in early 2012. Saskatchewan broke records for growth in retail sales and wholesale trade, manufacturing shipments and building permits in the month of February.

"Saskatchewan's economy is working at full throttle and producing the kind of figures that put us among the nation's leaders in terms of growth and opportunity," Enterprise Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "These

numbers are sending a message already being voiced by our province's entrepreneurs - opportunity lives here."

For more information, please visit: [News Release](#)

NHL IN SASKATOON?



Talk of the NHL created some lively conversation this week around Saskatchewan. To clarify, this is not a Government led initiative; it is led by the private sector.

Government has met with an interested group and we are always ready to listen to groups interested in growing our province, whether its professional sports or any other kind of business.

Saskatchewan's strong economy, both now and in the future, plays an important role in attracting this kind of interest.

I had the opportunity to point out the four things a city needs to attract an NHL franchise:

1. An arena that is NHL ready
2. Business community that will purchase suites & advertising
3. People willing to purchase season tickets
4. NHL board of governors approval

SASKATCHEWAN SETS NEW HIGHS FOR FEBRUARY EMPLOYMENT

Employment in Saskatchewan rose to a record high for the month of February with 521,800 employed, as the number of people working grew by 6,100 compared to a year ago.

The province also set new highs for the month in full-time jobs and the size of its labour force, according to today's report from Statistics Canada.

"This is another sign of Saskatchewan's steady economic performance," Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration Minister Rob Norris said. "I'm encouraged by these strong numbers and by the optimism of Saskatchewan's small business owners in the year ahead."

For further reading: [News Release](#)

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY – TCU PLACE



Business and Professional Women of Saskatoon held its 12th annual International Women's Day Dinner at TCU Place last night (Thursday). My wife Trish had the privilege of MCing the event. Television Host and book author Debbie Travis was the keynote speaker.

Congratulations to the nominees and recipients of the bursaries for the Mature Female Bursary and Aboriginal Female Bursary. Additional awards included the Athena Leadership Award and the Athena Young Professional Leadership Award. Monica Kreuger (founder and CEO of Global Infobrokers Inc.) was awarded the Athena Leadership Award and Award winning singer/songwriter Carrie Catherine won the Athena Young Professional Leadership Award.

Last night's dinner was the largest International Women's Day event in Saskatchewan. International Women's Day is celebrated around the world on March 8th... this year's theme is "Connecting Girls, Inspiring Futures

VOTING STARTS FOR BEST SUMMER JOB EVER

The Ministry of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport is pleased to announce its top eight candidates for the Saskatchewaner summer job.

The top candidates have a wide range of interests and are studying a variety of subjects including film, law and history. Their common interests are that they love to travel and love Saskatchewan. As well, they all want to be the 2012 Saskatchewaner and this is the public's chance to help them make that dream come true.

"Once again we have some great candidates vying to be the Saskatchewaner," Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Bill Hutchinson said. "One of these applicants will get to spend the summer travelling our beautiful province, experiencing the culture and the landscape and showcasing it all to the world."

To vote, go to www.saskatchewaner.ca.

BRIER IN SASKATOON

It has been an exciting week in Saskatoon for curling fans. I had the pleasure to bring greetings on behalf of the Government at the 2012 Opening Banquet of the Tim Horton's Brier last Friday. It was absolutely fantastic to see the excitement of the players, coaches, volunteers and event organizers. Curling has

always been an important part of Saskatchewan culture and there has been a long history of championship curling in Saskatchewan so it was great to host this event in Saskatoon.

Our province's strong sense of community, incredible volunteers and world class athletes make the people from all over Canada enjoy the spirit of Saskatchewan. The fans I spoke with seemed to get a taste of our rich culture and warm hospitality.

Congratulations to all the athletes that worked so hard to represent 12 of the best curling teams across Canada. They had the opportunity to showcase their talent and sportsmanship to the nation.

A special thanks to the sponsors, volunteers and event organizers for making this event such a success.

CONGRATULATIONS CURLERS!



Congratulations to the Centennial Chargers on their first City Curling Championship. I'm sure we'll be seeing these fine athletes in the Brier some day!

Principal in back Tom Sargeant, left to right Brody Wasyluniuk, Quinn Stevenson, Sawyer Semenoff, Kealey Heintz and Coach Brittany Penner

MINISTRY CONTINUES MATH CONSULTATION, REQUEST FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

In an effort to address concerns with math curriculum in provincial schools, the Ministry of Education recently facilitated consultation meetings across Saskatchewan. Led by MLAs Russ Marchuk and Gene Makowsky, these dialogue sessions with frontline educators concluded on February 16. Now, the Minister is interested in hearing from parents.

"Having wrapped up the consultations with educators across Saskatchewan, we're confident that we have a good idea of their thoughts and opinions around the effective instruction of the math curriculum," Education Minister Donna Harpauer said.

"Now, we want to hear from parents or guardians of students who are learning this math. What are the experiences and opinions of the parents and guardians whose children are bringing this math home? Hearing from all different selections of the population who are engaging with math curriculum will help us to understand the areas that are working, as well as identify opportunities for change."

Parents and guardians interested in sharing their opinions on Saskatchewan's math curriculum are asked to visit the Ministry of Education website at www.education.gov.sk.ca and click on the feature titled "Math Feedback". The link for math feedback will be operational beginning February 27 and available throughout the month of March.

PROVINCE ENHANCES FUNDING FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

People with intellectual disabilities will have access to better-funded, quality supports that meet their needs thanks to the new Day Program Funding Standard and expansion of the residential funding standard for individuals with complex needs.

"This funding will help make Saskatchewan the best place to live in Canada for people with disabilities," Social Services Minister June Draude said. "This initiative will allow us to better tailor our funding to the actual needs of individuals attending day programs and living in residential facilities."

For more information, please visit: [Intellectual Disability Funding News Release](#)

PREMIER WALL AND THE HONOURABLE ROB NORRIS PROMOTE SASKATCHEWAN JOBS

In recent economic news, we have all seen the struggles in Europe; not only for workers but also for investors. That is one of the reasons behind a recent trip to Ireland and England by Premier Wall and Immigration Minister Rob Norris promoting Saskatchewan jobs and business opportunities. The Premier met with representatives of large multinationals based in the UK to promote the advantage of doing business in Saskatchewan's growing economy. When in London he also delivered a keynote address to a luncheon hosted by the Canada-U.K. Chamber of Commerce promoting Saskatchewan as an excellent investment opportunity. We are not only looking for investors, but also skilled labour to bridge the shortage we are experiencing in many sectors. Minister Norris traveled to Ireland with a delegation of 27 Saskatchewan employers, taking part in the Working Abroad Expo in Dublin and Cork. The Saskatchewan pavilion has more than 275 skilled jobs that are available immediately for workers.

CONGRATULATIONS SWIMMERS!



Congratulations to the Goldfins for their fine showing at the Saskatchewan "A" Provincial Championships and the Saskatchewan Junior Cup held at the Gallagher Centre in Yorkton March 3 & 4.

Our daughter Paige is pictured with team members left to right Annika Magnuson, Jillian Knaus, Paige and Miranda Shewfelt.

Trish and I thank the great coaching staff for the effort they put into making these meets such a great experience for the swimmers.

VAUGHN SCHOFIELD – SASKATCHEWAN'S 21ST LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Congratulations to Vaughn C. Schofield in her appointment as Saskatchewan's 21st Lieutenant Governor. Ms. Schofield's appointment was announced by the Prime Minister on March 6. She has an extensive record of community service as a member of the Canadian Forces Liaison Council, St. John Ambulance (Saskatchewan), The Hospitals of Regina Foundation, the MacKenzie Art Gallery, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Program, Regina and Regina Beach Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Schofield is also the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of 16 Saskatchewan Service Battalion, where she provides leadership and support to the unit and to the Canadian Forces Reserve, in particular to those who have returned from Afghanistan. I would also like to thank outgoing Lieutenant Governor Gordon Barhardt. Dr. Barnhardt served our province well as the Queen's representative over the last four years.

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

March 5th, 2012 - [THE SASKATCHEWAN DREAM VIDEO CONTEST ANNOUNCED](#)
March 5th, 2012 - [GO GREEN FUNDING ALLOCATED TO BIODIVERSITY PROJECT](#)
March 5th, 2012 - [SASKJOBS.CA POSTS MORE THAN 13, 000 JOBS IN FEBRUARY](#)
March 6th, 2012 - [GAMING GRANTS INVEST \\$1.4 MILLION IN SASKATCHEWAN COMMUNITIES](#)
March 8th, 2012 - [INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATED IN SASKATCHEWAN](#)

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

A good laugh is sunshine in a home!

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.

28th Annual All Aboard 2012 Model Train Show

When: March 10, 2012-March 11, 2012

Where: Western Development Museum

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

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

Collector's Show

When: March 16, 2012 – March 18, 2012

Where: Prairieland Park

Time: March 16 – 6:00-10:00pm; March 17 – 10:00am-6:00pm; March 18 – 10:00am-4:00pm

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>

Gardenscape

When: March 30, 2012 – April 1, 2012

Where: Prairieland Park

Time: March 30 – 11:00am-10:00pm; March 31 – 9:00am-8:00pm; April 1 – 11:00am-5:00pm

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

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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 to recognize anyone or have your event mentioned in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to call me.



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