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From a Provincial Point of View

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THE SASKATCHEWAN ADVANTAGE

There was more good economic news this week about the Saskatchewan Advantage. Statistics Canada reported our economic growth in 2011 was at its fastest in almost 15 years, at 4.8 per cent. That's the best performance since Statistics Canada began recording this statistic in 1997; and currently second highest in the nation. The Saskatchewan economy is strong and growing and our government will continue to take action to ensure it stays that way.

McHAPPY DAY 2012

Thank you to everyone who participated in McHappy Day Wednesday May 2, 2012. A special thanks to the many media personalities as well as Mayor Don Atchison who served coffee during the event. It's great to see the community participation in the McHappy Day festivities. This annual event raises much needed funds for the Ronald McDonald House.

NDP VOTE AGAINST KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

In a debate in the Legislature today, Saskatchewan NDP MLAs voted unanimously against a resolution to support the important Keystone XL pipeline project. The \$7 billion project would create hundreds of thousands of jobs, pump millions of dollars into the Saskatchewan economy and further build our province's international reputation as a source of secure energy.

"By voting against this motion, John Nilson and the NDP are sending a clear message to the people of Saskatchewan – they are against jobs, against economic development and against keeping our economy strong and growing," said Saskatchewan Party MLA Bill Boyd. "It's not really surprising though – as we saw in the election last fall, the NDP have no sustainable vision for Saskatchewan's future and seem determined to drag our province back into a past of economic stagnation and population decline."

The Saskatchewan portion of the Keystone XL Pipeline enters the province near McNeil, Alberta and continues southeast to Monchy. Major environmental groups have expressed no concern about the pipeline and the project is also supported by organized labour.

"Our government remains focused on the things that are important to Saskatchewan people: keeping our economy strong, keeping budgets balanced, keeping spending sustainable and keeping our election promises - keeping the Saskatchewan Advantage."

SASKATCHEWAN TEACHER'S INSTITUTE ON PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY

I was pleased to have the opportunity to join constituents Ms. Eric Long and Ms. Kimberley Lynchuk at the annual banquet for the Saskatchewan Teacher's Institute on Parliamentary Democracy on May 1. I

appreciated the chance to interact with the teachers and answer some of their questions about being a Member of the Legislative Assembly. It was great to see their passion and enthusiasm for their profession and I'm sure they will all be excellent educators.

This marked the 14th annual Saskatchewan Teacher's Institute on Parliamentary Democracy which was held at the Legislative Assembly on April 28 – May 2. This year there were sixteen participants from across Saskatchewan in attendance, along with three teachers who serve on the steering committee as well as Saskatchewan Ministry of Education officials.



SASKATCHEWAN VOLUNTEERS HONOURED

Today Lieutenant Governor Vaughn Solomon Schofield presented nine citizens with the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal at Government House in Regina. The Medal recognizes outstanding volunteer service or exceptional community involvement.

"These remarkable volunteers exemplify generosity, compassion and determination," Solomon Schofield said. "I am grateful to each of them for their outstanding contributions."

The 2011 recipients are:

- W. Allan Bailey, Yorkton
- Marcel de la Gorgendière, C.D., Q.C., Saskatoon
- Joseph L. Dubielewicz, Kerrobert
- Clarence Johnson, Parkside
- Dr. Anne Leis, Saskatoon
- Donald S. McDougall, Regina
- Marlene Nedelcov (posthumous), Weyburn
- Sandra R. Wankel, Regina
- Evelyn Wojcichowsky, Saskatoon

Recipients are selected by the Saskatchewan Honours Advisory Council from nominations submitted by the public. Including the nine new recipients, the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal has been presented to 148 outstanding individuals since 1995.

Saskatchewan continues to have one of the highest rates of volunteerism in Canada.

For more information on the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal and the recipients, please visit www.ops.gov.sk.ca/svm

THE PRINCE OF WALES AND THE DUCHESS OF CORNWALL TO CELEBRATE DIAMOND JUBILEE IN REGINA

Premier Brad Wall announced today that Their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall will visit Regina on May 22 and 23 to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee with the people of Saskatchewan.

"Throughout her reign, The Queen as well as The Royal Family have made a number of visits to our province and in doing so have forged a strong bond with the people of Saskatchewan adding to our own provincial identity, history and heritage," Wall said. "On behalf of our province, I would like to personally welcome Their Royal Highnesses to Saskatchewan, and would encourage all residents to help celebrate this unique occasion."

[The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall to Celebrate Diamond Jubilee in Regina](#)

SASKATCHEWAN ADVANCES ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD FOR FASTER ACCESS TO LAB RESULTS

Friday, April 27, the province introduced the Saskatchewan Lab Results Repository that puts lab results in providers' hands faster and improves the care experience for patients.

"Improving patients' access to health care services is a priority for our government," Health Minister Don McMorris said. "As a key building block of the electronic health record, the Lab Results Repository will ensure fewer duplicate tests, quicker access to lab results and a more complete history of previous testing."

When the service is launched later this month, providers will be able to access 85 per cent of all provincial lab results. As the repository is fully implemented, electronic lab results will be available anywhere a patient seeks medical care across Saskatchewan

[Saskatchewan Advances Electronic Health Record for Faster Access to Lab Results](#)

2011 GDP GROWTH HIGHEST IN ALMOST 15 YEARS

Saskatchewan's economic growth in 2011 was its fastest in almost 15 years according to data released today by Statistics Canada. Saskatchewan's GDP grew by 4.8 per cent, second highest in the nation and the best performance since the starting year of this statistic in 1997.

"People recognize the opportunity in Saskatchewan today, as our province continues to grow and prosper," Enterprise Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "Saskatchewan is leading the country in a number of economic areas and all the conditions are right for our province to continue to see strong growth in the future."

[2011 GDP Growth Highest in Almost 15 Years](#)

GOVERNMENT STRENGTHENS PROVINCIAL IMMIGRANT NOMINEE PROGRAM

Today Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration Minister Rob Norris introduced key changes to the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (SINP).

These changes are being made to streamline processing while enhancing the integrity of the immigration program in Saskatchewan and to address the labour market needs of the province.

"The changes announced today will create an increasingly fair immigration program that will foster greater growth in the province," Norris said. "Importantly, the ministry is strengthening the integrity of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program."

[Government Strengthens Provincial Immigrant Nominee Program](#)

MOTHER TERESA SCHOOL HOLDS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BINGO

Congratulations to the organizers of the Mother Teresa School Bingo fundraiser which took place on April 20, 2012. A special thanks to everyone who went out to make this bingo a success.

PRAIRIELAND PARK 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Saskatoon Prairieland Park Corporation was held April 18, 2012. During this meeting the new board of directors for the 2012-2013 term was elected.

Congratulations to the new board members!

Jack Brodsky – Chair
Trevor Forrest – Vice Chair, re-elected board member
Orest Chorneyko – newly elected board member
Stu Irvine – re-elected board member
Brian Rossnagel – re-elected board member
Don Hrapchak
Stuart McDowell
Daymond Volk
Dwight Buchholz
Larry Sommerfeld
Adele Buettner – Past President
Bev Dubois – City of Saskatoon Representative

My best wishes to the new board of directors as they continue to do fantastic work for our city.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Saskatoon Ex is gearing up once again for the 2012 year. All of the volunteer positions for the 2012 EX are currently being assessed. If you are interested in Volunteer work for the 2012 EX please contact Shirlee at the Administration Office via email solekson@saskatoonex.com, by phone 931-7149, or by fax 931-7886.

PROVINCE ANNOUNCES 2012 SASKATCHEWANDERER

The Ministry of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport announced Jeff Stock has won the "best summer job ever".

Stock is the 2012 Saskatchewaner - a summer student position designed to travel around Saskatchewan and blog about everything that makes the province special. "We are looking forward to another summer of showcasing Saskatchewan," Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Bill Hutchinson said. "The Saskatchewaner project recently won an award at the Tourism Saskatchewan Awards of Excellence gala and we look forward to building on that success." Stock won an interview with the Ministry through an online voting contest. He was then selected as the 2012 Saskatchewaner based on his resume, his video skills and his ability to market the province in a positive way.

"I have travelled all over the world, most recently through the United Kingdom, Germany and India, and yet I haven't seen nearly enough of my home province," Stock said. "I can't wait to see more of Saskatchewan and show others the true potential of our province." Bennett Dunlop Ford is providing a vehicle for the Saskatchewaner, while CAA Saskatchewan is providing the fuel and a CAA membership.

"We were really pleased with the project last year and we have ideas to partner even more with some online contests this year," President of Bennett Dunlop Ford Trevor Boquist said.

"Last year's Saskatchewaner visited some of our CAA locations around the province and showed a side of Saskatchewan not everyone has seen," CAA Saskatchewan CEO and President Fred Titanich said. "We are looking forward to following Jeff's adventures and helping keep him safe on the road this summer."

NOMINATION DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR THE 2012 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S ARTS AWARDS

The nomination deadline for the 2012 Lieutenant Governor's Arts Awards has been extended to Friday, May 18, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. For nomination forms and more information on the awards, visit:

<http://www.artsboard.sk.ca/showcase/awards-and-honours/2026-lieutenant-governors-arts-awards>

The Lieutenant Governor's Arts Awards is an annual celebration to recognize the contribution and achievements made by Saskatchewan individuals, groups and organizations in the arts. The awards also promote public awareness, participation and support for the arts.

Award recipients receive a limited edition bronze sculpture by Joe Fafard, who was commissioned by the Arts Board, as well as a cash prize.

DID YOU KNOW?:

- Saskatchewan's average weekly earnings rose by 5.0 per cent in February 2012, compared to February of last year - that's the highest increase among the provinces, according to Statistics Canada!

JUST THE HEADLINES

- April 27, 2012 – [Housing for Students/Singles Officially Opens in Saskatoon](#)
- April 30, 2012 – [Successful Year for Crown Sector in 2011](#)
- May 1, 2012 – [Speech and Hearing Awareness Month Proclaimed in Saskatchewan](#)
- May 1, 2012 – [Saskatchewan Proclaims Missing Children's Month](#)
- May 1, 2012 – [Health Officials are Reminding Residents to Take Precautions Against Ticks](#)
- May 1, 2012 – [Government Launches New Corporate Income Tax Rebate on Rental Housing](#)
- May 2, 2012 – [Saskatchewan Government to Consult on Renewal of Labour Legislation](#)
- May 3, 2012 – [Province Invests in Midwifery Service Expansion](#)

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS IN SASKATOON

National Aboriginal Hockey Championship

Where: Jemini Arenas

When: May 6 to 12, 2012

Vesna Festival

Where: TCU Place

When: May 11 to 12, 2012

Time: 6:00pm to 1:00am

<http://www.vesnafestival.com>

GOLFUN

Where: Saskatoon Golf and Country Club

When: May 31, 2012

Time: Registration 12:00pm Scramble Start 1:00pm

If more information is required please contact Committee Chair Hugh Vassos at (306) 222-5392

Motorcycle Ride for Dad – On the Move Against Prostate Cancer

When: June 16, 2012
Where: Western Development Museum
Time: Registration 8:00am to 10:00am Parade leaves at 10:45am

Board Governance Workshops

If you are interested in board governance, I encourage constituents to consider the following opportunity to participate in workshops on June 19.

You can learn from experienced directors about: the role of a director, how to excel in the boardroom, how to get on boards, and networking skills.

For additional information contact: Dani vanDriel, 653-0488 or dani.vandriel@sasktel.net

If you would like your event listed in Provincial Point of View, please contact me at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

“Personal Success means more than any dollar amount. It is the key to a happy and self-fulfilled life. To start down the road to personal success one must embody their venerable fringe and fuse it with their unyielding ambition.”

David Swenson

KEEP IN TOUCH

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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