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From a Provincial Point of View

May 10, 2012

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day...

a time for warm thoughts and fond memories,
for expressing the feelings and words that often go unspoken,
for letting those special people in our lives know
that they are loved and appreciated - always

I hope every mother has an opportunity to enjoy a very special day on Sunday!

To my wife Trish, mother of our two children Carter and Paige and to my mother, Lucy Cheveldayoff, thank you for everything you do each and every day.

Here's wishing you a Mother's Day
That's filled with every pleasure,
And a future that's as happy
As the memories you treasure



I encourage everyone to take the time to thank all the special people that have one of the most important jobs in the world Being a Mother! HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

\$3.6 MILLION INVESTED IN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE INNOVATION

The Government of Saskatchewan is investing of \$3.6 million to strengthen primary health care services in the province. To guide this work, the government also released the Framework for Achieving a High Performing Primary Health Care System in Saskatchewan.

"Our government is committed to the transformation of primary health care to better meet the needs of the patients, communities and health care providers," Health Minister Don McMorris said. "Our aim is a primary health care system that is sustainable, offers a superior patient experience and ensures better access to services as the foundation of our health system."

[\\$3.6 Million Invested in Primary Health Care Innovation](#)

RESPONSIBLE GAMING WEEK

Monday, May 7, as part of my Ministerial duties I attended the kick off to Responsible Gaming week at Casino Regina. SaskGaming is mandated to offer casino gaming in a socially responsible manner, and Responsible Gaming



Awareness Week is a great opportunity for Casinos Regina and Moose Jaw, as well as our partner agencies, to share important information with our guests about the games we offer and encourage them to make healthy decisions. From May 7 to 11, Casinos Regina and Moose Jaw will host a series of entertaining information sessions where guests will learn about key gaming concepts such as randomness and the house advantage, get tips on budgeting their time and money, explore the truth behind common gambling myths and much more.

[Join Casinos Regina and Moose Jaw for Responsible Gaming Awareness Week](#)

WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS WEEK PROCLAIMED

The Government of Saskatchewan today proclaimed May 7-13 to be Women Entrepreneurs Week, to celebrate the contribution of women to Saskatchewan's vibrant economic growth.

"Women entrepreneurs are found in every sector of our economy and they have been instrumental in our economic growth through the various businesses that they operate," Enterprise Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "This is a great time to be in business in Saskatchewan. We are committed to ensuring that women entrepreneurs continue to grow and expand their businesses, create jobs and take advantage of the business opportunities available in our province."

Women Entrepreneurs of Saskatchewan will be holding several events during this week to highlight successful women in business and the resulting economic growth, along with the various support programs that are available to women entrepreneurs in the province.

"Women entrepreneurs come from a multitude of business categories and are rich and diverse 'role models' for all cultures and genders," Social Services Minister and Minister responsible for the Status of Women June Draude said. "Women make up over half of the population and it is vital for the Saskatchewan economy to have women starting, growing and leading businesses. Women Entrepreneurs Week is an opportunity to celebrate the successes and to encourage more women to be passionate about making Saskatchewan the best place to live, start a business, work and build a life."

[Women Entrepreneurs Week Proclaimed](#)

2012 SILVER SPOON DINNER

My wife Trish had the opportunity to attend the Silver Spoon Dinner Monday, May 7. The Silver Spoon Dinner is a gala evening sponsored by Saskatoon CHW (Hadassah-WIZO) and Congregation Agudas Israel as a fundraiser for the two sponsoring organizations, The Crisis Nursery and Saskatoon Interval House. The Silver Spoon Dinner was launched in 1991 and it has been a huge success ever since. It is an amazing and elegant event.

The Silver Spoon Dinner is a fine example of what can be accomplished by volunteers. Everyone's time and the hundreds of prizes are all donated. The whole community rallies to support this event and their reputation as Saskatoon's Premiere Ladies' Night Out has allowed the group to attract many famous and interesting celebrities to our city. This year's special guest was Shannon Tweed, actress, model, author and star of "The Family Jewels". The organizers once again did an outstanding job and hosted a sold out event.



Trish and Brynn Boback-Lane were thrilled to have their photo taken with Shannon Tweed and Gene Simmons.

MARCH BUILDING PERMITS SET RECORD

Saskatchewan building permits hit a new monthly record in March 2012 according to a report released by Statistics Canada today. Building permits totaled \$224 million, up 17.1 per cent over March 2011, and well ahead of the 0.2 per cent decline

posted on a national front.

"With one of the strongest economies in the nation, there are busy construction sites in almost every part of Saskatchewan these days," Enterprise Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "This means both residential and non-residential sites are experiencing considerable growth over last year, creating job and business opportunities to support our growing economy and population."

[March Building Permits Set Record](#)



GEORGE REED GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday, May 9, along with colleague Paul Merriman, I had the opportunity to bring greetings at the news conference to kick off the third annual George Reed Golf Tournament for Special Olympics Saskatchewan. The tournament will place Monday, June 25 at the Wascana Golf and Country Club in Regina.

The tournament began in 2010 with a sellout of 144 golfers and raised \$20,000 for Special Olympics. Last year, 156 golfers played and \$70,000 was raised for Special Olympics, making it the single biggest money raiser for Special Olympics Saskatchewan. Proceeds from the tournament go to the many programs utilized by the 2,000 Special Olympic athletes with intellectual disabilities throughout the province. SaskGaming is proud to be the title sponsor of this fantastic event.

I wish the organization all the best with their event. If you know anyone who would be interested in participating, they can register at www.specialolympics.sk.ca.

JOB POSTINGS ON SASKJOBS.CA JUMP BY NEARLY 40 PER CENT IN APRIL

Employers continue to make SaskJobs.ca their site of choice to post a range of jobs across Saskatchewan - there was a 37.6 per cent increase in job vacancies posted on the site in April 2012 compared to the same month last year.

There were 15,514 job postings last month. The highest year-over-year increases in job vacancies were in the categories of trades, transport and construction (76.4 per cent) and oil, gas, mining, and farming (74.5 per cent). The majority of employment postings are for full time employment.



"Looking for work in Saskatchewan is easier because of the popularity of SaskJobs.ca," Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration Minister Rob Norris said. "Saskatchewan is a welcoming place - thousands of job seekers continue to benefit from our leading economy."

OSKANA CUP

Friday, May 4, on behalf the Government of Saskatchewan and SaskGaming Corporation, I had the pleasure of attending the opening ceremonies of the "Oskana Cup" which is an annual fundraising and promotional event for the Oskay Soniswatahikewin (OS) Fund for the youth involved in hockey. The Oskana Cup is the main venue to support and promote our Aboriginal Youth involved in competitive hockey and provides the opportunity for 600+ participants per year.

The Oskana Minor Hockey Development Inc. raises funds for gifted and committed Aboriginal minor hockey players playing at the Tier 1 & 2 level.

STUDENT CONTEST WINNERS MAKE VIDEOS ABOUT THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING

A group of seven high school students are in Regina this week to make videos about the Saskatchewan Legislative Building. They are the winners of the Saskatchewan Dream Video Contest, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Saskatchewan Legislative Building.

"The Saskatchewan Dream Video Contest has been a wonderful opportunity to engage with students across the province and celebrate the historical and cultural importance of the Saskatchewan Legislative Building, and I can't wait to see what these young film makers have come up with," Minister responsible for the Capital Commission Bill Hutchinson said.

"Involving young students in events to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Legislative building has been a great way to have them share some of what they have learned about Saskatchewan's history, politics and governance, while celebrating what they believe our province stands for," Education Minister Donna Harpauer said. "Through this experience, winners will also have the opportunity to visit the building and see firsthand some of what they may have learned in school, including where government decisions are made and why this building has been significant in our province's history."

Lesia Karalash and Sarah Foley, from Aden Bowman Collegiate in Saskatoon, Hayley Olson, Riley Hayes and Cassandra James from Val Marie School and Dayn Halter and Mitchell Bohn from Kindersley Composite School will work with the Saskatchewan Film Pool for the next three days to learn about video production and then shoot, edit and produce videos based on the concepts they submitted about the Legislative Building

[Student Contest Winners Make Videos About the Legislative Building](#)

GOVERNMENT PRESENTS SASKATCHEWAN-FOCUSED CREATIVE INDUSTRIES PLAN

Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Bill Hutchinson on May 4, 2012 announced the government has offered the film and creative industries a three-point plan for moving forward.

"The old film employment grant program was not serving to develop a strong film industry in Saskatchewan and it came at a high cost to taxpayers," Hutchinson said. "We are not reversing our decision to end that program. However we do believe there is a promising future for the film industry and in fact the whole creative sector in Saskatchewan if we focus on innovation and growing strong, grassroots, Saskatchewan-based businesses."

The plan includes:

- a new Film/TV and Digital Tax Credit (FTDC) formula as proposed to government by the film and digital sector however provided as a non-refundable tax credit;
- consultations for a strategy to encourage development and use of digital technology for all creative industries in the province; and
- an idea to repurpose the Canada-Saskatchewan Production studio for those creative industries to use.

[Government Presents Saskatchewan-Focused Creative Industries Plan](#)

DID YOU KNOW?:

- BMO Economics is predicting Saskatchewan's economy will grow by 2.9 per cent in 2012, second highest among the provinces.

- Because of funding contained in the "Keeping the Saskatchewan Advantage" budget, cancer clinics in Saskatoon and Regina will give 30,000 more cancer drug treatments, perform 39,000 mammograms and schedule 6,000 new cancer patient appointments.

JUST THE HEADLINES

- May 4, 2012 – [Government Provides \\$700,000 to Improve Community Airports](#)
- May 4, 2012 – [Request for Nominations for the 2012 Council of The Federation Literacy Award](#)
- May 4, 2012 – [Summer Reading for Students Takes on Deeper Meaning](#)
- May 7, 2012 – [Norris Congratulates SRC On Environmental Excellence Award](#)
- May 7, 2012 – [Survival Cooking 101 Kicks Off Emergency Preparedness Week](#)
- May 8, 2012 - [\\$1.9 Million to Reduce Serious Violent Crime in Saskatchewan](#)
- May 8, 2012 – [New House Construction Up in April](#)

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS IN SASKATOON

SAVE THE DATE!

We are busy planning another "PICNIC IN THE PARK". I hope everyone can join us at the Forestry Farm June 20 from 4 – 8 p.m.
Watch for further details.

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

SilverSprings School Pancake Breakfast

Where: SilverSprings School

When: June 1, 2012

Time: 7:30am to 8:15am

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

“Mothers hold their children’s hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.”
Unknown Author

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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