



From a Provincial Point of View

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SASKATOON'S CULTURAL SHOWCASE – FOLKFEST 2012

Saskatchewan's rich history of multiculturalism can be seen every day, but for three days every year, Saskatoon comes alive with the sights, sounds, and tastes of our ethnic heritage. Thousands of volunteers contribute to hundreds of hours to ensure your visit to each pavilion is a great experience. Performers of all ages, combined with exquisite artisans, global merchants, talented cooks, and enthusiastic servers are proud to share their unique culture with you.

Passports are \$15.00 including GST, children 12 and under are admitted free when accompanied with an adult. The Passport allows you to visit any of the pavilions as often as you want, for as long as you want. It also allows you to travel safely on the special Folkfest Buses free of charge.



The event runs August 16 and 17 from 5:00pm to midnight and August 18 from 3:00pm to midnight.

I encourage everyone to attend and be a part of the cultural heartbeat of Saskatoon. For more information visit: <http://www.saskatoonfolkfest.ca/home>

EMPLOYMENT REACHES ANOTHER RECORD HIGH

There were more people working in Saskatchewan in the month of July than ever before, according to the latest Labour Force Survey released by Statistics Canada today.

A total of 542,600 people were employed in July, an increase of 10,000 jobs compared to last July, setting a new all-time high for the month. This is on trend with the province's year over year employment numbers, which have reached record monthly highs for eight consecutive months.

"These numbers are positive news for the province and an indicator of steady economic growth," Advanced Education Minister Don Morgan said on behalf of Economy Minister Bill Boyd. "We continue to see signs of why our province is the ideal place to live, work and invest, including our record-setting population growth, business confidence and an abundance of well-paying jobs for our workers." [Number of People Employed in Saskatchewan Hits New July Record](#)

SASKATCHEWAN EXPORT SALES CONTINUE CLIMB

Saskatchewan export sales continue to rise according to a new report from Statistics Canada. Saskatchewan posted a 3.6 per cent increase in June compared to numbers of June 2011. January to

June export totals show that Saskatchewan sold \$16 billion worth of exports - a 16.2 per cent increase over 2011, placing the province second in increases nationally, and more than doubling the national average in the first half of the year.

"We are seeing the resurgence of some of our export industries such as forestry products, which have experienced challenges in the last few years," Economy Minister Bill Boyd said. "The overall exports picture shows that Saskatchewan products continue to be competitive, of high quality and in high demand."

[Saskatchewan Export Sales Continue Climb](#)



CHILDREN'S MUSEUM DISCOVERY DASH

The Children's Discovery Museum on the Saskatchewan is a not-for-profit organization operating a children's museum in Saskatoon. The mission of the organization is to foster creativity, curiosity, and a lifelong love of learning in children 10 and under, through hands-on exhibits, programming, and outreach.

On August 18, the organization will be holding the 2012 Discovery Dash. The Dash will take place in Rotary Park from 10:00am to 1:00pm, with the Registration Desk opening at 9:00am. It will begin with a morning of family fun in support of the Children's Discovery Museum: dashes, family relays, silly races, snacks and BBQ, face painting, kids' activities, medals for kids, race bibs for all, draw prizes, and more! For more information or to register visit: <http://www.museumforkids.sk.ca/dash/index.html>

WOUNDED WARRIOR WEEKEND

On the weekend of August 24 to 26 the Wounded Warriors Organization is planning a weekend getaway for soldiers from both Canada and the United States. The weekend will offer an opportunity for them to participate in some of Saskatchewan's world famous sport fishing along the Saskatchewan Rive and Tobin Lake.

Thursday, August 23, the soldiers will arrive in Saskatoon and begin their motorcade to Nipawin with roadside tributes in several towns along the way.

On this weekend we honour our wounded warriors by asking you to join as we rise up in their support. Let us show them that we are honoured by their sacrifice and that they will always be remembered as heroes by those of us they leave at home.

To volunteer, donate, or for more information on the weekend, visit: <http://www.woundedwarriorsweekend.org>

REMINDER OF HOCKEY REGISTRATION

Even though the sun is still shining and no one wants to think about winter. It is time to register for hockey. Online registration is available for the Saskatoon Red Wings and the Saskatoon Wild hockey teams.

Visit <http://zoneg.goalline.ca/> for more information on the Saskatoon Zone G Red Wings registration forms or visit <http://saskatoonwild.com/> for the Saskatoon Zone X Wild Minor Hockey registration information.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Saskatchewan will have a balanced budget this year – a pre-transfer surplus in the General Revenue Fund of \$95 million dollars.
- Budget 2012-13 provides a \$2.5 million increase to reduce costs for those with diabetes by adding two forms of long-acting insulin to the Drug Plan and expanding the Children's Insulin Pump Program from age 17 up to 25 years old.
- Budget 2012-13 provides \$5.5 million increase for the Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS) Helicopter Ambulance.
- There is \$38.6 million in Budget 2012-13 to begin construction of six new school projects in a new shared ownership model.

JUST THE HEADLINES

- July 8, 2012 – [Smoothing the Ride for Trans-Canada Highway Motorists](#)
- July 9, 2012 – [Drug Coverage Approved to Treat Rare Condition](#)
- July 10, 2012 – [Province Receives More than 3,700 Submissions on Labour Legislation Renewal](#)

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS IN SASKATOON

Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan

Date: July 4 to August 19, 2012

Where: Shakespeare Tent on the Saskatchewan

When: Various times

Visit <http://www.shakespeareonthesaskatchewan.com/> for a full schedule

FolkFest

Date: August 16 to August 18

Where: Various Locations around Saskatoon

When: Aug 16 and 17 - 5:00pm-12:00am, Aug 18 - 3:00pm-12:00am

Visit <http://www.saskatoonfolkfest.ca/home> for more information

Ukrainian Day in the Park

Date: August 25

Where: Victoria Park

When: Moleben Service beginning at 12:30pm followed by the Opening Ceremonies at 1:00pm

Mental Health and Addictions Services Fun Run

Date: August 26

Where: Meewasin Trail

When: ½ marathon starts at 8:30am, the remainder of the races will take place at 9:00am

For more information visit <http://mhasfunrun.ca/>

Rayna's Day of Play

Date: August 26

Where: Sutherland Business District

When: All Day Event

Breakfast of Champions with Freddie Couples

Date: August 27

Where: Prairieland Park Hall A

When: 7:30am to 9:00am

For more information visit <http://www.synergycommunitybuilders.ca/>

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

“By taking good care of the present moment, we take good care of the future. Working for peace in the future means finding peace in the present moment.”

- Thich Nhat Hanh

KEEP IN TOUCH

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