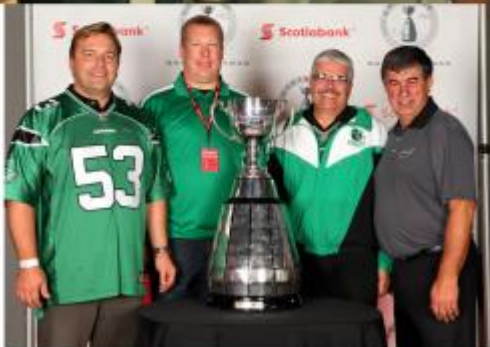


"Check out what has been happening in Saskatoon Silver Springs and throughout the Province!"



SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS GREY CUP 2013 CHAMPIONS



Saskatchewan Roughriders are the best team in the CFL and they proved it by winning the Grey Cup! It was a sea of green at Taylor Field and across the country as Rider Nation celebrated the 101st Grey Cup game on Sunday, November 24! What an incredible week. The whole province joined the party by wearing green and Rider Pride was evident in the many displays in offices, homes and businesses.

The Riders set the tone of what the team is about during the pre-game introductions. While each

member of the Tiger-Cats was introduced individually, our team roared out together after only one player was introduced. In true team spirit, they rushed on to the field to “bring’em out”.

The memories of the past week will last a lifetime. The enthusiastic crowd at Mosaic Stadium witnessing this historic game would have counted as the third-largest city in Saskatchewan. It was a great day, a great win and something our entire province can appreciate and celebrate. To have a Grey Cup played at home and to win was a dream come true for thousands.

The sense of pride that we as Saskatchewan people feel was enhanced as our province hosted this outstanding championship and cheered our home team to a historic victory. It was such a pleasure to welcome the team and fans to the Saskatchewan Legislature for a celebratory rally on Tuesday to a crowd chanting "Lets Go Riders". The streets were once again lined with fans excited to cheer on their team one last time this season.

What a privilege it was for Saskatchewan to host such a phenomenal event. The activities during the week had an estimated \$123 million economic impact in our province!

Thank you and congratulations to the Saskatchewan Roughriders for bringing the cup home. Hats off to the team, the entire Roughrider organization as well as the event organizers of the 101st Grey Cup Festival committee who planned the best party in Grey Cup History.

MID-YEAR REPORT SHOWS STRONG ECONOMY, CONTINUING SURPLUS

Thanks to a diverse and growing economy, Saskatchewan remains on track to balance its books in 2013-14, with surpluses projected for both the General Revenue Fund (GRF) and Summary Financial Statements.

“Balanced budgets are a key part of our government’s Plan for Growth,” Finance Minister Ken Krawetz said. “Managing spending is an essential part of our commitment to fiscal responsibility. We’re confident the Saskatchewan economy is well positioned to continue to withstand some expected volatility in the natural resource sector over the remainder of this fiscal year.”

The Mid-Year Report, released November 27, projects the province will finish the year with a \$22.8 million pre-transfer surplus in the GRF and \$677.7 million in the Growth and Financial Security Fund. The Summary Financial Statements are projected to show a surplus of \$467.0 million at year end, up \$317.2 million from budget.

Economic growth is now forecast to increase to 3.6 per cent in 2013, mainly due to record crop production. Saskatchewan continues to experience record population growth, has the lowest unemployment rate in the nation and leads the country in employment growth and growth in average weekly earnings.

Volatility in potash revenue was offset by increased oil revenue, resulting in a GRF revenue decrease of \$33.9 million from budget.

Expenses are forecast to be \$8.1 million higher than budget. Disaster assistance spending as well as increased support for the Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability program and other disability initiatives are the main areas of higher spending than projected at budget.

Beyond those needed increases, the Mid-Year Report shows that most other ministries and agencies are holding the line or reducing costs, identifying \$75.6 million in expense reductions.

“In other words, increased spending is almost entirely for those affected by flooding and for persons with disabilities,” Krawetz said. “Maintaining a balanced budget in 2013-14 and beyond remains a priority but our government will always be there for people in need.”

[Mid-Year Report Shows Strong Economy, Continuing Surplus](#)

SASKATCHEWAN MANUFACTURERS CREATING GLOBAL RECOGNITION



Saskatchewan’s manufacturing sector - responsible for thousands of jobs, billions of dollars in exports and establishing the “Made in Saskatchewan” brand as a mark of quality around the world - will be profiled this week with events around the province.

Saskatchewan Manufacturing Week, held from November 25–29, will showcase the province's high-tech, globally-competitive manufacturing sector that is contributing, along with agriculture and resource production, to making the Saskatchewan’s economy one of the growth leaders in Canada.

“Thanks to the ingenuity and quality of the products our manufacturers are building and exporting, the Saskatchewan brand is highly competitive and increasingly well-established in the global marketplace,” Economy Minister Bill Boyd said. “As a province of traders who export roughly 80 per cent of what we manufacture, we are continually seeking new markets to keep growing our economy here at home, and these companies are at the very forefront of that effort.”

[Saskatchewan Manufacturers Creating Global Recognition](#)

FESTIVAL OF TREES FATHER / DAUGHTER GALA



Monday, November 25 was a very special evening. I had the privilege of attending the 17th annual Festival of Trees Father / Daughter Gala with my daughter Paige. The Father / Daughter Gala sold out both nights.

It was indeed an honour to Co-Emcee the event with Paige. I was happy to see that Paige inherited her mother's talent for speaking! We had a wonderful time and I was very proud. It was a night of bonding and socializing and was a unique experience for all dads in attendance at this magical evening to spend a night out with our daughters.

SaskTel sponsored the event and I had the opportunity to bring greetings on their behalf. SaskTel supports the community and quality of life in our province and many employees volunteer time to enrich the lives of Saskatchewan people and their communities. Their support

of events such as the Father / Daughter Gala presents tangible proof of SaskTel's commitment to the province of Saskatchewan.

Proceeds from the evening and from the entire Festival of Trees will benefit the Saskatchewan MS Clinical Research Campaign through Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation.

Each year I am amazed at the effort and talent that goes into decorating the trees for everyone to enjoy. There were 75 beautifully decorated trees on display at the Western Development Museum. This is such a worthy cause... I encourage everyone to take in the Festival of Trees. For more information go to: www.festival-of-trees.com.

Special thanks to the sponsors, organizers and all of the volunteers for their time and talents that were so evidently displayed in the organization and success of this incredible event!

PROVINCE REACHES NEW AGREEMENT WITH ER PHYSICIANS

The province has a new agreement with emergency room (ER) physicians that will help support ongoing recruitment and retention efforts. ER physicians ratified the three-year deal this week.

The agreement underscores the government's commitment to meeting patients' need for more physicians.

"We highly value our emergency department physicians, and we are very pleased that they have voted in support of a new contract offer from the province," Health Minister Dustin Duncan said. "Saskatchewan is working hard to attract and retain health providers, including these specialized physicians who are in high demand across the country."

The agreement will apply to about 95 ER physicians across the province. It is retroactive to April 2013 and effective until March 31, 2016.

[Province Reaches New Agreement With ER Physicians](#)

SASKATCHEWAN SCRAP TIRE 15TH ANNIVERSARY



It was a pleasure to bring greetings on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan at the 15th anniversary of Saskatchewan Scrap Tire Corporation (SSTC) held November 26.

SSTC is celebrating 15 years of delivering a province-wide waste tire recycling program. As Minister of Environment, I am proud to say that this provincial program is the broadest and most comprehensive across the country. Protecting our environment and sustaining the quality of life we have come to enjoy in Saskatchewan is a priority of our Government and I thank SSTC for all they do to make Saskatchewan more environmentally friendly.

On behalf of Premier Brad Wall, our government and people across our province, I congratulate SSTC on their accomplishments and wish them many successes ahead.

"I'M RIGHT AND YOU KNOW IT"



John Gormley's release of "I'm Right and You Know It"

Congratulations to John Gormley on his new book *The Gormley Papers: I'm Right and You Know It*. You may be surprised to discover that the radio personality you love – or love to hate – isn't as black and white as you think he is. Sometimes, he doesn't even discuss politics at all.

John Gormley's follow-up book to his Canadian bestseller *Left Out* is a compilation of various perspectives and opinions based on his Post Media columns from the last decade, with personalized margin notes, mini rants, and a few I-told-you-so's. Touching on the major events that have shaped the public consciousness and the milestones that make a life worth living, this collection of thoughts goes beyond the politics of right and wrong left – and there's no doubt where he stands.

Gormley discusses the events that take us from the changed world of 9/11 to the culture of protest, juggling modern life between family and technology, aging not so gracefully and the landscapes - personal and political - that fall in between. With a blend of humour and gravity, Gormley examines the first decade of our new century and contemplates where we are headed. And if you aren't sure he's right, well then - you'll have to agree to disagree.

The book is available at locations throughout Saskatoon and the province.

SASKATCHEWAN ORDER OF MERIT - MAY HENDERSON

As a part of the six-week feature on the Saskatchewan Order of Merit winners, this week we honour May Henderson.

May Henderson is currently the Provincial Secretary of the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan. She has been focused on building bridges between the Aboriginal Community and the wider Saskatchewan Public, her commitment and advocacy regarding issues faced by Métis has lead to significant positive changes within the community.

Ms. Henderson is the Executive Director of the Saskatoon Indian and Métis Friendship Centre, she remains an ardent promoter of Métis rights and accomplishments, and improving the lives of Aboriginal children, youth, adults and Elders. She has also led the Native Graduate Recognition Program where the successes of Aboriginal students are celebrated. Also, she is Chair of the Provincial Métis Housing Corporation, a board member of the Back to Batoche Festivals, board member and treasurer for the Métis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan, and treasurer of Gabriel Dumont Institute.

Along with the Saskatchewan Order of Merit 2013, Ms. Henderson has also been honoured with the Commemorative Medal for the Centennial of Saskatchewan in 2005, the YWCA Women of Distinction Award for Leadership and Management, the United Way W.A. Milne Strength of Spirit Award, and many others.

Thank you May, for all that you do to help educate, bring awareness and advocate for the Métis people in Saskatchewan. You are a true asset to our province, Congratulations.

ROUGH RIDER CALENDARS IN SUPPORT OF KIDSPORT



Every child deserves to play sports, and Kidsport is a children's charity which removes the financial barriers so all can play. The Saskatchewan Roughriders and SaskEnergy are proud to help this wonderful organization by putting out a 2014 calendar featuring favourites such as Kory Sheets, Geroy Simon, Weston Dressler, Darian Durant and many more!

You can purchase one for \$20 at participating Scotiabank, Rider Stores, and local Kidsport committees.

Please support the outstanding work Kidsport does in our communities. Thanks to this wonderful organization, children who wouldn't have a chance to participate in sports are able to benefit through Kidsport. For more information please go to www.kidsportcanada.ca.

DID YOU KNOW...

...494 kilometers of Saskatchewan highways were improved this season.

...Saskatoon's normal year-round average temperature is 2.6 degrees Celsius.

...Manufacturing employs more than 27,000 people Saskatchewan.

...The Saskatchewan Scrap Tire Corporation has recycled the equivalent of 20 million passenger car tires.

...In the last 5 years, the Government of Saskatchewan has spent more than \$180 Million to keep

highways clear of snow and ice.

JUST THE LINKS

November 26, 2013 - [First Annual Anti-Bullying Forum Held In Regina](#)

November 28, 2013 - [Government of Canada And Saskatchewan Invest In Low-Income Housing In Saskatoon](#)

November 28, 2013 - [Winter Weights Begin December 1](#)

November 28, 2013 - [Government Introduces Legislation In Support Of Traffic Safety Action Plan](#)

November 29, 2013 - [Support For Those In Need Of Shelter On Cold Nights](#)

November 29, 2013 - [Saskatchewan Marks World AIDS Day](#)

COMING EVENTS

Sundog Arts and Entertainment Faire

Date: November 29 - December 1

Where: Credit Union Centre

When: 5 pm - 10 pm; 10 am - 10 pm; 11 am - 5 pm

Festival of Trees

Date: November 24 - 30

Where: Western Development Museum

When: 9 am - 9 pm

Creature Feature Storytime at the Zoo

Date: December 3 - 18 Every Tuesday and Wednesday

Where: Forestry Farm Park and Zoo

When: 1:30 pm

Spirit of Christmas on Broadway 2013

Date: December 7

Where: Broadway Avenue

When: 12 pm - 4 pm

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

**“Children are a wonderful gift.
They have an extraordinary capacity to see into the heart of things
and to expose sham and humbug for what they are.”**

~ Desmond Tutu

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

***"From a Provincial Point of View"* is a weekly message from Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA Saskatoon Silver Springs. Your opinions are important and your letters, emails, and phone calls on any issues relating to the provincial government are welcomed.**

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