

Provincial Point of View October 26, 2012

THRONE SPEECH MARKS THE OPENING OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE 27TH LEGISLATURE



The new session of the Saskatchewan Legislature will focus on meeting the challenges and opportunities of a growing province. That's the message of the 2012 Throne Speech delivered October 25 by Lieutenant Governor Vaughn Solomon Schofield. Building on the Saskatchewan Plan for Growth released last week by Premier Brad Wall, the speech identified the government's

priorities of investing in infrastructure and skilled labour to ensure Saskatchewan remains competitive while maintaining fiscal discipline and a balanced budget.

"This Throne Speech is about planning for growth because growth has been good for our province," Wall said. "Our government's job today is to ensure Saskatchewan continues to grow, that we are meeting the challenges of growth, and that all Saskatchewan people are enjoying the benefits of growth."

Throne Speech 2012: Planning for Growth

THE BENEFITS OF THE GROWTH



Our government takes very seriously the responsibility of using the benefits of growth to improve the quality of life for all Saskatchewan people. When we took office over five years ago, we set as a goal that no one would wait more than three months for surgery by 2014. I am happy to report we are well on the way to making that a reality. Recent statistics show that 90 per cent of patients are receiving surgery within six months and 78 per cent within three months.

We are meeting this goal by finding innovative ways to provide the health care you need and deserve in collaboration the Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative. There is still more work to do, but we are closer than ever to providing patients with timely surgery.

SASKATCHEWAN AUTOMATING ITS HUNTING, TRAPPING AND ANGLING LICENSING SYSTEM

"Our province has some of the best fishing and hunting opportunities in the world and automating the license issuance system will help to make the experience even better," Environment Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. "Each year hunters and anglers contribute about \$40 million to our economy and create more than 2,500 direct jobs. These outdoors enthusiasts help maintain a strong workforce and support the economy in rural areas of the province."

Annually, more than 170,000 hunting and 185,000 angling licenses are issued for a total revenue of \$12 million. The current system is paper-based, cumbersome and time consuming. Automated hunting, trapping and angling licensing will make it much easier and more efficient for people to get a licence.

Saskatchewan Automating Its Hunting, Trapping, and Angling Licensing System

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE ELECTED IN THE CIVIC ELECTIONS

Congratulation to the elected officials in the Civic Elections across the province on October 24.

EXCITING DAY AT MOSAIC STADIUM LAST SATURDAY!



Other than the Rider loss, it was a fantastic day at Mosaic Stadium last Saturday. The half time show honoured Gene Makowsky for his contribution to the Riders. It was great to see Gene recognized for his commitment and contribution to the Riders and our province. Gene was joined by his family.

Tim Gitzel, President of Cameco was also at the game doing great work to raise money in partnership with The Saskatchewan Roughriders, Saskatchewan Cancer Agency for the dream recipients in the Cameco Touchdown for Dreams program. Fans were able to purchase special Cameco Touchdown for Dreams/Rider-branded merchandise for \$10 with proceeds helping fulfill the dreams of each recipient.

Cameco Touchdown for Dreams is a three-year partnership between Cameco, the Saskatchewan Roughriders and the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency.

The program, announced May 25, 2012, aims to raise more than \$250,000 during the next three years through an annual spring gala and by selling pink Rider merchandise at a Rider game in Regina this fall. Proceeds help grant the wishes of women living with cancer, and fund a mobile unit to travel through northern Saskatchewan to screen for cancer and promote healthy lifestyles. To make a donation, please visit the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency website.

C95 RADIO MARATHON ANOTHER SUCCESS!



The 13th annual C95 Radio Marathon for Breast Cancer Research wrapped up on Friday, October 19.

After 36 hours, the grand total was \$301,236! Since the marathon started in 2001 over \$3 million has been raised, with all of the money being donated to the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency and is used for numerous research projects.

Events like this are so important in our community, thank you for those who donated to the cause. Congratulations to the event organizers and those of you who stayed up for the 36 hours in support of Breast Cancer Research.

Even though the marathon is over, you can still donate to the cause or participate in several events over the year in support of Breast Cancer Research. Visit the C95 Radio Marathon website for more information.

GRAND OPENING OF SAFEWAY IN UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS



It was another fantastic day in Saskatoon as we saw another business opening in our constituency. With our city's growth comes the need for more amenities and we are delighted that Safeway Canada responded to the needs of our growing community.

On October 25, the University Heights Safeway cut the ribbon on their first new store in 30 years! The new store will benefit our community both for the quality and variety of services as well as the many environmentally friendly features that have been incorporated.

Congratulations to Canada Safeway and welcome to the neighbourhood!

FARMLEAD RESOURCES LTD ANNOUNCEMENT



As Saskatchewan continues to move forward, I am pleased to share the announcement made by

FarmLead Resources Ltd of FarmLead.com, an agribusiness that helps to bridge the gap left by the CWB by offering Canadian famers and grain buyers an online, risk-free grain marketplace.

Brennan, a former pro hockey player is the founder of FarmLead Resources Ltd., an online grain marketplace that connects sellers with buyers for the grain industry. He wanted to provide farmers with the tools to optimize their grain marketing decisions. Through the system, farmers will be able to maximize their returns from the added competition and dealing directly with buyers. By providing buyers and sellers with the option to list over 85 different grains at various grades, the FarmLead marketplace offers a more efficient, competitive, and transparent market.

FarmLead does not buy or sell grain; it simply provides the platform for buyers and sellers to connect more efficiently, at a fraction of the cost of other marketing alternatives.

Originally from Foam Lake, Turner played hockey at Notre Dame before going to Yale for three years on a hockey scholarship. He was drafted by the Chicago Blackhawks, playing a year in the Hawks organization and another two years in the Ottawa Senators system.

It is great to see young entrepreneurs like Brennan move back to Saskatchewan and build on the Saskatchewan Advantage.

If you would like more information visit http://farmlead.com/

SASKATCHEWAN ORDER OF MERIT RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED



On October 23, Lieutenant Governor Vaughn Solomon Schofield announced the names of eight recipients to be invested into the Saskatchewan Order of Merit.

"I am looking forward to honouring eight remarkable Canadians with the Saskatchewan Order of Merit this year," Solomon Schofield said. "The recipients are individuals of uncommon achievement and generosity, and are most deserving of our province's highest honour."

This year's recipients are:

- Mr. Raymond E. Ahenakew, First Nations leader Ahtahkakoop First Nation, Cochin;
- Mr. Bruce W. Beatty, C.M., C.D. (posthumous), graphic artist Ottawa;
- Ms. Sandra L. Birdsell, C.M., author and teacher Regina;

- Dr. Barbara Keirnes Young, educator Regina;
- Mr. W. Thomas Molloy, O.C., Q.C., LL.B., LL.D., lawyer Saskatoon;
- Dr. Brian G. Rossnagel, professor emeritus Saskatoon;
- Mr. David A. Thauberger, C.M., artist Regina; and
- Mr. W. Brett Wilson, C.M., LL.D., entrepreneur, community leader and philanthropist -Calgary.

Eight to Receive Saskatchewan's Highest Honour

MOVEMBER MOUSTACHES LURKING



During November each year, Movember is responsible for the sprouting of moustaches on thousands of men's faces, in Canada and around the world. With their "Mo's", these men raise vital funds and awareness for men's health, specifically prostate cancer and male mental health initiatives.

On Movember 1st, guys register at Movember.com with a clean-shaven face. For the rest of the month, these selfless and generous men, known as Mo Bros, groom, trim and wax their way into the annals of fine moustachery. Supported by the women in their lives, Mo Sistas, Movember Mo Bros raise funds by seeking out sponsorship for their Mo-growing efforts.

Mo Bros effectively become walking, talking billboards for the 30 days of November. Through their actions and words, they raise awareness by prompting private and public conversation around the often ignored issue of men's health.

For more information visit <u>ca.movember.com</u>

DRESS DOWN TO DRESS A PRINCESS



The Princess Shop Mentorship and Female Youth Development Inc. is a non-profit organization established in 2007, based in Saskatoon and serving the whole province. The Princess Shop creates an enhanced graduation experience for female students in need, providing them with mentorship, support and tools to be successful after graduation.

The Dress Program lends donated dresses and accessories to female graduates in need to help make them feel like a princess during their graduation.

This November The Princess Shop will be running its first "Dress Down to Dress a Princess" campaign. You can pick a day of the week in November to Dress Down to Dress a Princess. Every week on that day, your workplace can participate in supporting our 2013 graduates by donating \$5 to wear jeans to work. To confirm your organization's participating, please contact Kacey Keene at kacey@theprincessshop.ca.

SASKATCHEWAN POPULATION FACTS

- From July 2007 to July 2012, Saskatchewan's population increased by nearly 80,000 people.
- In the last year alone, Saskatchewan grew by more than 22,000 people the most growth in any year since 1921.
- Every Saskatchewan city and nearly 80 per cent of Saskatchewan towns saw their
 population increase during the most recent census period. In the previous census, over
 half of Saskatchewan cities and more than 85 per cent of our towns decreased in
 population.
- In August, the number of people employed in Saskatchewan hit an all-time high of nearly 550,000, after growing by more than 20,000 in just the past year.

JUST THE LINKS

October 22, 2012 – STC Ride Rewards Members Travel for \$15 in November

- October 23, 2012 Record Retail Sales in August
- October 23, 2012 Pharmacist Prescribing Services Enhance Patient Experience
- October 24, 2012 <u>Saskatchewan Residents Asked for Feedback on Recreation</u>
- October 25, 2012 Consular Corps to Attend Reading of the Throne Speech
- October 25, 2012 Weekly Earnings in August Hit Record

UPCOMING EVENTS IN SASKATOON

Gone Wild for Wildlife
Date: October 27

Where: Prairieland Park, Hall C When: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Tickets are \$20/family or \$5/person

<u>United Way Leadership Conference</u> Date: October 26 to October 27

Where: TCU Place

When: 7:00 pm registration on October 26; 8:30 am start time on October 27

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

A dream you dream alone is only a dream. A dream you dream together is reality.

John Lennon

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KEEP IN TOUCH

I appreaciate the many opportunities to make a positive difference in my constituency. Your phone calls, letters, anmd emails make a big difference in keeping me informaed 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.

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