

Provincial Point of View December 5, 2014

GOVERNMENT EXPANDS SPECIALIZED POLICE AND MENTAL HEALTH TEAM IN SASKATOON

The Government of Saskatchewan is continuing its support of Saskatoon's Police and Crisis Team (PACT), a unique initiative that changes the way mental health crises are handled in Saskatoon.

"As the first program of its kind in Saskatchewan, PACT represents an innovative way of handling police calls in mental health crises," Corrections and Policing Minister Christine Tell said. "We are grateful to our partners for their assistance in developing this proactive approach."

Each unit consists of a member of the Saskatoon Police Service and a mental health worker from the Saskatoon Crisis Intervention Service who work in partnership to respond to mental health crises in the community. PACT's goal is to reduce risks to community safety and ensure people experiencing mental health crises receive appropriate medical assistance.

Government Expands Specialized Police and Mental Health Team in Saskatoon

SASKATCHEWAN INTRODUCING TWO RETRO LICENCE PLATES



Two new retro licence plates – the Collector plate and the Vintage Roughrider plate – will be available for Saskatchewan residents to pre-order through SGI, just in time for the holiday season.

"Green is the colour," Minister responsible for SGI Don McMorris said. "It's the colour of our province, the colour of our pride, and now the colour of two new specialty licence plates Saskatchewan residents can display proudly on their vehicles. We're going back to our roots and drawing on Saskatchewan's heritage with the new Collector and Vintage Rider licence plates."

The retro licence plates are modeled after the 1965 Saskatchewan licence plate. They have a green background with embossed white numbers, border, and lettering along the top and bottom. The Collector plate says "Collector" along the bottom, while the Vintage Rider plate says "Rider Nation" and features a vintage Saskatchewan Roughrider team logo on the left.

Customers can pre-order the plates starting tomorrow, December 3 at 9 a.m., by completing an order form that will be available on SGI's website at www.sgi.sk.ca. The cost for the Collector plate is \$75 plus GST, while the Vintage Rider plate is \$100 plus GST. Both plates can be personalized for an additional fee of \$75 plus GST.

Saskatchewan Introducing Two Retro License Plates

2014 SUNDOG ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT FAIRE



Christmas is just 21 days away now and the 2014 Sundog Arts and Entertainment Faire is a perfect place to find unique gifts for people of all ages!

The event is the largest of its kind in Western Canada, featuring a juried market of artisans, artists, and specialty food producers. With great entertainment, craft demonstrations, a childrens' area, and multicultural food court it is one show you definitely don't want to miss!

The Sundog runs December 5 from 5 pm to 10 pm, December 6 from 10 am to 10 pm, and December 7 from 11 am to 5 pm at the SaskTel Centre.

MORE THAN 10,000 REGISTERED FOR SASKATCHEWAN ADVANTAGE GRANT FOR EDUCATION SAVINGS

Over 10,000 children in Saskatchewan families have received more than \$2 million since the Saskatchewan Advantage Grant for Education Savings (SAGES) program was officially launched earlier this year.

"I am pleased that so many families in Saskatchewan are utilizing SAGES to help invest in their children's future," Advanced Education Minister Kevin Doherty said. "Our government wants to ensure that as many students as possible receive the opportunity to participate in and complete their post-secondary education and this program will help them accomplish that."

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57TH ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAROL FESTIVAL



This year marks the 57th Annual Knights of Columbus Carol Festival! Both elementary and high schools students from the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools come together for two nights of Christmas entertainment at TCU Place. This year the show runs December 8 and December 9 beginning at 7:30 pm.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$3 for children 5 to 14, and free for children under 5 and can be purchased from participating schools, at TCU Place Box Office, or online at www.tcutickets.ca.

There is nothing like a carol festival to get into the Christmas spirit! Please plan to support this great event.

SASKATCHEWAN ADVANTAGE SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORTS THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS

This fall, the Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship has been awarded to more than 12,000 students attending post-secondary education in Saskatchewan, totalling nearly \$6 million in funding from the Government of Saskatchewan.

"We introduced the Saskatchewan Advantage scholarship program to help make post-secondary education more accessible and affordable for Saskatchewan students," Advanced Education Minister Kevin Doherty said. "This support is an investment in our future and these students will help to keep our province strong."

Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship Supports Thousands of Students

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DID YOU KNOW?

- 8% of the 72,000 new jobs created in Saskatchewan over the past seven years have been in the resource sector
- Since 2008 the Government of Saskatchewan has invested \$5.5 billion in post-secondary institutions and students
- Since 2007 funding for mental health services has increased by 34%

UPCOMING EVENTS

Enchanted Forest Holiday Light Tour Presented by BHP Billiton

Date: November 21 - January 11

Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm and Zoo

When: 5:30 pm to 11:30 pm

Sundog Arts and Entertainment Faire

Date: December 5 - December 7

Where: SaskTel Centre

When: December 5: 5 pm to 10 pm; December 6: 10 am to 10 pm; December 7: 11 am to 5 pm

57th Annual Knights of Columbus Carol Festival

Date: December 8 - December 9

Where: TCU Place

When: 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm both nights

Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA Saskatoon Silver Springs Annual Christmas Party

Date: December 19

Where: 138 Kaplan Green When: 7 pm to 11 pm

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"Courage is the art of being the only one who knows you're scared to death."

Author Unknown

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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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