

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



Provincial Point of View February 28, 2014

As all of Saskatchewan is under wind chill warnings as Arctic blast hits our province!!!

HELP US RECOGNIZE SASKATOON SILVER SPRINGS CONSTITUENTS!

We need your help! Beginning next week we would like to highlight and recognize residents in our constituency that have made a contribution to making our community & city a better place. If you would like to see a friend, family member or colleague recognized, please contact our office.

This could include recognizing someone for: community service leadership, volunteer contributions, retirement, athletic achievement, coaching etc.

Thank you for your anticipated participation in this new feature in our newsletter.

HEALTH REGIONS CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARD THREE-MONTH WAIT TIMES GOAL

More patients than ever are receiving surgical care in our province. Under the Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative, health regions are streamlining processes to reduce the waiting time for patients, while also managing increased demand.

“Almost four years ago, our government set the ambitious target of providing all elective surgeries within three months,” Health Minister Dustin Duncan said. “Since the introduction of this initiative, there has been a dramatic improvement in access to surgical care for the people of Saskatchewan.”

Information about the Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative is available at www.sasksurgery.ca. The website also features the Specialist Directory, which empowers patients and their primary care providers to compare options for surgical care.

[Heath Regions Continue to Work Toward Three-Month Wait Times Goal](#)

BLADES GAME MARCH 1 WILL HONOUR QUINN STEVENSON

Redwing Zone G Blades Night



March 1st



Redwing Zone G Blades Night March 1st Blades Game Honouring Quinn's Stevenson.

Each ticket ordered by a Redwing or in a Block the Blades are giving \$5.00 to the Scholarship that has been created to honour Quinn's Memory.

- \$18.75 for adults,
- \$14.00 for youth (age 13 – 17)
- \$10.00 for Child (age 3 – 12)

For the first time ever the Blades are donating their half of the 50/50 that night.

This is another truly amazing event. Quinn's parents, Bonny & Craig and his brother Shea are truly humbled by the support they have received from our community.

Tickets can be purchased from any Redwing family or call Bonny at 306.290.8278 or email bonnystevenson@sasktel.net.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE BUDGET ADDRESS MARCH 19



The budget and seniors care will be on the agenda as the 3rd Session of the 27th Legislature will resume Monday, March 3, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

Our government will continue to maintain the Saskatchewan Advantage by working hard to balance the challenges of growth by controlling spending and investing in priority areas that support a good quality of life for everyone in Saskatchewan. This will include balancing economic progress with social progress.

I appreciate the opportunity to make a positive difference in our constituency and province. Your phone calls, letters, and emails make a big difference in keeping me informed on the issues that matter to you. Please contact me with your questions, comments, suggestions and concerns.

The Honourable Ken Krawetz, Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance will deliver the 2014 - 2015 Budget Address in the Legislative Assembly Chamber at 1:30 p.m.

I have a limited number of invitations available. To reserve your spot, email or call my MLA office as soon as possible. Call 306 651 7100 or email ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net. You will receive confirmation once your email is received.

If attending, we ask that you be at the Legislative Building no later than 1:00 p.m., March 19. A tea will follow the Budget Address.



Festival Of Education

I enjoyed attending the opening of the Saskatoon Education Festival, “A Great School for Every Kid” last Thursday along with the Honourable Don Morgan, Minister of Education and many other colleagues.

This new event was a partnership between the Saskatoon Teachers’ Association, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools and the Saskatoon Public Schools.

Thousands were in attendance to hear excellent speakers Crafting the Vision: “A great School for Every Kid”. The session included questions previously submitted by Saskatoon teachers.

Once again, we are appreciative and grateful to teachers who play such a significant role in educating and shaping the lives of our children.

SYMPOSIUM ON ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES



I had the opportunity as Minister of Environment to bring greetings at the Symposium on Environmental Technologies held in Regina on February 26.

The symposium was an excellent opportunity for the Ministry of Environment to host and showcase the environmental outcomes of twelve projects that received Go Green funding. It also offered an opportunity to bring innovative technological solutions into the mainstream by sharing the results of some successful projects.

In 2008, the Government of Saskatchewan invested \$60 million in Go Green funding to address important environmental issues in the province and to raise public awareness promoting the adoption of innovative solutions.

The Government of Saskatchewan is committed to managing the challenges of economic growth, while protecting our environment and contributing towards a good quality of life for residents.

The symposium brought together some of the province's best minds to seek new solutions and address the environmental challenges posed by our growing economy. Saskatchewan's capacity to develop innovative environmental technologies was demonstrated by the diverse group of delegates in attendance. As you see in the photo, a group of young professionals and students

were also in attendance.

Encouraging industry and communities to adopt best practices and environmental solutions is a key focus as our Government develops a framework to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions from our industries and communities.

With continued commitment, co-operation and collaboration amount industry leaders, research organizations and other innovators, I believe our province will continue to be seen as an innovator in environmental technology.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ATHLETES!



The Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games bring out the best in our country. We watched as athletes achieve their dreams of representing their country on the international stage. Our athletes, our flag and our anthem remind us of how proud we are to be Canadian.

Congratulations to all athletes, including 19 from Saskatchewan, for inspiring performances and special thanks to their coaches, family members and friends for supporting them. While we are proud of each competitors' accomplishments, we also recognize a select group from our province who appeared on the podium. Mark McMorris, Hayley Wickenheiser, Ryan Getzlaf, Chris Kunitz and Patrick Marleau each earned medals in their respective snowboarding and hockey events. You made your home province and the entire country incredibly proud.

The Honourable Kevin Doherty joined many of Saskatchewan's younger athletes as they also made their mark recently as Prince Albert played host to the Saskatchewan Winter Games. These games build pride, inspire dreams and develop future Olympic champions. They also serve as an excellent reminder of our growing province and the benefits gained through physical activity and friendly competition. To all of the athletes, coaches, parents, volunteers and fans, thank you for contributing to a wonderful event.

Congratulations to all of the athletes for making your province and country proud.

TELEMIRACLE 38



It has been a busy week for all those involved in preparing for Telemiracle 38 to be held March 1 & 2 In Regina.

The Kinsmen Foundation, through donations to Telemiracle, assists Saskatchewan people to acquire special needs equipment and access to medical treatment. Thousands of people have been helped over the years because of the generosity of donors. “You are the Miracle” is about the many people of our province who are miracles. It celebrates their generosity, creativity and desire to help those in need.

There are many ways to donate to this incredible Saskatchewan Charity. Whether you purchase a special edition Telemiracle 38 Bear or make a memoriam donation or donate in honour of someone, your generosity adds to the quality of life and independence of others.

Let’s get ready to applaud great talent and a total that Saskatchewan keeps making “Higher”!

SASKATOON YARD WASTE GREEN CART PROGRAM EXTENDED



Though Saskatoon is still in the depths of winter, there should be a glimmer of warm weather hope. The City of Saskatoon has decided to extend their Green Cart Program for 2014!

The Green Cart Program is a convenient and cost-effective way to dispose of your yard waste without sending it to the landfill. When organic waste, such as leaves and grass, ends up in the landfill, it uses up valuable air space and it produces methane gas when it decomposes, a

greenhouse gas much more potent than carbon dioxide. Instead, the yard waste collected through the Green Cart Program is converted into valuable compost that is used in City of Saskatoon parks, community and school gardens.

For a list of all of the accepted materials, application form, program duration and cost, please visit www.saskatoon.ca

IT'S TAX TIME – ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATE RETENTION PROGRAM (GRP)?

What is the Graduate Retention Program?

Saskatchewan is thriving and opportunities for graduates have never been brighter. The Graduate Retention Program rewards you for building your future in Saskatchewan by providing a refund up to \$20,000 of tuition fees paid by eligible graduates who live in Saskatchewan and who file a Saskatchewan income tax return.

The Graduate Retention Program became effective January 1, 2008.

To find out if you are eligible, how to apply, how your tuition refund will be calculated and how to claim your refund, please go to ae.gov.sk.ca for additional information.

SASKATOON AMONG CITIES EXPECTED TO LEAD ECONOMIC GROWTH THIS YEAR

Saskatoon and Regina are among the cities expected to lead the country in economic growth in 2014.

A Conference Board of Canada report released Wednesday indicated, after growing 6.5 per cent in 2013, Saskatoon's GDP's expected to rise 3.2 this year, as ongoing strength in the services sector is offset by slower activity in goods.

DID YOU KNOW...

... The Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo is open in the winter, and admission is free from November 1 to March 31.

... Saskatchewan's first Olympian won in 1908.

... A properly-built igloo can withstand hurricane force winds on the open snow.

JUST THE LINKS

February 24, 2014 - [Saskatchewan Signs New Arrangements with Jilin and Guangdong Provinces, The People's Republic of China](#)

February 24, 2014 - [Saskatchewan Government Calls for Immediate Action on Grain Transportation](#)

February 26, 2014 - [STC Ride Reward Members Travel for \\$20 in March](#)

February 27, 2014 - [Weight Restrictions on Saskatchewan Highways Start March 1](#)

February 27, 2014 - [New Prince Albert Paratransit Buses Operating, Thanks to Provincial Funding](#)

February 27, 2014 - [December's Average Weekly Earnings Improve](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Telemiracle 38

Date: March 1 & 2

Where: Conexus Arts Centre in Regina; Broadcasted on CTV

When: Starting March 1 at 8 pm and ending March 2 at 5 pm

Proposed Garden and Garage Suite Regulations Open House

Date: March 4

Where: Frances Morrison Library (Room 3 – Lower Level)

When: 4 pm - 8 pm

Saskatoon Sports and Leisure Show

Date: March 6 - 9

Where: Prairieland Park

When: 6 pm - 10 pm; 12 pm - 9 pm; 10 am - 5 pm; 10 am - 5 pm

U14 - U18 Youth Premier Division Soccer Championship

Date: March 7 - 9

Where: SaskTel Sports Centre

When: All Day

PotashCorp University Cup

Date: March 20 - 23

Where: Credit Union Centre

When: Daily

Homestyles 2014

Date: March 20 - 23

Where: Prairieland Park

When: 5 pm - 9 pm; 12 pm - 9 pm; 10 am - 9 pm; 10 am - 5 pm

Gardenscape

Date: March 28 - 30

Where: Prairieland Park

When: 11 am - 9 pm; 9 am - 8 pm; 10 am - 5 pm

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

**"I expect to pass through this world but once.
Any good, therefore, that I can do
or any kindness I can show to any fellow creature,
let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it
for I shall not pass this way again."**

~ Quaker Proverb

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***"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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