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## Provincial Point of View

February 4, 2016

**Our economy continues to attract people, investment & job growth**

### KEEPING SASKATCHEWAN STRONG



Premier Brad Wall: "Saskatchewan's diverse economy continues to create new jobs, attract new investment and support a growing population."

Credit for Saskatchewan's strong job growth goes to the people, the businesses, the entrepreneurs of our great province. Our government has worked to help foster

**that growth by creating a helpful, not harmful, business and investment climate where job growth can thrive.**

Healthcare remains a priority for our government. Since 2007 we have:

- 500 more doctors and 3,000 more nurses practicing in the province.
- the shortest surgical wait times in Canada ... since introducing the Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative in 2010, the number of patients waiting more than three months for surgery is down 80 per cent and the number of patients waiting more than six months is down 92 per cent.
- doubled investments in hospital projects including the new Children's Hospital right here in Saskatoon and hospitals in Moose Jaw and North Battleford.

### **SASKATCHEWAN'S MARK McMORRIS WINS GOLD AT THE X GAMES - SNOWBOARD SLOPESTYLE MENS FINAL**



If you haven't had the opportunity to view this phenomenal video clip of Mark McMorris's outstanding display of talent at the X games in Aspen, Colorado. Click [here](http://espn.go.com/video/clip?id=14679172): <http://espn.go.com/video/clip?id=14679172>. McMorris once again made history ... he took top spot on the podium in the men's slopestyle. Mark also took the silver medal in the big air final. In fine Saskatchewan style, Mark dedicated his X Games performance to La Loche shooting victims.

Mark's supportive family, the Honourable Don McMorris, Cindy McMorris and Craig McMorris

were cheering him on, along with thousands of fans from across Saskatchewan! Congratulations Mark!

## **CFIB NEWS RELEASE - SASKATCHEWAN SMALL BIZ OPTIMISM UP AGAIN IN JANUARY**

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) released its latest monthly Business Barometer®, which reveals optimism among small business owners in Saskatchewan increased again in January to an index of 58.7, up from 56.3 in December, remaining above the the national average index of 54.3.

“For the second consecutive month, Saskatchewan’s Business Barometer Index gained more than two points in January to reach 58.7 – a better reading than most of 2015,” said Marilyn Braun-Pollon, CFIB’s Vice-President Prairie & Agri Business. “Full-time hiring plans continue to be weak with 15 per cent of owners planning to cut back over the next months, while only 13 per cent expecting to add staff. However, 48 per cent of Saskatchewan business owners report their businesses are in good shape—still good compared to the rest of the country.”

“We’re encouraged by recent comments by Premier Wall stating the government is not interested in hiking taxes to address the province’s fiscal challenges. This is the right message to send to Saskatchewan’s job creators,” added Braun-Pollon. In fact, a recent CFIB pre-budget survey found 73 per cent of Saskatchewan small business owners support further reducing the size of government and 71 per cent support further spending reductions as ways to help balance the provincial budget. Only seven per cent of respondents support increasing provincial taxes to collect additional revenue.

Click here on the link to read the highlights of the Saskatchewan Business Barometer for January: <http://www.cfib-fcei.ca/english/article/8070-sask-small-biz-optimism-up-again-in-january.html>

**TODAY, FEBRUARY 4 IS WORLD CANCER DAY.**  
**READ ABOUT A COURAGEOUS GRADE 2 STUDENT WHO**  
**RECEIVES SUPPORT OF A CARING CITY**



Today is World Cancer Day and many of us know or care about someone battling this disease.

It seems fitting to share this story today. It was no surprise when I heard that Troy Davies with MD Ambulance, City Councillor Eric Olauson, colleague Paul Merriman, Allison Hunter, along with the Blades and numerous other community members got involved in a special little girls life to help her family, while creating awareness for Children's Cancer.

I was deeply moved when I learned the story of Naomi Lendvay. Naomi is a grade two student in Saskatoon and is currently battling cancer. She is in the midst of treatment. This little girl stole the hearts of many. Her strength and perseverance is an inspiration to all of us. Naomi was diagnosed with stage four Rhabdomyosarcoma in June. Since that time she has undergone radiation and is undergoing chemotherapy. As Naomi shows the strength of a strong little girl, many are working to raise funds that will go to Naomi's family to help them stay at home and focus on their daughter's recovery.

Naomi received some special gifts this week. She got her very own hockey card, courtesy of the Saskatoon Blades, as well as a special jersey that was unveiled by the WHL hockey team in honour of MD Ambulance's 40 years of service to Saskatoon. The beautiful young girl is the latest addition to the Blades collectible cards deck as she gets a hand up from the hockey team and MD Ambulance. Many of Naomi's grade two classmates were in attendance at the game at SaskTel Centre. Special thanks to this warm, caring community for once again showing the spirit of Saskatchewan people.

Please click [here](#) if you would like to make a donation to help the Lendvays.

## **A MUST READ TO ADD TO YOUR WINTER READING LIST**

Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan (FCAA) reminds Saskatchewan homeowners to review their insurance policy coverage so they are not caught off guard if a winter-related disaster strikes their home.

“It’s important that people know their insurance coverage because not all policies provide the same coverage for winter issues,” FCAA Director of Insurance and Real Estate Ian McIntosh said. “Homeowners should contact their broker or agent immediately if they have concerns and questions on what their coverage entails.”

To minimize winter weather damage, take preventative measures and clear snow away from your home’s foundation, windows, and furnace exhaust pipes, insulate exposed water pipes, and check the roof for potential ice dams.

The insurance policy tips will be shared via twitter @SKGov and [www.facebook.com/SKGov](http://www.facebook.com/SKGov) and are available at [www.fcaa.gov.sk.ca/insurancecoverage](http://www.fcaa.gov.sk.ca/insurancecoverage).

For more information about insurance regulations visit, [www.fcaa.gov.sk.ca](http://www.fcaa.gov.sk.ca).

## **CONGRATULATIONS HUSKIE ATHLETIC TEAM!**

# HUSKIES LEADING THE PACK



Huskie Athletics is the home of the 15 university sport teams at the University of Saskatchewan. In this week's Mr. Mikes Top 10, six different Huskie teams appear in the national coaches' polls. We feel very fortunate that our son Carter (photo is #7) has the opportunity to compete on the Men's Track and Field team. Huskies Track and Field ranked 7th in Canada. Special thanks to each and every team player and all of the dedicated coaches for working so hard to make Huskie Athletics recognized nationally.

## **MOST POPULAR BABY NAMES IN SASKATCHEWAN FOR 2015**

eHealth Saskatchewan released the top 20 baby names for 2015 today. Liam was the most popular name for baby boys for the sixth year in a row and Olivia was the most popular name for baby girls. The second most popular names were Noah and Emily.

There were 69 baby boys named Liam in 2015, followed by Noah, Benjamin, Lincoln and Lucas. There were 80 baby girls named Olivia, followed by Emily, Emma, Ava and Avery.

Perhaps the royal family's newest addition influenced some parents in Saskatchewan, as Charlotte was one of the top 20 girl names in 2015 for the first time. Last May, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, William and Kate, introduced the world to their baby girl named Princess Charlotte.

Click [here](#) to read the full list of top names.

## **SWINGING WITH THE STARS RAISES \$120,000 FOR HOPES HOME!**



Congratulations to the organizers and amazing dancers that worked hard to provide outstanding entertainment at Swinging with the Stars last Saturday.

Over 900 guests attended the fun-filled action packed evening. So many people helped make this event such a great success. It really was a phenomenal evening for everyone that attended, but especially for those representing Hope's Home ... \$120,000 was raised for Hope's Home in Saskatoon, exceeding the goal of \$80,000!! These funds will go a long way to help this great group of people continue to provide exceptional care for children with complex medical needs.

## **NEW RULES KEEP CONSUMERS INFORMED**

Starting February 1, consumers will have stronger protections when it comes to buying a vehicle in Saskatchewan. New vehicle dealer regulations are being incorporated in *The Consumer Protection and Business Practices Act*, which is administered by the Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority (FCAA).

These new rules work to ensure two outcomes: protecting consumers and ensuring fair trading in the marketplace. Licensed dealers have new advertising requirements and vehicle history disclosure rules, as well as new minimum warranty requirements on the sale of used vehicles. The regulations now cover leasing activities on the part of the dealer. Additionally, unlicensed dealers now face stiffer penalties and fines for selling without a licence.

Read more [here](#).

## **THEO FLEURY MAKES A PERSONAL APPEARANCE AT PERSEPHONE THEATRE**



Trish and I, along with constituents Brad and Linda Sylvester enjoyed an outstanding performance of "Playing With Fire", the Theo Fleury story. Everyone in attendance was absolutely in awe of this amazing performance. We were fortunate to have our photos taken with Theo Fleury, who was in attendance for the live performance at the Persephone Theatre the evening we attended.

## **MS PANEL SUBMITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN**

Today, Health Minister Dustin Duncan received the recommendations of the 11 person Multiple Sclerosis Advisory Panel of Saskatchewan. The panel's report suggests options for improving treatment and support for people with MS and their caregivers, while expanding Saskatchewan's capacity for MS research and education.

"I want to thank the panel members for committing their valuable time, experience, and expertise to produce this report," Duncan said. "These recommendations will guide our efforts in the coming years to improve the care and support for people affected by MS, and to advance MS research in Saskatchewan."

Click [here](#) to read the nine recommendations the report outlines and the entire news release.

**SPOTS AVAILABLE IN TWO COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AT ERINDALE ALLIANCE CHURCH FREE OF CHARGE!**



There are available spots at Gramma Tracy's Circletime held at Erindale Alliance Church located at 310 Perehudoff Crescent. Parents & their children newborn to 5 years are invited to go and enjoy the power and pleasure of songs, stories, gentle play and rhymes. This early literacy, oral based program will enable parents to create positive family patterns and meet other parents from our community while sharing a healthy snack.

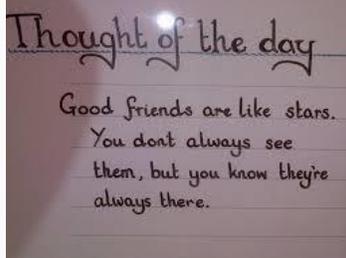
You are invited to choose one class that best suits your family. Classes are held Tuesdays from 6:30 - 7:30 pm, now until March 15 and Wednesdays from 10 - 11 am now through to March 16.

There is also a Pop In and Play program with lots of fun with learning centres, snack, circle time, gym time and occasional guest speakers. What a great opportunity to have some fun while connecting with your friends and neighbours. Pop In and Play is held Thursdays from 9:30 - 11:30 am now through May 19.

You must be registered to attend as class size is limited. For more information and to register for the FREE program, please call Tracy at 306.249.3393!

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## THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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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.

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