

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



Provincial Point of View May 8, 2014

*"What is a mom but the sunshine of our days and the north star of our nights".
- Robert Brault*



My best wishes to every mother on this special weekend. Mother's hold a special place in our hearts and I will certainly miss my mom this weekend.

An extra special "Happy Mothers Day" to the incredible mom of our children Carter and Paige. Thank you Trish for all you do each and every day.

The following story is written by Gail Krawetz. I sincerely thank Gail for allowing me to share this with all of you:

AT MY MOTHER'S KNEE

I had just finished babysitting my granddaughters for the day and stopped in for a quick visit with my parents. It was my birthday, but the real reason for my visit was to check up on my mom who was battling cancer.

She was sitting in her recliner looking tired and weak, but immediately put a smile on her face and offered a "Happy Birthday!" when I walked through the door. It didn't take any medical expertise to realize that she was having a particularly rough day. Maybe it was the paleness of her complexion, the frailty of her body, or the fact that her hair was nearly all gone, but for the first time since her diagnosis the harsh realization that she might not be with us much longer struck me hard.

I sat on the sofa and we talked about her symptoms and this time she did not hide the fact that she was suffering. Our conversation was often interrupted by her frequent visits to the bathroom. As I watched her resignedly take little steps while clutching her abdomen, I felt guilty for feeling so well, yet sometimes complaining about minor aches and pains.

But soon she was back determined to continue our visit. Her next appointment was fast approaching, but she did not know if she wanted to continue her treatments. She candidly said, "What is the use if I can't do anything or enjoy life anymore?"

She was frustrated at not being able to do all the little things that she enjoyed and wished for a peaceful end when the time came. As she shared her feelings, she started to softly cry, and my mother was not one for crying.

Seeing her so helpless and vulnerable just broke something inside of me. Before I knew it I was kneeling on the floor in front of her, grasping her knees, laying my head on her lap and sobbing my heart out.

I had turned 59 that day, but when my mother patted my head murmuring, "It's okay, don't cry," I felt like a child of nine again.

When she stroked my hair and said, "Your hair is so nice. I like it this way", I sobbed even harder because she was losing hers. Between choked sobs I expressed my frustration over feeling so helpless at not being able to do more. She assured me that I was a big help by driving her to all her appointments in the city, calling her up every day and trying to assist with household chores.

Again I felt like a youngster with my mother praising my efforts.

Finally my crying subsided, I got a grip on myself and we went back to our adult conversation. As I drove home later that day I replayed the afternoon visit over and over. I was supposed to be strong for her and there she was comforting me. I had wanted to lift her spirits, but she ended up easing my sadness. I had hoped to brighten her day, but tears had prevailed.

Had I been selfish allowing myself to succumb to my emotions? Yet my mom had seemed to find some solace in soothing me and she seemed to have cheered up despite my meltdown.

I don't know what thoughts might have gone through her mind, and I certainly can't pretend to know what she was feeling, but maybe for those few minutes she forgot she was a cancer patient. Maybe for a few minutes she had a job to do. Perhaps for a short time she felt like a mother again, able to do what mothers everywhere do best – comfort their children in their time of need.

**I lost my mom before my next birthday, but I will always cherish the gift of her love and strength that day.*

SASKATCHEWAN HABITAT DAY - MAY 2



Saskatchewan Habitat Day of Celebration was held Friday, May 2 at the Forestry Farm. I was so pleased to attend the celebration and recognize the incredible work that Habitat for Humanity does in Saskatoon and across our province.

It was indeed an honour to share a wonderful day with our friends at Habitat for Humanity, an organization that have been supporting families in realizing their dream of homeownership. Each family served by Habitat works so hard to make their dream a reality. The families put in many hours of work on their new home and once they are home owners they lend a hand to others in their community.

I was so pleased to bring greetings on behalf of the Honourable June Draude and the Government of Saskatchewan. Minister Draude is passionate about this cause and has worked tirelessly to support Habitat for Humanity and the families involved in the program.

Projects such as home builds are what Saskatchewan is all about. The success and support is what happens when we work together. In Saskatoon, we are fortunate to have played a role in building the home ownership dreams of 11 families. Currently, there are 9 additional homes under construction.

It was fitting that we took a day to recognize the wonderful work that Habitat for Humanity

does. It was wonderful to look back over the past year and reflect on what has been accomplished with our Habitat partners in this province and to hear from the many families that are able to provide a better life for their families because of the efforts of Habitat.

[Province Celebrates Saskatchewan Habitat Day](#)

GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN CELEBRATES 2014 WINTER OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC ATHLETES



On May 6, the Government of Saskatchewan and Sask Sport recognized the 2014 Winter Olympic and Paralympic athletes, coaches and officials with Saskatchewan connections during a ceremony at the Saskatchewan Legislature.

“Thank you to our 2014 Winter Olympic and Paralympic athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers,” Premier Brad Wall said. “Your passion, talent and work ethic are exceptional. You are wonderful ambassadors for our growing province. You motivate; you inspire. We are so proud of you.”

Thirty-one Saskatchewan athletes, coaches and officials attended the Games.

Five Saskatchewan athletes won medals. Hayley Wickenheiser (Shaunavon), member of the Canadian Women's Hockey team, won a gold medal. Ryan Getzlaf (Regina), Patrick Marleau (Aneroid) and Chris Kunitz (Regina), members of the Canadian Men's Hockey team, won gold medals and Mark McMorris (Regina) won a bronze medal in Slopestyle snowboarding - the first time it was recognized as an official Olympic sport.

[Government of Saskatchewan Celebrates 2014 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Athletes](#)

SUMMER HOURS AT THE SASKATOON FORESTRY FARM PARK & ZOO



The Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo switched to summer hours on Thursday, May 1. The extended hours mean that the Forestry Farm Park gates will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and the Zoo will be open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The last person will be admitted to the Zoo one hour before closing.

Watch for new animals arriving this year at the Zoo, including a new feature animal in the PotashCorp Ark exhibit, which houses animals never seen before in Saskatoon.

RECYCLE SASKATCHEWAN RECEPTION



On behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, it was a pleasure to welcome guests from Recycle Saskatchewan to an MLA reception held Wednesday, May 7 at the legislature.

The reception was an excellent opportunity for me and many colleagues to recognize the work that Recycle Saskatchewan does in helping to deliver the message that recycling is the “right thing to do”, and to acknowledge the recycling efforts of the five province-wide stewardship organizations that form Recycle Saskatchewan.

As Minister of Environment, I especially took pleasure in acknowledging the recycling efforts of the five organizations that form Recycle Saskatchewan – the Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corporation (used petroleum products), the Saskatchewan Paint Recycling Program, the Saskatchewan Scrap Tire Corporation, the Electronic Products Recycling

Association/Saskatchewan; and of course, SARCAN, which has been operating the beverage container recycling system since 1988.

As our province continues to grow, managing our waste is not only an environmental and economic priority – it is a responsibility – to ensure the protection of our resources and maintain a quality of life Saskatchewan residents have come to expect now, and for future generations. I was proud to say that Saskatchewan has some of the most successful industry-led recycling programs in the country.

We look forward to our continued association with Recycle Saskatchewan as we work together to educate and promote the importance of recycling throughout the province.

ARE YOU READY? PREPARING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FOR AN EMERGENCY SITUATION

Saskatchewan is joining the rest of Canada to raise awareness of the need to be ready for an emergency. May 4-10 is Emergency Preparedness Week. This year's theme is 72 hours...Is your family prepared?

“During an emergency, government and emergency organizations will respond on a large scale but one of the best ways that families can prepare for an emergency is to put together a simple emergency kit with enough provisions and supplies to be on their own for 72 hours,” Government Relations Minister Jim Reiter said.

[Are You Ready? Preparing You and Your Family for an Emergency Situation](#)

PORTRAIT OF FORMER LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BARNHART UNVEILED



Premier Brad Wall joined former Lieutenant Governor Dr. Gordon Barnhart to unveil his official portrait at the Saskatchewan Legislative Building on Monday, May 5.

“Dr. Barnhart served with great distinction and excellence as Saskatchewan’s lieutenant governor and did an outstanding job representing Her Majesty and the people of our great province,” Wall said. “Thanks to his public service as our province’s vice-regal representative, and throughout his distinguished career, Saskatchewan is a better place. I’m truly privileged to have worked with such an exceptional individual.”

[Portrait of Former Lieutenant Governor Barnhart Unveiled Today](#)



Wild About Saskatoon is an informal collective of nature-lovers who began to meet in the winter of 2012-13. The group is madly in love with the beauty and diversity of the living world wherever they find it, especially within city limits.

Their goal is to foster a fresh, everyday connection between the residents of Saskatoon and the nature that envelops us, in the city as everywhere else.

Wild About Saskatoon is an open invitation to experience your inner, urban nature.

The NatureCity Festival Week is May 25-31. There are several events going on throughout the city, for more information visit: www.wildaboutsaskatoon.org.

CHANGES TO THE FISHERIES REGULATIONS TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT ANGLING IN SASKATCHEWAN

The Ministry of Environment has made changes for 2014 and onward to support fish conservation programs, client service and to ensure sustainability of the resource.

As Minister of Environment, we have to ensure that fishing remains a popular and accessible activity in Saskatchewan, we need to plan for the future. These changes to our regulations will help protect our fish populations and offer anglers a wider range of angling experiences.

[Changes to the Fisheries Regulations to Promote and Protect Angling in Saskatchewan](#)

DID YOU KNOW...

... In 2015, Saskatchewan will offer an additional free fishing weekend during the winter to encourage participation in ice fishing.

... Since 2009, the Government of Saskatchewan has partnered to support 97 Habitat for Humanity home builds across the province.

... The Regina Bypass Project will be the biggest infrastructure project in Saskatchewan's history.

... In 2013, more than 34,100 women were self-employed in Saskatchewan.

... In Saskatchewan, there were 7,258 urban housing starts in 2013.

JUST THE LINKS

May 8, 2014 - [Crop Report for the Period April 29 to May 5, 2014](#)

May 8, 2014 - [Governments Support Agriculture Processors](#)

May 5, 2014 - [NAOSH Week Reminds Everyone to Make Safety a Habit](#)

May 5, 2014 - [Province Celebrates Women Entrepreneurs Week](#)

May 5, 2014 - [Missing Persons Week Declared in Saskatchewan](#)

May 5, 2014 - [Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan Contribute up to \\$200 Million to the Completion of the Regina Bypass Project](#)

May 5, 2014 - [SaskGaming Hosts Responsible Gambling Awareness Week](#)

May 2, 2014 - [Northern Students Travel to the Capital for Youth Mentorship Program](#)

May 2, 2014 - [Province Proclaims May as Speech and Hearing Awareness Month](#)

May 2, 2014 - [Province and Habitat for Humanity Team Up to Help Saskatoon Families Become Homeowners](#)

COMING EVENTS

Holy Family School Playground Meeting

Date: May 8

Where: St. Volodymyr School Library

When: 7:30 pm

Annual Willowgrove University Heights Community Association Garage Sale

Date: May 9 & 10

Where: [View Here for Locations](#)

When: 9 am - 5 pm

Vesna Festival

Date: May 10

Where: Prairieland Park

When: 6 pm - 1 am

Coffee with Councillor Zach Jeffries

Date: May 24

Where: Starbucks in Safeway on McOrmond Drive

When: 10 am - 12 pm

Top of the Hops Grapes and Grains Festival

Date: May 22 - 24

Where: Prairieland Park

When: 6:30 pm - 10:30 pm daily

NatureCity Festival

Date: May 25 - 31

Where: Throughout Saskatoon

When: [View Here](#)

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

**“The golden opportunity you are seeking
is in yourself. It is not in your environment;
it is not in luck or chance, or the help of others;
it is in yourself alone.”**

~ Orison Swett Marden

[friend on Facebook](#) | [forward to a friend](#)

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.

Copyright © 2014 Saskatoon Silver Springs, All rights reserved.

The MailChimp logo is displayed in white text on a teal rectangular background.

Phone: [306-651-7100](tel:306-651-7100)

Fax: [306-651-6008](tel:306-651-6008)

Email: ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net