

## Provincial Point of View November 7, 2014

#### **REMEMBRANCE DAY 2014**



Remembrance Day is upon us – a time to remember the women and men who have fought for our country, its ideals and our freedoms. We remember their noble and selfless service in conflicts, peacekeeping and reconstruction missions around the world. We also respect and support the contributions of those who wear the uniform today, those who are willing to risk it all to defend what they believe is a just cause and a responsibility of Canada.

This year we remember WO Patrice Vincent and Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, two men who were killed in recent attacks on Canadian soil. The events, a sobering reminder that freedom isn't free, move us to endeavour to make the world a better, safer and more peaceful place. In Saskatchewan we

respond with resolve, we preserve our way of life, our political freedoms, our diversity and our tolerance. In Saskatchewan we stand together, unchanged by these attacks, and refuse to compromise our values or freedoms. In Saskatchewan we will remember.

This year marks the centenary of the beginning of the First World War (1914-1918) and the 75th anniversary of the start of the Second World War.

"Stories of Courage: Saskatchewan Second World War Veterans Remember" is the name of a new video series presenting the oral histories of 17 Saskatchewan residents who served during the Second World War. These eight videos will help future generations gain a sense of what life was like in Saskatchewan during the war, the values that led our country to join in the fight, and why the veterans who shared their stories so readily volunteered to serve. The videos, along with a new teaching guide containing detailed lesson plans for each of the videos, will be placed in the provincial social studies curriculum for teachers to use in the classroom.

There is value in preserving military heritage for present and future generations. Our history as a nation includes those difficult times when we were forced to take up arms and it's an incomplete picture of our province if we don't learn about and value these parts of our heritage.

The "Stories of Courage" series can be viewed online at <a href="mailto:saskatchewan.ca/storiesofcourage/">saskatchewan.ca/storiesofcourage/</a>.

Saskatchewan has a strong history of women and men serving with distinction. They have sacrificed a great deal, as have their families. This is why our government introduced the Scholarship of Honour – a \$5,000 scholarship available to returning military personnel and to the spouses and children of our Armed Forces Members killed or permanently disabled in the service of their country. Saskatchewan is the only province to offer this type of scholarship. Since the program launched in 2009, 129 scholarships totaling \$645,000 have been awarded – 119 to returning service women and men and 10 to children or spouses of members. This scholarship is a small token of gratitude and respect.

Since 1919, the Government of Canada has awarded the Memorial Cross to the loved ones of Canadian Armed Forces personnel who died in service. Recognizing that we are forever indebted to those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom, our provincial government is, in a small way, honouring these brave service members and their families with a commemorative licence plate that is available to recipients of the Memorial Cross. On November 5, these plates were unveiled and presented to family members at the Saskatchewan Legislature.

The Saskatchewan War Memorial, located on the Legislative Grounds, lists the names of Saskatchewan's fallen from the First World War, Second World War, Korean War, peacetime

operations and the Afghan Mission. The names of the approximately 11,000 soldiers and civilians with ties to Saskatchewan who have perished in these conflicts are enshrined on the memorial.

I encourage you to attend the Remembrance Day service in Saskatoon at the SaskTel Centre beginning at 10:25 a.m. We will honour and remember the brave individuals who sacrificed so much for our freedom.

#### PLAY UNIFIED: SPECIAL OLYMPIC STYLE



I had the great honour of lacing up my runners Wednesday night at Mosaic Stadium for a very special pick-up soccer game with 14 of my colleagues, our good friend Luc Mullinder and the Special Olympics Regina Raiders.

This talented group of soccer players certainly showed us a thing or two on the field. We all had a fantastic time!

Thanks to Luc and the Regina Raiders for inviting us to play!

#### **CABARET FOR PLAY**

HOLY FAMILY PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE
PRESENTS

### CABARET FOR PLAY



DON YOUR FAVOURITE TEAM'S JERSEY & JOIN US FOR AN ADULT EVENING OF MUSIC, DANCING & PRIZES

#### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15 2014

ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL DOORS OPEN AT 8:00PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE HOLY FAMILY OFFICES AT ST. VOLODYMYR & FR. ROBINSON \$25 ADMISSION AGES 19+ ID REQUIRED CASUAL ATTIRE







WWW.HOLYFAMILYPLAYGROUND.CA

The opening of Holy Family School is just around the corner and plans are underway to construct a creative play structure on the school grounds.

Community volunteers have been hard at work to help raise money for the project. The goal is to raise \$150,000 for the play structure and with help from the community this goal will become a reality.

On Saturday, November 15, the Holy Family Playground Committee presents "Cabaret for Play". The event is a great opportunity to gather your friends for a night out of dancing and fun while supporting a great cause. The night will include amazing prizes, 50/50, draws, and a live auction with all of the proceeds going toward the playground construction.

"Cabaret for Play" runs from 8:00pm to 1:00am at St. Joseph High School. Tickets are \$25 each and are available at the Holy Family Offices in both Father Robinson School and St. Volodymyr

School. This is a licensed event and everyone must be 19 or older to attend.

Tickets are available until November 14 and are already 40% sold! I encourage you to get your tickets soon and support this great community building event.

#### GOVERNMENT REALLOCATES \$4.6 MILLION TO SUPPORT THE CLASSROOM

The Government of Saskatchewan is reallocating \$4.6 million in funding to support students and teachers in the classroom in response to what was learned through the Student First engagement process.

"Student enrolment in Saskatchewan continues to grow and we know that means diversity in the classroom is also growing," Education Minister Don Morgan said. "Based on feedback from the sector, we are reallocating \$4.6 million to provide additional front-line supports where it's needed most – in the classroom."

Of the \$4.6 million, \$3.5 million has been distributed to school divisions based on the Supports for Learning component of the funding formula. School divisions are being asked to work directly with teachers to determine where the funding will best support their students, such as hiring additional teachers, educational assistants or speech language pathologists, or investing in technology in the classroom.

As Saskatchewan schools have seen student enrolment increases again for the fourth consecutive year, the remaining \$1.1 million will also roll out through Supports for Learning, but will be targeted toward enrolment growth. This funding will be allocated once the operating grant is updated with this year's new enrolments.

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#### SUCCESSFUL SHAKER



Congratulations to Travis Low and the entire organizing committee for another outstanding "Lows in Motion Parkinson's Shaker."

Trish and I had the pleasure of joining the "sold out" crowd last Saturday!

The Parkinson's Shaker raised approximately \$125,000 this year, which is about \$25,000 more than last year!

This year also had a special unveiling of "Beneath the Tremors - Living with Parkinson's", a short video about the lives of those living with Parkinson's and their families. It a touching video and I encourage you all to click this <u>link</u> and watch it.

**CHOC'LA CURE** 



Now in it's 8th campaign, Choc'la Cure 2014 continues to raise funds for a new sections of the Provincial Molecular Genetics Laboratory that will perform tests on specimens from patients fighting Leukemia, Breast, Lung, Colorectal, Lymphoma, Melanoma, and most pediatric cancers.

Trish is looking forward to emceeing this fabulous event tonight at Dutch Growers. To date, Choc'la Cure has provided over \$1,375,000 for equipment used in treatment of men, women, and children at the Saskatoon Cancer Centre.

Donations continue to be accepted online or by calling (306) 955-3002. Charitable income tax receipts provided by the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency.

The 8th Annual Choc'la Cure takes place tonight beginning at 6:00pm, followed by dinner at 7:00pm provided by The Ivy.

As always, there will be a live and silent auction and great local entertainment. If you haven't already purchased your tickets, please consider supporting this worthy cause. For tickets email tickets@choclacure.com.

#### MORE DOCTORS BEGIN PRACTICING IN SASKATCHEWAN

Nineteen new doctors are practising in Saskatchewan, thanks to the most recent results of the Saskatchewan International Physician Practice Assessment (SIPPA) program.

Since the program began in 2011, more than 150 new family physicians have completed the assessment and have fulfilled or are fulfilling their service commitment to the province.

SIPPA is a unique, made-in-Saskatchewan program that assesses International Medical Graduates (IMGs) on their medical education and clinical ability before allowing them to practise medicine in Saskatchewan.

"We welcome all of these new physicians to reinforce our strong and growing province," Rural and Remote Health Minister Greg Ottenbreit said. "While our first priority is to recruit graduates from the University of Saskatchewan, we rely on international graduates to help us meet the health care needs of our residents. People all over Saskatchewan have better access to physician services because of the SIPPA program."

More Doctors Begin Practicing in Saskatchewan

# Random ACT OF KINDNESS DAY Random Act Of Act Of KXndness Day ®

The City of Saskatoon has declared today, November 7, Random Act of Kindness Day, to kick off the 2nd Annual celebration of kindness. This year, the festivities center around the "Pay it Forward" movement. It is such a feel good phenomenon and can be done at no cost - call a

family member or friend, write a thank you note, hold the door open for someone, make coffee at work, or just make someone smile. The Saskatoon Community Foundation has set up the Kindness Crew to help plan and bring this event to the community. If you would like to join the Kindness Crew visit <a href="https://www.saskatooncommunityfoundation.ca">www.saskatooncommunityfoundation.ca</a>.

Pay it Forward cards can be picked up at the Saskatoon Community Foundation office at 101-308 4th Avenue North from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday. I hope everyone takes a moment today, tomorrow, and every day to do something nice for someone else and pay it forward.

#### SASKATCHEWAN ADOPTS NEW ENVIRONMENTAL CODE

Environment Minister Scott Moe announced, November 3, the province of Saskatchewan is adopting a new environmental code that will continue to protect our environment for future generations, while helping to meet the challenges of economic growth. The code is the first of its kind in Canada and the cornerstone of the province's new results-based approach to environmental regulation.

The supporting regulations that make up the first edition of the new Saskatchewan Environmental Code have been introduced upon proclamation of *The Environmental Management* and Protection Act 2010 and The Forest Resources Management Amendment Act 2010. The code addresses diverse areas such as air quality, environmentally impacted sites, water management and natural resources protection.

"The Saskatchewan Environmental Code is based on a new regulatory approach that has environmental protection at its foundation," Moe said. "This streamlined regulatory process enables municipalities and industry to keep pace with growth, while ensuring Saskatchewan's environment remains healthy."

Saskatchewan Adopts New Environmental Code

#### **JUST THE LINKS**

• November 3, 2014 - Skilled Trades and Technologies Week

- November 3, 2014 <u>Canadian Armed Forces Members Recognized With Scholarship of Honour</u>
- November 4, 2014 <u>Liquor Retailing Consultation Process Now Underway</u>
- November 4, 2014 Saskatchewan Sea, Army, and Air Cadets Honoured
- November 5, 2014 Memorial Cross Recipients Recognized With Commemorative Licence
   Plate
- November 5, 2014 Government of Saskatchewan Announces Sponsorship for the 2016 Ford World Women's Curling Championship
- November 6, 2014 <u>Another Highway Construction Season is in the Books</u>
- November 7, 2014 Western Canada Summer Games Set for Saskatchewan in 2019:
   Government Seeking Host Community

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Remembrance Day was first observed in 1919 throughout the British Commonwealth. It
  was originally called "Armistice Day" to commemorate armistice agreement that ended
  the First World War on Monday, November 11, 1918, at 11 a.m.—on the eleventh hour of
  the eleventh day of the eleventh month.
- Every year on November 11, Canadians pause in a moment of silence to honour and remember the men and women who have served, and continue to serve Canada during times of war, conflict and peace. We remember the more than 1,500,000 Canadians who have served throughout our nation's history and the more than 118,000 who made the ultimate sacrifice.
- The poppy is the symbol of Remembrance Day. Replica poppies are sold by the Royal Canadian Legion to provide assistance to Veterans.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### Choc'la Cure

Date: November 7

Where: Dutch Growers Saskatoon

When: 6 pm

#### **Artisan's Craft Market**

Date: November 7 - 8

Where: German Cultural Club When: 6 pm - 9 pm; 10 am - 8 pm

#### **Remembrance Day Ceremonies**

Date: November 11
Where: SaskTel Centre

When: 10 am

#### **Cabaret For Play**

Date: November 15

Where: St. Joseph High School

When: 8 pm

#### **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

#### **Passport Clinic**

Date: November 22

Where: Saskatoon-Humboldt MP, Brad Trost's Office (505B Nelson Rd)

When: By Appointment

#### **Festival of Trees**

Date: November 23 - 29

Where: Western Development Museum Saskatoon

When: 9 am to 9 pm

#### **THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

"In Flanders Fields the poppies blow

Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below."

John McCrae

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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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