



From a Provincial Point of View

March 11, 2011

CTV CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



It was indeed an honour today to bring greetings on behalf of Premier Brad Wall, the Government of Saskatchewan and the constituents of Saskatoon Silver Springs at the CTV Citizen of the Year Luncheon held at the Radisson Hotel.

We had the privilege of honouring one of Saskatoon's outstanding citizens, Lisa Rendall.

Saskatchewan's provincial motto is "From many peoples strength", and Lisa is certainly the epitome of this motto. Lisa Rendall, through her tireless efforts is truly an inspiration to us all. Despite the challenges with her health, Lisa remains upbeat and shows us all what a difference a positive attitude can make in our lives. She continually demonstrates true Saskatchewan spirit and has touched the lives of many! Her courage certainly helped my wife Trish fight breast cancer. Lisa's ongoing volunteer spirit, along with her fund raising initiatives for breast cancer research is astounding and I commend CTV on choosing such a worthy recipient of this award.

I had the opportunity to thank CTV as well for the work they do in our city and our province and of course for this tradition of honouring exceptional members of our community.

Congratulations Lisa! This prestigious award is well deserved.

35th Annual Telemiracle Raises \$4,635,768



What an outstanding success!! Congratulations to the volunteers, performers, all of you at home who once again made Telemiracle a one of a kind fundraiser! This fantastic event has an impact felt throughout the entire province! The dedication and involvement of people that came together and contributed to help those in need is truly a remarkable accomplishment.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE “WOMEN OF INFLUENCE”

Saskatchewan's Business Magazine recently featured their 10th annual listing of the leading women who are making a difference in Saskatchewan.

My sincere congratulations to Saskatoon's Brynn Boback-Lane, Karen Chad and Arla Gustafson. I have had the opportunity to work with these accomplished women and am thrilled that they are recognized for the outstanding work they do in our province.

Congratulations also to Judy Davis, Pat Friesen, Velma Geddes, Cheryl Jolly-Nagel, Keri McFadden, Dianne Olchowski and Patricia Warsaba.

GUEST AT THE LEGISLATURE



I had the pleasure of welcoming Gail McArthur Posehn who was a guest at the legislature on Tuesday. Gail is a board member from Family Service Regina. Their organization hosted a fundraising luncheon on March 9th at the Casino Regina Show Lounge and Sask Gaming was one of the event's proud sponsors. Gail displayed the amazing handmade Saskatchewan Roughrider quilt she created. The quilt was signed by the entire 2010 team, as well as several alumni including George Reed. This

incredible one of a kind work of art was auctioned at the luncheon and raised \$1200.00!! I'm sure the money raised at this special event will be beneficial as it will support Family Service Regina's important programs and services. Special thanks to Gail for the work she her entire organization does to encourage the importance of Family and Community.

PET-CT SCAN FOR SASKATCHEWAN PART OF SIGNIFICANT NUCLEAR INVESTMENT

A \$17 million government investment in an advanced research cyclotron sets the stage for a \$6 million investment that will bring PET-CT (Positron Emission Tomography - Computerized Tomography) scan services to Saskatchewan. The cyclotron will enable the production of the isotopes needed to provide the PET-CT program to Saskatchewan patients. The cyclotron will also support research into the direct production of Technetium-99, the most widely used medical isotope in the world.

The introduction of PET-CT treatment and research services is a very positive step forward for patients in Saskatchewan. Patients will no longer have to travel outside of the province to receive this service. We can now provide the highest quality care and the latest treatments close to home.

Today's \$17 million investment for a cyclotron includes \$10 million from the Government of Saskatchewan and \$7 million from the Government of Canada. The research cyclotron announced today will generate short-lived, radioactive PET-CT isotopes, required to support the delivery of a new provincial PET-CT medical imaging program.

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT ON POTASH ROYALTIES

- Our government is protecting the jobs for all those working in our growing potash industry and feels royalty reviews have serious implications.
- In 2007 Alberta's government proposed up to a 20 per cent increase in royalties for energy companies. The response? Investment dollars left Alberta along with thousands of jobs.
- A full-scale potash royalty review would put current plans for billions of dollars in mine expansion and new mine construction, plus thousands of new jobs, at risk.
- Not only does a royalty review pose a serious threat to the stability of the investment climate in Saskatchewan, our Government believes it doesn't make sense.
- Presently, potash royalties are already twice as high as any other jurisdiction in the world.
- A word of caution for those who say Saskatchewan can charge whatever it wants for potash, given that we have roughly half of the global potash supply. This also means half is being produced in other parts of the world. If Saskatchewan fails to remain competitive, potash expansions will occur elsewhere.
- Right now, we *are* competitive and that has resulted in the creation of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars being spent in our province. Potash companies will invest more than \$12 billion in Saskatchewan over the next decade and increase provincial capacity by roughly 65 per cent. About 19,000 person-years of employment will be created through construction, followed by a permanent increase of 1,500 high-paying, industry jobs.
- The Conference Board of Canada recently predicted that Saskatchewan will lead the country in economic growth both this year and next and that the potash industry will play a significant role. Why would we want to put that growth at risk?

Our Government remains committed to moving our province forward.

SASKJOBS.CA ROLLS ON WITH IMPRESSIVE FEBRUARY NUMBERS

As Saskatchewan's largest job-matching website, SaskJobs.ca is a window to thousands of opportunities in every corner of the province. SaskJobs.ca hosted 811,000 visits in February - a record for that month and a 19 per cent increase over February 2010. Visits from outside Canada jumped by an impressive 74 per cent. The site provides job posting services free of charge for employers across the province and free résumé posting for job seekers around the world.

GREATER SASKATOON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Congratulations to the following individuals who were successfully elected Members of the Board for the 2011-2013 two-year term.

Barry Berglund – CTV
Troy Larmer – United Group of Companies
Randell Morris – Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies
Shawna Nelson – Sheraton Cavalier Hotel
Sanj Singh – Edwards School of Business
Rhonda Speiss – Potash Corporation
Tony Van Burgsteden – Areva Resources Canada Inc.

Silver For Team Sask Men At Canada Games



Brady proudly carrying the flag

Dwayne Yachiw, (Coach), Brady Kendel (Lead), Jake Hersikorn (Second), Quinn Hersikorn (Third) and Brady Scharback (Skip)

Silver Springs residents Brady Scharback (17), Quinn Hersikorn (17) & Jake Hersikorn (16) won Silver Medals in the men's curling event at the 2011 Canada Games in Halifax, NS. Their team, which is

completed by lead Brady Kendel (16), also from Saskatoon, helped bring Saskatchewan's medals total to 23 with 7 gold, 9 silver and 7 bronze at this outstanding event. Scharback was also honoured to be selected as the flag-bearer for Saskatchewan in the Closing Ceremonies on Sunday, February 27th. The

boys described the 2011 Canada Games, the high level of competition, and the chance to meet and build life-long friendships as an amazing opportunity for which they are incredibly grateful.

Spring Legislative Session Underway – You Are Invited To Attend The Budget Speech On March 23rd

During the spring session of the legislature, as MLA for Saskatoon Silver Springs, I will continue to take action to keep our economy strong and our province moving forward.

On **March 23rd**, we will announce our fourth balanced budget. Our government continues to take action to ensure Saskatchewan stays strong.

I have a limited number of tickets available to attend the Budget Speech at the Legislature. To reserve a spot, email or call my office as soon as possible (ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net or 651-7100)

WOW - Saskatchewan's Mark McMorris Shines



A pretty significant birthday present arrived early this year for Mark McMorris, son of Honourable Don McMorris. Just a few weeks shy of turning 17, Mark received his Red Bull helmet when he officially became a part of the team this past weekend. Mark has already accomplished what many pro snowboarders twice his age can only dream about. He landed the first ever backside triple cork 1440. Currently sitting in 6th place on the TTR circuit after an incredible

2009/2010 season in which he climbed to the top step at the Quebec stop of the Empire Shakedown, took

3rd place at the 5-Star TTR Billabong Ante Up event in Whistler, and 5th at the infamous Oakley Arctic Challenge, Mark is letting the snowboard world know that he is here to stay.

Born and raised in the flatlands of central Canada in Regina, Saskatchewan, Mark still calls this region home, although he doesn't spend much time here as his contest and travel schedule keep him on the road most of the year. When he isn't travelling for contests he spends a lot of time training.

VOLUNTEER AT THE 2011 JAZZ FESTIVAL

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival. I urge you to answer the call for volunteers and help out at the wonderful event. Volunteering at the festival is a great way to get involved, meet new people and enjoy the incredible music! Volunteer applications are available online at the Jazz Festival's website, or from their office located at 601 Spadina Crescent East, Suite 701. The application deadline is March 31st!!

Thought of the Day

A good laugh is sunshine in a home!

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Did You Know???

- 2011 marked the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day.

- Saskatchewan was rated the third-best mining investment jurisdiction in the world by the Fraser Institute in the international Annual Survey of Mining Companies 2010/2011. In 2009/2010, Saskatchewan was ranked sixth.
- Private and public investment in Saskatchewan is expected to reach a record \$17 billion in 2011. This is a 7.2 percent increase over 2010 and the second highest percentage increase in the nation.
- The Conference Board of Canada is forecasting that Saskatchewan will lead the country with growth rates of 3.9 per cent and 4.5 per cent in 2011 and 2012, respectively. Seven of nine private sector forecasters agree that Saskatchewan will be first in growth next year.
- Firefighter training program now offered in Saskatchewan at Parkland College in Melville.

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