



## From a Provincial Point of View

April 8, 2011

### *BIRTHDAY WISHES!*

Best wishes to Ken, who celebrated his birthday on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The day started with Ken's daughter Paige waking him to tell him there was a mouse in the kitchen. With a birthday on April 1<sup>st</sup> he should be used April Fool's jokes.

We join Trish, Carter and Paige in wishing Ken a great year!

Marlin, Jacquie, Jared, Marlene, Annie, Marilyn



## **MOVING FORWARD WITH NEW INITIATIVES TO BENEFIT SASKATCHEWAN FAMILIES**

### **Saskatchewan moves forward with helicopter air medical service**

- Our Government announced that we have signed a service agreement with Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS).
- The new service will support our existing air and ground ambulance programs, resulting in faster, more responsive emergency air medical services for Saskatchewan people.
- STARS expected to be operational in Saskatchewan by spring 2012!

### **Saskatchewan and Manitoba partner on MS liberation clinical trial research**

- Last year, Saskatchewan became the first province to provide \$5 million to fund clinical trials in an effort to get answer for people who suffer from this devastating disease.
- Manitoba recently announced they are following Saskatchewan's lead and will be investing \$5 million in clinical trials for the MS liberation procedure.
- With Manitoba now on board, clinical trials will produce more extensive data and may ultimately determine whether or not the liberation procedure is a valid treatment for MS.

Read more . . .

### **Government fulfills commitment to hire 120 police officers**

- 30 new officers will be hired in the 2011-12 budget year, fulfilling our government's commitment to hire 120 new police officers over four years
- We understand that the safety and security of you and your family is extremely important, and adding new officers will help to increase public safety throughout the province and give you more peace of mind.

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### **Sasktel announces 2011 network investment and fiber to the premises program**

- SaskTel will invest \$199 million in its network in 2011, beginning its Next Generation Broadband Access Program in Saskatoon and Regina, expanding the 4G wireless network and continuing the Rural Infrastructure Program.
- Approximately \$670 million for a seven-year program, Fiber to the Premises, that will significantly increase the download/upload speeds and Max HD experience in Saskatchewan's nine largest urban centres.
- These investments ensure that SaskTel customers continue to receive some of the best wireless, Max, internet and data services in the world.

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## **BUSINESSES RECOGNIZED AT PARAGON AWARDS IN REGINA**



It was a

**Ken with Regina Chamber of Commerce President Victor Thomas**

fantastic evening in Regina last night. Business excellence was honoured at the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Regina Chamber of Commerce Paragon Awards.

Gavin Semple, President and General Manager of Brandt Group of Companies received a well deserved award of distinction.

It was a pleasure to bring greetings on behalf of Premier Brad Wall and the Government of Saskatchewan and have the opportunity to acknowledge the finest of Regina's business community.

Saskatoon and Regina are dualed in the economic crown of the province and I think you will find the best business leaders in the world right here in Saskatchewan.

I was pleased to give credit to everyone nominated for these awards in Regina, however, when a Regina city councilor heckled, "Go Rams" during my greetings, I said that was pushing it!

## **SASKATCHEWAN COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS**

It was a special night in Swift Current last Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> showcasing the talents of many Saskatchewan performing artists.

Codie Prevost, who many of you may remember from Picnic in the Park was the Fans' Choice Entertainer of the Year! Codie was also the recipient of the Male Vocalist of the Year, Song of the Year, Single of the Year, Album of the Year and Video of the Year. Way to go!

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**Ray Morrison, Kate Morrison, Ken**

special guest, performing in his home town of Swift Current was Premier Brad Wall. I don't think the Premier took home any awards but did a fine job the guitar!

hope we all have the opportunity to see Codie perform sometime soon in Saskatoon Silver Springs! Congratulations Codie on being the

big winner at the Saskatchewan Country Music Awards. Congratulations as well to all that participated.

I was pleased to have constituents Ray Morrison, Chair of the Saskatoon Board of Education and his daughter Kate stop by, following their visit to the legislature last Wednesday.

## **CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES - DIRECTORS COLLEGE 2011**

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate constituents and friends on their successful completion as Graduates of the Directors College Audit Committee Program:

Patricia Cook, Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority  
Merin Coutts, Saskatchewan Government Insurance Board  
Shauna Fjaagesund, Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation Board  
Larry Hiles, Information Services Corporation Board  
Nadine Krenosky, SaskEnergy Board  
Anne Lavack, Saskatchewan Government Insurance Board  
Bryan Leverick, Saskatchewan Power Corporation Board  
Mitch McLeod, SaskEnergy Board  
James Rybchuk, SaskEnergy Board  
Glenys Sylvestre, SaskTel Board  
Arlene Wiks, Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation Board

## UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN HUSKIES



The Huskie Athletics at the University of Saskatchewan will celebrate its centennial in 2011-12. The centennial formally begins on September 10, 2011 with an invite inducting former athletes, coaches and builders into the Huskie Wall of Fame. Watch for an announcement about the Huskie Membershare Program.

For \$250.00 participants acquire a five year Huskie membership. What a great opportunity to participate in the many Huskie-related events and at the same time, support scholarships for Huskie athletes. Participants will receive an income tax deduction.

Centennial plans include a "Huskie for a Day" fitness event to be held throughout our Province in late September. A Huskie reunion and Centennial Gala next March will wrap up the celebrations.

## THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Every day is a page of your life's history.

## JUST THE HEADLINES – [www.gov.sk.ca/news](http://www.gov.sk.ca/news)

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- Apr. 8, 2011 - [GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN ENCOURAGES A HEALTHY STUDENT BODY](#)
- Apr. 8, 2011 - [SASKATCHEWAN NOW HAS LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE COUNTRY](#)
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## DID YOU KNOW ???

- Saskatoon is one of the sunniest locations in Canada, averaging 2,380 hours of sunshine per year.

## 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 to recognize anyone or have your event mentioned in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to call me.



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