



From a Provincial Point of View

May 6, 2011



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Mother's Day makes this weekend very special. To my wife and mother of our children, thank you Trish for all you do for our family. I am so grateful, not only this weekend but every day for the wonderful mom you are!

I am also grateful for the love and support of my mother, Lucy Cheveldayoff.

I wish every "mom" a very special day.

Happy Mother's Day – The Next "Survivor" Series

Six married men will be dropped on an island with one car and 3 kids each for six weeks.

Each kid will play two sports and either take music or dance classes.

There is no fast food.

Each man must take care of his 3 kids; keep his assigned house clean, correct all homework, and complete science projects, cook, do laundry, and pay a list of 'pretend' bills with not enough money.

In addition, each man will have to budget in money for groceries each week.

Each man must remember the birthdays of all their friends and relatives, and send cards out on time--no emailing.

Each man must also take each child to a doctor's appointment, a dentist appointment and a haircut appointment

He must make one unscheduled and inconvenient visit per child to the Emergency Room.

He must also make cookies or cupcakes for a social function.

Each man will be responsible for decorating his own assigned house, planting flowers outside and keeping it presentable at all times.

The men will only have access to television when the kids are asleep and all chores are done.

The men must shave their legs, wear makeup daily, adorn himself with jewelry, wear uncomfortable yet stylish shoes, keep fingernails polished and eyebrows groomed.

During one of the six weeks, the men will have to endure severe abdominal cramps, back aches, and have extreme, unexplained mood swings but never once complain or slow down from other duties.

They must attend weekly school meetings, church, and find time at least once to spend the afternoon at the park or a similar setting.

They will need to read a book to the kids each night and in the morning, feed them, dress them, brush their teeth and comb their hair by 7:00 am.

A test will be given at the end of the six weeks, and each father will be required to know all of the following information:
each child's birthday, height, weight, shoe size, clothes size and doctor's name. Also the child's weight at birth, length, time of birth, and length of labour, each child's favourite color, middle name, favourite snack, favourite song, favourite drink, favourite toy, biggest fear and what they want to be when they grow up.

The kids vote them off the island based on performance.

BLAKENEY MEMORIAL TO BE STREAMED LIVE TO THE WEB

I will be attending the memorial service for Allan Blakeney, Saskatchewan's 10th Premier, on Saturday May 7, 2011, 1:30 pm. All residents will have the opportunity to celebrate Premier Blakeney's life and legacy. To access the memorial service live, please visit www.ops.gov.sk.ca.

Blakeney passed away on April 16, 2011 at his home in Saskatoon at the age of 85 after a short battle with cancer. He served as the Premier for Saskatchewan from 1971 to 1982.

MOSAIC DONATES \$4 MILLION TO THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL!

The Mosaic Company continues to demonstrate its commitment to the province with a \$4,000,000 donation to the Children's Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan. The announcement was made last Friday as the Foundation's "Be a Part of It" Capital Campaign was unveiled. Norm Beug, Senior Vice-President of Potash Operations for the Mosaic Company said, "Today's announcement is an investment in Saskatchewan's future generations—our children—and that's an investment that strengthens our communities, our company and our province."

Mosaic's significant donation has been designated as a gift to enhance maternal equipment, research and patient care services to support patients and families at the new Children's Hospital of Saskatchewan. Mosaic will also fully underwrite the advertising and promotion of the "Be a Part of It"

Capital Campaign. "Our donation ensures that all the money raised for the Capital Campaign goes directly to the needs of our province's children and their families," added Beug.

In recognition of this generous gift, mothers, newborns and their families staying in the hospital after the birth of their child will see the Mosaic name greet them as they receive care in the postpartum unit. "We are very grateful and pleased to recognize Mosaic today for its contribution. This donation to the Children's Hospital will help our dedicated staff and physicians provide exceptional care, supported by the latest technology and equipment, in an environment that is truly patient- and family centered," says Maura Davies, President and CEO, Saskatoon Health Region.

The money raised during the Capital Campaign will fund investments in new pediatric and maternal equipment, research and education, and patient care service enhancements.

"The Children's Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan is grateful for Mosaic's belief and support in the health and well-being of Saskatchewan's children, mothers and families. Today is a great day for celebration!" states Brynn Boback-Lane, President & CEO of the Children's Hospital Foundation. "This act of generosity will touch countless families in Saskatchewan for decades to come."

The Children's Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan is the sole Foundation responsible for fundraising for the Children's Hospital of Saskatchewan.

This new provincial hospital will serve children from across the province, offering leading-edge health care equipment and technology, research programs and innovation—this is a provincial children's hospital with focus on family-centred care.

CONGRATULATIONS!! SASKATOON NOMINATED FOR 2 NATIONAL AWARDS!

Last week Saskatoon Sports Tourism announced that two Saskatoon organization were nominated for the 2011 PRESTIGE Awards. The 2010 IIHF World Junior Hockey Championship was named a finalist for the International Sport Event of the Year award and BHP Billiton was named a finalist for the Sport Event Sponsor of the Year award.

Saskatoon Sports Tourism announced last week that BHP Billiton has been awarded the Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance's (CSTA) Prestige Award for the Sport Event Sponsor of the Year in 2010. BHP Billiton was the largest event sponsor for the 2010 IIHF World Junior Championship held in Saskatoon and Regina from December 26, 2010 to January 5, 2011. In addition, BHP Billiton was the title sponsor for Family Hockey Fest, the New Year's Day Team Canada Alumni Brunch and the Ball Hockey Tournament, all of which took place during the 2010 IIHF World Junior Hockey Championship.

The 2011 Prestige Awards celebrate people, places, and events that make the Canadian sport tourism industry so dynamic and important to the economic fabric of our communities. These awards were held April 28 in Ottawa, in conjunction with the 2011 CSTA Sport Events Congress. Randy Fernets, Hugh Vassos, Cheri Hamilton and Tracy Pugh from Saskatoon Sports Tourism attended the event.

I sincerely congratulate everyone involved in these organizations. All Saskatchewan residents benefit from your outstanding efforts. Thank you.

McHAPPY DAY IN SASKATOON

On Wednesday, May 11th, 2011, more than 1,400 McDonald's restaurants across Canada will celebrate McHappy Day 2011. I encourage everyone to support this special day by stopping by the McDonald's in Erindale!



McHappy Day is a very special day at McDonald's, as it is part of an exciting effort to raise funds in support of Canadian children in need.

This year, on May 11th, one dollar from the sale of every Egg McMuffin sandwich, Happy Meal, Big Mac sandwich and coffee will be donated to the **Saskatchewan Ronald McDonald House**.

The Ronald McDonald House has 13 rooms and operates 365 days/year. They consistently operate at a full-capacity and unfortunately have to turn away as many families as they serve. On January 31st, 2011 the Board of Directors officially decided to expand. A Building Committee has been struck and planning has commenced. That is why; the House needs our help more than ever.

Please join the group of dedicated volunteers as they work hard for this worthy cause.

SPRING IS HERE, SO ARE THE MOTORCYCLES

To ensure a safe ride on your motorcycle:

- Follow the speed limit
- Take a basic riding course
- Know the limitations of your motorcycle
- Drive defensively, Saskatoon drivers are not used to you being on the street
- Wear protective gear at all times

THE SHEEPDOGS ADVANCE TO ROUND THREE



The Sheepdogs are one step closer to making rock & roll history – gracing the cover of Rolling Stone magazine.

After hundreds of thousands of votes were cast online, only four acts remain in the hunt for one of the most coveted achievements in the music world: appearing on the cover of the Rolling Stone. The Sheepdogs are the only Canadian band left in the competition.

Voting for this round will close on May 13 so your chance to influence the outcome is now. The winner of the contest will be announced on the August 2 episode of Late Night with Jimmy Fallon where they will make their live television debut.

Cast your vote at Rollingstone.com.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WOMEN BUILD IN SASKATOON

Social Services Minister and Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Housing Corporation (SHC) June Draude today officially launched the Habitat for Humanity Women Build affordable housing project in Saskatoon that will help one more Saskatchewan family realize their dream of homeownership.

The Women Build project is the result of a partnership between SHC and Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon. The province is providing \$50,000 to the project to facilitate housing development, strengthen communities and encourage women's participation in the skilled trades and technologies. The project will be led by Cameco Corporation and run from mid-July to mid-August.

"Our government is proud to partner with Habitat for Humanity on another home that will make a world of difference to a family," Draude said. "This build, and others like it, is an opportunity for us to show just how successful we - men and women - can be when we work together. This investment is truly a part of the Saskatchewan Advantage, of living in a province where potential is realized, dreams are fulfilled and people can have a home to call their own."

"We are thrilled to be able to bring this event back for 2011," Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon Executive Director Barb Cox-Lloyd said. "Our three previous Women Builds were a tremendous success. Not only have they helped to provide safe and beautiful homes for three families, but they have provided a unique volunteer experience. It is also our pleasure to partner with the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation to provide homes for working families."

Since 2009, the province has dedicated \$3.5 million in funding for Habitat for Humanity affiliates and chapters in Regina, Saskatoon, Yorkton, Moose Jaw, Prince Albert and Lloydminster to help build a total of 70 homes across the province. To date, the government has committed more than \$1.55 million of the \$3.5 million in grant funding available to Saskatchewan Habitat for Humanity affiliates to develop 31 homes.

Women Build is a Habitat for Humanity program that promotes women's leadership and participation in the construction industry, and provides concrete, practical opportunities for women to learn and practice trade skills under the direction of skilled tradespeople

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Our life cannot always be full of happiness but it can always be full of life.

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DID YOU KNOW ? ? ?

- Confederation Federation of Independent Business says Saskatchewan small business optimism levels lead country and hit 3 year high.
- 59 per cent of businesses in Saskatchewan say the overall state of business is good.

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