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## From a Provincial Point of View September 16, 2011

### INTERNATIONAL VACCINE CENTRE (INTERVAC) OFFICIALLY OPEN AT U OF S

Premier Brad Wall and University of Saskatchewan (U of S) President Peter MacKinnon officially opened the International Vaccine Centre (InterVac) at the Saskatoon campus today.

InterVac is part of the renowned U of S Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO) and will be a key player in Canada's vaccine preparedness strategy.

The Government of Saskatchewan has committed more than \$57 million to InterVac. Total cost of the centre is \$140 million.

"We are pleased to partner in this exciting new research development that will benefit all Canadians," Wall said. "This investment will further enhance Saskatchewan's growing reputation for innovative research and world-class life science facilities."

InterVac will develop vaccines to protect people and animals from the threat of emerging or persistent diseases such as avian influenza or tuberculosis. This new building will be one of the largest and most advanced Containment Level 3 facilities in the world for both human and large animal infectious diseases.

"We are grateful for the support and confidence of our partners in this outstanding vaccine research and development facility, which holds enormous potential to make significant headway against existing and emerging diseases," MacKinnon said.

The centre is expected to be operational in early 2012.

Since 2008, the Government of Saskatchewan has invested over \$356 million in capital throughout the post-secondary system.

Among those in attendance was Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

### CANADIAN COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS – SASKATCHEWAN SHINES!

I had the opportunity to join 13 of the 14 members of the Saskatoon Host Committee at the Canadian Country Music Awards held in Hamilton, Ontario last weekend. I attended on behalf of the Honourable Bill Hutchinson, Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport. Saskatoon Host Committee members in attendance included: Chair, Vic Dubois, Dawn Woroniuk, Bev Dubois, Derek Bachman, Rod Kitter, Scott Ford, Diane Boyko, Rhonda Schindel, Gerard Cullen, Dave Keegan, Shawna Nelson, Mitch Riabko and

Kal Hourd. This fine group of individuals are working hard to ensure that the 2012 Country Music Awards will be a great experience for all participating and attending.

It was especially exciting to see the fantastic performances by our Saskatchewan artists! First to land a trophy was Langenburg's Jess Moskaluke. Jess was selected to perform a New Artist Showcase, receiving one of the only eight coveted spots offered each year. A panel of jurors at the showcase event on Friday night at the Hamilton Convention Centre adjudicated all the performances over the course of the evening, and selected Jess to receive the 2011 CCMA New Artist Showcase Award, commenting that they were greatly impressed with the caliber of this year's performers. Upon winning, Jess stated, "I am really excited to represent my home province at such a prestigious event. I always have a great time performing, and this being my first time attending the CCMAs, felt I had an extra-high-energy performance! This was the best 'first CCMAs' ever!"

Next to be called to the podium was Saskatoon Silver Springs resident Bart McKay Productions receiving Recording Studio of the Year, and another Silver Springs resident, Jay Richards of CJWW, received the Music Director of the Year-Major Market. It marks the third consecutive year for Bart McKay Productions, having received this recognition in 2010, 2009 and also 2007. It was the first CCMA win for Richards. Picnic in the Park's favourite performer Codie Prevost was outstanding, as was Kal Hourd, another Saskatoon Silver Springs constituent!

2012, Saskatoon will host the CCMAs and Country Music Week!. This will mark the first time Saskatoon has ever hosted country music's biggest week in Canada. We have a strong volunteer base and solid track record of successfully hosting national events and this will be no exception. This exciting event will directly benefit the economy of Saskatoon with its occupation of approximately 1,600 hotel nights and historical economic impact of \$5-7 million dollars.

Get ready to enjoy the Country Music Week in Saskatoon September 6-9, 2012 with the Canadian Country Music Awards being held on Sunday, September 9.

## **MOOSE VISITS SASKATOON SILVER SPRINGS!**



A young moose was spotted in our constituency early Wednesday morning.

The conservation officers with the Ministry of Environment moved the moose to the military base near Dundurn.

## **FUNDING CONTINUED FOR THE ENERGY EFFICIENT NEW HOMES REBATE PROGRAM**

The province's Go Green Fund will provide an operating grant of \$500,000 to SaskEnergy for continued delivery of the Energy Efficient New Homes Rebate Program. The program was developed in 2007 to provide a rebate to homeowners who have built or purchased a newly constructed ENERGY STAR® qualified, R-2000 certified, or an EnerGuide for New Homes rating of 80 or above home.

"Our government is committed to helping Saskatchewan people Go Green," Environment Minister Dustin Duncan said. "We are continuing to fund the Energy Efficient New Homes Rebate Program because it encourages homeowners to build new homes to higher energy efficiency standards and reduces energy and water resource use."

Homeowners are eligible for a rebate of \$1,000 for building or purchasing a new home that is qualified or certified to these specifications. New homeowners must complete the rebate form in full and mail it, along with the required documents, to SaskEnergy within 12 months of their new home possession date. SaskEnergy administers the program on behalf of Go Green.

In the first four years of this program, 1,325 homeowners received rebates. To-date, approximately 3,675 tonnes of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions have been reduced annually as each new energy efficient home reduces approximately three tonnes of GHGs per year, compared to new houses built to the minimum building standard.

To learn more about the Energy Efficient New Homes Rebate Program, as well as other rebates available from SaskEnergy go to [www.saskenergy.com](http://www.saskenergy.com)

### **SASKATOON CORRECTIONAL CENTRE'S URBAN CAMP GARDEN HARVEST GOES TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY**

The 2011 harvest has ended for the offenders from the Saskatoon Correctional Centre's Urban Camp, and the bounty is all being donated to the Saskatoon Food Bank and St. Mary's Community School.

"At the same time offenders are learning work skills that will help them reduce their chances for re-offending when they're released, community members with limited resources also benefit," Corrections, Public Safety and Policing Minister D.F. (Yogi) Huyghebaert said.

This year marks the second year of a partnership between the Saskatoon Correctional Centre, the Food Bank and St. Mary's. The harvest from this season alone will see more than 3,200 hamper bags of produce provided to these organizations.

"This donation makes a difference to the clients who use our services, and we are pleased to be a partner in this important community initiative," Saskatoon Food Bank CEO Paul Merriman said.

"Our school lunch program is aimed to provide nutritious food to help our students perform better in school, and this donation helps us honour that commitment," St Mary's Community School Principal Tony Bairos said.

Urban camp offenders and staff maintain and grow a wide variety of vegetables over the summer for harvest in the fall. Gardeners are supplied with seeds, gardening tools and construction material through donations from Early's Farm and Garden Centre, Floral Acres and Hamm Construction.

The Urban Camp program has been in existence for 29 years, and provides offenders who are nearing release with work experience geared to supporting the community.



*"Leading the Charge Against Parkinson's"*

### **25 YEAR OLD WITH A PASSION TO FIND A CURE FOR PARKINSON'S DISEASE**

Gerry Dee Live in Saskatoon for 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lows in Motion Parkinson's Fundraiser

Looking to make a difference for People Living with Parkinson's (PLWP) disease, Travis Low, who is a Silver Spring resident, along with the help of a volunteer committee have raised over \$100,000 for Parkinson's Society of Saskatchewan over the past 3 years.

Travis is passionate about The Lows In Motion event and has done an incredible job with this amazing project. His father, Dwayne Low, and grandfather, Richard Low, have both been diagnosed with the disease.

In his youth, Travis witnessed his grandfather's mobility and demeanor wane. It was hard to believe that the man once known for his integral and compassionate contributions to the war effort, community and family could succumb to disease to that extent.

Five years ago Travis' father was similarly diagnosed with Parkinson's at the age of 48. Since that time his family has watched the progressive aspects of the disease take its toll on Dwayne both physically and cognitively at a rate far more worrisome than had afflicted his grandfather. Seeing Dwayne experience the progressive stages of the disease at such a young age inspired Travis to research existing initiatives and non-profits his family and friends could support.

Travis' first fundraiser was initially supposed to be a small dance of university students with a goal to raise \$10,000. However, after given the suggestion to have a silent and live auction, the dance bloomed to 350 people that raised \$23,000. The 2nd annual event was also a success and garnered involvement from like-minded volunteers, many of whom also have family or friends afflicted by the disease. Due to the success of these events, the Lows in Motion Committee have set their goals for our 3rd annual event at Hall A at Prairieland Park high. Their hope is to raise \$50,000 this year.

The entertainment for the evening includes a silent auction, raffle, and late lunch. The live entertainment is quality and diverse ranging from the very talented local Jazz duo Maurice Drouin and Heidi Munro, the cabaret band Nokyo playing classic rock with the headlining finale, the renowned celebrity comedian Gerry Dee. Dee is best known for his third-place finish on NBC's Last Comic Standing and his television character on The Score ("Gerry Dee-Sports Reporter").

All proceeds from this event are donated to the Parkinson Society Saskatchewan. The Parkinson's Society is the voice of people living with Parkinson's in Saskatchewan and their purpose is to ease the burden of the disease by offering support services, education, advocacy and research for a cure. When we support the society's efforts, we become a partner in their mission to make a difference in the lives of those affected by this disease.

To purchase tickets or make a donation, please visit their website at [www.lowsinmotion.com](http://www.lowsinmotion.com) or call 306-931-7837. If you require additional information, please feel free to contact Travis at [travis@lowsinmotion.com](mailto:travis@lowsinmotion.com).

## **SEPTEMBER 14 PROCLAIMED AS CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN DAY IN SASKATCHEWAN**

The Government of Saskatchewan has declared September 14, 2011, as Canadian Federation of University Women Day in Saskatchewan.

The Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) is an equality-seeking, advocacy organization that works to advance the human rights of women and girls in Canada. The CFUW is a voluntary, non-profit organization comprised of almost 10,000 graduate women, students and associate members across Canada. There are more than 200 members in Saskatchewan.

"The CFUW supports women seeking post-secondary education by providing \$20,000 in scholarships annually," Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration Minister Rob Norris said. "Furthermore,

they support many community events and initiatives. We're very pleased to announce September 14, 2011, as Canadian Federation of University Women Day in Saskatchewan."

"CFUW members in Saskatchewan are dedicated to improving access to education for women, and we support peace, justice, human rights and programs that improve the environment," CFUW Saskatchewan Regional Director Marlene Chatterson said. "Our members appreciate the Government's support, as demonstrated by declaring September 14 as Canadian Federation of University Women Day."

For information on CFUW, visit [www.cfuw.org](http://www.cfuw.org).

## **WATCH FOR NEW HEALTH CARD RENEWAL STICKERS**

Saskatchewan residents are being urged to keep an eye on their mail box over the next few weeks for an important package containing renewal stickers for their Saskatchewan Health Services Card. The majority of provincial health cards expire on December 31, 2011 and the renewal stickers will validate health cards to December 31, 2014.

"The Saskatchewan Health Services Card is a valuable personal identification card, which confirms that a Saskatchewan resident is entitled to health coverage under the provincial health insurance plan," Health Minister Don McMorris said. "It is important that residents always carry a valid health card and present it when receiving health services. As soon as you receive your renewal sticker, please take a moment to place it on the upper right corner of your health card."

Residents are also asked to check the accuracy of information listed on the form at the bottom of their renewal letter and contact Health Registration Branch only if that information needs to be updated. Residents will not be able to receive insured health benefits without a valid Saskatchewan Health Services Card.

The health card renewal packages will be mailed out between September 15 and 30. While the success rate of reaching residents is over 90 per cent, there are always those who are missed because they have not advised Saskatchewan Health of changes to their personal circumstances such as address changes, moves out of province or changes in marital status. Residents who have not received their renewal stickers by mid-October should contact Health Registration Branch by mail at 100-1942 Hamilton Street, Regina, S4P 4W2; email at [hcrenewal@health.gov.sk.ca](mailto:hcrenewal@health.gov.sk.ca); fax at 306-787-8951 or by phone at 306-787-3251 or 1-800-667-7551.

The Saskatchewan Health Services card is revalidated every three years, by placing the renewal sticker on the current health card. Health cards were last revalidated in 2008. More than 616,000 Saskatchewan households will be receiving health card renewal packages this year. In addition to the renewal sticker(s), HealthLine sticker(s) with the HealthLine phone number, and organ donor sticker(s) and consent card(s), are included in the renewal package. Residents 18 years or age of older who choose to become an organ donor need to attach the organ donor sticker to their health card, sign the organ donor consent card and keep both in their wallet.

For more information on health cards and health benefits, visit [www.health.gov.sk.ca/health-benefits](http://www.health.gov.sk.ca/health-benefits) on Ministry of Health's website

## **INNOVATION PLACE SUPPORTS IDEAS INC.'S ICT PROGRAM**

This past week, Minister responsible for Innovation Place Rob Norris announced a contribution of \$25,000 to support the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) program operated by Saskatoon-based Ideas Inc.

The industry-driven Ideas Inc. ICT program will help to increase market share in the ICT sector by assisting high potential early stage companies commercialize their technologies and succeed in the



global marketplace. The program offers a blend of business development opportunities, resources and synergies that enhance entrepreneurial success. In addition to an enterprise-grade managed and secure data centre and office space, the program incorporates incubation, mentoring, coaching and direction on access to investment as well as hands-on business guidance tailored to meet the unique and evolving needs of our early stage ICT clients.

"A strong innovation sector is a key element to a strong and growing economy," Norris said. "Today's strategic investment in the Information and Communications Technology program supports our innovation sector and our overall economy."

The program will be jointly delivered by the partner organizations with support of industry experts in the public and private sectors. This unique partnership is ideally positioned to encourage growth in this sector, taking advantage of the infrastructure available at Ideas Inc. (including the facility, office equipment, administrative structures and current program streams), the sector expertise of the Saskatchewan Advanced Technology Association, the University of Saskatchewan Industry Liaison Office and Computer Science Department, and the networks and research and development expertise of SREDA.

"The generous contribution from Innovation Place will allow us to assist high potential early stage companies commercialize their technologies and grow their companies by offering a blend of business opportunities, resources and synergies that enhance entrepreneurial success," Ideas Inc. Executive Director Phyllis Lodoen said. "The relationship between Ideas Inc. and Innovation Place involves much more than a financial contribution - their advice and expertise has helped to guide the development of this program. We look forward to working with Innovation Place in the future to ensure a continuum of resources for our ICT entrepreneurs as they grow into the global marketplace."

The mission of Innovation Place is to support the growth and success of Saskatchewan's technology sector. It fulfills this mission through the development and operation of technology parks in Saskatoon and Regina and the Forest Centre in Prince Albert. Innovation Place campuses house more than 190 organizations in the science and technology sector.

Ideas Inc. is a business incubator located at River Landing in downtown Saskatoon that offers both a start-up facility and advisory and mentorship expertise to encourage and support start-up companies. Our programs nurture the development of entrepreneurs, helping them thrive during their start-up or growth periods, when they are most vulnerable to market challenges. Ideas Inc provides targeted resources and services that help ensure companies will leave the program financially viable and globally competitive.

## **SASKATCHEWAN MANUFACTURING SHIPMENTS THE BEST IN CANADA**

Saskatchewan's manufacturing sector continued to see strong gains in July, as shipments in the province posted the largest percentage increase in the nation.

Manufacturing shipments were up 18.1 per cent in July 2011 over July 2010 (seasonally adjusted). Nationally, manufacturing shipments were up only 6.9 per cent over the same period.

## **A NEW APPROACH TO REDUCING CRIME**

The province has released Building Partnerships to Reduce Crime a new, integrated approach to crime reduction in Saskatchewan.

The proposed next steps in the Building Partnerships to Reduce Crime framework include better integration of government services; building on the strengths of communities, individuals and families; continuing to support police officers and the victims of crime; and targeting services to individuals and families with the highest needs and those who are at risk of coming in conflict with the law.

Government will continue to work with its partners, community leaders and the public to develop new partnerships and approaches to crime reduction.

Building Partnerships to Reduce Crime and ministry contact information can be found at <http://www.cpsp.gov.sk.ca/BuildingPartnerships>

## **THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

“The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings”.

Eric Hoffer

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

Sep. 15, 2011 - [WEEKLY PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE](#)

Sep. 14, 2011 - [BIOTECH WEEK PROCLAIMED IN SASKATCHEWAN](#)

Sep. 13, 2011 - [DOING BUSINESS WITH GOVERNMENT MADE EASIER FOR CONSULTING ENGINEERS](#)

Sep. 12, 2011 - [PREMIER'S AWARD PRESENTED TO PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES](#)

Sep. 12, 2011 - [SASKATCHEWAN MAKES DONATION TO LOCAL CHARITY ON BEHALF OF GOVERNOR GENERAL](#)

## **SOME UPCOMING EVENTS IN SASKATOON**

(If you would like your event listed in Provincial Point of View, please contact [ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net](mailto:ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net))

**Please check my website at [www.cheveldayoff.com](http://www.cheveldayoff.com) for additional information.**

### **NHL Game in Saskatoon**

When: Sept 20, 2011

Where: Credit Union Centre

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Details: Chicago Blackhawks vs Edmonton Oilers

### **Child Find Saskatchewan**

When: Sept 21, 2011

Where: Broadway Theatre

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Details: Benefit Concert featuring Dr. Draw whose musical style brings together the seemingly disparate elements of classical violin, jazz-rock fusion, folk and pop into a riveting masala that feeds the soul and invigorates audiences. For every ticket bought/sold by any one the sixth ticket is free. Tickets can be purchased by visiting our website: [www.childfind.sk.ca](http://www.childfind.sk.ca) or calling 306-955-0070. Tickets can also be purchased from the Broadway Theatre Box Office (306-652-6556).

### **8th Annual Aboriginal Music Festival**

When: Sep 23, 2011

Where: TCU Place, 35 - 22nd St E, Saskatoon

Details: Festival highlights Canadian and Saskatchewan Aboriginal talent in a variety of musical genres. Other activities include traditional instrument workshops, craft exhibits, fashion show, media exhibits, prizes and one of Saskatoon's largest youth career fair and leadership workshop. Begins 9 am. All ages welcome.

### **The Word on the Street - National Book and Magazine Festival**

When: Sep 25, 2011

Where: Saskatoon Market Place

Details: National, annual one day book and magazine festival in celebration of reading. The festival offers author events, literacy activities and a large marketplace. Visit website for details on locations and activities.

### **Zumba® For Lung**

When: Sep 25, 2011

Where: Silverspring School, 610 Konihowski Road, Saskatoon

Details Besides an invigorating workout, each participant will receive a free haircut from Enigma Salon (a \$40 value), a one month pass to Mawson Fitness and an opportunity to win great door prizes!

As tickets are only \$25 we encourage all participants to register early and to raise pledges. Bring in \$100 in pledges and receive a Breathe tank top. Plus for every \$100 you raise, receive one entry into the draw for a Romance Retreat donated by the Sheraton Cavalier (valued at over \$200)!

Go Loco collecting pledges and you could win:

Top Fundraiser – A one year Mawson Fitness Zumba® pass

2nd Place – A ClubMynx “Girls Night Out” Dance Party for you and 9 of your closest friends

3rd Place – An electronics package

### **Premier - Saskatchewan's Wine, Spirits and Specialty Food Show**

When: Oct 1, 2011

Where: TCU Place, 35 - 22nd St E, Saskatoon

Details: Sample fine wines and spirits from around the world and taste gourmet Saskatchewan-made foods prepared by our province's leading chefs. The festival supports Autism Services. Click here for more information.

Sep 29, 2011 to Oct 01, 2011.

### **“DRESS for the CAUSE”**

When: Oct 28, 2011

Where: All over Canada

Details: Dress for the Cause is an annual event, held this year on Friday, October 28th, to celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Breast Cancer Society of Canada is asking companies, schools, organizations and clubs to participate in this event by recruiting their employees, clientele, teachers, students and members to donate to the Breast Cancer Society of Canada and *Dress for the Cause!*

This year we are asking participants to show their support by wearing our "support bra" t-shirts. While our ultimate goal is to see breast cancer eliminated, our short term goal is to see as many men and women wearing pink bras in support of the cause. So let's get dressed and *let's get fundraising!*

Visit: [dressforthecause.ca](http://dressforthecause.ca)

### **Provincial General Election**

When: Nov 7, 2011

## **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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