



## From a Provincial Point of View

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### SASKATOON'S FABULOUS CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Saskatoon's multiculturalism shines this weekend with FolkFest highlighting many of the different cultures that make up our city. This year there are 17 pavilions around the city filled to the brim with volunteers proud to share their culture and heritage. Each pavilion showcases food, entertainment, and merchandise to make memories of your time spent in each country.

FolkFest began Thursday night and runs until Saturday at midnight. Passports are \$15 and can be purchased at any pavilion. A Passport allows entry to every pavilion, and children under 12 are admitted free as long as they are accompanied by an adult. Special bus routes are available to those who prefer not to drive for free with a passport as well.

I hope you are able to make it out to enjoy the beautiful weekend and take part in FolkFest.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OLYMPIC ATHLETES

*Our Province's Athletes Bring Home Three Medals*

The Government of Saskatchewan thanks the Saskatchewan athletes who competed in the 2012 Summer Olympic Games for being wonderful provincial and national ambassadors. Government also wishes to thank the coaches, officials and support staff from our province for their contributions to the Games.



"Congratulations, athletes, on a successful Summer Olympic Games," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Kevin Doherty said. "Canada might be well-known for its winter sports, but you showed the world that our province and our nation produce skilled summer athletes, too. Coaches, officials and staff, thank you for your dedication to competitive sport."

Three Saskatchewan athletes won Olympic medals. Rower Rachelle Viinberg (Regina) and her teammates won the silver medal in the Women's Eight Rowing competition.

Kaylyn Kyle and Kelly Parker, both from Saskatoon, won bronze medals playing for the Canadian Olympic Women's Soccer team. This is the first Summer Olympic team sport medal for Canada since 1936, when the Summer Olympic Games were held in Berlin.

Seven athletes hailing from Saskatchewan flew to London to compete for Canada.

Cory Niefer (Saskatoon) competed in the Men's 10-metre Air Rifle and 50-Metre Rifle Prone competitions. Krista Phillips (Saskatoon) played basketball for the Canadian Olympic Women's Basketball team. Reuben Ross (Pilot Butte) competed in the Men's Synchronized 3-Metre Springboard Diving competition. Brianne Theisen (Humboldt) competed in the Women's Heptathlon.

The Summer Olympic Games wrapped up Sunday, August 12 in London. The Summer Paralympic Games will take place August 29 to September 9.

## **RECORD BREAKING YEAR FOR THE SASKATOON EXHIBITION**

The rides have moved and the smell of popcorn and spudnuts no longer lingers in the air. The Saskatoon Exhibition has concluded for another year. This year the Saskatoon Exhibition broke a record for attendance with 221,154 people up 4,298 from 2011.

"With great entertainment and good weather, the Ex attained another record attendance. Thank you to all of our patrons for supporting the show," said Prairieland Park CEO, Mark Regier.



Congratulations to Mark, his staff, volunteers for making the Saskatoon exhibition a great experience for everyone who attended!

## **CHILD CARE FUNDING INCREASES**

The Government of Saskatchewan is once again offering child care facilities funding to provide professional development opportunities for staff and board members. Since the grants were introduced in 2009, early childhood educators, centre directors, board members, cooks, family child care home providers and their assistants, have accessed a variety of professional development opportunities to enhance the quality of care provided to children.

"The Government of Saskatchewan recognizes that high-quality early childhood experiences contribute significantly to young people's future success," Education Minister Russ Marchuk said. "Professional development for licensed child care staff and board members helps ensure children have the best possible care during such an important time in their development."

[Child Care Centres Receive Professional Development Funding](#)

## **FIRST PARTICIPANT LEAVING FOR GROUND-BREAKING MS CLINICAL TRIAL**

The first Saskatchewan resident will fly to Albany, New York on Monday morning for the final stage of eligibility screening for a clinical trial of the effectiveness of Chronic Cerebro-Spinal Venous Insufficiency (CCSVI) in relieving symptoms of multiple sclerosis (MS).

The provincial government committed \$2.2 million to have Saskatchewan patients participate in the Albany clinical trial to further research in this area and allow Saskatchewan residents to play an active role in MS research.

"This is a ground-breaking day for our province and for science," Health Minister Dustin Duncan said. "I wish Andrew a safe journey and thank him for his willingness to help advance our knowledge about the value of CCSVI as a treatment for MS."

[First Participant Leaving for Ground-Breaking MS Clinical Trial](#)

## **FIGHTING THE MOUNTAIN PINE BEETLES**

Saskatchewan will contribute \$450,000 to mountain pine beetle control efforts in Alberta as the two provinces work together to aggressively detect and remove infested trees at the leading edge of the infestation in eastern Alberta. The partnership agreement provides a framework for a comprehensive regional strategy to combat the beetle before it gets established in Canada's jack pine forests and aims to stop or significantly slow the beetle's spread into Saskatchewan's north.

"The mountain pine beetle represents a significant threat to Saskatchewan's pine forests and to the environmental, social and economic contributions they make to our quality of life," Environment Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. "Working with Alberta provides our best chance of preventing this insect from becoming established in our majestic northern forest."

[Saskatchewan Continues Mountain Pine Beetle Fight](#)

## **SECOND ANNUAL RUN FOR DIABETES**

This year's Saskatoon Run for Diabetes is being held August 25. The day starts with registration at 8:30am followed by the 10K, 5K, Team 5K walk or run, 2K Family Walk, and Kids 200m Dash.

I encourage everyone to register online through The Running Room at the website listed below and join the run for Diabetes as an individual, team, or family to help make a difference in the lives of more than 80,000 Saskatchewan residents living with this serious, life-threatening disease.

The Running Room Run for Diabetes link: <http://www.events.runningroom.com/site/?raceId=7725>

## **THE GREAT CANADIAN SHORELINE CLEANUP**

The Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup (GCSC) aims to promote understanding and education about shoreline litter issues by encouraging Canadians to rehabilitate shoreline areas through cleanups. It began with a cleanup by a small group of Vancouver Aquarium employees in 1994. Today, the cleanup has spread across the nation! In 2011, there were 1,665 GCSC sites across Canada – 56,293 participants clean up 3,144km, gathering 11,794 bags weighing 143,737kg!

This year's event will take place on Saturday, September 22, but if you register before August 31 you will receive a free GCSC t-shirt! I encourage you to join the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup and make a contribution to our city's beautiful green spaces. The cleanup will wrap up with a BBQ and pets are welcome.

For more information and to register visit: <http://www.innovationplace.com/thescene/green/index.html>

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- There is a \$6 million net increase for the Saskatchewan Children and Youth Agenda.
- There is \$4.6 million in Budget 2012-13 to establish the Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship Program that provides high school graduates from 2012 onwards with up to \$2,000 over four years to be applied toward tuition fees at any Saskatchewan post-secondary institution.
- The Seniors Income Plan (SIP) benefit increases up to \$50 per month start July 2012 with increases of up to \$10 per month in each of the next three years.

## **JUST THE HEADLINES**

- August 13, 2012 – [New Ways to Update Health Registration Information](#)
- August 13, 2012 – [Seniors Ride for Just \\$10 in September](#)
- August 15, 2012 – [Improvements to Saskatchewan's Community and Tourism Access Roads](#)
- August 16, 2012 – [Manufacturing Levels Rise in June](#)
- August 17, 2012 – [Province Consulting With Federal Pasture Patrons](#)

## **SOME UPCOMING EVENTS IN SASKATOON**

### **Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan**

Date: July 4 to August 26, 2012

Where: Shakespeare Tent on the Saskatchewan

When: Various times

Visit <http://www.shakespeareonthesaskatchewan.com/> for a full schedule

### **FolkFest**

Date: August 16 to August 18

Where: Various Locations around Saskatoon

When: Aug 16 and 17 - 5:00pm-12:00am, Aug 18 - 3:00pm-12:00am

Visit <http://www.saskatoonfolkfest.ca/home> for more information

### **Children's Discovery Museum Discovery Dash 2012**

Date: August 18

Where: Rotary Park

When: Registration at 9:00am

### **Rock 102 Cruise Weekend**

Date: August 24 to August 25

Where: Downtown Saskatoon

When: 11:00am to 5:00pm

### **Ukrainian Day in the Park**

Date: August 25

Where: Victoria Park

When: Moleben Service beginning at 12:30pm followed by the Opening Ceremonies at 1:00pm

### **Mental Health and Addictions Services Fun Run**

Date: August 26

Where: Meewasin Trail

When: ½ marathon starts at 8:30am, the remainder of the races will take place at 9:00am

For more information visit <http://mhasfunrun.ca/>

### **Rayna's Day of Play**

Date: August 26

Where: Sutherland Business District

When: All Day Event

### **Friends of the Forestry Farm House Walking Tours and Open House**

Date: August 26

Where: Forestry Farm, Superintendents Residence

When: 1:30pm to 3:30pm

### **Breakfast of Champions with Freddie Couples**

Date: August 27

Where: Prairieland Park Hall A

When: 7:30am to 9:00am

For more information visit <http://www.synergycommunitybuilders.ca/>

### **PotashCorp Fireworks Festival**

Date: August 31 to September 1

Where: River Landing  
When: Entertainment at 5:00pm, Fireworks at 9:30pm

### **Canadian Country Music Week**

Date: September 6 to September 9  
More Events to come!

### **Broadway Street Fair**

Date: September 8  
Where: Broadway Ave, Saskatoon  
When: 10:00am to 5:00pm

### **2012 CCMA Awards**

Date: September 9  
Where: Credit Union Centre  
When: Red Carpet 3:30pm, Broadcast 4:45pm

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

## **THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

True happiness is not made in getting something. True happiness is becoming something. This can be done by being committed to lofty goals. We cannot become something without commitment. -Marvin J. Ashton

## **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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