

It has been a busy week in Saskatoon Silver Springs and the Province. Scroll down to see what has been going on!



Christmas is a wonderful time of peace, harmony, optimism and good will towards others. It is in that spirit that I take this opportunity of behalf of my wife Trish and our children Carter and Paige, to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a healthy & prosperous New Year.

My mom, Lucy Cheveldayoff isn't with us this Christmas. We will miss her smiling face and the sound of her laughter but will reflect on our wonderful memories. I can't help but think of the many others that will struggle this Christmas with losses they suffered this year. I extend my prayers to those families for peace and happiness.

I hope that you will have time to join Trish and I this **Friday, December 20th at our home at 138 Kaplan Green**. Please stop by for refreshments, hors d'oeuvres and an evening of visiting. It is

such a joy to celebrate this special time of year with friends. I sincerely invite you take time from your hectic schedule to attend our gathering.

I think we have made progress in 2013 and I look forward to working with my colleagues to build on that progress in 2014. This holiday season, please be safe, enjoy time with family and friends and have a wonderful Christmas!

2013 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM PREMIER BRAD WALL

A lot of emotions surround the Christmas season: happiness, reverence, nostalgia, excitement.

It's a favorite time of year for many of us.

We look forward to family times of fun and laughter. Seeing someone we love opening a gift into which we have put a little thought. Being with friends who we don't see enough. Relaxing and enjoying good food...sometimes a little too much good food.

And refreshing our Faith in the One who is the real reason behind it all. For unto all of us was born that day in the city of David...a Saviour who is Christ the Lord. And that Baby named Jesus who was born that night, grew into a man who told us to love one another. And that's the spirit of Christmas.

George (Matthew) Adams says "I shall try to make my life like an open fireplace, so that people may be warmed and cheered by it and so go out themselves to warm and cheer."

That is because there are often other emotions that surround this season as well: sadness, loneliness, longing, discouragement.

It may be our seniors, those who are disabled or ill, people who are alone, or those who have suffered a recent loss. It may be families that are new to our province looking for friendship, looking for a place to belong. Families that may also be concerned about events happening in the country from which they came..like the Philippines - Maligayang Pasko to all our Pilipino friends this season.

These events are catastrophic, almost unimaginable. They call to our hearts. They call us to act.

Like the action in a story submitted by a reader to a Saskatchewan newspaper, which described the true spirit that should accompany our yearly Christmas celebrations.

It seems a refugee family was in a store purchasing essential items for establishing a home here for themselves. A woman, another customer, approached the family and asked some questions, after which she went off to pick out a toy for the couple's little boy.

And THEN proceeded to pay for the toy AND all the other items they had gathered. It came to several hundred dollars.

That is Love in action. That is Christmas in action.

An anonymous hero just out sharing some warmth and cheer.

A reminder for all of us that...for to whom much is given...of them much shall be required.

Just like a restaurant in Moose Jaw that makes Christmas dinner for the less fortunate. The class of kids in Milestone who regularly visit a seniors' home.

Or the families in Prince Albert who lovingly place necessities and small treasures in shoeboxes for kids, half-way around the world, who they will never meet.

That's Saskatchewan people reaching out to each other AND to those around the world.

I encourage all of us here in this great province, where so many of us have so much, to share Christmas with someone who needs warmth and cheer.

So from me and my wife Tami, and our children: Megan, Colter and Faith, and on behalf of my colleagues in the government of Saskatchewan, I wish for all of you, a Merry Christmas.

The Joy and Peace we all want, and the Hope we all need.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

[2013 Christmas Message From Premier Brad Wall](#)

2013 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION

This is an incredible time of year. I love it!

It's a time to slow down a bit and to focus on what matters the most – the people we love and the

communities we're so fortunate to belong to.

It's a time to reflect on the past year with gratitude ... and to look forward to the New Year with hope and optimism.

And, for many of us, it's a time to celebrate the simplest yet most profound gift of all: the birth of a child over 2,000 years ago and an incredible message of peace, love, and redemption. A message that calls us to look out for one another, to comfort those who suffer, and to bring hope to those who despair.

In so many ways, it's that spirit of extraordinary generosity and kindness that makes this time of year so incredible.

And I think there's something extra special about Christmas here in Saskatchewan.

Though most of us aren't big fans of shoveling driveways and scraping windows, I'm sure we all recognize that there is a lot of beauty in the glistening snow, the trees covered in frost, and the bright stars in the big winter sky.

And, while Saskatchewan people are incredibly big-hearted all year round, we're all especially generous at this time of year ... as we do a bit more to support those in need, whether that's here at home or halfway around the world in the Philippines where a disastrous typhoon left so many families devastated just a few weeks ago.

Christmas is indeed a very special time of year, because it's when we intentionally focus on what matters the most.

As the new NDP leader, I've been on the road a lot and I've loved every opportunity to meet so many of you and to listen to your concerns, your hopes, and your dreams – but I have to say I'm really looking forward to taking a few days off at Christmas ... to spend time with Ruth and to play with our young daughters.

I'm looking forward to visiting the farm, catching-up with family and enjoying good traditional food – like lefse. I'm looking forward to building a snow-fort with the kids and seeing their expressions as we gather as a family to open gifts.

I love this time of year!

However you and your loved ones celebrate the season, I hope it's a good one for you.

And, on behalf of my wife, Ruth, our family, and all the NDP MLAs – I wish you a Merry Christmas, joy-filled holidays, and a very happy New Year!

[2013 Christmas Message From The Leader Of The Official Opposition](#)

2013 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF SASKATCHEWAN

As we celebrate this special time of year, it is my pleasure to extend greetings to you on behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Canada.

For me, this is a season of thanksgiving, and one of the things I'm most grateful for are the generous and caring people of Saskatchewan. Our provincial motto – From Many People's Strength – was well chosen. Our diverse population is our greatest strength. Saskatchewan is a rich tapestry, woven from the threads of people from many cultures. We have enjoyed strong immigration in recent years, and to all who are new to our country and our province, I warmly welcome you – we are so pleased you are here.

Our province is renowned for our volunteers, who give freely of their time and energy to improve our communities. I am grateful to all of our committed and capable volunteers. Thank you for donating your time to worthy causes in Saskatchewan.

The Holiday Season can be a very difficult time for those who have lost loved ones in the past year. My heart goes out to you. It can also be a hard time for our military families, who may be separated because of deployment.

This year I launched the Lieutenant Governor's Military Service Pin. I hope to present a pin to every Saskatchewan person who has served in the Canadian Armed Forces, as well as members of Police Forces who have served in military operations. The pin honours those who have served our country, and will identify them, so that we can thank them for their sacrifices. As we celebrate the season, let's not forget that at this very moment, Canadians are risking their lives around the world.

Saskatchewan is home to people of many faith traditions, who celebrate in different ways, but for most of us, this is a time of sharing with family and friends. I wish you and your family much happiness and good health, today, and throughout the coming year. Merry Christmas!

[2013 Christmas Message From The Lieutenant Governor General Of Saskatchewan](#)

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"Christmas... is not an external event at all, but a piece of one's home that one carries in one's heart."

Freya Stark

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

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