

Check out what has been happening in Saskatoon Silver Springs and throughout Saskatchewan over the past week!



Provincial Point of View July 5, 2013

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CANADA DAY CELEBRATION



Congratulations to the organizers and volunteers for another successful Canada Day Celebration in Diefenbaker Park! Your commitment to our community is truly appreciated.

NEW ECOLOGICAL RESERVE IS SASKATCHEWAN'S LARGEST

Saskatchewan has designated a new protected area nearly two-thirds the size of Prince Edward Island.

The Pink Lake Representative Area Ecological Reserve, located 160 kilometres north of La Ronge, is now Saskatchewan's largest provincially-designated protected area of approximately 3,660 square kilometres. Compared to all other protected lands in the province, only Prince Albert National Park is larger at 3,874 square kilometres.

As Minister of Environment, I was pleased to comment, "The Pink Lake area covers a vast area of

boreal forest which provides important habitat for many species including woodland caribou. The designation will help conserve this ecologically important area, while adding significantly to Saskatchewan's Representative Areas Network."

[New Ecological Reserve Is Saskatchewan's Largest](#)

FREE FISHING WEEKEND JULY 6 AND 7



July 6 and 7 is free fishing weekend! I hope everyone has the opportunity to visit one of our beautiful Saskatchewan lakes to enjoy some fishing this weekend!

As Minister of Environment, I commented, "Saskatchewan offers some of the best fishing experiences in the world. The annual free fishing weekend encourages more people to experience the simple joy of spending time with friends and family on Saskatchewan's many bodies of water, reeling in that catch of the day. Whether you are a novice or an experienced angler, fishing is a great way to enjoy Saskatchewan's beautiful outdoors."

Regular angling limits and all other sport fishing laws remain in effect.

All anglers, including youth under the age of 16 and seniors 65 years of age and older who will be angling on Lac La Ronge, must have a Lac La Ronge Endorsement. These may be obtained for free through private issuers, Ministry of Environment and select provincial park offices.

Free fishing weekend does not apply in national parks and anyone planning to take fish out of the province must purchase a licence.

[Free Fishing Weekend July 6 and 7](#)

RECORD EXPORTS IN MAY

Saskatchewan's merchandise export trade continues to increase according to figures released by Statistics Canada July 3. In May, merchandise exports totaled \$3.07 billion, up by 8.1 per cent from last May, the third highest percentage increase among the provinces, and the highest ever for the month.

During the first five months of 2013, exports were \$14.97 billion, the highest ever for that period. This was an increase of 6.8 per cent over the first five months of last year, and the second highest increase in the nation.

"Trade fuels much of the economic growth we're experiencing in the province," said Advanced Education Minister Don Morgan on behalf of Trade Minister Tim McMillan. "Saskatchewan's a rising star in the Canadian export market at the moment, and is in the perfect spot to meet the demands of food, energy and other products in the global marketplace."

[Record Exports in May](#)

DOUKHOBOR DUGOUT - HISTORIC SITES AND MONUMENTS BOARD OF CANADA PLAQUE UNVEILING



I was delighted to attend the special ceremony commemorating the Doukhobor Dugout House today on behalf of Premier Brad Wall, Minister Kevin Doherty, Minister responsible for Parks, Culture and Sport and the Government of Saskatchewan. Also in attendance was MLA for Rosthern-Shellbrook, Scott Moe.

This National Historic Site is just incredible and I applaud Brenda Cheveldayoff for all she has done to make this known across Canada. The site is both a National Historic Site and a Provincial Heritage Property designated by the Government of Saskatchewan. What an accomplishment! It is important to the people of our province and to all Canadians. This historic property is tied closely to the earliest history of the Doukhobors in Canada.

It reminds us of the hardships that they—and countless other pioneers—faced after arriving on the prairies. They persevered through challenges most of us cannot imagine. Resourceful, they constructed this house using the natural landscape. A sod roof and wood logs pulled from the river were the building materials for a home built in the shelter of a ravine. Brave, they lived in

these dugout houses even through the winter months, relying on each other—looking forward to spring. Determined, they survived.

Our government has a plan for sustaining our province's growth because growth allows us to invest in things that enhance our quality of life. It allows us to invest in and maintain the Provincial Heritage Property designation program. It allows us to provide grants for sites like the Doukhobor Dugout House through the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation. These sites are so important. They are a physical link to our past. They are pieces of history we can see and touch, pieces of history we can learn from. They contribute to the social, economic and cultural success of our communities.

It meant a lot for me to be present at this special occasion. Growing up in the area, I credit the people for the many life lessons I have learned. Those lessons have guided me throughout my career. My position in government is about making a better life for the people of Saskatchewan. I'm proud of my heritage, proud of my family roots, proud of this community.

SASKATCHEWAN SETS NEW EMPLOYMENT RECORD FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT MONTH

Saskatchewan had the strongest employment growth and lowest unemployment rate in Canada in June, according to the latest employment report released today by Statistics Canada.

As a result, there are now more people working in Saskatchewan than ever before. 568,200 people were working in Saskatchewan in June, breaking the record of 560,900 set just one month earlier. There were 19,300 more people working on a year-over-year basis, a 3.5 per cent rise which is the highest percentage increase among the provinces.

“Saskatchewan has the strongest economy in Canada and that's creating thousands of new jobs and opportunities for Saskatchewan people,” said Advanced Education Minister Don Morgan. “Our government set ambitious employment targets in the Saskatchewan Plan for Growth and we're making progress on those targets by investing in training and participating in recruiting initiatives to attract skilled workers to Saskatchewan.”

[Saskatchewan Sets New Employment Record for the Second Straight Month](#)

ALICE IN WONDERLAND COMES TO SASKATOON



From July 12 to 28, Sum Theatre Ensemble will bring a Canadian adaptation of Alice in Wonderland to 19 different parks throughout Saskatoon.

The Sum Theatre Ensemble brings a unique perspective to an old classic. This Alice in Wonderland is set, both literally and figuratively, in a park. In the production, Alice falls asleep while picnicking with her family. The things she sees before she falls asleep manifests themselves into her wondrous dream - as picnic tables, garbage cans, umbrellas, and soccer balls become much more than they seem. At its heart, Alice in Wonderland is a story about imagination and this production will invite the audience to imagine along with Alice what an average park might turn into.

The first Theatre in the park on July 12 takes place at A.H. Browne Park. Alice in Wonderland comes to the Saskatoon Silver Springs constituency on July 22 at Les Kerr Park at 7:30 pm.

For more information on the production or a full schedule please visit www.sumtheatre.com.

MORE THAN \$260 MILLION IN HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

Workers and equipment are a common sight on Saskatchewan highways as more than \$260 million in grading, paving, bridge building and other projects are currently underway.

“The major work going on in our province ranges from creating passing lanes south of Fort Qu’Appelle to surfacing the Dalmeny access road to extensive work on Highway 55 in the northwest,” Highways and Infrastructure Minister Don McMorris said. “It’s important that drivers slow to 60 km/hr in work zones so we can make sure that all of this important work is carried out safely.”

[More than \\$260 Million in Highway Construction Underway](#)

PATIENTS BENEFIT FROM HEARING AID REGULATION CHANGES

The government announced changes to The Hearing Aid Sales and Services Regulations to ensure the quality and safety of hearing aid services delivered to Saskatchewan residents.

“This is another example of our government putting patients first,” Health Minister Dustin Duncan said. “These regulation enhancements will better protect and meet the needs of hearing aid customers, including seniors who are hearing impaired.”

Amendments include changing the minimum educational standard for hearing instrument practitioners. Practitioners are now required to obtain an approved two-year diploma course in hearing instrument sciences. This requirement is consistent with most other Canadian provinces.

[Patients Benefit From Hearing Aid Regulation Changes](#)

SASKATOON HOSTS INTERNATIONAL MEN'S TENNIS TOURNAMENT



Saskatoon Sports Tourism and the Riverside Badminton and Tennis Club are once again hosting the International Tennis Federation's Saskatoon Futures Tennis Tournament from July 6 to 14.

This year, the Saskatoon Futures Tournament has a very strong field of players. The Top 8 competitors are all ranked in the Top 500 in the world and each has recorded a victory at a futures

event in the past 12 months.

Qualifying rounds take place from July 6 to 8, with the main tournament running through the week, culminating with the doubles final on Friday, July 12 at 5:30 pm and singles final on Sunday, July 14 at 12:00 pm. Up to 72 competitors will vie for a prize pool of \$15,000. Spectators of all ages are welcome and admission for the week-long event is free by donation. All proceeds from the event stay in Saskatoon and go towards increasing participation in tennis programs around the city.

I encourage you to head down to the Riverside Badminton and Tennis Club over the next week to enjoy this world class tennis event.

DID YOU KNOW?

- 90 percent of employment gains were in full time employment (up 3.8 per cent).
- Saskatchewan had the lowest unemployment rate in the country at 3.7 per cent, below the national average of 7.1 per cent.
- Youth unemployment rate was 7.5 per cent, the lowest among the provinces and below the national rate of 13.8 per cent
- Building permits rose 3.3 per cent, retail sales rose 2.2 per cent, manufacturing sales rose 6.3 per cent, and wholesale trade rose 2.6 per cent as of April 2013

JUST THE LINKS

- July 2, 2013 - [Government of Saskatchewan Continues Capital Upgrades in Provincial Parks](#)
- July 3, 2013 - [SIAST Receives Authorization to Grant New Psychiatric Nursing Degree](#)
- July 4, 2013 - [Additional Liquor Franchises for Saskatchewan's Growing Communities](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dakota Dunes Open

Date: July 1 to July 7

When: Various times

Where: Dakota Dunes Golf Links

www.dakotadunesopen.com

Canada Remembers Our Heroes

Date: July 6 to July 7

When: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Where: Auto Clearing Motor Speedway

2013 U21 Men's International Softball Championship

When: July 9 to July 14

When: Various Times

Where: Bob Van Impe Stadium, Gordie Howe Park & Glen Reeve Fields

Pion-Era

When: July 13 to July 14

When: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Where: Saskatoon Western Development Museum

Taste of Saskatchewan

When: July 16 to July 21

When: 11:00 am - 10:30 pm

Where: Kiwanis Memorial Park

Cameco Family Day at the Zoo

Date: July 21

When: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo

River Lights Festival and Watercross Nationals

Date: July 26 to July 28

When: July 26 and 27: 12:00 pm – 11:00 pm; July 28: 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Where: Saskatoon River Landing

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."

Albert Einstein

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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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