

Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!



## SASKATCHEWAN POPULATION GROWS TO MORE THAN 1.17 MILLION



Saskatchewan's population has reached another all-time high, topping 1.17 million for the first time.

According to new figures released today by Statistics Canada, Saskatchewan grew by 1,488 people in the first quarter of 2018, to 1,171,240 people as of April 1. That's an increase of 11,691 people in the past year, and 157,806 more people in the past decade.

"Saskatchewan's population has now grown in 48 consecutive quarters," Trade and Export

Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “That’s the longest period of sustained growth since quarterly records were first published in 1971.”

The population increase in the most recent quarter was driven by net international migration of 2,731 people and a natural increase (births minus deaths) of 1,283, offset by net interprovincial migration of -2,526.

“Today, more people than even before call Saskatchewan home,” Harrison said. “That’s a clear sign our province and our economy are on track.”

## **SREDA WELCOMES U.K. BASED TECHNOLOGY COMPANY TO SASKATOON**



SREDA, JUNE 19 - Detecting tuberculosis in livestock and wild animals is a challenge worldwide. To meet the growing international demand for its test for mycobacterial disease, PBD Biotech, a U.K. based agriculture technology company, has established a Canadian subsidiary in Saskatoon to support its commercial infrastructure.

The Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority (SREDA) played a significant role in the attraction of PBD Biotech. The company’s first visit to Saskatoon was through SREDA’s 2017 Agriculture Technology Harvest Program (HARVEST), where they traveled to Saskatoon to showcase their novel technology to organizations in Saskatchewan. The relationships formed have been so fruitful that the company has chosen Saskatoon for its base.

“Saskatchewan has long been a leader in animal and food health and is always looking to implement new processes and technology that benefit farmers and customers. PBD Biotech’s expansion to Saskatoon will position the company for success in the Canadian market and ensure we’re at the forefront of utilising innovative products in this key sector,” said Alex Fallon, President and CEO of SREDA. Read the rest of this exciting news [here](#).

## **REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE**



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**Saskatchewan's population has now grown in 48 consecutive quarters.**

**More people than ever calling Saskatchewan home is a clear sign our province and our economy are on track.**

**Our government has a vision of a growing province where our children, and their children, have every opportunity to get an education, start their careers, raise their families and build a life.**

**Students across our province are finishing exams and preparing for graduation. They are ready to further their education, find employment and put their skills and knowledge to work.**

**Our government believes investing in education is one of the best things we can do and we are committed to keeping post-secondary education accessible and affordable.**

**The Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship is an example of our government's commitment to the future of our students and our province. It provides high school grads with up to \$500 per year, for four years, towards tuition at a Saskatchewan post-secondary institution.**

**The Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship is expected to help over 21,000 Saskatchewan students reduce their tuition costs this year.**

**If students choose to live and work in Saskatchewan after graduating, the Graduate Retention Program provides a tax credit of up to \$20,000 for their education costs.**

**Congratulations to the Class of 2018, and best wishes for a bright future in Saskatchewan.**

**People around the province are finalizing summer plans, many of which will include visits to Saskatchewan Provincial Parks.**

**Calendars with special event and program details are now available online so that visitors can plan their trips ahead of time and enjoy the wide range of activities offered.**

**Each park offers activities that are different from the last, from group-led games, crafts, stories and sand castle contests to campfire singalongs, sunset paddles and special musical performances.**

**Throughout the 2018 camping season, Camp-Easy equipped campsites will be available at Buffalo Pound, Echo Valley and Pike Lake provincial parks.**

**These sites include a large canvas tent on a wooden platform, six sleeping cots, a screened dining tent, a camp stove and propane tank, a lantern, wash bins, camp chairs and roasting sticks.**

**Closely located to urban centres, Camp-Easy sites are more accessible to families and new campers who do not own equipment or aren't sure if camping is for them but would like to give it a try.**

**Another unique experience brings Top of Form nature and comfort together in a brand new, Mongolian-style yurt in Great Blue Heron Provincial Park. The yurt is a great opportunity to experience beautiful Anglin Lake in comfort and style with minimal packing and preparation required.**

**The yurt, which sits on a large deck and is furnished with a queen-sized bed and two double-sized futons, comes equipped with a table and chairs, small fridge, electrical outlet, electric heater and battery-powered lamps. Washrooms, showers and potable water taps are located nearby.**

The yurt is ideal for anyone looking for a unique adventure, or for those who may not have much outdoor experience but are interested in a getaway beyond the city limits.

To learn more about all of the programs and new offerings in Saskatchewan Provincial Parks this summer, be sure to visit [saskparks.net](http://saskparks.net).

## HELPING SENIORS PROTECT THEIR HARD EARNED MONEY

### HELP PROTECT SENIORS FROM FINANCIAL FRAUD

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#### SIGNS THEY HAVE BEEN TARGETED

- Excited over a prize cheque.
- Noticeable changes in banking habits.
- A relative, caregiver or new "friend", starts conducting financial transactions on behalf of a senior without proper documentation.

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#### HOW TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

 Tell them to call someone they trust before making financial decisions.

Tell them to not to give out credit card information if someone emails, calls or texts asking for it. 

 Make sure antivirus software is installed and up to date on their computer.

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#### WHO TO CONTACT

If you think financial exploitation or fraud has occurred contact:

Local Police or RCMP  
or  
Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority  
(306) 787-5936  
[www.fcaa.gov.sk.ca](http://www.fcaa.gov.sk.ca)



Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority

The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority (FCAA) wants to protect seniors from financial exploitation and fraud. "We know seniors are trusting, often have accumulated wealth, and tend

not to report crimes, which makes them a target for fraudsters or exploitive relatives who want to take advantage of them,” FCAA Securities Division Director Dean Murrison said. “We want seniors to know the warning signs of financial abuse so they can recognize when someone is targeting them, as well as preventative steps they can take to protect themselves and their finances.”

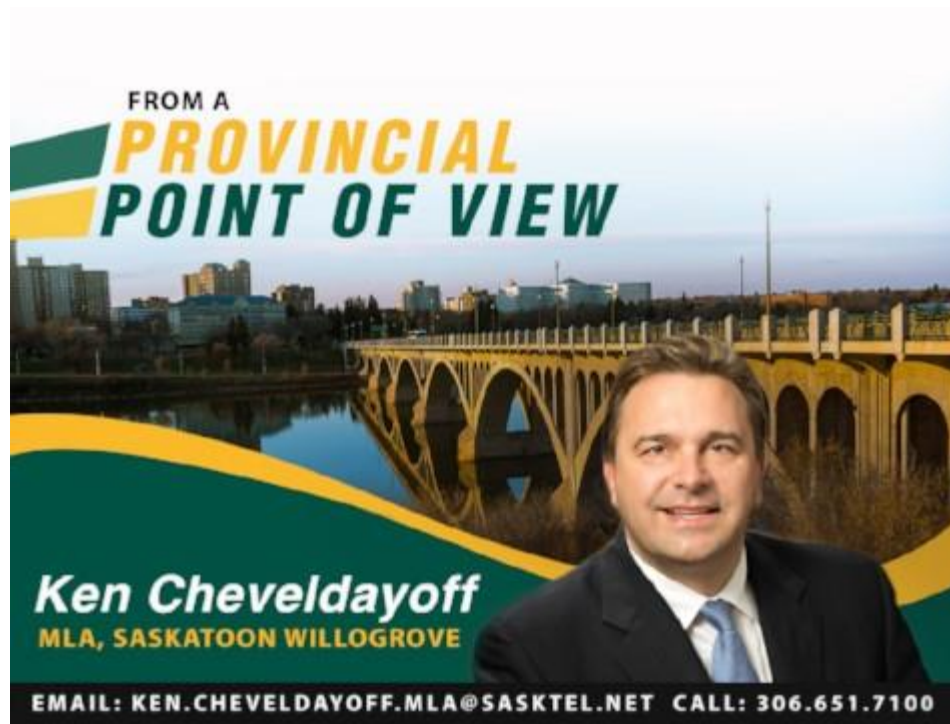
Too frequently people provide personal information such as credit card numbers, banking information or PINs to people they do not know and end up losing money to fraudsters or unethical relatives.

Here are some tips for seniors so they can protect themselves from exploitation and fraud:

- Be very cautious when speaking to people on the phone if you do not know them.
- If someone emails, texts or calls asking for personal or banking information, do not provide the information.
- Never wire money to a stranger.
- Do not download email attachments from people you don't know.

Seniors, relatives and caregivers, can visit [www.fcaa.gov.sk.ca/financial-literacy/seniors/senior-financial-abuse](http://www.fcaa.gov.sk.ca/financial-literacy/seniors/senior-financial-abuse) to find out more information about preventative steps, red flags and who to contact.

**WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT - IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS  
OR ITEMS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THIS NEWSLETTER,  
JUST LET US KNOW!**



I appreciate the many opportunities to make a positive difference in our 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.

**REGISTER FOR THE 2018/19 SEASON!**



Registration for the 2018/19 season is open at [www.saskatoonredwings.ca](http://www.saskatoonredwings.ca).

Late registrations received after June 30 will be charged an additional \$100 late fee. Players registering after July 15 must register through SMHA and are not guaranteed to be placed within their home zone.

If you are interested in coaching please register at the same time as player registration and not wait until the fall. Don't miss out on another great season of Redwing hockey!



Premier Scott Moe, "Standard & Poor's has confirmed Saskatchewan's AA credit rating, the second best in Canada.

Our plan to strength the province's finances and balance the budget next year is on track, as we continue to reduce our dependency on volatile resource revenues."

**ONLINE TRAINING FOR EMPLOYERS**





### Online training for employers

Learn about the online Employment Standards webinars available!



**Do you want to learn more about common employment standards misconceptions? Sign up for a webinar on June 20.**

The Employment Standards Division offers free online training webinars that provides basic information about the employment standards in Saskatchewan. These webinars address commonly asked questions that affect most employers and employees, including employers based outside of Saskatchewan with employees in the province. Click [here](#) for additional information.

## **JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN BUSINESS HALL OF FAME**



It was an honour to attend the annual Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame dinner in Saskatoon last week. Also attending were colleagues David Buckingham, Eric Olauson, Don Morgan and Gord Wyant, who brought greetings on behalf of the Government. Congratulations to the four incredibly deserving recipients that were recognized for their outstanding contribution to our city. Don Atchison, Merlis Belsher, Colleen Wilson and Ken Achs were all inducted. It was indeed a pleasure to honour these business and community leaders.

Some special words of advice from Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame inductees:

- **Never give up, You gotta wanna; success isn't just measured monetarily -...**  
**Ken Achs**
- **Think outside the box -Colleen Wilson**
- **You have to listen and have mentors; Ethics, honesty and integrity; Be prepared to throw your watch away and work hard - Merlis Belsher**
- **You need to believe in yourself and something greater; have a supportive family; reputation is key; give back to the community; be kind, caring and compassionate - Don Atchison**

## **CANADIAN SNOWBOARDER MARK MCMORRIS CHOSEN AS 2018 CALGARY STAMPED PARADE MARSHAL**



Story and photo credit - CBC News

Olympic snowboarder Mark McMorris is the 2018 Calgary Stampede Parade Marshal. The 24-year-old from Regina specializes in slopestyle and big air events. (CBC). Two-time Olympic bronze medal winning snowboarder Mark McMorris will lead this year's Calgary Stampede Parade. The Saskatchewan native says he's very excited for the opportunity to play an important role in what call an iconic Canadian event. Read the remainder of the CBC article [here](#).

Congratulations Mark!

## **QUILTS FOR THE HUMBOLDT BRONCOS HELPING STITCH THE COMMUNITY**



*Photo credit Wendy Toye*

What a great story by Lynn Giesbrecht, Regina Leader Post!

Like a giant patchwork quilt, communities across the globe came together to stitch a blanket of comfort over the Humboldt community.

Sometimes one by one and sometimes in scores, handmade pieces made their way from Australia, Brazil, Qatar, England, Scotland and all across Canada and the U.S., covering Humboldt in a tangible expression of love and support.

When Wendy Toye first put out a call for quilts for the Humboldt Broncos on social media, she had no idea it would spark a global project.

After a semi-trailer unit collided with the Humboldt Broncos bus on April 6, killing 16 of the 29 people on board, the small community in central Saskatchewan was left in shock.

Continue reading this heartwarming story [here](#).

## MANUFACTURING SHIPMENTS RISE IN APRIL



Saskatchewan's manufacturing shipments were up 16.2 per cent (seasonally adjusted) to \$1.53 billion in April 2018 when compared to April 2017. This represents the second highest percentage increase among the provinces. Nationally, sales were up 3.6 per cent over the same period.

“This significant increase in the year-over-year comparison shows the resiliency and diversity of our economy,” Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “Manufacturing is one of the key components of Saskatchewan's economy, creating jobs and investment across the province.”

On a month-over-month basis, shipments were up 6.7 per cent between March 2018 and April 2018, the highest percentage increase among the provinces. On a national basis, manufacturing shipments dropped 1.3 per cent. Year-over-year increases (seasonally unadjusted) were reported for food manufacturing (up 23.5 per cent); wood products (up 20.8 per cent); fabricated metal manufacturing (up 16.3 per cent) and; machinery manufacturing (up 10.1 per cent).

## **DO NOT DO BUSINESS WITH COPERSTONE AND COPERSTONE PARTNERS**

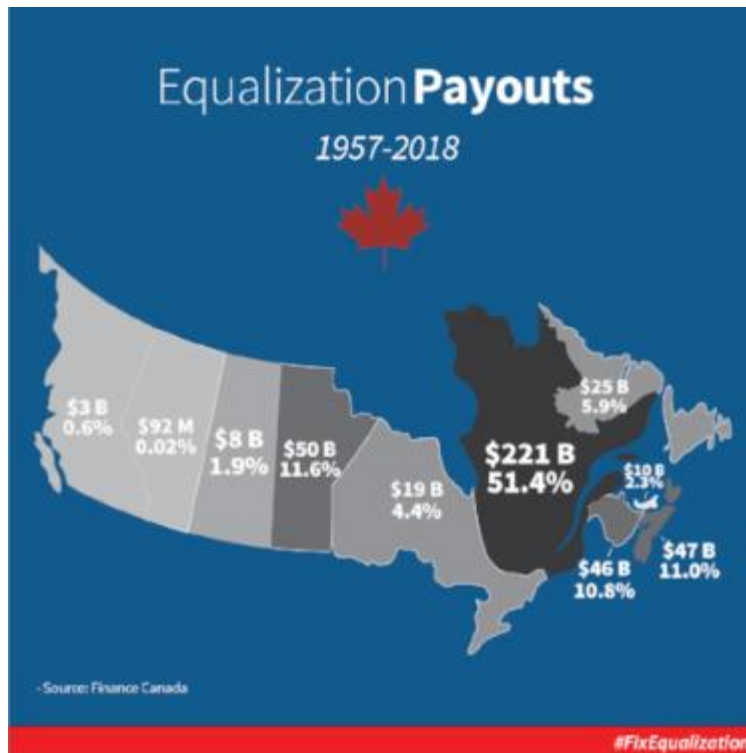


The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan (FCAA) has issued a Temporary Cease Trade Order against Coperstone Limited and Coperstone Partners Limited, which appear to be operating an unregistered online securities and derivatives trading platform.

“If a company or person appears to be in the business of selling securities or derivatives in Saskatchewan, they must be registered,” FCAA Deputy Director of Enforcement Ed Rodonets said. “An investor should always check to see if these companies or people are registered at [www.aretheyregistered.ca](http://www.aretheyregistered.ca) before they invest. If they are not, it may be a scam and investors should not send any information or money.”

A Saskatchewan resident opened an account on [www.coperstone.com](http://www.coperstone.com), and also provided Coperstone with a copy of his driver’s license and a credit card statement. The resident was then contacted by a representative of Coperstone who sold and advised him on securities or derivatives.

Coperstone Limited and Coperstone Partners Limited are not registered to trade in or advise on securities or derivatives in Saskatchewan. Anyone contacted by Coperstone should contact the FCAA Securities Division at 306-787-5936.



**Premier Scott Moe, "Did you know that over the past 11 years, Quebec has received nearly \$100 BILLION in equalization payments while Saskatchewan has received zero?"**

Many Saskatchewan people believe the federal Equalization program is inherently unfair. In just the past 11 years, more than \$190 billion has been paid out in Equalization to various provinces, and Saskatchewan has received \$0.

Some say that we have received a significant share of Equalization over the history of the program because of all the years we were a "have not" province under the NDP. Actually, that's not true.

Since Equalization was first introduced in 1957, Saskatchewan has received less than 2% of the \$430 billion paid out over the past 62 years, and Quebec has received \$221 billion - over 50%. In the past 11 years, while Saskatchewan received \$0, Quebec received nearly \$100 billion, or 56%, of the \$177 billion paid out.

Something must change. Our government is considering changes to Equalization and will put forward our proposal soon."

## **CROP REPORT FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 5 TO 11, 2018**



Rain across most of the province has helped to alleviate dry topsoil moisture conditions. Areas in the southeast, which was one of the drier regions over the past couple of months, received large amounts that caused flooding. The moisture will help to replenish pasture and encourage hay growth.

Seeding operations are mostly complete, but there are a few fields being seeded for green feed and silage. Germination is patchy in some regions due to dry conditions, but the recent rain has helped.

Read the entire news release [here](#).

**MINISTRY PROVIDES FUNDING TO RCMP FOR PERMANENT  
CRIME REDUCTION TEAMS**



The Ministry of Corrections and Policing is providing roughly \$1.6 million to the RCMP to permanently expand the Crime Reduction Team (CRT) initiative in Saskatchewan.

This funding will be used for 14 full-time team members made up of 10 police officers and four support staff. Funding for these positions is provided through the Provincial Policing Services Agreement, which funds 70 per cent of all RCMP positions in Saskatchewan. These additional staff will comprise two permanent CRTs—one operating out of Prince Albert and one operating out of North Battleford—that will be established this fall. The RCMP will maintain a temporary CRT to ensure enforcement activities continue until the permanent teams are operational.

“The RCMP has seen great success with this project since they started the CRT as a pilot last February, and we’re happy to support the establishment of these two permanent teams,” Corrections and Policing Minister Christine Tell said. “We look forward to seeing the positive impact this program will have in Saskatchewan’s rural communities.” Continue reading this release [here](#).

## **SLOW DOWN THROUGH WORK ZONES SO THE THIRTEENTH MAN CAN GET HOME SAFELY**



As another Saskatchewan Roughrider season kicks off and game day approaches, the thirteenth man is reminded to slow down through work zones. With construction work underway around

the province, fans travelling to Regina for the home opener this Friday are likely to pass through a construction zone.

“Safety on our highways is a priority for our government, especially within our work zones,” Highways and Infrastructure Minister David Marit said. “Please allow for extra time to get to the game, follow the posted signage, slowdown in work zones, and of course, enjoy the football game!”

“Like our fans, we are looking forward to the opportunities ahead for the 2018 CFL season,” Roughriders offensive lineman Brendon LaBatte said. “As fans begin their descent toward Mosaic Stadium, we want to remind all of Rider Nation to please drive carefully and always plan a safe ride home.”

If travellers come across an inappropriately signed work zone, you can report it by contacting 306-244-5535. Read the entire news release [here](#).

# WORK ZONE SAFETY



- ⚠ SLOW TO 60 KM/HR
- ⚠ STAY ALERT
- ⚠ FOLLOW SIGNAGE

## CONSTRUCTION WORK IN AND AROUND REGINA

- ⚠ REGINA BYPASS CONSTRUCTION
- ⚠ HWY 6 - SOUTH PASSING LANES
- ⚠ HWY 11 - SB LANES: CHAMBERLAIN AND AYLESBURY
- ⚠ HWY 35 SURFACING: NEAR FORT QU'APPELLE TO LIPTON
- ⚠ HWY 322 SURFACING: SILTON TO S OF GLEN HARBOUR ACCESS

[www.saskatchewan.ca/highwayhotline](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/highwayhotline)



## GOVERNMENT HOUSE CELEBRATES NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

This Thursday, June 21 marks National Indigenous Peoples Day, and Government House is celebrating the occasion with a traditional ground blessing and dance performance for all to attend.

“Celebrating the indigenous cultures that are part of our national identity is important to all Saskatchewan and Canadian citizens,” Minister Responsible for the Provincial Capital Commission Ken Cheveldayoff said. “Their history and culture is part of our collective heritage – it’s woven into the very fabric that makes up our country.”



National Indigenous Peoples Day was first proclaimed in 1996 by then Governor General of Canada, Roméo LeBlanc. The day is for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures, and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. The occasion is observed on or near the summer solstice, a traditional time for generations of Indigenous peoples and communities to celebrate their culture.

The public is invited to attend the free event, held outdoors on the Ceremonial Circle in front of Government House. Elder Betty McKenna will offer a prayer, and a traditional chicken dance will be performed alongside multi-generational drumming group, Buffalo Lodge.

Lieutenant Governor W. Thomas Molloy will give remarks in the company of representatives from Saskatchewan Indigenous organizations and communities.

Following the event, the public are encouraged to explore the J.E.N. Wiebe Interpretive Centre on the second floor of Government House. June is National Indigenous History month, a great time to experience Saskatchewan's past through interactive multi-media presentations, games and murals.

## [SEE THE LINKS FOR ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES](#)



- [GOVERNMENTS RENEW INVESTMENT IN SASKATCHEWAN'S AGRICULTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY SECTOR](#)
- [SASKATCHEWAN PROCLAIMS 20TH ANNUAL NATIVE PRAIRIE APPRECIATION WEEK](#)
- [LONG-SERVING FOSTER FAMILIES HONOURED](#)
- [PDAP RECOVERY CENTRE ANNOUNED FOR R.M. OF FRENCHMAN BUTTE](#)
- [SASKATCHEWAN'S MINIMUM WAGE ONCE AGAIN SET TO INCREASE IN OCTOBER](#)
- [SASKATCHEWAN HIGHWAY PATROL READY TO HIT THE ROAD IN JULY](#)



### [Safeway University Heights Summer Food Fair](#)

Where: Safeway, 1860 McCormond Drive

When: **June 23**, 11 am - 4 pm



### Upcoming Car Shows

**June 17** -- 10th Annual Father's Day Show & Shine -- Meacham, SK

**June 23** -- Saskatoon Camaro Club/A&W Hop Nights in Stonebridge --  
Saskatoon, SK

**July 7** - Saskatoon Mustang/Classic Ford Club Show & Shine @ Jubilee Ford  
, Saskatoon

**July 7** - Shifters Car Club/A & W Hop Nites - 8th Street, Saskatoon

July 8 Run to Besant Show & Shine, Moose Jaw

**July 8** - Cruise the Spirit 16th Annual Show & Shine, Good Spirit Lake

**July 14** - Saskatoon Camaro Club A & W Cruise Nites, Stonebridge, Saskatoon

**July 14** Back 40 Show & Shine, Delisle

**July 15** - Long & McQuade 9th Annual Car Show, Saskatoon

**July 18** - Stonebridge Crossing Annual Show & Shine, Saskatoon

**July 21** - Warman Home Centre Annual Show & Shine; all proceeds going to  
Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation, Warman

**July 22** - Tiger Automotive Mid-Summer Show & Shine, Saskatoon

**July 22** - Saskatchewan British Car Club Show & Shine Downtown, Saskatoon

**July 28** - Rosthern Show & Shine, Rosthern

**July 28** - Watrous Annual Show & Shine /Manitou Fun Run, Watrous

**July 29** = Bruno Show & Shine/ Tractor Pulls/ Rides in the " Rush Truck", Bruno

**July 29** - Radisson Annual Show & Shine, Radisson

For more information visit: [autoevents.ca](http://autoevents.ca) OR [cruisecalendar.ca](http://cruisecalendar.ca) or contact:

Al Kirchgessner at [alk-gwl@hotmail.ca](mailto:alk-gwl@hotmail.ca)



### **Saskatoon Police Pipes & Drums Annual Summer Concert**

When: **June 20**, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Where: River Landing Amphitheatre, Rotary Park & River Landing

Click [here](#) for information



### **SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival**

When: **June 22 - July 1**

Where: Various Venues throughout Saskatoon

Click [here](#) for additional information



### Canada Day Celebrations in Saskatoon

When: **July 1**

Where: Diefenbaker Park

For details, click [here](#)



*One of our readers from Mossbank asked us to share the following exciting events:*

#### Dare to Dream Lotto Barbeque

When: June 8, 11 am - 1 pm

Where: Town Office (draw June 9)





**Justinsane Barbie Car Club Show "N" Shine**

When: June 30, Registration @10:30 am, show at noon

Where: Main Street, Mossbank



## **Mossbank Canada Day Celebrations**

When: July 1



## **2018 Saskatoon Exhibition**

When: August 7 - August 12

Where: Prairieland Park, Saskatoon

Click [here](#) for details



**Save the Date for the 5th Annual Quinn Stevenson Memorial Golf  
Tournament**

**When: Friday, August 17th @ the Willows**

**Watch for more details**



**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**



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