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WE WILL REMEMBER

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Hello November

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16 YEAR ANNIVERSARY AS MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE



November 5, 2003, The Honourable Don Morgan, MLA Debert Kirsch and I were first elected to serve the people of Saskatchewan. Today marked 16 years as members of the legislature.

It is my honour to serve the constituents of Saskatoon Willowgrove and the Province of Saskatchewan. I look forward to continuing to stand up for Saskatchewan with Premier Scott Moe and all members of our Caucus.

WE WILL REMEMBER

In Flanders Fields

by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow

Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, **though poppies grow**
In Flanders Fields.



THE RESPECTFUL WAY TO WEAR A POPPY FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY



[Story credit to CTV News](#), Friday, November 1:

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According to the Royal Canadian Legion, the bright red poppy is worn every year to honour Canada's fallen soldiers.

"Thanks to the millions of Canadians who wear the legion's lapel poppy each November, the little red flower has never died, and the memories of those who fell in battle remain strong," [the organization says on its website](#).

While the legion provides a "poppy protocol" to guide Canadians on the "appropriate" and "respectful" wearing of the pin, the organization says it's a personal expression of remembrance and always an individual choice.

Where to obtain a poppy

In the days leading up to Remembrance Day on Nov. 11, Canadians can obtain a poppy from their local legion branches or from one of the many volunteers who distribute the pins at schools, local businesses, community organizations, and transit stops.

Canadians living abroad can get a poppy a Royal Canadian Legion Branches in the U.S., Mexico, Germany, and the Netherlands, or at the nearest Canadian embassy or consulate.

While the poppies are freely available to anyone, donations are welcome.

How to wear a poppy

A poppy should be removed by the end of the day on Nov. 11. The legion said some people choose to remove the pin in the evening following a Remembrance Day ceremony while others choose to take it off at the conclusion of the ceremony and place it on a cenotaph or wreath as a sign of respect.

“This has become a poignant tradition each year at the National Remembrance Day Ceremony in Ottawa as thousands of Poppies are placed on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier,” the organization says.

After the poppy is removed, the legion said it should be stored “appropriately” or “disposed of respectfully.”

“We encourage anyone who finds a poppy that has fallen to the ground to pick it up and brush it off so that it can be kept or disposed of respectfully,” the legion says.

THE SASKTEL CENTRE'S 2019 SASKATOON REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE: THE BRIDGE CITY REMEMBERS



On Remembrance Day, take time with your family to remember those who have served our country. One of the country's largest indoor services, the Saskatoon Remembrance Day Service at the SaskTel Centre, is set for November 11th, 2019. Here are few things you to know:

- **DOORS OPEN at 9:00am**
- **CHOIR BEGINS at 9:25am**
- **EVENT STARTS at 10:25am**
- **EVENT ENDS at 12:15pm**
- **(*all times subject to change)**

SASKATOON TRANSIT:

Thanks to RBC, Saskatoon Transit will provide complimentary bus service to the Remembrance Day Ceremony on Monday, November 11. Riders will be granted free access when entering the bus. No advanced action is required.

Bus service will depart from Market Mall and Centre Mall transit terminals at 9:45 am.

Buses will depart the Special Events Stop downtown (23rd St & 2nd Ave) at:

9:00 a.m. / 9:15 a.m. / 9:30 a.m. / 9:45 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 10:15 a.m.

Return trips will begin immediately following the close of ceremonies.

A special thank you to RBC for proudly sponsoring this transit service.

For more information, please call Transit Customer Service at 306-975-3100.

FREE ADMISSION

POLICIES IN EFFECT FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY:

- **Backpacks are not permitted. Bags or purses larger than 12"x12"x12" are not permitted.**
 - **BAG SEARCHES WILL BE CONDUCTED for all guests entering SaskTel Centre.**
- **Outside food and beverage is not permitted. This includes personal water bottles and travel mugs.**
- **Professional cameras must be accompanied with pre-approved media accreditation. All other professional cameras are not permitted..**
- **Please do not bring any items with you that you will do not need; SaskTel Centre does not provide an area to check bags, coats or any other personal belongings.**
- **Any items deemed dangerous or inappropriate will not be permitted.**

GUEST REQUIRING ASSISTANCE INTO THE VENUE:

- **Please check back for drop-off and accessible seating arrangements.**

Where: [SaskTel Centre, 3515 Thatcher Ave.](#)

Website: www.sasktelcentre.com

SASKATOON SPORTS HALL OF FAME 34TH ANNUAL INDUCTION DINNER AND CEREMONY



Pictured above: Dave King and Dr. Dean Vause and Joanne Jones Vause

On behalf Premier Scott Moe, the Honourable Gene Makowsky, Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport

and the Government of Saskatchewan, it was my pleasure to bring greetings at the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame 34th Induction Dinner and Ceremony.

The evening was a wonderful celebration of outstanding inductees that have made significant contributions to the sports community in Saskatoon.

It was an honour to congratulate:

- the 2019 builders: Lawrence Beatty, Dale Clancy, Dave King, Johnny Marciniuk and James Allan Mitchell.
- the athletes: Fiona Cribb, Terry Lehne, Donna Saworski and Jake Wetzel
- the teams: 2012 and 2014 Merle Kopach Masters Curling Teams and the 2005 Optimist Baton Twirling Connection Team.
- the sports organization of the year, the 1989 Jeux Canada Games.

They have all represented our city at regional, provincial, national and even international and Olympic levels. Their talents, knowledge and athleticism make our city and province proud. The inductees are now part of an impressive group of over 300 athletes, teams and builders who have been inducted since 1986. Each of the athletes has a passion for sport and I know they were proud to represent Saskatoon. What great role models for the people of our great province!

Sports contribute to our strong quality of life and you all play an important role in showcasing the physical and mental benefits of participating in sports. With the addition of their names to the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame, their stories will endure for many generations to come.

Congratulations as well to the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame for organizing the event and for continuing to preserve and share the history of our province's athletic achievements.

REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE



October 31: The Regina Bypass is now officially open to traffic. On time and on budget, the opening of the largest transportation infrastructure project in our province's history is an important milestone that will boost our economy through the efficient movement of goods, by reducing traffic congestion and improving safety.

First Responders have already seen safety improvements since the first section of the Bypass opened in 2017.

The newly-completed project includes:

- o 12 overpasses;**
- o 40 kilometres of new four-lane highway;**
- o 20 kilometres of resurfaced four-lane highway;**
- o 55 kilometres of new service roads; and**
- o Twinning of about five kilometres of Highway 6.**

Throughout its construction, the Regina Bypass project helped create thousands of jobs for

Saskatchewan companies and contractors. The Regina Bypass had a nearly unblemished safety record during four years of construction. Crews worked nearly five million hours with just one lost-time incident. This is a remarkable feat accomplished by a group of public and private partners who considered safety first in every aspect of the job. That partnership extends to the people and local governments that supported the Bypass and patiently worked through the inevitable disruptions caused by construction.

It is estimated that the Regina Bypass will save \$2 million to \$3 million in property damage annually, and most importantly, it will drastically reduce the number of injuries and fatalities on our roads. This truly is a project where safety is paramount and its resounding success is a testament to how big things can get done in Saskatchewan.

There are so many people to thank for this project; our provincial and municipal partners, the City of Regina, the Federal Government and surrounding municipalities. From concept to construction and completion, all the players and pieces involved in this massive undertaking, thank you for moving Saskatchewan forward.

Our government remains committed to reducing the number of traffic accidents, injuries and fatalities by improving traffic safety.

More than \$9 billion has been invested in highway infrastructure over the past 12 years, repairing and replacing 14,000 kilometres of Saskatchewan highways and 280 bridges.

Our government will continue to improve highway safety throughout the province with more passing lanes and a commitment of \$100 million over five years to improve safety at highway intersections.

While improving highway conditions improves driver safety, the dangers posed by impaired and distracted driving remain a serious concern.

Over the past number of years, our government has introduced several measures to reduce impaired driving rates in Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan children are now learning about the dangers of impaired driving well before they ever get behind the wheel.

Our government is proud to partner with Mothers Against Drunk Driving Canada by providing \$700,000 to bring the interactive mobile classroom “SmartWheels” to Saskatchewan schools. In the coming year, this will help educate thousands of students in over 100 schools about the risks of alcohol, drugs and impaired driving.

While there is more work to do, we are seeing results. In our most recent progress report, the number of fatalities caused by impaired driving is down 45 per cent and the number of people injured has fallen by 64 per cent since 2008.

While impaired driving numbers are falling, distracted driving offenses are not. Distracted driving is one of the leading factors in collisions and injuries from automobile crashes in Saskatchewan. During the fall legislative session, our government will introduce tougher distracted driving penalties to make driving safer for everyone on Saskatchewan's streets and highways.

PREMIER SENDS LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER

Premier Scott Moe, "Prime Minister Trudeau, 10 days ago I outlined a new deal with Canada. I asked you for a meeting in the next two weeks, and you committed to that.

Prime Minister, you've left Saskatchewan waiting."



Premier of Saskatchewan
Legislative Building
Regina Canada S4S 0B3

October 30, 2019

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
OTTAWA ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

I appreciated the opportunity to briefly speak with you the day after your re-election to express the frustrations of Saskatchewan residents and make some proposals to address those concerns.

I am writing to follow up on your commitment to meet in person soon. I would also like to propose a few more specifics around the three areas of concern that I raised:

1. Equalization. The 2020 equalization amounts for each province are set to be allocated in December, and under the current formula, some provinces will receive billions of dollars while Saskatchewan, Alberta and Newfoundland and Labrador continue to receive zero. Clearly, the existing formula fails to address the economic reality in those three provinces caused by challenges faced by the energy sector.

While it may not be possible to amend the formula to address this inequity by December, I am asking your government to commit to reforming the equalization formula in 2020 and, as an interim measure, to provide a one-time, per capita payment to Saskatchewan, Alberta and Newfoundland and Labrador under the federal Fiscal Stabilization Program or by some other means.

2. Carbon tax. Saskatchewan has an aggressive plan in place to reduce carbon emissions. Your government accepted the heavy emitters portion of Saskatchewan's plan, but still enacted the consumer portion of the federal backstop that imposes a \$20 a tonne carbon tax directly on Saskatchewan people. On January 1, 2020, the federal carbon tax will increase by 50 per cent in Saskatchewan to \$30 a tonne and will come into effect at \$30 a tonne in Alberta, which currently does not have a carbon tax.

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I am asking you to place a one-year pause on the federal backstop in Saskatchewan by removing the federal carbon tax in 2020 while Saskatchewan and federal officials work together to re-evaluate Saskatchewan's carbon emissions plan. I am confident such a re-evaluation will demonstrate that Saskatchewan is contributing to Canada meeting our Paris Accord commitments and that the federal carbon tax is not necessary in Saskatchewan.

3. Pipelines. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss your plans on timelines for moving forward with the Trans-Mountain Expansion Project as quickly as possible and for ensuring the potential for other pipelines to be built or expanded to both the east and west coast, which would also take pressure off our rail lines and help ensure that Saskatchewan can get the other products we produce to market.

I look forward to the opportunity to discuss these proposals with you in greater detail in person at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,



Scott Moe
Premier

Premier Scott Moe has sent the letter above to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau urging the Prime Minister to follow through on his commitment to set a formal meeting to discuss the frustrations of Saskatchewan people.

The letter outlines the three terms of Premier Moe's new deal with Canada, including a restructured equalization formula, a one-year pause on the federal carbon tax to allow for a re-evaluation of Saskatchewan's Prairie Resilience emissions reduction plan, and the immediate construction of critical energy infrastructure including Trans-Mountain Expansion.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE SANTA CLAUS PARADE!



Together For The Holidays
THE 29TH ANNUAL SASKATOON SANTA CLAUS PARADE
November 17th, 2019 at 1PM
This year's charitable partner is
Ronald McDonald House Charities Saskatchewan

The 29th Annual Saskatoon Santa Claus Parade presented by Midtown will take place on November 17th!

Join in the fun by entering a float, volunteering or watching the parade! For years the Saskatoon Santa Claus Parade has marked the beginning of Saskatoon's Festive Season! I look forward to seeing you on the parade route!

PULSE ON POLITICS - PREMIER SCOTT MOE WILL SPEAK ABOUT THE NEXT DECADE OF GROWTH



The poster features a portrait of Premier Scott Moe on the left, wearing a blue suit and glasses. To the right, the event title "PULSE ON POLITICS" is displayed with a heartbeat line graphic, followed by "THE NEXT DECADE OF GROWTH". Below this, the speaker's name "Premier Scott Moe" is prominently featured. The date and time are listed as "Thursday, November 14th" with "7:30 am - Registration and Breakfast" and "8:15 am - Speaker" at "Prairieland Park". At the bottom left of the poster is the logo for "theChamber GREATER SASKATOON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE". At the bottom right is the logo for "PRESENTING PARTNER: Cameco".

Premier Scott Moe will speak about The Next Decade of Growth: Over the last 12 years, Saskatchewan has enjoyed a period of sustained growth not seen since the 1920s. More people, more jobs and a growing economy have meant a better quality of life for everyone in Saskatchewan. Now, as we prepare to enter the 2020's, your Government wants to ensure this growth continues. Premier Scott Moe will release the Saskatchewan Government's new Growth Plan for the next decade of growth.

When: November 14, 2019

Time: 7:30 am - 9:00 am

Where: Prairieland Park

Register at: <https://saskatoonchamber.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/4881> or call Treena at 306.664.0712 for additional information.

PROJECT RED RIBBON - MADD CANADA



Bonny Stevenson, "Please support project Red Ribbon. If you would like a red ribbon collection box please contact me. All the money collected in Saskatoon stays with MADD Saskatoon."

Tie it! Wear it! Show it! Share it! Live it! Every holiday season, MADD Canada hosts Project Red Ribbon, a campaign to raise awareness about the risks and consequences of impaired driving, and to keep the sober driving message top of mind during the busy holiday season.

Canadians are asked to tie the red ribbons to their vehicle, keychain, purse, briefcase or backpack as a reminder that it is NEVER OKAY to drive drunk or drive high.

Remember ...

- **Never drive impaired or ride with an impaired driver.**
- **Plan ahead if you're going to be drinking or consuming cannabis or other drugs. Call an [Uber](#) or a cab, arrange a designated driver, take public transit or stay the night.**
- **Call 911 you see a driver you suspect is impaired.**

Get your red ribbon today and make your pledge to always drive sober. Contact your local Chapter or Community Leader <http://bit.ly/2pXGHhv> or info@madd.ca to get your red ribbons. [#ProjectRedRibbon](#)

HAVE YOU HAD YOUR FLU SHOT?

Influenza Immunization: By The Numbers



More than 720 clinics
scheduled across the
province



340+ pharmacies will also
administer the vaccine*

*to people 5 years of age and older. Under 5? Parents need to take their children to a public health clinic.

Find a clinic near you - visit www.4flu.ca

www.4flu.ca

saskatchewan.ca/flu

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**SASKATCHEWAN'S TOBACCO CONTROL ACT TO LIMIT VAPING
TO PROTECT YOUTH**

TALKING WITH YOUR TEEN ABOUT VAPING

A TIP SHEET FOR PARENTS



BEFORE THE TALK: GET THE FACTS

Vaping is not harmless

- > Vaping can increase your exposure to harmful chemicals.
- > Vaping can lead to nicotine addiction.
- > The long-term consequences of vaping are unknown.
- > It's rare, but defective vaping products (especially batteries) may catch fire or explode, leading to burns and injuries.

Risks of nicotine

Nicotine is a highly addictive chemical. Youth are especially susceptible to its negative effects, as it can alter their brain development and can affect memory and concentration. It can also lead to addiction and physical dependence. Children and youth may become dependent on nicotine more rapidly than adults.

Although not all vaping products contain nicotine, the majority of them do, and the level of nicotine can vary widely. Some vaping liquids have low levels, but many have levels of nicotine similar or higher than in a typical cigarette. Quitting vaping can be challenging once a teen has developed an addiction to nicotine. Nicotine withdrawal symptoms can be unpleasant.

Vaping nicotine can alter teen brain development.



Even if a vaping product does not contain nicotine, there is still a risk of being exposed to other harmful chemicals.



Health Canada Santé Canada



Today, Health Minister Jim Reiter introduced proposed amendments to *The Tobacco Control Act* to bring vaping products in line with existing tobacco legislation.

“The Government of Saskatchewan takes the health of our citizens very seriously and this legislation is an important step in protecting Saskatchewan youth in particular from the harms of vaping products,” Reiter said. “If you don’t smoke there is no need to vape.”

Read more about the amendments outlined in Bill 133 [here](#).

SASKATCHEWAN BECOMES A FULL MEMBER OF THE MIDWEST LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS



It was a pleasure to welcome and meet with Michael McCabe, the Director of the Midwestern Legislative Office at the Saskatchewan Legislature yesterday.

Dan D'Autremont, MLA for Cannington rose in the House today to announce that yesterday was the signing ceremony for Saskatchewan to become a full member of the Midwest Legislative Council of the Council of State Governments.

Saskatchewan was the first Canadian jurisdiction to become an affiliate of MLC and was the first Canadian member to host an MLC Annual Convention held in Regina in 2005. The membership of MLC includes 11 US States, Saskatchewan, and affiliates from Manitoba, Ontario and Alberta.

I join Mr. D'Autremont and other colleagues and say we were all honoured to be an integral part of the membership process for our province. Once again, Saskatchewan is leading the way.

GOVERNMENT INVESTS \$10 MILLION TO REDUCE SURGICAL WAIT TIMES

Investing in Healthcare

REDUCED SURGICAL WAIT TIMES



*2019 Speech from
the Throne*

Premier
Scott
Moe

Hundreds of Saskatchewan patients waiting for surgery will get their procedure sooner, thanks to \$10 million in new funding from the provincial government aimed at lowering surgical wait times.

Approximately 1,700 additional surgeries will be performed before the end of March 2020 to improve health care for Saskatchewan people. These surgeries include cataracts, hip and knee replacements, gynecological surgeries, dental, and ear nose throat procedures.

In addition, the number of Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI) cardiac procedures will grow by 60 per cent. TAVI is an option for patients who require aortic valve replacement and are not candidates for open-heart surgery. Thirty additional procedures will be performed this year, for a total of 80. TAVI will be available in both Saskatoon and Regina to minimize the need for patient travel where possible.

“I read the personal letters from people waiting for surgery and cardiac procedures, and I assure you that reducing the length of time people wait for their procedures is a priority for our government,” Health Minister Jim Reiter said. “We are committed to improving wait times, and this investment is a positive step in that direction.”

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

16 NEW RECIPIENTS OF THE SASKATCHEWAN SCHOLARSHIP OF HONOUR



Premier Scott Moe, "Today, Minister of Advanced Education Tina Beaudry-Mellor recognized 16 new recipients of the Saskatchewan Scholarship of Honour.

The scholarship provides an award of \$5,000 toward post-secondary education for returning Canadian Armed Forces Members as well as the spouses and children of injured or fallen members.

This is a small way to recognize the sacrifices Canadian Armed Forces members and their families make for our country."

NOVEMBER 2019



Its that time of year again. I'm sure you're all familiar with Movember but if you're not, you can learn about it here: <https://ca.movember.com/about/foundation>

Several members of our Caucus will again be collecting donations on behalf of MLAs who have decided to grow and sculpt their facial hair in the coming month in an effort to raise funds and awareness for men's health issues.

This Movember, you don't need to grow a mustache to make a difference. By supporting this cause you'll be helping to raise awareness for much-needed funds for prostate cancer and testicular cancer.

SASKATOON BAKER TAKES HOME TITLE ON FOOD NETWORK COMPETITION



It was a big change from watching football and hockey, but I was really excited to tune into the Food Network to cheer on Saskatoon's Anissa Cheyne from Sweet Wheat Bakeshop.

Story and photo credit, 650 CKOM News

A Saskatoon baker known for her elaborate cake designs out dueted the competition on television.

Annissa Cheyne from Sweet Wheat Bakeshop appeared on an episode of the Food Network TV series The Big Bake Monday evening.

She impressed the judges with her ice fishing themed s'more cake and took home the \$10,000 prize money.

The TV competition features teams of three having five hours to design, bake and decorate a grand-scale cake creation based on a particular theme.

After being declared the winner, Cheyne gave credit to her teammates, Trisha Skalicky from SharpTooth Treats, and Janelle Mulhall with Artisan Sweets YXE.

"I am so proud of my team. I couldn't have done it without them."

"I am feeling amazing," she said.

Cheyne said she is splitting the prize money with her team. She plans to use her winnings to grow her business and pay off her student loan.

HOCKEY FIGHTS CANCER



Hockey Fights Cancer -

Hockey is a way of life for many across the country - unfortunately so too is cancer. Over the years, cancer has impacted the hockey family, as members of its own community have been touched by the disease. Through Hockey Fights Cancer™, the National Hockey League (NHL) and National Hockey League Players' Association (NHLPA) honour those who are no longer with us and help those living with, going through and moving past cancer.

Hockey Fights Cancer™ unites the hockey community and gets an assist from players, coaches, officials, front office staff, corporate partners, fans and supporters to help people with cancer and their families. Together with the hockey family, they are a force-for-life in the face of cancer. Hockey Fights Cancer™ was founded by the NHL and NHLPA in 1998 to unite the hockey community in support of people with cancer and their families. The Hockey Fights Cancer™ initiative has resulted in donations of more than \$25 million to support national and local cancer research institutions, children's hospitals, player charities and local charities.

Read more: <http://www.cancer.ca/en/get-involved/events-and-participation/find-an-event-near-you/hockey-fights-cancer/?region=sk#ixzz64BM1RDkc>

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Together, we can help ensure Canadians affected by cancer feel support from their team.

EXPANSION OF EARLY LEARNING INTENSIVE SUPPORT PROGRAM MEANS MORE CHILDREN WITH INTENSIVE NEEDS CAN PARTICIPATE IN PREKINDERGARTEN



Premier Scott Moe, "Deputy Premier and Minister of Education Gord Wyant visited École Palliser Heights School in Moose Jaw to highlight the Early Learning Intensive Support pilot program helping Prekindergarten-aged children to learn and play alongside their friends.

The ELIS program has been available in Saskatoon and Regina since 2018, and was expanded to Prince Albert, Swift Current, North Battleford, Yorkton and Moose Jaw earlier this year.

Our government is committed to giving all Saskatchewan children access to a quality education, regardless of their abilities or unique needs."

Deputy Premier and Education Minister Gordon Wyant helped serve up some Halloween fun for the Prekindergarten class at École Palliser Heights School in Moose Jaw this afternoon. Palliser Heights is one of 20 schools across Saskatchewan offering the Early Learning Intensive Support (ELIS) pilot program for the first time this year.

ELIS gives school divisions additional supports so preschool-aged children experiencing significant, enduring disabilities can attend Prekindergarten classes alongside other children.

“Our government is committed to giving all Saskatchewan children access to quality education, regardless of their abilities or unique needs,” Wyant said. “The ELIS pilot program is allowing Prekindergarten-aged children the chance to learn and play right alongside their friends, exploring the outdoors, singing, using their imagination, enjoying literacy, science, math and interacting with other children their age.”

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

CROP REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 22 TO 28, 2019



Released on October 31, 2019

Despite unfavorable weather, producers were able to make good harvest progress last week. Ninety per cent of the crop is now in the bin, up from 83 per cent last week; however, the 2019 harvest remains behind the five-year (2014-18) average of 96 per cent for this time of year.

Many areas received mixed precipitation stalling most harvest operations in the province. Producers remain hopeful they will complete harvest this fall.

Harvest progress was made in most regions last week. The west-central and northeastern regions are the most advanced with 96 per cent of the crop now combined. The southwest and northwest regions have 90 per cent combined, the southeast region 88 per cent and the east-central region 82 per cent.

Read more in the final Crop Report for 2019 [here](#).

AMBULANCE PLAY STRUCTURE HELPS KIDS COPE IN HOSPITAL



A custom-made ambulance play structure has been installed in the Child Life Zone in the new Jim Pattison Children's Hospital, thanks to the generosity of Crestline Coach.

Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation first had the opportunity to work with Crestline on the construction of the new pediatric ambulance back in 2016, through a partnership with Synergy 8 Community Builders and the Sandra Schmirler Foundation. When approached with the idea to replicate this ambulance in the new Child Life Zone, Crestline was excited and quickly enlisted a volunteer committee to custom-design and manufacture the ambulance play structure.

Crestline Coach Ltd. is a global leader in ambulance and specialty vehicle manufacturing and a Canadian supplier of small to mid-sized commercial buses.

“As an organization deeply rooted in Saskatchewan, we wanted to find a way to engage our employees because we knew this initiative was incredibly meaningful for our province and our local community,” shared Richard Valenti, Vice President of Operations at Crestline Coach. “Our employees were eager to selflessly and passionately donate their personal time and talents towards a community project that will result in providing a little bit of happiness for sick children during their stay at the hospital.”

The ambulance play structure is part of the Child Life Zone in Saskatchewan’s new Jim Pattison Children’s Hospital. The 2,800 square foot space on the main floor of the hospital is designed for pediatric patients and their families to play, learn, laugh and relax. Providing dramatic play opportunities is especially important in a hospital setting because it allows children to explore their feelings and thoughts about their experience. This helps children understand what has happened or what can happen to them, and in turn helps to build their confidence and sense of control. It is important to constantly assess a patient’s understanding of their experience, in order for them to build strong coping skills. Child Life Specialists in hospital work with patients to reflect the child’s expressions back to them. The more information and knowledge children have about their world, the more coping skills they can build, making their hospital experience positive, instead of scary or traumatic.

“We are grateful for Crestline’s incredible generosity, as this impressive play structure is such an exciting element in the Child Life Zone,” said Brynn Boback-Lane, President and CEO of Jim Pattison Children’s Hospital Foundation. “Just as the pediatric ambulance cares for kids across the province, this replica will further educate children in hospital to become more familiar with medical transport and the equipment required. This is an added opportunity to replace fear of ambulance procedures with understanding through playful simulation.”

The Child Life Zone was created in partnership with country music legend Garth Brooks and his Teammates for Kids Foundation, The Mosaic Company and Jim Pattison Children’s Hospital Foundation. This space is the first of its kind in Canada, joining 11 other Child Life Zones across North America.

DID YOU KNOW



- More than \$7 million has been invested in community airports since 2007, generating about \$14 million in airport improvements.
- Today, it's common for consumers to finance their vehicle over seven to eight years which is a significant amount of time for a product that begins depreciating the second you drive it off the lot.
- There are currently 166 Prekindergarten spaces available for children with unique needs province-wide.
- Since its inception in 2009, 226 Scholarships of Honour have been awarded, totaling \$1,130,000.
- This week, the CCS facility at Boundary Dam Power Station captured its 3 millionth tonne of CO2 since its inception in 2014 - an incredible milestone equivalent to taking 750,000 cars off the road.

DO YOU OWE MORE THAN WHAT YOUR CAR IS WORTH?

What is Negative Equity:

Owing more on a car than it is worth.

You bought a car for \$30,000 with a 3.99% interest rate 4 years ago and pay \$366/month for 8 years (96 months).

Now, you want to trade it in for a \$35,000 car but still owe \$16,192 on your vehicle.

Because of depreciation, the dealer only gives you \$7,000 for the trade in which means you still owe \$9,192 (\$16,192-\$7,000).

So now, you will need to borrow \$44,192 (\$9,192+\$35,000) and your loan payment at 3.99% interest will be \$538/month.

This means you have \$9,192 of negative equity.

Learn about the dangers of negative equity.

fcaa.gov.sk.ca



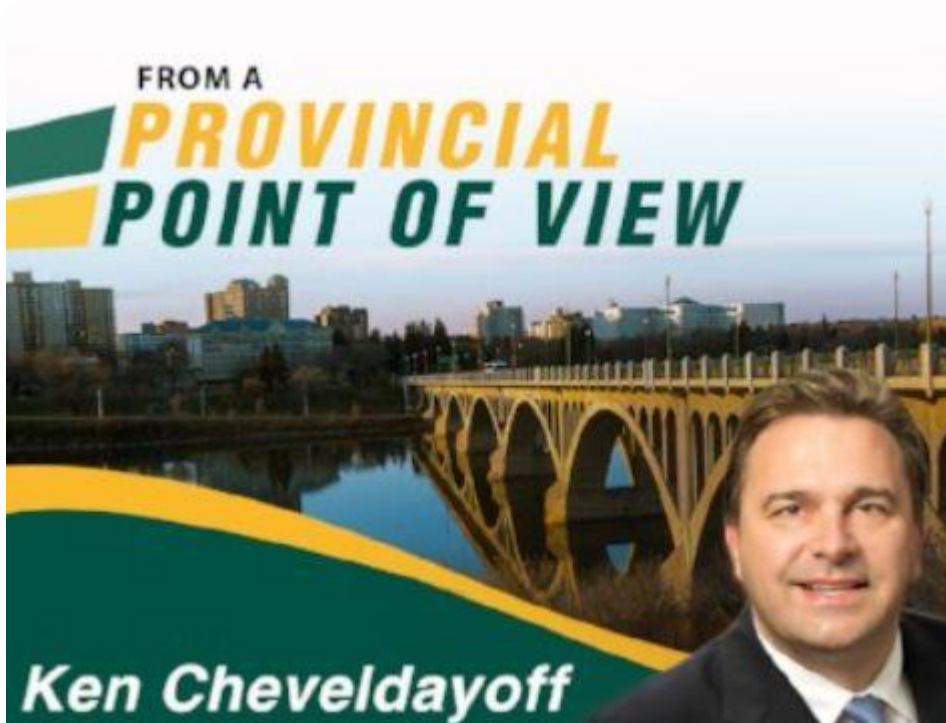
The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority (FCAA) would like to educate consumers on vehicle negative equity. Vehicle negative equity occurs when a consumer owes more for a vehicle than what it is worth. Vehicle negative equity often takes place because of the lure of extended term loans (ETLs).

Consumers can purchase the vehicle of their dreams, with no money down, for a monthly, bi-weekly or weekly payment that appears to be affordable. Traditionally, four to five-year vehicle loans were the norm. Today, it's common for consumers to finance their vehicle over seven to eight years which is a significant amount of time for a product that begins depreciating the second you drive it off the lot.

How to Avoid Negative Equity:

- Consider a shorter term loan to minimize the possibility of being in a negative equity position.
- Make a sizeable cash down payment when purchasing the vehicle.
- Pay off existing vehicle loans to avoid rolling negative equity forward into a new vehicle purchase.
- Don't just focus on the monthly payment when purchasing a vehicle, consider the total price of the vehicle and the length of the loan.
- Have a vehicle budget in mind and stick to it.

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



I appreciate any opportunity 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.

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

Remembrance Day Service and Parade

Where: SaskTel Centre, doors open at 9 am, event begins at 10:25

When: November 11th

Click [here](#) for details



29th Annual Saskatoon Santa Claus Parade

Where: Downtown Saskatoon, watch for the official parade route

When: Sunday, November 17th at 1:00 pm

Click [here](#) for details / updates



Festival of Trees

When: November 22 - November 30

Where: Western Development Museum

Click [here](#) for information



Our Best to You Art & Craft Sale

When: November 22 - 24

Where: Prairieland Park Hall E

For additional information, click [here](#)



BHP Enchanted Forest 21st Holiday Light Tour

When: November 16th - January (Saskatchewan Blue Cross "LightWalk", November 15th)

Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo

Click [here](#) for details



Touchdown for Kids Lottery

Draw: December 19

Click [here](#) for information





News Releases

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