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Throne Speech

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OPENING OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE

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Her Honour, the Honourable Bernadette McIntyre, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, formally opened the Third Session of the Thirtieth Legislature with the Speech from the Throne on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, in the Assembly Chamber of the Saskatchewan Legislative Building.

"Reading the Speech from the Throne is an honour and a privilege," Lieutenant Governor McIntyre said. "The Throne Speech, and other long-held customs involved in the opening of our Legislative Assembly, reflect the earliest days of our democracy. These rich traditions indicate the significance of the occasion, as well as its historical place within our parliamentary system of government."

The public was invited to observe the outdoor ceremony, which took place at 1:20 p.m. in front of the Legislative Building at 2405 Legislative Drive. The Lieutenant Governor was greeted by the Honourable Scott Moe, Premier of Saskatchewan, who led the traditional opening day of session ceremonies. The ceremonies included an inspection of a Canadian Forces Honour Guard, 15-gun salute and flypast by 15 Wing Moose Jaw.

"It is my honour to join the Lieutenant Governor and participate in this ceremony, which is an important part of Saskatchewan tradition and history," Moe said. "There is important work ahead for Saskatchewan's Legislative Assembly. I look forward to what we can achieve this session in service to the people of Saskatchewan."

The opening of the Legislative Assembly has taken place to mark each session since 1906, when representatives of the Legislature, the Executive and the Judiciary first gathered to hear Lieutenant Governor Amédée Forget acknowledge expressions of welcome into the Canadian Federation from Parliament in Ottawa and the other provincial Legislatures.



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2026 SPEECH FROM THE THRONE WILL KEEP SASKATCHEWAN STRONG AND STEADY



The provincial government outlined its agenda to keep Saskatchewan strong and steady in its 2026 *Speech from the Throne*, delivered in the Legislative Assembly by Lieutenant Governor Bernadette McIntyre.

The speech opened: "The world is uncertain. Saskatchewan isn't. While global unrest, tariffs and market turmoil affect trade relationships, economies, nations and people all over the world, Saskatchewan remains

strong and steady."

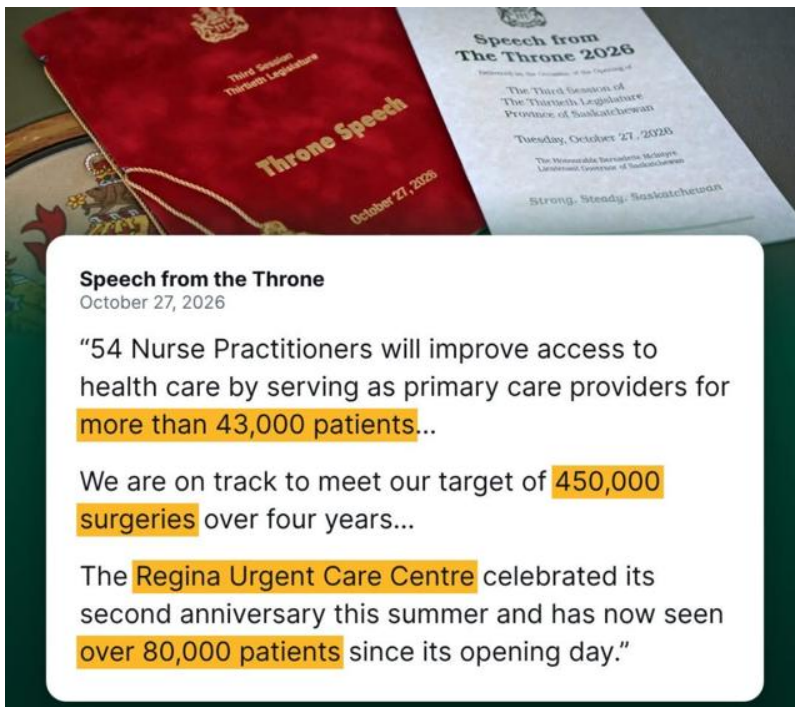


Premier Scott Moe said the government is working hard to attract new investment and expand trade markets around the world, which in turn creates new jobs and opportunities here in Saskatchewan.

"Right now in Saskatchewan, there are more than 60 major projects underway worth more than \$100 billion," Moe said. "That is unlike anything that has happened in our province's history and unlike anything that is happening anywhere else in Canada."

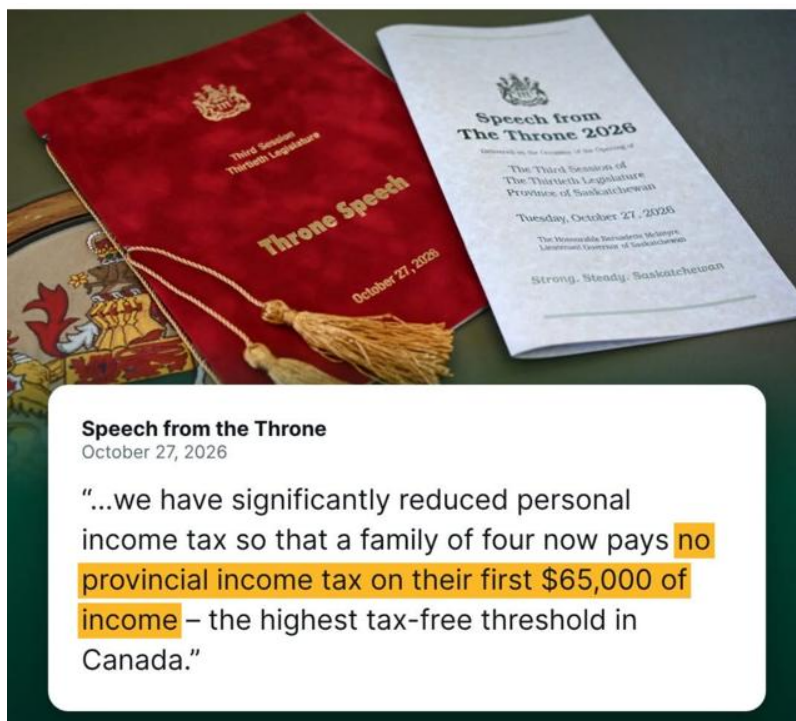
Moe said the Throne Speech outlines the government's legislative agenda to keep Saskatchewan's economy strong and steady, while at the same time investing the benefits of a strong economy to make life more affordable, improve health care and make communities safer.

The Throne Speech outlined a number of pieces of new legislation that will be introduced, including:



- **Legislation to expand the scope of practice for several health care professions;**
- ***The Safer Homes for Seniors Act* to provide greater oversight, transparency and accountability in personal care homes;**
- ***The Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) Additional Safeguards Act* to prohibit the use of MAID for certain individuals, including persons under the age of 18 and persons whose sole underlying medical condition is a mental illness;**
- ***Changes to The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Act* to make it easier to collect unpaid child or spousal support payments;**
- ***The Opioids Damages Act* to pursue the recovery of health care costs from manufacturers, wholesalers and consultants for opioid-related wrongdoing;**
- ***The Protection of Economic Infrastructure Act* to ensure critical infrastructure and transport routes cannot be disrupted by occupations or other illegal activities;**

- ***The Mandatory Testing and Disclosure Act*** to protect first responders and victims of crime who may have come in contact with a person with Hepatitis or HIV;
- ***The Protection from Human Trafficking Act*** to require the hospitality industry and ridesharing platforms to report to the police if they become aware of a person who may be a victim of human trafficking;
- ***The Prevention of Deceptive AI Act*** to prohibit the misuse of AI-generated voices and images involving elections, consumer transactions and protection of privacy;
- **Amendments to *The Traffic Safety Act*** to enhance administrative penalties for impaired driving infractions and suspend, cancel or refuse to issue a driver's license to persons convicted of certain drug-related offences; and
- **Amendments to *The Adoption Act*** to help adopted individuals who wish to do so to seek out their birth parents and strengthen Indigenous rights and interests through expanded information sharing.



Moe said the government will also ensure Saskatchewan continues to be the most affordable place to live in Canada.

"A Saskatchewan family of four now pays no provincial income tax on their first \$65,000 of income," Moe said. "During this session, in the spring budget, we will continue to make life more affordable by keeping our promise to raise that threshold again."

The Throne Speech concludes: "In today's uncertain world, Saskatchewan faces many challenges that are beyond our control.

"By focusing on what we can control - building our economy, protecting our sovereignty, expanding our export markets, keeping life affordable and providing high-quality services to Saskatchewan people - we will keep Saskatchewan strong and steady no matter what is happening beyond our borders."

SASKATCHEWAN LAUNCHES NEW RESPIRATORY THERAPY TRAINING PROGRAM



Saskatchewan's first-ever respiratory therapy program has welcomed its first cohort of students at Saskatchewan Polytechnic's Regina campus. This new program marks an important milestone for health care education in the province and will help meet the ongoing need for respiratory therapists.

"Offering respiratory therapy training in Saskatchewan is a significant achievement for our province, health care system and communities," Advanced Education Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. "For the first time, students can pursue this specialized training without leaving the province,

creating a direct pipeline into a very critical profession."



"Respiratory therapists play a major role in delivering high-quality specialized care for patients across Saskatchewan," Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said.

"By training more respiratory therapists here at home, we are strengthening our health workforce and ensuring patients can receive the right care in the right place, at the right time for years to come."

The province has invested over \$8 million to develop and launch the Respiratory Therapy Advanced Diploma program at Saskatchewan Polytechnic. Students started their training this fall and all 25 seats in the first cohort have been filled.

"With this important investment from the Government of Saskatchewan, we have renovated our Regina campus to create two new respiratory therapy laboratories giving students access to state-of-the-art, dynamic learning environments," Saskatchewan Polytechnic President and CEO Dr. Larry Rosia said. "We have purchased new, specialized equipment, ensuring students develop industry-specific knowledge and train with the same modern technology they will use in the workplace from day one. As the only institution in Saskatchewan offering respiratory therapy training, we are

preparing graduates to meet the province's growing health care needs."



Students will complete their clinical placements in Saskatchewan health care settings, helping connect them to job opportunities in the province after graduation. After two and a half years of hands-on training, these students will be prepared to enter a profession that plays a crucial role in assessing, evaluating, treating and caring for patients of all ages with breathing and cardiopulmonary challenges and disorders.

"Once I learned more about what respiratory therapists do and how they help people with breathing problems, I knew it was the right path for me," Saskatchewan Polytechnic Respiratory Therapy student Jolly said. "It's a fast-paced program. The instructors are great and always there to support us. With more people facing respiratory health challenges, especially after the pandemic, I am looking forward to gaining the skills to help people and make a difference in my community."



This week marks Respiratory Therapy Week, which highlights the importance of respiratory therapists and recognizes the important role they play in the health care system.

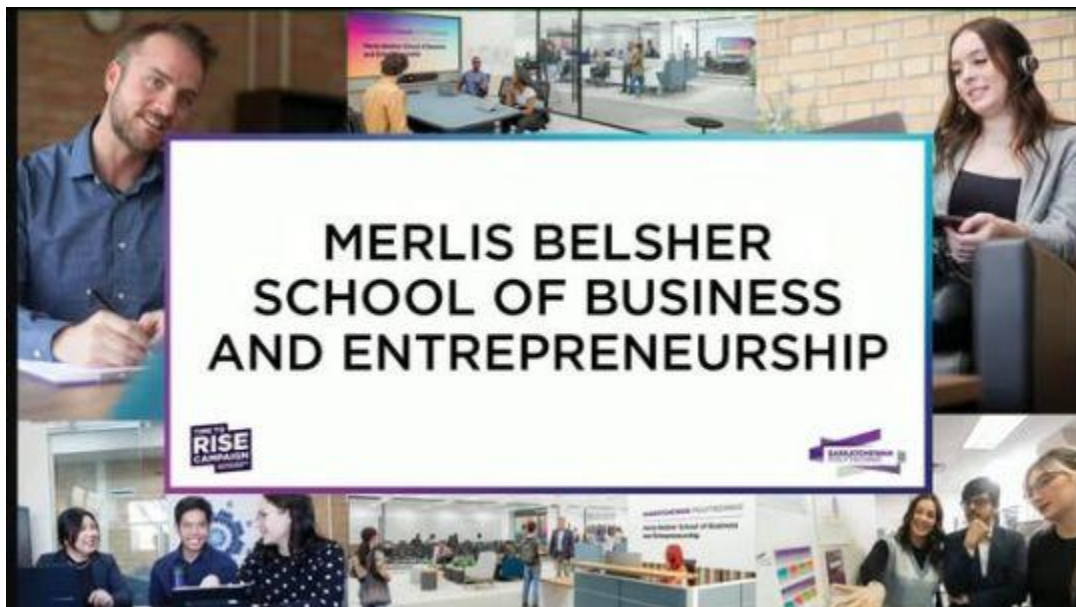
The respiratory therapy program is the fourth new health training program to be launched in Saskatchewan, as part of ongoing efforts to support the

health care system through the *Health Human Resource Action Plan* and *Patients First Health Care Plan*.

For more information, visit: saskpolytech.ca/respiratorytherapy



MERLIS BELSHER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



Some moments are especially meaningful when they involve someone you're proud to call both a neighbour and a good friend. Attending the naming of the Merlis Belsher School of Business and Entrepreneurship was one of those moments for me.



I was honoured to attend on behalf of Premier Scott Moe and the Government of Saskatchewan to celebrate an exciting milestone for Saskatchewan Polytechnic and, most importantly, to recognize Merlis Belsher, a truly remarkable Saskatchewanian.



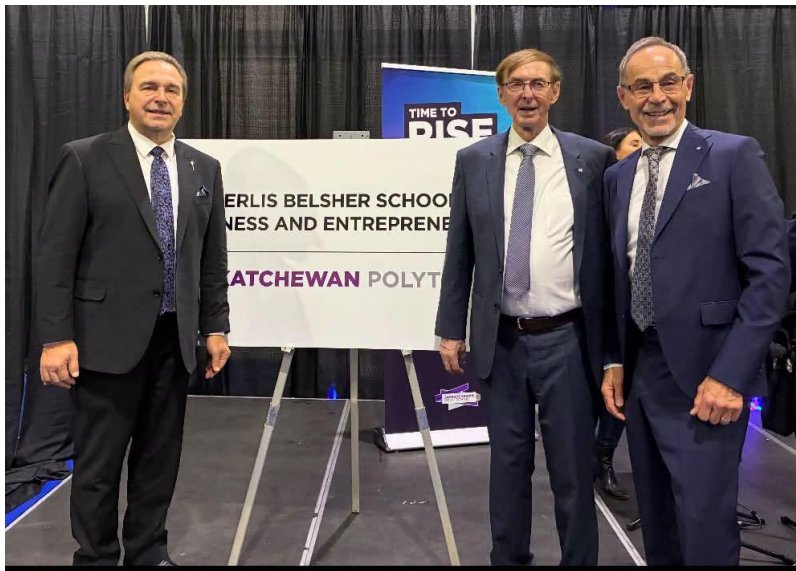
Merlis's extraordinary \$5-million gift to Sask Polytech's Time to Rise Campaign reflects the generosity, vision and deep commitment to

community that have defined him throughout his life. He has consistently given back to Saskatchewan, supporting health care, education and opportunities that make a lasting difference.



Knowing Merlis personally makes this contribution especially meaningful to me. I'm proud to call him my friend and grateful for the example he sets for all of us.

I had the opportunity to recognize and credit Dr. Larry Rosia and the entire Saskatchewan Polytechnic team for their leadership in advancing post-secondary education and creating opportunities for students.

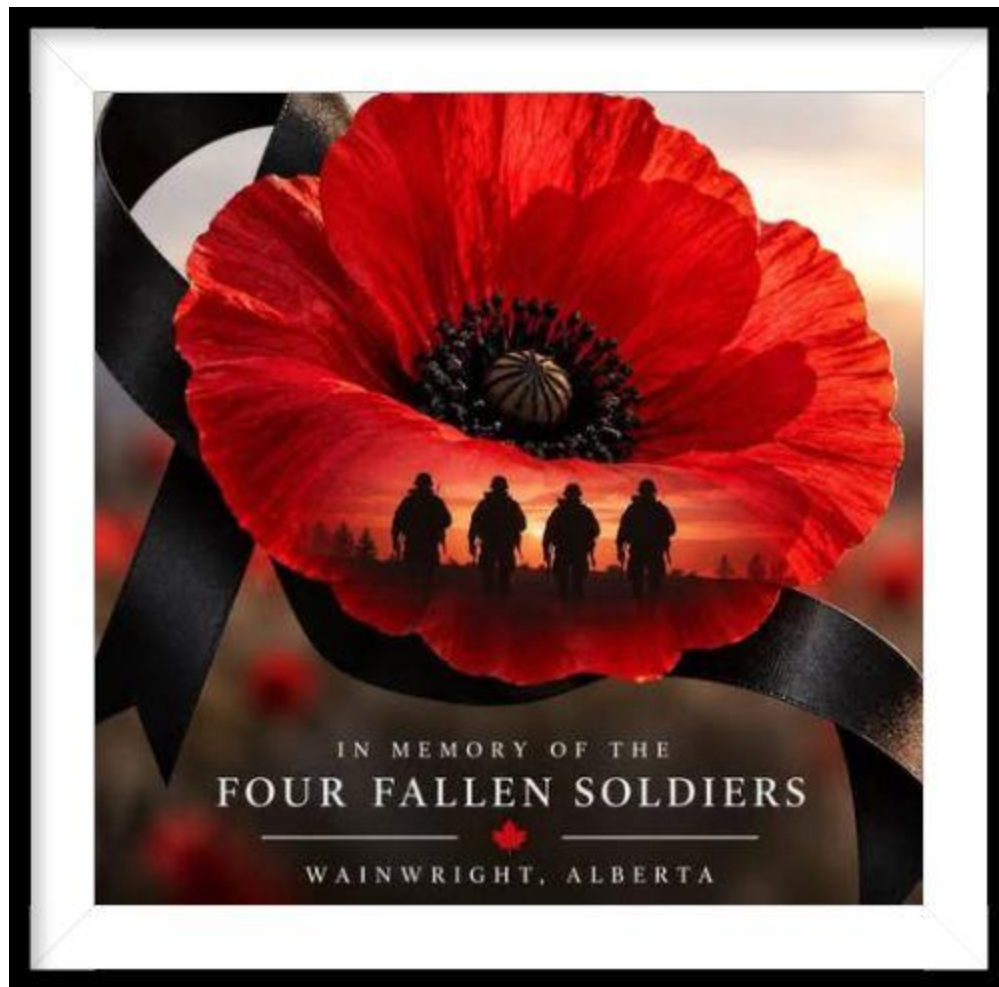


Merlis Belsher's generosity will help create outstanding learning opportunities at the new Joseph A. Remail Campus, equipping business students with the skills and connections they need to build successful careers right here in Saskatchewan.

Merlis, thank you for your friendship, your generosity and everything you continue to do for our province. Your impact reaches far beyond this campus — you are helping shape Saskatchewan's future, one opportunity at a time. Sincere thank you to you and your family.

Our government is proud to support this transformative project with a commitment of up to \$200 million. Together, we are investing in our students, our workforce and the future of Saskatchewan.

LEST WE FORGET



As November 11 approaches, let us take a moment to remember and honour the brave men and women who sacrificed so much for the freedoms and peace we cherish today.

Please support the Poppy Campaign and wear your poppy with pride over your heart, on the left side, close to where we carry our gratitude and remembrance.

More importantly, let us teach the younger generations the meaning behind the poppy and the importance of Remembrance Day. May they understand that freedom came at a tremendous cost, and that remembering those who served, those who sacrificed, and those who never returned is a

responsibility we must carry forward.

We remember. We honour. We will never forget.

 **Lest We Forget.**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!



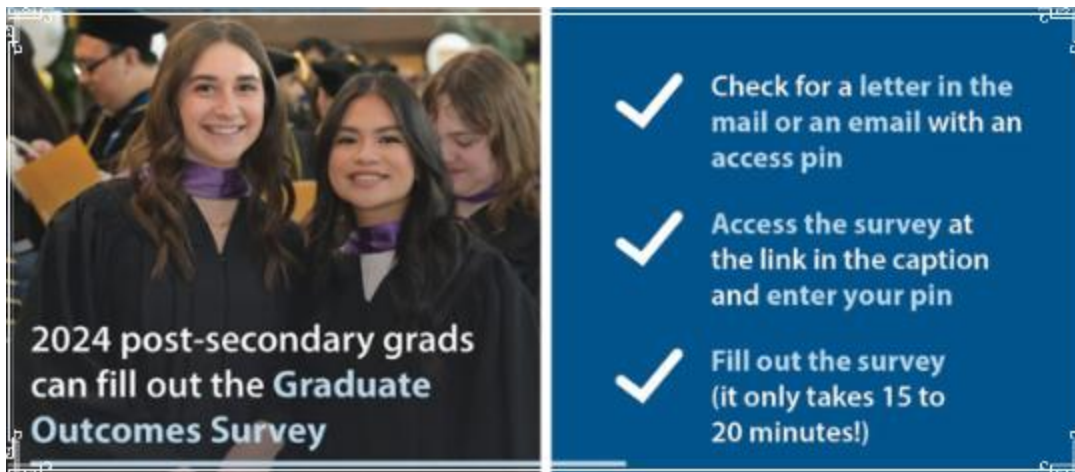
GREATER SASKATOON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

Whether you're a small business owner, an entrepreneur, or an industry leader, this is a rare chance to connect directly with the decision-makers shaping our economic future.

Space is limited — register today to secure your seat.

<https://thechamber.saskatoonchamber.com/.../premier-s...>

GRADUATE OUTCOMES SURVEY



Did you graduate from a Saskatchewan post-secondary institution in 2024?

We want to hear from you on this year's Graduate Outcomes Survey! 🎓

1 Check your email for a passcode. You may also receive a letter in the mail or a phone call from Prairie Research Associates Inc.

2 Access the survey: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../graduate-outcomes-survey>

3 Fill in your responses – it only takes 15 to 20 minutes!

Graduates who fill out the survey can enter to win cash prizes distributed by [PRA Inc.](#)!

DID YOU KNOW? ANNOUNCED IN THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE:



Our government continues to help post-secondary graduates build their futures in Saskatchewan by enhancing the Graduate Retention Program, increasing the maximum benefit to \$24,000

PROVINCE RECOGNIZES ANNUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE WEEK



The Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed October 25 - 31, 2026, as Access to Justice Week in Saskatchewan.

"Access to justice is fundamental to an accessible and effective legal system," Justice Minister and Attorney General Tim McLeod, K.C. said. "This week highlights the important work being done for individuals and families across Saskatchewan to improve access to legal services and supports. We are helping ensure Saskatchewan residents can access timely, effective justice services."

[Province Recognizes Annual Access to Justice Week | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE AN UPCOMING EVENT TO INCLUDE!



FAMILY FUN SASKATOON HALLOWEEN EVENTS



Halloween event guide:

<https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/halloween/>

PUMPKINS AFTER DARK



Is your family ready to go big or gourd home at Pumpkins After Dark? Saskatoon's Halloween tradition returns with even more family fun, new features and more displays. Start your spooky 2026 season with a one-of-a-kind walk-through experience featuring over 10,000 hand-carved pumpkins that will light up the night. [Pumpkins After Dark Saskatoon](https://www.familyfuncanada.com/sask.../pumpkins-after-dark/) is a magical experience for all ages, from toddlers to grandparents, as they watch the Jack-o'-lanterns at Canada's award-winning outdoor Halloween event come to life. Tickets are available now, and for an extra 15% off, use the code: FAMILYFUN. Find out how to grab your tickets here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/sask.../pumpkins-after-dark/>

SASKATOON & DISTRICT KINETTES HOST FALL FAMILY BINGO NOVEMBER 1



Fall Family Bingo

Sunday, November 1st

2:00 PM start

Sutherland Hall (1112 Central Ave), Saskatoon, SK.

Games, prizes, raffles, AND concession snacks & bevies!

👉 Please bring a warm winter item for donation (toques, gloves, scarves, etc.)

GREATER SASKATOON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PREMIER'S PANEL



The Saskatoon Chamber is pleased to present the Premier's Panel on Business

and Economy featuring the provincial ministers shaping the economies of our city and province.

Government policy — from regulation to investment to taxation — plays a critical role in making it easier, or harder, to do business here. This is your opportunity to hear directly from the ministers driving that agenda, ask the questions that matter most to your business, and get a firsthand briefing on the policies and priorities shaping the road ahead. Whether you're a small business owner, an entrepreneur, or an industry leader, this is a rare chance to connect directly with the decision-makers shaping our economic future.

<https://thechamber.saskatoonchamber.com/.../premier-s...>

ST. PAUL'S 37H ANNUAL MISTLETOE BALL PRESENTED BY NUTRIEN



November 14: The 37th Annual Mistletoe Ball, presented by Nutrien

Be a part of something beautiful! Join us for Saskatoon's premier black-tie gala and kick-off the holiday season in style. With all proceeds supporting St. Paul's Hospital & Foundation, you have the chance to make a difference in your community. For tickets and more information, please visit <https://trellis.org/mistletoeball>. Tickets are going FAST!

CHRISTMAS MARKETS AND CRAFT FAIRS



Family Fun Saskatoon - markets and craft fairs are starting soon, and we wanted to get the word out. We've started the guide, and will continue to add to it. If you know any markets we don't have, please send us an email! You can find all the details here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/christmas-markets/>

BHP ENCHANTED FOREST LIGHT WALK



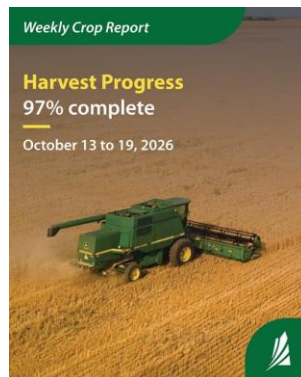
November 13th & 14th 5:30 - 9:00 pm



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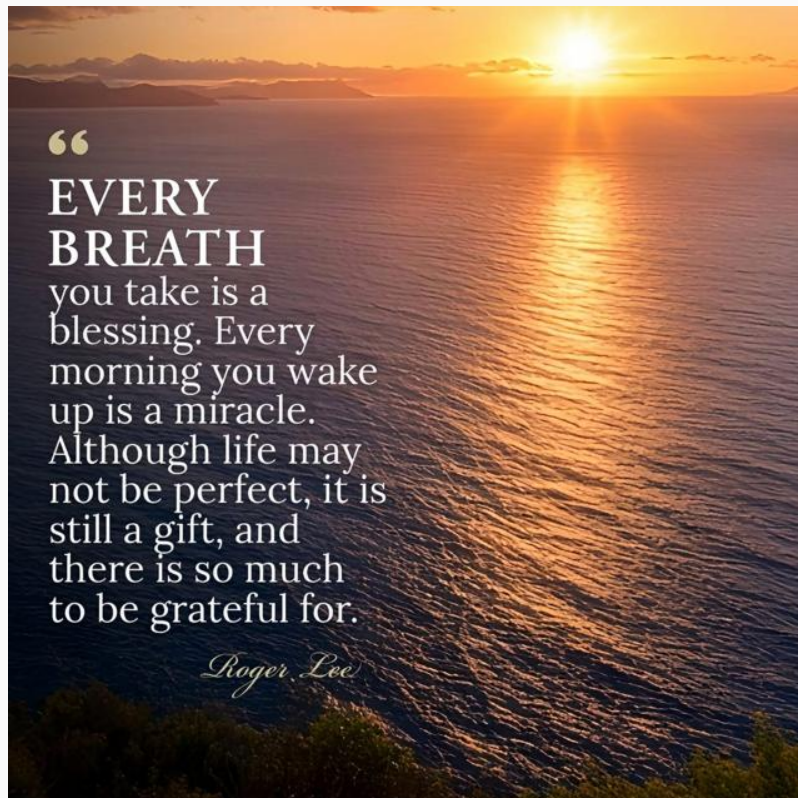
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