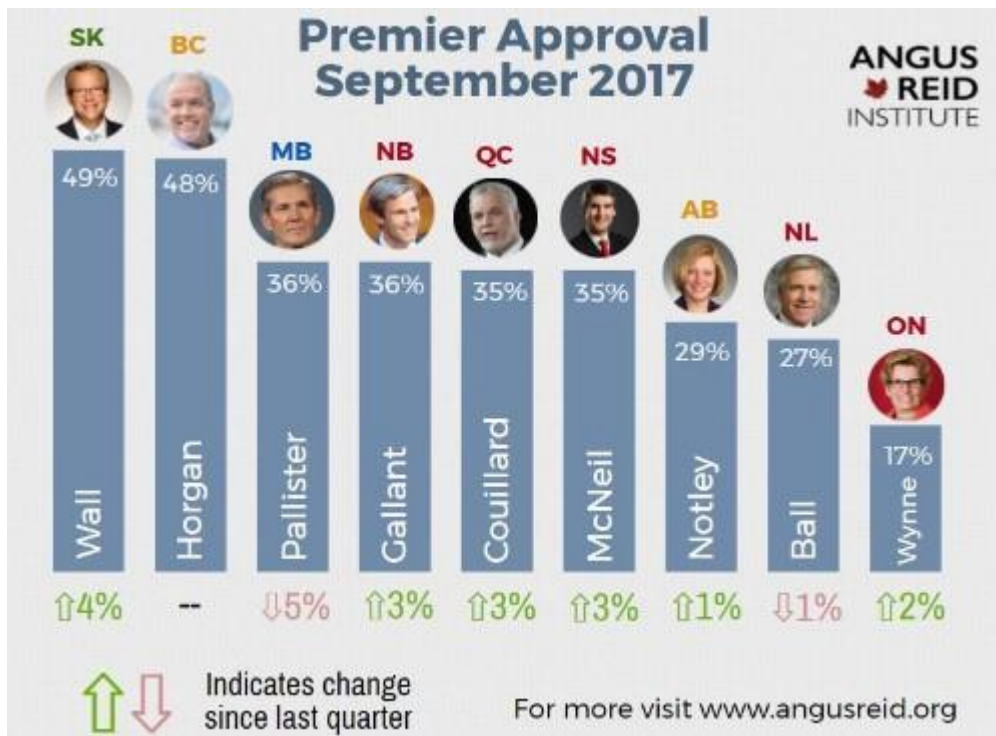


Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!



**ANGUS REID INSTITUTE: PREMIER WALL - CANADA'S MOST POPULAR PREMIER!**



Congratulations to Premier Wall who has been named Canada's most popular Premier according to a survey done by the Angus Reid Institute. I encourage you to read the story from Angus Reid Institute [here](#).

**REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE**



*Photo credit to Damien Kurek. Damien is a dedicated and hard working Ministerial Assistant who moved to Saskatchewan with his family from Alberta.*

Moody's Investors Service recently confirmed Saskatchewan's Aaa credit rating.

Moody's rating confirmation is thanks in large part to our 3-year plan to return to a balanced budget. The dividends of some difficult decisions in the budget are paying off with lower debt financing costs, and stability for our finances.

The first time Saskatchewan ever received the highest possible Aaa credit rating was under our government. In its credit opinion update, Moody's stated that "Saskatchewan's fiscal planning is supported by comprehensive and transparent financial reporting and the Province enjoys significant flexibility in its financial management."

Our plan to keep Saskatchewan strong is working.

Credit ratings are higher than they were a decade ago, there's less operating debt and we have the second-lowest debt-to-GDP ratio among the provinces. We will not burden future generations with ballooning deficits as other governments are choosing to do. We will stay on the path of fiscal prudence.

With renewed confidence from investors, for the first time since the recession, our economy is projected to grow again. Today Saskatchewan leads Canada in manufacturing sales is stronger and more diversified with 67,000 more jobs after a decade of growth.

According to the latest census data from Statistics Canada, the past decade saw Saskatchewan emerge as a national leader in income growth. Median income grew 36.5% with Yorkton posting the

highest median income growth (+40.5%) among 152 metropolitan areas in Canada.

At a time of when our resilient and diversified economy is growing and Saskatchewan people are earning more than ever, our government continues to stand up for Saskatchewan's interests. This means opposing federal tax changes that would threaten jobs and hurt our economy.

In addition to fighting an ill-conceived federal carbon tax that would hike costs, hurt competitiveness and do nothing to reduce emissions, we are also speaking out against the federal government's new "tax fairness" plan that is vilifying Saskatchewan farmers, ranchers and small business owners.

Farms and small businesses are not "tax shelters", as the federal government suggests. Farmers, ranchers and small business owners are the backbone of our economy – honest and hard-working women and men who proudly feed the world, create jobs and help grow our province.

They are the ones who risk their life's savings, take out mortgages on their home, and forego vacations, unemployment insurance, benefits and even salaries to make a living. We will stand with them to protect the Saskatchewan Advantage, build on the strong foundation we have in place and ensure that our province is positioned to grow stronger than ever for years to come.

**SASKATCHEWAN POLICE & PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL 2017**



It was a very special day in Regina Sunday, September 24th as several people gathered for the Saskatchewan Police & Peace Officers Memorial. All peace and police officers, active and retired were invited to attend. The annual memorial honours the memory of fallen officers in our province. The parade of officers began at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum, proceeded down Albert Street to the Legislative Building where the memorial took place.

My colleague Laura Ross was honoured to lay the wreath on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan at the Saskatchewan Police & Peace Officer's Memorial 2017. Also pictured in this photo is Saskatoon MLA Eric Olauson and my good friend and retired RCMP officer Vic Pankratz. Also attending was Regina MLA Tina Beaudry-Mellor.

## CITIZENS ENCOURAGED TO NAME THE NORTH COMMUTER PARKWAY BRIDGE



# BRIDGING TO TOMORROW

The community-led project responds to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action #79: *Participate in a strategy to commemorate Aboriginal People's history and contributions to Canada.*

“Naming the bridge shows our community's commitment to answering the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action and the process of reconciliation,” says Shirley Isbister, President of Central Urban Métis Federation Inc. “Reconciliation is what is going to move Saskatoon forward by uniting our community and building positive and mutually beneficial relationships.”

Citizens can nominate online or in-person at a number of general public information sessions planned, including specific sessions targeting groups such as youth, seniors/old people and people living with disabilities.

For more details on how to nominate online and information sessions, visit [Saskatoon.ca/namethencp](http://Saskatoon.ca/namethencp).

All qualified names received through the naming project will be added to the master names list for use in naming future civic infrastructure. The nomination period will be open until October 31st.

Under the City of Saskatoon's Strategic Goal of Quality of Life, this project supports the recognition of our built, natural, and cultural heritage. The naming of civic facilities celebrates the history, environment, and outstanding contributions of our diverse community.

Watch Construction LIVE!

[Live Traffic Bridge Camera](#)

[Live North Commuter Parkway Camera](#)

**TRY SOMETHING NEWS, EXPERIENCE CULTURE IN YOUR  
COMMUNITY!**

**culturedays**

create participate share

September 29, 30 & October 1, 2017

I encourage everyone to check out the many activities taking place for Culture Days. Saskatoon as well as communities across the province have fantastic events planned.

I'm pleased to share a letter from Joanne McDonald, SaskCulture President:

On behalf of SaskCulture Inc., I am delighted to invite you to *try something new* at Culture Days, which is taking place in communities right across our province on September 29, 30 and October, 2017.

As you may already know, Culture Days is a national initiative that happens every year on the last weekend of September and has been steadily growing since first introduced in 2010. In Saskatchewan, Culture Days has gained traction in more than 300 communities - including First Nations bands and National Historic Sites – engaging well over 100,000 people in cultural and arts activities like painting and beading workshops, community mural creations and celebrations of multiculturalism.

I encourage you to take the opportunity to discover (or perhaps rediscover) Saskatchewan's rich, vibrant and diverse arts and cultural landscape over the Culture Days weekend; there are so many fun, interesting and interactive cultural activities taking place - you're sure to find one or more near you! Please find attached the 2017 Culture Days Activity Guide (which you can also see online by clicking the title link) to see what's happening, and start making your Culture Days plans for this year.

Through thousands of free activities across the country, Culture Days promotes inclusivity, awareness, participation and engagement in arts and culture for all Canadians. Culture Days bridges the gap between Canada's communities and citizens, highlighting the notion that culture is for everyone, regardless of age, geography, background or income.

Culture Days shines a bright spotlight on the tremendous contributions that a vibrant cultural life brings to the economic and social well-being and development of all communities across Canada throughout the year. Many of these Culture Days events are made possible through the support of SaskCulture and the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation.

If you'd like more information about Culture Days, please contact SaskCulture's Chief Executive Officer Rose Gilks at 306.780.9282 or at [rgilks@saskculture.sk.ca](mailto:rgilks@saskculture.sk.ca), or Shelley Fayant, Culture Days Coordinator, at 306.780.9289 or [sfayant@saskculture.ca](mailto:sfayant@saskculture.ca).

Sincerely,



Joanne McDonald SaskCulture President

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - SASKATCHEWAN ORDER OF MERIT & SASKATCHEWAN VOLUNTEER MEDAL

[News Release - Saskatchewan Order of Merit](#)

[News Release - Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal](#)

### HIGHEST WHOLESALE TRADE GROWTH IN CANADA



Wholesale trade in July was up 9.9 per cent over June (seasonally adjusted), the highest percentage increase among the provinces. Nationally, wholesale trade was up only 1.5 per cent.

“July’s nation leading wholesale trade growth shows that our economy is making gains,” Economy Minister Steven Bonk said. “It is a strong leading economic indicator, showing that retailers and wholesalers have demand for their products now and into the future.”

Wholesale trade totalled \$2.4 billion in July. Major increases were reported for motor vehicles and parts, building materials and supplies, machinery and equipment and supplies.

On an annual basis, wholesale trade was up 11.9 per cent, ranking fourth among the provinces.

**CROP REPORT FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 12 TO 18, 2017**

## Crop Report - Harvest Progress

For the week of Sept. 12 - 18, 2017  
FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE IS 58 PER CENT



Rain showers last week delayed harvest for some producers but most were back in the field within a few days. Seventy-five per cent of the crop is now combined, up from 65 per cent last week, which is well ahead of the five year (2012-2016) average of 58 per cent for this time of year. Sixteen per cent of the crop is swathed or ready to straight-cut.

Harvest is most advanced in the southwestern region, where 89 per cent of the crop is now combined. The southeastern region has 86 per cent combined; the west-central region 74 per cent; and the east-central region 72 per cent. The northeastern region has 53 per cent combined, while the northwestern region has 46 per cent combined. While many producers have wrapped up harvest operations, many more will need weather conditions to improve so that crops can dry down sufficiently for harvest to continue. Read more [here](#).

**\$20 MILLIION IN FUNDING RESTORED FOR UNIVERSITY OF  
SASKATCHEWAN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE**





I was pleased to join colleagues at the U of S College of Medicine last week as Minister of Advanced Education Kevin Doherty made the announcement of pledging an additional \$20 million to the college. The funding for the college will help ensure they remain an accredited medical school. Read the Saskatoon Star Phoenix article [here](#).

**SCHOOL DIVISIONS SAVE ON FUEL AS BUSES GET ROLLING**



Following the work of the Advisory Panel on Educational Governance Renewal, school divisions have been working with the Ministry of Education to find savings to ensure available resources can be directed to the classroom. As a result, all 28 school divisions have agreed to enter into a bulk fuel purchase agreement with Federated Co-operatives Ltd. (FCL), beginning in the 2017-18 school year.

Each year, school divisions use more than 14 million litres of fuel for student transportation. It is estimated that the cost savings from this agreement will be approximately \$1 million per year.

Read the news release [here](#).

## **SASKATCHEWAN WELCOMES LANDMARK TRADE DEAL BETWEEN CANADA AND THE EUROPEAN UNION**

The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between Canada and the 28 member countries of the European Union (EU) took effect Sept. 21, 2017. The agreement could facilitate a potential \$1.5 billion in new Canadian agri-food exports to EU countries by full implementation in 2023.

“Saskatchewan is now ideally placed to capture more of this market with the ever-increasing demand for high quality food in a growing world, including the European Union,” Minister responsible for Trade Steven Bonk said. “Agriculture represents about 10 per cent of our province’s GDP, and we have been relentless in our advocacy to reduce tariffs and trade barriers.”

Saskatchewan is already the second-largest exporter in Canada (behind Ontario) of agricultural products to the EU, with \$962 million of business in 2016, representing 26 per cent of national agri-food exports to Europe. The Canadian Agri-Food Trade Alliance estimates that about two-thirds of new potential market access provided by CETA, or \$1 billion, will go toward beef and pork exports, followed by \$300 million for processed foods, fruits and vegetables, \$100 million for grains and oilseeds and \$100 million for sugar-related products.

“Saskatchewan will provide more of our high-quality, safe and nutritious agricultural products to a market of more than 500 million consumers,” Agriculture Minister Lyle Stewart said. “History has shown that when our producers can compete on a level playing field, they will win, creating new growth, jobs and economic opportunity.”

Click [here](#) to read the entire news release.

## PINK FIRE TRUCK SUPPORTS BREAST CANCER RESEARCH



For the second year in a row, a pink fire truck will be patrolling Saskatoon’s streets to raise awareness and money for breast cancer research. Firefighters have long seen their colleagues, mothers, wives and daughters fight breast cancer and want to make a difference.

Fire Engine 12 is wrapped in pink for the month of October. Saskatoon residents will be able to sign the pink fire truck in exchange for a \$10 donation to breast cancer research. Please make sure the truck is not involved in an emergency before approaching.

Engine 12 will continue to be an integral part of the Saskatoon Fire Department’s fleet during October. If possible, the pink truck will be at the following events:

- Nickelback Concert at Credit Union Centre on September 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Woman’s World at Prairieland Park on September 30<sup>th</sup>
- C95 Radio Marathon for Breast Cancer Research at Lawson Heights Mall on October 13<sup>th</sup>

- Ladies Gala at TCU Place on October 14<sup>th</sup>
- Local 80 Comedy Night for Breast Health at the Parktown Hotel on October 20<sup>th</sup>

The pink truck is the result of a three-way partnership between the Saskatoon Fire Department, IAFF Local 80 and Cowan Imaging Group who donated the costs associated with installing the wrap.

All proceeds will be donated to the C95 Radio Marathon for Breast Cancer Research to fund research being done right here in Saskatoon.

## **STUDENTS AND STAFF CELEBRATE GRAND OPENING OF ST. LORENZO RUIZ CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN SASKATOON**



St. Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic School celebrated its grand opening today with an energetic gathering in the school gymnasium. Saskatoon University MLA Eric Olauson, on behalf of Education Minister Bronwyn Eyre, joined students to unveil the plaque that will be displayed in the school's entrance and cut the ribbon to officially mark the opening of the school.

“Our government welcomes all of the students and staff to St. Lorenzo School,” Olauson said. “There is a growing demand for Catholic education in northwest Saskatoon and high enrolment affecting area schools, making this opening an exciting moment for residents in and around Hampton Village. I would like to congratulate all of the students and staff at St. Lorenzo Ruiz School.”

Read the news release [here](#).

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ROGER BRANDVOLD & WES CATES -  
PLAZA OF HONOUR INDUCTEES**



It was great to be in attendance at the Plaza of Honour held last Friday in Regina. Roger Brandvold and Wes Cates were honoured as they were inducted in the Plaza of Honour. Both men have made major contributions to the proud tradition of the Saskatchewan Roughrider Football Club and are certainly deserving of this great distinction.

The SaskTel Plaza of Honour is known as one of Saskatchewan's most prestigious sports receptions and has contributed over \$6 million to the Saskatchewan Roughrider Football Club.

**ALZHEIMER'S LEARNING DAY**

I'm happy to share the following information on behalf of [Home Instead Senior Care](#). Home Instead is hosting an Alzheimer's Learning<sup>SM</sup> Day to learn, educate, and share so together we can be better prepared to care for individuals with dementia. There have been several sessions today but you can still make it to the one this evening.

Visit [www.AlzLearn.ca](http://www.AlzLearn.ca) to pledge to participate in Alzheimer's Learning Day in honour of someone you know who has a dementia disorder.

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Live Family Caregiver Workshop

Market Mall - 2325 Preston Ave

Create a better care experience for your loved one by understanding ways to manage the challenges of living with Alzheimer's and other types of dementia. Learn practical care techniques and ways to provide the best care for your loved one and yourself. To Register 306-931-4663



## **BIOTECH WEEK PROCLAIMED IN SASKATCHEWAN**



Agriculture Minister Lyle Stewart has proclaimed September 20 to 27, 2017, as Biotech Week in Saskatchewan, celebrating scientific achievements and raising awareness of the importance of biotechnology.

“Saskatchewan farmers are producing more crops, experiencing higher yields and using fewer inputs as a result of advances in biotechnology, many of which have occurred right here in Saskatchewan,” Stewart said. “With approximately one-third of Canada’s agricultural biotech sector located here, Saskatchewan is a leader in both the development and use of biotech. Biotech Week is a chance to celebrate that achievement, and to learn more about this important field of science.”

Once again, Biotech Week will coincide with the national and global biotech weeks. In Saskatchewan, Biotech Week activities are being co-ordinated by Ag-West Bio, the province’s bioscience industry association, and includes several events in Regina and Saskatoon.

To see the full list of Biotech Week activities in Saskatchewan and to read the entire news release, click [here](#).

## **PROVINCIAL GRADUATION RATE INCREASING**

Education Minister Bronwyn Eyre joined with the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) to celebrate that more students in Saskatchewan are graduating from high school. The announcement was made at the SSBA's annual Fall Members Council in Saskatoon.

New data from the 2016-17 school year shows that the graduation rate has increased to 76.5 per cent. This is up from 75.6 per cent in 2015-16, and the highest it's been in the last 20 years.

"We are very pleased to see that more students are graduating," Education Minister Bronwyn Eyre said. "Graduation is a vital step toward future success, which is why we have made it a priority to see more students graduating. Thank you to all the teachers and staff in our school divisions for the work you have done to help our students achieve this goal."

The entire news release is [here](#).

## **SOUTHEAST SASKATOON OFFICIALLY OPENS NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL**



Minister Bronwyn Eyre joined students, teachers, dignitaries and representatives from the Saskatoon Public School Division to celebrate the grand opening of Colette

Bourgonje School in the Saskatoon Rosewood neighbourhood.

“Like all 21 new schools we’re celebrating in Saskatchewan this fall, opening Colette Bourgonje School was important for our government as we respond to the needs of students and families in this growing city and province,” Eyre said. “These will be great learning environments for students and early learners here in Rosewood for many years to come.”

Click [here](#) to read the news release.

## EVENTS

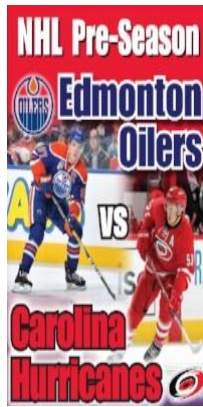
**IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO HIGHLIGHT IN THIS NEWSLETTER, PLEASE LET US KNOW!**

*Provincial Point of View is a great way to connect with our community. We appreciate the opportunity to share the successes we see in our constituency and highlight the many events happening in our community. If you have a suggestion for items you would like highlighted in this newsletter, please*

*email: [ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net](mailto:ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net). I appreciate your feedback.*



**NHL Pre-Season Game**  
**Edmonton Oilers vs Carolina Hurricanes**  
**When: September 27,**  
**Where: SaskTel Centre**  
Click [here](#) for tickets



### **Biotech Week 2017**

**When: September 20 - 27**

**Where: There will be several exciting events held in Saskatoon and Regina (please click [here](#) for information)**



### **Sutherland Culture Fair & Prairie Sky Farmer's Market**

**When: Thursday, September 28**

**Where: 11 am - 6 pm Sutherland Memorial Hall, 1112 Central Avenue**



**Octoberfest Dinner & Comedy Night**

**When: October 20**

**Where: German Cultural Centre, 160 Cartwright St. E**

**For tickets call 306.955.0234**

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**Lows in Motion - Canada's Most Attended Parkinson's Fundraiser**

**When: October 28, 6:45 pm**





## THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Kindness is a language  
which the deaf can hear  
and the blind can see.

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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.

**"From a Provincial Point of View"** is a weekly message from Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA Saskatoon Willowgrove. Your opinions are important and your letters, emails, and phone calls on any issues relating to the provincial government are welcomed.

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