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May 8, 2018

**FROM A
PROVINCIAL
POINT OF VIEW**

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY, MAY 13



"What is a mom but the sunshine of our days and the north star of our nights".

- Robert Brault

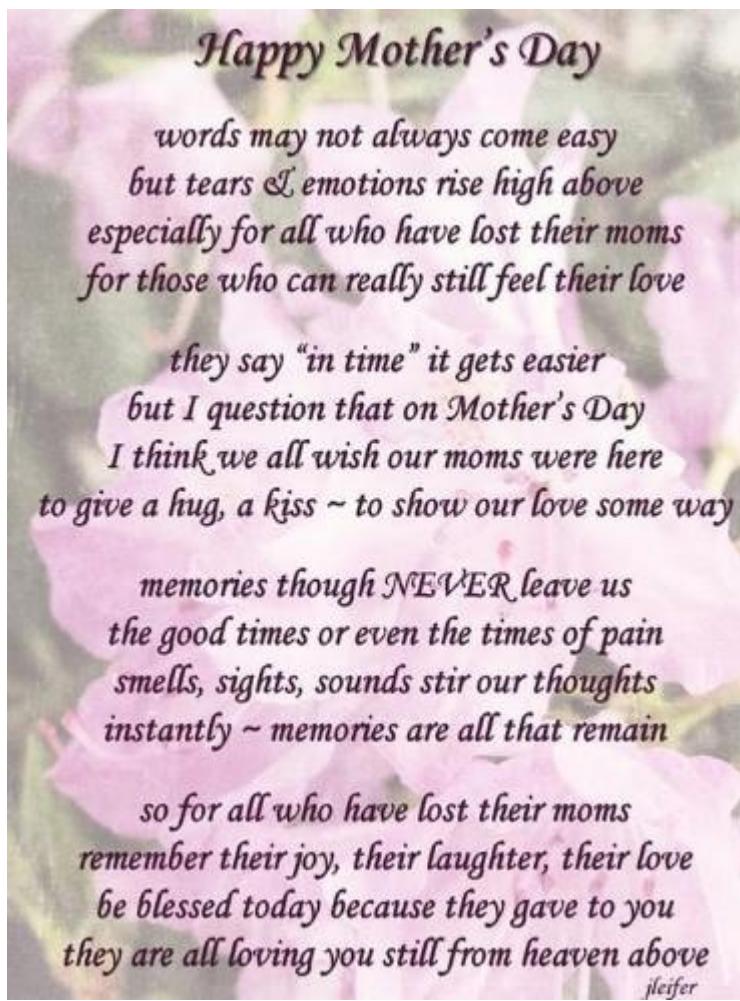
"There is no one perfect way to be a good mother. Each situation is unique. Each mother has different challenges, different skills and abilities, and certainly different children. What matters is that a mother loves her children deeply."

- Elder M. Russel Ballard

Words are never enough to thank Mothers for all that they do. Sending special wishes for the mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, stepmothers, mothers-in-law, aunts, wives, partners, sisters, friends, mentors and women who love with a mother's heart! It is a great weekend to show appreciation to moms everywhere for the special things they do each and every day. Happy Mother's Day weekend!

Carter, Paige and I wish Trish a very special Mother's Day!

Mother's hold a special place in our hearts and I will certainly miss my mom this weekend



**GOVERNMENT TO SAVE ADDITIONAL MONEY THROUGH
EXPANSION OF VEHICLE RENTAL PROJECT**



expanding success

Government is building on its recent success in reducing the cost of Government vehicle use by expanding the use of private sector vehicle rentals.

\$400K

savings annually

The move to private sector vehicle rentals will save taxpayers \$400K.



accessing benefits

Benefits to Government beyond the savings include newer vehicles, more flexible hours and more service locations.

Reducing Government's vehicle use costs



The Central Vehicle Agency (CVA) with the Ministry of Central Services, is building on its recent success in reducing the cost of government vehicle use. A successful pilot project held in Saskatoon, Prince Albert and North Battleford using private sector rental vehicles for government travel needs, is now being expanded to service locations in Regina, Moose Jaw and Swift Current for further savings and convenience.

“Rethinking the way we provide services to the rest of government has resulted in significant savings to the people of Saskatchewan,” Central Services Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. “The expansion of the vehicle rental program is evidence of our continued commitment to efficient government service delivery.”

The initial one-year pilot project saved \$275,000, while the expanded project is expected to increase that amount to \$400,000 in annually savings. In conjunction with a reduced number of government-owned vehicles and more strategic procurement measures including partnering with other provinces when buying vehicles or items like tires and windshields, the CVA’s operating budget has been reduced by \$5 million this fiscal year.

A public Request for Services was conducted last November to expand the third-party rental service across Saskatchewan. Enterprise Rent-A-Car was selected to provide short-term vehicle rentals in Regina, Moose Jaw, and Swift Current, in addition to continued service in Saskatoon, Prince Albert and North Battleford.

Additional benefits of employing rental vehicles include access to newer vehicles, more flexible hours of service and more drop-off and pick-up locations.

XAVIER LABELLE'S FAMILY "FOREVER GRATEFUL" FOLLOWING THE HUMBOLDT BRONCOS BUS CRASH



Photo Credit: Tanya Labelle

Saskatoon Willowgrove constituent Xavier LaBelle has been transferred to the Saskatoon City Hospital Rehabilitation Centre. Xavier is healing from his injuries following the horrific Humboldt Broncos bus crash last month.

Its great to see the smile on Xavier's face. We wish him all the best.I know I speak for our entire constituency, our city and our province as I wish Xavier strength as he continues to work on his recovery.

Star Phoenix article published May 7 by Dave Deibert: The family of an 18-year-old who survived last

month's Humboldt Broncos bus crash is "learning to navigate new horizons" with each day following the tragedy.

Xavier Labelle, an 18-year-old from Saskatoon, continues to heal from multiple injuries and undergo physiotherapy at City Hospital's rehab centre following the April 6 crash.

"We are forever grateful for the love, prayers, and support shown towards our family, and our Bronco family, by the many people in our community and around the world that have been touched by this tragedy. We have been deeply moved by your generosity and kindness," the Labelle family — father Paul, mother Tanya, son Isaac, daughter Viviana and Xavier — wrote Monday in a statement.

The collision between the Broncos bus and a semi-trailer took place April 6 around 5 p.m. on Highway 35, about 30 kilometres north of Tisdale, as the Broncos travelled to Nipawin from Humboldt for the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League (SJHL) semifinal series against the Nipawin Hawks. Sixteen people — including 10 players — were killed and another 13 were injured.

The family, which has kept a low profile following the collision, expressed gratitude for the privacy and compassion shown towards them "as we have been learning to navigate new horizons. Our perspective has changed dramatically, and we will be moving forward with much love and heartfelt gratitude for others in our life.

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PREMIER SCOTT MOE ATTENDS FIRST PREMIER / GOVERNOR'S MEETING



Premier Scott Moe attending informative meetings last weekend with USA and Mexican governors to discuss NAFTA, Saskatchewan trade, and energy & agriculture innovation amongst our three countries.

Saskatchewan's economy is driven by exports, and our relationship with the United States is the 2nd biggest trade partnership in the world. Looking forward to meeting with USA and Mexican representatives this weekend to confirm importance of NAFTA, and promote Saskatchewan businesses around the world.

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

SASKATOON JOINS CANADIAN ELITE BASKETBALL LEAGUE



Lee Genier, who has a passion for sports, community and success is Canadian Elite Basketball League President and COO, Western Operation for the Canadian Elite Basketball League. His deep sports management experience includes 19 years with the Calgary Stampeders, where he held the Position of Senior Vice President, Business Operations and earned three Grey Cup rings during his tenure. In 2010, Lee joined the Board of Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton where he led the organization to the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, which saw a gold medal winning run in Bobsleigh. In 2015, Lee

brought the Saskatchewan Rush and professional lacrosse to the Province winning back-to-back NLL championships in 2015 and 2016. This success earned Genier 2016 NLL Executive of the Year.

The Canadian Elite Basketball League, a movement that brings Canadians together through a new basketball experience. The CEBL provides home grown athletes an exclusive opportunity to represent their communities and further their careers as professional basketball players. It provides fans with edge-of-your-seat excitement through a high caliber basketball experience in a family-friendly entertainment environment. A nation of passionate sports fans. ringing together international pro ball players with Canadian elite players to form a new league.

Starting with six teams across the country, CEBL is modeled after successful international pro basketball leagues. They use FIBA rules for a fast paced, entertaining GAME. Better yet, they are a pro league that plays in the summer! Get ready for great ball, food, music and entertainment!

Basketball is the second fastest growing sport in the world. It's unique blend of athleticism, pop-culture and accessibility has seen the sport explode globally. Canada is no exception. If you look in our driveways, our schools, our gyms and our sports-feeds, it's easy to see that Canadians love the game too.

To further grow the game so many love, there needs to be more opportunity—both for players to showcase their skills in communities across the country, and for fans of all ages to celebrate their passion for basketball. After all, basketball was invented by a Canadian.

Six cities, one championship, one Nation! Get ready for the excitement as we see Edmonton, Fraser Valley, Guelph, Hamilton, Niagara and Saskatoon play in this exciting new league. Read the CEBL Press Release [here](#).

THANK A NURSE ON NATIONAL NURSING WEEK



Special thanks to Saskatchewan's 10,000 registered nurses and the entire nursing team for their commitment to their patients each and every day of the year.

MAY PROCLAIMED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION MONTH

May has been proclaimed Early Childhood Education Month and is an opportunity to acknowledge the important role early childhood education plays in the growth and development of children.

May 9, 2018 has also been proclaimed Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day to recognize the thousands of early childhood educators who contribute to the physical, emotional, spiritual and intellectual development of our children.

“Early Childhood Education Month is our opportunity to celebrate the many quality early education programs across our province that help give children a good start in life,” Deputy Premier and Education Minister Gordon Wyant said. “Thank you to all the early childhood educators who have dedicated themselves to providing safe and caring environments for our children to learn and grow.”

Click [here](#) to read more about Early Childhood Education Month.

I WAS PLEASED TO WELCOME NORTHERN STUDENTS TO THE SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATIVE BUILDING AS PART OF A MENTORSHIP PROGRAM



The Provincial Capital Commission is once again hosting 32 high school students from northern Saskatchewan for the annual Charles Knight Youth Mentorship Program. The students travel with their teachers and chaperones to the province's capital city to learn more about Saskatchewan's history, the province's system of government, and the various post-secondary opportunities available to them upon graduation.

"Saskatchewan has so much to offer these young, vibrant students," Minister Responsible for the Provincial Capital Commission Ken Cheveldayoff said. "Touring our post-secondary institutions, participating in a mock parliament, and witnessing the House in session are just some of the educational experiences this program provides. Our post-secondary institutions provide our youth with the tools they need to find a fulfilling career right here in Saskatchewan."

Selected students in the program write an essay describing why they are interested in the program, and how they have demonstrated leadership in their school or community.

This year's student visitors are from the northern Saskatchewan communities of Black Lake, Cumberland House, Dillon, La Loche, La Ronge, Deschambault Lake, Southend and Stony Rapids.

Throughout their four-day stay in Regina, the students tour the educational facilities of the University

of Regina, First Nations University of Canada and Saskatchewan Polytechnic. They also meet the Lieutenant Governor, MLAs, community leaders, and visit such landmarks as the Legislative Building, Government House, and the RCMP Training Academy.

RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE RECEIVES \$14 MILLION BOOST

The Government of Saskatchewan is investing \$14 million to improve rural roads, bridges and culverts throughout Saskatchewan.

The Municipal Roads for the Economy Program (MREP) provides funding for municipal roads impacted by increased truck traffic, as well as bridge and culvert projects.

“The rural municipal road system plays an important part in getting our exports to market.” Highways and Infrastructure Minister David Marit said. “Our investment in MREP supports municipalities and plays an important part in keeping our economy strong.”

Read the highlights of the 2018 MREP grants and the rest of the release [here](#).

BE EMERGENCY READY THIS SUMMER



Know the Risks, Make a Plan, Get an Emergency Kit and Download the SaskAlert App

Government Relations Minister Warren Kaeding announced today that Saskatchewan joins jurisdictions across Canada to proclaim May 6-12, 2018, as Emergency Preparedness Week. The theme of this year's campaign is “Be Emergency Ready”.

“Over the last several years, our province has experienced significant emergency situations like floods, wildfires and severe weather events,” Kaeding said. “That’s why it is so important that everyone be emergency ready by following these four steps: know the risks, make an emergency plan, get an emergency kit and download the SaskAlert app.”

Commissioner of Emergency Management and Fire Safety Duane McKay agreed.

“Each one of us plays an important role in planning and responding to an emergency,” McKay said. “Your emergency kit can be stored in an easy-to-carry bag or in a case with wheels in case you need to leave your home.”

Your kit should include:

- **bottled water;**
- **non-perishable foods and a manual can opener;**
- **a flashlight, radio and batteries;**
- **first-aid kit;**
- **cash;**
- **prescriptions, medications and medical documents; and**
- **important documents, such as personal identification, photographs of your family members; and up-to-date contact information.**

Kaeding also urged those who haven’t already downloaded the SaskAlert app to do so.

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



- The 2018-19 Budget provides \$20.5 million for 316 Prekindergarten programs to support the early development of more than 5,000 three and four-year olds.

- If you don't have SaskAlert on your smartphone yet, you can download the app from your phone's app store or by visiting www.saskalert.ca.

PROGRAM PROVIDES ALTERNATIVE FOR UPDATING CHILD SUPPORT



The province is providing parents with an alternative way to update their child support amounts through the recently-launched Saskatchewan Child Support Recalculation Service.

The program will provide eligible parents who apply with a faster and less costly way to update their income information for child support payments. Rather than going through the courts, parents who apply to the Saskatchewan Child Support Recalculation Service will have their payments calculated by program staff based on their most recent income information. Either parent can apply to the program.

“The government understands that issues around child support payments can create unnecessary stress for parents,” Justice Minister and Attorney General Don Morgan said. “This pilot will take a lot of the strain out of that process, ensuring payments are accurate for both parents.”

Read more [here](#).

NEW TAX BREAK FOR SENIORS



A new tax deferral program has been created to help Saskatchewan seniors.

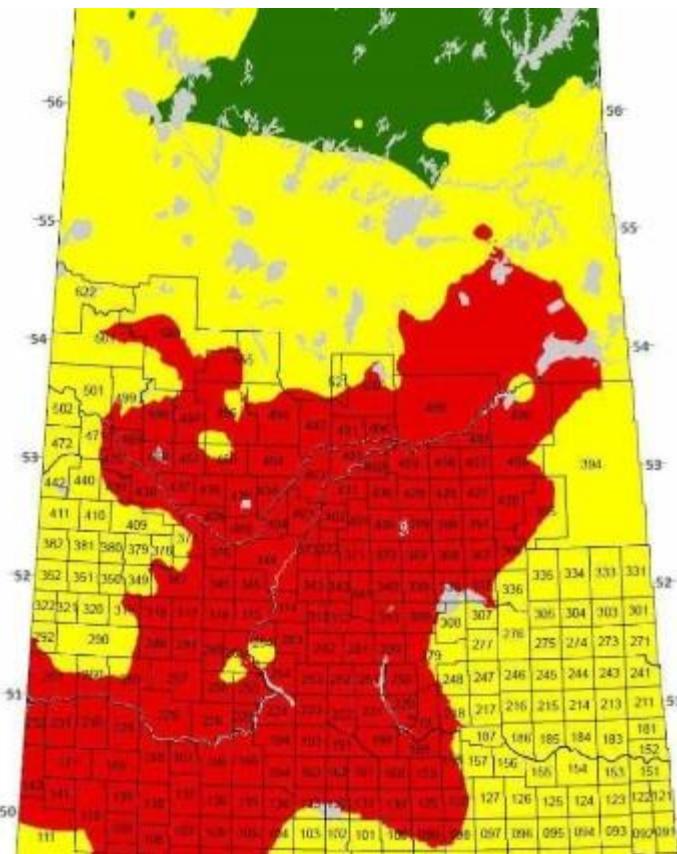
The Seniors Education Property Tax Deferral Program, which opened on April 10, will give Saskatchewan seniors with household incomes under \$70,000 the option to defer the education portion of the property taxes on their home through a repayable loan.

Seniors are eligible for the program if they:

- Are 65 years of age or older;
- own and live in their home as their main residence in Saskatchewan;
- have total household income below \$70,000; and
- maintain a minimum of 25 per cent equity in their home.

To find out more about this program, click [here](#).

FIRE DANGER HIGH ACROSS THE PROVINCE



The fire danger is high in several areas. With our warm conditions and no rain, we are likely to move to an extreme rating. Be careful when burning!

PROVINCE MARKS OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY WEEK

North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week is May 6 to 12, 2018. Each year, Canada, the United States, and Mexico observe NAOSH week to promote and encourage employers and employees to be healthy and safe in the workplace and at home.

“NAOSH week serves as a reminder that we must make safety a priority at work, in our homes and in our communities throughout the year,” Labour Relations and Workplace Safety Minister Don Morgan said. “In Saskatchewan, we continue to work toward Mission: Zero. Last year, 88 per cent of workplaces achieved that goal.”

This year, NAOSH luncheons hosted in Regina and Saskatoon will feature keynote speaker John Amatt. As the president of One Step Beyond WorldWide, Amatt shares how the lessons he learned on adventures in remote corners of the world apply in our workplaces.

Continue reading this news release [here](#).

SGI FUNDS 77 ADDITIONAL AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT



Automated licence plate readers help police stop uninsured vehicles and suspended drivers.

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Licensing and registration

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#Take care out there

Law enforcement vehicles throughout Saskatchewan are getting smarter to help improve traffic safety and fight crime.

Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) has invested \$2.3 million to fund the purchase and installation of 77 new automated licence plate readers (ALPRs) in law enforcement vehicles.

The devices automatically scan licence plates – up to one plate per second – and alert police if a nearby vehicle is unregistered, or associated with a driver who has been suspended for impaired driving or other reasons. ALPRs can be used to look out for a vehicle that has been reported stolen, or is connected to a crime or an Amber alert.

“For anyone who uses a vehicle in the commission of a crime, is suspended from driving or is driving an unregistered vehicle, the odds of getting caught just went up,” Minister Responsible for SGI Joe Hargrave said. “Automated licence plate readers help make our roads and communities safer by helping police catch suspended or wanted drivers.”

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

WATER SECURITY AGENCY INVESTS RECORD AMOUNT IN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE



In 2018-19, the Water Security Agency (WSA) plans to invest an all-time record \$43.6 million in its water management infrastructure, ensuring its 69 dams and 130 kilometres (km) of conveyance channels operate reliably and safely through a comprehensive rehabilitation and maintenance plan.

“Our water infrastructure across Saskatchewan is a major priority under this government, as it supports producers, recreational users, industry and the general public,” Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency Dustin Duncan said. “While many of these structures are decades old, they are a key priority to our economy and way of life. The proof of that priority is shown by this year’s investment, which is 15 times the amount of 10 years ago.”

Highlighting this year’s program is the ongoing rehabilitation of the M1 Canal, a 22.5 km long water supply canal extending from Lake Diefenbaker to Broderick Reservoir near Outlook. Built in the 1960s, the canal provides water for 56,000 acres of irrigation in the area, supplying water to six reservoirs, several towns and villages, four potash mines, 13 wetland projects and Blackstrap Provincial Park.

[Read more here.](#)

QUEEN ELIZABETH 11 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

The Government of Saskatchewan, the University of Regina and the University of Saskatchewan have chosen the 2018 recipients of the Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship and the Queen Elizabeth II Centennial Aboriginal Scholarship. Each \$20,000 scholarship is awarded annually on the basis of academic excellence to students who are pursuing graduate or post-graduate studies at any accredited university in Saskatchewan.

The Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship is awarded to Jade Anderson. Anderson is pursuing a Doctorate of Philosophy at the University of Regina, Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy. The theme of her research is: Medical Assisted Dying in Saskatchewan: A Consideration of Accessibility, Charter Rights, and Autonomy.

The Queen Elizabeth II Centennial Aboriginal Scholarship is awarded to Ian Newman. Newman is pursuing a Doctorate of Philosophy at the University of Saskatchewan, Department of Psychology (Cognition and Neuroscience). The theme of his research is: Meta-Reasoning: Actual and Misleading Cues Influencing Judgements of Problem Solvability.

“Congratulations to this year’s scholarship recipients,” Advanced Education Minister Tina Beaudry-Mellor said. “The Queen Elizabeth II Scholarships help Saskatchewan’s graduate students conduct research that benefits our universities, our communities and our province.”

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

LEGISLATIVE REPORT



The ability to see a doctor, whether they are a specialist or a general practitioner, is one of the most important aspects of our health care system. Our government prioritized physician recruitment and retention upon coming to office in 2007, and since then we've seen nearly 900 more doctors – a 51% increase. This includes significant increases in general practitioners (43%), specialists (62%), and pediatricians (98%). The number of psychiatrists has increased by 37%.

The number of pediatricians practicing in Saskatchewan has increased from 62 to 123 since 2007, with more on the way before the opening of the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital in 2019.

A number of physician recruitment and retention initiatives have resulted in more than 2,600 physicians licensed to practice in the province, including:

- one of the best physician compensation rates in the country;
- training more doctors in Saskatchewan by increasing the College of Medicine's undergraduate seats from 60 to 100, and doubling the number of medical residency positions to 120;
- establishing more family medicine resident training sites outside of Regina and Saskatoon, including sites in Prince Albert, Swift Current, La Ronge, North Battleford and Moose Jaw, which has led to a 79% retention rate for family physicians; and
- recruiting more than 200 internationally trained physicians, 77% of whom are working in rural or regional communities.

We have made huge strides over the past decade which means better care that can be accessed closer to home for many of Saskatchewan's rural residents. While we are pleased with this level of growth, we continue to work with health sector partners to recruit for vacant positions across the province.

Our government is also committed to taking steps to improve Saskatchewan's organ and tissue donation rates. In addition to establishing a leadership model for organ and tissue donation, including donor physicians and Registered Nurse donor coordinators, we recently launched an advertising campaign to remind Saskatchewan residents that agreeing to be an organ donor saves lives.

This year, our awareness campaign is highlighting three Saskatchewan families whose prayers for an organ transplant were answered. These stories describe the pressing need for a matching donor, and the relief that came when a matching organ became available.

You can visit www.saskatchewan.ca to learn more about organ and tissue donation in Saskatchewan, and view the powerful, real-life experiences of three Saskatchewan families.

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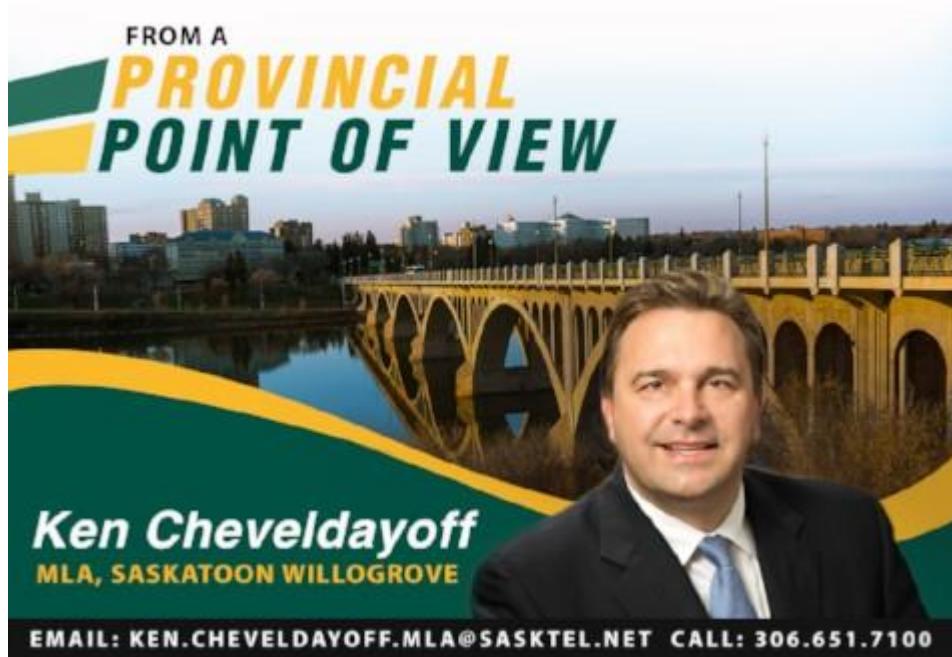
them stay in their homes longer.

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- are 65 years of age or older;
- own and live in their home as their main residence in Saskatchewan;
- have total household income below \$70,000; and
- maintain a minimum of 25 per cent equity in their home.

People who are interested in the program can call 306-787-4177 or 1-800-667-7567 or email repairstaff@gov.sk.ca. For more information, please visit www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/taxes-and-investments/property-taxes/seniors-education-property-tax-deferral-program

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WUHCA Community Garage Sale

When: May 10 - 12

Check [here](#) for map showing locations

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

The Ladyballs Show & Tell

When: May 11

Where: TCU Place, 33 22nd St E

For tickets and information, click [here](#)



Race for Kids

When: Saturday, May 26, registration at 10 am, race begins at 11 am

Where: Rotary Park

Click [here](#) for details



Walk for Alzheimer's

When: Thursday, May 31

Where: Amphitheatre - River Landing Park Spadina Cres. E

Registration 6 pm, walk 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Click [here](#) for information



EACCA Community Barbeque & Fun Day

When: Sunday, June 3, 10 am - 2 pm

Where: Forestry Farm Park

Watch this newsletter for further details



Zoogala

When: Friday, June 15

Where: Saskatoon Zoo

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



4 things you can't get back:

The **stone** after it's **thrown**.
The **word** after it's **said**.
The **occasion** after it's **missed**.
The **time** after it's **gone**.

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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 Silver Springs. 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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