

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



A campaign graphic for Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA, featuring a portrait of him on the left. The background is a spring scene with a blue sky, pink cherry blossoms, and a basket of brown rabbits on the right. In the foreground, there are several colorful Easter eggs (red, pink, orange, yellow, blue) on green grass. The text 'KEN CHEVELDAYOFF' is in green, with 'MLA' in smaller green letters below it. 'HAPPY Easter' is written in blue and pink script. Contact information and the constituency name are at the bottom.

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SASKATOON
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Our province is a vibrant mosaic of cultures, traditions, and beliefs—a true reflection of the strength found in our diversity.

You will see in this newsletter, families across the province have come together to celebrate Passover, Easter, and Vaisakhi and the remainder of Sikh Heritage Month. We are reminded of the deep roots and rich traditions that shape our shared identity.

These meaningful celebrations highlight the importance of inclusion, mutual respect, and understanding—values that define who we are as a community. In the spirit of our provincial motto,

From Many Peoples Strengths, we celebrate not just our differences, but the unity and resilience they inspire in all of us.

SIKH HERITAGE MONTH - FLAG RAISING CEREMONY



It was an honour to attend and speak at the Sikh Flag Raising Ceremony on the occasion of Sikh Heritage month on Saturday, April 12 in Saskatoon.

It was wonderful to have so many colleagues present for this special occasion. The Honourable Alana Ross delivered greetings on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan. Also attending was the Honourable Eric Schmalz, MLA Megan Patterson, MLA Jamie Martens, MLA Kevin Weedmark, and MLA Barret Kropft.

The meaningful event celebrates the rich heritage, values, and contributions of the Sikh community. The raising of the Nishan Sahib, the Sikh flag, symbolizes unity, justice, and the unwavering commitment to serve humanity—principles at the heart

of the Sikh faith.

This ceremony is not only a vibrant cultural tradition but also a powerful reminder of the importance of inclusion, resilience, and respect for all. Being part of this moment, along with several colleagues was a humbling experience and a testament to the strength and spirit of the Sikh community.

HAPPY PASSOVER 2025



Warm wishes to Jewish communities observing and celebrating Passover this week.

This season of freedom and hope comes with added weight as many continue to call for the safe return of hostages. Our thoughts are with all who are affected.

Wishing you peace and strength.

Chag Pesach Sameach.

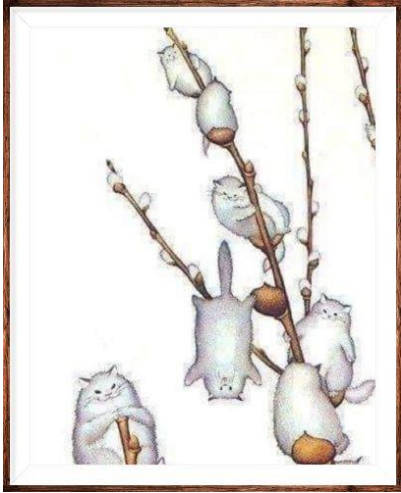
WISHING YOU A WONDERFUL EASTER WEEKEND

Wishing everyone a joyful and peaceful Easter! May this season of renewal bring hope, happiness, and special moments with loved ones. Whether you're celebrating with family, enjoying some well-deserved rest, or indulging in a few chocolate eggs, I hope your Easter is filled with warmth and cheer.



The legend of the pussywillow.

With the beginning of spring, I thought you might find this interesting!



Artist: Rose Mary Berlin

According to an old Polish legend, many springtime's ago a mother cat was crying at the bank of the river in which her kittens were drowning. The willows at the river's edge longed to help her, so they swept their long graceful branches into the waters to rescue the tiny kittens who had fallen into the river while chasing butterflies. The kittens gripped on tightly to their branches and were safely brought to shore. Each springtime since, goes the legend, the willow branches sprout tiny fur-like buds at their tips where the tiny kittens once clung.

SASKATCHEWAN BOARD OF GOVERNORS RECEPTION



It was such a pleasure to attend the University of Saskatchewan Board of Governors Reception last Monday. As Minister of Advanced Education, I acknowledged how vital post secondary education is to the growth of our province. USask's commitment to supporting students is inspiring and is crucial in helping our province thrive.

Our government is committed to meeting the needs of students by delivering high-quality, accessible and affordable education. A key priority for our government. We will continue to support students, the next generation of leaders.

I am grateful to all of the board members, faculty and leadership for the incredible work they do for USask, as well as congratulating the university on the success of the "Be What the World Needs" campaign.

In 2025-26, Saskatchewan is delivering \$788 million to support the post-secondary sector. This includes \$324 million in funding for USask to support the institutions' important contribution to our province's growth. This funding will support implementation and expansion in health care training programs.



Earlier in the day, I had the opportunity to introduce Donald Grant Devine, Saskatchewan's 11th Premier, to the Legislative Assembly. He now serves on the University of Saskatchewan Board of Governors.

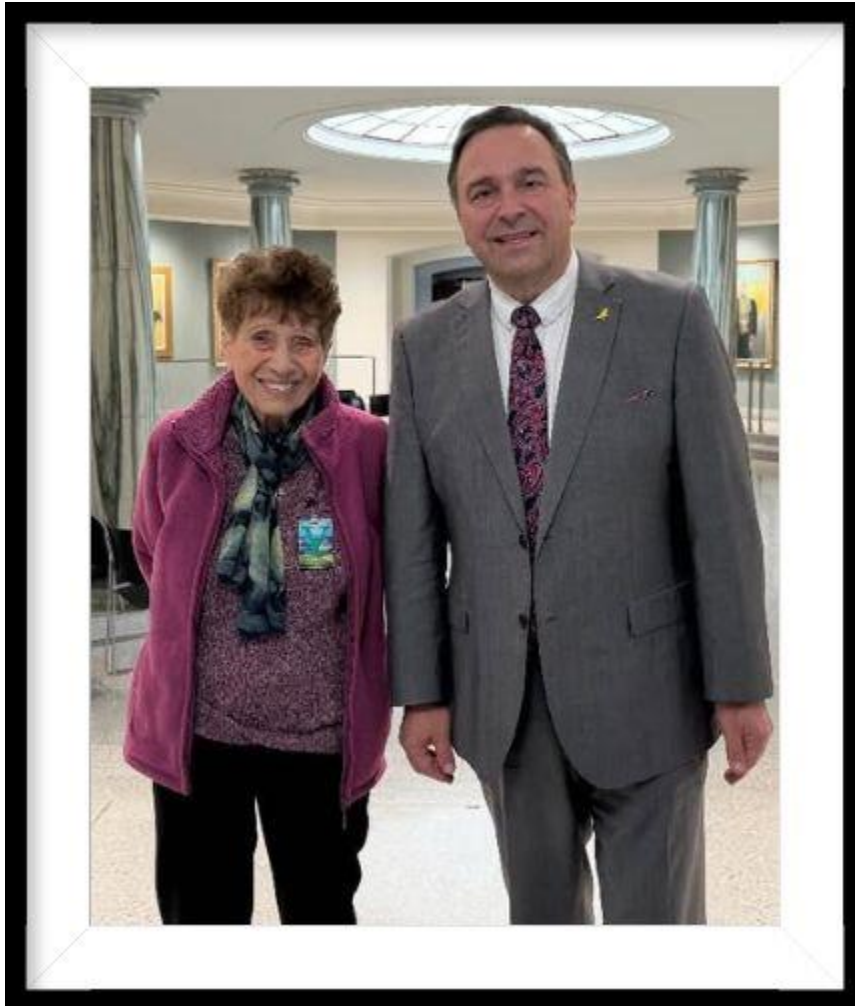
GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT 90 PER CENT FROM SASKATCHEWAN; 99 PER CENT CANADIAN



The Government of Saskatchewan's commitment to procuring from Saskatchewan based companies remains strong. Historically, Saskatchewan has awarded nearly 90 per cent of all procurements to Saskatchewan companies over the past five years. When Saskatchewan companies bid, that number has jumped to 95 per cent. In the same period, the province has awarded more than 99 per cent of procurements to Canadian companies, with less than one per cent awarded to US companies. For SaskBuilds' major projects, all general contractors were Canadian and the majority were from Saskatchewan.

"Our government will always put Saskatchewan people and Saskatchewan companies first," SaskBuilds and Procurement Minister David Marit said. "With the vast majority of our procurement going to local businesses, we will continue to support local contractors and industries during this turbulent time."

THE REMARKABLE KLARA BELKIN: A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR LIVING IN SASKATOON



The introduction of guests is always a special occasion in the legislature, and this week was no exception. Premier Scott Moe introduced Holocaust survivor Klara Belkin, a truly remarkable individual. A testament to the power of the human spirit and the importance to never forget the past. I had the great honour of meeting Klara, who now resides in Saskatoon.



80 years ago on April 15, British and Canadian soldiers liberated Bergen-Belsen, a Nazi concentration camp in northern Germany.

Klara is one of the brave survivors of the horrors of that Nazi death camp. Klara's story, as shared with Brittany Caffet, is a testament to resilience, love, and compassion, and can be found [HERE](#).

2025 SUMA CONVENTION AND TRADESHOW



SUMA represents the collective strength of Saskatchewan communities in providing leadership in advocacy, education and service excellence. Hundreds of Municipal Leaders from across our province gathered at the 2025 SUMA Convention and Tradeshow in Saskatoon. SUMA is a wonderful member-driven organization and

provides innovative and value-driven programs and services.

It was a pleasure to join our government colleagues at the bear pit session yesterday.



Premier Scott Moe shared how our government moved amendments to The Safe Public Spaces (Street Weapons) Act to include fentanyl, hypodermic needles, and methamphetamine. We are dedicated to creating safer communities for all Saskatchewan residents and here is my message to anyone that wants to produce, traffic or use these illicit poisons.



Read the details in the news release below:

[Government Expands Legislation to Target Street Weapons and Illicit Drugs | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

COMMUNITY WELLNESS BUS NOW OPEN IN SASKATOON

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COMMUNITY WELLNESS BUS PROJECT IN SASKATOON



Saskatchewan's third mobile wellness bus is now open in Saskatoon, offering residents a new way to access primary health care services.

Community Wellness Buses will provide basic primary care and mental health and addictions services.

The Saskatoon bus will be located primarily at 2023 Morse Road from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday.

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS?



It's important to be prepared for severe weather like flash flooding or tornadoes. Make sure you understand what is covered and excluded in your home and auto insurance policies, and check with your broker or agent if you have questions. Additional coverage may be required.

To learn more, visit: <https://bit.ly/42qMtXl>

SASKATCHEWAN SEES CONTINUES HOUSING STARTS GROWTH

Housing Starts

Saskatchewan
Ranks **1st** in Growth
Among the Provinces

↑ 96.5%

January 2025 to March 2025

Source: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)



Statistics Canada released data showing that urban housing starts in Saskatchewan increased by 96.5 per cent in the first three months of 2025 compared to the same period in 2024. This places Saskatchewan first among the provinces for growth in this category.

"Saskatchewan is growing at rates not seen for more than a century and these numbers are demonstrating the effectiveness of our economic growth initiatives," Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kaeding said. "By creating jobs, encouraging investment and expanding opportunities, we are delivering the

programs, services and infrastructure needed for a growing province."



[Saskatchewan Sees Continued Housing Starts Growth | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SUPPORTING VETERANS AND OUR COMMUNITIES - SASKATCHEWAN VETERAN SERVICE CLUB SUPPORT PROGRAM INTAKE NOW OPEN

Saskatchewan Veteran Service Club Program

INTAKE FOR 2025-26 NOW OPEN

The program provides grants for facility upgrades, operations and events to strengthen the long-term sustainability of veteran service organizations. Applications are accepted until June 1, 2025.



The Government of Saskatchewan, Royal Canadian Legion - Saskatchewan Command and the Saskatchewan Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans (ANAVETS) would like to announce the Saskatchewan Veteran Service Club Support Program intake for 2025-26 is currently open.

Introduced in 2019-20, the program provides grants for facility upgrades, operations, events and other activities to advance the work and help strengthen the long-term sustainability of veteran service organizations across the province.

"Our province's veterans service organizations play a vital role - they enrich our communities, preserve local history and work tirelessly on behalf of veterans who have faithfully served our province and our country," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Alana Ross said. "We cannot thank them enough for their continued efforts and look forward to continuing to this important work."

[Supporting Veterans and Our Communities - Saskatchewan Veteran Service Club Support Program Intake Now Open | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SASKATOON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



Bicycles flew and dinosaurs roared for a massive crowd at last Saturday's Symphonic Sci-Fi!

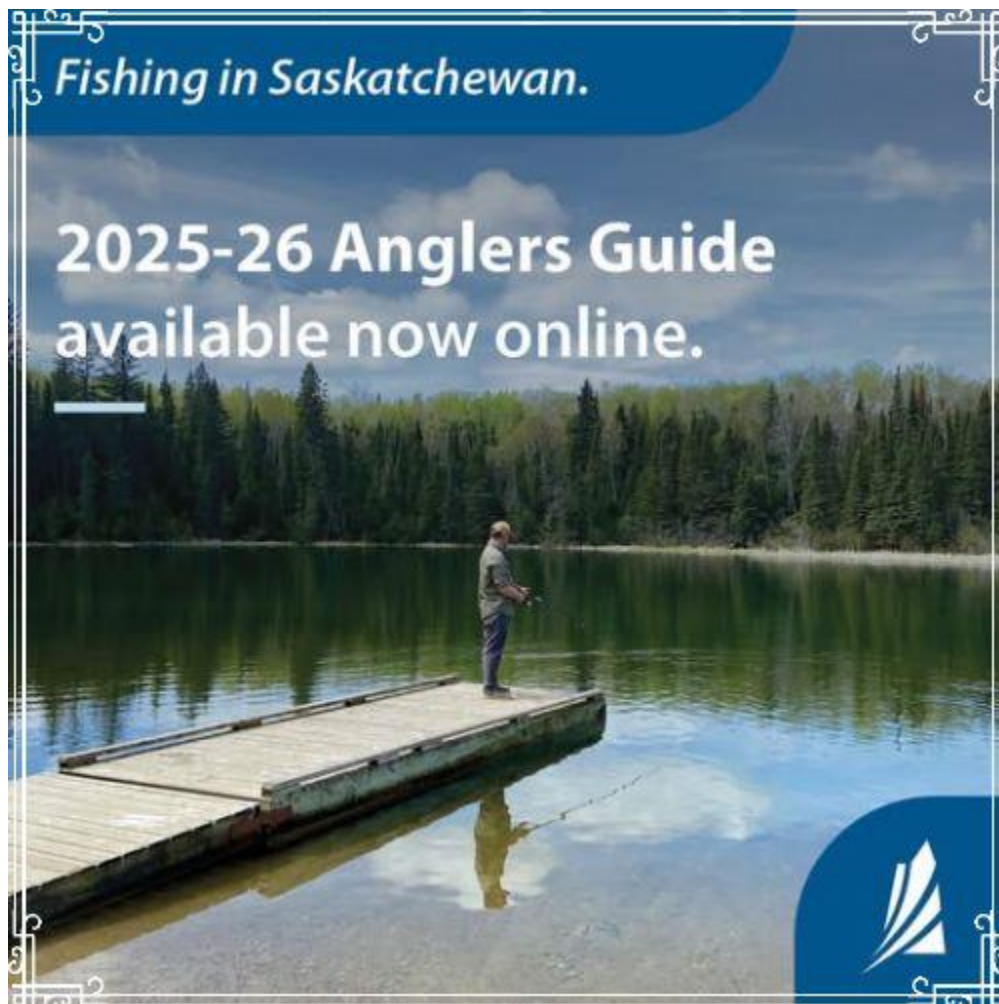
I had the pleasure of bringing greetings on behalf of the Honourable Jeremy Harrison, Minister Responsible for SaskTel and the Government of Saskatchewan.



It was truly a joy to see a wonderful crowd gathered to celebrate the incredible talent and diversity of artists from across our province. The evening was spectacular as the crowd was treated to iconic pieces from some of our favourite science fiction classics.

Since 1931, the Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra has been a cherished part of our community — a cultural cornerstone that continues to bring bold, innovative, and moving performances to audiences across the Prairies. Since 1931, the Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra has been a cherished part of our community — a cultural cornerstone that continues to bring bold, innovative, and moving performances to audiences across the Prairies.

2025-26 ANGLERS GUIDE AVAILABLE



Ah, sweet springtime. The birds are chirping, the snow is melting and the 2025-26 Anglers Guide is available online!

It's finally time to debut the "perfect cast" you've been working on all winter. Head over to <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/parks-culture-heritage-and-sport/hunting-trapping-and-angling/angling> to download your copy of the guide and learn how to purchase a licence. Be sure to check for any changes to harvest limits and other regulations.

Physical copies of the guide will be available at Government of Saskatchewan field offices with front counter services and provincial park offices in early May.

CELEBRATING PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK



Public Safety Telecommunicators Week
April 13 to 19, 2025

This week, we recognize the tireless commitment of the **9-1-1 call takers** and **dispatchers**, who play a crucial role in connecting the public with first responders during emergencies.

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The Government of Saskatchewan is proclaiming April 13-19, 2025, as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. This week is dedicated to celebrating and recognizing the

hard work and commitment of 9-1-1 call takers, dispatchers and technicians across the province.

"Telecommunicators are essential in saving lives," Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Tim McLeod said. "They ensure that the information you provide during a 9-1-1 call is accurately relayed to the emergency personnel who are coming to your aid. We recognize and appreciate their vital role in keeping our citizens safe."

[Celebrating Public Safety Telecommunicators Week | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

REMINDER - GRADUATE RETENTION PROGRAM

Graduate Retention Program



Reminder:
Download your GRP certificate

Tax deadline is April 30



Reminder: If you graduated from post-secondary in 2024 you may be eligible for the Graduate Retention Program.

Download your GRP certificate from your Advanced Education Student Portal account and file it with your 2024 taxes to start receiving the credit.

Log into the portal  <https://www.sfaonlineapp.gov.sk.ca/aesp/servlet/Login>

Don't have a certificate in your portal but think you're eligible for the tax credit? You may need to submit an application. Learn more about eligibility and how to apply at www.saskatchewan.ca/grp.

LETS WORK TOGETHER TO PROTECT OUR FORESTS



942,173 hectares

were burned by wildfires in Saskatchewan in 2024.

Almost three times the size of Lac La Ronge Provincial Park.

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Saskatchewan is home to 35.5 million hectares of vast and vital forest. In 2024, wildfires burned 942,173 hectares, which is nearly three times the size of Lac La Ronge Provincial Park.

Wildfires not only impact wildlife and air quality but also threaten communities and industries that rely on our forests. Let's work together to protect our forests for future generations.

Learn more about fire prevention and ways to be FireSmart by visiting saskpublicsafety.ca



WEEKEND GUIDE



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Family Fun Saskatoon weekend guide is brought to you by Adventure Clue Kits! If you're looking for something fun this Easter weekend, [Adventure Clue Kits](#) brings Easter magic to your kids with a ready-to-print Easter Scavenger Hunt.

What's happening this weekend?

* This Friday and Saturday, gear up for the 63rd Annual Draggins Rod and Custom Car Show! It's an Easter tradition!

* Join a fun and interactive show by [Wide Open Children's Theatre](#). Square will be back on from Friday to Monday at [Nutrien Wonderhub](#).

* Check out the Family Fun Easter events like Easter at Rottwood Acres or Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt at [Champerre County](#), or join an Easter Egg Hunt at the Saskatoon Farmers' Market or celebrate Easter at Crossmount.

Find out more about these events and more

here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/weekend-guide/>

WUHCA SPRING CLEANUP



26 APRIL

10 am - 2 pm

Meeting Point: Willowgrove Square

COMMUNITY SPRING CLEANUP

Join us for Spring Cleanup Day! Help us refresh our community by picking up litter and caring for our local spaces.

Details and RSVP at:

WUHCA.CA



WUHCA asks you to join the Spring Cleanup Day!

Help refresh our community by picking up litter and caring for our local spaces.

Meetup location - Willowgrove Square

Saturday, April 26 - 10am to 2 pm

FAMILY FUN SASKATOON SCHOOL BREAK EVENTS



Spring has sprung (again), and Easter break in Saskatoon is just around the corner! If your family will be spending the break in Saskatoon and looking to have a bit of fun, you won't be disappointed! We're adding to the list as we find them. Check out some ideas here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/easter-break/>

EASTER EVENTS



Hop into Easter Fun in Saskatoon! Saskatoon and the surrounding area have some eggcellent Easter events to look forward to! Check out our list of Easter adventures for you and the family here:

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

MAIFEST 2025

FREE ADMISSION

MAY

4

130-4 PM



MAIFEST 2025

Sask Hall at the WDM

Join the 'Concordia Junior Alpenrose Dancers'
for a Come & Go Afternoon

'WELCOME SPRING' German Style

- Live Music & Dance Performances
- Cake & Refreshments (Cash Sale)



German Canadian
Club Concordia
of Saskatoon Inc. 1957



—SASKATCHEWAN—
GERMAN COUNCIL
GERMAN-TO-GERMAN SOCIETY



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE EACCA SPRING GARAGE SALE



The Erindale Arbor Creek Annual Community Garage Sale is happening Saturday, May 10, 9am-3pm – rain or shine!

If you want to have your garage sale listed, please send the following information to EACCAgaragesale@gmail.com

- 1. Your Name**
 - 2. EACCA Member ID**
 - 3. Address**
 - 4. General description of what you're selling**
- Don't have your EACCA membership?**

Head to <https://registration.erindalearborecreek.org/> and SIGN UP!

The map, a list of items houses are selling, and a Google map link are below in this post. Please share this post or share the event page

ZOOGALA 2025

THE SASKATOON ZOO FOUNDATION'S ZOOGALA

Zoogala is a one of a kind Saskatoon fundraising event that takes place at the unbeatable setting of the Saskatoon Zoo.

ZOOGALA is every food lover's dream come true, featuring exquisite cuisine created by the best Saskatoon Chefs. The evening also promises amazing entertainment, wonderful prizes and the true stars of the show, the resident animals. We invite you to wander around the beautiful Saskatoon zoo grounds, visit with the animals and enjoy a truly unique evening. Tickets go fast so get yours early. 19+ event.

Tickets: [ZOOGALA - Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo Tickets, Fri, Jun 6, 2025 at 6:15 PM | Eventbrite](#)

ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES



NEWS
RELEASES

[Rural and Remote Recruitment Incentive Eligibility Expands to More Communities | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

Rural and Remote Recruitment Incentive Expands



A \$50,000 incentive for a three-year return-in-service is *offered to eligible new, permanent full-time employees in high-priority health occupations* in rural and remote communities to support staffing.

[New Regina Breast Health Centre Ready to Welcome Patients | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



New Regina Breast Health Centre

Welcoming Patients on April 23

The new centre will provide a variety of services, including:

- Diagnostic imaging
- Biopsies
- Specialist consultations
- Patient education and navigation
- Future on-site services such as post treatment therapies and rehabilitation

[Criminal Property Forfeiture Fund Supports Community Safety Initiatives | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

Community Safety



\$1.1 million in distributions
from the Criminal Property
Forfeiture Fund



[Government Expands Legislation to Target Street Weapons and Illicit Drugs | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Water Security Agency Self Declares Westside Irrigation Project for Environmental Assessment | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Autobody Learning Camp Provides Sask DLC Students with Practical Hands-on Experience from Industry Experts | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**Autobody
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Camps**

Giving students a chance to
explore career choices
beyond high school.

Sask DLC offers online
Autobody courses with work
placements to high school
students across the province.

Register now for the
2025-26 school year



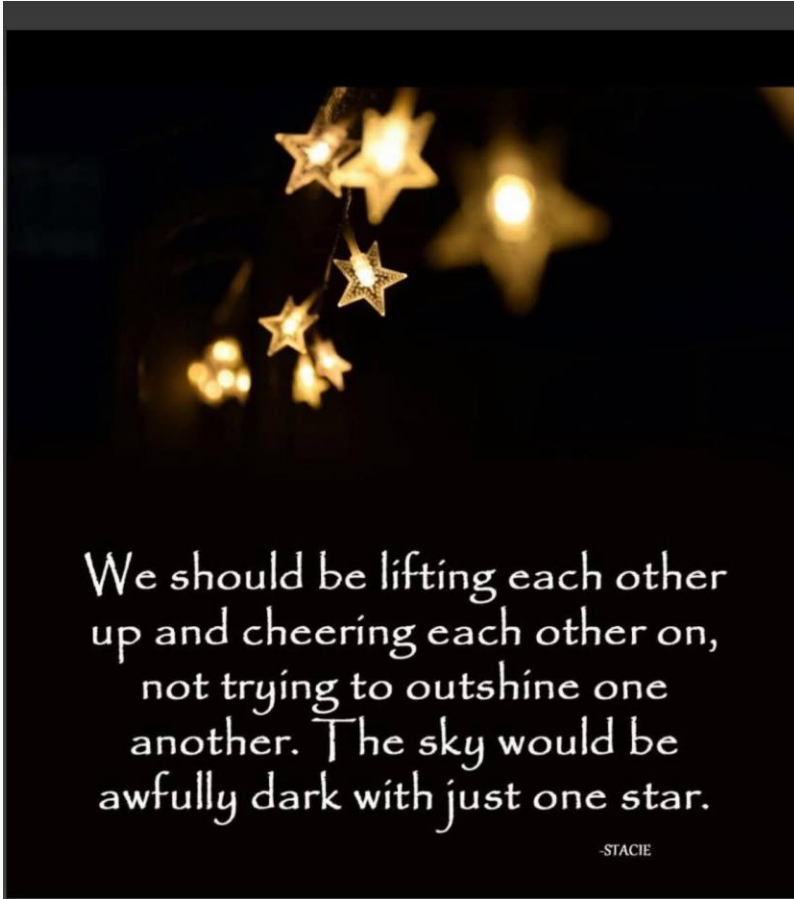
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[Royal Saskatchewan Museum Urban Wildlife Research Program Continues | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Legislation Introduced to Support Municipalities with Pilot Framework for Safe Disposal of Derelict Structures | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

THOUGHT OF THE DAY



We should be lifting each other
up and cheering each other on,
not trying to outshine one
another. The sky would be
awfully dark with just one star.

-STACIE



**“Easter is meant to
be a symbol of hope,
renewal, and new
life.”**

Janine di Giovanni

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