

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

From a Provincial Point of View



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**PREMIER MOE TRAVELS TO WASHINGTON AND MEXICO TO SUPPORT CANADA U.S.
TRADE**



Premier Scott Moe will travel to Washington D.C. this week for meetings with U.S. elected representatives, industry organizations and to participate in the premier's Council of the Federation (COF) joint-mission to Washington.

Prior to the COF mission, Premier Moe will meet with U.S. elected representatives and businesses to emphasize the strong trade relationship between Canada and the U.S, and the role Saskatchewan plays in supplying the continent with energy and food security.

"It's important in the current economic environment that we engage with our counterparts in the United States to emphasize the shared benefit of trade between our two countries and turn the conversation toward building on those strengths rather than jeopardizing them with tariffs," said Moe.

The U.S. is Saskatchewan's largest and most important trading partner. About \$40 billion worth of imports and exports cross the border every year. The current tariff-free border allows businesses to add value to products and economies, whether flowing from north to south or vice versa.



Premier Moe's meetings will focus on maintaining strong Canada-U.S. relations by addressing shared issues such as the economy, energy, supply chains and the impacts of the Trump Administration's proposed tariffs.

[Premier Moe Travels to Washington and Mexico to Support Canada U.S. Trade | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



Premier Scott Moe, "This week, we had a productive series of meetings with U.S. officials and key stakeholders in Washington, D.C.. Discussions centered on strengthening our trade relationships and advancing North American food, energy and manufacturing security.

With \$40 billion in annual trade between Saskatchewan and the U.S., it's essential that we preserve tariff-free access for Canadian-made goods. Imposing tariffs would disrupt businesses, jeopardize jobs, and reduce investment opportunities on both

sides of the border. That's why it's so important to ensure continued free and fair trade.

We also discussed key issues like supply chains, market access, and expanding trade opportunities. Our collective goal is to ensure that Saskatchewan—and all of Canada—remain competitive on the global stage, fostering growth and prosperity for everyone."

WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



There are several ideas for Valentine's in this newsletter. I hope you'll enjoy the day with family and friends.

A few fun facts about Valentine's Day:

- In order of popularity, Valentine's Day cards are given to teachers, children, mothers, wives, sweethearts and pets.
- On Valentine`s Day every year, there are at least 36 million heart shape boxes of chocolates sold.
- The red rose was the favourite flower of Venus, the Roman goddess of love.

- **Worldwide, over 50 million roses are given for Valentine's Day each year.**
- **In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who would be their Valentine. They would wear this name pinned onto their sleeves for one week for everyone to see. That was the origin of the expression "to wear your heart on your sleeve."**
- **Richard Cadbury invented the first Valentine's Day candy box in the late 1800s.**
- **Probably the first greeting cards, handmade valentines, appeared in the 16th century. As early as 1800, companies began mass-producing cards. Initially, these cards were hand-colored by factory workers. By the early 20th century even fancy lace and ribbon-strewn cards were created by machines.**

CELEBRATING TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

Thank you to the teachers and school staff in Saskatchewan for the daily contributions you make to ensure the learning success and well-being of all students. Your efforts are appreciated.



Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

Thank you for making our children's educational journey a successful one.

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February 9 to 15, 2025, is Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week in Saskatchewan. The week recognizes the many contributions of teachers and staff in Saskatchewan schools who embody the qualities reflected in this year's theme "Heroes of Education."

"We are pleased to proclaim Teacher/Staff Appreciation week to celebrate teachers and staff and their commitment to Prekindergarten to Grade 12 education," Education Minister Everett Hindley said. "From providing skills and knowledge in the classroom to supporting student activities, teachers and school staff provide the foundation for lifelong learning."

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week has been celebrated across Canada for 38 years and is supported by the Saskatchewan Association of School Councils (SASC).

"As we celebrate Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week across the province, we would like to recognize teachers and school staff for their ongoing commitment and dedication to the students and families they serve," SASC Director Joy Bastness

said. "We thank them for all that they do and continue to do to achieve successful student outcomes."



School divisions, schools and school community councils will be celebrating Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week with activities throughout the week.

GREAT MEETINGS THIS WEEK AT THE LEGISLATURE



I was delighted to meet with Dr. Britt Hall, President of the University of Regina Faculty Association, and Dr. Marc Spooner, Professor of Education at the University of Regina. We share numerous common interests in pursuing excellence within the advanced education sector of our Province.



It was a pleasure to meet with Consul-General of Japan, Takchiko Wajima. A very interesting and informative visit.

Wajima notes that the position as consul general covering Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Northwest Territories and Nunavut is the second largest territory of any of the Japanese overseas consular office.

THE GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN IS INVESTING \$58 MILLION THIS YEAR TO ADDRESS GROWING STUDENT ENROLMENT



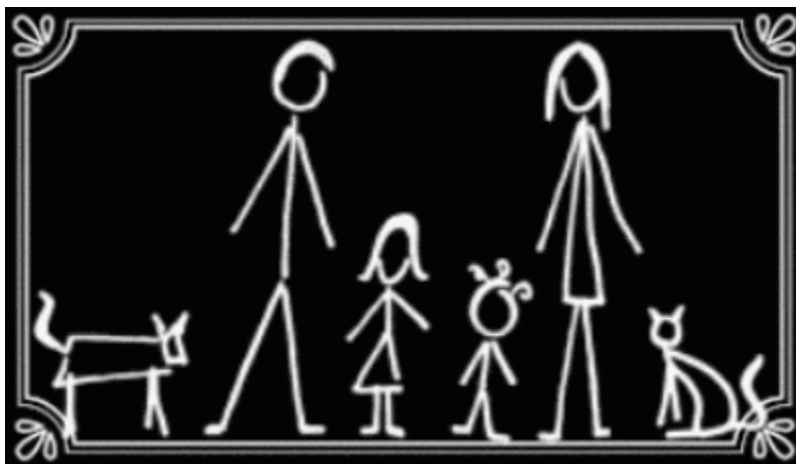
The Government of Saskatchewan is taking further action to support growing student enrolment by investing an additional \$29.5 million in relocatable classrooms. This mid-year funding increase brings the 2024-25 total investment in relocatables to \$58 million, providing 76 new relocatables to help alleviate space pressures in schools across the province.

"With Saskatchewan's growing population, we recognize the need for additional classroom space to support students and educators," Education Minister Everett Hindley said. "This additional investment will ensure schools that anticipate capacity challenges in 2025-26 have the necessary infrastructure to accommodate students."

The majority of the relocatables will be allocated to the fastest growing cities of Regina and Saskatoon. In addition, the communities of Clavet, Corman Park, Humboldt, Lloydminster, Martensville, Pilot Butte, Warman, and Weyburn will receive relocatables to alleviate space pressures.

School divisions will proceed with procurement and target installation prior to September 2025.

HAPPY FAMILY DAY WEEKEND



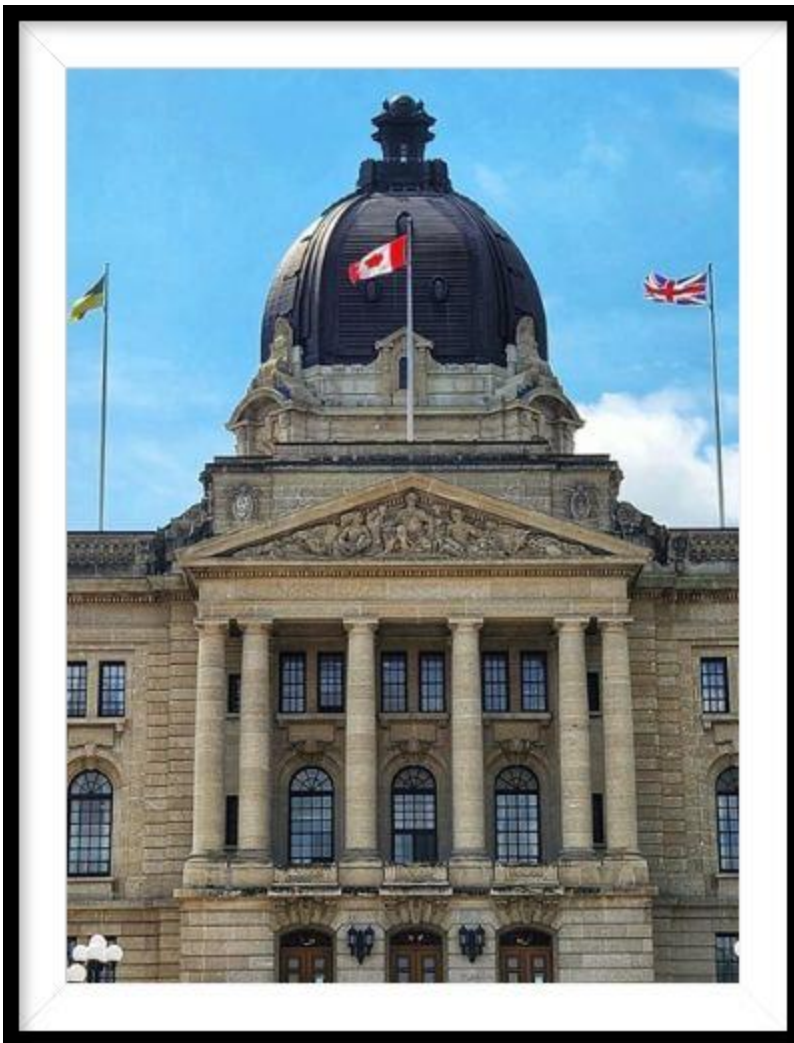
Don't let the busy world of today keep you from showing how much you love and appreciate your family. When you look at your life, the greatest happiness is family happiness.

Special thanks to all those that are working on family day.

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a group of people, each a unique
masterpiece, sharing unconditional
love, hugs and support • one of life's
greatest blessings • cherish always

There are numerous free, fun activities taking place in Saskatoon and throughout the province this weekend. I encourage you to check out the many events featured in this newsletter. Take the time to celebrate the importance of families and how important family life is to the communities we live in.

REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE



As we stepped into February, the path set for 2025 mirrors the old Canadian adage, “Cold hands - warm heart.” Saskatchewan continues to be a steady economy and a province where decisions are made with the people in-mind first and foremost.

A strong economy is reflected in Saskatchewan’s job market. Our province started off this year once again tied for the lowest unemployment rate among all provinces at 5.4 per cent in January. The province also added 9,900 new jobs year-over-year for the month. Year-end reporting announced this month highlighted major year-over-year job gains. Employment grew in construction, health care, social assistance and agriculture.

Investment continues to drive this momentum. Statistics Canada's latest GDP numbers indicate that Saskatchewan's 2023 real GDP reached an all-time high of \$77.9 billion, increasing by \$1.8 billion, or 2.3 per cent. This ties Saskatchewan for

second in the nation for real GDP growth, and above the national average of 1.6 per cent. Looking ahead, private capital investment is projected to reach \$14.2 billion for 2024, an increase of 14.4 per cent over 2023. This is the highest anticipated percentage increase in Canada.

Saskatchewan's resource sector remains a key contributor to this economic strength. The Government of Saskatchewan's Crown oil and natural gas public offering, held on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, raised \$3,039,589.20 for the province, with the Estevan area generating most of the revenue.

While economic growth in our province continues, our government is investing the benefits back into our communities. This month Saskatchewan committed to two initiatives - a total of \$31.7 million to community-based partners that facilitate interpersonal violence programs and \$29.5 million for 76 relocatable classrooms. Healthy environments for our children both at home and at school are paramount.

February is also a time to reflect on the province's rich culture as African-Canadian/Black History Month. An opportunity to honour, celebrate and recognize the legacy of African-Canadians across the province. Saskatchewan's motto: From Many Peoples Strength, emphasizes the importance of reflecting on the strong history and legacy of diverse communities in Saskatchewan.

A historic moment took place on January 31st with the installation of Her Honour the Honourable Bernadette McIntyre, S.O.M., Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, as the 24th Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan during a ceremony at the Legislative Building. The Lieutenant Governor is the personal representative of the Sovereign in Saskatchewan and is responsible for granting Royal Assent to provincial laws, as well as summoning and dissolving the provincial legislature.

Together with the people of Saskatchewan, our government looks forward to another year of building and protecting our province. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to my constituency office at :ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net or call 306.651.7100

NEW RADIATION THERAPY PROGRAM BRINGS GOLD STANDARD OF CANCER CARE CLOSER TO HOME



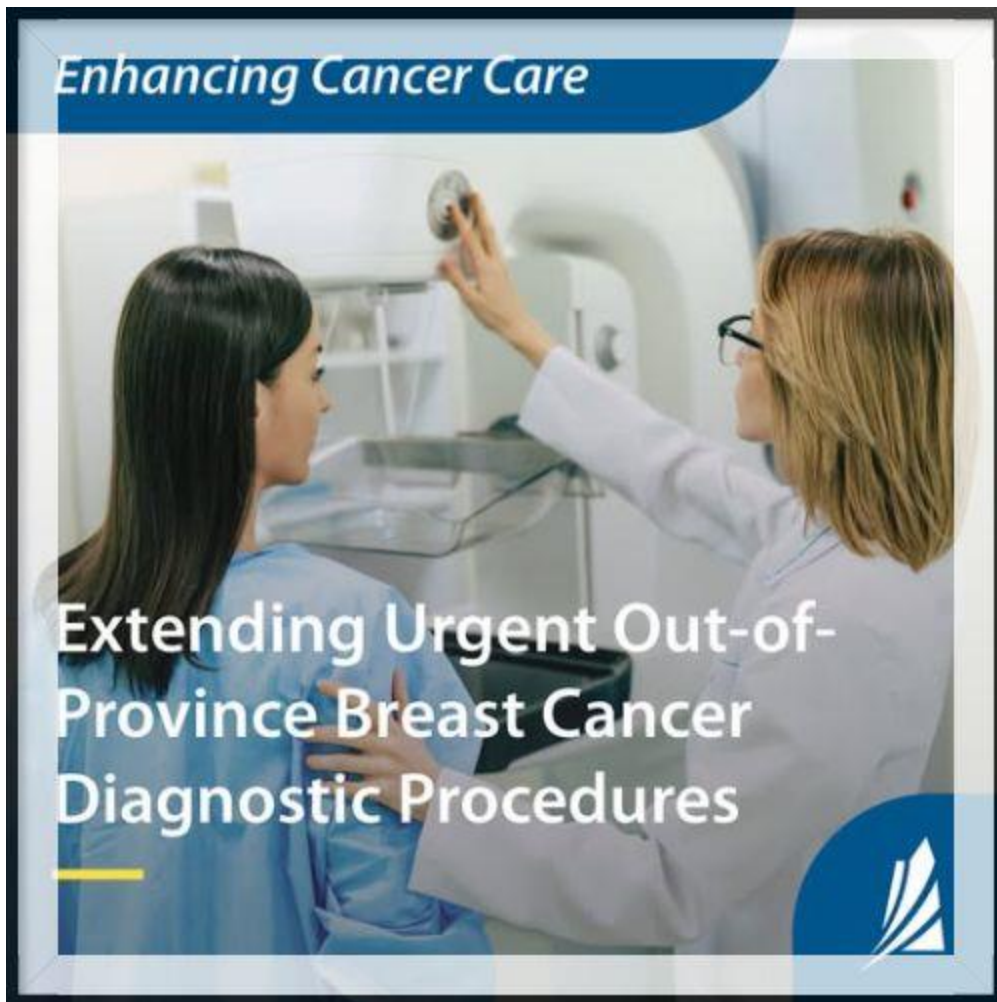
It was a pleasure to attend the 57th Annual Regina State of the City Address alongside my Government MLA and Ministerial Colleagues, where we welcomed new Mayor Chad Bachynski.



Regina's Mayor Chad Bachynski gave an optimistic outlook on Saskatchewan's Capital City during the annual State of the City address. He delivered an outstanding speech, outlining an exciting year ahead for Regina. Bachynski announced the launch of two new initiatives in partnership with Economic Development Regina.

We look forward to working with the Mayor and his council.

SASKATCHEWAN CONTINUES TAKING ACTION TO ADDRESS BREAST CANCER DIAGNOSTIC WAITLISTS



Out-of-Province Initiative Extended to Increase Patient Access to Urgent Diagnostics

The Government of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) are taking continued action to improve breast health services for Saskatchewan patients through a short-term extension to an initiative that allows patients to receive diagnostics at a medical facility in Calgary.

Established in November 2023, this agreement has been extended to March 2026 as a temporary measure to accelerate urgent diagnostic procedures until these services are fully stabilized in the province. The implementation of the Out-of-Province Program has significantly reduced wait times for urgent breast biopsies from November 2023 to date, bringing them in line with the clinically recommended target of three weeks or less.

"We are committed to ensuring Saskatchewan residents have access to safe, high quality, and timely breast health care services as we advance several measures to expand in-province capacity, implement new technologies and complete

construction on the new Breast Health Centre in Regina," Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "We appreciate the dedication from our health care teams to accelerate urgent diagnostic breast cancer procedures and treatments following a diagnosis."

Eligible Saskatchewan patients who are waiting for urgent diagnostic breast procedures, such as breast biopsies, will be triaged by health care providers, who will contact them to ensure thorough screening and determine their interest in participating in the program.

[Saskatchewan Continues Taking Action to Address Breast Cancer Diagnostic Waitlists | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SASKATCHEWAN'S YEAR STARTS OFF STRONG WITH THE LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AMONG PROVINCES AND 9,000 NEW JOBS

Starting off the Year Strong

Saskatchewan started 2025 tied for the **lowest unemployment rate** among provinces at 5.4% (below the national average of 6.6%) and added 9,900 new jobs year-over-year in January.



According to the latest labour force survey numbers from Statistics Canada, Saskatchewan started off 2025 tied for the lowest unemployment rate among provinces at 5.4 per cent, below the national average of 6.6 per cent. The province also added 9,900 new jobs year-over-year for the month of January.


"Saskatchewan continues to regularly have one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation as our economy continues to create more jobs and more opportunities," Deputy Premier and Immigration and Career Training Minister Jim Reiter said. "Our government is committed to ensuring that Saskatchewan continues to grow and that is why we are focused on growing access to health care and educational spaces while taking action to make life more affordable for Saskatchewan people."

Year-over-year full-time employment increased by 3,000, an increase of 0.6 per cent. Female employment is up 4,300, an increase of 1.5 per cent, and male employment is up 5,400, an increase of 1.7 per cent.


[Saskatchewan's Year Starts Off Strong with the Lowest Unemployment Rate Among Provinces and 9,900 New Jobs | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

ADDRESSING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Protecting Communities



\$3.8M to support agencies
in addressing gender-based
violence



We are investing \$3.8 million to 16 agencies over the next two years under the National Action Plan to End Gender-based Violence as part of its ongoing commitment to create safer communities. The National Action Plan is a cost-shared agreement between the federal and provincial government, based on pre-existing provincial interpersonal violence funding.

SASKATCHEWAN BUILDING PERMIT GROWTH CONTINUES TO SOAR



Province Ranks Second in Year-Over-Year Growth

Latest numbers by Statistics Canada show the value of the province's building permits increasing by 59.4 per cent from December 2023 to December 2024 (seasonally adjusted), placing Saskatchewan second year-over-year among the provinces.

These figures follow last month's report, which placed Saskatchewan second among the provinces for both year-over-year and month-over-month growth in the value of building permits.

"Saskatchewan's business-friendly environment is leading to more investment and economic activity, which is demonstrated through the continued growth of our construction sector," Minister of Trade and Export Development Warren Kaeding said. "The upward trend in building permits being issued is creating new jobs and opportunities for Saskatchewan people. Through our investment attraction efforts,

more people are choosing Saskatchewan to live, work, and raise a family than ever before."

Additionally, the Province's two largest cities both experienced strong year-over-year growth of 50.4 per cent in Regina and 34.2 per cent in Saskatoon respectively.
[Saskatchewan Building Permit Growth Continues to Soar | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

NATIONAL FLAG DAY OF CANADA FEBRUARY 15



National Flag of Canada Day is observed every year on February 15th. This day marks the inauguration of the present flag of Canada with the red maple leaf. The flag signifies the common values that unite all citizens of Canada - equality, diversity, and inclusion.

Express your pride and show the flag! Saturday, February 15th marks the 60th anniversary of the Canadian flag. We are proud of our history and proud of this great country.

CELEBRATE FAMILY DAY WEEKEND WITH FREE FISHING FEBRUARY 15-17

A child wearing a green winter jacket, black pants, and a green hat with a pom-pom is standing on a frozen lake. The child is holding a red ice auger, which is partially submerged in the ice. The background shows a blurred landscape with trees and a body of water under a grey sky.

Free Fishing Family Day Weekend

Feb. 15 to 17

*Making memories while enjoying the best ice fishing in Canada.
Licence-free fishing for the whole family!*

➤ READ MORE: saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media

This Family Day weekend, why not get out on the ice and go fishing? It's the perfect way to enjoy some family fun outside and the best part is - no angling licence required!

Free Fishing Weekend applies to all provincial waterbodies that allow sportfishing. All other regulations apply, including possession limits, and if you plan to take fish out of the province, you will need a valid Saskatchewan angling licence.

Fishing in Saskatchewan

Winter **Free Fishing Weekend**
takes place February 15-17.



"In Saskatchewan, we are blessed to have some of the best sportfishing anywhere, right here in our backyard," Environment Minister Travis Keisig said. "Free Fishing Weekend is a great opportunity to discover - or rediscover - our beautiful province and the fun of angling with friends and family."

To make the most of your angling experience, keep these important things in mind:

Always, safety first! Be aware of ice thickness before travelling on it. Check out the [Winter Ice Safety Fact Sheet](#) for tips and ice thickness guidelines.

- Some waterbodies have lake-specific rules and regulations so check the Anglers Guide.
- Clean, drain and dry all your gear to reduce the risk of spreading aquatic invasive species.
- Don't litter! Remove all garbage from the ice and dispose of it properly.

To find out more about fishing in Saskatchewan, check the Saskatchewan Anglers Guide, available wherever fishing licences are sold or online at saskatchewan.ca/fishing.

A NEW SIGN FOR THE QUINN STEVENSON MEMORIAL RINK



The trust updated the outdoor rink sign, it looks great thanks to Pelican Signs for helping get it perfect!

This outdoor rink is maintained by amazing volunteers from the [EACCA - Erindale Arbor Creek Community Association](#) and is right behind Egnatoff school. Quinn spent many hours on that rink!

FEBRUARY IS HEART MONTH



February is **Heart Month!**



February is Heart Month and what better way to support kids' heart health than supporting the [Mending Little Hearts Fund of Saskatchewan](https://mendinglittlehearts.ca/)? ❤️

In partnership with the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation, Mending Little Hearts is dedicated to raising awareness for congenital heart defects and supporting children and families affected by them. This month, they're focusing on spreading hope, increasing understanding, and raising funds to support Saskatchewan children living with heart conditions.

Join Mending Little Hearts for their Heart Month events: <https://mendinglittlehearts.ca/events/>

WHAT ABOUT AN EXPERIENCE FOR VALENTINES DAY?

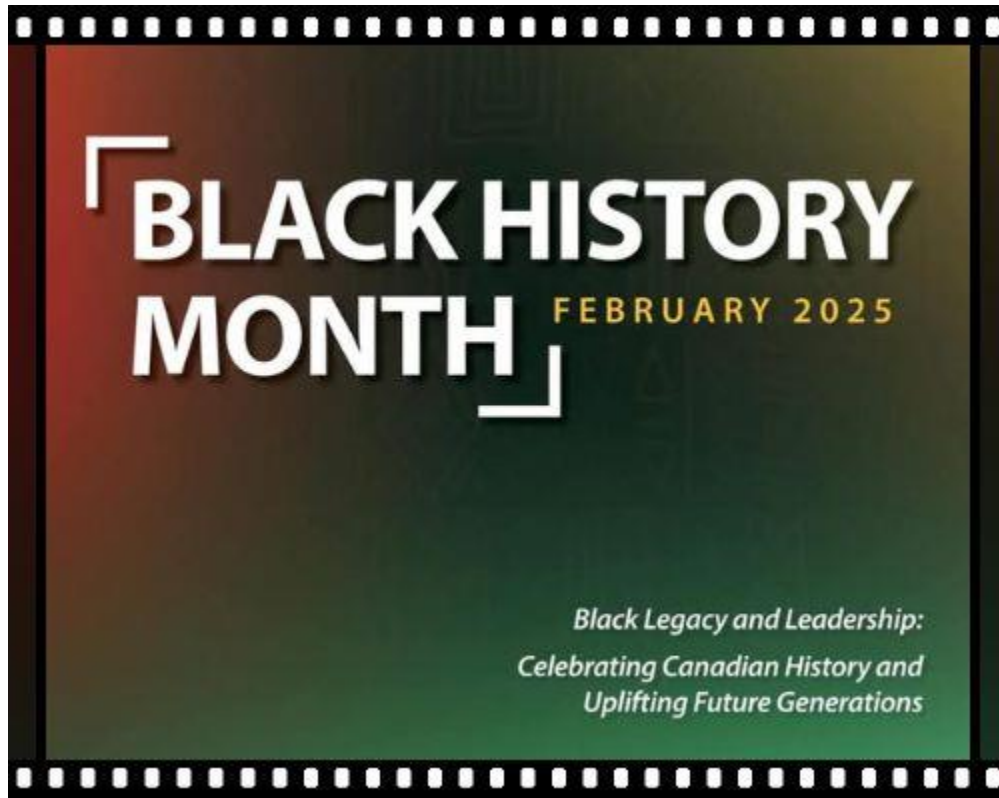


Valentine's Day is TODAY. ❤️ Instead of buying single-use items that end up in the trash, how about gifting an experience?

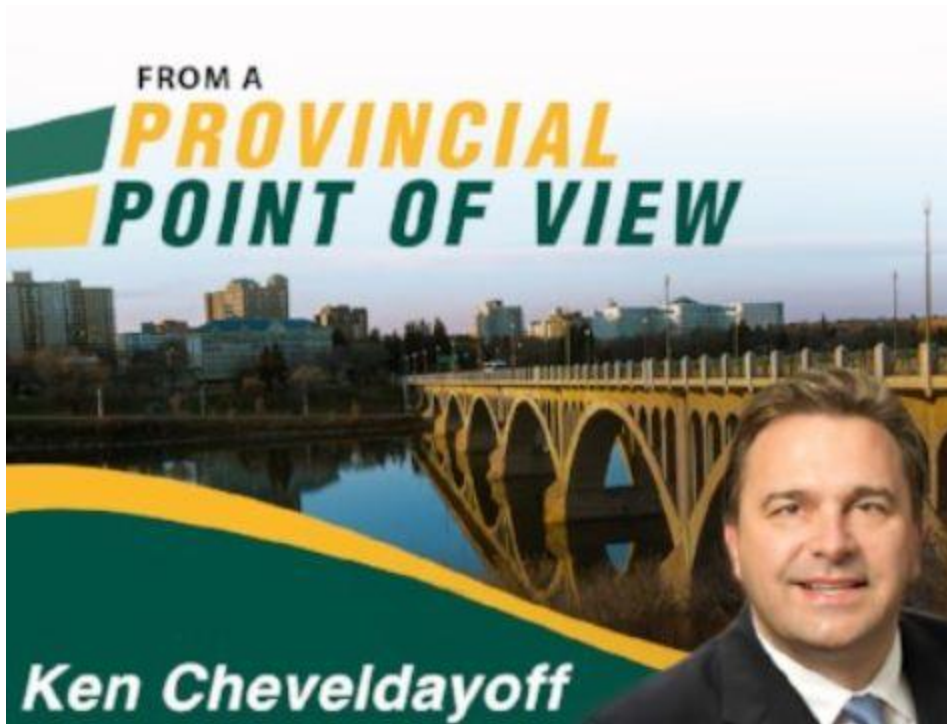
Or you can plan a cozy movie night at home, cook a homemade dinner together or enjoy a fun day out exploring your community.

If you want to give a physical gift, choose something with minimal packaging or make something yourself. Homemade gifts are often the most meaningful!

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Saskatchewan's motto, "From Many Peoples Strength," reflects our province's strong history and legacy of diverse communities. This month, we recognize the accomplishments of people of African heritage and how they continue to help build this great province.



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

DISCOVER SASKATOON VALENTINE'S DAY GUIDE



Looking for the perfect Valentine's Day plans in [#Saskatoon](#)? 💕

Discover Saskatoon has you covered with their ultimate guide to the best Valentine's events, dining options, and activities for you and your special someone. 💕

Check it out and plan your perfect day 🙌

: <https://www.discoversaskatoon.com/.../love-is-in-the-air...>

NUTRIEN WINTERSHINES 2025



Check out this excellent events calendar - enjoy Wintershines 2025! Thank you Nutrien and all sponsors.

[Events Calendar – Nutrien Winter Shines](#)



About Wintershines

Giving life and meaning to our winter city, this community event is Saskatchewan's Premier Winter Festival. Fun outdoor activities, amazing snow sculptures, and live entertainments! Check out www.nutrienwintershines.ca for event details and updates!

FAMILY FUN SASKATOON WEEKEND GUIDE



The weekend is almost here and it will keep you **BUSY** in the best way. From Valentine's Day to Family Day to the start of a week off, there will be a lot to choose from.

- * Find more Mammoth Munsch this weekend with [Wide Open Children's Theatre](#)
- * The [Saskatoon Family Expo](#) is back on Saturday and better than ever!
- * While at the Saskatoon Family Expo, make sure to check out the All Aboard Model Train Show - both at [Prairieland Park](#)
- * And of course, a Winter Festival to warm your hearts! [Wintershines](#) starts this weekend.

There's more! Check out the rest of our guide

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

WINTERSHINES 2025



Are you getting excited for [Wintershines](#) 2025? From February 15-22, Nutrien WinterShines will give you a true appreciation of our beautiful winter season and give you and your family a chance to learn, laugh and enjoy your week off in our gorgeous city. You'll find outdoor fun and adventure and of course, if you want to warm up: SOUP!

- On February 16 grab tickets for the Wide Open competition and come to Gather Local Market.
- On February 19 from 5 pm to 7:30 pm, get your tickets for the YXE Soup Master Competition at TCU

Place with a performance by Matt Johner, featuring soups from Saskatoon's Top Chefs. Find out more

here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/wintershines/>

VALENTINE'S DATE IDEAS



DATE IDEAS

Valentine's Day is TODAY! Check out this guide for Valentine's Date Night Ideas in Saskatoon!

From food to culture to outside fun (if it warms up) and more! If you're looking for some ideas, we've got them! Check it out

here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../date-night-ideas.../>

SASKATOON FAMILY EXPO

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SASKATOON FAMILY EXPO

*Interactive Booths - Entertainers - Shows and so Much More!
There's something for everyone!*

Prairieland Park

**February 15, 2025
9:30am - 6:00pm**

Purchase tickets: [saskatoonfamilyexpo.com](https://www.saskatoonfamilyexpo.com)



Princesses
Fairies
Face Painting
Bouncy Castles
Balloon Characters
Reptiles

Saskatoon's favourite family expo is back! That's right! [Saskatoon Family Expo](https://www.saskatoonfamilyexpo.com) will be on February 15 at Prairieland Park. Learn about some of the best family resources in Saskatoon, do some shopping, and take in the amazing atmosphere with a full day of family fun. If you have a baby on the move, you can register them for the Baby Crawl. Be ready to cheer on your crawler at the Baby Crawl and see if you have the fastest baby in Saskatoon. Find out more about how to get tickets to the Saskatoon Family Expo here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../saskatoon-family-expo/>

NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE!

WUHCA Winter Fun Day

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

1- 4 PM

WALLACE PARK (BEHIND WILLOWGROVE SCHOOL)

- Hot chocolate
- Sleigh rides
- Ice skating, sledding
- Kick sleds, snowshoes
- Face painting
- Lots of family fun!

(event will be cancelled if
temps drop below -25 C.)



WUHCA FAMILY FUN DAY - POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER

New date: Saturday, March 1

JUST THE LINKS



[Saskatchewan Leads Western Canada in Key Health Workforce Study | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Saskatchewan's Building Construction Leads the Nation | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Agriculture Minister to Advance International Trade Relations in India and UAE | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Water Security Agency Releases Preliminary Runoff Report - Conditions Improve Across The Province | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[February Oil and Gas Public Offering Generates \\$3.0 Million in Revenue | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Beware of Fake Online Casinos and Other Illegal Operators | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[\\$1.5 Million in Charitable Gaming Grants Paid to Community Groups Across Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

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