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**PLEASE JOIN US TUESDAY, JUNE 25TH FOR A PICNIC IN THE  
PARK!**

***Join MLA Ken Cheveldayoff  
& Ghislaine McLeod,  
Saskatoon University-Sutherland  
Candidate for a Picnic in the Park!***

**Tuesday, June 25 | 6:30pm-8:30pm  
Edward McCourt Park | 373 Guelph Cr**



***I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday at the Edward McCourt Park. I invite you  
to bring your family and friends for free snacks and entertainment!***

**IN MEMORY OF ELKE CHURCHMAN**



**If anyone has been in my constituency office, you've likely met Elke Churchman. We share an office space with Churchman Law.**

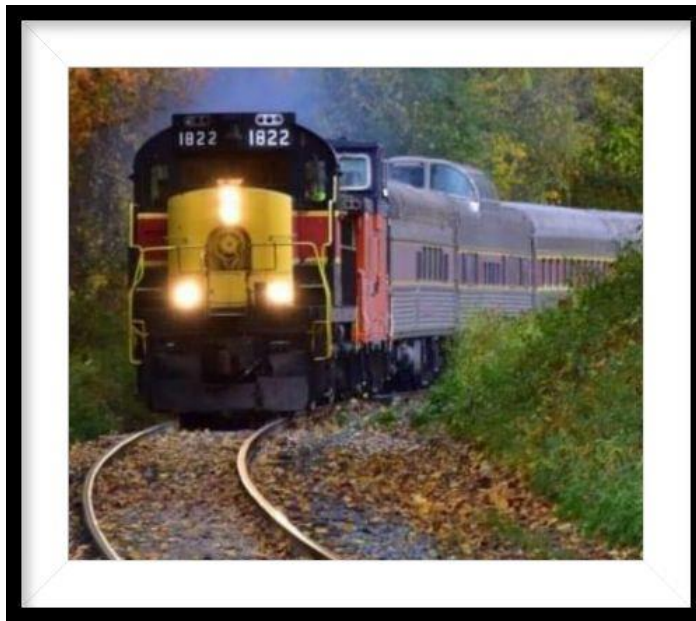
**Elke was a wonderful, kind and caring individual who sadly lost her battle with cancer. Please keep her family in your thoughts.**

**Elke has left all who have known her with beautiful memories.  
Rest in Peace Elke, you'll be missed.**

**Elke Churchman | Obituary | Sharing Memories**  
[Elke Churchman | Obituary | Saskatoon StarPhoenix \(remembering.ca\)](#)

**Dedicated to Elke:**

**By: Jean D'Ormesson**



At birth we board the train and meet our parents and we believe they will always travel by our side.

As time goes by, other people will board the train and they will be significant, i.e. our siblings, friends, children, and event the love of our life.

However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on the journey alone.

Others will step down over time and leave a permanent vacuum. Some however, will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they've vacated their seats.

the train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, expectations, hellos, goodbyes and farewells.

Success consists of have a good relationship with all passengers, requiring that we give the best of ourselves,

The mystery to everyone is, we do not know at which station we, ourselves, will step down.

So we must live in the best way, love, forgive and offer the best of who we are.

It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat

empty, we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

## TEN OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS INVESTED WITH THE SASKATCHEWAN ORDER OF MERIT



### *2024 Recipients:*

- Tribal Chief Mark Arcand, Saskatoon
- Brynn Boback-Lane, Saskatoon
- Floyd Favel, Paynton
- Dr. Thomas Hadjistavropoulos, Regina
- Renu Kapoor, S.V.M., Regina
- Curtis Kleisinger, Regina
- Brad Wall, Cypress Hills
- Colonel (Ret'd) Malcolm Young C.D., Saskatoon
- Greg Yuel, Saskatoon
- Olivia Yuel, Saskatoon

# Saskatchewan Order of Merit

[saskatchewan.ca/honoursawards](https://saskatchewan.ca/honoursawards)



[Ten Outstanding Individuals Invested With The Saskatchewan Order Of Merit | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**10 of Saskatchewan's best will be invested with the province's highest honour, the Saskatchewan**



**Order of Merit. Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty will invest the 2024 recipients at a formal ceremony in Regina.**

**"Each one of this year's honourees earned this prestigious award through years of effort dedicated to the betterment of their communities and our province," Mirasty said. "I am sincerely grateful for their commitment and contributions. It is my privilege to recognize these remarkable recipients and offer them my wholehearted congratulations."**

## **YOUR LEGISLATIVE REPORT**



**Saskatchewan is a global leader in agricultural production and research. The innovation and ingenuity of Saskatchewan's farmers, ranchers and agri-businesses was on full display at Canada's Farm Show in Regina June 18-20. The show welcomed over 20,000 visitors from 50 different countries while generating millions in economic activity for the province.**

**Our province is committed to driving research and innovation in our agriculture sector. Over the last five years, our government has invested almost \$52 million into crop-related research through the Agriculture Development Fund alone. That support helps our producers stay competitive and profitable in international markets, having a tremendous impact in Saskatchewan and around the world.**

**Those investments are paying off, with four consecutive years of record agri-food exports. In 2023, our exports totaled \$20.2 billion, reaching our agri-food exports target of \$20 billion for 2030 six years ahead of schedule.**

**In 2023, Saskatchewan exported over \$7 billion to the Indo-Pacific Region. The top exporting destination in the region was China with \$4.3 billion worth of agri-food products followed by Japan, India, Indonesia and Bangladesh.**

Agri-food exports to Vietnam were up 227 per cent in 2023 as well. The increase was led by non-durum wheat, which was Saskatchewan's largest agri-food export in 2023, rising nearly 32 per cent to a total of \$3.7 billion in world-wide exports. Other top agri-food exports to Vietnam included peas and pure-bred swine.

This year has started off strong as well. In the first quarter of 2024, agricultural exports to India increased 1,217 per cent, totaling over 460,000 metric tonnes. As Saskatchewan's top pulse market, exports to India were made up of peas and lentils.

Our province has several more ambitious goals for the agriculture sector, such as increasing crop production to 45 million metric tonnes annually and livestock cash receipts to \$3 billion per year. The future of sustainable innovation in agriculture isn't something we're waiting for to arrive someday - it's happening right now in Saskatchewan.

Thank you to all the farmers, ranchers and agri-businesses in our province who are dedicated to producing the food the world needs. We wish you all the best for a great season in 2024. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, I look forward to hearing from you. Please contact my office at [ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net](mailto:ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net) or call 306,651.7100.

## **1,231,043 PEOPLE LIVING IN OUR GREAT PROVINCE!**



New StatsCan population numbers highlight that Saskatchewan's population has topped 1,230,000 for the first time ever!

Our province has grown by 5,550 over the past quarter and by 30,503 people over the past year.

Saskatchewan has some of the most welcoming communities and a more affordable cost of living than most other places in Canada. Our strong economy and growing population directly translates into more opportunities and an improved quality of life for everyone in our province.

## SASKATCHEWAN'S POPULATION HITS ANOTHER ALL-TIME HIGH



There are more people than ever living and working in Saskatchewan! According to the latest estimates from Statistics Canada, Saskatchewan's population is steadily growing. As of April 1, 2024, the population reached 1,231,043 and is on its way to fulfilling Saskatchewan's Growth Plan Goal of 1.4 million people by 2030.



**Saskatchewan's population has topped 1,230,000 for the first time according to the latest quarterly population estimates released today by Statistics Canada.**

**There were 1,231,043 people living in Saskatchewan as of April 1, 2024 - an increase of 5,550 people over the past quarter and 30,503 people over the past year.**

**Premier Scott Moe said a growing province is a sign of a strong economy that's creating more jobs and opportunities.**

**"A growing population and a strong economy means a bright future for our province and our people," Moe said.**

## **TOP JOBS IN HOSPITALITY**



Saskatchewan's hospitality industry offers opportunities to gain valuable and wide-ranging work experience that is useful in any career path.

The #TopJobs in Hospitality right now are:

- Food Counter Attendants, Kitchen Helpers and Related Support Occupations
- Executive Housekeepers
- Cooks
- Hotel Front Desk Clerks
- Food and Beverage Servers

Explore new employment opportunities at [SaskJobs.ca](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../post-secondary-institutions)

Connect with training programs at post-secondary institutions across the province to gain the skills you need to help you join Saskatchewan's strong growing workforce:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../post-secondary-institutions>

## **WISHING EVERYONE A SAFE & HAPPY SUMMER**



**As summer unfolds with its warm embrace and longer days, I wish you a season filled with joy, relaxation, and new adventures.**

**May your summer be a time of rejuvenation, filled with memorable times with family and friends.**

**Thank you for being part of our community, city and province. I look forward to sharing more with you in coming months and hope to see you at the many upcoming events in our constituency, city and province.**

## **MORE HEALTH CARE TRAINING PROGRAMS**

*Classrooms, Care & Communities*

# More Health Care Training Programs

coming to Saskatchewan

**\$8.1 million** to establish the *Occupational Therapy Program* and *Speech Language Pathology Training Program* at the University of Saskatchewan.



Establishing these programs in-province will give more students the opportunity to train closer to home and make it easier to retain our grads here in Saskatchewan. Each of the new training programs will be a two-year Masters program that will accept up to 40 students per year.

Check out our last newsletter for the entire news release.

**A FRIENDLY REMINDER**





Is your birthday coming up soon?

Make sure to check the expiry date on your driver's licence and see when you need to renew!

## NEARLY \$2.3 MILLION IN FUNDING NOW PROVIDED TO TEACHER LED INITIATIVES

## *Investing in Classroom Supports*



Twenty-three teacher-led projects have been approved in the latest round of funding through the Teacher Innovation and Support Fund, totaling \$778,053.

This is the fourth round of projects to receive funding in the current school year. In total, almost \$2.3 million has been allocated through the Teacher Innovation and Support Fund to Saskatchewan schools to date.

"We continue to see strong interest in the program from Saskatchewan teachers with a range of innovative ideas coming forward, aimed at improving the classroom experience," Education Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "The submissions demonstrate the interest and enthusiasm for this program. We are pleased to provide this funding for additional classroom supports to advance projects which will benefit students and teachers."

[Nearly \\$2.3 Million in Funding now Provided to Teacher Led Initiatives | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## DID YOU KNOW?



While frog races or wildlife competitions might seem lighthearted, they are unlawful in Saskatchewan because they could harm wildlife. Bringing animals together at an event increases the risk of disease transmission, which can be carried back to their wildlife neighbours or taken home with you. Instead of taking animals from the wild or racing your pets, consider these alternatives:

- Go on a nature hike to observe frogs, snakes and other creatures in their natural habitat.
- Build reptile-theme  
d toy cars or boats from recycled materials and race your eco-friendly creations. No real frogs will be harmed in this derby!
- Organize an invasive species removal event to improve wildlife habitat. To maintain the competitive spirit, award prizes to teams who pull the most invasive weeds.

Thanks for helping keep amphibians and reptiles happy, healthy and in the wild where they belong! 🐸

For more information on amphibian diseases, like ranavirus or chytrid fungus, check out these great resources: <http://www.cwhc-rccsf.ca/publications.php>. To learn more about keeping wildlife as pets in Saskatchewan, check out [www.saskatchewan.ca/captive-wildlife](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/captive-wildlife). And for information on invasive plants, check out <https://www.saskinvasives.ca/fact-sheets>

## SASKATCHEWAN LEADS NATION IN RETAIL TRADE





Statistics Canada released retail trade figures for April 2024, positioning Saskatchewan first in the nation for month-over-month growth. Retail sales in the province surged by 8.5 per cent, totaling \$2.2 billion in April 2024 (seasonally-adjusted), compared to March 2024.

"Saskatchewan's nation-leading retail trade numbers show the provincial economy is strong and continuing to grow," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "Our retailers are meeting consumer demands and driving significant economic growth. This in turn is creating more jobs and opportunities for the people of our province."

[Saskatchewan Leads Nation in Retail Trade | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## 2024 SASKATCHEWAN SUMMER GAMES



In just one month, thousands of athletes, coaches, managers and volunteers will gather in Lloydminster to take part in the 2024 Saskatchewan Summer Games, presented by Teine Energy.

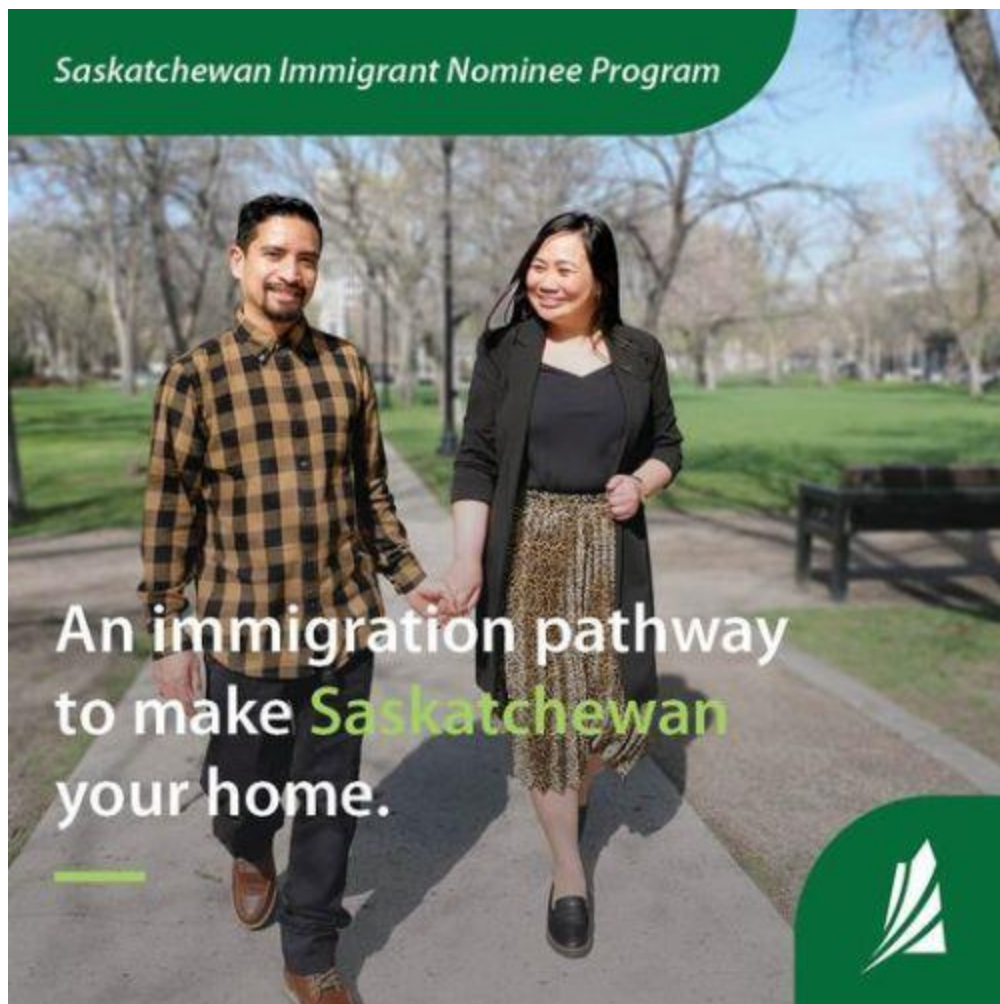
The Games, which will take place from July 21-27, will see participation from up to 1,800 young athletes from every corner of the province competing in 14 different sports. The weeklong event will include competitions in Archery, Athletics, Baseball, Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Canoe Kayak, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Special Olympics - Bocce, Swimming, Tennis, Triathlon and Volleyball. Beach Volleyball and Bocce - Special Olympics will be making their program debut at

the 2024 Games. The competition schedule (subject to change) is now [live for viewing](#). Spectator tickets will be available for purchase on [saskgames.ca](https://saskgames.ca) in the coming weeks or at the venues during the Games.

"Congratulations to all the athletes, coaches, officials and support staff who are taking part in the 2024 Saskatchewan Summer Games in Lloydminster," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Laura Ross said. "Thank you to all the amazing volunteers for your hard work in getting ready for what will surely be an amazing event. The Saskatchewan Games recognizes our young athletes for their hard work and dedication and helps prepare them for higher levels of competition. They promote healthy, active lifestyles and build pride throughout our province and communities."

[One Month to Go Until the 2024 Saskatchewan Summer Games in Lloydminster. Presented By Teine Energy | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## **SASKATCHEWAN IMMIGRANT NOMINEE PROGRAM**



If you're looking to make Saskatchewan your home, the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (SINP) client service team is here to help. Our permanent residence application process makes it easy for you to put down roots and take advantage of the many opportunities Saskatchewan has to offer. Get started today and begin your journey to make Saskatchewan your new home.

Learn more about immigrating to Saskatchewan through the  
SINP: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../how-to-apply-to-the-sinp>

**EMS BUDGET ENHANCEMENTS BENEFIT EMS SERVICES  
ACROSS SASKATCHEWAN**

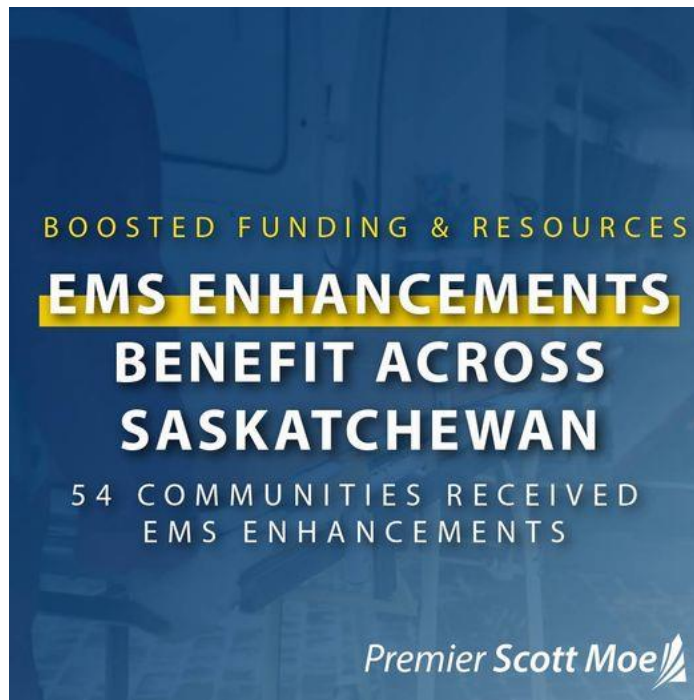


The 2024-25 Provincial Budget investment for emergency medical services (EMS) is stabilizing and enhancing services in communities across the province, including rural and northern communities.

Government provided an increase of over \$7.5 million in annual funding to deliver ongoing support for additional EMS and community paramedicine positions added in Saskatoon last year and to provide competitive wages for paramedics working for contracted EMS services.

It has also boosted funding and resources for EMS and community paramedicine in rural and northern Saskatchewan communities resulting in more stable ambulance services.





**"This funding increase has begun adding necessary resources and capacity to stabilize services and help with emergency response times," Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health Minister Tim McLeod said. "Government's multi-year EMS plan continues to address gaps within rural and remote communities and demonstrates our strong commitment to supporting EMS staff and ultimately benefitting patients."**

[EMS Budget Enhancements Benefit EMS Services Across Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**CROP REPORT FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 11 TO JUNE 17, 2024**

## Weekly Crop Report

Seeding Progress is **virtually complete** in Saskatchewan.

Seeding is virtually complete, with only one per cent of acres unseeded in Saskatchewan. Unseeded acres are due to the frequent rainfall and excess moisture conditions in many regions.

Cooler temperatures and excess moisture conditions are causing delays to overall crop development. Fall cereals, spring wheat and oilseeds are behind normal development as compared to previous weeks. Warmer temperatures would be appreciated by producers to support crop advancement.

Rain fell throughout much of the province again this week with some areas receiving significant amounts. The highest rainfall recorded fell in the Rosthern area at 95 mm. The Nipawin area reported 75 mm followed by the Biggar area at 72 mm. Although the rain is supporting crop growth in some regions of the province, it is causing crop stress and disease in others that received excess moisture.

[Crop Report for the Period June 11 to June 17, 2024](#) | [News and Media](#) | [Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## **SASKATCHEWAN MARSHALS SERVICE UPDATE AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW DEPUTY CHIEF MARSHAL**



The Saskatchewan Marshals Service (SMS) is making significant progress toward becoming operational by the end of 2026. The 2024-25 Provincial Budget has allocated \$7 million toward the development of the SMS, with an annual budget of \$20 million once it's operational. The SMS aims to enhance policing in the province with a particular focus on rural communities while supporting and assisting the RCMP, First Nations, and municipal police services across the province. The Service will address gangs, rural crime, illegal weapons and drugs, and will work to apprehend high-risk individuals and offenders with outstanding warrants.

"The Saskatchewan Marshals Service will stand as an innovative, responsive and community-engaged approach to the complex modern challenges facing policing services in the province,"

**Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Paul Merriman said.**

[Saskatchewan Marshals Service Update and Appointment of New Deputy Chief Marshal | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## **HIGHWAYS HAY SALVAGE AND DITCH MOWING CLIPPING ALONG**



**The Government of Saskatchewan reminded farmers and ranchers about some key dates as the annual highways hay salvage and ditch mowing clips along for the season.**

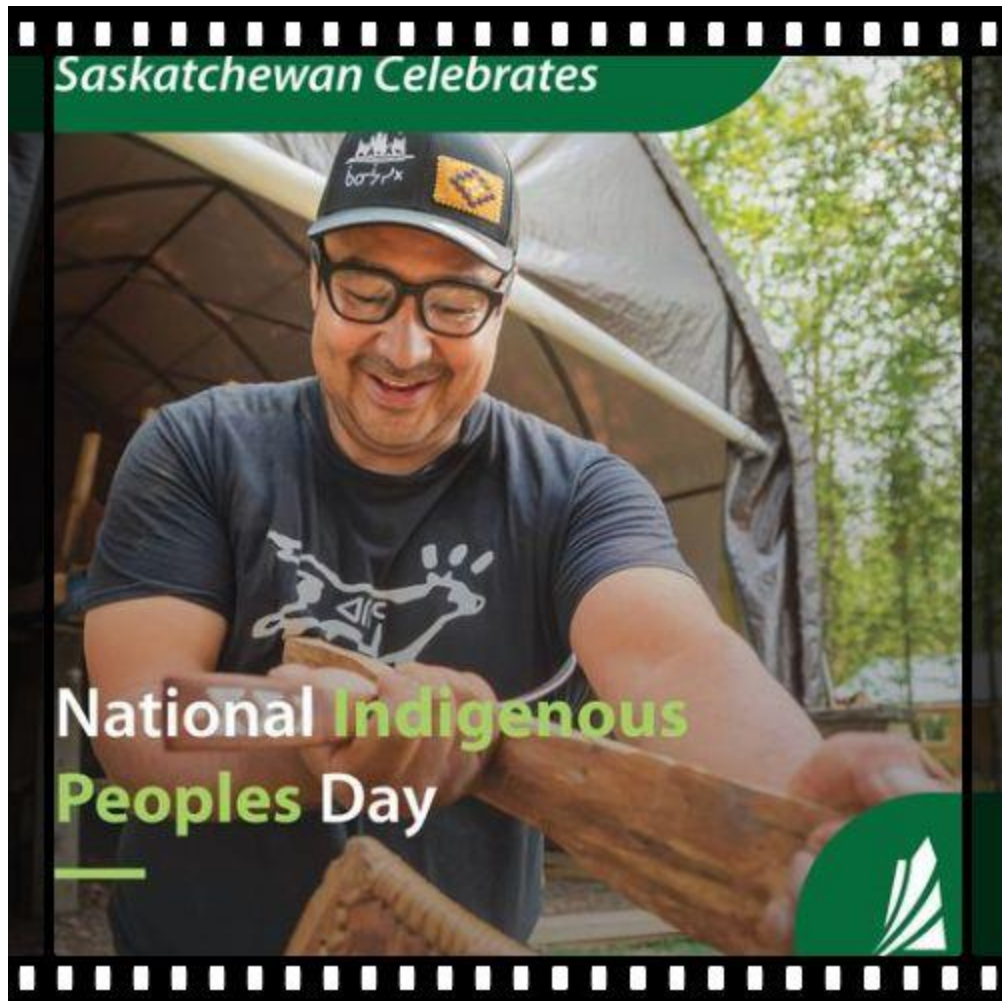
**Landowners or lessees adjacent to a highway ditch have the first option to cut or bale free hay prior to and including July 8.**

**After July 8 anyone may cut or bale material without the permission of the nearby landowner or lessee, as long as the same activity or mowing is not underway.**

**"The annual hay salvage and mowing program provides many benefits to area landowners, producers and motorists," Highways Minister Lori Carr said.**



## NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY CELEBRATED JUNE 21



June 21, we recognized National Indigenous Peoples Day—it was a time to celebrate and honour the diversity, strength, cultures, and leadership of First Nation, Inuit and Métis peoples across Canada.

National Indigenous Peoples Day was a valuable opportunity to reflect on our history and learn about the Indigenous peoples that call this land home. This day allowed us to show recognition and respect for the role Indigenous Peoples have played and continue to play in shaping Canada as we continue on our path of reconciliation.

For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/3XjrwNe>

## 5 HIDDEN GEM LOCATIONS FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS!



Do you have any other hidden gem photography locations? Let Discover Saskatoon know!



<https://ow.ly/TXWc50Sm0Vh>

**LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE  
INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## JAZZ IN THE PARK



**When:** July 4th & 5th

**Where:** Brighton Amphitheater

**Information:** [Brighton Community](#) | [Facebook](#)

## SCIENCE IN THE PARK - BRIGHTON



**Location: Brighton Amphitheatre**

**Date: June 20**

**Time: 6:00 pm**

**Learn more on our events page <https://brightoncommunity.ca/news/>**

**LOCAL FARMERS'S MARKETS**

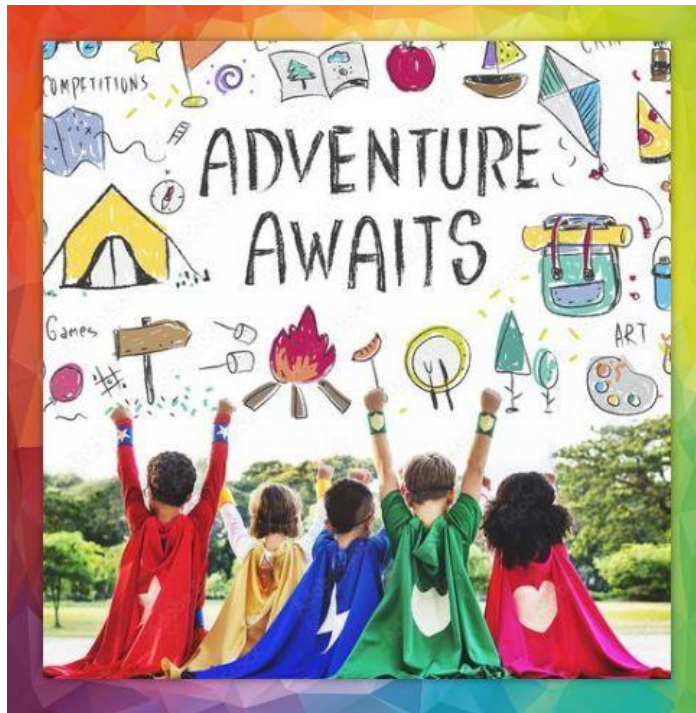




## FARMERS' MARKETS

You can find the list here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/farmers-markets/>

**ADVENTURE AWAITS - OPTIMIST HILL SUMMER CAMPS**



Information: **OPTIMIST HILL** is now offering **Enrichment Summer Camps** for ages **6 to 12!** Check out our website at [www.optimisthill.ca](http://www.optimisthill.ca) and sign up before all the spots fill up!

## SUMMER CAMP GUIDE



**INFORMATION:**

<https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/summer-camps/>

**MULTI-CULTURALISM DAY**



Information: [Saskatoon Folkfest | Facebook](#)

## CANADA DAY IN SASKATOON



Information: [Canada Day  
Saskatoon](#)

2024 SASKTEL JAZZ FESTIVAL





Aaron Karpinka • Adéola • Apollo Cruz • Bears in Hazenmore • Beatox • Berk Jodoin • Blu Beach Band • Brian Baggett • Dave Nelson Quintet • Dump Babes • Eileen Lavery Band • Ella Forrest & The Great Pines • FunkJoint • Gerard Weber Group • Halle Ponton • Holy Soleil • Hot Club Saskatoon • Ian Sinclair Quartet • Keiffer Mclean & The Curiosity Club • Last Birds • Lewis & Salkeld Trio • Lyssa & The Try-Tones • Marissa Burwell • Merv xx Gotti • Moneka Arabic Jazz • Ninijegz • Oral Fuentes Reggae Band • Saskatoon Youth Jazz Orchestra • Saskatoon's Legendary Rhythm & Blues Revue • Skaravan • Sons of Django • Stone Frigate Big Band • The Lost Keys • The North Sound • The Remainders • The Whiskey Jerks • TrioJazz • Weber Graham Duo • Winsome Kind • Wires & Wood • Yoga in the Park presented by Ground Yoga •  
**AND MORE TO COME!**

When: July 4 - 13

Visit [saskjazz.com](https://saskjazz.com) to learn more and purchase your pass today.

## SABEX AWARD APPLICATIONS



Learn more: <https://saskatoonchamber.com/sabex-award-applications.../>

## ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES



[Province Boosts Funding for Medsask to Support Residents and Health Care Providers | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

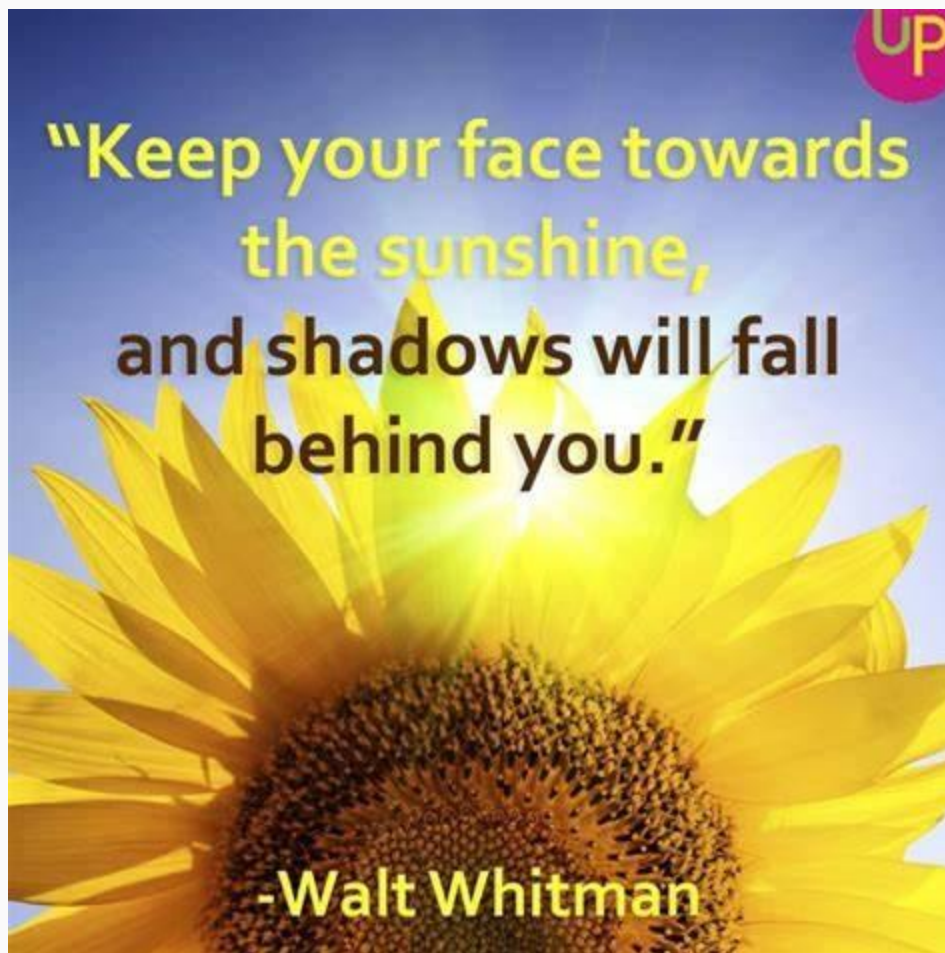
[Saskatchewan's AA Credit Rating Affirmed by S&P Global Ratings | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Two Families in Regina Receive Keys to Their New Habitat for Humanity Homes | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Treaty 4 and Métis Nation Flags Raised at Casino Moose Jaw | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Inquest Into The Death Of Joseph Bird | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**



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**KEEP IN TOUCH**



*I appreciate the many opportunities to make a positive difference in my constituency and our province. 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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