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

Janine di Giovanni

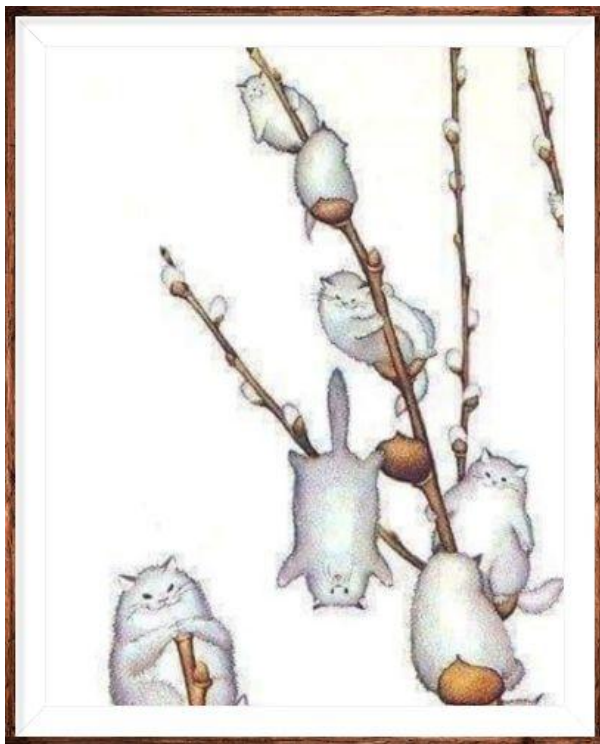
Wishing everyone a joyful and peaceful Easter! May this season of renewal bring hope, happiness, and special moments with loved ones. Whether

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.



DID YOU KNOW?

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.



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.

HAPPY PASSOVER TO THOSE CELEBRATING



PASSOVER

April 1-9, 2026

Happy Passover! Chag Pesach Sameach.

Passover, celebrating the greatest series of miracles ever experienced in history, is a time to reach above nature to the miraculous

The eight-day Jewish holiday of Passover is celebrated in the early spring, from the 15th through the 22nd of the Hebrew month of Nissan, April 1 - 9, 2026. Passover (Pesach) commemorates the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. Pesach is observed by avoiding leaven, and highlighted by the Seder meals that include four cups of wine, eating matzah and bitter herbs, and retelling the story of the Exodus.

Wishing peace, joy, and prosperity to Jewish communities in Edmonton and around the world as you observe this meaningful holiday. May your celebrations be rich with tradition and filled with the warmth of family and friendship.

ANOTHER BUSY WEEK IN SASKATCHEWAN!



Last weekend I had the pleasure of attending and speaking at the Provincial gathering of the Filipino Canadian Ambassadors for Christ of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, marking 13 years of the Provincial Prayer Gathering.



It was a great evening at the NSBA Business Builder Awards in at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon last Thursday.

Saskatchewan's business community continues to drive growth, innovation, and opportunity across our province. With strong investment, rising GDP, and support for entrepreneurs, the future is bright.

It's inspiring to see so many entrepreneurs, leaders, and innovators in one place, connecting, celebrating, and driving Saskatchewan forward.

The NSBA keeps creating opportunities for businesses to grow and ideas to thrive.

On behalf of Premier Scott Moe and a grateful Government, I was pleased to have the opportunity to congratulate all the nominees and winners...your impact truly matters.



As Minister of Advanced Education, I was honoured to celebrate the launch of the Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centre at Saskatchewan Polytechnic in Moose Jaw! It was a pleasure to be joined by colleague, Megan Patterson, Dr. Larry Rosia and several dignitaries at the special announcement.

This new hub will bring students, faculty, and industry together to spark ideas, support entrepreneurs, and strengthen Saskatchewan's economy. It's a powerful step forward in building a skilled, innovative workforce for the

future.

Congratulations to everyone who made this vision a reality—excited to see what grows from here!

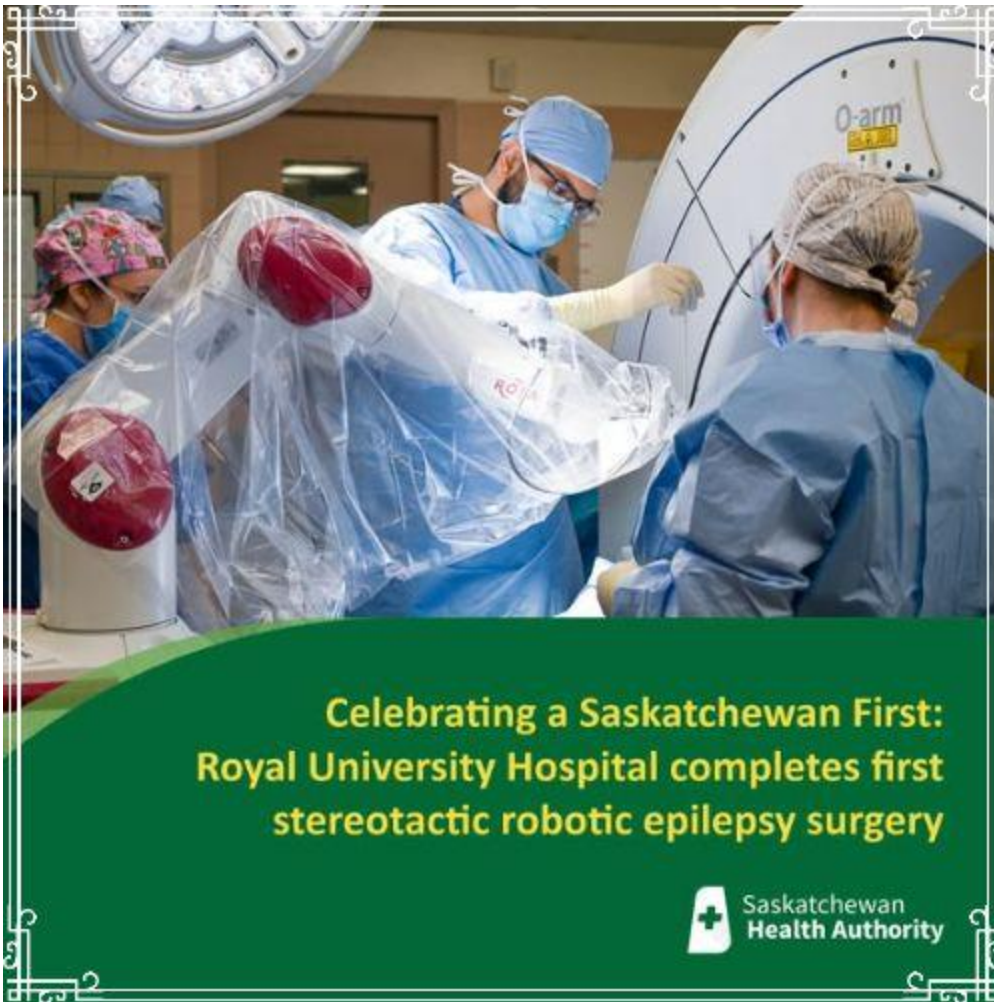


Another exciting announcement in Saskatoon. I was pleased to join the Honourable Chris Beaudry, Minister of Energy and Resources, to celebrate the opening of Paladin Energy's new office in Saskatoon. This investment reflects their strong confidence in Saskatchewan, our people, and the future of our world-class uranium industry.



At the Saskatchewan Legislature, I had the pleasure of welcoming His Excellency Mushin Syihab, Ambassador of Indonesia to Canada, to discuss ways to build on existing connections between our province and Indonesia, including trade, people-to-people connections, and talent attraction, particularly following the signing of the Canada-Indonesia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement.

CELEBRATING A SASKATCHEWAN FIRST



[Saskatchewan Health Authority](#) - We're celebrating a major milestone that will improve outcomes for patients living with epilepsy. 💜

Saskatchewan's first stereotactic robotic epilepsy surgery was successfully completed at Royal University Hospital on Monday (March 23, 2026).



Using the ROSA (Robotic Stereotactic Assistance) system, this cutting-edge technology allows surgeons to map seizures with greater precision and reduce surgery time.

This achievement was made possible thanks to the generosity of donors across Saskatchewan, led by [Royal University Hospital Foundation](#) [Government of Saskatchewan](#)

March 26 was Purple Day, a global day of epilepsy awareness. Learn more about what this new technology means for patients across the province: <https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/.../celebrating...>

TEACHING STUDENTS THE BASICS OF CPR TO BEGIN PROVINCE-WIDE IN SEPTEMBER



Beginning in the 2026-27 school year, Saskatchewan school divisions will have the opportunity to provide lifesaving skills to students through a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) education initiative. The Ministry of Education is partnering with the Heart & Stroke Foundation to launch a province-wide program that will provide school divisions with resources to introduce CardiacCrash in Saskatchewan classrooms.

"Providing the opportunity to offer CPR education in our schools is an important step to protect lives and strengthen safety in our communities," Education Minister Everett Hindley said. "By equipping students with the knowledge and confidence to respond in an emergency, we are helping them be ready when every second matters. We are grateful for our partnership with

Heart and Stroke and pleased to offer this opportunity to school divisions across the province."

Planning is underway to support implementation for the 2026-27 school year, including teaching resources, tools and distribution for school divisions.

[Teaching Students the Basics of CPR to Begin Province-Wide in September | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

Report from the Legislature

Protecting Saskatchewan means ensuring people can access the care they need. That's why this year's provincial budget makes strong, targeted investments in both health care and mental health services, focused on improving access, strengthening our workforce and putting patients first.

Our government is investing a record \$8.47 billion in health care this year, an increase of nearly five per cent from last year. This funding supports patients, families and frontline workers, while continuing to advance *the Patients First Health Care Plan*. The plan includes more than 50 initiatives. To learn more about the complete plan, visit www.saskatchewan.ca/patientsfirst.

This budget includes the largest expansion of Nurse Practitioners (NPs) in Saskatchewan's history, enabling more NPs to work directly in primary care and connect residents with consistent, relationship-based care. An \$11.9 million investment in Primary and Preventative Care will fund additional independent NP contracts and significantly increase primary care capacity. These measures will help Saskatchewan meet its goal of ensuring every resident has a primary care provider by the end of 2028.

Investments continue in virtual care to improve access for those without a regular provider, helping reduce unnecessary emergency room visits. We are also strengthening hospital and emergency services. Nearly \$98 million in new funding will add hospital beds, expand ICU capacity and enhance emergency medical services. This investment also includes continued progress on Urgent Care Centres (UCCs) which are already easing pressure on emergency departments and providing faster access to care. Five more UCCs are planned in Moose Jaw, North Battleford, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon.

Work also continues to improve diagnostic services and surgical capacity to reduce wait times. Funding increases for imaging, including CT and MRI scans, along with targeted improvements in surgeries such as spine and joint replacements, will help provide patients timelier access to treatment.

Supporting seniors and individuals with complex needs is another key priority. The budget allocates \$9.2 million for new investments in long-term care, home care and community-based programs. These measures expand care options and strengthen capacity at the community level, ensuring people can access the support they need closer to home.

A strong health care system depends on a strong workforce. That's why our government continues to invest in recruiting, training, incentivizing and retaining health professionals through *the Health Human Resources (HHR) Action Plan*. Since 2022, more than 7,500 health care workers have joined Saskatchewan's system. With an additional \$28.6 million in funding, the HHR Action Plan will move into a new phase, building on strong progress already made. This includes expanded training seats, incentives for rural physicians and new career advancement opportunities for nurses and other health professionals. Our government will continue improving patient access by ensuring more family physicians and specialists are available where they are needed most.

Significant investments to increase access to mental health and addiction treatment in Saskatchewan continue. This year's budget includes a record

\$673.7 million, an increase of \$49.9 million, to improve services and better support individuals and families. These investments will create approximately 200 new addictions treatment and recovery spaces across the province, helping Saskatchewan meet its goal of adding 500 spaces by 2027. More treatment options mean people can access help closer to home and at the right time in their recovery journey.

While we continue adding more spaces, a new secure youth detox facility in Saskatoon will double capacity for young people needing intensive support. The budget also includes a \$9.6 million increase to support a *Recovery-Oriented System of Care* which helps individuals at every stage, from crisis to treatment to long-term recovery. This investment strengthens treatment and recovery by expanding options to better meet the needs of people on their recovery journey.

Funding will also support the first phase of *the Compassionate Intervention Act*, an addiction treatment model that provides care for adults with severe, life-threatening addictions who are unable to seek help. This year's budget continues to support the recovery model which recognizes each person's journey toward sobriety. By meeting patients where they are, whether in crisis, withdrawal management or requiring inpatient, outpatient, virtual or family-based services, care is better tailored to individual needs.

Together, these investments reflect a clear priority: putting patients first. By improving access to care, supporting our health care workforce and strengthening mental health and addictions services, we are building a system that works better for everyone. Protecting Saskatchewan is always our priority, and our government will keep delivering real solutions for the people of our great province.

If you have questions, concerns or thoughts you would like to share, they are always welcome. You can contact my constituency office: ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net or call 306.651.7100.

Let's Stay Connected

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Here to serve you!

If you have any concerns, inquiries or need assistance with a provincial program or service, please reach out.

Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff
MLA For Saskatoon Willowgrove

It's a privilege to serve and stay connected with the constituents of Saskatoon Willowgrove.

I truly value hearing from you—it helps me better represent and support you, your family and our community.

Your thoughts and ideas are always welcome, and I look forward to speaking with you.

Please don't hesitate to contact my office anytime.

SASKATCHEWAN PROTECTING PROGRESS MADE ON BREAST CANCER DIAGNOSTICS WAIT TIMES



Additional Year for Out-of-Province Initiative Ensures Continued Access While Maintaining Protecting Gains in Local Wait Times and Capacity

The Government of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) are continuing to take action to improve access to breast health services by extending an initiative that allows patients to receive diagnostic procedures at a medical facility in Calgary.

Since the out-of-province initiative launched in November 2023, the number of patients waiting for urgent diagnostic breast biopsies has decreased by more than 87 per cent.

"We are putting patients first by continuing to improve access to breast cancer diagnostics for Saskatchewan women," Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "We have made significant progress in reducing wait times and increasing capacity here at home with the recruitment of an additional breast radiologist and the opening of the Regina Breast Health Centre. Extending the contract allows us to protect this progress and keep options open for patients to ensure they receive the right care, in the right place, at the right time."

[Saskatchewan Protecting Progress Made on Breast Cancer Diagnostics Wait Times | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

APRIL 7 IS GREEN SHIRT DAY



April is National Organ & Tissue Donation Awareness Month ❤️

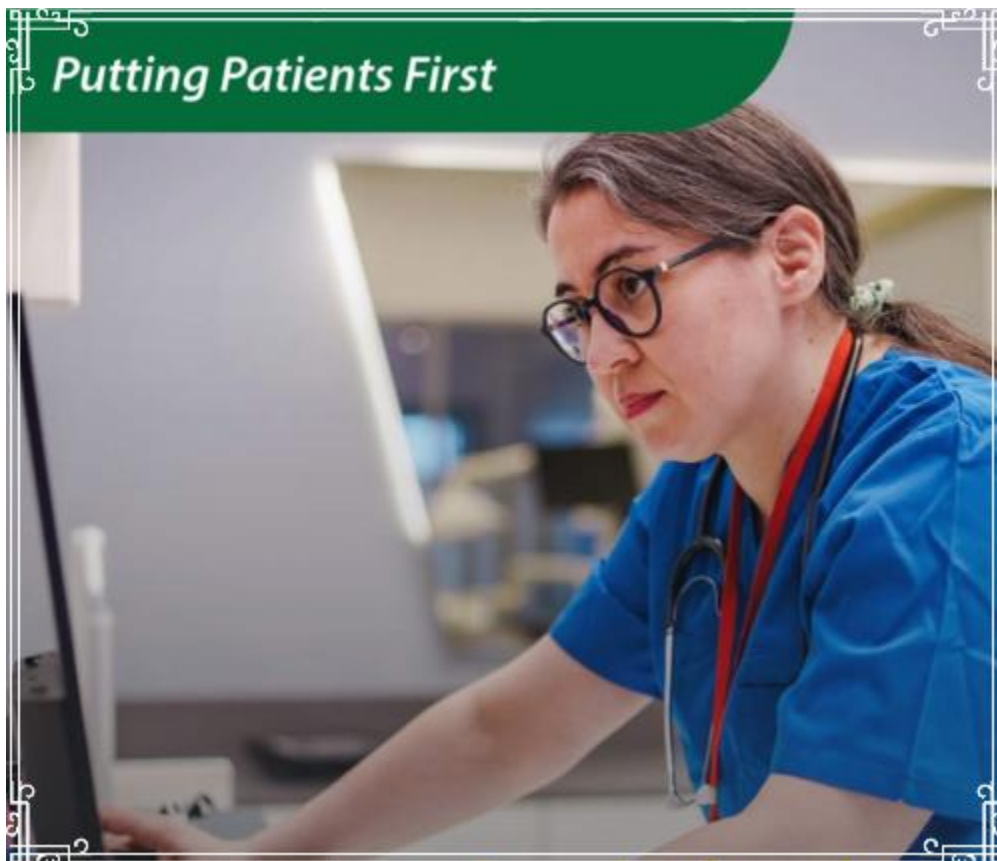
Green Shirt Day is Tuesday next week.



One decision can create a lasting ripple effect. Every conversation, every share, every registration matters.

Wear your green, start the conversation, and inspire others to take action.

PROTECTING SASKATCHEWAN



HEALTHCARE - DID YOU KNOW?

Right Care. Right Place. Right Time.



PROTECTING Healthcare

A record \$8.5B to improve access to primary care, hospital care and surgery.

- **We're taking action to strengthen critical care across Saskatchewan.** Through our Patients First Health Care Plan, new ICU beds are already in place — with more on the way. This means faster access to life-saving care, better flow in our hospitals, and stronger outcomes for patients and families. It's about making sure you can count on care when and where you need it most.
- **We're expanding Virtual Care to help unattached patients access primary care more easily.** This means fewer ER visits, less travel, and the right care in the right place at the right time for Saskatchewan residents.
- **We're continuing to bring more specialists to Saskatchewan so patients can get the care they need closer to home.** Through the work of the Saskatchewan Healthcare Recruitment Agency, the [Saskatchewan Health Authority](#), and record training expansions, 32

pediatric providers have already joined the province since April of 2024, with more set to start in the coming months.

Building a strong health care team is at the heart of the Patients First approach. Every improvement — whether it's new equipment, upgraded facilities, or modern technology — only works when skilled professionals are here to care for patients.

-Saskatchewan is building the next generation of health care talent and the pipeline is growing.

Medical school seats have increased from 60 to 108 and are on track to reach 128, with a goal of 95% of those seats filled by Saskatchewan students.

Residency seats are expanding too, rising from 60 to 150 and soon to 160 province-wide.

More training seats, more programs, and more rural training pathways mean more opportunities for learners right here at home — and more future providers connected to the communities they'll serve.

- We're expanding Virtual Care to help unattached patients access primary care more easily.

This means fewer ER visits, less travel, and the right care in the right place at the right time for Saskatchewan residents.

- More diagnostic capacity means patients can get answers sooner and begin care earlier.

The goal for 2028 is for 90% of scans to be completed within 60 days.

Upgraded imaging technology and expanded capacity help ensure patients receive the right care at the right time – putting patients first.

Learn more about how we're improving health care

at <https://patientsfirst.saskatchewan.ca/>

- We're putting patients first by investing up to \$5 million for a fully integrated digital system for anesthesia and surgical care.

This new software, which will be phased in beginning this fall, replaces traditional paper-based charting with electronic charting to improve patient safety and enhance recruitment of anesthesiologists.

Additional details: <https://bit.ly/4d58NwX>

**IN ADDITION TO HEALTHCARE, WE CONTINUE TO PROTECT
SASKATCHEWAN!**



We're protecting Saskatchewan's strong economy with one of the largest capital investments in Saskatchewan history.

Learn more about how the 2026-27 Budget is protecting Saskatchewan at <https://budget.saskatchewan.ca/>

Protecting Education

Provincial Budget / 2026-27



Supporting **classrooms**
and child care
across the province

We're protecting education in Saskatchewan with 50 new specialized support classrooms and a new child care agreement with the federal government to ensure families can continue benefiting from \$10 a day child care.

Learn more about how the 2026-27 Budget is protecting Saskatchewan at <https://budget.saskatchewan.ca/>

Protecting Communities

Provincial Budget / 2026-27



Increased funding to support **RCMP and First Nations** policing



Doubling the **Volunteer First Responders'** tax credit



Nearly \$400 million in **Municipal Revenue Sharing**



We're protecting communities across Saskatchewan.

Learn more about how the 2026-27 Budget is protecting Saskatchewan at

<https://budget.saskatchewan.ca/>

Protecting **INFRASTRUCTURE**

Investing \$4.3 billion

One of the largest capital budgets in Saskatchewan history.



Our government understands the importance of infrastructure that supports our growing province. Projects are moving forward across Saskatchewan as we work toward the Growth Plan's \$30 billion target by 2030.

SASK PARKS ONLINE CAMPSITE RESERVATIONS OPEN APRIL 13



Those planning a summer stay in Saskatchewan Provincial Parks can book reservations starting on April 13 for seasonal campsites, and April 14 to 17 for nightly campsites, Camp-Easy yurts, group campsites, day-use facilities and swimming lessons.

"Our parks provide places to explore, unwind and create lifelong memories," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Alana Ross said. "As another summer approaches, we look forward to welcoming visitors back to experience unique trails, family programming, exciting events and nights around the campfire."

Check out the complete reservation schedule for 2026:

[Sask Parks Online Campsite Reservations Open April 13 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

THE 2026-27 BUDGET - PROTECTING COMMUNITIES -

VOLUNTEER FIRST RESPONDERS' TAX CREDIT

BENEFITTING OVER 4,000 VOLUNTEERS

\$3,000

↓
DOUBLED

\$6,000

Protecting
Saskatchewan
Provincial Budget | 2026-27

Our volunteer first responders put themselves on the line to keep Saskatchewan communities safe.

That's why our 2026-27 Budget is doubling the Volunteer First Responders' Tax Credit, recognizing the risks taken by firefighters, search and rescue teams, and emergency personnel across our province.

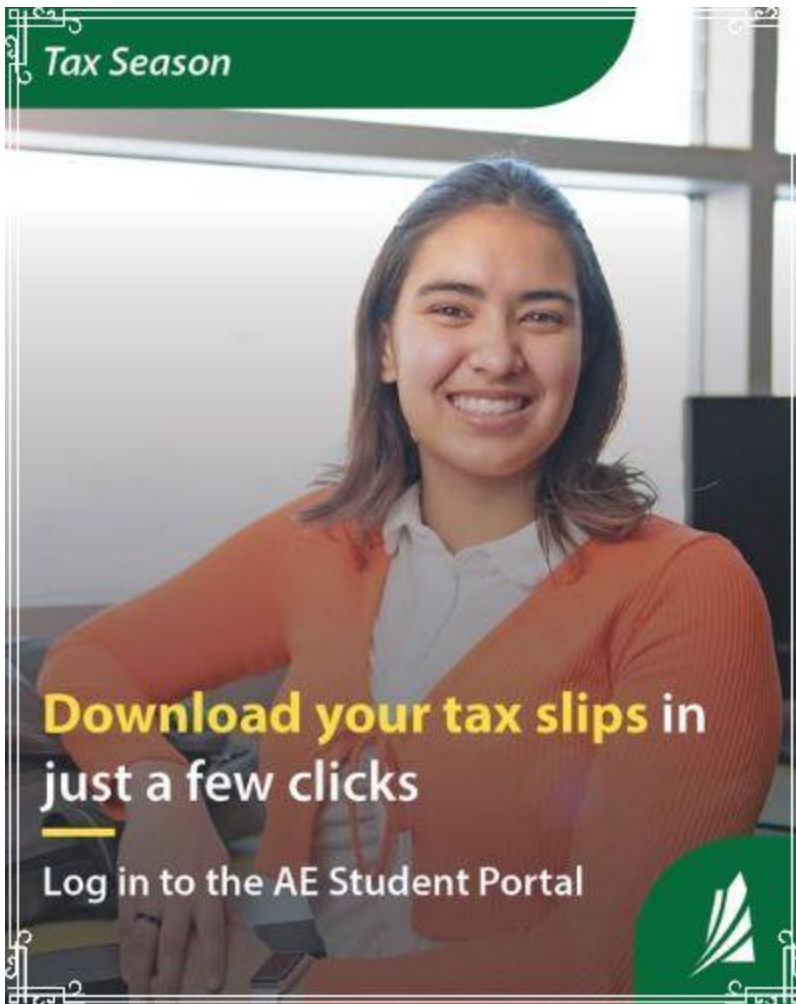
HELP IS AVAILABLE

TOO CLOSE. BUT NOT TOO LATE.

If you've had a close call with drugs,
confidential, judgment-free help is available.

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STUDENTS - DOWNLOAD YOUR TAX SLIPS



Remember to file your taxes by April 30! Luckily, you can download your tax slips from the AE Student Portal in just a few clicks!

🖥️ Log into your portal account

📄 Choose 'T2202 Tuition and Enrolment Tax Certificate' from the side menu

⬇️ Download your tax slips


Regional college students can download their T2202 and students who received student aid can download their T4A


at <https://www.sfaonlineapp.gov.sk.ca/aesp/servlet/Login>




FAMILY FUN SASKATOON THIS WEEKEND



 [Draggins Rod & Custom Car Club of Saskatoon](#) is on from April 3-4, at **PrairieLand Park**. This is great for **ALL** ages.

 [What If](#) by [25th Street Theatre](#) is on from April 3-4, at the **Nutrien Wonderhub**. This play is perfect for ages 5 to 12.

 [Balloon-ATIC!](#) by [Wide Open Children's Theatre](#) is on from April 3-6, 2026 this weekend (and again next weekend). It's never too late to rediscover the unbridled joy of play at **Balloon-ATIC!**

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

FAMILY FUN SASKATOON



EASTER GUIDE | Are you looking for some great family fun over Easter? Hop into Easter Fun in Saskatoon with events like:

🐰 **Easter Bunny photos at [Bass Pro Shops](#)**

🐣 **Massey Place Community Association Easter Bingo**

🐣 **Easter Egg hunts in Warman, College Park, Saskatoon, and Champetre County!**

You can find more on their

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


SASKATOON PRE-SEASON GAME - ONE WEEK UNTIL TICKETS GO ON SALE



**Saskatoon, get ready.
Pre-season tickets go on sale April 7.**

SASKATOON ZOO SOCIETY



Build homes for birds that you can take to your home!
Join the us and the Saskatoon Young Naturalists for an indoor Birdfeeder Workshop  session, where you can build and learn about what makes a birdhouse the best it can be!
Meet us at the Affinity Learning Centre, in the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo on April 18, at 1:00pm. For only \$5.00 per child you can build birdhouses and memories!

To register, email: naturekids@saskatoonnature.org!

DISCOVER SASKATOON - SASKATOONING IN APRIL



From Easter events to Rush games, there's plenty happening around the city next month.

Check out our latest blog post for all the

details 🙌 <https://www.discoversaskatoon.com/.../saskatooning-this...>

**NEWS
RELEASES**

[Accelerating Discovery: Saskatchewan Backs Quantum Computing Hub at University of Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Expanding Electronic Monitoring to Protect Saskatchewan Communities | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Saskatchewan Welcomes Pest Management Regulatory Agency Approval of Emergency Strychnine Use | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Saskatchewan Animal Enforcement Agency Now Delivering Animal Welfare Enforcement Services | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Government of Saskatchewan Approves Mineral Rights for Pasqua First Nation, Flying Dust First Nation and Mistawasis Nêhiyawak | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[SaskBuilds and Procurement Launches New Monthly Construction Update | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan Partner to Protect Tariff-Impacted Workers and Strengthen the Workforce | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Government of Saskatchewan Supports and Participates in Aquatic Invasive Species Summit | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Prescribed Burns Planned for Locations in Wascana Centre | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[New Farm Stress Line Partnership Delivers Enhanced Mental Health Services for the Agriculture Sector | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Regina Hosts 2026 Skills Canada Saskatchewan Provincial Competition | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

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A KIND
WORD
— is like a —
SPRING
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