



**DAY OF MOURNING REMEMBERS 27 LIVES LOST TO WORKPLACE ILLNESS
AND INJURIES**

April 28th was a somber day of reflection, remembrance and commitment to action as we commemorated the National Day of Remembrance. Please see my video on the [Government of Saskatchewan facebook page](#)

Every year on April 28, Canada marks the National Day of Mourning. Provincially, flags at all government buildings are lowered to half-mast from sunrise to sunset.

In 2025, 27 workplace fatality claims were accepted by the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board.

"Today we remember the workers who lost their lives, were injured, or became ill because of workplace injury or illness," Labour Relations and

Workplace Safety Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. "To protect workers, safety must be the top priority because every worker deserves to return home safely."

"Behind every workplace fatality is a family, a friend, a colleague and a community that carries that loss," Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board Chairperson Gord Dobrowolsky said. "The National Day of Mourning is a reminder that we must remain vigilant in our efforts to protect workers so everyone can come home safely at the end of the workday."

April 28 was first declared as the National Day of Mourning by the Canadian Labour Congress in 1984. The day is now annually observed across Canada as a way to pay tribute to individuals killed, injured or stricken with illness in the workplace.

In 2023, WorkSafe Saskatchewan, a partnership between the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board and the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, released the *2023-2028 Fatalities and Serious Injuries Strategy* to help prevent and reduce serious workplace injuries and fatalities.

Copies of the *2023-28 Fatalities and Serious Injuries Strategy* are available at www.worksafesask.ca.



I was honoured to participate in the Regina District Labour Council Vigil Regina City Hall April 28 to honour those who lost their lives to workplace injury or illness.

We extend our deepest condolences to the families and communities forever changed by these tragedies. No one should leave for work and not come

home.

With 27 lives lost this year and thousands of injuries, the message is clear: even one is too many. We all have a role to play in making safety a priority. Together, let's commit to building safer workplaces across Saskatchewan—so everyone gets home safe, every day.

MOST POPULAR BABY NAMES FOR 2025



Top Baby Names of 2025

Most popular baby girl names of 2025

1. Olivia
2. Lainey
3. Nora
4. Amelia
5. Evelyn



Perennial favourites Noah and Olivia claimed top rankings for boys and girls names in Saskatchewan in 2025.

eHealth Saskatchewan released its list of the top 20 baby names today showing some ties, plenty of repeaters and notable movement with other names.

Muhammad flew up the list. Appearing for the first time ever in 2023 in 20th place, Muhammad tied with Oliver and William as the third most popular name for baby boys born in Saskatchewan last year, behind Jack at second place. Hudson and Theodore continue to climb the list. Grayson returns to the list after being absent since 2021, and Weston appears among the top names for baby boys for the first time in 13th place. Last year's top name, Henry, came in 11th place.

On the girl's side, Lainey made an incredible leap to second place this year - tying with Nora - after appearing on the list for the first time last year in 20th place. Reigning champion Olivia took the top spot back from Sophia - making Olivia the most popular name for baby girls born in Saskatchewan for nine of

the past 10 years. Amelia, Evelyn and Sophia round out the top of the list. Names like Emma, Charlotte, Ellie and Lily continue to be popular choices.

Check out [the top 20 baby names over the last 10 years](#).

The top 20 baby names for 2025 list was created with a preliminary count of 13,408 live births registered in Saskatchewan during the 2025 calendar year. The number of live births registered in 2024 was 13,207. This does not include babies born outside of the province.

***WONDERFUL TO ATTEND AND MEET WITH SO MANY GROUPS THIS PAST
WEEK***

SIEC CULINARY BOOT CAMP



I was honoured as Minister of Advanced Education, to represent the Government of Saskatchewan and celebrate the amazing graduates of SIEC's culinary bootcamp.

The Saskatoon Industry Education Council Culinary event was held tonight at the Saskatchewan Polytechnic Campus.

SIEC continues to deliver innovative, hands-on programs from culinary arts to robotics and welding, helping thousands of youth build skills and find

opportunities. It was great to see youth employment on the rise and momentum growing!

A special thank you to Executive Director Janet Uchacz-Hart for over 20 years of incredible leadership and impact. Wishing Janet all the best in your retirement!



One of the participants above, Ella pictured with her parents Tim and Kathy Shirkey.

Congratulations to all participants on a job well done!

U OF S 2026 GALA



Pictured above with Dr. Sarah Forgie, the Dean of the College of Medicine. Participating in the special program was Dr. Debby Burshtyn, Dean of the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, U of S, Dr. Patti McDougall, Interim Provost and Vice President Academic and Palash Roy, Graduate Students' Association President.

It was an opportunity to celebrate the University of Saskatchewan's outstanding graduate students at the 2026 Awards Gala. Their excellence in research, leadership, and innovation is making a real impact locally and globally. They are setting the standard and inspiring what comes next.

As Minister of Advanced Education and on behalf of Premier Scott Moe and the Government of Saskatchewan, we are proud to support their success

through initiatives like the expanded Lieutenant Governor Scholarships. Congratulations to all finalists and recipients—their work truly makes a difference!

UFCW LOCAL 1400



It was a privilege to meet with Lucy Figueiredo and members of UFCW Local 1400, allowing for a meaningful discussion on topics of mutual interest, such as the essential services they deliver and their significant contributions to Saskatchewan's economic and social landscape.

PRAIRIELAND PARK SASKATOON



It was a pleasure to welcome Dan Kemppainen, CEO, Gavin Conacher, Director, Business Development and Government Relations and over 20 members of the Saskatoon Prairieland Park organization to the Legislature today.

As MLA for Saskatoon Willowgrove, I'm always proud to highlight what makes Saskatoon shine, and Prairieland Park is a big part of that. For over 140 years, it's brought people together to celebrate, connect, and grow.

With hundreds of events and over a million visitors each year, it plays a huge

role in supporting jobs, tourism, and our local economy while showcasing Saskatchewan at its best.

Thank you to the entire Prairieland Park team for everything you do to strengthen our community!

THANK YOU TO THE MOSAIC COMPANY - CANADA



I'm pleased to share the post from Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation:

We are incredibly grateful to [The Mosaic Company - Canada](#) for their \$2 million investment in pediatric and maternal health-care, supporting families across Saskatchewan! 💜

This generous gift will provide specialized equipment, innovative research and family-centred programs, including an Indigenous Research Chair through our partnership with the Child Trauma Research Chair and The Mosaic Child Life Program.

“The Mosaic Company’s remarkable legacy of generosity, totalling \$12.5 million spanning 20 years, continues to make a meaningful difference for children and families across Saskatchewan,” said Troy Davies, JPCHF’s CEO. “This renewed \$2 million investment will help ensure that children receive not only the best possible medical treatment, but also life-changing support when it matters most.”

To learn more, visit: <https://ow.ly/jSRP50YMV7v>

162 DOCTORS MATCHED TO RESIDENCY TRAINING SEATS IN SASKATCHEWAN



The Canadian Resident Matching Service (CaRMS) has released the final results for the 2026 medical residency match across Canada, confirming that all 162 residency seats at the University of Saskatchewan (U of S) have been filled.

Each year, Canadian medical students who are about to graduate have two opportunities to secure a post-graduate (residency) seat at a Canadian medical school through CaRMS's two-round match process.

"Creating opportunities for Saskatchewan students and graduates to train and work closer to home is a key pillar of our Health Human Resources Action Plan," Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "The success of the 2026 medical residency match for Saskatchewan, including filling 10 newly added residency seats, demonstrates our government's commitment to putting patients first by expanding opportunities for doctors to train and build careers in our province."

[162 Doctors Matched to Residency Training Seats in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

ONE DECISION CAN CHANGE LIVES



One decision can save lives.

Saskatchewan's new organ and tissue donation awareness campaign highlights how registering your intent to donate can bring hope to patients and families across our province.

Thank you to Kyla Thomson, Monica Keet, and Kevin Wesaquate for sharing your stories.

Consider how you can make an impact on others by visiting www.givelifesask.ca

GOVERNMENT INVESTS \$17.2 MILLION IN JUSTICE PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT AND PROTECT SASKATCHEWAN COMMUNITIES



The Government of Saskatchewan is demonstrating its commitment to building and protecting safe, strong communities by investing in alternative measures and extrajudicial sanctions programs across the province. Approximately \$4.3 million will be invested annually over the next four fiscal years until 2029-30, for a total of \$17.2 million. The continued funding is being provided to more than 20 First Nations, tribal councils and community-based organizations that deliver alternative measures and extrajudicial sanctions programs.

"Alternative measures and extrajudicial sanctions programs play a crucial role in strengthening community safety by ensuring that people who cause harm are held accountable in meaningful ways," Justice Minister and Attorney General Tim McLeod, K.C. said. "By continuing to invest in these long-standing initiatives, our government is supporting approaches that reduce reoffending, restore relationships, empower victims, address the root causes of harmful behaviour and create safer communities."

[Government Invests \\$17.2 Million in Justice Programs to Support and Protect Saskatchewan Communities | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**PROVINCE RECOGNIZES CANADIAN FERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK APRIL 19
TO 25**



Infertility affects 1 in 6 Canadian adults of all backgrounds. The Fertility Treatment Tax Credit covers 50% of eligible expenses for a one-time maximum benefit of \$10,000, helping residents on their parenthood journey. For more information and eligibility, visit <https://bit.ly/4ttvD6H>

The Government of Saskatchewan acknowledges Canadian Fertility Awareness Week (CFAW), observed this year from April 19 to 25. Led by the national organization Fertility Matters, the annual initiative is dedicated to raising public awareness around fertility and its impact on over one in six Canadians.

The Government of Saskatchewan introduced the Fertility Treatment Tax Credit under the *Saskatchewan Affordability Act*, effective January 1, 2025.

“Helping individuals and couples seek fertility treatment across the province, reflects our government’s commitment to put patients first,” Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. “The Fertility Treatment Tax Credit will support as many as 300 families annually on their journey to parenthood by alleviating some of the financial costs”.

[Province Recognizes Canadian Fertility Awareness Week April 19 to 25 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



Protecting Saskatchewan starts with supporting the people who make our province strong. By investing in families, communities, and the services people rely on, we are focused on building a brighter, more secure future for everyone who calls the province home.

One of the ways we are supporting Saskatchewan people is by strengthening the industries that drive our economy. Much of that strength comes from our value-added agricultural sector, which reached a record \$8.4 billion in revenue for 2024-25. Recent plant openings and expansions show strong investor confidence and position Saskatchewan for continued growth. With more than 300 food processors employing over 5,000 people, value-added agriculture supports global food security in more than 160 countries. These investments, supported by a strong and growing economy, help ensure our government can continue delivering high-quality services for Saskatchewan communities and families.

Supporting young people is one of our most important responsibilities, and we are investing in programs that help students grow, learn, and thrive. We are investing in the next generation through school-based restorative justice programs. An annual investment of \$288,876 over the next four years will support initiatives that address bullying and conflict, promote positive relationships, and improve student well-being. These programs help young people resolve conflicts, build leadership skills, and understand the impact of their actions. By giving youth the tools to repair harm and rebuild trust, we are helping shape the thoughtful and compassionate leaders our communities will one day rely on. Supporting students in this way strengthens not only their future but the future of our entire province.

Our government continues to protect health care by expanding training opportunities in family medicine, creating more pathways for Saskatchewan students and graduates to train and work closer to home. The 2026 medical residency match confirmed that all 162 seats at the University of Saskatchewan were filled, including 10 newly added seats. This progress reflects ongoing work to expand opportunities for future doctors to learn, practice, and build their careers right here in Saskatchewan. Ensuring that more health care professionals can train and stay in our province strengthens

care for families today and for generations to come.

Another major step forward in strengthening health care is the completion of the new Weyburn General Hospital. Construction is now finished, and the Saskatchewan Health Authority is preparing the facility for opening later this year. This modern 35-bed hospital will bring together acute care, mental health services, EMS, ambulatory care, a heliport, social work, allied health, and space for the Weyburn and District Hospital Foundation. All of these services will be provided under one roof. With more than \$134 million invested by our government, along with generous community support, this project reflects a shared commitment to putting patients first. Families in Weyburn and the surrounding region will have improved access to high-quality care close to home. This facility will meet community needs for decades to come.

Community safety remains a priority for our government, and we are strengthening it by investing in alternative measures across the province. Approximately \$4.3 million annually over the next four fiscal years will support more than 20 First Nations, tribal councils, and community-based organizations. These programs hold people accountable by reducing repeat offences, restoring relationships, empowering victims, and addressing the root causes of harmful behaviour. Together, these measures support the development of safer, stronger communities where people feel protected and supported.

We are also enhancing safety on Saskatchewan's highways. Through the 2026-27 provincial budget, funding for the Saskatchewan Highway Patrol is increasing from \$7.8 million to \$8.5 million, enabling the hiring of five additional traffic officers. This investment expands enforcement capacity, improves response times, removes unsafe vehicles from the road, and disrupts criminal activity moving through our province. It provides officers with the resources they need to continue doing what they do best – protecting Saskatchewan.

Together, these investments reflect a clear and consistent focus on building a stronger Saskatchewan. By supporting our economy, expanding training

opportunities, strengthening health care, enhancing community safety, and investing in our youth. Our government is reinforcing the foundations that help families succeed and communities thrive. Saskatchewan is growing, and with that growth comes new opportunities, greater stability, and a brighter future for people across our province.

If you have questions, concerns, or ideas, you can contact my constituency office at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net or call 306.651.7100.

DID YOU KNOW?



Did you know Brighton Convenience, located in the Commons, has a lot more than you might expect?

Here's just a sample of what you'll find:

🧋 Fresh Bubble Teas

🧊 Iced Coffee & ☕ Hot Coffee

- 🍹 Refreshing Quenchers
 - 🍓 Chocolate-Covered Strawberry Cups
 - ❄️ Ice-cold Slushies
 - 🏧 On-site ATM
 - 🇰🇷 Korean Skincare Products
 - 🍷 Hard-to-find American Drinks
- Stop by and check out what's in store!

**NEW SUPPORTED HOUSING INITIATIVE TO HELP YOUTH IN CARE
SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE**



April 27, 2026, together with members of the Saskatoon Youth Advisory Team and EGADZ, our government announced plans for FUSION Plus, a supported housing program for up to 40 young people in Saskatoon.

Guided by youth for youth, this space will provide housing, life skills and employment support to help young people currently or previously in care to

**successfully transition to independence.
FUSION Plus is expected to open in fall 2026.**

The Government of Saskatchewan is partnering with EGADZ to launch FUSION Plus, a new 40-space supported housing initiative in Saskatoon designed to support youth aged 16 to 21 currently or previously in the care of the Ministry of Social Services to successfully transition to independence. The program is being delivered with partners such as Foundations Learning & Skills Saskatchewan, providing valuable supports to ready youth for employment.

"FUSION Plus builds on a proven model by providing stable housing, life skills, education and employment support," Social Services Minister Terry Jenson said. "This program will set youth up for success, providing tools and support to help them build confidence and achieve independence."

Expected to open in fall 2026, FUSION Plus is being designed with guidance from the Saskatoon Youth Advisory Committee to combine stable housing with wraparound supports that aid in developing life skills, employment readiness and educational assistance.

"Preparing Saskatchewan people for Saskatchewan jobs is a key pillar of the Government of Saskatchewan's Labour Market Strategy, because we want Saskatchewan people to be the first to benefit from our growing economy," Immigration and Career Training Minister Eric Schmalz said. "Through FUSION Plus, our ministry is pleased to provided funding to Foundations Learning & Skills Saskatchewan to deliver wraparound supports that help youth build life skills, connect to training and attach to the labour market."

[New Supported Housing Initiative to Help Youth in Care Successfully Transition to Independence | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

PROVINCE INVESTS NEARLY \$12 MILLION IN SCHOOL BASED RESTORATIVE JUSTICE TO STRENGTH AND PROTECT SASKATCHEWAN COMMUNITIES



The Government of Saskatchewan is investing \$288,876 into school-based restorative justice programs annually over the next four fiscal years, for a total of \$1.16 million.

School-based restorative justice programs address bullying and conflict in schools while promoting positive relationships and student well-being. These community-based programs help children and youth resolve conflicts, develop leadership abilities, build positive relationships, and improve their academic achievements.

"Investing in school-based restorative justice is an investment in safer, stronger communities and brighter futures for our youth," Justice Minister and Attorney General Tim McLeod, K.C. said. "When young people are given the right tools to repair harm, rebuild trust, and understand the impact of their actions, we not only resolve conflicts, we also prevent them. Supporting our youth helps shape them into the thoughtful and compassionate leaders that our communities will one day depend on."

[Province Invests Nearly \\$12 Million in School Based Restorative Justice to Strengthen and Protect Saskatchewan Communities | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

GRAND OPENING - BLAINE LAKE COMMUNITY LIBRARY



Blaine Lake, congratulations on the opening of your beautiful new library—a space that represents not just books, but community, memory, and connection.

For so many, including my family, the library has always been a special place, filled with quiet inspiration and shared stories. My late mother, Lucy, devoted part of her life to working there, and it meant so much to her to be part of something that brought people together through learning and imagination.

This new chapter for the library feels like a continuation of that spirit, and I

hope it becomes a gathering place where future generations create their own meaningful memories.

LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT TO INCLUDE IN THIS NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events:

SMILE COOKIE CONTINUES UNTIL SUNDAY AT TIM HORTONS!



Smile Cookie Week continues until Sunday! Smile Cookie sales benefit local charities across the province! Buy a Smile Cookie, or a dozen, and show your

support!

DOGS BREAKFAST APRIL 30



Tickets: [Gift Details - University of Saskatchewan Online Giving](#)

FAMILY FUN SASKATOON WEEKEND GUIDE



Family Fun Saskatoon has some great ideas for you to do this weekend in Saskatoon! The first weekend of May is going to be full of family fun! They have five ideas for you in the reel, but make sure to check out the guide for more! <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/weekend-guide/>

McHappy Day Wednesday, May 6



McHappy Day® proudly returns on Wednesday, May 6. By simply enjoying your favourite menu items, all day, you'll make a positive impact on families in your community.

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

the Chamber
Saskatoon's Business & Professional Association

Thursday, May 14th
Luncheon
11:15 am - 1:30 pm

TCU PLACE
Gallery AB
Members: \$50
Non-Members: \$65

MAYOR'S
STATE OF THE CITY

with her Worship Mayor
Cynthia Block
PRESENTED BY
GRAHAM

The Chamber is pleased to host Mayor Cynthia Block on May 14 at our annual State of the City Luncheon Presented by [Graham Builds](#) ! Mayor Block will touch on the challenges and opportunities facing Saskatoon, her perspective on current business and economic issues, and her priorities in the year ahead. <https://bit.ly/4mq3b2l>

NEWS  RELEASES

[Innovation Saskatchewan Invests \\$30K to Support Uniting the Prairies 2026 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Saskatchewan Value Added Agriculture Revenue Reaches Record \\$8.4 Billion | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Investing in Saskatchewan Highway Patrol to Protect Provincial Roadways | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Construction of the New Weyburn General Hospital is Complete | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Saskatchewan Fish Hatchery Drives Angling Opportunities | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[\\$3.4 Million in Charitable Gaming Grants Delivered to Community Groups Across Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Provincially Funded RCMP SERT Teams Continue to Protect Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

A graphic featuring a portrait of Ken Cheveldayoff on the right. The text on the left reads: "We're here to help you navigate provincial government programs and services.", "Ken Cheveldayoff", "MLA for Saskatoon Willowgrove", "Please reach out, we look forward to hearing from you.", and "PH: 306-651-7100 | EM: ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net".

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

PERSPECTIVE

Someone is taking their last breath in a hospital bed today, and you're frustrated sitting in traffic.

Someone is spending their first night alone after years of love, and you're annoyed your partner left dishes in the sink.

Someone is burying their baby that they carried for 9 months, and you're upset your child spilled milk on the couch.

Someone is burying their mom who created them, and you're annoyed your mom called you twice this morning.

Someone is wishing for just one more conversation with their dad, and you're rolling your eyes at his advice.

Perspective is everything. Appreciate the little things because one day, they'll be the big things. ❤️

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