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**YOU'RE INVITED!**



*The Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan  
Her Honour the Honourable Bernadette McIntyre  
will formally open the Second Session of the  
Thirtieth Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan in  
the Legislative Assembly Chamber at two p.m. on  
Wednesday, October 22, 2025  
on which occasion you are invited to be present*

**INVITATION MUST BE PRESENTED AT ENTRANCE TO CHAMBER  
NOT LATER THAN 1:20 P.M.**

Seating is limited and subject to availability.  
Chamber floor and/or gallery seating is not guaranteed.

***Would you like to attend the opening of the Second Session of the Thirtieth Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan?***

***I have a limited number of invitations available, so please let my office know at [ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net](mailto:ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net) as soon as possible if you plan to attend.***

***I look forward to seeing you.***

**SASKATCHEWAN DELEGATION HEADING TO OTTAWA TO DISCUSS RENEWED  
MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM**



***Schmalz Leading Ottawa Delegation, Highlighting Need for Municipal Infrastructure Investment Vital to a Strong Saskatchewan***

***This week, Government Relations Minister Eric Schmalz and Advanced Education Minister Ken Cheveldayoff along with municipal leaders from across Saskatchewan will meet with federal leaders to call for the renewal of a cost-shared infrastructure program with the federal government.***

**Saskatchewan residents want to live in safe, vibrant, and affordable communities which is made possible through ongoing investments into infrastructure projects such as waterwork systems; critical infrastructure like roads, culverts and bridges; and core community facilities, including recreational centres, event spaces and post-secondary institutions.**

***"We are making the case that Ottawa return to the successful cost-share models that support the stability and economic growth of our municipalities," Schmalz said. "The bottom line is that investments into community-building projects are investments in a strong and stable nation."***

[Saskatchewan Delegation Heading to Ottawa to Discuss Renewed Municipal Infrastructure Program | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



**NIGERIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY**





**It was a pleasure to be part of the Nigerian Canadian Association of Saskatoon (NCAS) last weekend as they observed the 65th Anniversary of Nigeria's Independence Day.**

**A gorgeously decorated room resounding with song and dance as the dynamic Nigerian Culture contributes to our Province's richness in multiple ways.**

**I was honoured with a Nigerian name, Nasiru. Helper and supporter of all.**

**MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES OCTOBER 1**



**Minimum Wage \$15.35 Per Hour Starting October 1**

**On October 1, the Saskatchewan minimum wage will increase to \$15.35 per hour. Raising the minimum wage is one of several measures designed to support low-wage earners in benefiting from Saskatchewan's expanding economy.**

**Additionally, our province maintains some of the lowest personal tax rates in the country.**

**For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/b5bvxn3>**

**PHARMACY AND NUTRITION WHITE COAT CEREMONY**



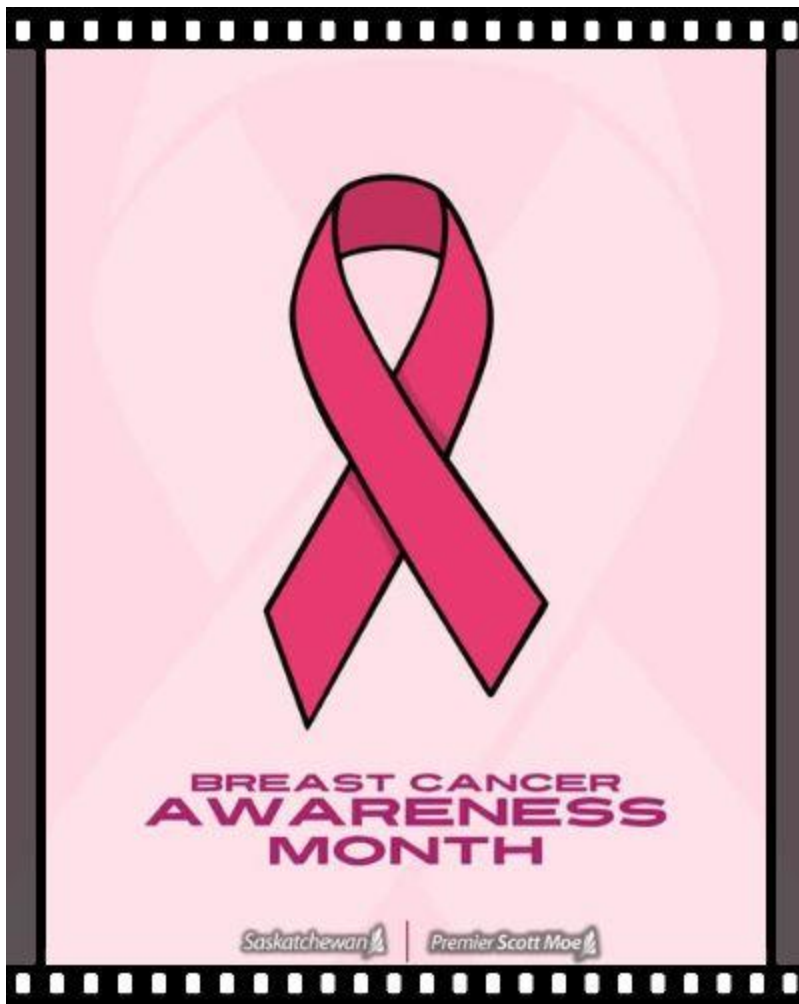
**As Minister of Advanced Education, it was my privilege to attend the University of Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy and Nutrition White Coat ceremony last week to bring greetings on behalf of the Government.**

**ninety-six students received their white coats, marking their transition to the Class of 2029.**

**I was joined by MLAs Barrett Kropf and Tajinder Grewal, and VP Dr. Bruni-Bossio.**

**Congratulations to the students, their families, and friends. Saskatchewan, we are in good hands!**

**BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**



**October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.**

**Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women worldwide.**

**The good news is that when detected early and treated properly, it is highly curable.**

***That's why our government has invested nearly \$15 million in breast health initiatives and enhancements—to improve care and support for Saskatchewan women.***

**This month let's raise awareness, support those impacted, and continue encouraging early detection and care.**



**Together, we can make a difference.**

**SASKATCHEWAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ABEX AWARDS**



**It was a pleasure to attend a great evening, witnessing outstanding contributions of business excellence. I sincerely congratulate all nominees and recipients on their well-earned recognition at the 2025 ABEX Awards.**

**Since 1984, the Achievement of Business Excellence (ABEX) Awards have stood as a symbol of distinction in Saskatchewan's business community. The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce and Conexus Credit Union should be proud of another**

prestigious program honouring the innovation, dedication, and resilience that drive our province forward.

Being nominated is a powerful testament to commitment and excellence, not only in business performance but also in leadership, community impact, and the relentless pursuit of progress. For each recipient, this recognition represented the highest level of achievement among your peers, and a well-deserved moment to celebrate your journey and success.

Businesses have contributed to strengthening Saskatchewan's economy, creating opportunities, and inspiring others to dream bigger. By sharing their stories, they've helped to illuminate the path for future entrepreneurs and leaders across our province.

Check out the winners [here: Crestline Coach Named Business of the Year as 2025 ABEX Award Recipients Announced – Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce](#)

## **VIDO - CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF BREAKTHROUGHS IN ANIMAL AND HUMAN HEALTH RESEARCH**



This year marks the 50th anniversary of VIDI (Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization) at the U of S.

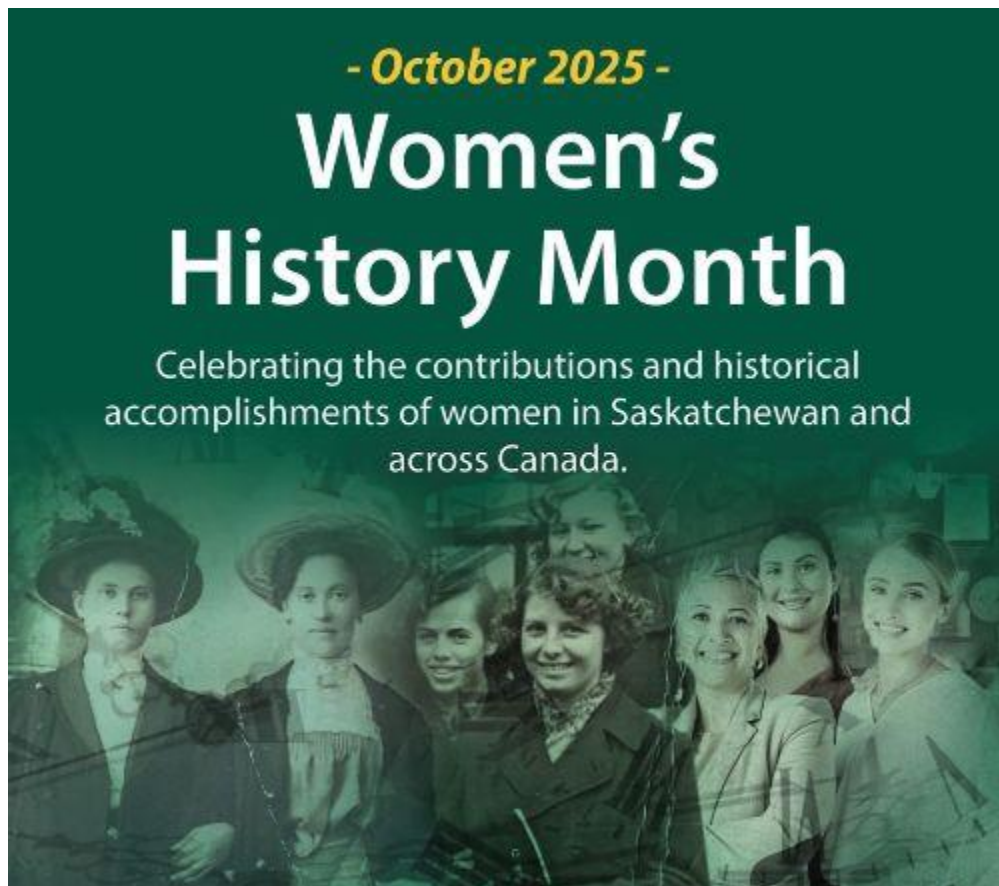
**VIDO is a world-class facility situated in Saskatoon, providing critical support to the Canadian and global agriculture industries through disease research.**

**September 25th, I had the pleasure of joining over 500 individuals at TCU Place to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization.**

**The Lieutenant Governor, Premier, and President of the University of Saskatchewan all paid tribute to this world-class organization, a global leader with a legacy of scientific excellence and a future of possibilities.**

**This organization's important work significantly contributes to the growth of our economy here in Saskatchewan and we are so proud of their accomplishments.**

## **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**



**October is Women's History Month. This annual recognition is an opportunity to reflect on the historical accomplishments of women in Saskatchewan and throughout Canada**

and take time to celebrate continued advancements in equality.

This month, we recognize the women and girls whose hard work, leadership and dedication have built a stronger and more inclusive Saskatchewan.

#### **SASKATCHEWAN INKS NEW TRADE AND INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP IN THAILAND**



The Government of Saskatchewan has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Thai Cement Manufacturers Association (TCMA). The MOU commits to increasing technical expertise, capacity building and knowledge sharing in areas that mutually benefit both economies. It also has particular focus on the energy sector and low carbon technologies and creates a framework for pilot and demonstration projects in Thailand.

*"Saskatchewan needs to diversify its export markets now more than ever, and new international partnerships like this one are exactly how we plan to do it," Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kaeding said. "I am proud to sign our ministry's first ever MOU with our partner from Thailand and am excited by the opportunities it will bring for both jurisdictions. This is just the beginning of a strong and fruitful relationship between Saskatchewan and TCMA."*

[Saskatchewan Inks New Trade and Investment Partnership in Thailand | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



## OCTOBER IS CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH



October is Cyber Security Awareness Month and artificial intelligence (AI) is evolving faster than ever! Be mindful when exploring the world of AI and remember these helpful tips:

- ✓ Use AI tools responsibly
- ✓ Enable two-factor authentication
- ✓ Verify information from credible sources
- ✓ Watch out for AI scams and deepfakes
- ✓ Don't input personal or confidential information into AI tools
- ✓ Keep your devices up to date
- ✓ Stay secure

## PROVINCE RECOGNIZES SENIORS' WEEK



The Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed September 28 to October 4 as Seniors' Week to celebrate the many contributions of older adults across the province.

*"Saskatchewan seniors are a vibrant, engaged group of citizens," Seniors Minister Lori Carr said. "Our government is committed to meeting the needs of older residents and ensuring they have access to high-quality programs and services."*

[Province Recognizes Seniors' Week | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**Did you know?**

Our government is committed to meeting the needs of older residents and ensuring they have access to high-quality programs and services. New programs and benefits for seniors are: full coverage of continuous and flash glucose monitors, expansion of the Personal Care Home Benefit to bridge the gap between seniors' monthly income and the care they deserve, the senior's supplement increase of \$500 a year for the next four years over and above the impact of indexation. This is the largest personal income tax reduction since 2008. Ambulance trips are capped at \$135 and inter-facility transfers are provided at no cost to seniors aged 65 and older. Through the Seniors' Drug Plan, prescription drugs listed on the Saskatchewan Formulary, or approved under Exception Drug Status, are limited to a maximum cost of \$25.

## **SAVED BY THE BEEP PROVINCE RECOGNIZES TEST YOUR SMOKE ALARM DAY**



**The Government of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) have proclaimed September 28, 2025, as Test Your Smoke Alarm Day in the province.**




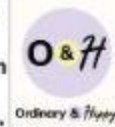
**Test Your Smoke Alarm Day encourages residents to properly install and maintain smoke alarms in their homes. This is fundamental to ensure that occupants are warned of a fire and have the time needed to escape.**

**According to data from the National Fire Protection Association, nearly three out of five (59 per cent) fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or smoke alarms that failed to operate.**

**"It is simple - working smoke alarms save lives," SPSA Fire Marshal Wayne Rodger said. "We encourage all residents to test their smoke alarms monthly by pressing the test button to make sure the alarm is working. One simple beep could make all the difference in protecting you and your loved ones."**

[Saved by the Beep Province Recognizes Test Your Smoke Alarm Day on September 28 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

# One Month of More Time in Nature this October

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28 	29 	30 	1 Collect and press some fall leaves.	2 Go for a morning walk or step outside for fresh air if busy.	3 Sit outside with a warm drink and listen to the birds.	4 Go to a weekend farmers' market.
5 Find a big, beautiful tree in your local area.	6 Go for a lunchtime walk to clear your head.	7 Watch the sunset outside.	8 Photograph the same flower at different times of day.	9 Have a stargazing evening.	10 Take an everyday activity onto the patio or balcony if possible.	11 Rake leaves and tidy up the backyard.
12 Visit a nearby park or nature trail.	13 Bring some fall spices and scents into your home.	14 Assemble a fall-inspired bouquet of flowers for the house.	15 Go on an evening photography walk.	16 Record nature sounds in the backyard.	17 Walk on fallen leaves and listen to the crunch.	18 Visit a corn maze.
19 Go to a body of water to walk, reflect, and take in nature.	20 Go in the backyard or a nearby park and listen to the birds.	21 Go for a walk with a walking group.	22 Visit a pumpkin patch. 29 Put up fairy lights on your porch, balcony, or around the patio for ambiance when sitting outside.	23 Go for a longer walk than usual.	24 Get an indoor plant.	25 Visit a park with fall foliage.
26 Go to a garden center just to browse.	27 Draw or sketch tree branches with pencil or charcoal outside.	28 Record sunlight filtering through the trees on your phone.	30 Make a pinecone or fall-themed wreath for your front door.	31 Go for a local Halloween walk in your area.		



# UPCOMING EVENTS!

## EACCA MOVIE NIGHT - CINEMA UNDER THE STARS



**This year's feature: Disney's Elio! 🌟**

**A fun, adventurous, heartwarming movie for all ages.**

**🎬 Shown outdoors on the BIG screen in Ernest Lindner Park!**

**📅 Oct 3 | Starts at dusk | FREE (donations welcome)**

**DISCOVER SASKATOON - SASKATOONING THIS OCTOBER**

**New Blog!**

## **Saskatooning this October**

Written by: Bailie Knowles



October is here, and Saskatoon is showing off its fall charm! 🍂

From crisp mornings to colourful trails, it's the perfect time to get outside and explore!

Check out our latest blog for all the details!

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

**FAMILY FUN PUMPKIN FESTIVAL**



Are you looking for your chance to create the perfect jack-o'-lantern? Welcome to Gather Local Market's Pumpkin Festival, where all you need to bring is your friends, family, and your creativity. This family-friendly afternoon at [Gather Local Market](https://www.gatherlocalmarket.com/) includes a pumpkin, carving help, and a \$5 Gather Gold Card, and will have guaranteed fun for all ages. A few other free activities you'll find throughout the day include pumpkin games, a photo wall, an art corner, and more. Find out how to grab tickets here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../gather-local-markets.../>

OCTOBERFEST ON THE PRAIRIES



The ultimate Oktoberfest on the Prairies celebration is coming up! Mark October 3 & 4 on your calendar for a weekend of vibrant culture, delicious food, and fantastic entertainment!

Get your tickets today at [Shorturl.at/ldcFp](https://Shorturl.at/ldcFp)

#### GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB CONCORDIA OF SASKATOON OKTOBERFEST



The German Canadian Club Concordia of Saskatoon is hosting their Oktoberfest 2025 at the [Nutana Legion](#).

**Free Family Fun from 1:00pm to 6:00pm**

**Evening Oktoberfest from 7:00pm.**

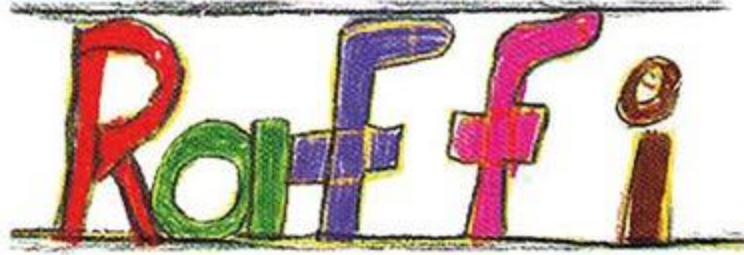
With Food, Beverages, Music & Dance.

**Mark your calendar – [more information on the poster](#).**

[Oktoberfest - Saskatchewan German Council](#)

#### RAFFI RETURNS TO SASKATOON

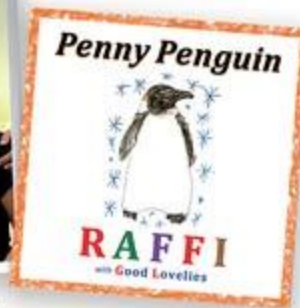




returns to Saskatoon with his  
**#belugagrad's family**  
**CONCERT**



Special guest **Good Lovelies**



Sing faves like  
**DOWN BY THE BAY, BABY BELUGA**  
**BANANAPHONE & many more!**

**OCTOBER 5 – TCU PLACE**

**LIVE NATION™**



PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE RAFFI FOUNDATION FOR CHILD HONOURING

North America's favourite family entertainer has been making people smile since before music was available online and before CDs were available. He has stood the test of time, and if you automatically want to sing when you hear titles like "Down by the Bay", "Baby Beluga" and other classics, the Raffi concert might be the perfect fit. Raffi is coming to TCU Place on October 5th! Do you have your tickets yet? Find out more here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/raffi-at-tcu/>

**PUMPKINS AFTER DARK**



Walk among thousands of hand-carved pumpkins, larger-than-life displays, and the ultimate Halloween vibes. 🍂

📅 Tickets are available online at [PumpkinsAfterDark.com](https://PumpkinsAfterDark.com) — and at the door (while supplies last). Don't wait, opening weekend always fills fast!

#### NSBA LESSONS I'VE LEARNED



Introducing our first speaker for the 19th Annual Lessons I've Learned presented by Travelodge Saskatoon, Jana Ellis, former owner of Bill's House of Flowers 🌸

"I have "worked" my whole life at Bill's House of Flowers; from filling water picks and floral food packages at the young age of 5 or 6, to delivering flowers at the busy holidays or taking care of invoicing during my years at university...it feels like I have always been at the shop in some capacity. After the passing of my father Bill Ellis in 1999, I took on

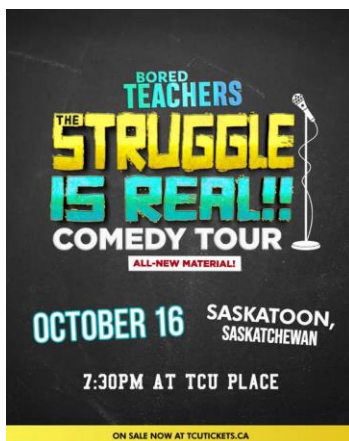
the role of manager and in 2007 bought the business from my mom. Owning a business was not the path I had envisioned but have enjoyed the past 26 years here and looking forward to some new adventures as I will be selling my business to my employee of 18 years, Chantel Pulak."

💡 Learn from Jana's and our other speakers' experiences on October 7th! Do not miss out on this one-of-a-kind event.

Get your tickets today using the link 🔗 below:

<https://nsbasask.com/.../nsbas-19th-annual-lessons-ive.../>

## COMEDY TOUR



Bored Teachers "The Struggle is Real" will be a win-win with a night out and a night of laughter. The hilarious comedy tour, brought to you by Outback Presents, is coming to Saskatoon in October. If you have an educator in your life or want to get BIG brownie points with your child's teacher, make sure to grab them tickets now!

## KINSMEN & ROTARY BADGE SHIELD START DINNER



**On October 21st at Prairieland Park, we gather to pay tribute to our incredible First Responders (Police, Fire, and Paramedics).**

**This year features an inspiring keynote from Tyler Smith—Amazing Race Canada Winner, Humboldt Broncos survivor, and speaker on mental health, wellness, and safe spaces. Don't miss this powerful evening!**

**All proceeds support vital local non-profit initiatives of the Rotary and Kinsmen Clubs of Saskatoon.**

** TICKETS & INFO: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/.../rotarykinsmen-badge-shield..>**

**JUST THE LINKS - LOTS OF GOVERNMENT NEWS**





[Saskatchewan Proclaims October as Disability Employment Awareness Month | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Short-Term Hunting Opportunity for Antlerless Elk in Southern Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Crop Report for the Period September 23 to September 29, 2025 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Water Security Agency Investing \\$15 Million in Major Projects at Rafferty Dam | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Legislation to Improve Access to Legal Services Comes Into Force | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Respiratory Syncytial Virus Newborn Immunization Coverage Expanding in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Investor Alert: Impersonation Scam Uses Prime Minister Mark Carney's Image and Fake News Articles to Target Saskatchewan Residents | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Saskatchewan Highway Patrol Adds Six New Weigh Scale Officers | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Government of Saskatchewan is Prepared for Canada Post Service Disruption | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Highway 201 Now Designated Chief Kahkewistahaw Way | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Saskatchewan Apologizes to Survivors for the Province's Role in the Operation of Île-à-la-Crosse School | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Saskatchewan Serious Incident Response Team Investigating Officer Involved Shooting in Regina | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Nítélazētúë Elementary School Officially Opens in La Loche | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Saskatchewan Recognizes World Rabies Day | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Saskatchewan Marks National Day for Truth and Reconciliation | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Province Invests in Building Management System Upgrades for Government of Saskatchewan Buildings | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Partners Celebrate Grand Opening of New Moosomin Water Treatment Plant | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

#### **THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

When a flashlight grows dim  
or quits working, you don't throw  
it away, you change the batteries.  
When a person messes up and find  
themselves in a dark place, do you  
cast them aside? Of course not,  
you help them change their  
batteries! Some need  
AA.. attention and affection;  
Some need AAA.. attention,  
affection and acceptance; some  
need C.. compassion; some need  
D.. direction. And if they still don't  
seem to shine... simply sit with  
them quietly and share  
your light.

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and services.

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