

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

From a Provincial Point of View



**Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA
Saskatoon Willowgrove**

BRETT KISSEL - HONOURARY SASKATCEWAN RESIDENT!



What a great honour on behalf of Premier Scott Moe, to present Brett Kissel with an Honorary Saskatchewan Resident certificate.



Platinum-selling country singer Brett Kissel was excited to begin the next leg of his cross-Canada tour last night, February 2 at the Conexus Arts Centre. It was an incredible concert and Brett's passion for Saskatchewan was displayed throughout the night to the enthusiastic crowd in attendance.

Read the article in the Regina Leader-Post - Saskatchewan feels a lot like home for country music star Brett Kissel. [Saskatchewan feels a lot like home for country music star Brett Kissel | Regina Leader Post](#)

Check out my facebook page to see the video of the Honourary Saskatchewan Resident certificate. [Facebook](#)

THE 22ND ANNUAL KING OF KOVBASA AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS



It was a pleasure to join almost 900 people at the King of Kovbasa held at Prairieland Park. The event was a huge success thanks to the Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association (Saskatoon Branch) (UCPBA), the sponsors and entertainers. King of Kovbasa features local sausage (or kovbasa) makers to feature their product.



What a great taste sensation of gourmet sausages from around our province. The enthusiastic crowd voted on their favourite and at the end of the evening the King of Kovbasa was crowned!

This event is a highlight in Saskatoon's entertainment community every year. Not only does it attract Ukrainian fans, but it also is a yearly event for all citizens. A silent auction is featured as well as local dance groups, musicians, celebrity guests and of course, the kovbasa! At the end of the evening,

participants take part in an auction where incredible items are featured, including trips and unique products or services.



Curtis Kimpton was fortunate to win the bid on the Ukrainian flag signed by soldiers on the front line in the war along with their unit badge . (pictured above)

There were also several generous door prizes which amazed each guest. Proceeds raised each year are donated to a local charity or organization in Saskatoon.

Congratulations to everyone involved in this fantastic event.

REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE



Our government remains committed to investing in the programs and services that matter most to Saskatchewan people. These investments help to build and protect our province, ensuring it remains

one of the best places to live, work and raise a family.

The new Saskatchewan Employment Incentive (SEI) program has officially launched, helping to make life more affordable for Saskatchewan families. Working parents who earn between \$500 and \$2,200 per month may be eligible for the maximum monthly SEI benefit ranging from \$400 to \$600, depending on the number of children they have.

The SEI will provide a monthly financial benefit, supplementary health benefits, access to discount bus passes where available, connections to employment supports through the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training, and access to the Saskatchewan Housing Benefit through the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation. Applications are open online at www.Saskatchewan.ca/employment-incentive.

The minimum age for purchase of tobacco and vapour products has increased to 19, effective February 1, 2024. This is an important step in protecting youth from the dangers of tobacco and vapour products.

Under the new Action Plan for Mental Health and Addictions, our government is focused on getting more people the treatment they need to overcome addictions and live healthy, safe lives in recovery. As part of the transition to a Recovery-Oriented System of Care, changes are being made to how the health care system responds to illicit drug use issues.

The provision of pipes for smoking methamphetamine, crack cocaine and other illicit drugs will be discontinued. The practice of providing materials with instructions on how to use illicit drugs will also be discontinued. No third-party organization will be permitted to use funding provided by the Ministry of Health or the Saskatchewan Health Authority for these purposes.

Providing taxpayer-funded pipes for smoking illicit drugs and instructions for how to use them sends the wrong message to people who we want to help. Instead, the message coming from the health care system should be that there is hope for recovery, and there is help available through treatment. Consistent with public safety priorities, the Take Home Naloxone program will continue to provide free naloxone kits. These are available at over 400 locations throughout the province, with more locations to come.

Test strips for fentanyl and benzodiazepine contamination will also continue to be available to assist law enforcement and the health care system with monitoring drug toxicity, as well as help users better understand the risks associated with illicit drugs. The use of drug checking infrared spectrometres will also continue for the same purpose.

Needle exchanges will be required to operate on an exchange basis to strike a balance with public safety priorities. The intent of needle exchanges is to get back used needles that can be littered in communities or be otherwise improperly disposed of, and to reduce the spread of bloodborne illnesses like HIV or hepatitis C.

To further support people struggling with addictions and other at-risk individuals in the community, new Community Wellness Buses are planned for 2024 with a mandate to provide primary health care services, assistance with accessing services and supports, and referrals for other services that they may need.

Our government continues to move forward on adding 500 addictions spaces, as announced in the fall of 2023. So far, a total of 168 treatment spaces have been announced across the province. Work is also underway to implement a central intake system to make treatment more easily accessible to people when they need it.

In addition, the province recently launched a new Provincial Drug Alert System. The goal of drug alerts is to increase awareness of the dangers associated with illicit drugs and the presence of other toxic substances that further increase the risk of overdose and death. Anyone can sign up to receive drug alerts by visiting www.Saskatchewan.ca/drug-alerts or text JOIN to 1-833-35-B-SAFE (352-7233).

With these investments and programs in place, we will continue working to build and protect our great province. If you have questions, concerns or comments, please don't hesitate to contact my constituency office at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net or call 306.651.7100.

DO YOU HAVE A NEW BUSINESS IN SASKATOON WILLOWGROVE?



If you have a new business in Saskatoon Willowgrove, please let my office know by calling 306.651.7100 or email ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net.

We would like to have a "new business" feature in this newsletter. Let me help spread the word to promote your business!

I look forward to hearing from you and visiting your new business.



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.
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SASK PARKS ANNOUNCES 2024 CAMPSITE RESERVATION DATES



Reservations for Saskatchewan Provincial Parks 2024 camping season are set to begin April 1 for seasonal campsites and April 2 to 9 for nightly, Camp-Easy and group campsites.



SaskParks 2024 Campsite Reservations to start April 1

*Seasonal campsite reservations begin April 1 and nightly
from April 2-9. Reservations open each day at 7.a.m.*

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Party Caucus**

"Camping continues to be an affordable vacation option for Saskatchewan residents and visitors," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Laura Ross said. "We are happy to announce there will be no fee increases this year when visiting a provincial park. We hope this encourages families to take a moment to explore the beauty of our province and make lasting memories."

For a complete listing of fees to experience Saskatchewan's Provincial Parks, visit Sask Park's reservation site: <https://parks.saskatchewan.ca/articles/camping/saskatchewan-provincial-parks-fees?tti=Fees>.

[Sask Parks Announces 2024 Campsite Reservation Dates | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**AFRICAN-CANADIAN/BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROCLAIMED IN
SASKATCHEWAN**



February has been proclaimed as African-Canadian/Black History Month in Saskatchewan, to honour and recognize the legacy of African-Canadians across the province.

African-Canadian/Black History Month is an opportunity to learn more about the many accomplishments and contributions made by persons of African heritage to Saskatchewan and the rest of Canada.

"In Saskatchewan, our provincial motto: From Many Peoples Strength, emphasizes the importance of reflecting on the strong history and legacy of diverse communities who have helped build our great province," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Laura Ross said. "Persons of African Heritage have contributed greatly to the strong economic, social and cultural fabric that we proudly enjoy in Saskatchewan today. We thank the Saskatchewan African Canadian Heritage Museum for raising awareness on this important history and continuing to support inclusive and diverse communities."

[African-Canadian/Black History Month Proclaimed in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

TOP JOBS IN HOSPITALITY



The hospitality industry offers so much more than restaurants and hotels. It provides us with great experiences we will never forget. This industry plays an important role in the high quality of life we experience in Saskatchewan.

The [#TopJobs](#) in Hospitality right now are:

- food counter attendants
- kitchen helpers and other related support occupations
- executive housekeepers
- cooks
- hotel front desk clerks
- food and beverage servers.

Job seekers can find the perfect job in the hospitality industry by creating a user profile and letting employers know about your qualifications, job skills and work experience. Employers find and recruit the best applicants for these job postings with SaskJobs.ca.

Find your next job or next candidate here: <https://bit.ly/3Snkfcu>

SASKATOONING THIS FEBRUARY



February is here, and there are so many exciting events this month. Read our latest blog to find out how you can go [#Saskatooning!](#)

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

TEACH CHILDREN: 9-1-1 SAVES LIVES



Teach children: **9-1-1** saves lives

saskpublicsafety.ca

Saskatchewan
PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY

Do your children know how to get help in an emergency?

Teach your kids the following tips if they need to call 9-1-1:

- 1 Stay calm and speak clearly.
 - 2 Don't hang up until the call taker says it's okay.
 - 3 Know your exact location.
 - 4 Describe your surroundings for help.
 - 5 Remember your phone number.
- 📞 Landlines auto-capture your location!

For more information regarding Sask911, please visit: www.saskpublicsafety.ca/at-home/sask911-at-home

CONGRATULATIONS STARS!

REGINA | News

STARS celebrates 10,000 missions in Saskatchewan



Wayne Mantyka
CTV News Regina Video Journalist

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Story credit to Wayne Mantyka

STARS hit a major milestone in Saskatchewan, reaching their 10,000 mission in our province since starting operations in 2012.

The work of the STARS pilots, paramedics, and coordinators have saved thousands of lives and provided hope to thousands of families across our province.

STARS familiar red helicopters have been helping save lives in Saskatchewan for over a decade. The air ambulance service has just reached the 10,000 mission milestone in the province.

“In late December of 2023, we reached our 10,000 mission milestone so quite significant but at the same time couldn’t do it without the support of all the communities across Saskatchewan,” said Darcy McKay, the provincial director of STARS.

The ten thousandth mission comes about two years after an event marking STARS' tenth anniversary saw patients who were saved by the service speak about what their flight has meant.

"10 years later I've been able to celebrate so many things, my kids growing up," said former patient Carrie Derin.

[STARS celebrates 10,000 missions in Saskatchewan | CTV News](#)

EMPLOYMENT INCENTIVE NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS



Employment Incentive Now Open for Applications

Saskatchewan working parents earning between \$500 and \$2,200 per month may be eligible for the maximum monthly SEI benefit ranging from \$400 to \$600, depending on the number of children they have.

Saskatchewan Party Caucus

Build and Protect

Our government is making life more affordable for Saskatchewan families. The SEI has a simple online application and reporting process to make it more convenient for families to access their monthly benefit. Learn more and apply at saskatchewan.ca/employment-incentive.



NEW MINIMUM AGE IN EFFECT

New Minimum Age in Effect



It is Illegal to Give or Sell
Tobacco or Vaping Products
to Anyone Under 19

Starting February 1, the minimum age for purchasing tobacco or vaping products in Saskatchewan increases from 18 to 19.

A government supplied photo ID with birthdate and signature is required to purchase these products.

COVERAGE EXPANDS FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS DRUG



More children in Saskatchewan living with cystic fibrosis (CF) are now eligible for Trikafta, a medication that improves lung function. Starting February 1, 2024, coverage of Trikafta will be available to CF patients two to five years of age who meet the medical criteria.

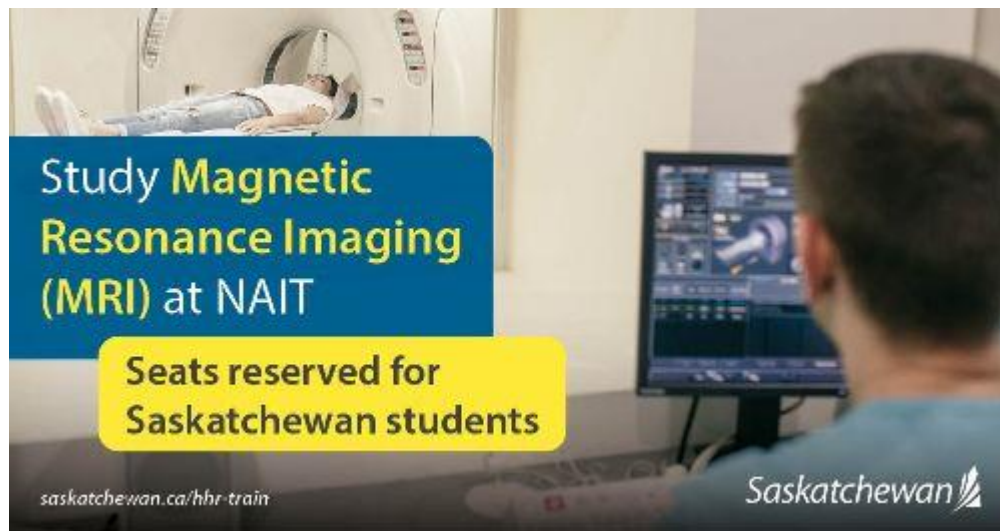
“We are pleased to expand coverage for this treatment for more Saskatchewan children with cystic fibrosis,” Health Minister Everett Hindley said. “Trikafta has been shown to improve quality of life in patients living with CF, so this expanded coverage means more children with CF can benefit and lead healthier lives.”

Although there is no cure for CF, Trikafta works to correct the underlying cause of CF.

In December 2023, the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health issued a recommendation that jurisdictions expand coverage of Trikafta for patients two to five years who meet certain medical criteria. Successful pricing negotiations have recently been completed through the pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance.

[Coverage Expands for Cystic Fibrosis Drug | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SEATS RESERVED FOR SASKATCHEWAN STUDENTS



Kickstart your health care career in Saskatchewan!

Saskatchewan students can study Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) 1st and 2nd discipline using one of our reserved seats at the NAIT.

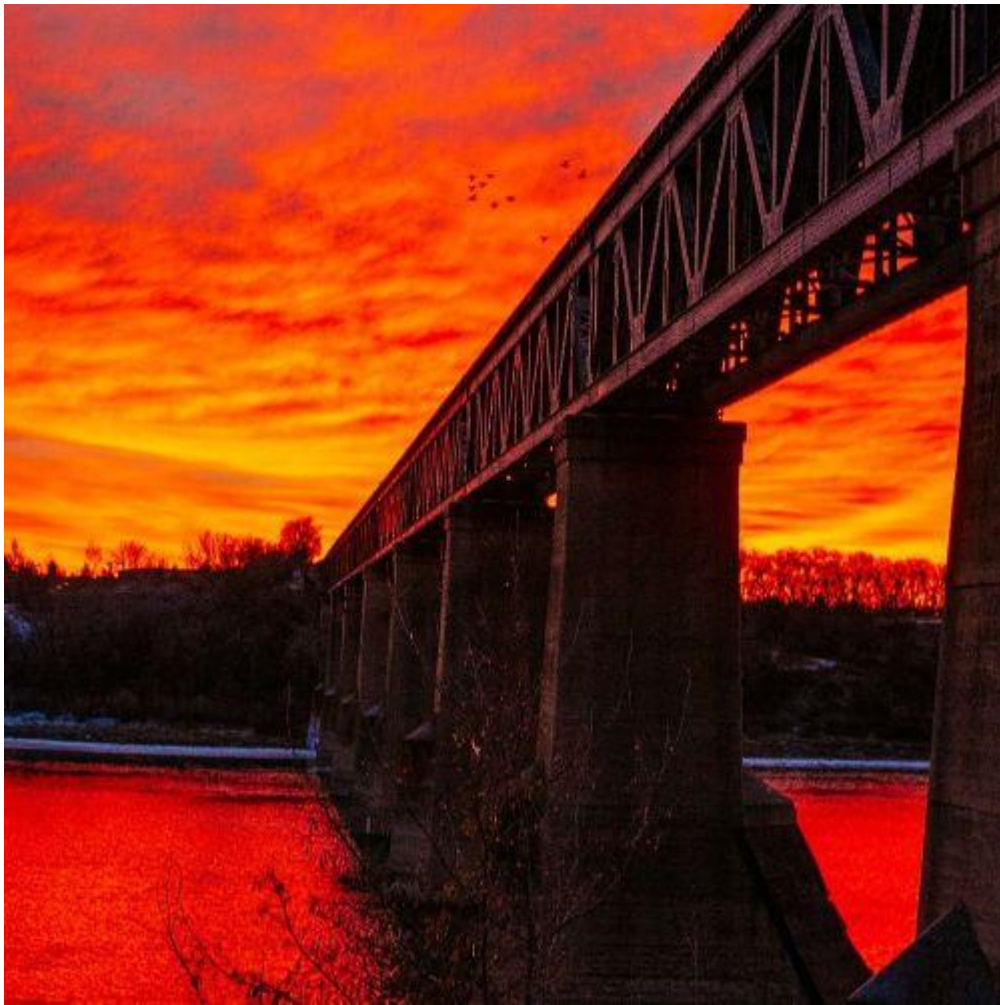
Students and graduates of this program may be eligible for a variety of incentives for working in Saskatchewan, including the Final Clinical Placement Bursary and the Graduate Retention Program.

Applications are still being accepted to start in Fall 2024!

Direct entry students apply today at <https://www.nait.ca/programs/magnetic-resonance...>

Non-direct entry students apply today at <https://www.nait.ca/programs/magnetic-resonance-imaging...>

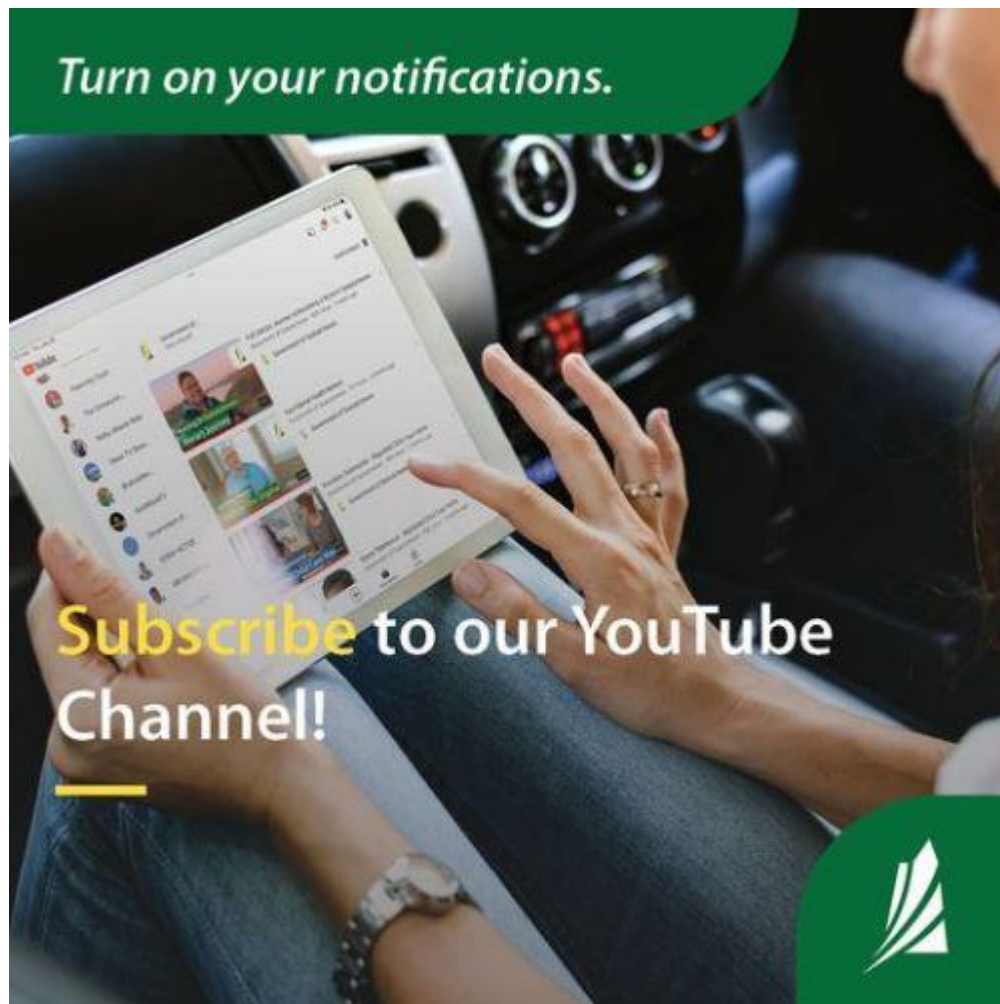
LAND OF LIVING SKIES



There is a reason Saskatchewan is called the Land of Living Skies 🌅

Stunning photos from https://www.instagram.com/kurtangelo_photos/

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Get a quick update and be the first to know when we post a new video or go live!

Subscribe to [#SKGov](#)'s YouTube channel at <https://bit.ly/47Dclut> and turn on the notification bell

SASKATCHEWAN STUDENTS - STAY ACTIVE



Stay active!

Check with your institution
to learn what facilities are
open to students.

saskatchewan.ca

Saskatchewan

Staying active is important for your physical and mental health!

Many post-secondary institutions offer access to:



gyms



pools



sports courts



running tracks



and more!

Check with your institution to learn what's available to you!

CANADA'S GUIDANCE ON ALCOHOL AND HEALTH

Canada's Guidance on Alcohol and Health

It's time to pick a new target

What will your weekly drinking target be?



Tips to help you stay on target

- Stick to the limits you've set for yourself.
- Drink slowly.
- Drink lots of water.
- For every drink of alcohol, have one non-alcoholic drink.
- Choose alcohol-free or low-alcohol beverages.
- Eat before and while you're drinking.
- Have alcohol-free weeks or do alcohol-free activities.



Are you familiar with the new guidelines on alcohol?

With dry January and February among us, it's a good time to remind ourselves and our patients of the new Canadian Alcohol Guidelines.

Check out all the slides used with permission by the

@ccsa_ccdus

Please see their page and website for more details.

It is also a great time to recommend the Alcohol Change Program by the @online.therapy.unit. You can find the course at <https://www.onlinetherapyuser.ca/acc/>

TRAVEL SMART



Do not sign a contract before you have read and understood it. If the salesperson promises you something that is not in the contract, do not sign it unless those promises are added officially.

If it is not in the contract, it will be difficult, if not impossible, to prove these unofficial or unwritten promises.

Visit <https://bit.ly/48AxImZ> for more information.

CHECK OUT FAMILY FUN SASKATOON!



Happy February! This month might be a short one but it will be **PACKED** full of family fun. Check out the February Guide to find some amazing activities.

[Saskatoon Family Expo](#) is back and better than ever at Prairieland on February 24!

[Wintershines](#) will bring us all the wintertime fun from February 17-24th!

[City of Saskatoon - Your Local Government](#) has so much February Fun on the way from Winter Play Programs, to a free Family Day Skate and more!

[Wide Open Children's Theatre](#) invites you to Captain Jack and The Beanstalk!

[Persephone Theatre's](#) Youth Series - Songs My Mother Never Sung Me - is on February 10-11.

Click the link for **SO MUCH MORE!**

<https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/february-events/>

SAVE THE DATES FOR WINTERSHINES!



[WinterShines](https://www.familyfunCanada.com/saskatoon/winterShines/) has been described as a nice, warm and cozy hug to keep you happy and warm during winter. One of Saskatoon's favourite winter festivals is back and as always it's full of free events for your family all week long. Nutrien WinterShines is a way for Saskatoon to celebrate an amazing season. From fine food to winter fun, this festival has something for everyone. WinterShines is from February 17-24. Find out more here: <https://www.familyfunCanada.com/saskatoon/winterShines/>

SASKTEL JAZZ FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER

THE WINTER WARM-UP

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WARM-UP, AN
EVENING OF JAZZ
YOGA, WINE
& COMMUNITY!**

**WHAT:
1-HOUR ALL
LEVELS JAZZ
YOGA CLASS
PRESENTED BY
GROUND YOGA,
FOLLOWED BY
SNACKS AND A
CASH WINE BAR**

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 28TH
AT 7:00 PM**

**WHERE: BRICK LOFT
EVENT CO. IN
SASKATOON, SK**

**COST: \$35 PER PERSON
LEARN MORE AND REGISTER
NOW AT [SASKJAZZ.COM](https://www.saskjazz.com)!**

GROUND YOGA

Join [SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival](https://www.saskjazz.com) for their inaugural Winter Warm-Up . Enjoy a 1-hour yoga class by [Ground Yoga](https://www.groundyoga.ca) with jazzy tunes, followed by snacks and a cash wine bar.

Save the date: Feb 28th, 7:00PM at [Brick Loft Event Co.](https://www.brickloft.com).

To register and learn more: <https://www.saskjazz.com/event/the-winter-warm-up/...>

**SEE OTHER EVENTS LISTED IN PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS
LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE
FEATURED IN OUR NEWSLETTER**



Heritage Festival

Heritage Festival of Saskatoon
presents
Our Common Ground

Saskatoon Western Development Museum
Festival Day
12 - 5 PM Sunday, February 4
in-person
2610 Lorne Avenue
FREE ADMISSION

McNally Robinson
Speaker Series Event
7 PM Wednesday, February 7
in-person & online
3130-8th Street East
FREE ADMISSION

The Roxy Theatre
Variety Night
7 PM Thursday, February 8
in-person
320 20th St W
FREE ADMISSION

Feb 4 - 8, 2024
heritagefestivalofsaskatoon.com

Saskatoon Public Library Local History Room Photograph Collection ph. 90.892.2

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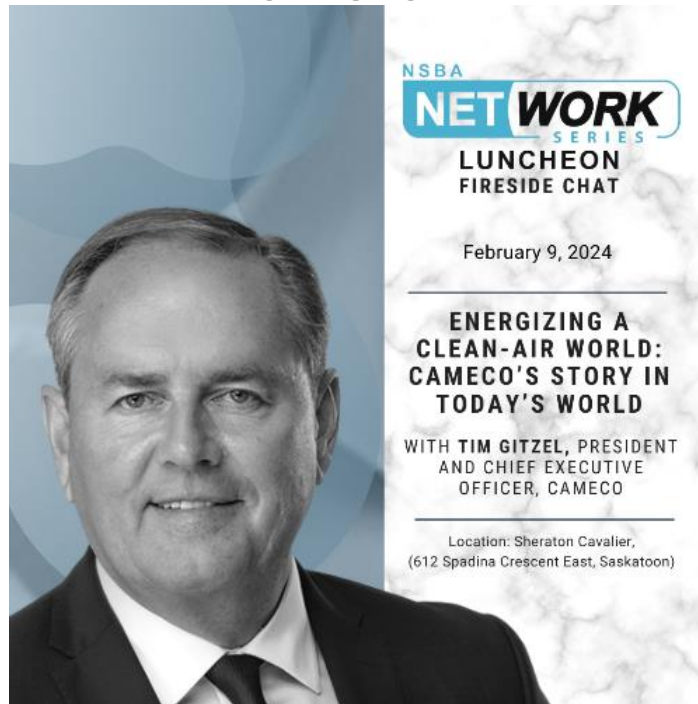
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**FIRESIDE CHAT – ENERGIZING A CLEAN-AIR WORLD – CAMECO'S STORY IN
TODAY'S WORLD**



February 9, 2024

11:30am - 1:00pm

Location : Sheraton Cavalier , 12 Spadina Crescent East

Registration @ 11:30am -

Register: [NSBA Network Series - Luncheon - Fireside Chat with Tim Gitzel \(February 9, 2024\) - Event Registration \(memberzone.com\)](#)

Presented by: Tim Gitzel, President and CEO, Cameco

REMINDER - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

WUHCA Winter Fun Day

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

1- 4 PM

WALLACE PARK (BEHIND WILLOWGROVE SCHOOL)

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



WINTER ZOO CAMP

Winter Zoo Camp

Ages 7-12
\$250

February 20-23
9:00 am - 4:00 pm



SASKATOON
ZOO SOCIETY

Registration open!

saskatoonzoosociety.ca/camp-activities

February break is fast approaching and we only have a couple spots left!
Register before they're gone!

Nutrien Kôna Winter Festival at Wanuskewin



Kôna is going to be bigger and better this year with planned events from Tuesday, February

20th to our main event on the Saturday, February 24th!

Join Kevin Pee-ace on Saturday, February 24th at the Kôna Winter Festival. Don't miss this

opportunity to see what inspires this Indigenous artist! **f**or more

details! <https://fb.me/e/4QPooDM8q>

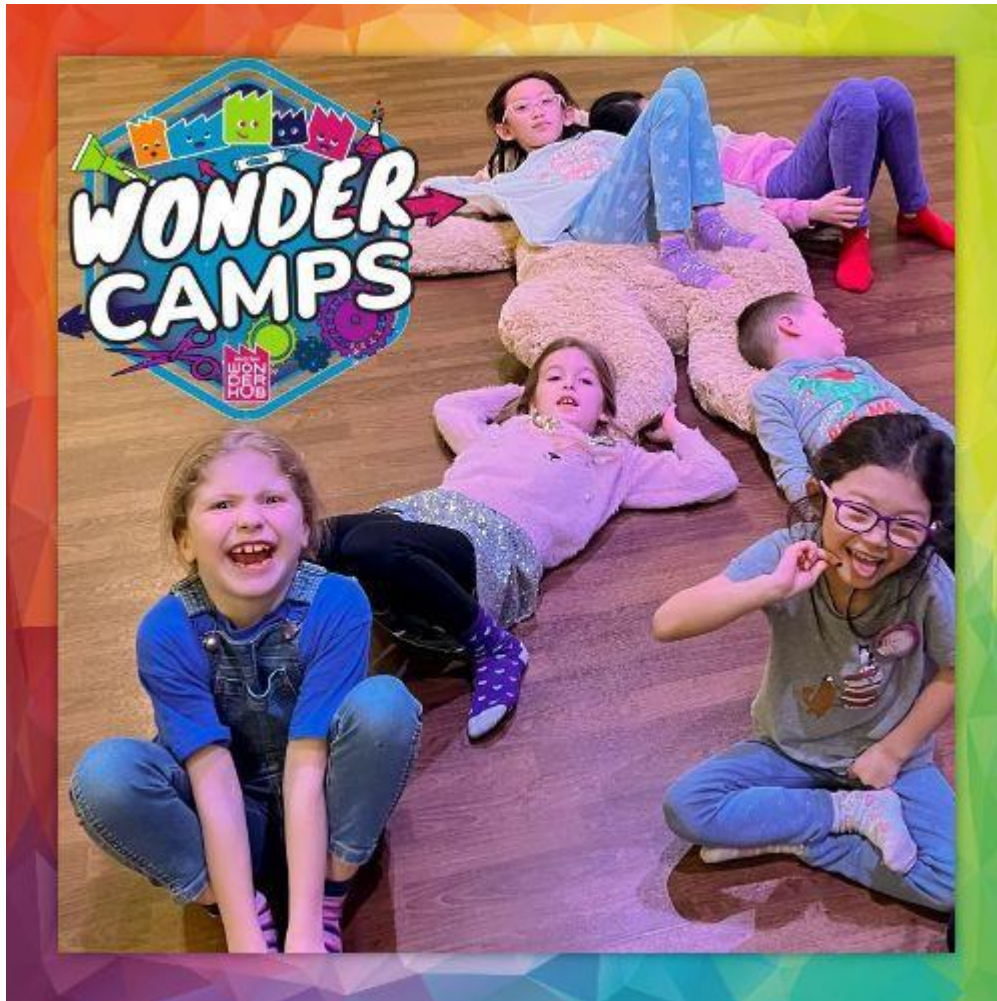
[#WanuskewinKona](#)

SPOTS ADDED FOR BOTH CLASSES



Spots added in both these classes! Register at <https://registration.erindalearbocreek.org/>

NUTRIEN WONDER CAMPS



Wonder Camps build creativity and curiosity, create memories, and make friends. Camps take place most teacher professional development days and school break weeks.

Upcoming camps:

- February 20-23, 2024, Build It, Ages 5-7 & Ages 8-10 (spots are limited)
- March 4, 2024, Marvelous Math, Ages 5-9

If the camp you are looking for is sold out you can call us to get on our waitlist in case of cancellations.

Book your spots for these camps and find all our spring camps at shop.wonderhub.ca

ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES



[Saskatchewan Lawyers Honoured with King's Counsel Designations | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Greater Supports for At-Risk Mothers Through Increased Funding for Sanctum Care Group Programs | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Eligibility Area Expansion and Deadline Extension for 2023 Canada-Saskatchewan Feed Program | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Government of Saskatchewan Signs Contract with PCL Construction Management Inc. to Construct the New Prince Albert Victoria Hospital | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

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

[Inquest Into the Death of Myles Sanderson | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Death at Pine Grove Correctional Centre | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Four Communities to Host New Integrated Youth Services | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Government of Saskatchewan Announces New Supportive Housing in Regina | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[New Saskatchewan Human Rights Commissioners Appointed | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Rink on Wascana Closes for the Season | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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