

There are lots of communities in southeast Saskatchewan and southwest Manitoba with potential for further development. Above, an aerial photo of Moosomin

## Lots of development potential in the heart of the Prairies

With oil, potash, pipelines, manufacturing, and a solid agricultural base, there is a lot of development potential in southeast Saskatchewan and southwest Manitoba. While drilling has slowed down because of low oil prices, the potential of the Bakken formation is just be-ginning to be tapped. The Bakken formation in southeast Saskatchewan is crimoted to hold 1.4 billion bereade of more dribble and of

estimated to hold 1.4 billion barrels of marketable crude oil and 2.9 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, according to Canada's National Energy Board in a report. Crude has been produced from conventional reser-

voirs in Saskatchewan since the mid-1950s, but over

the past decade the oil industry has shifted toward un-locking shale oil and gas using unconventional hori-zontal drilling and multi-stage fracking techniques. The joint assessment by the NEB, the Canadian oil and gas industry regulator, and Saskatchewan's ministry of economy is one of the first attempts to assess the poten-tial of the Bukkon formation in Sackatchewan tial of the Bakken formation in Saskatchewan.

Potash expansion continues in the area. PotashCorp Rocanville is in the final stages of a \$3 billion expansion and Mosaic Esterhazy is in the midst of a \$1.7 billion ex-pansion with its K3 potash project. Both of these projects are adding solid, long-term jobs

to the local economy. If regulatory hurdles can be cleared, pipeline projects proposed for the area include Energy East, which would include a tank terminal at the Moosomin TransCanada Compressor Station and a feeder pipeline from Cromer to Moosomin, and the Upland Pipeline, which would carry North Dakota crude from Williston to the Mooso-

min Compressor Station. The Line 3 replacement project along the Enbridge right-of-way would lead to a large number of construc-tion jobs.

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**Moosomin** is a town of over 3,000 located on the Trans-Canada Highway, where the southeast Saskatchewan oilfield meets the potash belt.

Moosomin is home to an 85-bed Southeast Integrated Care Centre opened in 2008, six physicians of the Moosomin Family Practice Centre and two physicians employed by the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region at the Southeast Integrated Care Centre. It has a wide range of professional services, including a law office, two dental clinics, and a branch of a major accountancy firm.

It is home to the Red Lily Wind Farm, the largest wind power project in southeast Saskatchewan, and is the nearest large town to PotashCorp Rocanville, where a \$2.8 billion expansion project was recently completed.

Moosomin has many new tourism related businesses along the Trans-Canada Highway including three new large motels.

Most important of all, Moosomin is open for business!

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- TransCanada Pipelines Energy East Tank Terminal
- MazerGroup Implement Dealership
- New Leisure Centre at Bradley Park
- Borderland Co-op new 25,500 square foot home centre
- Parrish and Heimbecker new 35,000 square foot fertilizer facility

## NEW BUSINESSES IN THE LAST FEW YEARS:

- Best Western Plus Motel
- Pipestone Villas Phase I and II
- Eastgate Business Park
- Pharmasave Wellness & Mobility Centre
- Conexus Credit Union 9,000 sq. ft. branch
- Flaman Sales & Rentals
- TW Car Wash
- Canalta Hotel
- Tim Hortons
- A & W
- Motel 6
- Subway Restaurant and Strip Mall
- NEW Celebration Ford Dealership

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Moosomin Chamber of Commerce Kevin Weedmark, Secretary Janelle Davidson, Treasurer







### Residential, commercial lots available

Esterhazy is a prospering industrial and agricultural community of nearly 3,000 peo-ple located just west of the Saskatchewan-Manitoba border, well known for its rich and abundant resource of high quality potash. Esterhazy is known as the Potash Capital, with a strong and stable economy. As a major service centre for the area, Esterhazy offers more than 80 categories of local and national franchise businesses. It is also a major centre for public services including booth earse and education

health care and education.

Signs of increased activity in industrial, commercial and residential development are visible throughout the town. There is confidence in our local economy and in the potash

visible throughout the town. There is confidence in our local economy and in the potash industry itself. Private developers are developing two new residential subdivisions in Esterhazy of-fering a variety of lot sizes and building options. Newly-developed acreages just south of town within the RM of Fertile Belt add to the choice for potential home owners. The Sylvite Subdivision developed by the Town offers affordable, attractive lots for single family residences, serviced with water and sewer, and paved streets. Spacious lots in the Margaret Court subdivision are available for owners of modular and mobile homes. For more information on these residential lots, please contact Nancy Johnson, RE/MAX Realtor, at 306-745-7578.

If you are interested in building spec homes within the Sylvite Subdivision or devel-oping commercial or industrial property for lease, Town Council would be pleased to hear your proposal

### Esterhazy is 'Open for Business'

With the influx of young families into town, many business opportunities are created, especially with anything relating to children—clothing, toys, activities, etc. The Ester-hazy Community Daycare Cooperative has just doubled the number of spaces available.

# Esterhazy Come grow with us!

- Desirable residential lots
- Multiple, spacious C2 lots.
- Spacious
- Serviced Paved
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 Close to hotels and restaurants

### **Build your life in Esterhazy!**

For information on **Residential Lots** contact: Nancy Johnson **REALTOR®** 306-745-7578

**Blue Chip Realty** 

For information on **Commercial Lots** contact: **Brent Haas REALTOR®** 306-641-6929

**Blue Chip Realty** 

For information on zoning and permits please contact the Town Office www.townofesterhazy.com town.esterhazy@sasktel.net 306-745-3942



Our existing local businesses have the capacity to provide support to any size busi-ness including those involved in the mining, oil and gas and agriculture sectors, with their high level of expertise and secondary industrial support, services and supplies. Highly desirable commercial lots are still available along Broadview Road. These new

Highly destrable commercial lots are still available along broadview Koda. These new lots, developed by the town, are close to hotels and restaurants, are highly visible, and have easy access from Highway #22. For more information regarding these commercial lots, please contact Brent Haas, RE/MAX Realtor, at 306-641-6929. With future growth in mind, land to the south may be available for residential devel-opment with the probability of future commercial or industrial land to the west. Our invitation is to "Come grow with us!"



For more information, please contact the Town Office at 306-745- 3942, town.ester hazy@sasktel.net or visit www.townofesterhazy.com

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Esterhazy Proud of our heritage

The residents of Esterhazy and surrounding districts appreciate the contribution that small and medium businesses bring to our life.

In addition to providing valued services and products, our business owners have a solid legacy of supporting community and charitable initiatives.



**Esterhazy** Proud of our sustaining industries

Esterhazy is a prospering industrial and agricultural community of nearly 3,000 people located just west of the SK-MB border.

Known as the Potash Capital of the World, our economy is strong and stable.

As a major service centre, Esterhazy offers more than 80 categories of local and national franchise businesses that serve a trading area of 10,000 people.





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## Brylee Estates—ready for your dream home!

Brylee Developments' first phase, Brylee Estates, is ready for your dream home!

nome: Brylee Estates is a unique, new, country residential development bordering the town of Esterhazy, Sask. The development consists of quiet cul de sacs and panoramic views located just minutes away from the scenic Qu'Appelle Valley that winds its way through the area. Brylee Estates has 17 acreage lots to

choose from ranging in size from 2 to 3.3 acres and priced from \$119,000 to \$149,000

per lot. The lots in Brylee Estates have every-thing you need to begin building. Each lot is fully serviced with town water and sewer, and has SaskEnergy and SaskTel services installed. The development has been created with architectural control guidelines to ensure quality and proper esthetics—an added plus for new homeowners!

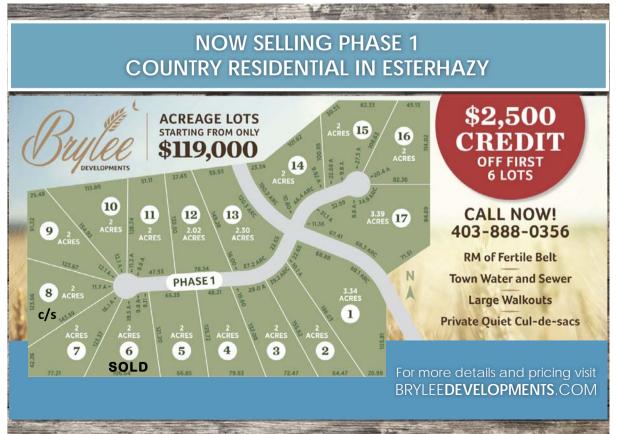
Darcy Borys is the sole owner and de veloper of Brylee Developments and has overseen each detail of the entire project. Borys currently lives in Alberta but he's no stranger to Southeast Saskatchewan as his roots are planted firmly in the Sas-katchewan landscape. Born and raised in Yorkton, Darcy has many friends and foreibunde till poid in the area. family who still reside in the area. Borys wanted to develop Brylee Es-

tates as a way to have a lasting legacy for his family in Saskatchewan. The name Brylee is derived from his two daughters' names—Bryden and Levi. On top of creating a family legacy, Borys was enticed by the prosperous area and all

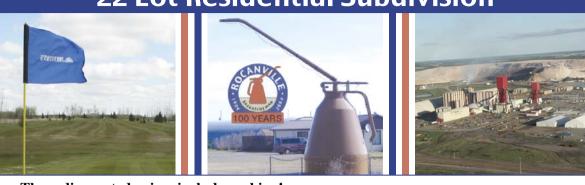
the amenities the community had to offer. Brylee Developments has received trebrytee Developments has received tre-mendous support and established a great working relationship with the RM of Fertile Belt #183 and the Town of Esterhazy. A true believer in community, Borys supports vari-ous events in and around the Esterhazy area. The first lot has been sold and construc-

tion will start soon! With a current credit of \$2,500 available

towards the first six lots sold, don't wait to build your dream home in Brylee Estates!



# **Town of Rocanville Cameron Crescent** 22 Lot Residential Subdivision



### These discounted prices include curbing!



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Cameron Crescent is Rocanville's newest neighbourhood with 22 properties serviced with water and sewer to the front property line. Natural gas, electricity, telephone, etc. are located in the lanes and concrete curbing was poured in 2014.

### Residential lots of varying sizes are available in the vibrant community of Rocanville.

Come and enjoy a variety of recreational opportunities including a grass-green golf course, indoor swimming pool, curling rink, skating rink, ski trails, snowmobile trails, shuffleboard, cards, etc.

Rocanville offers well-paying career opportunities, an excellent K-12 school, a pre-school daycare, doctor and dental services, massage therapy, pharmacy services, Dial-A-Van, seniors' lodging and a comprehensive recycling program for you 'green' folks.

Check out our website at www.rocanville.ca for information on home rentals available. The website is updated daily with new information that becomes available so please visit the website frequently to find out what is happening in Rocanville as well as the many services that are available.

### Please send inquiries by e-mail to: rocanville.town@sasktel.net

We thank you for your interest and look forward to having you here!

### Town of Rocanville - Cameron Crescent Residential Development

**Residential lots** on sale for the vear 2016

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### **Property Tax Incentive - Residential**

e Town of Rocanville will provide a tax incentive program, applicable to the inicipal and school property taxes (Section 298 of The Municipalities Act), fo

- c) The incentive does not apply to renovations of existing homes or to additions such as garages, decks or sheds.
  d) Year 1 100% Abatement year construction begins Year 2 50% Abatement Year 3 50% Abatement Year 4 25% Abatement Year 5 25% Abatement

- i) The property owner is required to apply for the tax concession, in writing, prior to beginning construction.



# C&M Homes—building people's dreams

C&M Homes, located in Wawota, Saskatchewan. prides themselves on not just building a house for their customers, but on building a place their cus-tomers can call home. "We build people's

"We build people's dreams," says Dalelynn Fahlman with C&M Homes. "We build exact-Homes. I what people want so they're getting the house that they're probably nev-er going to move out of. It's their dream house."

C&M Homes does both on-site and RTM home building. Fahlman says there are a lot of mis-conceptions about RTM conceptions about RTM homes that C&M tries to put to rest.

"People have a real mis-conception about what an RTM home is," she says. "A lot of people think an RTM home is a trailer or a mobile home, or a modular home. But ours aren't. Ours are homes. Our RTM homes are homes—they're real floor plans, they're de-signed by an architectural designer. They're exactly what you will build if you were to build on site.

We build your home and then move it on to your foundation, or we come right to your site and build it right there. We like to sit down with our customer beforehand and see which way is going to be most



beneficial for them financially, and then we do it that way. The further the distance, the more cost ef-fective an RTM becomes."

Fahlman says the com-bany builds six to eight

pany builds six to eight houses a year on average. "We've been doing a lot of really big homes for retired people moving to Kenosee Lake in the last couple of years," she says. "There's been quite a large number of retired teach. number of retired teach-ers, farmers, and oil com-pany executives. They're retiring and they just want their big dream home to retire in. And that's what we've been spending most of our time on.

C&M Homes has been "Paul Kapell, the owner, purchased in from Clar-

ence and Maurice Lamontagne in 2010. Paul himself had been in the home construction business for about 15 years before that," says Fahlman. "We have 10 of our own

employees, and they're all journeymen carpenters, journeymen electricians, journeymen plumbers. They're all highly qualified and up to date. And then we have local subcontractors that we use. We try to use as much local suppli-ers as we can—the local lumber yard, the local con-crete, painters, shingles, everything."

Fahlman says C&M strives to make every one

strives to make every one of their homes unique. "We don't just build a box," she says. "A lot of people think of RTM

homes as just a box. It's nomes as just a box. It's not just 'here's a floor plan, slap some stuff together.' Every single house we've done has been different there's not been two that are the same. Typically when you go to some of the RTM home companies out there, you get stock floor plans, and some-one's house down the street could be the same as vours.

"On our website we do have floor plans people can choose from. But there's choose from. But there's never going to be a floor plan that people will want exactly. There's always a change to make it what you want. We tell the cuswe'll make it the way you want it. The most impor-tant part about building a house is having a plan you like. If you're going to spend that much money, ake it the way you want it to be

Fahlman says the com-pany aims for quality in all ways

'Our products are high quality, top-notch. Our employee are—I can't even tell you how great they are. They're totally professional, they know what they're doing and they get it done. We typi-cally turn out an RTM or cally turn out an KIM or on site build in about four to six months, because they know what they're doing, they get right at it and they get it done. Each step of the way is inspect-d. If what has a straight of the start of the way is inspected. It's checked over by the professionals, we don't move on to the next step until we know our build is correct. We have a proud reputation with the in-spectors in our area, they know our stuff is going to be top-notch, and the feed-back from our customers has been amazing."

has been amazing." Fahlman says it's impor-tant for customers looking to build a home to do as to build a home to do as much planning as possible over the winter months. Construction on the house can start in the spring, and the house can be ready by

the house can be ready by fall. "Td like to emphasize that if anyone is thinking of building a home in the future to really sit down in the fall, plan out their house over the winter so that they can get in line with us or anyone else, with us or anyone else, because once the spring hits that's when you are going to want to start do-ing your builds," she says. "And most people don't even start the process un-til creating on your house til spring so your house doesn't even get started until late summer. And then you're building over the winter and people want to get in at Christmas. The longest part of the process is picking out your floor plan and getting it the way you want. If they do that over the winter their house can get started as soon as the ground thaws and they are in by the fall."



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## **Expansion will double** PotashCorp Rocanville capacity

The finishing touches are ing put on PotashCorp being put on PotashCorp Rocanville's \$3-billion ex-Rocarville's \$3-billion ex-pansion project, which will double its production capacity, making it one of the biggest underground mines—potash or other-wise—in the world, accord-

wise—in the world, accord-ing to PotashCorp Rocan-ville's general manger. "Our planned produc-tion is about five million tonnes per year," Larry Long told a Saskatchewan Mining Week breakfast re-cently, "Obviously, this will be dictated by potash mar-kets, but it will be quite a change for us at Rocanvile. We typically did 2.5 million to 2.7 million tonnes per year, so this is a giant step

up." Long, a mining industry veteran from New Brunswick, said the eight-year expansion project pre-sented many challenges and obstacles to overcome, including an "monster feature"—an unexpectfeature"—an unexpect-edly large salt formation which separated the new and existing potash ore bodies.

bodies. "We mined straight salt for over a year," Long said, adding that 3-D seismic technology "doesn't tell you what is salt and what is potash. There had to be a leap of faith that we were going to intersect that ore body on the other side." Fortunately, the Pot-

ashCorp team was able to reach the ore body "and it worked out," he told the mining week session host-ed by the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce and the Association of Profes-tional Engineers and Coa sional Engineers and Geo-scientists of Saskatchewan.

Starting in 2008, the ex-pansion project employed thousands of construction workers and contractors, both underground and both underground and above ground, working on the installation of min-ing equipment and build-ings. "We had up to 1,800 contractors on the site; that was our peak head count. But there was a long pe-riod where there were 1,500 (contractors), plus our own

(contractors), plus our own employees." When completed, full-time employment will in-crease to 750, double the present workforce. "It was a never-ending process. There's so much that goes into one of these compensione that it's herd to

expansions that it's hard to capture how busy a place it

capture how busy a place it was for eight years and still is now," Long added. But there is light at the end of the tunnel. "We'll wrap up in about Novem-ber," Long said. "That will give us a few months to commission the whole sys-tem ". tem.

tem." Long said PotashCorp Rocanville will operate us-ing to two mills, the origi-nal mill at 1,100 tonnes

per hour and the new mill at 1.300 tonnes per hour, "We'll have more flexibility to do maintenance work where we can keep pro-duction going ... It's a real competitive advantage."

the More importantly, More importantly, the new capacity will make Ro-canville one of the largest underground potash mines in the world, if not the larg-est, when running at full capacity in early 2017. "Certainly, if not the big-gest underground potash mine, it will be (number) one or two in the world. But for underground mines

But for underground mines period, it will certainly be one of the top underground operations in any commod-ity in the world," Long said following his presentation. OTHER FACTS ABOUT THE

POTASHCORP ROCANVILLE

• Installed enough conveyor belt to run from Ro-canville to Yorkton (130

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Installed enough 25 ki-lovolt electrical cable to run from Rocanville to Moose Jaw (300 km);

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Come for a visit or come to stay - We welcome you to our community!



## Welcome to Whitewood!

A warm welcome awaits all who stop to experience what the community of Whitewood has to offer. Located at the crossroads of Highways 1 and 9 in southeastern Sas-katchewan, Whitewood is home to about 1,000 residents. Whitewood is close to Round Lake in the Qu'Appelle Val-ley (to the north) and Kenosee Lake and Moose Mountain Provincial Park (to the south).

Provincial Park (to the south). Whitewood proudly boasts reverse osmosis water, a modern campground, a swimming pool and a brand new splash park, arena complex, and a second-to-none nine-hole grass green golf course. To accommodate our growing community, a new resi-dential subdivision has several lots now for sale. Com-mercial space is also available, and information on both residential and commercial space can be obtained from Whitewood is hown office.

Whitewood is home to a number of eating establish-ments, a grocery store, two banks with ATMs, a pharma-cy, and morel For those who are interested in relocating to our community, our real estate agents will be happy to help you. Whitewood is also home to a brand new 18-suite condo complex (55-plus), now open and ready for tonants! for tenants!

Town Square Whitewood will be officially cutting the ribbon at the Town Square park opening on July 6. This park is located directly south of the Town Office located on Whitewood's main street. What was once an empty lot is now a beauti-ful green space complete with flowers, trees, shrubs, huge rectangular gazebo and very soon, benches to sit on.

Whitewood Birthday Bash 2017 Whitewood will celebrate Canada's 150th and White-wood's 125th birthdays on June 30, July 1 and July 2, 2017. We would like to contact you by email but first we need you to email us so we have your contact information: whitewoodbirthdaybash2017@gmail.com

Larson Park (golf course, swimming pool, splash park, campground, kids' playground, ball diamonds) Larson Park is home to the swimming pool (seasonal), a brand new water park (2015), newly renovated ball diamonds, modern campground, kiddies' playground, and picnic area. The golf club boasts a challenging (and immensely enjoyable) nine-hole layout well known lo-cally for its high quality greens. Flat and easy to walk, the course has fairways of average width that are bordered by thick growths of trees and affects a player's strategy on the most difficult hole—the par four 9th.

**Community Centre** Whitewood's curling/skating arena is one of the finest arenas in Southeast Saskatchewan and is home to minor hockey, figure skating, adult rec hockey, men's hockey, and AA midget hockey. It is equipped to offer specialty programming on a year round basis. The curling club of-fers weekly leagues and many bonspiels throughout the year. In the off season, the arena complex accommodates rentals for weddings, reunions, banquets and much more.

### Millennium Mural

No stop in Whitewood would be complete without see-No stop in Whitewood would be complete without see-ing our murals, including the Millennium Mural painted on the side of the Whitewood Outdoor and Pet Supply store in downtown Whitewood. The mural was created from an original photograph of Whitewood, North West Territories, and was painted by local artists.

Heritage Centre Archive Building & Historical Library Whitewood is home to the award-winning Merchant's Bank Heritage Centre in historical downtown White-wood. The reclaimed building houses an interpretive dis-play featuring the story of the French Counts of St. Hu-bert. The centre is open by appointment only. Contact the Town Office at 306-735-2210. The Archive Building and Historical Library is located at 503 3rd Avenue and is housed in an old restored Meth-Town Office at 306-735-2210.

Heritage Walking Tour What better way to explore Whitewood than at your own pace, assisted by the award winning Heritage Walk-ing Tour Guide, where you'll see Whitewood's historical

buildings. Stop by the Town Office or Whitewood Mu-seum for a copy of the guide.

Flag Garden Located at the north end of Lalonde St., the flag gar-den is comprised of 14 flags standing amidst a beautiful flower garden. The flags represent the ethnic diversity of this area. It's a great place to take a few snapshots, as well as have a picnic

Old George's Whitewood is home to Old George's Museum and Hid-den Village with its 1900 period home filled with antiques. Old Geo's is located along the Trans Canada Highway at Whitewood

Museum/Tourist Booth Whitewood's Historical Museum also houses the Tourist Information Booth and is located at 603 North Railway. Open from mid-May to early September, it features a rural school and an agriculture building. Visitors will find historical information about the early settlers and ar-tifacts from the people of Whitewood area.

### Whitewood Chacachas Rodeo

Every summer, local area residents and visitors alike anticipate all the rodeo action that Whitewood's rodeo is famous for.

### **Community Events**

Community Events Whitewood hosts a number of events annually, includ-ing a dinner theatre production, trade fair, Falcons' Ball Tournament, town-wide garage sale (first Saturday of June), museum open house, Daily Vacation Bible School, rodeo, fall craft sale, Santa Claus Day, Poinsettia and Pine Art Show, Carol Festival and live Christmas Nativity.

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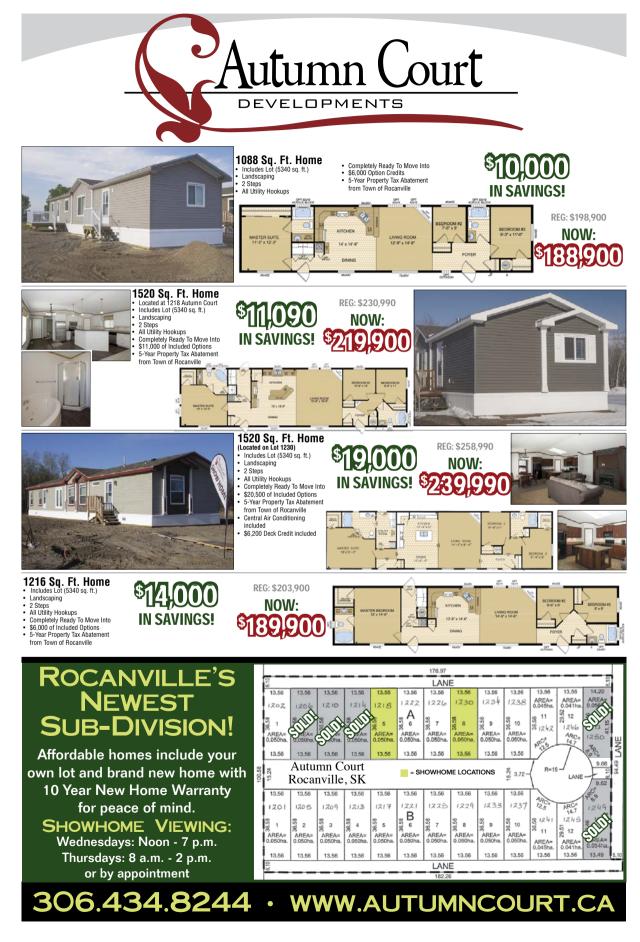


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## **The RM of Pipestone: Entrepreneurs and investors wanted!**









The RM of Pipestone is currently welcoming entrepre-The RM of Pipestone is currently welcoming entrepre-neurs and investors to their community, sourcing per-sons that would have interest in business development. The RM of Pipestone Council and the Community De-velopment Corporation (CDC) have been working hard towards initiatives designed to help build a stronger, healthier community. healthier community.

The RM of Pipestone is known as an investor's par-adise, identified for its location in proximity to the pe-troleum industry in Manitoba. The area boasts prime real-estate and cash incentives for those that invest in the future of the Rural Municipality.

future of the Rural Municipality. With the purchase or construction of a business in the Municipality, business investments qualify for a cash in-centive up to \$32,000. This grant figure is based on the assessed value of the building constructed or purchased. "There has been an influx in business with having two primary industries—agriculture and oil. The posi-tive economic state has kept us here, and brought back a young population," commented Gail and Dick Irwin, owners of Irwin Automotive, Sinclair. The RM of Pipestone has multiple developments on

owners of irwin Automotive, sinclair. The RM of Pipestone has multiple developments on the horizon. These developments can and will support the re-establishment and development of new services such as a lumber and hardware store, seasonal conces-sions, accommodations and more. "Our Municipality's aggressive nature for development will not only support



developments of this kind, but also encourages that busi-

developments of this kind, but also encourages that busi-nesses will continue to grow throughout the years," stat-ed Manager of Economic Development, Tanis Chalmers. The RM of Pipestone currently has a 24 residential lot subdivision in Reston and is working on a 20-year devel-opment plan for a quarter section adjacent to Reston. The RM is progressing on developments in Pipestone and other areas of the Municipality. With the combination of new developments and existing refurbishment in the area, businesses have the opportunity to succeed. "Every time you turn around there is economic activity happening. The opportunity is here if you are willing to do the work!" said Wes Omichinski, owner of Bonneville Transport. Reston.

Transport, Reston.

The local businesses have shown success, but working as a team makes them stronger and more profitable. "The RM of Pipestone is a centralized location for business. We are able to source our employees and customer base right here," said Rick Bloomer and Jason Schmecht, Manag-ers ofSpearing Services, Pipestone. As the RM strives to meet the needs of the Municipality, they are eager to see what the future holds for the evolving business community.

For more information about the RM of Pipestone and their programs please contact Tanis Chalmers, Manager of Economic Development, 204-877-3327 or www.rmofpipestone.com.

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Plain & Vallev **Olympic Homes:** Pushing the limits on ready to move homes

## Olympic Homes, based in Winnipeg, Manitoba has been building RTM homes for over 20 years, but the way the company builds homes has vastly changed in those 20 occurs. To don the second 20 years. Today the company prides itself on building homes that are far from typical.

"In Manitoba we're really striving to build the best that can be built within the For the basic data can be built within the restrictions of an RTM home," says Derek Fyfe, General Manager of Olympic Homes and Northern Sales. "We're including high roof lines and 11-foot ceilings when many RTM builders are still building the basic box-style we saw back in the 1980s. Our de-icence are incerted whomester uses in signs are inspired by elements you see in many upscale developments. They include cultured stone on the exterior, covered entrances and glass railing for staircases, for example.

We've also expanded our selection of we ve also expanded our selection of interior finishing elements and now in-clude items such as granite countertops and laminate floors. We have an on-site Design Centre and an in-house Consultant who will guide you through all the selec-tions necessary to finish your home with elements you choose. We know there are many decisions to be made so with that in mind our starting home specifications include items which would be considered upgrades with other builders such as cush-ion linoleum flooring, higher quality carpet and triple pane low E argon windows, to name a few."

name a few." Fyfe says Olympic Homes has found that building unique homes with more options is the best way to serve their customers. "We really want our finished product to stand out," he says. "Ultimately we want

stand out," he says. "Ultimately we want our customers to be proud of the home they purchase from Olympic and really enjoy it. There is no typical Olympic Homes cus-tomer. Our customers are from all walks



of life so our flexibility with design and options ensures the customer's home fits them and not the other way around. We do build spec homes because it's very important for potential customers to be able to walk through a show home to see the quality of our workmanship and design el-ements. Then we will offer the show homes for sale but stress that each home is essen-tially a custom build.

"Many of Olympic Homes' customers are located in Manitoba and Saskatchewan and most recently from as far away as Alberta. We build on average forty to fifty homes a year. Our build time is about three months

year. Our build time is about three months from the time the paperwork is in place." Fyfe says Olympic Homes also particu-larly prides itself on offering a great cus-tomer experience. "We really focus on the customer experience here," he says. "From the time customers walk in the door and speak with a Consultant or visit our show

homes we ensure they don't feel over-whelmed by all there is to see and think about. We are aware that buying a home can be very stressful and we want to make can be very stressful and we want to make sure that we explain the process thorough-ly and help each customer work through the process. While the customers' home is being built we are in very close contact with them, sometimes daily. We want our customers to be happy and offer a refer-ral program should they recommend us to friends, family or colleagues.

"The overall customer experience is something that we're very proud of and we

Continue to improve upon." Olympic Homes is a family owned com-pany and Fyfe says they continue to grow and expand their services. "We continue to grow. The company has two yards on site at its location in Winnipeg—one for view-ing homes and another for building homes. Our building yard has been expanded several times over the last few years to add more stalls to give us more build spaces. The yard at the back of our property is where our main building stalls are. We just finished an expansion. We had 23 building lots and just added another seven. Every

year we get a little bit bigger. "The show home village is something we really take a lot of pride in," says Fyfe. "We've got 10 fully finished show homes on the property and they are available to walk through. If a customer can't wait to have his or her home built, one of our spec homes may be an option. Our spec homes

homes may be an option. Our spec homes do come up for sale on a regular basis which gives us an opportunity to feature different floor plans and finishing details. Fyfe says, because their homes are all built at their site there is a high level of quality control that is applied to each build. This is much more difficult with site built homes. "All the phases of purchasing a This is much more difficult with site built homes. "All the phases of purchasing a home are completed right here at Olympic, from sales, design and finally the build," he says. "Our site supervisor and site inspec-tor are better able to monitor the processes of all the homes most efficiently. They con-stantly monitor each build and work close-u with the tendor. They're not traveling ly with the trades. They're not travelling all over the city or province, dealing with problems. If something comes up we're on it immediately." It should also be noted that Olympic

It should us a CSA certified builder. Fyfe says at the end of the day, it's the team he works with that makes the Olympic Dic Homes vision possible. "Olympic Users has a great group of people," he team ne works with that makes the Oylmpic pic Homes vision possible. "Oylmpic Homes has a great group of people," he says. "We really stress working together as a team and work hard to make sure that we're all aiming for the common goal, which is to have a happy customer with a great product." great product.



## Lots of development potential in the heart of the Prairies

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Continued from page 33 Manufacturing is also an impor-tant part of the local economy. Zero-till air seeder manufactur-ing company Seed Hawk continues to grow from their original roots, a southeast Saskatchewan factory in Langbank. Started up in 1992 by Pat Beaujot, who took on the family farm in Langbank, and wanted to create in Langbank, and wanted to create a better air seeder, Seed Hawk has grown from a small family business, selling seeders to small farms in the

region, to a massive manufacturing plant with annual sales in the \$80 million range.

million range. The company has grown massive-ly over the last few years. The manufacturing plant in Lang-bank now has 250 employees, and over 2,000 air seeders in the field. In 2006, they partnered with a Swedish manufacturing company, Väderstad, to increase their reach into the Euro-pean market, and in 2013, Väderstad bought 100 per cent of Seed Hawk

shares. Now the two companies share dealerships in 40 countries, and have 50 in North America. There is also a manufacturing and

fabricating sector that serves the pot-ash mines in the Rocanville and Esterhazy areas.

ternazy areas. These industries provide a solid employment base in the region. Many communities in the area are growing as a result of these indus-tries, and there is a lot more growth attentiate of the behavior. potential on the horizon



### Many industries contribute to the development potential of southeast Saskatchewan and southwest Manitoba. Above, the Red Lily Wind Farm near Moosomin

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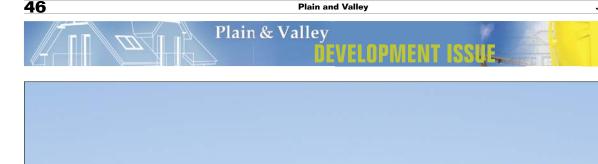
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## Southeast College students do heavy equipment work for park, RM

by Kara Kinna Six Southeast College students recently completed a heavy equipment op-erator program by building a lane and doing other heavy equipment jobs at Moosomin Regional Park and in the RM of Moosomin.

Southeast College has southeast College has partnered with the park and the RM to offer the program for the first time in the Moosomin area. The four week course

ran until May 20. "They built another lane

at the park entry, and also did some road mainte-nance, plus another proj-ect that was added," said Tracy Page with Southeast College.

"The college has run the heavy equipment operator program for a number of years. This is the first time that I know of in the Moosomin area.

Why did the college de-cide to offer it in the Moo-somin area?

"The learner demand was there and I wanted to bring a program like that to our community," says Page, "I've had quite a few calls from in and around Moosomin for learners as well as from Manitoba and so I thought why not try it, and I'm very glad I did.

'There are six students and for this program and Lead sprayer operator pilot project also a success

we have the excavator, the motor grader and the doz-er on site.

"It is a Sask Polytechnic program. Each student will gain two certificates. Each student is on two pieces of

"We also pair that with First aid, CPR and the SETI ground disturbance tick-

et." Another new course that was offered recently through the college was a short lead operator sprayer course. The course was a pilot project. pilot project. "We partnered with Ma-

ple Farm Equipment, John Deere Corporate, Hebert Grain Ventures, and Bayer Crop Science and we have Crop Science and we have piloted the lead operator and this one was the spray-er," says Page. "It took place out at Hebert Grain Ventures and it was over three days. And the stu-dents had classroom theo-rely and heads on vectoral

ry and hands-on practical experience in operation. "We will be having a meeting with all partners involved to see if we can create more programming along the aericulture line" along the agriculture line." Twelve students signed

up for the lead sprayer course.

"They will currently be getting a certificate from Southeast College stat-ing what they took for the training. We will be look-ing at possibly adding a credit for that in future," says Page

says Page Page says the course was

Page says the course was meant to take an experi-enced operator and train them up quickly to lead operator. "We're taking someone who is familiar with the equipment and moving them to the lead opera-tor statue-someone that tor status—someone that a corporate farming op-eration is comfortable giv-ing control over a piece of

equipment. "When Hebert Grain came to Southeast College we kind of realized what avenue we were going to take with agriculture. Matake with agriculture. Ma-ple Farm equipment were on board right off the start. We had been meeting over the past year with Maple Farm and we just couldn't pinpoint the exact pro-gram. It all kind of came together as soon as we had that learner demand."

Page says they may be offering more lead operator courses down the road.



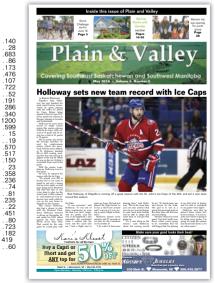


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# Work on Upland Pipeline would begin in 20 "The Upland project will help alleviate some of the crude by rail bottleneck in North Dakota with a more

## **Proposed Upland Pipeline Project**



by Kevin Weedmark While work is still be-

ing done on the details of TransCanada's proposed Upland Pipeline, work would begin on the project in 2019, pending approval by Canadian and American government agencies.

"Construction is antici-pated to begin in 2019," said TransCanada spokesman Mark Cooper. "Upland is about ensur-

ing maximum North Amer-ican benefits for the energy we produce and making sure it gets to market in the safest, most efficient and sound environmentally way possible.



efficient and less energy

intensive way to transport needed oil."

Earlier this year, Trans-Canada took the next step

in its proposed Upland Pipeline, which would carry Bakken crude from Williston, North Dakota to

the Moosomin Compressor

Station, where it would be transferred to the Trans-

The \$600 million Upland Pipeline would stretch 450

In late April, TransCana-

Canada main line

km across the Prairies.

da applied to the U.S. State Department for permission to build the pipeline across the Canada-U.S. border.

TransCanada has never received approval for its proposed Keystone XL Pipeline that would take Canadian crude south, but the Upland Pipeline would bring American crude bring north.

north. Last year, TransCanada said it had enough ship-per interest to move ahead with the Upland project, which would bring 300,000 barrels of oil a day to Moo-somin, where it would be transformed to the 11 mil transferred to the 1.1-million barrel a day Energy

lion barrel a day Energy East project. The Upland pipeline re-quires a presidential permit because it crosses the U.S.-Canada border—a process that has delayed TransCan-ada's \$8-billion Keystone

XL pipeline for years. The \$12-billion Energy East pipeline is designed to ship oil from western oil fields as far as Canada's East Coast. The economic impact of the project is hard to estimate since the details of the project have not been finalized.

"Since the project scope is not fully defined it is too early to speculate on construction employment numbers," said Cooper

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Work on Upland Pipeline would begin in 2019

<sup>FS</sup> Continued from page 48 The Upland Pipeline is being planned alongside Energy East. "The proposed Upland pipeline would provide crude oil transportation between multiple points in North Dakota and con-pect with other inter, and nect with other inter- and intra-state pipelines. One of the interconnects will be to Energy East in Can-ada near the Saskatch-ewan/Manitoba border," said Cooper. "Williston Basin shippers

from both Canada and the U.S. see significant advan-tages in having a trans-portation system that will move crude oil volumes to refineries in eastern Cana-

da and the U.S. East Coast. "TransCanada is unique-ly positioned to provide shippers with the opportunity to move Williston Ba-sin crude oil within North Dakota and to refining facilities in Montreal, Quebec City and the eastern seaboard to meet energy demand."

demand." Cooper said it is too early to determine if the new pipeline would affect the size of the tank farm planned for the Moosomin

compressor station as part of the Energy East plans. "At this point in time it is too early to speculate, based on the fact the project scope is not fully defined,'

As part of the Energy East proposal, TransCana-da already planned a feed-er pipeline from Cromer, Manitoba to the Moosomin Compressor Station, and a 1,050,000 barrel tank farm at the Moosomin Compres-sor Station to allow the production from Bakken oilfields in Saskatchewan and Manitoba to be added

and Manitoba to be added to the TCPL main line. Souris-Moose Mountain MP Dr. Robert Kitchen said he believes moving Energy East forward should be a top priority for the govern-ment.

He spoke to the Moo-somin Chamber of Commerce recently and detailed Conservative Party efforts

to press the government on the issue. "We put forward a mo-tion on Energy East to show support for Energy East, asking the government to stand up and show support for that," he told chamber members. "It was defeated unfor-

members. "It was defeated, unfor-tunately. "We were asking to say that we need to support this and we need to encourthis and we need to encour-age it. The Liberals and the NDP voted against the mo-tion. Ralph Goodale voted against the motion. Three members from Saskatch-ewan—the NDP and the Liberal—voted against it. Vou, hed umanismus cure You had unanimous sup-port from the Conserva-

tives here in the province. "It is something that we are still pushing. It is some-thing that is still on our thing that is still on our agenda. Definitely we are not letting it ride. We're try-ing to get the federal gov-ernment to stand up and say—now that they put in all these extra barriers to road block it—we are try-ing to get them to say that if the National Energy Board says it's still viable will you support it, and they still support it, and they stil won't stand up to do that. etill

"Obviously it's a big ef-fect with the gas and oil here in the riding and the

downturn. "We're also hoping that although they signed the TPP that they will actually

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bring it to the floor and we will be able to endorse it unanimously. It will help us market the resources that we have from this area. will continue to push for

that for you." North Dakota is now the United States' second larg-est oil producing state af-ter Texas, producing about 1.2 million barrels of crude 1.2 million barrels of crude daily. Several pipeline proj-ects are proposed to move the oil, 60 per cent of which now is being hauled by rail, leading to safety concerns. It was a train of North Da-tot crude that avpleded in kota crude that exploded in Lac Megantic, Quebec, in July of 2013, killing 47 people and destroying much of the community.



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Canadians are invited to provide their comments on the proposed Line 3 pipeline replacement proj-ect through a new, online questionnaire launched today by the Government of Canada.

The questionnaire will be available to Canadians be available to Canadians until September 15, 2016. Background information on the proposed project, including the National Energy Board's recom-mendation report, is also available for reference. A report summarizing the comments received will be available in the fall. The views of Canadians

The views of Canadians will help inform the Gov-ernment of Canada's deciernment of Canada's deci-sion on the proposed proj-ect, expected in November 2016. All Canadians, par-ticularly those along the pipeline route from Hard-isty, Alberta, to Gretna, pipeline route from Hard-isty. Alberta, to Gretna, Manitoba, are invited to complete the question-naire: http://nrcan-rncan. sondages-surveys.ca/s/ Line-3-Oil-Pipeline/lan-comp/

geng/ In April, the National Energy Board (concluded that the Enbridge Line 3 Replacement Program is Replacement Program is in the Canadian public in-terest and recommended project approval to the federal government. The Line 3 replacement project would be a major project across southeast

Saskatchewan and south-west Manitoba. If ap-proved, the project will go ahead in 2019. The Enbridge right-of-way runs through Lang-bank, Maryfield, and Cromer in the local area.

The Line 3 replacement project would involve placing an entirely new line along the right-of-

way. The NEB decision fol-The NEB decision fol-lows a public hearing process that included an exhaustive scientific and technical examination of all the evidence brought before the NEB panel.

before the NEB panel. In recommending ap-proval of the project, the NEB noted that the project will replace an aging pipe-line with new pipeline constructed to modern standards and therefore make an existing pipeline safer. The NEB has im-

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posed 89 project-specific conditions to enhance public safety, environmen-tal protection, and consul-tation between the company and stakeholders.

The company proposes to operate the new pipe-line at the original pipe-line's capacity of 760,000 Ine's capacity of 760,000 barrels of oil per day. The majority of construction will occur within a right of way that parallels and overlaps existing Enbridge rights of way, including the Enbridge Mainline cor-ridor ridor.

Steve McLellan, presi-dent of the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce. Chamber of Commerce, said he welcomes the NEB decision and hopes the federal government will give final approval soon. "Politics shouldn't enter into it," he said. "The Na-tional Energy Board has dealt with the small-p pol-

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itics. Are the communities comfortable? Yes. Have they been consulted? Yes. Is there any undue risk? No. Move on. Carry on. The issue with Line 3 is south of the border there are some process issues there that involve some

big-P Politics." McLellan said that he feels Canadian companies are held to a high stan-dard, and pipeline delays mean Canada is importing oil from producers which are not held to such a high standard standard.

"We have our oil companies panies and our pipeline companies having to companies having to jump through hoops," he said. "Do we ask that of the Saudi oil produc-ers? Do we ask that of the South American oil pro-ducers?"



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