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A retail section of Rosewood (in pink) will be developed by Arbutus Properties and feature 40-50 businesses.

Retail development approved for Rosewood

Box, boutique, restaurants, and specialty shops coming

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City council has approved a new retail development for Rosewood that could house 40 to 50 new businesses. "The retail will be about 90 acres," said Milton Castilio, sales manager with Arbutus Properties which is developing the Meadows Market.

"It's going to (have) box type stores, a lot of boutique-like shops, restaurants and specialty stores," he said. The town centre will feature wide pedestrian-friendly sidewalks, a community gathering space and front of store parking. Arbutus has already begun servicing the site, located at the corner of Highway 16 and Zimmerman Road,

and they said they are in negotiations with a wide number of retailers. "There is a lot of interest in the whole commercial area," Castilio said. "Particularly from the residents of the Meadows because they are close to it." The Meadows is an Arbutus project that when completed will encompass more than 2,800 single-family homes, bungalows and town houses. It is an architecturally controlled neighbourhood that features front porches

on every house. "It is street friendly to the neighbours," Castilio said. "It is different than most of the subdivisions you will see in the city." "This brings us one step closer to fulfilling our promise of building a true front porch neighbourhood and creating the opportunity for residents to forge strong community bonds and relationships," added Arbutus Properties CEO Jeff Drexel. No time frame has been set for when the project will be completed.

COMPETITION

Finalists vie for Outstanding Youth Farmer title

LEADER-POST

REGINA — The top two finalists for the 2014 Saskatchewan's Outstanding Young Farmers' (OYF) competition are: Aaron and Adrienne Ivey, mixed cattle and grain farm, Ituna; and Ryan and Leanne Thompson, owners of Living Sky Beef, Ceylon. The two finalists now head to the provincial competition being held at the Hotel Saskatchewan in Regina from June 19-20 where their interview and presentation skills will be evaluated by a panel of judges. Nominees are judged according to the following criteria: Progress made in their agriculture career; environmental and safety practices; crop and livestock production history; financial and management practices; and contributions to their community, province and country. The winner will be announced at the Canada's Farm Progress Show in Regina at an awards luncheon June 20. Among other prizes, the winner will receive a trip to the National Awards, to be held this November in Quebec City.

Saskatchewan's OYF competition is sponsored by presenting sponsor Farm Credit Canada and platinum sponsors Canada's Farm Progress Show, MNP, Monsanto, SaskCanola, Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture, TD Canada Trust, The Western Producer, and Viterra. Now in its 34th year, Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers' program is an annual competition to recognize young farmers who exemplify excellence in their profession and promote the contribution that agriculture makes to the country's well-being. Open to participants 18 to 39 years of age, who make the majority of income from on-farm sources, participants are selected from seven regions across Canada, with two national winners chosen each year. The program is sponsored nationally by CIBC, John Deere, Bayer CropScience, and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, and supported nationally by AdFarm and Farm Management Canada. More information on the finalists can be found on the Saskatchewan OYF website at www.saskoyf.ca.

TAX POLICY

Ottawa pushes ahead on income splitting

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OTTAWA — Employment Minister Jason Kenney says the federal government has no intention of backing away from its income splitting pledge, despite a new report concluding the plan would exacerbate income inequality and bestow the most benefits to the West. Kenney made the statement in the House of Commons on Tuesday while debating an NDP motion to do away with the idea. The report by the left-leaning Broadbent Institute concluded that income splitting would benefit the most affluent single-income families, cost about \$3 billion, bestow no benefits to 90 per cent of Canadians, and transfer a disproportionate amount to families in Alberta and Saskatchewan, Conservative strongholds with the strongest economies. "We confirm that it is absolutely our intention to keep that commitment ... to introduce income tax fairness, to end the discrimination against certain families, to end the unfairness," Kenney declared. "We will treat the family as an economic unit because it is an economic unit," he added, arguing that a family that chooses to keep one spouse at home to care for children or the elderly should not be punished in the tax code for the decision. In 2011, the Conservatives pledged to allow the transfer of up to \$50,000 from the higher-earning spouse in a family with children under 18 to the lower earner, thereby reducing the overall tax bite. It said it would intro-

duce the legislation as soon as the budget is balanced. But while the proposal appears to be popular with Canadians, the latest Broadbent study — as have others before it — shows the vast majority of families would see no benefit, because they either have no children under 18, have spouses with similar incomes or are single-parent families. The latest study breaks new ground in finding wide regional disparity in how the benefits will be distributed. It turns out that among the target group — families with minor-age children — the biggest winners by far reside in Alberta, where the average annual tax saving would be \$1,359, while families in Saskatchewan come in second at \$1,070. Those two provinces, which have a combined 42 federal ridings, sent 40 Conservative MPs to Ottawa in the 2011 election. Families in Prince Edward Island would get the least average benefit at \$488, followed closely by Quebec families with children, which would average \$510 in benefits. Those two provinces were among the least productive for the Conservatives, electing only six Tories among their combined 79 MPs in 2011. By ascending order of benefits, qualifying Nova Scotia families would average \$727 in benefits, followed by Manitoba (\$772), New Brunswick (\$787), British Columbia (\$853), Ontario (\$874) and Newfoundland (\$925).



Jason Kenney

SOCIAL MEDIA

MoSo takes over Broadway area

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Having virtually all of MoSo 2014 held in the Broadway district is a great way for all aspects of the multi-day, multi-venue conference and music festival to intersect, says Desaree Larsen. "We are trying to incorporate a street-wide feel to MoSo," said Larsen, MoSo's conference director. "It is nice to be able to bring everything together." MoSo begins today and runs through Saturday. Besides the music, the conference brings together developers, entrepreneurs, students and business owners who can listen and interact on topics ranging from mobile applications to programming, technology trends, entrepreneurship, social media and marketing. Larsen said there are six streams to this year's MoSo: 1. Design and user experience 2. Mobile and development 3. Startups 4. Marketing 5. Music 6. From the field (where local people are brought in to showcase what they are doing.) The main venues for the conference are The Broadway Theatre, Cosmo Seniors Centre, The Refinery and the Emmanuel Church. As well, there will be a food truck alley behind the Broadway Theatre from

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Thursday to Saturday. "It has grown a lot, and so has the quality of speakers," Larsen said of MoSo, which is in its fourth year. Coding and design camps begin today at Vendasta. On Thursday and Friday there are a number of speakers and sessions. Those include Marie Nicola (Karmacake.ca, a popular Toronto blog) giving a talk, Instructions Not Included, which focuses on how marketing is not as straightforward as it used to be. Indie Ink founder Suzanne Paschall will explore "futurebooks," and launch Indie's first interactive book app at MoSo. It is a project with the University of Saskatchewan and MITACS, the digital rendering of Indie's The New Rockstar Philosophy: A Guerrilla Blueprint for Digitally Conscious Artists. Friday's lineup includes Ryan Delk who is speaking about why now is the best time in history to be a creator, and Lane Dunlop will talk about why "expending energy and social capital on a local level could be the



Mobile Social Conference, aka MoSo, director Desaree Larsen at the Broadway Theatre; one of venues for the June 11-14 gathering for developers, entrepreneurs and students.

best way to make our (little corner of the) world a better place." On Saturday there will be a Ladies Learning Code workshop, Introduction to JavaScript, where you can

learn basic programming techniques and concepts that are translatable to other programming languages. It runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Innovation Place. For more information go to <http://moso2014.com/schedule>.

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