

Ituna will celebrate its 100th birthday in July



Ituna is a thriving town of approximately 800 which lies on the CN main line. The town promotes an economically viable, multicultural community serving a trading area of about 3,000 people.

In 2010, Ituna will celebrate its 100th birthday, with celebrations planned for July 1 to 3. All current and past residents and their families are invited to attend. Many activities are planned for this weekend. The list of events is growing and once confirmed will be posted on our website at www.ituna.ca.

Three provincial highways pass through Ituna -- 15, 52 and 310 -- which provide access to larger centers and recreation areas and parks across the province. The cities of Melville and Yorkton are less than an hour away and Regina is only 80 minutes southwest of Ituna. Recreation areas such as Fort Qu'Appelle and Good Spirit are close at hand.

Ituna's name is unique in Canada. At the time the railroaders were building the Grand Trunk Railroad mainline they had the task of finding names for the towns along the way. Following the alphabet, crews named nearby Fenwood, Goodeve and Hubbard. A name starting with I was now needed and historians believe Ituna came from Rudyard Kipling's story Puck of Pook's Hill which mentions a community of the same name.

The community contains most trades and services, low cost housing, good farmland and recreation facilities such as the curling and skating rinks, the golf course, junior Olympic sized swimming pool, electrified camping sites, picnic tables, barbe-



cues, play area and several ball diamonds.

Several country trails surround Ituna and lead to fascinating buildings and places for the explorer or historian. Along the trails lie a Jewish cemetery, Metis cemetery, a heritage farm, old country schools and churches.

Ituna is a nesting ground for waterfowl, attracting naturalists and hunters from across the province and the United States.

Ituna is a quiet, peaceful and friendly town and it recently joined the Community in Bloom program, which shows citizens' civic pride, environmental responsibility and beauty to all visitors.

The town's Kindergarten to Grade 12 school is newly upgraded and offers a full program of core subjects and electives. It features two networked computer labs, home economics and science labs, library and gymnasium.

Ituna boasts an excellent water source in its 600-foot well.

The Ituna Pioneer Health Center houses physician clinics, a public health nurse, speech therapist, land and x-ray facilities and a home care office. This facility offers a 35-bed special care home with three "flex" care beds. First Responders and EMTs are stationed in Ituna. As well, a pharmacy is available and open six days a week.

Tax concessions are available for new construction. Ituna is always in need of tradespeople and skilled laborers. We welcome all entrepreneurs and artisans, home-based businesses and handypersons.



Goodeve centennial set for Aug. 7

This will be a big year for Goodeve's current and former residents and neighbors.

The village of approximately 50 located about half way between Melville and Ituna along Highway 15 is celebrating its 100th birthday at its community center on Aug. 7.

Festivities will start with a parade beginning around 11 a.m. and that will be followed by registration and an afternoon of local entertainment starting at 2 p.m.

The center will also host heritage displays and the Centennial Committee will also bake bread in a clay oven in the former schoolyard.

The Grand Trunk Pacific Town and Development Co. started surveying and subdividing land for the new town site early in 1910. The company likely named the new community after MP Arthur Samuel Goodeve who was a member of the Dominion Railway Commission.

According to the village history book returning officer and local carpenter Norman Browett submitted a Petition for Erection of Village to the Minister of Municipal Affairs in July of that year. Aug. 18, 1910 Minister H.P. McNab declared that portion of the province as the Village of Goodeve.

Grain buyer George Harris was Goodeve's first overseer and Mr. Munro was the secretary treasurer. Lumber manager John Kendal and blacksmith Philip Mekley became the first two councilors.

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Ituna Location

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