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## CONSUL RINK SUPPER & AUCTION

*SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH  
CONSUL COMMUNITY HALL*

Doors open at 5:00. Come and enjoy drinks at the watering hole and play a few games before supper at 6:30. A delicious roast beef meal is on the menu. The live auction will begin at 8:00. To finish off the evening, enjoy some dancing as Seif's Music plays our favourites.

There are a few tickets still available (only \$25 each), but they are going fast! Make sure you get yours by contacting Jolene at 299-4453 or Miranda at 299-4449. Also call Miranda if you would still like to donate something to the auction.

If you do miss out on supper tickets or can't get there that early, no problem! Anyone without a supper ticket will be admitted anytime after 7:30—no charge (no minors).

**Please note that there will be no debit cards or credit cards accepted during the event. Payment must be made with cash or cheque only.**

A partial list of items up for auction can be found on page 3 of this paper. There have been A LOT of great things donated!!

The second draw in the Consul Rink Repairs Raffle was made on October 31st. There were four winners of \$500 each. Congratulations to:

*Ed & Sharon Sandor*

*Blythman Agencies*

*Rodney Fairbrother*

*Terry Stokke*

You can still get in on the six remaining draws by purchasing a ticket. Available at Consul Credit Union or by contacting Nancy-Jean 299-4445.

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**COMING EVENTS**

**Consul's Remembrance Day Service** will be held at Consul School on **Friday, November 9** at 1:10 pm. Everyone welcome.

**Happy 50th Anniversary, Evelyn & Melvin Wenzel!** Please join us in celebrating this special day. A Come & Go Tea will be held at the Seniors' Hall on **Sunday, November 11** from 2-5. Your presence is your gift.

You've been waiting for it! **Consul Rockets Home Opener—Wednesday, November 21st** versus Shaunavon at 8:00 pm. Come cheer on your Rockets!

**NOTICES**

The Food Bank Box will once again be in the Co-op Store from Nov.19th to Dec. 7th to collect non-perishable food items to be put in the Salvation Army Christmas Food Hampers.

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In order to work with the way Christmas falls this year, **for December only,**

*The Reno Reader* will be published on the first and third Thursdays—

**December 6th and 20th.**

**Christmas Greetings:** If you are one of our box ad advertisers and would like to add a Christmas greeting to your ad in December, we will do that at no additional charge! Others wishing to send out holiday wishes can do so in our December 20th issue. Contact Susan Pridmore (299-4493) for rates & more info.

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## A Sample of Auction Items Available at Consul Rink Supper & Auction on November 17

Perlich Auction—2-night Stay in Lethbridge  
 Stark and Marsh—Box Seats at a Broncos Hockey Game (8 seats)  
 Michael & Yvonne Leismeister—2 Tickets to Jubilee Dinner Show—Calgary  
 Bob & Lori Funk—Incinerator  
 Scott and Deb Reamer—Afternoon at the Pool  
 Cypress Ag—2 Totes of Feed Oats  
 Farmers of North America—Membership (\$625.00 value)  
 Bill & Shirley Reynolds—Golf Bag and Clubs and Big Driver  
 Prairie Breeze Farms—4 Loads of Gravel with Delivery inside RM of Reno  
 Taurus Natural—Ton of Block Salt Delivered to Consul  
 Terry and Mel Reamer—27 Round Hardcore Hay/Alfalfa Bales (plus Kevin and Stacey Tittle are donating the trucking of the bales within the RM)  
 Dave and Tammy Reynolds—BBQ  
 Walter's Home Furnishings—50-inch TV  
 Coby Schacher (Western Tractor) - Remote-control John Deere Tractor & Kids' Wagon  
 Ternes Sales & Service—Generator with Boombox  
 Sunshine Farms—Netwrap and Twine  
 Rodney and Lisa Fairbrother—2 Loads of Small Square Straw Bales  
 Estate of Gary Houston- 3 pictures  
 John and Heidi Beierbach—Hanging Horseshoe Coat Rack  
 Taylor Ranching—Handmade Woolen Sweater  
 Linda Lewis—Arbonne Gift Basket  
 Drury Lane Fashions—\$100.00 Gift Card  
 Consul Ducks Unlimited—3 Houston Pictures  
 Bill & Darlene Kerelulik—Horseracing Game and Canned Basket  
 Magnum Welding—Two \$100.00 Gift Cards  
 Leonard and Angela Buchanan—Picture & Sculpture and \$50.00 Gift Certificate  
 Travis & Eve Erickson—Standing Horseshoe Coat Rack  
 Warren and Linda Seifert—Ducks Unlimited Knife Set  
 Medicine Hat Feeding Company—2 Headstalls, 2 Sets of Jewellery  
 A&B Hardware—King Cordless Drill  
 Maple Creek Veterinary Services—Two 25-head Preg Check Gift Certificates  
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 Bill & Connie Behrman—Grey Cup Silver Coin  
 Elmer & Deb Palmer—Hockey Scentsy with 6 Packs of Oils  
 Ed and Sharon Sandor—Ducks Unlimited Binoculars  
 Slippery Moon Ranch—Calendar and Journal  
 Dave and Jackie Zilkie—Toboggan

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**In Flanders Fields**

By Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD (1872-1918), Canadian Army

IN FLANDERS FIELDS the poppies blow  
Between the crosses row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.



McCrae's "In Flanders Fields" remains to this day one of the most memorable war poems ever written. It is a lasting legacy of the terrible battle in the Ypres salient in the spring of 1915. Here is the story of the making of that poem:

Although he had been a doctor for years and had served in the South African War, it was impossible to get used to the suffering, the screams, and the blood here, and Major John McCrae had seen and heard enough in his dressing station to last him a lifetime.

As a surgeon attached to the 1st Field Artillery Brigade, Major McCrae, who had joined the McGill faculty in 1900 after graduating from the University of Toronto, had spent seventeen days treating injured men – Canadians, Brits, Indians, French, and Germans.

It had been an ordeal that he had hardly thought possible. McCrae later wrote of it: "I wish I could embody on paper some of the varied sensations of that seventeen days... Seventeen days of Hades! At the end of the first day if anyone had told us we had to spend seventeen days there, we would have folded our hands and said it could not have been done."

One death particularly affected McCrae. A young friend and former student, Lieut. Alexis Helmer of Ottawa, had been killed by a shell burst on 2 May 1915. Lieutenant Helmer was buried later that day in the little cemetery outside McCrae's dressing station, and McCrae had performed the funeral ceremony in the absence of the chaplain. The next day, sitting on the back of an ambulance parked near the dressing station beside the Canal de l'Yser, just a few hundred yards north of Ypres, McCrae vented his anguish by composing a poem. The major was no stranger to writing, having authored several medical texts besides dabbling in poetry.

In the nearby cemetery, McCrae could see the wild poppies that sprang up in the ditches in that part of Europe, and he spent twenty minutes of precious rest time scribbling fifteen lines of verse in a notebook.

A young soldier watched him write it. Cyril Allinson, a twenty-two year old sergeant-major, was delivering mail that day when he spotted McCrae. The major looked up as Allinson approached, then went on writing while the sergeant-major stood there quietly. "His face was very tired but calm as we wrote," Allinson recalled. "He looked around from time to time, his eyes straying to Helmer's grave."

When McCrae finished five minutes later, he took his mail from Allinson and, without saying a word, handed his pad to the young NCO. Allinson was moved by what he read: "The poem was exactly an exact description of the scene in front of us both. He used the word blow in that line because the poppies actually were being blown that morning by a gentle east wind. It never occurred to me at that time that it would ever be published. It seemed to me just an exact description of the scene."

In fact, it was very nearly not published. Dissatisfied with it, McCrae tossed the poem away, but a fellow officer retrieved it and sent it to newspapers in England. The Spectator, in London, rejected it, but Punch published it on 8 December 1915.

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