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& All the Best in 2013!*

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As the year winds down, Consul Museum would like to thank you for your support of our fundraiser during 2012! It provides a steady source of funds for development of our website, www.consulmuseum.ca.

The pioneer stories that we have preserved and the ones we are working on are priceless! We have so many more plans for it, so look for more good things in the months ahead.

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Celebrate the Reason for the Season

Consul Church of God Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 We welcome you to celebrate Christmas with music, carols, scripture and lights! Our Christmas Eve service begins at 5:00 pm! All welcome!

St. Stephen's Catholic Church—Mass for Christmas Day
 December 25th at 1:00 pm. Everyone warmly welcomed!

COMING EVENTS

Swing in the New Year dining and dancing to the band "Last Call". Sponsored by the Consul Community Hall. Must be 19 years of age to attend. Advance tickets \$15 and at the door \$20. Tickets can be purchased from Debra Sanderson, Shelley Seifert or any Board Member.

There will be a **community planning meeting for Consul's 100th Anniversary** on **January 14, 2013** in the Consul Hall at 7:30. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

The Consul Curling Club will hold their **Men's Bonspiel January 14-18**, evening games only. The entry fee is \$125. Entry deadline is Jan 10. Enter teams with Dale or Doreen 299-5712.

Consul Ladies' Bonspiel—January 30, 31, February 1, 2. For more details phone Peggy Brown 299-4477.

CONSUL ROCKETS

December 19	Consul @ Eastend 8 pm
December 21	Frontier @ Consul 8 pm
December 28	Consul @ Frontier 8 pm
January 4	Leader @ Consul 8 pm
January 6	Shaunavon @ Consul 5 pm



NOTICES

Consul Figure Skating Calendar—Please pick up your calendars at the Consul Credit Union. You may pick up your calendars at the Credit Union until January 31st then they will be mailed to you for an additional \$2.00 cost. Thank you in advance for your support of the Consul Figure Skating Club.



FOR SALE - 1993 Charmac 18 foot Stock Trailer. \$2500.00. Phone Bob at 299-2089.



Are you still needing some of your Christmas gifts? A suggestion for something that will be used all throughout 2013 are the

2013 Slippery Moon Calendars

and the

Hoofprints and Heartbeats Weekly Journal and Planners.

They are available in Consul from Eve Erickson,
or you may call Heather S Beierbach @ 299-4512.
We send our best wishes to everyone for a very Happy and Blessed Christmas!
~ Heather and Family

THANK YOU

A most sincere and heart-felt thank you to all our wonderful neighbours and friends for helping us through a very difficult time. Words alone cannot express our gratitude for the phone calls, visits, cards and gifts of food. Life certainly does come with the most unexpected events and Frances' passing has taken us all by surprise. Our strength however, comes from you, our dear friends. Thank you so much for your kindness and prayers.
~ Bill, Jim, Glenda, Abbey & Emilie Parsonage



We're on the
countdown
to
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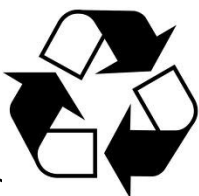
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Christmas Memories



Memories of days gone by from some local folk—past and present.

Archie Smiley (from the video interview at consulmuseum.ca): My parents came from Nova Scotia to North Dakota in about 1906. Conditions in North Dakota were terrible at that time. The first Christmas they spent in North Dakota, they were seventy miles from the closest tree. My mother was sad, as there were no trees for Christmas, and being from Nova Scotia, where trees are everywhere, she really missed them. Anyway, they went out and got a big sagebush and trimmed that. When they heard about free or cheap land in Canada, they came up here, in hopes of seeing a few more trees.

Helen Schmidt (video interview coming soon to the website!): Well, it was Oxarat, really where I grew up. They were pretty close knit. They had card parties at the school, dances and, of course, our famous Christmas concerts! We put on a really good Christmas concert with Millie Pridmore, who was my teacher for most of the years, and she was really good at organizing things. Gladys Johnson always played the piano and, of course, Santa would come, you know.

Isaac Dahl (from Our Side of the Hills, pages 331 & 332): Christmas was a big event. Everyone made lefsa, flatbread, kringle (cookies) and goodies. Gifts were not stressed, maybe a new pair of mittens or something useful. The day before Christmas, mother would parcel a basket with goodies to give to some needy folks, perhaps a widow or an older couple living alone. We were so proud to be able to give someone else a treat. We made sure the bundles of grain were up for the birds. Christmas Eve we had spareribs, flatbread and rice. After supper, we would go to Uncle Mathia's house just up the road. He always had a large Christmas tree. The Bible story was read, then we walked around the tree singing Christmas songs. Christmas Day was a sacred day, everyone stayed at home. On the third day after Christmas, we had our school concert. Santa Claus was called 'Jule Nisen', he would give us each one-half an orange and a few nuts, this was a big treat, then we would have cocoa, lunch and a nice visit.

Ron Reynolds (from Our Side of the Hills, page 134): Zentner School also had a good reputation for the quality of their Christmas Concert. It was always held in the Senate Hall, upstairs over Finkle's store. Mr. Fink always threatened to evict us because he was sick and tired of hearing "Silent Night" year after year...[as] we also moved [there] for practices for the last week.