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## COUNTDOWN TO CONSUL'S 100TH

# of Days to the Kick-off: 295

Students and teachers have headed back to school in Consul for the 2013-2014 school year. Our school has 59 students enrolled this year in Kindergarten to Grade 12, with students being bused from all corners of the Rural Municipality of Reno to a modern facility, complete with many of today's innovations in technology.

Step back roughly 100 years, and it is a totally different scenario in the same part of the province. There were 23 one-roomed schools dotting the area, and students attended whichever school they lived closest to. These schools were built nearly every seven to eight miles, as parents felt that the children should not walk more than four miles to a school. One teacher single-handedly taught all the subjects up to Grade 8. The Department of Education set up correspondence courses in these schools for the Grade 9 and 10 students.

Some of the one-room schools were closed during the months of January and February due to very cold weather and poor roads; to make up the required 200 teaching days a year, the school year would start in August.

The students used many different means of transportation to and from their schools. In summer, they would walk, ride horseback, or drive a horse and buggy or a two-wheel cart; during the winter months, they used a cutter or a box sled. The farming community often found it difficult to pay the teachers' salaries, and many of them would have to work for their board and room. Farmers would take turns boarding the teacher for a month. During the 1930s, since many rodents destroyed the farmers' crops, municipalities paid the students 1¢ for gopher tails and 2¢ for a pair of crow's legs; the teacher's job was to collect these tails and legs and pay the students the money on behalf of the municipalities. *(Does anyone know if this was the case here?)*

*(Sources: Consul School, Our Side of the Hills, and <http://esask.uregina.ca/home.html>)*



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**COMING EVENTS**

Join us in celebrating **Bob Watson's 80th birthday, Saturday, September 14** from 2-5 pm with a Come and Go Tea at the Senior Centre in Maple Creek.

**Pioneer Clubs**, a nondenominational afterschool Bible club, would like to invite all kids from grades 1 to grade 6 to join our fall session. Come to the Church of God **each Tuesday** this fall (10 weeks total) from 3:30 to 5:15 for snacks, games, singing, crafts, Bible lessons, and more. Our first get-together was September 10th, but it's never too late to join! Registration for the session is \$20.00 per child. Cheques are payable to "Church of God Pioneer Clubs". If you have any questions please contact Lisa Fairbrother at 299-4966.

**Maple Creek Cowboy Poetry Gathering—September 20-22, 2013.**

Tickets on sale now - \$65. Please call the Jasper Centre @ 306-662-2434.

**Golf Tournament on Sunday, September 22**, starting at 11:00 A.M. Proceeds to the Consul Rockets and Consul Minor Hockey. Registration opens @ 10:00 A.M. Cypress Hills Golf Course. \$65 includes 18 holes of golf & supper. Best ball format. Lunch available for purchase. Enter as a team or as an individual. Call Kim @ 299-4900 or Jodi @ 299-4437 to enter or for more information.

**Robsart 4-H Club - Organizational Meeting - September 26** at 7 pm at the Seniors' Center. We will be meeting to see if there is enough interest to run a 4-H Club for the upcoming year. Potential Projects include Beef, Light Horse, or any of a long list. For more information call Barb Gabruch 306-299-4500. 4-H is a great opportunity! Members from our Club have won scholarships, and trips to Ottawa and Washington to National and International 4-H Conferences. They have gone on to compete at the Provincials in Curling and Public Speaking. Members have participated in Team Grooming and Judging Competitions, Beef Symposiums, Leadership Conferences, Ski Trips, 4-H Camp and many other activities. Club Trips have included fun trips to Spruce Meadows, Agribition and the Medicine Hat Stampede. 4-H is a great resume builder. Please come out and see if it might be something your family is interested in!

Mark your calendars, ladies! The **4th Annual Cowgirl Round-up** is slated for **Saturday, September 28** at Consul Hall. All ladies are welcome to join the Cowgirl Cattle Company—SK and enjoy a once-a-year wonderful dinner and social. As well as an awesome evening, funds are shared with the community. The "Bunkhouse" planned for the new hospital is an exciting project of the Cowgirls! Check [cowgirlcattlecompnay.com](http://cowgirlcattlecompnay.com) for more details or call Jill @ 299-4411 or Brenda @ 662-3986. Membership is \$50 and includes the Round-up Dinner.

**Harvest Bingo & Silent Auction—Monday, October 7th** at Consul Community Hall. Doors open at 6:30. Bingo starts at 7:00. Great prizes and auction items. 50/50 draw. Snack Booth. Great fun for the whole family! Hosted by St. Stephen's CWL.

The Southwest Community Club will hold their **Annual Bingo and Bake Auction on Friday, October 18th** at 7:30 p.m. in the Govenlock Hall. Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. Draw will be made for the quilt that is on display at the Credit Union in Consul. Lunch served.

Mark you calendars for **Consul's Annual Craft, Gift & Trade Fair, Wednesday, October 23rd**. To book a table call Heather 299-4954.

**DEADLINE FOR ADS for the next issue is  
Monday, September 23rd at noon.**

**VILLAGE OF CONSUL**

We would like to welcome Yvonne Leismeister as the new administrator for the Village of Consul. With her previous experience and skills, we know she will be a huge asset to the Council.

Also we want to thank Sheila Mackie who stepped in as our acting administrator while we hired someone to permanently fill the position. Sheila, you did such a great job in getting everything done on time, and we so appreciated your willingness to do the job for us. A huge thank you for a job well done!!

We wish Carrie well in her future endeavors after serving as the Village Administrator for the past 28 years.

Sincerely,  
Village Council

**NOTICE** - The Village of Consul has **new office hours**. They are **Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00am – 4:00pm**. Please note that the office will be closed on Tuesday, September 17th, but will be open on September 19th instead.

**CHINOOK LIBRARY**

I would like to thank everyone for bringing their kids to the library this summer. Winners of the Summer Reading Program are as follows:

- Isabella Delorme
- Jenaya Behrman
- Katie Rutkowski
- Tia Lacelle
- Lexie Derald
- Nevaeh Skiffington

~Linda Brown—Librarian

**NOTICES**

**Jennifer Phair and Akeso Massage Therapy** will be back in Consul (located at Manley's Bakery) on **Tuesday, September 24th**, 10:30 a.m. to 8:15 p.m., and **Wednesday, September 25th**, 9:15 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please facebook, call (306-778-2059 or 306-741-8026) or email (j.phair@sasktel.net) to book an appointment.

**Re: Donations to the Reno Senior Citizens' Club Inc.** - Anyone wishing to make a donation to our club and receive a receipt for income tax purposes, please make your cheque out to the Village of Consul.

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**THANK YOU**

A special thank you to all of the Consul Community who so generously gave us money towards our bridal shower. This money was put towards our central vacuum. ~ Trina & Jeremy Lonson

I would like to thank all my friends and neighbours who came up to help me celebrate my 60th birthday, for the cards and good wishes. It was all very much appreciated. ~ Ed Sandor

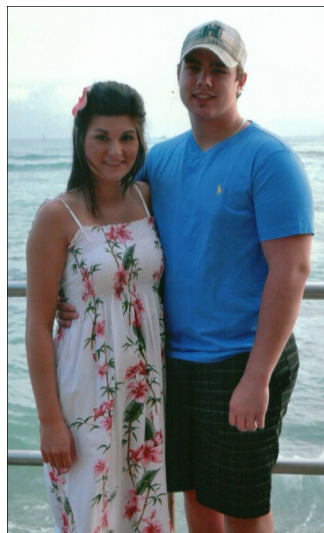
I would like to thank the Reno Rodeo & Ag Society for awarding me their annual scholarship. It is great that they not only put on a successful rodeo but also give back to the community! ~Shay Pridmore

**MANLEY BREAD & HONEY**

Harvest Greetings from the Bakery! It hardly seems possible that we are switching gears from summer fun to finishing harvest. Soon the cows will be moving :)

We have been offering lunches in the absence of our cafe. We have a variety of sandwiches, bunswiches and subs prepared in our fridge. We also have soup, pizza by the slice or some interesting special available everyday, too. If you want a whole pizza or pies, for example, please call ahead and we will do our best to accommodate you. Ordering ahead is always encouraged if you are wanting a particular bun or loaf.

Have a safe harvest! Hope to see you soon. The coffee is always on.



Joyce & Palmer Wenzel  
together with  
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are pleased to announce  
the engagement of their children,  
**Ashley Gonzalez**  
&  
**Nicholas Wenzel.**  
Wedding to take place  
Saturday, November 9th, 2013  
at GraceLand's Chapel in the Woods,  
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Mikhail is excited that he has a new baby sister!

**NADIA** was born on August 5, 2013,  
weighing 9 pounds 13 ounces, 21 1/4" long.

Proud parents are Dusty & Janaki Wenzel.

Thrilled grandparents are Palmer & Joyce Wenzel,  
and Tim & Olga More of BC.

