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Every year students at Consul School enter the Canadian Legion's Remembrance Day Poster, Poem and Essay Contest. Thank you to the school for sharing these entries with us. May we all spend time in humble remembrance this week to honour those who served, that we may live in freedom in this great country of Canada!

Consul School's Remembrance Day Service is at 11 am on November 10th. Everyone is welcome.

This poster was created by Martina Brown. (See it in full colour on the Consul Museum website - consulmuseum.ca/reno).

Remembrance Day

by Jordan Leismeister

On Remembrance Day we stand on guard,
Just like poppies across the yard.
Many people gave their lives,
But many people did not survive.
Where the poppies grow in Flanders fields,
Just like soldiers on the battlefields.
On Remembrance Day hearts are broken,
We bow our heads while peace is spoken.



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COMING EVENTS

NOTICE of **Reno Rascals Early Learning & Child Care Inc. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** to be held **Thursday, November 17** following a **ROAST BEEF SUPPER** at 6:00 p.m. at the Consul Community Hall. (Adults \$18.00 / Children 12 & under FREE). The evening will also include a silent auction of gift items and a children's short program & slideshow featuring the children in various play and explorative learning experiences. **EVERYONE WELCOME!**

A NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that took time to come out and vote. The results show that every vote truly does count!

Consul - Kim 112, Larry 5
Maple Creek - Kim 160, Larry 256

November is a busy month for the board, with several new members coming on this term. I am enjoying meeting new people and learning about the responsibilities of a board trustee. I look forward to serving and representing our school and community for the next four years.

Thanks again for your support!

Kim Pridmore

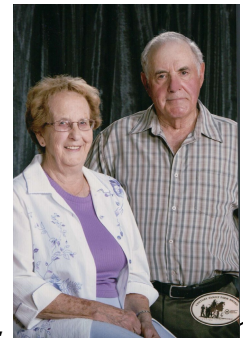


Reno Rascals Early Learning and Child Care would like to THANK Paul Harmon for giving us the opportunity for a food booth fundraiser at his farm auction sale held October 19. Thank you to all parents and staff for their donation of homemade chili and pies, and Tracey for picking up some items; our community members, Linda Anderson and Linda Brown, for their donations of homemade buns; Cheyenne, Shelley and Bev for helping Paul and Stephen with working the food booth. THANK YOU to all for your support!

PIONEER VOICES

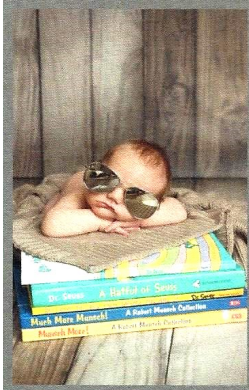


Howard & Alberta McKelvey are the newest feature on Consul Museum's Pioneer Voices. Many great memories shared with all of us!



See them at consulmuseum.ca/pioneervideos.

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Need a poinsettia or a wreath for Christmas? Consul School is once again selling poinsettias, planters and wreaths as a fundraiser. To place an order go to consulschoolsrc.growingsmilesfundraising.com. Orders must be placed by **Wednesday, November 16th**. Items will be delivered to the school and available for pick up on Wednesday, November 30th.

Open League Curling will be on Thursday nights beginning on **November 24**. Fees for a whole winter of fun are only \$85 for adults and \$40 for students. Enter your team with Dale or Doreen at 306-299-5712. Curlers, mark your calendars. The **Consul Ladies Bonspiel** is set for **January 31 - February 4, 2017**. The **Consul Open Bonspiel** is set for **March 6-11, 2017**.

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December issues will be **December 8 and 22**. The deadlines for these issues will be noon on December 5 and 19 respectively. The two December issues will be printed in COLOUR and will feature Christmas ads from our regular advertisers and anyone else that wishes to pass on greetings to their friends & customers. Great rates! Call Susan at 306-299-4493 for more details.

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DEADLINE FOR ADS

for the next issue is

Monday, November 21st

at noon.

VILLAGE OF CONSUL

The Village of Consul is looking for an assistant for the Public Works department. We are looking for a person that is interested in working in the municipal field with opportunity to advance in the Public Works department. Must have strong mechanical skills, and the ability to operate a loader would be an asset. Successful candidate must be able to work with minimal supervision.

Applicants may submit a resume by 4:00 pm on November 22, 2016 including salary expectations to:

Village of Consul
Box 185
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The Village of Consul is constructing a website and is asking that any business or clubs that would like to be listed on the business directory to contact the Village of Consul office. There is no cost to have your business or club added to the directory on the website.



AND THE TRACKS GROW QUIETER

by Ken Armstrong



By the mid-1950s, Canadian Pacific Railway management were growing increasingly concerned about passenger service revenue declines. Given their initial role as a tool of western frontier development, tying together the vast and diverse prairie provinces, the CPR had particular need for an efficient means of serving thinly populated areas such as south-western Saskatchewan and into southeastern Alberta.

Thus, the little Mixed Trains, hauling general freight, passengers, Post Office mail, and package shipments, provided a cost-effective solution for the CPR.

However, over the years, starting with introduction of all all-weather road network and party -line telephone system in rural Saskatchewan, there were several developments that began to seriously erode Mixed Train patronage and revenues. First to go was a loss of CPR's lucrative Post Office mail contract to box-truck cartage firms providing faster, more frequent weekday service to most area communities.

Subsequently, farmer and merchant demands for same-day or next-day service for everything from farm implement parts, replacement spares, package shipments and such like practically gutted CPR's Mixed Train business trade for those same things. More plentiful availability of cheaper gasoline caused Mixed Train ridership numbers to decline noticeably with fewer and fewer passengers handled each year.

By the late 1950s and early 1960s Mixed Train patronage had declined so badly in rural Saskatchewan, the losses had reached the point whereby management asked, and invariably received, regulatory permission to reduce or discontinue Mixed Train service. Train discontinuance notices appeared on both station bulletin boards and in local newspapers. For Consul and surrounding area, weekly Mixed Train services provided by the two crews were reduced to just one, based in Lethbridge, AB.

Every Monday morning in 1960, Mixed Train M724 departed Lethbridge on its lonely, six-day odyssey, first to Manyberries, Tuesday to Val Marie, Wednesday to Consul, then to Shaunavon on Thursday, to Manyberries on Friday, and back to Lethbridge on Saturdays.

Many well-to-do Americans were known to have made an annual pilgrimage to travel the M724 Mixed Train assignment, enjoying their week of secluded quiet while riding along with and sharing meals and coffee with the train crew, and otherwise enjoying the solitude of the surrounding country that passed by at a leisurely 25 mph. Their days invariably saw these travelers treating the train crew to dinner and libations at the end of the day at a local hotel where the M724 Mixed Train tied up for the night.