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The Consul Community Hall Board would like to thank all our generous donors that made the fundraiser such a great success. We hope you will take the time to thank them the next time you see them as well!!

Through the generosity of the donations and attendees more than **\$15000.00** was raised!! The community hall is looking forward to using the proceeds towards repairing and renovating the kitchen and bathrooms along with refinishing the hardwood floors, and purchasing some new tables and chairs. This will keep our hall the active center for our community and we look forward to seeing you all at our next event!

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The Consul School Community Council will hold its **3rd Annual Store of Giving** this Christmas season.

The Store will be open at noon December 6-8.

The Store of Giving is an opportunity for students to purchase gifts for family members. At a cost of \$1.00 for each gift, students will get to choose gifts for everyone in their household. Once gifts are selected for each household member, volunteers will help the students wrap the gifts. The money collected from gift purchases will be donated to Reno Rascals Daycare.

We are asking for donations of gently used items – things that would be appropriate as gifts for parents and brothers and sisters! We are also asking for wrapping paper or gift bags!

Anyone interested in supporting the Store of Giving with items or gift wrapping supplies, or as a volunteer to help students wrap gifts are asked to contact the school. Items may be left at the school before December 2nd.

Help us encourage the "Joy of Giving"!

NOTICES

Kid's & Youth Christmas Choir - Come & sing as we enter the Advent season! We will be working on 2-3 pieces in preparation for performances on December 18th (in the a.m.) & December 24th's Candlelight Service. Practices every Sunday in Advent from 11:45 - 12:30 beginning November 27th at the Church of God (adult parts also available). More info? Call Marlee 306-299-5770.

Consul Minor Hockey is excited to partner this year with Ranchhouse Meats in Shaunavon for their **sausage fundraiser** as they are great local supporters! They offer four kinds of sausage in two-pound vacuum-sealed and frozen packages. Last day to order is December 2, 2016. Pick-up will be at 5 pm at the rink on December 15. For more info, see the bulletin board at the skating rink or talk to any minor hockey parent.

PIZZA! Consul Figure Skating Club fundraiser - Little Caesar Frozen Pizza Kits. Call/text Sara 299 7499 or Kylie 558 7144 for more info or to order by December 4th. Delivery December 14th. To order online go to: www.pizzakit.ca > products > shop and use our id: 325634.

Rolling into his Eighties!



The family would like to invite you for a come & go tea on Sunday, December 11th to help celebrate **Ron Reesor's 80th birthday** from 1 til 4 at Consul Community Hall. Your presence is your gift.

R M O F R E N O

NOTICE

Anyone snowplowing on municipal roads or municipal property in the RM of Reno No. 51 must fill out an

Application to Operate Snow Removal Equipment.

The application includes a list of machines and equipment to be used, name(s) of persons operating equipment and a copy of insurance coverage.

Any questions may be directed to the R.M. office at 306-299-2133.

NOTICE OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

[Section 66 of the Act]
FORM H

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF RENO No. 51.

Public notice is hereby given that nominations of candidates for the offices of:

COUNCILLOR FOR DIVISION NO. 2,

COUNCILLOR FOR DIVISION NO. 5,

will be received by the undersigned at the municipal office during normal office hours until Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. local time.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the municipal office.

Dated this 17th day of November, 2016.

Kim Lacelle
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Make someone's Christmas a little brighter by donating to the Food Bank Box at Consul Co-op Grocery Store! All items collected will go to our local food bank at the Salvation Army in Maple Creek.

Sponsored by St. Stephen's Catholic Women's League

Contact Susan to arrange your **Christmas ad** in a December issue. No charge to add a Christmas message to a box ad. Reasonable rates for everyone else.

(December issues will be December 8 & 22.)





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The next Reno Reader deadline is December 5th at noon.

THANK YOU

The Consul Community Hall Co-op would like to thank Kim Lacelle and Jodi Parsonage for hosting and organizing the Golf Tournament and Fundraiser. The proceeds from the Golf tournament proceeds have been shared equally with the Consul Community Hall and the Consul School Archery Club. Thank you to all who support and donate to this event. Your support is truly appreciated.

RENO RASCALS EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE INC. would like to *THANK JODY & HEATHER NEWMAN* for catering a delicious roast beef supper! *THANK YOU* to Paul and Teresa Heglund for donating the potatoes and to all that helped in the kitchen with serving and clean-up; to everyone that donated gift items for our silent auction with a special THANKS to Nancy-Jean who donated many items, and to all that purchased something. To REAMER TRUCKING, thanks for the generous donation, and to other community members that attended the supper and/or AGM that concluded the evening. We need and appreciate your support and look forward to a new year of service in our community!

Thank you to the school and community for helping us, the girls of the Grade 9/10 class, raise \$618 for the Children's Wish Foundation. A huge thank you to Donna Reynolds for helping with pie day. Thanks to all the moms and grandmas for helping bake throughout the week and to our teacher, Tami Reynolds, who helped with organizing and baking as well. Also thanks to the Co-op and bakery for their donations of coffee and pie crusts. With help from our small community we can achieve great things!

Also a reminder that the **Go-Kart tickets** are still on sale 1 for \$5.00 and 3 for \$10.00. Draw date December 2nd. All proceeds to the Canadian Cancer Society Saskatchewan Branch.

FAREWELL TO THE MIXED TRAIN
by Ken Armstrong

By the early 1960s, the Canadian Pacific Railway realized that Mixed Train services on all of its western Canada branch line network was obsolete and on its way out as a transportation option. Despite the company's transition from steam locomotives to diesel power beginning in the mid-50s, it was evident that competing transportation and technological modes had quickly rendered Mixed Trains as a thing of the past.

Little by little, beginning in 1962, the CPR obtained regulatory permission to reduce or discontinue Mixed Train services wherever they could. On many occasions, local communities vigorously objected the proposed service cuts to the Ottawa regulators and, on occasion, won.

Canadian Pacific Railway was forced to continue Mixed Train service to some areas even though the coach/baggage car was practically empty on most days, and with a handful of package shipments each week, the service was living on borrowed time. The CPR payroll at Shaunavon, once the biggest employer in the area, plummeted from approximately 40 employees to just a handful. By 1975, all that remained was a daytime operator at the station and a small track maintenance crew.

Finally, around 1965, the last Mixed Train operated out of Lethbridge, east to Consul, Val Marie, and Shaunavon. Its quiet passing into history, never to be brought back, was hardly noticed by local residents. Thereafter, the CPR was content to operate local freight assignments and grain train extras on an "as needed" basis, and with the crews based out of Assiniboia and Lethbridge.

In the late 1970s the line west of Notukeu west to Manyberries was closed to trains entirely, with all traffic re-routed east through Shaunavon and beyond. This line was left unused until being officially abandoned by the early 1980s.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am writing this as a concerned parent and secondly as a concerned board member of Reno Rascals daycare. In my opinion the daycare is an essential service that was created by a large group of working parents years ago who had little to no options when it came to daycare or babysitting needs during the work week. These parents spearheaded everything that is Reno Rascals ELCC and I tip my hat to the hard work and financial risk that those parents endured during the beginning stages of operation. We are grateful for their initiative, as Lindsey and I use these facilities throughout the year for our 3 children, at times enrolling them fully and many times just as drop-in care. Without Reno Rascals it would be very trying for us both to balance working full time on and off the farm.

The current direction of Reno Rascals is concerning to me as a parent and a board member. Almost every month of the year the financial statement is in the red, this largely due to a lack of fundraising throughout the year. Much of the income is government subsidy. These grants are not guaranteed, and mean the difference from a yearly profit of \$500 to a negative \$7000. I look at the current situation and wonder what the future holds for this entity.

The reason I am writing this letter is to inform the parents, who are not on the board or not regularly involved with fundraising, work bees, etc. that a lot of onus is placed on the shoulders of the board to pick up the slack. I personally have enjoyed being on the board and working with the four other members but at the same time am starting to feel exhausted towards the overall lack of interest portrayed by people who regularly use these facilities, to the point I am considering whether or not this whole idea is even worth trying to facilitate. It frustrates me that the people who at times rely on this the most, are more often than not, the same ones that turn a blind eye to volunteering their time. I can't tell anyone they have to be a volunteer, and I am not by any means trying to guilt someone into doing something they don't want, but the reality is, in my honest opinion, Reno Rascals daycare is a sinking ship and unless more people are willing to help bail the water, it's going down.

I don't know what options there are, I don't have the definite answer, and maybe most of this is just volunteer fatigue I am spewing, but maybe it is time to start looking at different avenues. The decreased number of children using the facilities now compared to what the enrolment was at the very beginning is quite staggering, and it is only going to decrease as years pass by. Is it time to look at seizing operations and selling off the building and assets? I don't know, but at what point do you keep beating a dead horse in the ass. I think a change is needed, and that change starts with a more active parent group, or maybe looking at other options such as raising fees considerably or operating solely as a private day home. A non-profit organization cannot operate and continue to operate losing money.

I encourage anyone concerned with the future of Reno Rascals ELCC to step up and join the board or simply offer more support and/or opinion on the current situation. This is a parent-driven asset, and without help and support of the parents, it cannot continue to exist. I am not sure what options there are for child care after Reno Rascals, but I would rather not have to find out. I strongly suggest that parents with younger children, or couples who are expecting or are just in the family planning stages of life, to get involved as this affects you all, not just the ones using it now, because as children grow and parents become less dependent of these facilities, it's going to be up to the future generations of families to drive the direction of this group, and ensure child care is a service that is provided in our small community.

Thank You,

Stephen Behrman