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Waiting for dinner

If you are new to the Base following posting season, there's an excellent Manitoba tourist attraction located nearby. The Westman Reptile Gardens features an array of reptiles and amphibians, from crocodiles to these inquisitive baby bearded dragons. Stag assistant editor Sarah Francis visited during feeding time. Her feature story and photos appear on page 7. Photo by Sarah Francis



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'Big' cheque gives back

Westman Communications Group Co-Op recycles money from your bill back to the community

Sarah Francis
Shilo Stag

Paying your cable bill helps this military community.

BComd LCol John Ccohrane was presented with his inaugural giant cheque by Westman Communications Group (WCG) as part of their Co-Operative (Co-Op), which is referred to as the Shilo Green Fund. It was set up 10 years ago and has since provided the Base with \$105,744.

The local company has been able to do that with the help of its customers, including residents here at CFB Shilo.

Every month when you pay your cable, Internet and phone bills a percentage is recycled back into the Shilo Green Fund. This money goes into Base Fund to help pay for community activities and programs.

WCG chief marketing officer John Quail explained that the more people who subscribe to their service, the bigger the cheque for the Base.

"We took over Shilo cable 10 years ago and as part of that agreement we would provide money based on the number of subscribers," he explained. "We would donate a certain amount of money per subscriber on an annual basis. That's based on Internet subscribers and TV subscribers."

He added, "For example, if you look at 2015, there was 352 cable [subscribers], for 300 of those, there was an exemption. We don't provide any funding for that. Anything over that, those 52, we provide \$2 for each of those subscribers, so \$104 when you annualize that."

Quail added it's also the same system for Internet. Both of those add up to the \$10,408 the Base received for this past year.

WCG is also working to ensure customers are satisfied with their service.

"Westman will be spending \$4-million over the next 18 months as we proactively upgrade our network," said WCG president CEO Dave Baxter. "We are staying ahead of the curve with our upgrade program to enable us to offer higher speeds in the future as our members' needs continue to evolve especially for streaming high definition video".

Currently, the 550 homes in this community are being serviced by what they call "two nodes," so 250 homes per node. Soon, they will be making changes to increase Internet speeds.

"In order for Internet traffic to see an increase, we've split those nodes into four nodes," said Quail. "Roughly 130 homes per node. That means there is more bandwidth for each of those houses. Which means, you're not fighting with your neighbour for better Internet speeds."

A number they say is about five years ahead of the curve.

One cited reason for the change was the fact that

"Westman will be spending \$4-million over the next 18 months as we proactively upgrade our network."

-Dave Baxter



more and more people are streaming video, with 45 per cent of their traffic being for Netflix and 25 per cent being YouTube.

Another new addition to WCG will be providing is a Wi-Fi service in Gunner Arena.

However, they aren't stopping there. Quail was tight lipped about some other exciting announcements which will be coming to CFB Shilo during the next few months.

Pet of the Week



RADAR

Elaine Bullee's family dog, Radar, is a playful canine who enjoys exploring his rural home. He might be small, but he plays big, and loves to chew on his frisbee. Do you have a photo of your pet you'd like to share with our Stag readers? If so, e-mail it to stag@mymts.net



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Tucker proudly shows off the haul from one of his garbage collecting adventures. *Photo submitted*

Boy helps environment one adventure at a time

Sarah Francis
Shilo Stag

As Mary Poppins once said, "In every job that must be done, there is an element of fun. You find the fun, and — SNAP — the job's a game."

That's exactly what four-year-old Tucker did when he decided to clean up CFB Shilo.

Bill Nye the Science Guy was the spark for the boy's inspiration to help the environment by picking up litter on Base.

Mom, Stacey Vandecaveye, said the show broke down how to help the environment in terms a four-year-old could understand.

"He was talking about how doing one little thing a day helps. Tucker said he wanted to do that to help the environment so he's been picking up garbage almost every day of the week. Picking a different street and going down it and today because it was after recycling day, Fridays are one of the worst. There's paper everywhere. Tuesdays are pretty bad for gross stuff."

It was then that Tucker spoke up and said, "I'm going to be a ninja."

When they go out on walks Tucker brings gloves and a trash bag to pick up garbage along the way.

"I put it in the recycling," said Tucker. "He doesn't realize that — especially with adults they see it and they [say] that's a huge thing," said mom. "For

him, it's not. We go and we play a game for half an hour and he picks up dirty stuff."

Tucker said he likes to pick up the garbage because it's gross and squishy, but he doesn't like picking stuff up out of puddles.

As per most four-year-olds a simple walk takes on a whole different flare.

Tucker turns his walks into adventures and quests, pretending to be a ninja and sneaking up on the garbage and then attacking. During the interview he was in the process of doing some ninja training at the CANEX.

Other times, he goes on adventures to battle evil.

"There's an evil king and queen and the more garbage he picks up the smaller they are so he can battle them at the end," she said.

"He has these epic battles in our backyard at the end of picking up garbage. At the end he can just free-for-all in the back yard and play for a bit. There's different stories every day that he comes up with."

Vandecaveye said she and Tucker have yet to go on a walk without picking up a considerable amount of trash.

An area that can be particularly bad is around the schools.

One day while collecting garbage in that area Tucker asked some other kids to help him and they helped without a second thought.

Tucker hopes to get his school more involved with cleaning up trash and taking care of our environment.

"I put it in the recycling."
-Tucker



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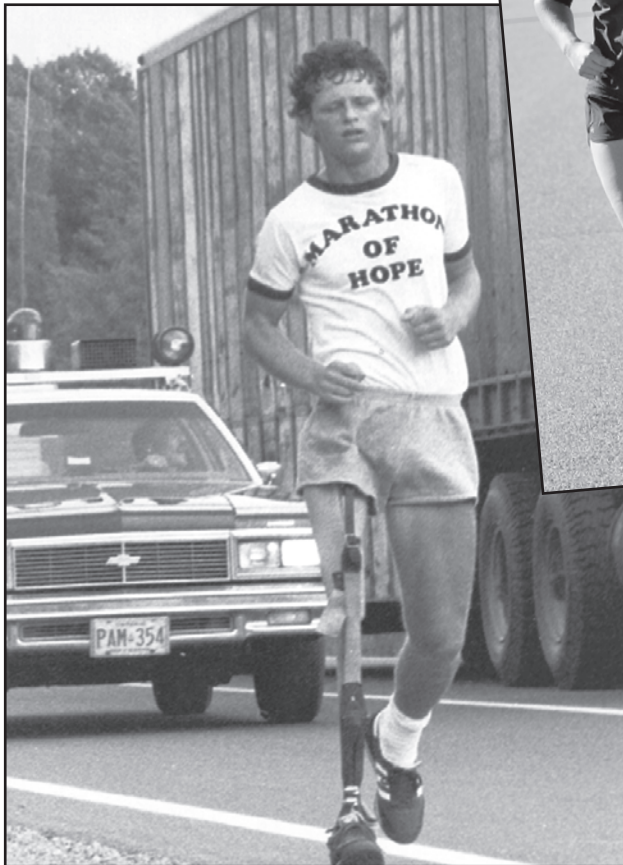
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Stag managing editor Jules Xavier photographed Terry Fox during his run on Hwy. 17 in August 1980 (below) when he was near White Lake Provincial Park, Ont. A few weeks later he was forced to stop his cross-Canada run outside of Thunder Bay. The Base event (right) is always a good turnout.



Are you ready for Terry Fox Run?

Shilo Stag

It was a journey that Canadians never forgot. Terry Fox was born in Winnipeg, and raised in Port Coquitlam, BC, a community near Vancouver on Canada's west coast. An active teenager involved in many sports, Terry was only a teenager when he was diagnosed with osteogenic sarcoma (bone cancer) and forced to have his right leg amputated 15 centimetres (six inches) above the knee in 1977. While in hospital, Terry was so overcome by the suffering of other cancer patients, many of them young children, that he decided to run across Canada to raise money for cancer research. He would call his journey the Marathon of Hope. After 18 months and running more than 5,000 kilometres (3,107 miles) to prepare, Terry started his run in St. John's, Nfld on April 12, 1980 with little fanfare. Although it was difficult to garner attention in the beginning, enthusiasm soon grew, and the money collected along his route began to mount. He ran close to 42 kilometres (26 miles) a day through Canada's Atlantic provinces, Quebec and Ontario. However, on Sept. 1, after 143 days and 5,373 kilometres (3,339 miles), Terry was forced to stop running outside of Thunder Bay, Ont. because cancer had appeared in his lungs. An entire nation was stunned and saddened. Terry died on June 28, 1981. He was 22. The heroic Canadian was gone, but his legacy was just beginning.

To date, more than \$600-million has been raised worldwide for cancer research in Terry's name through the annual Terry Fox Run, held across Canada and around the world.

There are 14 schools and 15 roads in Canada named after Terry Fox.

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You can walk, run, wheel or bike at the upcoming 35th annual Terry Fox Run. Open to all ages starting from the Community Centre Annex, better known as L25.

You will need to arrive one hour earlier for warm-up and other events. Cost to participate is a donation to the Terry Fox Foundation. Shirts and raffle tickets are available for purchase.

QUOTES FROM TERRY FOX

"I don't feel that this is unfair. That's the thing about cancer. I'm not the only one, it happens all the time to people. I'm not special. This just intensifies what I did. It gives it more meaning. It'll inspire more people. I just wish people would realize that anything's possible if you try; dreams are made possible if you try."

"When I started this run, I said that if we all gave one dollar, we'd have \$22-million for cancer research, and I don't care man, there's no reason that isn't possible. No reason!"

"I'm not doing the run to become rich or famous."

"Some people can't figure out what I'm doing. It's not a walk-hop, it's not a trot, it's running, or as close as I can get to running, and it's harder than doing it on two legs. It makes me mad when people call this a walk. If I was walking it wouldn't be anything."

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'We know they will have a good home'

Widow donates Gunner's war memorabilia to RCA Museum

Jules Xavier
Shilo Stag

Patricia Wagner's visit to the RCA Museum where she observed Second World War equipment her late husband used fighting the Germans overseas is an experience she won't soon forget.

Moreover, her trip to CFB Shilo allowed her, and son Bill, to donate a number of items belonging to Gnr Grant Wagner to the museum.

"Bill and I are very happy to have left my husband's photos and other [Second World War] items with the people at Shilo," she said afterward. "We know they will have a good home, and will be safely looked after."

She added, "We had a most interesting time with Clive, too, and will be sending to him my husband's leather jerkin for the museum's collection."

Wagner decided to donate photographs her husband took while serving in the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery as a gunner, plus medals and other war memorabilia, because there's no one to leave them to once she's gone.

"The next generation of the family is Spanish-born and raised, so they have less connection to the Second World War. Spain was not a participant of that war," she explained while showing them off at the Stag's CANEX office. "I feel much better that they are with the museum and are part of the museum's collection." She added, "We do still have the original photos that will be passed down to future generations."

In his 90th year, Grant Wagner died in Regina with his wife of 64 years at his side in November 2014. His military career started in 1943 after graduating from his Alberta high school in Westlock, where he was born on June 26, 1925. The teenager was eager to do his part despite the war having started in 1939. After returning home following the war, he had a long career as a public servant with the Government of Canada.

Prior to her visit to CFB Shilo, Patricia Wagner participated in a Q&A with the Stag regarding her husband's RCHA career and why she thought the RCA Museum was an ideal venue to donate the military items.

Shilo Stag (SS): What can you recall that Grant shared about his time overseas fighting the Germans in Italy, and northwest Europe?

Patricia Wagner (PW): "Like many [Second World War] veterans, Grant did not talk much about his war experiences. But he did mention that he fought in the Rimini area, in Italy, which would likely have put him fighting against the German 'Gothic Line' and certainly against the German 'Rimini Line'."

While seeing fighting action in northwest Europe, this took Wagner to Belgium, Germany, as well as the Netherlands where he spent time in Nijmegen, Rotterdam, Zutphen, Deventer and Apeldoorn.

SS: What did you learn about your husband's time overseas from the black and white photos he took during the war with what we would now refer to as an antique camera?

PW: "A story shared with us by Grant from the 55 photographs we are donating, in photo number 25 it depicts Gnr Wagner with a Dutch family, following the sign-



Gunner Grant Wagner in action in peripheral defenses protecting Canadian gun positions in the Zutphen/Deventer area circa April 19, 1945.

Photos submitted



Gnr Grant Wagner (inset at home in September 1943) in the foreground to the left reaches for a 25-pounder shell for his gun, one of the guns of the First Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, First Canadian Division. Gnr Wagner's gun is firing at a German bunker, which is seen in the distance with smoke billowing from it. This battle photo was taken in the Sutphen/Deventer area circa April 11, 1945.



ing of the German surrender in the Netherlands in Wageningen on May 5, 1945. Some marauding German soldiers, refusing to accept that Germany had lost the war, continued to roam the countryside and actively damage property and harm people. Gnr Wagner was deployed, armed, to guard this Dutch family, near Rotterdam. He was the first Canadian soldier they had seen. They celebrated with a party in his honour, bringing tables and chairs outside their house, and generously sharing with [him] the few scraps of food they could muster. They also brought out their musical instruments to add music to the celebration.

"Another story he told — and this was on himself — was that when he joined his 25-pounder gun crew, he was placed in charge of the one Bren gun they had for protection in close-up fighting. He had to keep the gun cleaned and in proper operating condition. He had also to dig the fox hole from which the gun was operated. He took great pride in carrying out this duty and position of trust. He later learned, to his chagrin, that the

Bren gun's care and keeping was traditionally assigned to the youngest member of the gun crew, and was not the honour he had earlier taken it to be, but rather considered to be a chore to be assigned to the youngest crew member."

SS: Did your late husband do his basic artillery training at CFB Shilo? What happened once he was sent overseas?

PW: "No, he did not do his basic training at Shilo. In 1943, Grant's basic training for the RCHA took place in Petawawa, Ont. Grant had initially in 1943 been sent to an officers' training course at Queens University in Kingston, Ont., but left those studies to answer the call for reinforcements to the First Canadian Corps."

"As the family understands it, Grant left his [officers' training] course and requested assignment as a reinforcement, and then was sent to Aldershot, England, for further training. He then sailed by ship convoy through the Straits of Gibraltar arriving in Salerno, Italy, in the summer of 1944. As the family understands it, he was assigned to the RCHA either in Aldershot or in Italy."

"At the time of the end of the war in Europe, Grant volunteered for the war in the Pacific Theatre. While he was in a staging camp in Europe, possibly in Belgium, awaiting transfer to the Pacific Theatre, the Pacific war ended with Japan's surrender."

"Grant was held in Europe with other Canadian soldiers and was eventually transferred home to Canada on the aircraft carrier HMS Puncher, arriving in Halifax on Dec. 23, 1945."

"The Puncher lived up to its name on the stormy North Atlantic Ocean. After a very bumpy sailing, the ship arrived in Canada at Pier 21 in Halifax, several days late. The Puncher had failed to keep its promise to get the soldiers home in time for Christmas."

Grant finally arrived in Edmonton by train, and home in Westlock in early January 1946. His parents, Joe and Emilie Wagner, having postponed their big Christmas dinner, celebrated a very happy Christmas in January with Grant after they had driven him home to Westlock from Edmonton."

Among some of the first Canadian soldiers to liberate the port of Rotterdam, Grant and Patricia Wagner often returned to the Netherlands during liberation celebrations held in that country to express gratitude to those Canadians who free the Dutch from their German oppressors during the Second World War.

Museum highlights Manitoba military history

Sarah Francis
Shilo Stag

Did you know ammunition used by soldiers in the First World War was manufactured in Brandon?

Manitoba Engines Ltd Foundry was located at 803 Assiniboine Ave. They manufactured 18-pound and Howitzer projectiles. The 18-pound rounds made in the city can be identified by the "ME" stamped into them.

The 26th Field Brandon RCA/XII Manitoba Dragoons Museum has two 18-pound rounds in their collection — both were donated. Artifacts continue to roll in everyday at the museum.

Curator Ed McArthur is proud to be a part of the team preserving Canadian military history. It's not just artifacts they have on hand, there's also an extensive archive and library.

"I think it's important to have the museum so people can come in with a name and maybe a service number and research the history of these soldiers, he said, adding that often people don't know the value of items they possess.

Much of the collection is donated. Speaking of that, there were two offers for donated items in the three-hour span that this reporter was present visiting the Brandon-based museum. One of which was



Frank Green's family would have received this Deadman's Penny after his death in the First World War.

Photos by Sarah Francis

stands and is the only building left from that era.

Another element of history you can find at the armouries is what one farmer once fashioned into a patio stone.

"That big stone on the bottom there, with the artillery crest on it. That used to sit above the [fireplace at] Officers' Mess at the Canadian Army training Centre, which used to be on 13th Street," he explained. "At the end of the war the buildings were used for PMQs for soldiers coming back with families. Also, it was converted into the Assiniboine Sanatorium.

"That big block of cement is almost five-inches thick and it used to sit above the fireplace in the Officers' Mess. The guy that bought the building was a farmer, he took it out and he turned it face down and used it as a patio stone. When the property changed hands they turned it over and saw that, and somebody said well that should go to the museum."

It now sits in what used to be a door frame to a lounge in the armouries.

There are still steps and you can still make out the old frame. McArthur said the reason for this is because the armouries falls under the category of a historic building, so they added an insert to the door and mounted the plaque.

On the other side of that door is where you will find the building's museum. The room is lined with displays and features a number of headdress and weapons on the walls and bannisters.

Clothing from both World Wars are on display as well as a collection of items from Jack Bennett's time as a Prisoner of War (POW).

"Bennett was an artillery soldier with the Royal Artillery and he was in Singapore," he explained. "He got there in — I think it was November 1941 and he was captured by the Japanese in February 1942. He spent the rest of the war in a Prisoner of War camp. We have

his — he became a collector— when he left the Prisoner of War camp, all he had was a loincloth. That was it. We have his loincloth here and we have his collection."

One artifact on display is the Deadman's Penny, which is of particular interest to McArthur.

"[It] is a bronze plaque, it's circular, it's about four-and-a-half-inches in diameter," said the curator. "It has inscriptions on it with Britannia and things in the nature of interest to the military in the First World War. There is a little rectangular box on it and in that is a person's name. [For] every soldier that died in the First World War, one of these memorial plates was issued by the King with a little letter that went with it in memory of his service."

The penny stemmed from not bringing bodies home. It was issued to the mother of the fallen, with the idea of having it placed on the parents' gravestone.

McArthur believes that any community with a military history should try to invest in a museum or a place to showcase artifacts.

"If you do not record your history and have it [where] it's accessible to the public, then you're bound to lose that history," he offered. "Whether it be the information side of it or the actual artifacts that pertain to the information."



An 18-pound round made in Brandon by Manitoba Engines Ltd Foundry for the First World War.

a helmet from the Second World War.

McArthur said Brandon has changed a lot in the last 100 years. There are also photographs showing how different areas of the city looked while training for different units was going on.

A miniature reconstruction of what part of the city looked like a century ago is on display showing the area near Brandon Avenue between 13th and 19th Streets. It shows the area behind what is now the Ag Centre. It was converted from a teachers college into the Canadian Army Training Centre. It still



A miniature depicting how one area of Brandon used by the Canadian Armed Forces looked 100 years ago.

Journey to the Reptile Garden

MEET A FEW OF THE WORLD'S REPTILES, AMPHIBIANS

Sarah Francis
Shilo Stag

Snakes, alligators and frogs, oh my!

It's exotic animals galore at the nearby Westman Reptile Gardens.

There are dozens of species of reptiles, amphibians and arachnids. They range from a three-centimetre sized Poison Dart Frog to a 19-foot African Rock Python.

The facility has been open for 10 years and they see around 6,000 visitors a year. It's also considered the largest indoor reptile zoo in Canada. The attraction was put together when they ran out of room inside their home for co-owner David Shelvey's massive collection.

The decision to open the collection to the public came from the saying, if you build it, they will come.

"My husband [David] has been obsessed with these animals since he was four," said co-owner Candi Shelvey. "I got sucked in."

She described the experience as fantastic and said the animals they care for are amazing creatures, adding she's learned a lot, but her knowledge can't compare to her husband's.

"Dave's forgotten more than I will ever learn," she said.

Caring for the animals as well as performing stunt work for film and TV has become part of the family business.

"It's led to so many other opportunities. We work in the movies and on TV. We're animal wranglers, my husband and our younger daughter do some stunt work for certain shows. It's really expanded into more that we'd ever thought. We've lent Alice Cooper our snake for some Canadian shows, so whenever he's in need, we're here."

Look out for stars on enclosures, which will tell you the animals name and what film or TV project they were involved in.

Her husband stood in for the late Paul Walker and had one of their non-venomous snakes bite him on the arm.

However, for scenes that require venomous snakes, they've created a prop arm. It's on display at the building entrance.

You can see a number of photos they've collected of injuries acquired over the years from interactions with the animals on display.

Aside from one Western Hog Nosed Snake, all the animals are exotic. The reptile garden is a division of their other business, Dave's Reptiles and Stuff.

"We are a national breeder and wholesaler. We sup-

ply to pet stores all across Canada. In the pet stores — even just privately, you can't own anything naturally found without a permit from Natural Resources," she said. "Depending on what it is — if you take a prairie skink out of the wild and keep it you can be fined heavily [or] possibly jail time."

None of the animals they have on display came from the wild. Animals in their care usually come from zoos, through rescue or they may have a particular animal on their wish list.

"We trade back and forth with other zoos, breeding loans, species preservation, surplus animals, things like that," she explained. "With the other wholesalers and distributors that we deal with out of Florida, New York and Quebec, we circulate price lists. We can trade or we will outright buy something if its on [Dave's] wish list."

Then the rescue stuff — people have turtles, bearded dragons, corn snakes, iguanas that they can't keep anymore, for what ever reason, generally we will take those in.

One of the facilities more popular specimens is Jojo, a 12-foot, 600-pound

American Alligator. The 30-year-old gator was brought to the garden 18 years ago.

"We got Jojo from the Winnipeg Zoo," she recalled. "They were terrified of him back then and I don't think they had staff qualified enough to work with an animal like that and everybody was a little leery. At that point, he was only maybe about five-feet long."

"He's actually the nicest one of the bunch," she added. "Don't judge a book."

Currently, the longest creature you can see is a 19-foot, 260-pound African Rock Python.

However, that title will be awarded to the Nile Crocodiles in their collection, which can grow to between 12 to 21 feet in length. At that point, they will have their own specially designed enclosure to account for their massive size.

All the big meat eaters get fed rabbits every Sunday, but every once in a while the gargantuan snake gets fed a small goat.

The Garden is open Sunday during feeding time, which is one of the venue's most popular days for



A turtle (above) fills up on lettuce on Sunday feeding day. Jojo (left) quickly gulps down his dinner in one bite. A curious lizard (below) peers out his terrarium while hanging out on a stick.

Photos by Sarah Francis



American Alligator. The 30-year-old gator was brought to the garden 18 years ago.

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The Garden is open Sunday during feeding time, which is one of the venue's most popular days for

public visits.

Many of the animals they have on hand eat insects or no meat at all. The vegetarians of the group get fed every day. That includes turtles, bearded dragons and a number of other lizards.

All animals in their care have lived in captivity their whole lives. Living at the reptile garden gives them a chance to live a full and long life.

"They don't have to worry about vying for space, they don't have to worry about fighting other alphas, or mates, they don't have to worry about disease," she explained. "We do our own vet work here. If it's something really complicated we have a vet that we work with. They don't have to worry about shelter, it's all climate controlled. Everything is exactly how they need it."

Shelvey added, "Being born in captivity they wouldn't stand a chance in the wild anyway."

For more information visit their website at www.reptilegardens.ca.



"They were terrified of him back then and I don't think they had staff qualified enough to work with an animal like that and everybody was a little leery. At that point, he was only maybe about five-feet long. He's actually the nicest one of the bunch."

— Candi Shelvey



We want you on our team

The Shilo Stag is looking for another sales consultant for its team. It's posting season, which is the perfect opportunity to sell the Brandon business market on advertising in the Stag. They have a captive audience — people are new to the community after being posted here from elsewhere in Canada. Where do you shop for new glasses; groom your dog; take the wife out for an anniversary dinner; buy a new car or have winter tires put on the van with the advent of winter; shop for back to school clothes and supplies? Working on commission, you can set your own hours. The more you hustle and sign advertisers up to promote their business in the Stag, the more you earn. Drop by the Stag's office in CANEX and see Jules or Sarah about the job. Or call 204-765-3000 ext 3013/3093. Be part of the award-winning Shilo Stag team.



Pancake breakfast serves up \$1,250 donation

Sarah Francis
Shilo Stag

Profits were almost doubled as 250 people were served breakfast for the Military Police Fund for Blind Children (MPFBC). This year's efforts brought in \$1,250 as compared to last year's \$700. This pancake breakfast coincided with the Military Police National Motorcycle Relay Ride. The money raised helps blind children primarily, and young blind adults, as well as supporting charitable organizations and individuals who are involved in education and recreation for those youths. This charity, which is the only military charity in Canada, was started by Col James Riley Stone in 1957. His daughter Moira had eye

cancer, resulting in blindness. He started the charity in order to help children who were less fortunate than his daughter. He asked the Military Police to voluntarily contribute a dollar or two per year. With those donations he was able to establish a fund to help blind children under the age of 13.



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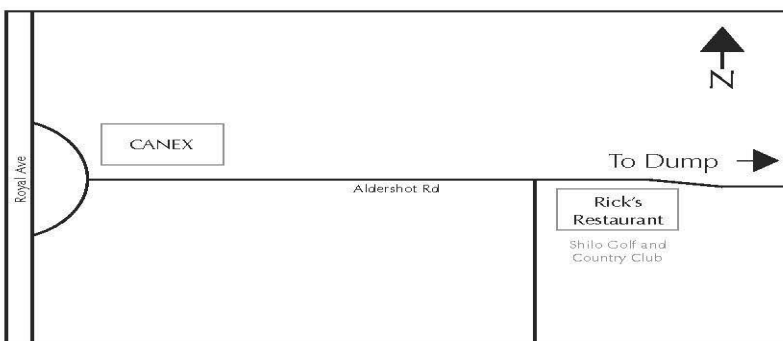
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Got Bulk Garbage?

Bulk items, yard waste, tires, and electronics may be disposed of Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Shilo dump located 2 km east of Rick's Restaurant on Aldershot Road



Items may be placed for curbside pick-up the following dates ONLY: October 13

Items are to not be placed earlier than the evening prior to pick-up.

FOR SALE

The following buildings RH78, RH79, RH80, RH81, RH82, R4-43 and R4-44 are offered for sale and removal from CFB Shilo.

Offers to Purchase either individual or groups of buildings are invited and must be received by Base Engineer, Engineering Services Building P101, CFB Shilo, P.O. Box 5000 Station Main, Shilo MB R0K 2A0 not later than 3 p.m. Sept. 10. Sales are subject to Condition of Sale which may be obtained from the Base Property Office, Kim Walker at 204-765-3000 ext 3385. Electronic photos of buildings exteriors are also available.

Interested Parties are required to obtain all necessary municipal permits for the removal and relocation of any or all of the above noted structures. Inspection prior to submitting an offer is mandatory during a site visit which will be held at 1 p.m. Sept. 3. Interested parties are to assemble at the main entrance of Building P101 at CFB Shilo at the aforementioned times. Offer to Purchase forms will be distributed during the site visit.

Highest or any offer will not necessarily be accepted

Shilo MP provide teen with iPad

Stag Special

CFB Shilo's Military Police (MP) have provided a young girl with a reading tool following a phone call in late April.

Kristen Breemersch called the Base's MP office with news that her daughter Katrina had recently been diagnosed with a brain tumour and was gradually losing her vision due to the size of the tumor.

She was assessed as being legally blind in her left eye and was beginning to lose vision in her right eye as well.

While speaking with a friend who works at CFB Shilo, Breemersch was informed of the Military Police Fund for Blind Children (MPFBC).

Daughter Katrina Breemersch has been to the Ronald McDonald House in Winnipeg frequently to undergo treatment for her brain tumor and developed a fondness for the iPads that the facility had.

It was much easier for her to read books from an iPad in large print and allowed her to pass the time. She wanted an iPad of her own to help her read, to play games, and ultimately to finish this school year.

In early May, the purchase was approved by the MPFBC and the iPad was presented to Katrina back in May at the Breemersch's acreage in the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis.

SLt Greg Ansley, accompanied by LS Derrick Booth, the CFB Shilo MP MPFBC representative, visited the family that day. The presentation of an iPad Air 2 — Gold Edition — and case was made to an excited Katrina.

The MP representatives assured the family they would be willing to help out again in any way they could.



Shilo MP LS Derrick Booth (left) stands alongside Katrina Breemersch, who received her iPad from SLt Greg Ansley during a presentation at the Breemersch acreage. *Photo by Kristen Breemersch*

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While at the acreage, Katrina, her father Brian, mother Kristen, sisters Brittany and Brooke, and brother Kendrick all checked out the newest CFB Shilo MP patrol car.

The family enjoyed the demonstration of the vehicle's sirens, lights, loud-hailer, and other capabilities.

The connection made with the Breemersch family is one of many MP have made with several families since the charity's inception in 1957.

Throughout the visit, Katrina remained strong and is determined to fight her battle with cancer and vi-

sion loss. Her story is very inspiring and, with her determination and spirit, she is bound to get through this difficult time in her life.

CFB Shilo MP were privileged to have met Katrina and glad to help brighten her day.

Starting in October Interactive groups ideal for parents

MFRC Special

Parents — we are the foundation of strong families. Yet, parenting causes us to feel a variety of emotions including uncertainty, frustration, joy, hope, failure, success, connection, disconnection, fatigue, relief, and so much more.

Parents are faced with the challenge of caring for and meeting the needs of their children's physical, mental, and emotional development from infancy to adulthood. This can feel overwhelming.

This October, the Shilo MFRC is facilitating three interactive groups designed to build a supporting community for parents.

- **Coping With Change:** A facilitator-run group for expecting and new moms — through the first year of their baby's life.

This will address the difficult transition many mothers experience and gives them a chance to voice their own realities of mothering.

Through shared community, laughter, and discussion, mothers are supported and offered a sense of normalcy.

This group will run every second week from October until mid-December.

- **Nobody's Perfect:** Is an interactive group for parents of pre-schoolers.

It gives parents a safe place to meet others with children of the same age and with whom they share inter-

ests and concerns.

There is not one "right" way to parent. This interactive group helps parents recognize their strengths and find additional positive ways to raise healthy, happy children.

This group will also run every second week from October until mid-December.

- **Understanding the Teenage Brain:** This is a four-session, interactive series designed to facilitate discussion and education with parents in regards to understanding the developing mind, creating security for our youth, learning how to connect, and using discipline as a form of teaching through relationship.

Starting Oct. 6 in the evening, this group will run every week for the month of October.

For information contact Bonnie Hildebrand, Shilo MFRC prevention support and intervention co-ordinator, at bonnie.hildebrand@forces.gc.ca

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MP promotions

During the recent Base quarterly there were promotions among the MP ranks, with SLt Greg Ansley doing the honours at the MPTF. Two MP were promoted to Master Corporal. SLt Ansley (above) placed the new rank on MCpl Koblun's uniform, then did the same for MCpl Schoenrock (below).

Photos by Jules Xavier



Transitioning to civilian life

Are you medically releasing from the CAF?

Veterans Hiring Act has benefits for soldiers

Shilo Stag
Special

The transition to civilian life can be a confusing time for Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members.

Choosing a new career can be daunting for someone who has never held a civilian job, especially if they have been ill or injured.

With this in mind, Veterans Affairs Canada, the Department of National Defence (DND) and the Public Service Commission are working together to bring changes to the Public Service Employment Act.

In May 2014, the Minister of Veterans Affairs announced that changes would be coming to the Public Service Employment Act. One benefit of these changes is that veterans, who are medically released due to a service-related injury or illness, as determined by Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC), will become the top statutory priority and shall be considered before organizations initiate an appointment process.

In other words, they will be considered for the job and, if they meet the qualifications for the position, they will be appointed before all others.

Veterans have five years to apply and to be deemed fit to return to work.

The entitlement period for those whose illness or injury has been deemed attributable to service will last five years from the time the member registers in the Priority Information Management System.

The releasing CAF member can initiate the paperwork with a DND Human Resources (Civilian) (DND HR-Civ) office as early as two weeks prior

to their final release date but they cannot be considered as a priority person until their final paid day of service has passed.

Currently, veterans who were released as a result of an illness or injury do have regulatory priority, but not top priority.

This will not change until the Veterans Hiring Act (VHA), comes into force in this summer.

The benefit of the VHA will be retroactively applied to those former members whose priority entitlement was active in the Priority Information Management System on or after April 1, 2012.

This past May, part of this group, those whose priority entitlement had already expired, was contacted by the Public Service Commission.

Anyone receiving this e-mail should respond and, should they wish to do so, provide their consent to provide their personal information to VAC, have their regulatory priority entitlement extended for an additional five years and to apply for statutory priority.

Delays in doing so after the VHA comes into force will impact the entitlement period given to the former member.

If you are a member who is in the process of releasing — or are thinking of releasing — due to an illness or injury sustained during service and you are interested in applying for priority entitlement, until the changes come into effect, your first point of contact should be the DND Director of Casualty Support Management (DCSM) at 1-800-883-6094 or DCSM-DGSB@forces.gc.ca

The VHA has yet to come into force. The proposed regulations were published June 3. For more official information on the VHA, contact Veterans Affairs Canada toll free at 1-866-522-2122.



WARNING SHILO RANGES

Day and night firing will be carried out at the Shilo Ranges until further notice.

The range consists of DND controlled property lying approximately 32 kms SE from Brandon and N of the Assiniboine River in Townships 7, 8 and 9; Range 14 WPM, Townships 8, 9 and 10; Ranges 15 and 16 WPM and Townships 9 and 10; Range 17 WPM in the Province of Manitoba. If required, a detailed description of the Shilo property may be obtained from the Base Construction Engineering Office at Canadian Forces Base Shilo.

All boundaries, entry ways, roads and tracks into the Range are clearly marked and posted with signs indicating that there is to be NO TRESPASSING. Hunting is no longer permitted on the Shilo Ranges.

STRAY AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVE OBJECTS

Bombs, grenades, shells, similar explosive objects, and their casings are a hazard to life and limb. Do not pick up or retain such objects as souvenirs. If you have found or have in your possession any object which you believe to be an explosive, notify your local police and arrangements will be made to dispose of it.

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Deputy Minister
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AVERTISSEMENT POLYGONES DE TIR DE SHILO

Des tirs de jour et de nuit seront effectués aux polygones de tir de Shilo jusqu'à nouvel ordre.

Les polygones de tir sont des terrains sous le contrôle du MDN situés à environ 32 km au sud-est de Brandon et au nord de la rivière Assiniboine dans les cantons 7, 8 et 9; polygone 14 OMP, cantons 8, 9 et 10; polygones 15 et 16 OMP et cantons 9 et 10; polygone 17 OMP, dans la Province du Manitoba. Au besoin, une description détaillée de la propriété de Shilo peut être obtenue du Bureau du génie construction de la Base des Forces canadiennes Shilo.

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Aucune personne non autorisée ne peut entrer dans ce secteur où tout accès est strictement interdit.

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CAF striving to increase number of women

LGen David Millar
Stag Special

The Chief of Military Personnel issued the following statement regarding Lee Berthiaume's recent *Ottawa Citizen* article with the headline: CAF cutting female targets; Only 14.57 per cent of all officers are women, Deschamps' report says.

"Diversity is a source of strength and flexibility for the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), and plays a pivotal role in ensuring that we remain strong, innovative and forward-looking. We are proud that we reflect the society that we serve both at home and on international operations.

"Indeed, we could not have achieved the success that we did in Afghanistan, Haiti and elsewhere without the contribution of our diverse members, including women. As of April 2015, there are nearly 14,000 women amongst the CAF's Regular and Primary Reserve Force population, which represent 15 per cent of the CAF.

"We are striving to increase that percentage further with focused advertising, accelerated processing of applications, senior leader diversity champions, and research to inform our policies and practices.

"Our advertising campaigns continue to highlight opportunities for women, and play a significant role in enabling the CAF to achieve its recruiting objectives.

"On the issue of female recruitment goals for the CAF, there is no directive to reduce them, and the Chief of the Defence Staff has not agreed to any reduction. Officials within the CAF are in consultations with the Labour Program (Employment and Social Development Canada) and the Canadian Human Rights Commission to ensure our goals are realistic, achievable and sustainable.

"Canada ranks among the top of NATO countries, and is in very good standing among its allies in terms of representing women within its ranks, and permits women to serve in all occupations in the CAF.

"On her recent visit to Canada, Ambassador Mariët Schuurman, the NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security praised the CAF for being a leader in the achieving its current number of women in the military as well as providing unlimited opportunities for their service."

LGen David Millar is Chief of Military Personnel out of National Defence Headquarters



The annual Terry Fox Run starting at 9:30 a.m. from L25 is scheduled for Sept. 11. You can run, walk, cycle, push a stroller or bring the dog on this popular Base event.
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Photography contest requests submissions from film, digital cameras by Sept. 15

Shilo Stag

Are you in focus with your digital or film camera? If so, why not enter some of your images to the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) photography contest which runs from July 2 to Sept. 15.

Send your best photo captures and you can garner bragging rights on this Base, if not across the CAF community.

Whether you're a seasoned professional or an amateur photographer this is the contest for you. The photography contest, comprising eight diverse categories, is open to all members of the Defence Team and their families.

Participants will be eligible to win \$10,000 in prizes from the photography contest sponsors.

This year's contest features a new award, the Military Photographer Achievement Award, which recognizes the contributions military photographers have made to the CAF community.

For 47 years, the photography contest has been celebrating the talented photographers who capture life in CAF communities across Canada.

Keep the photography contest in mind as you capture special moments this summer.

Family gatherings, sports tournaments, scenic vacations, work events — the possibilities are endless.

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Sarah Francis
Shilo Stag

New soldiers have joined 1RCHA after completing their DP1 course. Under the guidance of A Bty, the student soldiers learned all about becoming a member of the artillery. The seven instructors started with 21 students, who were soon put through a rigorous fitness routine the instructors called "House of Pain." In the third and fourth week students then moved into the field portion of their training. By this time there were 12 candidates. They were challenged with scenarios, sleep deprivation as well as working in urban and woodland areas. The new gunners were offered congratulations and words of wisdom before they venture off to their respective military placements. While in the field each private pulled the lanyard on the M777 C1 howitzer, becoming an official gunner. That was followed by the graduation parade which officially welcomed them to the Royal Canadian Artillery (RCA).




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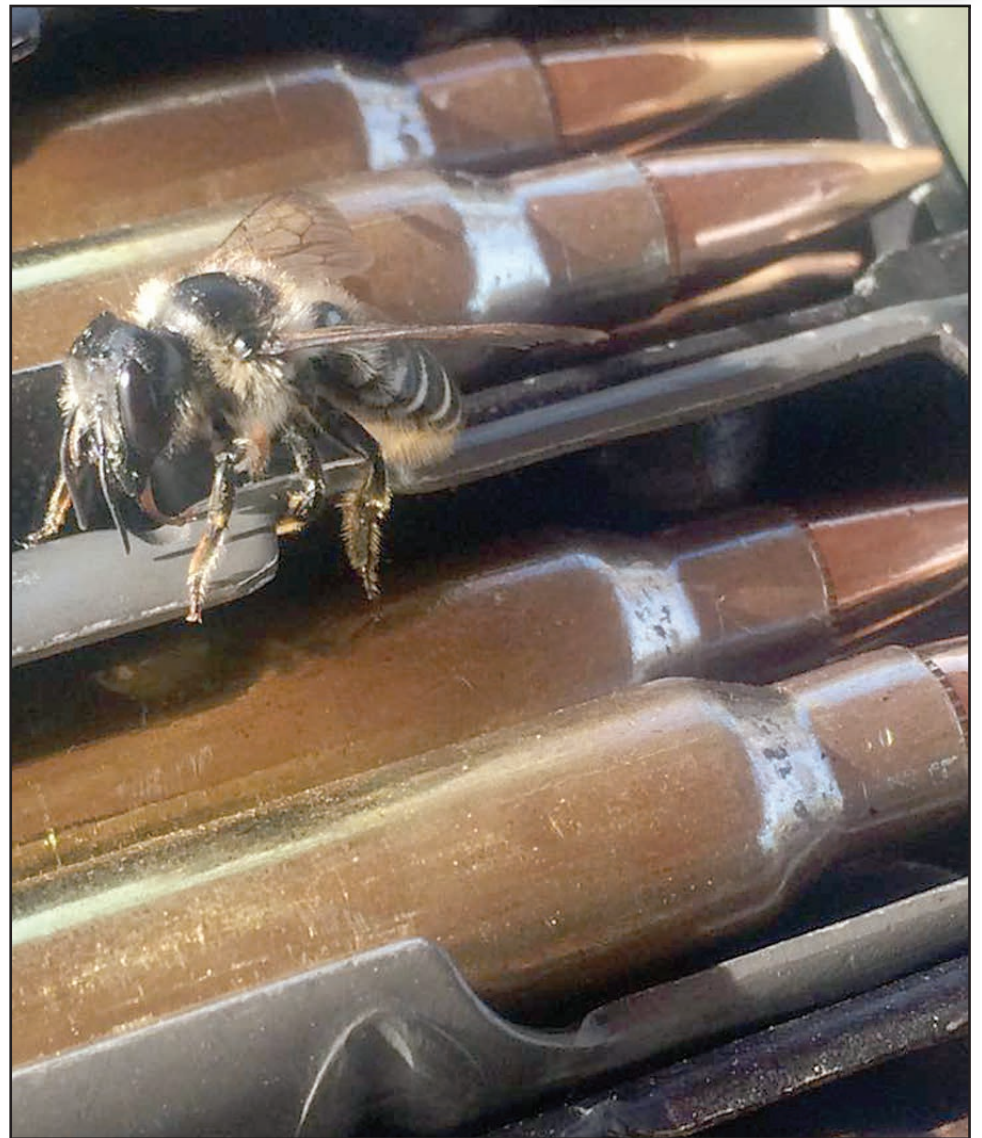


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Curious bee

While on the Essen machine gun range training, 1RCHA Bdr Wesley Hudson noticed a bee checking out the shells in his gun, and snapped this photograph which he shared with the *Shilo Stag*.

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Waiting for dinner

If you are new to the Base following posting season, there's an excellent Manitoba tourist attraction located nearby. The Westman Reptile Gardens features an array of reptiles and amphibians, from crocodiles to these inquisitive baby bearded dragons. Stag assistant editor Sarah Francis visited during feeding time. Her feature story and photos appear on page 7. Photo by Sarah Francis



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'Big' cheque gives back

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Sarah Francis
Shilo Stag

Paying your cable bill helps this military community.

BComd LCol John Ccohrane was presented with his inaugural giant cheque by Westman Communications Group (WCG) as part of their Co-Operative (Co-Op), which is referred to as the Shilo Green Fund. It was set up 10 years ago and has since provided the Base with \$105,744.

The local company has been able to do that with the help of its customers, including residents here at CFB Shilo.

Every month when you pay your cable, Internet and phone bills a percentage is recycled back into the Shilo Green Fund. This money goes into Base Fund to help pay for community activities and programs.

WCG chief marketing officer John Quail explained that the more people who subscribe to their service, the bigger the cheque for the Base.

"We took over Shilo cable 10 years ago and as part of that agreement we would provide money based on the number of subscribers," he explained. "We would donate a certain amount of money per subscriber on an annual basis. That's based on Internet subscribers and TV subscribers."

He added, "For example, if you look at 2015, there was 352 cable [subscribers], for 300 of those, there was an exemption. We don't provide any funding for that. Anything over that, those 52, we provide \$2 for each of those subscribers, so \$104 when you annualize that."

Quail added it's also the same system for Internet. Both of those add up to the \$10,408 the Base received for this past year.

WCG is also working to ensure customers are satisfied with their service.

"Westman will be spending \$4-million over the next 18 months as we proactively upgrade our network," said WCG president CEO Dave Baxter. "We are staying ahead of the curve with our upgrade program to enable us to offer higher speeds in the future as our members' needs continue to evolve especially for streaming high definition video".

Currently, the 550 homes in this community are being serviced by what they call "two nodes," so 250 homes per node. Soon, they will be making changes to increase Internet speeds.

"In order for Internet traffic to see an increase, we've split those nodes into four nodes," said Quail. "Roughly 130 homes per node. That means there is more bandwidth for each of those houses. Which means, you're not fighting with your neighbour for better Internet speeds."

A number they say is about five years ahead of the curve.

One cited reason for the change was the fact that

"Westman will be spending \$4-million over the next 18 months as we proactively upgrade our network."

-Dave Baxter



more and more people are streaming video, with 45 per cent of their traffic being for Netflix and 25 per cent being YouTube.

Another new addition to WCG will be providing is a Wi-Fi service in Gunner Arena.

However, they aren't stopping there. Quail was tight lipped about some other exciting announcements which will be coming to CFB Shilo during the next few months.

Pet of the Week



RADAR

Elaine Bullee's family dog, Radar, is a playful canine who enjoys exploring his rural home. He might be small, but he plays big, and loves to chew on his frisbee. Do you have a photo of your pet you'd like to share with our Stag readers? If so, e-mail it to stag@mymts.net



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Tucker proudly shows off the haul from one of his garbage collecting adventures. *Photo submitted*

Boy helps environment one adventure at a time

Sarah Francis
Shilo Stag

As Mary Poppins once said, "In every job that must be done, there is an element of fun. You find the fun, and — SNAP — the job's a game."

That's exactly what four-year-old Tucker did when he decided to clean up CFB Shilo.

Bill Nye the Science Guy was the spark for the boy's inspiration to help the environment by picking up litter on Base.

Mom, Stacey Vandecavey, said the show broke down how to help the environment in terms a four-year-old could understand.

"He was talking about how doing one little thing a day helps. Tucker said he wanted to do that to help the environment so he's been picking up garbage almost every day of the week. Picking a different street and going down it and today because it was after recycling day, Fridays are one of the worst. There's paper everywhere. Tuesdays are pretty bad for gross stuff."

It was then that Tucker spoke up and said, "I'm going to be a ninja."

When they go out on walks Tucker brings gloves and a trash bag to pick up garbage along the way.

"I put it in the recycling," said Tucker. "He doesn't realize that — especially with adults they see it and they [say] that's a huge thing," said mom. "For

him, it's not. We go and we play a game for half an hour and he picks up dirty stuff."

Tucker said he likes to pick up the garbage because it's gross and squishy, but he doesn't like picking stuff up out of puddles.

As per most four-year-olds a simple walk takes on a whole different flare.

Tucker turns his walks into adventures and quests, pretending to be a ninja and sneaking up on the garbage and then attacking. During the interview he was in the process of doing some ninja training at the CANEX.

Other times, he goes on adventures to battle evil.

"There's an evil king and queen and the more garbage he picks up the smaller they are so he can battle them at the end," she said.

"He has these epic battles in our backyard at the end of picking up garbage. At the end he can just free-for-all in the back yard and play for a bit. There's different stories every day that he comes up with."


Vandecavey said she and Tucker have yet to go on a walk without picking up a considerable amount of trash.

An area that can be particularly bad is around the schools.

One day while collecting garbage in that area Tucker asked some other kids to help him and they helped without a second thought.

Tucker hopes to get his school more involved with cleaning up trash and taking care of our environment.

"I put it in the recycling."
-Tucker



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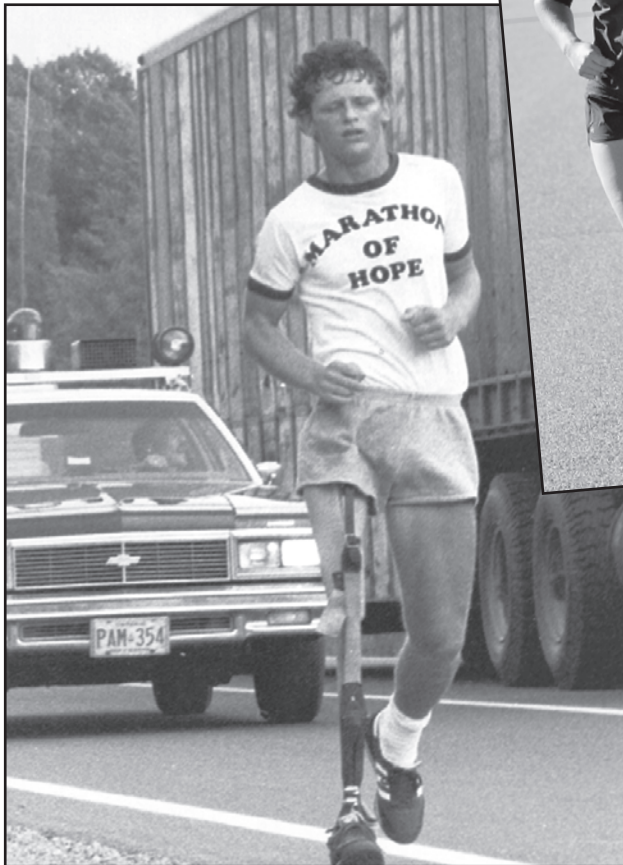
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Stag managing editor Jules Xavier photographed Terry Fox during his run on Hwy. 17 in August 1980 (below) when he was near White Lake Provincial Park, Ont. A few weeks later he was forced to stop his cross-Canada run outside of Thunder Bay. The Base event (right) is always a good turnout.



Are you ready for Terry Fox Run?

Shilo Stag

It was a journey that Canadians never forgot. Terry Fox was born in Winnipeg, and raised in Port Coquitlam, BC, a community near Vancouver on Canada's west coast. An active teenager involved in many sports, Terry was only a teenager when he was diagnosed with osteogenic sarcoma (bone cancer) and forced to have his right leg amputated 15 centimetres (six inches) above the knee in 1977. While in hospital, Terry was so overcome by the suffering of other cancer patients, many of them young children, that he decided to run across Canada to raise money for cancer research. He would call his journey the Marathon of Hope. After 18 months and running more than 5,000 kilometres (3,107 miles) to prepare, Terry started his run in St. John's, Nfld on April 12, 1980 with little fanfare. Although it was difficult to garner attention in the beginning, enthusiasm soon grew, and the money collected along his route began to mount. He ran close to 42 kilometres (26 miles) a day through Canada's Atlantic provinces, Quebec and Ontario. However, on Sept. 1, after 143 days and 5,373 kilometres (3,339 miles), Terry was forced to stop running outside of Thunder Bay, Ont. because cancer had appeared in his lungs. An entire nation was stunned and saddened. Terry died on June 28, 1981. He was 22. The heroic Canadian was gone, but his legacy was just beginning.

To date, more than \$600-million has been raised worldwide for cancer research in Terry's name through the annual Terry Fox Run, held across Canada and around the world.

There are 14 schools and 15 roads in Canada named after Terry Fox.

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You can walk, run, wheel or bike at the upcoming 35th annual Terry Fox Run. Open to all ages starting from the Community Centre Annex, better known as L25.

You will need to arrive one hour earlier for warm-up and other events. Cost to participate is a donation to the Terry Fox Foundation. Shirts and raffle tickets are available for purchase.

QUOTES FROM TERRY FOX

"I don't feel that this is unfair. That's the thing about cancer. I'm not the only one, it happens all the time to people. I'm not special. This just intensifies what I did. It gives it more meaning. It'll inspire more people. I just wish people would realize that anything's possible if you try; dreams are made possible if you try."

"When I started this run, I said that if we all gave one dollar, we'd have \$22-million for cancer research, and I don't care man, there's no reason that isn't possible. No reason!"

"I'm not doing the run to become rich or famous."

"Some people can't figure out what I'm doing. It's not a walk-hop, it's not a trot, it's running, or as close as I can get to running, and it's harder than doing it on two legs. It makes me mad when people call this a walk. If I was walking it wouldn't be anything."

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'We know they will have a good home'

Widow donates Gunner's war memorabilia to RCA Museum

Jules Xavier
Shilo Stag

Patricia Wagner's visit to the RCA Museum where she observed Second World War equipment her late husband used fighting the Germans overseas is an experience she won't soon forget.

Moreover, her trip to CFB Shilo allowed her, and son Bill, to donate a number of items belonging to Gnr Grant Wagner to the museum.

"Bill and I are very happy to have left my husband's photos and other [Second World War] items with the people at Shilo," she said afterward. "We know they will have a good home, and will be safely looked after."

She added, "We had a most interesting time with Clive, too, and will be sending to him my husband's leather jerkin for the museum's collection."

Wagner decided to donate photographs her husband took while serving in the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery as a gunner, plus medals and other war memorabilia, because there's no one to leave them to once she's gone.

"The next generation of the family is Spanish-born and raised, so they have less connection to the Second World War. Spain was not a participant of that war," she explained while showing them off at the Stag's CANEX office. "I feel much better that they are with the museum and are part of the museum's collection." She added, "We do still have the original photos that will be passed down to future generations."

In his 90th year, Grant Wagner died in Regina with his wife of 64 years at his side in November 2014. His military career started in 1943 after graduating from his Alberta high school in Westlock, where he was born on June 26, 1925. The teenager was eager to do his part despite the war having started in 1939. After returning home following the war, he had a long career as a public servant with the Government of Canada.

Prior to her visit to CFB Shilo, Patricia Wagner participated in a Q&A with the Stag regarding her husband's RCHA career and why she thought the RCA Museum was an ideal venue to donate the military items.

Shilo Stag (SS): What can you recall that Grant shared about his time overseas fighting the Germans in Italy, and northwest Europe?

Patricia Wagner (PW): "Like many [Second World War] veterans, Grant did not talk much about his war experiences. But he did mention that he fought in the Rimini area, in Italy, which would likely have put him fighting against the German 'Gothic Line' and certainly against the German 'Rimini Line'."

While seeing fighting action in northwest Europe, this took Wagner to Belgium, Germany, as well as the Netherlands where he spent time in Nijmegen, Rotterdam, Zutphen, Deventer and Apeldoorn.

SS: What did you learn about your husband's time overseas from the black and white photos he took during the war with what we would now refer to as an antique camera?

PW: "A story shared with us by Grant from the 55 photographs we are donating, in photo number 25 it depicts Gnr Wagner with a Dutch family, following the sign-



Gunner Grant Wagner in action in peripheral defences protecting Canadian gun positions in the Zutphen/Deventer area circa April 19, 1945.

Photos submitted



Gnr Grant Wagner (inset at home in September 1943) in the foreground to the left reaches for a 25-pounder shell for his gun, one of the guns of the First Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, First Canadian Division. Gnr Wagner's gun is firing at a German bunker, which is seen in the distance with smoke billowing from it. This battle photo was taken in the Sutphen/Deventer area circa April 11, 1945.



ing of the German surrender in the Netherlands in Wageningen on May 5, 1945. Some marauding German soldiers, refusing to accept that Germany had lost the war, continued to roam the countryside and actively damage property and harm people. Gnr Wagner was deployed, armed, to guard this Dutch family, near Rotterdam. He was the first Canadian soldier they had seen. They celebrated with a party in his honour, bringing tables and chairs outside their house, and generously sharing with [him] the few scraps of food they could muster. They also brought out their musical instruments to add music to the celebration.

"Another story he told — and this was on himself — was that when he joined his 25-pounder gun crew, he was placed in charge of the one Bren gun they had for protection in close-up fighting. He had to keep the gun cleaned and in proper operating condition. He had also to dig the fox hole from which the gun was operated. He took great pride in carrying out this duty and position of trust. He later learned, to his chagrin, that the

Bren gun's care and keeping was traditionally assigned to the youngest member of the gun crew, and was not the honour he had earlier taken it to be, but rather considered to be a chore to be assigned to the youngest crew member."

SS: Did your late husband do his basic artillery training at CFB Shilo? What happened once he was sent overseas?

PW: "No, he did not do his basic training at Shilo. In 1943, Grant's basic training for the RCHA took place in Petawawa, Ont. Grant had initially in 1943 been sent to an officers' training course at Queens University in Kingston, Ont., but left those studies to answer the call for reinforcements to the First Canadian Corps.

"As the family understands it, Grant left his [officers' training] course and requested assignment as a reinforcement, and then was sent to Aldershot, England, for further training. He then sailed by ship convoy through the Straits of Gibraltar arriving in Salerno, Italy, in the summer of 1944. As the family understands it, he was assigned to the RCHA either in Aldershot or in Italy.

"At the time of the end of the war in Europe, Grant volunteered for the war in the Pacific Theatre. While he was in a staging camp in Europe, possibly in Belgium, awaiting transfer to the Pacific Theatre, the Pacific war ended with Japan's surrender.

"Grant was held in Europe with other Canadian soldiers and was eventually transferred home to Canada on the aircraft carrier HMS Puncher, arriving in Halifax on Dec. 23, 1945.

"The Puncher lived up to its name on the stormy North Atlantic Ocean. After a very bumpy sailing, the ship arrived in Canada at Pier 21 in Halifax, several days late. The Puncher had failed to keep its promise to get the soldiers home in time for Christmas.

Grant finally arrived in Edmonton by train, and home in Westlock in early January 1946. His parents, Joe and Emilie Wagner, having postponed their big Christmas dinner, celebrated a very happy Christmas in January with Grant after they had driven him home to Westlock from Edmonton."

Among some of the first Canadian soldiers to liberate the port of Rotterdam, Grant and Patricia Wagner often returned to the Netherlands during liberation celebrations held in that country to express gratitude to those Canadians who free the Dutch from their German oppressors during the Second World War.

Museum highlights Manitoba military history

Sarah Francis
Shilo Stag

Did you know ammunition used by soldiers in the First World War was manufactured in Brandon?

Manitoba Engines Ltd Foundry was located at 803 Assiniboine Ave. They manufactured 18-pound and Howitzer projectiles. The 18-pound rounds made in the city can be identified by the "ME" stamped into them.

The 26th Field Brandon RCA/XII Manitoba Dragoons Museum has two 18-pound rounds in their collection — both were donated. Artifacts continue to roll in everyday at the museum.

Curator Ed McArthur is proud to be a part of the team preserving Canadian military history. It's not just artifacts they have on hand, there's also an extensive archive and library.

"I think it's important to have the museum so people can come in with a name and maybe a service number and research the history of these soldiers, he said, adding that often people don't know the value of items they possess.

Much of the collection is donated. Speaking of that, there were two offers for donated items in the three-hour span that this reporter was present visiting the Brandon-based museum. One of which was



Frank Green's family would have received this Deadman's Penny after his death in the First World War.

Photos by Sarah Francis

stands and is the only building left from that era.

Another element of history you can find at the armouries is what one farmer once fashioned into a patio stone.

"That big stone on the bottom there, with the artillery crest on it. That used to sit above the [fireplace at] Officers' Mess at the Canadian Army training Centre, which used to be on 13th Street," he explained. "At the end of the war the buildings were used for PMQs for soldiers coming back with families. Also, it was converted into the Assiniboine Sanatorium.

"That big block of cement is almost five-inches thick and it used to sit above the fireplace in the Officers' Mess. The guy that bought the building was a farmer, he took it out and he turned it face down and used it as a patio stone. When the property changed hands they turned it over and saw that, and somebody said well that should go to the museum."

It now sits in what used to be a door frame to a lounge in the armouries.

There are still steps and you can still make out the old frame. McArthur said the reason for this is because the armouries falls under the category of a historic building, so they added an insert to the door and mounted the plaque.

On the other side of that door is where you will find the building's museum. The room is lined with displays and features a number of headdress and weapons on the walls and bannisters.

Clothing from both World Wars are on display as well as a collection of items from Jack Bennett's time as a Prisoner of War (POW).

"Bennett was an artillery soldier with the Royal Artillery and he was in Singapore," he explained. "He got there in — I think it was November 1941 and he was captured by the Japanese in February 1942. He spent the rest of the war in a Prisoner of War camp. We have

his — he became a collector — when he left the Prisoner of War camp, all he had was a loincloth. That was it. We have his loincloth here and we have his collection."

One artifact on display is the Deadman's Penny, which is of particular interest to McArthur.

"[It] is a bronze plaque, it's circular, it's about four-and-a-half-inches in diameter," said the curator. "It has inscriptions on it with Britannia and things in the nature of interest to the military in the First World War. There is a little rectangular box on it and in that is a person's name. [For] every soldier that died in the First World War, one of these memorial plates was issued by the King with a little letter that went with it in memory of his service."

The penny stemmed from not bringing bodies home. It was issued to the mother of the fallen, with the idea of having it placed on the parents' gravestone.

McArthur believes that any community with a military history should try to invest in a museum or a place to showcase artifacts.

"If you do not record your history and have it [where] it's accessible to the public, then you're bound to lose that history," he offered. "Whether it be the information side of it or the actual artifacts that pertain to the information."



An 18-pound round made in Brandon by Manitoba Engines Ltd Foundry for the First World War.

a helmet from the Second World War.

McArthur said Brandon has changed a lot in the last 100 years. There are also photographs showing how different areas of the city looked while training for different units was going on.

A miniature reconstruction of what part of the city looked like a century ago is on display showing the area near Brandon Avenue between 13th and 19th Streets. It shows the area behind what is now the Ag Centre. It was converted from a teachers college into the Canadian Army Training Centre. It still



A miniature depicting how one area of Brandon used by the Canadian Armed Forces looked 100 years ago.

Journey to the Reptile Garden

MEET A FEW OF THE WORLD'S REPTILES, AMPHIBIANS

Sarah Francis
Shilo Stag

Snakes, alligators and frogs, oh my!

It's exotic animals galore at the nearby Westman Reptile Gardens.

There are dozens of species of reptiles, amphibians and arachnids. They range from a three-centimetre sized Poison Dart Frog to a 19-foot African Rock Python.

The facility has been open for 10 years and they see around 6,000 visitors a year. It's also considered the largest indoor reptile zoo in Canada. The attraction was put together when they ran out of room inside their home for co-owner David Shelvey's massive collection.

The decision to open the collection to the public came from the saying, if you build it, they will come.

"My husband [David] has been obsessed with these animals since he was four," said co-owner Candi Shelvey. "I got sucked in."

She described the experience as fantastic and said the animals they care for are amazing creatures, adding she's learned a lot, but her knowledge can't compare to her husband's.

"Dave's forgotten more than I will ever learn," she said.

Caring for the animals as well as performing stunt work for film and TV has become part of the family business.

"It's led to so many other opportunities. We work in the movies and on TV. We're animal wranglers, my husband and our younger daughter do some stunt work for certain shows. It's really expanded into more that we'd ever thought. We've lent Alice Cooper our snake for some Canadian shows, so whenever he's in need, we're here."

Look out for stars on enclosures, which will tell you the animals name and what film or TV project they were involved in.

Her husband stood in for the late Paul Walker and had one of their non-venomous snakes bite him on the arm.

However, for scenes that require venomous snakes, they've created a prop arm. It's on display at the building entrance.

You can see a number of photos they've collected of injuries acquired over the years from interactions with the animals on display.

Aside from one Western Hog Nosed Snake, all the animals are exotic. The reptile garden is a division of their other business, Dave's Reptiles and Stuff.

"We are a national breeder and wholesaler. We sup-

ply to pet stores all across Canada. In the pet stores — even just privately, you can't own anything naturally found without a permit from Natural Resources," she said. "Depending on what it is — if you take a prairie skink out of the wild and keep it you can be fined heavily [or] possibly jail time."

None of the animals they have on display came from the wild. Animals in their care usually come from zoos, through rescue or they may have a particular animal on their wish list.

"We trade back and forth with other zoos, breeding loans, species preservation, surplus animals, things like that," she explained. "With the other wholesalers and distributors that we deal with out of Florida, New York and Quebec, we circulate price lists. We can trade or we will outright buy something if it's on [Dave's] wish list."

Then the rescue stuff — people have turtles, bearded dragons, corn snakes, iguanas that they can't keep anymore, for what ever reason, generally we will take those in.

One of the facilities more popular specimens is Jojo, a 12-foot, 600-pound American Alligator. The 30-year-old gator was brought to the garden 18 years ago.

"We got Jojo from the Winnipeg Zoo," she recalled. "They were terrified of him back then and I don't think they had staff qualified enough to work with an animal like that and everybody was a little leery. At that point, he was only maybe about five-feet long."

"He's actually the nicest one of the bunch," she added. "Don't judge a book."

Currently, the longest creature you can see is a 19-foot, 260-pound African Rock Python.

However, that title will be awarded to the Nile Crocodiles in their collection, which can grow to between 12 to 21 feet in length. At that point, they will have their own specially designed enclosure to account for their massive size.

All the big meat eaters get fed rabbits every Sunday, but every once in a while the gargantuan snake gets fed a small goat.

The Garden is open Sunday during feeding time, which is one of the venue's most popular days for



A turtle (above) fills up on lettuce on Sunday feeding day. Jojo (left) quickly gulps down his dinner in one bite. A curious lizard (below) peers out his terrarium while hanging out on a stick.

Photos by Sarah Francis



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— Candi Shelvey

public visits.

Many of the animals they have on hand eat insects or no meat at all. The vegetarians of the group get fed every day. That includes turtles, bearded dragons and a number of other lizards.

All animals in their care have lived in captivity their whole lives. Living at the reptile garden gives them a chance to live a full and long life.

"They don't have to worry about vying for space, they don't have to worry about fighting other alphas, or mates, they don't have to worry about disease," she explained. "We do our own vet work here. If it's something really complicated we have a vet that we work with. They don't have to worry about shelter, it's all climate controlled. Everything is exactly how they need it."

Shelvey added, "Being born in captivity they wouldn't stand a chance in the wild anyway."

For more information visit their website at www.reptilegardens.ca.





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The Shilo Stag is looking for another sales consultant for its team. It's posting season, which is the perfect opportunity to sell the Brandon business market on advertising in the Stag. They have a captive audience — people are new to the community after being posted here from elsewhere in Canada. Where do you shop for new glasses; groom your dog; take the wife out for an anniversary dinner; buy a new car or have winter tires put on the van with the advent of winter; shop for back to school clothes and supplies? Working on commission, you can set your own hours. The more you hustle and sign advertisers up to promote their business in the Stag, the more you earn. Drop by the Stag's office in CANEX and see Jules or Sarah about the job. Or call 204-765-3000 ext 3013/3093. Be part of the award-winning Shilo Stag team.



Pancake breakfast serves up \$1,250 donation

Sarah Francis
Shilo Stag

Profits were almost doubled as 250 people were served breakfast for the Military Police Fund for Blind Children (MPFBC). This year's efforts brought in \$1,250 as compared to last year's \$700. This pancake breakfast coincided with the Military Police National Motorcycle Relay Ride. The money raised helps blind children primarily, and young blind adults, as well as supporting charitable organizations and individuals who are involved in education and recreation for those youths. This charity, which is the only military charity in Canada, was started by Col James Riley Stone in 1957. His daughter Moira had eye

cancer, resulting in blindness. He started the charity in order to help children who were less fortunate than his daughter. He asked the Military Police to voluntarily contribute a dollar or two per year. With those donations he was able to establish a fund to help blind children under the age of 13.



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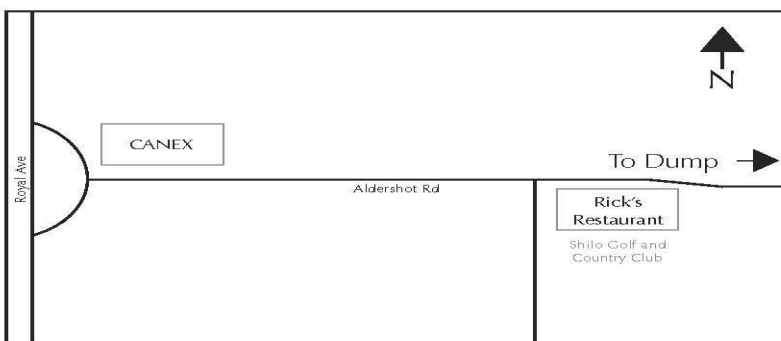
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Got Bulk Garbage?

Bulk items, yard waste, tires, and electronics may be disposed of Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Shilo dump located 2 km east of Rick's Restaurant on Aldershot Road



Items may be placed for curbside pick-up the following dates ONLY: October 13

Items are to not be placed earlier than the evening prior to pick-up.

FOR SALE

The following buildings RH78, RH79, RH80, RH81, RH82, R4-43 and R4-44 are offered for sale and removal from CFB Shilo.

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Interested Parties are required to obtain all necessary municipal permits for the removal and relocation of any or all of the above noted structures. Inspection prior to submitting an offer is mandatory during a site visit which will be held at 1 p.m. Sept. 3. Interested parties are to assemble at the main entrance of Building P101 at CFB Shilo at the aforementioned times. Offer to Purchase forms will be distributed during the site visit.

Highest or any offer will not necessarily be accepted

Shilo MP provide teen with iPad

Stag Special

CFB Shilo's Military Police (MP) have provided a young girl with a reading tool following a phone call in late April.

Kristen Breemersch called the Base's MP office with news that her daughter Katrina had recently been diagnosed with a brain tumour and was gradually losing her vision due to the size of the tumor.

She was assessed as being legally blind in her left eye and was beginning to lose vision in her right eye as well.

While speaking with a friend who works at CFB Shilo, Breemersch was informed of the Military Police Fund for Blind Children (MPFBC).

Daughter Katrina Breemersch has been to the Ronald McDonald House in Winnipeg frequently to undergo treatment for her brain tumor and developed a fondness for the iPads that the facility had.

It was much easier for her to read books from an iPad in large print and allowed her to pass the time. She wanted an iPad of her own to help her read, to play games, and ultimately to finish this school year.

In early May, the purchase was approved by the MPFBC and the iPad was presented to Katrina back in May at the Breemersch's acreage in the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis.

SLt Greg Ansley, accompanied by LS Derrick Booth, the CFB Shilo MP MPFBC representative, visited the family that day. The presentation of an iPad Air 2 — Gold Edition — and case was made to an excited Katrina.

The MP representatives assured the family they would be willing to help out again in any way they could.



Shilo MP LS Derrick Booth (left) stands alongside Katrina Breemersch, who received her iPad from SLt Greg Ansley during a presentation at the Breemersch acreage. *Photo by Kristen Breemersch*

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While at the acreage, Katrina, her father Brian, mother Kristen, sisters Brittany and Brooke, and brother Kendrick all checked out the newest CFB Shilo MP patrol car.

The family enjoyed the demonstration of the vehicle's sirens, lights, loud-hailer, and other capabilities.

The connection made with the Breemersch family is one of many MP have made with several families since the charity's inception in 1957.

Throughout the visit, Katrina remained strong and is determined to fight her battle with cancer and vi-

sion loss. Her story is very inspiring and, with her determination and spirit, she is bound to get through this difficult time in her life.

CFB Shilo MP were privileged to have met Katrina and glad to help brighten her day.

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Parents — we are the foundation of strong families. Yet, parenting causes us to feel a variety of emotions including uncertainty, frustration, joy, hope, failure, success, connection, disconnection, fatigue, relief, and so much more.

Parents are faced with the challenge of caring for and meeting the needs of their children's physical, mental, and emotional development from infancy to adulthood. This can feel overwhelming.

This October, the Shilo MFRC is facilitating three interactive groups designed to build a supporting community for parents.

- **Coping With Change:** A facilitator-run group for expecting and new moms — through the first year of their baby's life.

This will address the difficult transition many mothers experience and gives them a chance to voice their own realities of mothering.

Through shared community, laughter, and discussion, mothers are supported and offered a sense of normalcy.

This group will run every second week from October until mid-December.

- **Nobody's Perfect:** Is an interactive group for parents of pre-schoolers.

It gives parents a safe place to meet others with children of the same age and with whom they share inter-

ests and concerns.

There is not one "right" way to parent. This interactive group helps parents recognize their strengths and find additional positive ways to raise healthy, happy children.

This group will also run every second week from October until mid-December.

- **Understanding the Teenage Brain:** This is a four-session, interactive series designed to facilitate discussion and education with parents in regards to understanding the developing mind, creating security for our youth, learning how to connect, and using discipline as a form of teaching through relationship.

Starting Oct. 6 in the evening, this group will run every week for the month of October.

For information contact Bonnie Hildebrand, Shilo MFRC prevention support and intervention co-ordinator, at bonnie.hildebrand@forces.gc.ca

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MP promotions

During the recent Base quarterly there were promotions among the MP ranks, with SLt Greg Ansley doing the honours at the MPTF. Two MP were promoted to Master Corporal. SLt Ansley (above) placed the new rank on MCpl Koblun's uniform, then did the same for MCpl Schoenrock (below).

Photos by Jules Xavier



Transitioning to civilian life

Are you medically releasing from the CAF?

Veterans Hiring Act has benefits for soldiers

Shilo Stag
Special

The transition to civilian life can be a confusing time for Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members.

Choosing a new career can be daunting for someone who has never held a civilian job, especially if they have been ill or injured.

With this in mind, Veterans Affairs Canada, the Department of National Defence (DND) and the Public Service Commission are working together to bring changes to the Public Service Employment Act.

In May 2014, the Minister of Veterans Affairs announced that changes would be coming to the Public Service Employment Act. One benefit of these changes is that veterans, who are medically released due to a service-related injury or illness, as determined by Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC), will become the top statutory priority and shall be considered before organizations initiate an appointment process.

In other words, they will be considered for the job and, if they meet the qualifications for the position, they will be appointed before all others.

Veterans have five years to apply and to be deemed fit to return to work.

The entitlement period for those whose illness or injury has been deemed attributable to service will last five years from the time the member registers in the Priority Information Management System.

The releasing CAF member can initiate the paperwork with a DND Human Resources (Civilian) (DND HR-Civ) office as early as two weeks prior

to their final release date but they cannot be considered as a priority person until their final paid day of service has passed.

Currently, veterans who were released as a result of an illness or injury do have regulatory priority, but not top priority.

This will not change until the Veterans Hiring Act (VHA), comes into force in this summer.

The benefit of the VHA will be retroactively applied to those former members whose priority entitlement was active in the Priority Information Management System on or after April 1, 2012.

This past May, part of this group, those whose priority entitlement had already expired, was contacted by the Public Service Commission.

Anyone receiving this e-mail should respond and, should they wish to do so, provide their consent to provide their personal information to VAC, have their regulatory priority entitlement extended for an additional five years and to apply for statutory priority.

Delays in doing so after the VHA comes into force will impact the entitlement period given to the former member.

If you are a member who is in the process of releasing — or are thinking of releasing — due to an illness or injury sustained during service and you are interested in applying for priority entitlement, until the changes come into effect, your first point of contact should be the DND Director of Casualty Support Management (DCSM) at 1-800-883-6094 or DCSM-DGSB@forces.gc.ca

The VHA has yet to come into force. The proposed regulations were published June 3. For more official information on the VHA, contact Veterans Affairs Canada toll free at 1-866-522-2122.



WARNING SHILO RANGES

Day and night firing will be carried out at the Shilo Ranges until further notice.

The range consists of DND controlled property lying approximately 32 kms SE from Brandon and N of the Assiniboine River in Townships 7, 8 and 9; Range 14 WPM, Townships 8, 9 and 10; Ranges 15 and 16 WPM and Townships 9 and 10; Range 17 WPM in the Province of Manitoba. If required, a detailed description of the Shilo property may be obtained from the Base Construction Engineering Office at Canadian Forces Base Shilo.

All boundaries, entry ways, roads and tracks into the Range are clearly marked and posted with signs indicating that there is to be NO TRESPASSING. Hunting is no longer permitted on the Shilo Ranges.

STRAY AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVE OBJECTS

Bombs, grenades, shells, similar explosive objects, and their casings are a hazard to life and limb. Do not pick up or retain such objects as souvenirs. If you have found or have in your possession any object which you believe to be an explosive, notify your local police and arrangements will be made to dispose of it.

No unauthorized person may enter this area and trespassing on the area is strictly prohibited.

BY ORDER
Deputy Minister
Department of National Defense

OTTAWA, CANADA
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AVERTISSEMENT POLYGONES DE TIR DE SHILO

Des tirs de jour et de nuit seront effectués aux polygones de tir de Shilo jusqu'à nouvel ordre.

Les polygones de tir sont des terrains sous le contrôle du MDN situés à environ 32 km au sud-est de Brandon et au nord de la rivière Assiniboine dans les cantons 7, 8 et 9; polygone 14 OMP, cantons 8, 9 et 10; polygones 15 et 16 OMP et cantons 9 et 10; polygone 17 OMP, dans la Province du Manitoba. Au besoin, une description détaillée de la propriété de Shilo peut être obtenue du Bureau du génie construction de la Base des Forces canadiennes Shilo.

Toutes les limites, voies d'accès, routes et sentiers menant aux polygones sont clairement marqués et ornés d'écriteaux d'ACCÈS INTERDIT. La chasse est dorénavant interdite aux polygones de tir de Shilo.

MUNITIONS ET EXPLOSIFS PERDUS

Les bombes, grenades, obus et autres engins explosifs similaires et leurs enveloppes peuvent causer des blessures ou entraîner la mort. Ne ramassez pas ces objets et ne les gardez pas comme souvenirs. Si vous avez trouvé ou si vous avez en votre possession un objet que vous croyez être un explosif, signalez-le à la police locale, qui prendra les mesures nécessaires pour l'éliminer.

Aucune personne non autorisée ne peut entrer dans ce secteur où tout accès est strictement interdit.

Par ordre du
Sous-ministre
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CAF striving to increase number of women

LGen David Millar
Stag Special

The Chief of Military Personnel issued the following statement regarding Lee Berthiaume's recent *Ottawa Citizen* article with the headline: CAF cutting female targets; Only 14.57 per cent of all officers are women, Deschamps' report says.

"Diversity is a source of strength and flexibility for the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), and plays a pivotal role in ensuring that we remain strong, innovative and forward-looking. We are proud that we reflect the society that we serve both at home and on international operations.

"Indeed, we could not have achieved the success that we did in Afghanistan, Haiti and elsewhere without the contribution of our diverse members, including women. As of April 2015, there are nearly 14,000 women amongst the CAF's Regular and Primary Reserve Force population, which represent 15 per cent of the CAF.

"We are striving to increase that percentage further with focused advertising, accelerated processing of applications, senior leader diversity champions, and research to inform our policies and practices.

"Our advertising campaigns continue to highlight opportunities for women, and play a significant role in enabling the CAF to achieve its recruiting objectives.

"On the issue of female recruitment goals for the CAF, there is no directive to reduce them, and the Chief of the Defence Staff has not agreed to any reduction. Officials within the CAF are in consultations with the Labour Program (Employment and Social Development Canada) and the Canadian Human Rights Commission to ensure our goals are realistic, achievable and sustainable.

"Canada ranks among the top of NATO countries, and is in very good standing among its allies in terms of representing women within its ranks, and permits women to serve in all occupations in the CAF.

"On her recent visit to Canada, Ambassador Mariët Schuurman, the NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security praised the CAF for being a leader in the achieving its current number of women in the military as well as providing unlimited opportunities for their service."

LGen David Millar is Chief of Military Personnel out of National Defence Headquarters



The annual Terry Fox Run starting at 9:30 a.m. from L25 is scheduled for Sept. 11. You can run, walk, cycle, push a stroller or bring the dog on this popular Base event.
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Photography contest requests submissions from film, digital cameras by Sept. 15

Shilo Stag

Are you in focus with your digital or film camera? If so, why not enter some of your images to the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) photography contest which runs from July 2 to Sept. 15.

Send your best photo captures and you can garner bragging rights on this Base, if not across the CAF community.

Whether you're a seasoned professional or an amateur photographer this is the contest for you. The photography contest, comprising eight diverse categories, is open to all members of the Defence Team and their families.

Participants will be eligible to win \$10,000 in prizes from the photography contest sponsors.

This year's contest features a new award, the Military Photographer Achievement Award, which recognizes the contributions military photographers have made to the CAF community.

For 47 years, the photography contest has been celebrating the talented photographers who capture life in CAF communities across Canada.

Keep the photography contest in mind as you capture special moments this summer.

Family gatherings, sports tournaments, scenic vacations, work events — the possibilities are endless.

Visit the photography contest website to enter: www.cfmws.com/en/AboutUs/PSP/recreation/DND%20Photography%20Contest%202012/Pages/default.aspx

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Employment

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1RCHA welcomes new gunners

Sarah Francis
Shilo Stag

New soldiers have joined 1RCHA after completing their DP1 course. Under the guidance of A Bty, the student soldiers learned all about becoming a member of the artillery. The seven instructors started with 21 students, who were soon put through a rigorous fitness routine the instructors called "House of Pain." In the third and fourth week students then moved into the field portion of their training. By this time there were 12 candidates. They were challenged with scenarios, sleep deprivation as well as working in urban and woodland areas. The new gunners were offered congratulations and words of wisdom before they venture off to their respective military placements. While in the field each private pulled the lanyard on the M777 C1 howitzer, becoming an official gunner. That was followed by the graduation parade which officially welcomed them to the Royal Canadian Artillery (RCA).



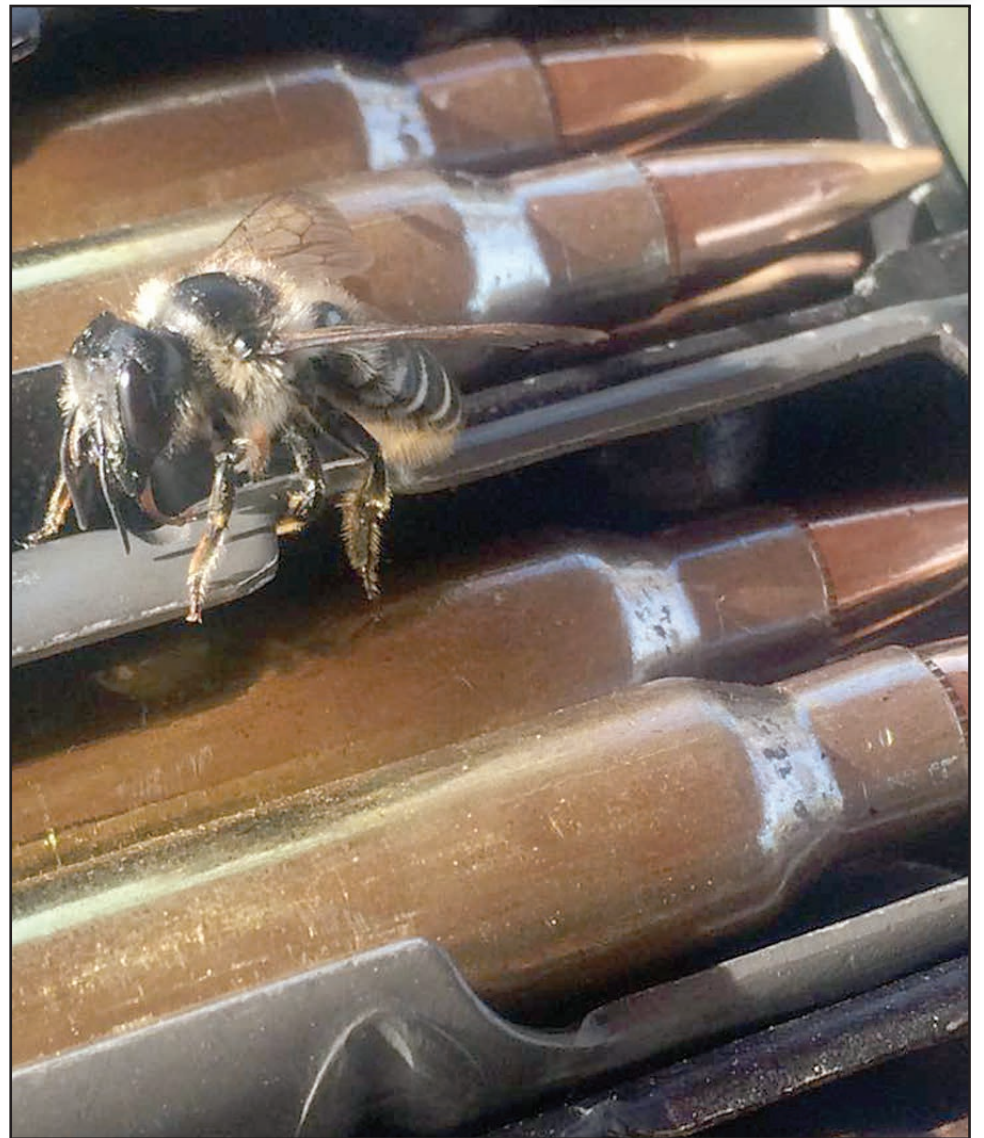
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Curious bee

While on the Essen machine gun range training, 1RCHA Bdr Wesley Hudson noticed a bee checking out the shells in his gun, and snapped this photograph which he shared with the *Shilo Stag*.