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Golden goose egg

While they returned home with silver, players with 17 Wing Winnipeg still celebrated following their 4-0 loss to the host CFB Shilo Stags at Gunner Arena. 17 Wing right winger Holly Young (inset) and two teammates took a selfie showing off their medals. 17 Wing goalkeeper Simon Rollin (above) was stellar between the pipes facing a constant barrage of shots from the speedy Shilo forwards in the offensive zone. Shilo's Brad Stouffer was in close on Rollin after taking a pass from his right, but the goaltender was equal to the task and deflected the ball away. For more on the three-day tournament, see page 12.

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Former soldier enjoying cross-Canada horse ride

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Why did Paul Nichols of Quesnel, BC ride his horse through Brandon and visit CFB Shilo earlier this month?

Nichols, a former Calgary Highlander who served with 2PPCLI during the UN mission in the former Yugoslavia in 1993, is riding across Canada to share the stories of Canadian veterans, and raise money for programs which support veterans and their families.

He's also raising awareness about the challenges veterans face when they return home and about the fact that the profile of veterans is changing to include younger men and women who have served in recent deployments like Afghanistan.

Nichols and his wife Terry officially launched the Communities for Veterans Foundation Ride Across Canada in mid-April during a ceremony at the BC Parliament Building in Victoria.

They will spend roughly 211 days on the road, travelling from Victoria to St. John's, Nfld., and the Keystone Centre in Brandon was their first staging ground as they entered Manitoba.

Nichols will ride the entire way, inviting veterans to join him on horseback in, or near, their community.

His wife, a therapeutic riding instructor, will give veterans a riding lesson, and as the veterans join them on the ride, the couple will record their stories so they can share them with Canadians.

Nichols arrived in Brandon July 5, and the following day arrived on the Base. Besides a stop at the Shilo MFRC, he rode to the RCA Museum, before taking his horse for a leisurely ride to check out 2PPCLI's new facility on this Base — he was posted to the previous location in Winnipeg — as well as IRCHA's compound.

"This ride is not about one veteran and his family riding across the country for a cause," Nichols said.

"By the time our horses get us to the Atlantic coast, we will have been joined by and have heard the stories of over 700 Canadian veterans.

"As these stories are collected and reflected on, we will create awareness and encourage discussion of the challenges that our servicemen and women face as they transition back into the world of civilians. The Canadian people love their troops, and our communities will support them but often times don't know who they are



Former 2PPCLI soldier Paul Nichols of Quesnel, BC, prepares to get back in the saddle during a visit to CFB Shilo as part of his The Ride Across Canada adventure. He's planning to spend roughly 211 days on the road. He left Victoria in April and is en route to St. John's, Nfld. *Photo by Sarah Francis*

after they clear out of the military."

He added, "By educating our communities and raising awareness to the challenges facing our veterans, we can give them the opportunity to truly support their troops.

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Pet of the Week

YUKI



Owner Aimee Rutz rescued 11-year-old Yuki, a mixed breed, part Korean jindo, from an animal shelter in South Korea and was flown to Canada four years ago. Yuki translates to snow in Japanese. She can be a bit shy, but she's a sweet-heart.


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Former 2PPCLI soldier Paul Nichols passes by the 1RCHA compound after a visit to the RCA Museum. *Photos by Jules Xavier*

Veteran inspired after meeting Sarajevo survivor

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"We believe that this timely help from the communities that they have served will lower the incidence of PTSD and family break up, and I personally know that timely help can change a life."

Part of the inspiration for this ride comes from an experience Nichols had a few years ago. He was out of town and was at a small shop buying a necklace for his wife. The woman behind the counter recognized a regimental crest on his jacket and asked him if he was Canadian military. He expressed he was out now but, yes, he had served in the Canadian Army.

She went on to tell him that she had survived the siege of Sarajevo. She had lived in an underground parking lot for two years, and every time she went out for food or water, she had to face sniper and machine gun fire. They were shelled most nights. It was Canadian troops who got her out. When Nichols said he had never seen Sarajevo, but he had served in the former Yugoslavia, the woman cried and hugged him, grateful for the service of Canadian soldiers.

The moment passed, and he was worried they had made a scene. He was surprised to see that every person in the line-up behind him was wiping away tears.

That is when he learned the power of a heartfelt story. Nichols learned it could be healing for the person telling the story and that it can make a difference to the veteran who is wondering if his or her service was worth the hard work and sacrifice. And now he's in a position to share his story and other veterans' stories through The Ride Across Canada.

To learn more about the ride, visit www.communitiesforveterans.com



Paul Nichols had a chance to visit the 2PPCLI headquarters on the Base.

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Coins and bills from different countries were available to collectors during Wawanesa's Flea Market.
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Coin collector earns cash by selling money

Sarah Francis
Shilo Stag

The Wawanesa Flea Market is a coin collectors dream.

Vendors had trinkets and baubles, jewelry as well as furniture and other odds and ends.

Many of the tables were lined with toys, posters and old Coke products.

However, one item you could frequently find at tables was coins and currency.

A number of the vendors had bank notes from different countries as well as coins with a slew of faces on them.

One of those vendors was Harry Dyck from Carmen.

Dyck has been collecting coins since 1974, when he won five nickel-dollars from the Gates Rubber Company.

To him, currencies are a part of Canada's history and it's the history behind those coins that piqued his interest into the hobby.

"If you study coins long enough, you'll get to know all the royalties that we've had in Canada," said Dyck. "Most people cannot even tell you all of the royalties we've had in Canada. So you learn a lot. It's a very interesting hobby."

At the flea market held at Wawanesa's arena, Dyck had a table full of coins and bills — all of the ones he didn't need for his personal collection.

"Coins are my hobby. It's my number one hobby. I enjoy collecting coins, mainly Canadian coins. My surplus stuff — I bring it and sell it."

He had coins from different countries as well as coins with the logo from various sports teams. Dyck's collection included a number of bills from Jamaica.

He said what might be interesting or valuable to one collector, may not be to another. Dyck said for a coin collector it depends on their interests.

"The most interesting thing would be in the eye of the beholder," said Dyck.

"Some people like foreign coins, some people like Canadian coins. Canada being a very young country,

we don't have that many coins and we've had very few royalties on coins. Because of Queen Elizabeth being around such a long time, we don't change the look of our coins very often."

Another point he made was that for a coin to be valuable, it doesn't necessarily have to be old.

"Some of our harder to find coins I have here — a 1925 nickel, even a 1991 quarter is hard to find," explained Dyck. "So the hobby is — you don't necessarily have to have old stuff [for it] to be valuable or an interesting find."

He said there was only a very small mintage of the 1991 quarter produced and circulated.

Dyck said there are some newer quarters that you can't even find anymore.

"1997 and '98 you won't even find. You have to get them out of a collectors set," offered Dyck. "There wasn't any put into circulation. There is modern stuff that is difficult to find."

Dyck is interested in collecting Canadian coins, but also had some foreign currency on hand.

He said he likes to keep currencies from other countries because you never know what someone is interested in. He added another reason is because there is a lot of history for other countries.

"If you were to try and collect all the coins and all the paper money from all over the world, you'd have a pile of stuff," said Dyck. "There's a lot of countries out there. Don't forget that a lot of these countries have been around for thousands of years."

Dyck said his hobby is getting a little bit more challenging. Finding coins is becoming more difficult.

"Coins are getting a lot harder to get. Coin stores have them, but how much money you have to spend on your hobby is going to [affect] how rare of stuff you want. There is a market in coins for everybody. If you have little money to spend on your hobby, you can still find stuff."

Dyck said one option is that there's the odd chance you can go to the bank and buy rolls of coin to search through. Which he said is a good place for people to start looking.

He said if you put your mind to it, you don't have to spend a lot of money to create your collection.

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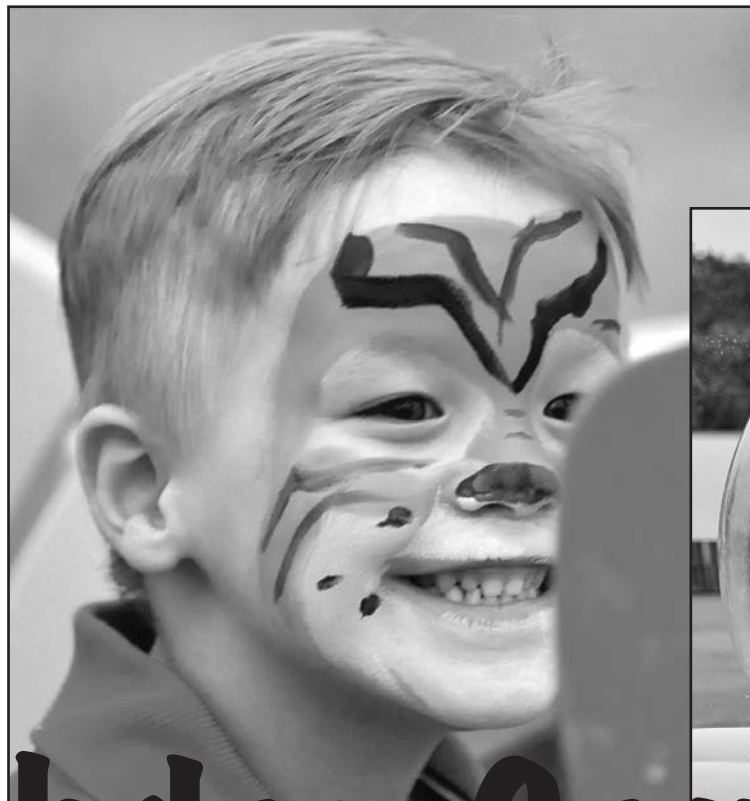
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Happy 148th



Wasn't that a party, CFB Shilo? It was a hive of activity in the field adjacent to L25 as the Base helped celebrate Canada's 148th birthday. This year's event had plenty to do for the kids, from face painting to bubble fun. For those feeling hungry, the campfire was a popular spot to roast weiners during the evening affair prior to fireworks.

Photos by Jules Xavier



birthday Canada

Korean war veteran made a difference, says BComd in eulogy

Shilo Stag Special

A frequent visitor to 2PPCLI to share stories over coffee with young infantry soldiers, Korean war veteran Peter Ewasiuk died June 24 at the Brandon Regional Health Centre. He was 87.

Born and raised in Sandy Lake, as a young man, Peter joined PPCLI, and became a paratrooper. His military career saw him in the Belgian Congo, as well as serving during the Korean War. The father of three, met his wife of 55 years, Marion, after returning to Canada following his war service. He then worked at the Brandon Mental Health Centre until his retirement.

The funeral service at Memories Chapel, was held three days later, with interment in the veterans section at the Brandon Cemetery.

Peter's eulogy was provided by BComd LCol Stephen Joudrey.

"When the Ewasiuk family asked me if I would be willing to deliver a eulogy, I was humbled, honoured and proud to be part of this celebration of Peter's life," he said.

Here's an excerpt from LCol Joudrey's eulogy.

"This was a man who served his country around the world, in wartime and in times of peace. This was a man who selflessly served his fellow veterans for years as not only a representative, but also an organizer and leader. This was a man who helped develop serving soldiers through his engagement and set a fine example of professionalism for them to emulate. This was a man who served his community as a volunteer. This was a man who gave of himself and who brought joy to many of us for a number of years."

LCol Joudrey quoted from a poem written by the early 20th century American poet Edgar Albert Guest in his poem *I See You've Travelled Some*:

Wherever you may chance to be /Wherever you may roam/Far away in foreign lands/Or just at Home Sweet Home/It always gives you pleasure/ It makes your heart strings hum /Just to hear the words of cheer/"I see you've travelled some."/When you get a brother's greeting/And he takes you by the hand,/It thrills you with a feeling that you cannot understand./You feel that bond of brotherhood that tie that's sure to come /When you hear him say in a friendly way/ "I see you've travelled some."/And when your final summons comes/To take a last long trip/Adorned with Lambskin Apron White and gems of fellowship/The Tiler at the Golden Gate/With Square and Level and Plumb Will size up your pin and say 'Walk In!"/I see you've travelled some."

Said LCol Joudrey, "When I recalled this poem I felt it fitting as a description of not only who Peter Ewasiuk was, but also of the life I have always imagined that he led. The poet speaks of the comfort and warmth felt by a traveller when they experience 'that bond of brotherhood' that comes in the open hand of friendship or welcoming smile of another person who understands the journey they have endured. I have always known Peter as one of those people who gladly welcomed anyone with shared experiences or in need of fellowship. Peter was a man who always had welcoming words. A kind and warm smile. A 'war story' and time for a friend, a comrade or a soldier."

Former CWO Jim Zelazny passed along to LCol Joudrey the following sentiment which he shared during the funeral service: "Peter always made me laugh and if I was having a bad day, his presence made it all better," offered Zelazny. "The stories he would tell you ... you were never bored. I guess what really comes to mind about Peter, is he never missed an opportunity to rub elbows with the young troops and the troops loved it. As long as there was food being served, he would sit there all day telling them stories. He loved his food and loved to dine with the troops."

Serving in Shilo from 2004 to 2008, LCol Joudrey first met Peter early in that posting and it seemed to him that he could not go to any event in Shilo or Western Manitoba with military involvement or that supported the Canadian military without seeing Peter, Danny, Tom, Dave, Doug and numerous other local veterans.

"Peter always seemed to be at the helm and leading the charge," he said.

President of the KVA in 2005 when the Commanding Officer of 2PPCLI wanted to bring some Korean veterans out to the Battalion's Battle of Kapyong celebrations, LCol Joudrey shared that Peter was the guy who rallied a contingent of veterans and was instrumental in helping build the ties between current serving soldiers and former soldiers that thrives on this Base 10 years later.

"These veterans come out to unit celebrations, the arrival ceremonies at the Brandon Airport and at Base Shilo for soldiers returning from overseas, to Base Shilo community events, to annual military events such as Christmas dinners and Remembrance Day ceremonies, and visit local schools," he said. "They are key parts of every one of these events. Most of the credit goes to Peter's past involvement, his complete engagement, his unbridled enthusiasm and his infectious optimism."

LCol Stu Sharpe, former Commanding Officer (CO) of 2PPCLI currently resides in Alberta, shared some thoughts on Peter and the impact he had upon him.

"Occasionally, we are blessed by encountering truly great people in our lives. People of vibrant character, sincerity and decency. People who touch you and inspire you," he said. "To me, and I believe many others would share this view, Peter was one of those great men. He had such an overwhelming and positive impact on so many people. It was my privilege to know him and I am proud to call him a friend."

During his eulogy, LCol Joudrey acknowledged that Peter served in the Army with his father-in-law.

"When I first mentioned to him all those years ago of my having met Peter, his comments to me were: 'Oh yes. He was fine fellow. A good soldier and a loyal comrade.' Such was the lasting impression that Peter left with the many people he served with or ran into at points in his life in the Army, work as a volunteer, or efforts in support of his community."

Another former CO of 2PPCLI, Col Mike Wright, currently serving in Ottawa, provided

LCol Joudrey with the following personal reflections regarding Peter.

"The Wednesday morning coffees with Peter, Tom, and Danny were highlights. The routine: they'd go to get a haircut at the Base barbershop, where they'd usually choose the youngest and prettiest female barber, come into Bn lines, where lots of hugs were given to any young women they would see, and then come up to the Command suite for coffee with Joyce and whoever else was around," recalled Col Wright.

"We always loved having Peter and the boys at the Regimental events such as the smokers for Regimental Day or Kapyong Day; when I'd introduce Peter and the gang they'd always get a huge cheer from the troops. Of all the farewell gifts/plaques that I've received over the years, amongst those that I truly treasure are the plaques that Peter proudly presented to me when I was leaving Bn in 2008 and 2013. My KVA plaques have a special place in my heart."

"It was his smile and zest for life that are most often mentioned as the key characteristics of Peter Ewasiuk," said LCol Joudrey. "This is often relayed by his friends and 'partners in crime' who gather daily at The Clay Pot in Brandon for breakfast and war stories."

He added, "This is what the young soldiers told me of their time with Peter during beer calls at PPCLI Regimental events and what the Gunners of 1RCHA told me of Peter's time as the Guest of Honour at their 2014 Christmas dinner. This is what three former Base Commanders of CFB Shilo have relayed to me over the last few days. This is what all of us who attended the 2PPCLI Change of Command (CoC) parade only two short weeks ago will remember of him as he sat in his chair, smiling and wearing his medals proudly."

LCol Bob Ritchie, who recently handed over command of 2PPCLI and attended the funeral, provides the following insight into the character of Peter and, perhaps more telling, the 'character' that he was: "Peter, Tom Cathro and Doug Jones received a five-minute standing ovation from the soldiers of the Second Battalion when the PPCLI Centennial Memorial Baton Relay visited Shilo on 25 August 2014," recalled LCol Ritchie. "Peter proudly held the Memorial Baton, and as tears streamed down his face, was overheard saying that

'the names of my brothers are in there.' Although his care provider allowed him to attend the subsequent unit smoker, he imposed a limitation of five alcoholic drinks. Peter took it in stride, quietly ordering five double highballs that were thoughtfully prepared by Sgt Ronnie Martin."

LCol Joudrey pointed out to members of Peter's family there was one specific person in his life who was dedicated and caring the past few years: Sgt Martin of 2PPCLI.

"Ronnie and Peter were 'thick as thieves.' Ronnie was Peter's driver, his party planner, his confidante, and his 'fire team partner.' Ronnie Martin went above and beyond simply helping Peter to get to and from events," he said. "He grew to be a close personal friend and is someone upon whom Peter and 'the gang' depended. You can rest easy knowing that Ronnie Martin, 'had Peter's back' and was instrumental in filling Peter's last few years with purpose and fellowship, and membership in a cherished Brotherhood. Thank you, Sgt Martin."

During the eulogy, LCol Joudrey referenced a personal account about Peter Ewasiuk which he will cherish for all of his remaining days.

"It is a story that reflects the 'fellowship' referred to in the opening poem. It involved Peter and Tom Cathro and one of their visits to my office," he said. "It is an encounter that I and my executive assistant will never forget. The retelling of this story brings a smile to my face every time I find someone who will listen."

He added, "I cannot possibly retell all of the stories of how Peter has had an impact upon many of our lives. I certainly cannot relate accurately the details of his service in the Belgian Congo or in Korea. Equally, I cannot fully recount his years of helping others when he worked at the Brandon Mental Health Service.

"I cannot describe the jobs of his youth such as working as a dishwasher in 1943 at the Whitewater Prisoner of War Camp established in Riding Mountain National Park. I

cannot recount the memories and stories that members of his family have of their husband, father, grandfather and Uncle Peter."

While LCol Joudrey could not tell those attending the early morning funeral of all of the things Peter did during his 87 years on earth, what he could state unequivocally is what he meant to a great many people: "He was a gem that was cherished by a younger generation of soldiers that sat and listened to his tales of an Army that they could only imagine — a link to a Regiment's past and Canada's history. He was a loyal friend and comrade — dependable, stalwart and giving. He always brightened a room with his smile and his laughter — it was a pleasure to be in his company."

LCol Joudrey closed his eulogy with the recital of another poem by Edgar Albert Guest entitled: *Contemplation*.

"He writes of the enduring question that each of us considers during our lifetime: Will my impact as an individual be measured? Will what I have done in my life matter?," he asked.

I'd like to think when life is done /That I had filled a needed post/That here and there I'd paid my fare /With more than idle talk and boast/ That I had taken gifts divine/The breath of life and manhood fine/And tried to use them now and then /In service for my fellow men/I'd hate to think when life is through /That I had lived my round of years/A useless kind, that leaves behind /No record in this vale of tears/That I had wasted all my days /By treading only selfish ways/And that this world would be the same/ If it had never known my name.

"Peter's life did matter! His impact can be measured!" said LCol Joudrey. "We will all miss him at future events held on the Base and in Brandon. His attendance always made them better; more enjoyable; and more complete."

"His work on behalf of soldiers and veterans has made a difference. His imprint on his friends, comrades and admirers is indelible. His legacy is secure and will live on in the retelling of our stories and the memories of our dear friend, Peter Ewasiuk ... We Will Remember Him."



Peter Ewasiuk (right) and fellow Korean war veteran Tom Cathro were together observing 1RCHA and 2PPCLI training together during a recent winter exercise on the Base training range.

Photo by Jules Xavier

Everyone knows Jerry Jackson

Colourful character enjoys camaraderie of RCA reunion

Sarah Francis
Shilo Stag

Jerry Jackson is to the RCA reunion, as Mickey Mouse is to Disney World.

They are both characters who people readily gravitate to in social settings.

From the golf course to the barbecues, Jackson was getting handshakes and hugs left, right and centre.

The first time he met with the Stag was on the Shilo Country Club golf course — adorned in a neon Batman hat, Montreal Canadiens t-shirt with matching socks.

He and his other golf companions had a constant dialogue of jokes and banter between themselves and other groups around them.

Light-hearted humour seemed to follow as he came across old friends from his days in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). He joined in January 1976. He was just 21.

When he signed up, his aspiration was to drive tanks. However, the armoured corp was closed at the time, so he said why not try the artillery?

Jackson's interest in tanks was spurred by an article of clothing.

"When I was 18 years old, I went to this second-hand shop and I bought this beautiful, American, satin jacket. It was a tanker's jacket. That was it," he recalled.

Jackson finished his recruit school at CFB Cornwallis, NS, on Easter weekend of the same year. CFB Shilo was his first posting.

Although it's no longer here, he was with 3RCHA where he completed his QL3 course July 1976 and became a qualified Gunner. When it was completed, he was the top student on the course.

Being born in Kitchener, Ont., he said the transition to CFB Shilo was difficult.

"It was very hard," said Jackson. "I'd never really been away — out of Ontario before. It was tough, but you overcome it. You have the camaraderie, your fellow soldiers and Gunners become your family really."

Jackson took part in an accelerated promotion program in Shilo. After two years on the Base he was promoted to bombardier, a year later to master bombardier.

"A couple years after that in 1980, I became a sergeant," said Jackson. "I was the first young sergeant on this Base. They never had young guys here."

He added, "Three years after that I was promoted to warrant officer. Then I was posted to Gagetown, New Brunswick on my WOs course — my assistant instructor [sic] Gunners course in 1984. In 1986, I was posted to Germany, then in January of 1987 I was promoted to MWO — Sergeant Major. I was promoted six times in less than 11 years."

He was posted back to Shilo and 3RCHA in 1988 as BSM for U Battery. Then in 1989, he was posted back to G Battery as TSM and took over as BSM in 1990.

It was after that when he was offered his commission and became a captain.

It was at that point during his interview with the Stag that he was greeted by a group of people at the RCA reunion meet and greet held at L25.

Jackson excitedly got up, hugged a woman in a black dress and said, "This is one of my best friends."

Even more people seemed to spring up out of nowhere to come over and talk to him.

Jackson said his reason for coming to the RCA reunion is simple — the camaraderie. He seemed to be right at home as more people came over to say hello. Some would come over and make a joke, but he'd fire a quip right back.

When all of his greetings were done, he sat back down and said his success was due to his attitude.

"If I like to be known as one person — I looked after the troops and I was very respectful to everybody," he said. "That's how I roll. Taking care of the troops is a privilege, it's not a right. It's a privilege to look after soldiers. In the artillery it's even [more] special."

Adding that the most important thing is the people you meet.

"There are good places all over the world, but it's the people that made the difference in your life," he offered.

One experience Jackson fondly remembers is when he had the chance to work with the Inuit in Cambridge Bay.



There was plenty of storytelling and laughter at the Shilo Country Club when former Gunner Jerry Jackson hit the links for the RCA reunion golf tournament.

Photo by Sarah Francis

"We lived right there for three weeks," he recalled. "Right with them in our tents. We took their guys out and went on a muskox hunt, went on a seal hunt, went fishing. It was incredible. We caught Arctic char — it was absolutely incredible. They're wonderful people."

Other fond memories from travelling include when he was in Cyprus as a sergeant for a UN Peacekeeping tour for seven months.

Jackson said his two years posted to Germany were also fantastic.

"My son was born there, which was wonderful. The birth of my children was by far the greatest experience of my life."

He said he was very lucky to be able to be there for the birth of both kids, his son in Germany and his daughter in Brandon.

Getting to know the people was another one of the aspects that made living in Germany so special, making it his favourite posting. However, there were some challenges.

"The biggest challenge for the family was when we were bugged out on a snowball," he explained.

"Which meant — because in those days the Cold War was still going on with the East Block countries.

"The family never knew how long you were going to be gone, when you were coming back. That was hard on them. As a soldier, you just accept it, but for the family it was very difficult."

On the other hand, his time there as a Gunner was a positive experience.

He was posted back to Canada after Germany. CFB Shilo served as his home three times during his career. Each time he was glad to be back.

"I loved it in Shilo. A great place to raise a family. I played a lot of sports here ... hockey, basketball, soccer, fastball, and ball hockey. If you're not playing sports it's tough. My kids all played sports here. I was thankful for all of it. It's a great place to bring up a family I thought."

All of his postings were positive, but Jackson said Shilo is a special place.

"It's the Home Station of the artillery. This is where it all happened. For me this was where I became a Gunner and I basically got posted out of here as a captain. For me, it was very important."

It was after 20 years of service that he retired from the CAF. Jackson said he made it his goal to stay in for that long, and it was exactly 20 years when he retired in 1995. Now he finds himself back in CFB Shilo for another RCA reunion. An event he makes a point of attending.

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Four-day bible camp offers adventure for participants in August

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Adventure Bible Camp, which will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Faith Centre. From Aug 4 to 7, participants will experience afternoons jam-packed with active games, songs, activities, snacks, crafts, and fun Bible learning.

According to Padre Troy Dennis, this free event is sponsored by Chaplain Services and is open to elementary-aged children of all backgrounds.

Volunteers from both CFB Shilo chapels will be supplemented by a team from One Hope Canada, a group which helps churches and organizations run summer Bible camp programs.

This is the second year that One Hope Canada has assisted Chaplain Services to put on the annual week-long program.

The camp will close with a family barbecue where parents will view a slide show of their children's week on the Faith Centre's overhead screen.

Parents are asked to pre-register their children at the Faith Centre, located across from the MFRC, or by calling 204-765-3000 ext 3091.

There is no cost to attend the camp but donations to the Chaplain Services Emergency Fund are always appreciated, said Capt Dennis.

Scholarships available for CAF families

Shilo Stag

There's a new scholarship program available to families of currently serving members and veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF).

Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services (CFMWS) has launched the new Support Our Troops (SOT) scholarship program which will commence Sept. 1 for the 2015-16 academic year.

The SOT scholarship program is intended to complement, but not duplicate, other scholarship programs offered to members of the CAF community.

At this time, five full-time scholarships and two part-time scholarships will be awarded annually.

For full-time students, the maximum value of the scholarship is \$10,000, to be split equally during the course of the program, to a maximum of four years.

For part-time students, the maximum value of the scholarship is \$5,000 to be split during the course of the program to a maximum of four years.

If you are eligible to apply, do so by visiting www.supportouttroops.ca

Go to the Support Our Troops scholarships in the programs section.

Applications must be submitted by July 31 and should include a proof of enrolment in a post-secondary (college or university) program; a current resume; a letter of recommendation supporting the application from the professor, academic advisor or community leader; and a maximum 500-word essay describing the impact of military life and the importance of a scholarship.

The first recipients of the SOT scholarship program will be announced Aug. 15.

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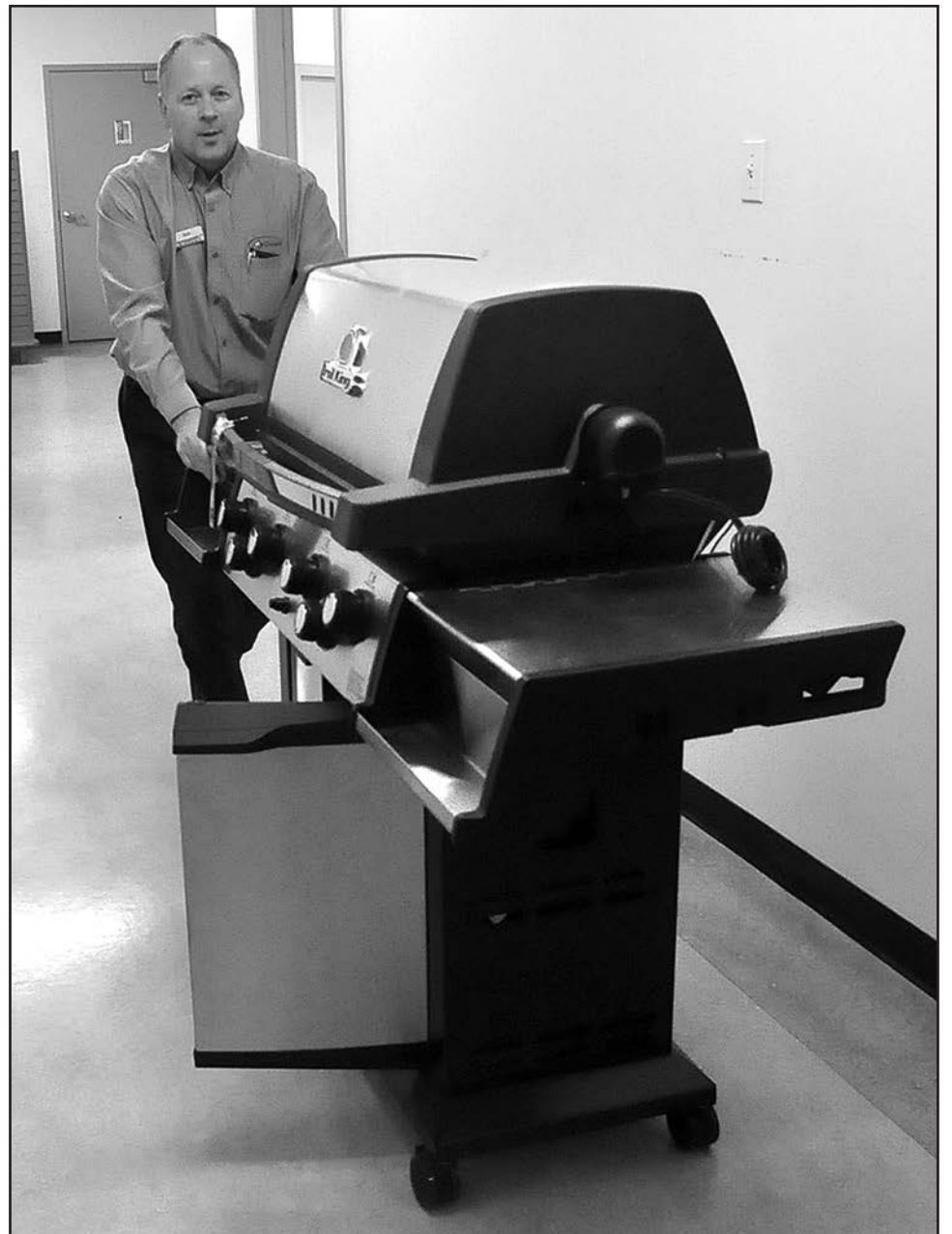
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Barbecue season

CANEX manager Rick Kehler has an array of new barbecues for sale if you are looking to enhance your summer culinary skills in the backyard.

Photo by Jules Xavier

Video Store Sold Enjoy baking in future under new ownership

Sarah Francis
Shilo Stag

Have your cake and watch a movie, too. Soon you'll be able to purchase pastries and pie to go along with your Friday night movie.

The Wright Shoppe video store is adding a bakery. New owner Shauna Wright grew up in Shilo and her first job was working for the original video store owners. She has been in charge for two years and has made a number of changes to the business. The video store formerly known as Sandyland Video now has snacks including popcorn, slushies and candy. Wright has also added a new slushie machine that twists with vanilla milkshake.

Wright said it's what helps keep a business like her's going.

"My confectionary far surpasses everything else. I cannot keep up with my slushes, my milkshakes, my chips. That totally carries the movies. [With] rental movies, some days are really very good. Weekends are very good. Some days it's kind of slow. I also offer movies to purchase."

She said customers often visit the store for popcorn and walk out with a few movies.

Tuesdays are new movie day, which is one of the busiest days at the shop as well as weekends.

There are always movies to buy or rent at the shop. Rentals are under \$3 and most for sale movies are \$10 or less. Sometimes movies are on sale for a dollar each.

Wright describes her store as a triumph in a world where video stores have had a drop in popularity.

"We have our regulars that come in every Tuesday. We have our regulars on the weekends," said Wright. "Videos are on their way out, but [with] a video salesperson like me, we can talk movies. We can suggest movies, we can suggest genres, whereas a machine can't. People still want that."

To her, adding a bakery just made sense. Wright is trying to be different from the stores already near CFB Shilo. Although she says the products from Brandon-based Kuipers Bakery available at CANEX are delicious, nothing beats having something freshly made that day.

The bakery will be nut free with pastries, cookies and pie to name a few things. One item she is particularly known for is her butter tarts.

Wright said she wants to turn her venue into a place people can come on a weekend afternoon and relax.

"I want [it] to be a place where on a Sunday afternoon, you go for a walk, you grab some ice cream, you get cold cuts, buns and fresh salads and off you go," said Wright. "I have lots of room outside that I can put tables and chairs. I want to tap into soft ice cream."

Wright said those changes are what you will see down the road.

She said she won't be venturing into anything like pizza because she's not interested in trying to compete with other stores or restaurants. Wright said

Besides your DVD movies, new owner Shauna Wright can boast her confectionary is second to none, with slushes and popcorn being popular items sold out of the video store.



Now called the Wright Shoppe under new ownership, Shauna Wright is planning to add a bakery in the future to the business located just west of the Base's north entrance. Here, she serves one of her many military customers who frequent the Sprucewoods business. *Photos by Sarah Francis*

she wants to keep her store unique with her popcorn, snacks and soon — bakery.

"I'm looking to offer things that aren't offered here," said Wright. "I'm not looking to take away anybody else's business. I'm just looking to change it to bring more to the community and bring more options."

The popcorn is something Wright is known for. It's made fresh every day and she said people come in just to buy bags of it, adding that she can't make enough to stay on the shelves.

She makes regular savoury popcorn as well as colourful sweet popcorn. Which includes flavours like caramel, chocolate, and a few fruit varieties.

Much like the popcorn, Wright has a hard time keeping up with demand for her slushies and twisted milkshakes.

"One side is a vanilla milkshake and it tastes like the McDonalds milkshake. The other side is like a smoothie — a more creamy version of the slushie," described Wright. "In the centre I can pull it and it makes a creamsicle, it's very tasty. I have several

different flavours. Its just taken off like a house on fire. I have lots of pregnant ladies that come in for it."

Progress on the new bakery is already being made. Ovens have been purchased and re-organization of the store has started. Wright hopes to have the bakery up and running this fall.

Wright said the outpouring of support from the community has been incredible.



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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.



Summer camp offered for kids

Stag Special

This summer, the Support Our Troops summer camp program is looking to send children of military families to a camp in their region for one week by subsidizing and defraying camp costs.

With no cap to the number of children admitted, military families that qualify are

encouraged to apply.

Families whose children qualify for the experience include: those with a fallen CAF parent/guardian; those who have an ill or injured CAF parent/guardian posted to the Joint Personnel Support Unit (JPSU) or the Integrated Personal Support Centre (IPSC); families of currently deployed members or on a prolonged course/training program, or scheduled for deployment, or serving away from their families; and any CAF families of special needs children.

Families with more than one child need not worry, as any number of children from an eligible family will be permitted to take advantage of the program.

If eligible, a child's family will receive a maximum grant of \$600 to attend overnight camp for one week. Camps must be nationally accredited to ensure the safety and suitability for children from the military community.

Prospective families with a CF One Card are invited to consult the CF Appreciation program website. Interested families should visit www.supportourtroops.ca, follow the "camps" link, and review the national camp guide to assess their eligibility.

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Jerry Jackson was everywhere during the RCA reunion sharing stories, laughing.
Photos by Jules Xavier



Important to attend reunion, says Gunner

From page 7

Seeing new people and rekindling old friendships was on his agenda that weekend.

Another reason, is staying in touch with those who may not return next time.

"Every year we lose a lot of Gunners," said Jackson.

"There's very few Korean War vets left. We've lost a lot of people in Afghanistan, Bosnia, young soldiers, older soldiers. [From] natural causes, we have people passing away and we're all at that age now, so it's very important to come here. You hear the slogan a hundred times, 'Once a Gunner, always a Gunner.'"

Jackson said if you look around during the reunion you'll see people who started off as Gunners and re-mustered to different trades or officers who re-classified to different trades.

One aspect of this year's reunion he

was happy about was having a number of senior officers attend.

"That's really important, they're Gunners just like we are. That to me is really important. Anyone who doesn't come, you don't know what you're missing," he said with a laugh.

Connecting with fellow Gunners, young and old, is something Jackson sees as very important.

"It's kind of what we stand for as military people," he said. "Soldiers, airmen, seamen ... it doesn't matter. You cherish the time you've had with your instructors, people who put you through hard times, who had your back and it's important to come back and thank them."

Jackson said it's because at the next reunion in three years, those people may not be around.

With a thank-you and a handshake, he left to continue rekindling old friendships and taking part in the camaraderie he spoke so fondly of.



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.

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Taking flight

With no fear of height at a young age, being tossed in the air by dad is like a game or using the backyard trampoline. This youngster was giggling as her father tossed her up, then caught her on the way down. How many adults can recall playing this same game with their dad during their childhood?

Photo by Jules Xavier

Thrift Shop closed for summer

Linda Beauchemin
MFRC Special

The Thrift Shop might be closed for the summer, but it's still taking donations.

If you are cleaning your home this summer and have items in good condition you no longer want or need, why not donate them to the Thrift Shop.

Items can be dropped off during the Shilo MFRC office hours of Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Thrift Shop will re-open Sept. 8 with a fresh look. Regular hours will be back: Tuesday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. and 6:30 to 8 p.m.; Thursday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 6:30 to 8 p.m.

New clothes, household knick knacks as well as new consignment items will be waiting for you.

The Shilo MFRC Thrift Shop is not only a place to shop and purchase a good deal, but also it is an opportunity to make a bit of money.

If you have some lightly-used clothing or household items you no longer need, you can put them on consignment in the store.

Anyone can do it and it's an easy way of selling your things. You bring them in, tag them and we'll do the rest.

Once your item is sold, your money will be waiting for you.

So, if you are looking for some additional income, plan to put items on consignment at the Thrift Shop in September.

If you don't want to place items on consignment, remember you can always drop them off as donations.

As well, items that are not sold in the Thrift Shop go towards fundraising for the Diabetes Association.

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Speedy Stags golden in skunking 17 Wing

Shilo Stag

Micky Wilson's three points and stellar goaltending from Tyler Paynton paced the speedy CFB Shilo Stags

to a fourth prairie region ball hockey title in five years.

Wilson scored once, and set up Fred Savard and Steve Richer for goals on 17 Wing keeper Simon Rollin, as the Stags skunked

17 Wing Winnipeg 4-0 in the championship game of the three-day, four-team tournament. Kyle Dillion had the opening goal for CFB Shilo.

"We're fast," said coach Danny Hamilton. "We're not easy to play against because of our speed."

More than a few players at Gunner Arena concurred with Hamilton's assessment of his squad, which now travels to CFB Borden, in Ontario, to take part in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) national tournament which runs from Aug. 8 to 13. Two years ago, the Stags fell short in the national title game by a goal, and returned to Manitoba with silver.

"No shame in losing to that team. We had 13 guys to their 20," wrote 17 Wing's Dan Souka on Facebook. "They are a skilled young and fast team. [We] tried our best to shut them down somehow, but couldn't. They'll do well at the nationals."

17 Wing advanced to



Francis Gagnon (8) celebrates Fred Savard's overtime goal that allowed the Stags to edge 4 Wing Cold Lake 5-4 in a semi-final tilt at Gunner Arena.
Photo by Jules Xavier

the final with a 4-0 triumph over Garrison Edmonton, while CFB Shilo needed an overtime goal from Savard to defeat 4 Wing Cold Lake 5-4 in the other semi-final tilt.

Savard had the game-winner with 1:10 remaining in overtime to eliminate Cold Lake from further action. He also contributed two assists, while Francis Gagnon had the game of his life — he scored once and added four helpers. Micky Wilson scored the first two Stags goals, while Steve Richer tallied the game-tying goal. Brian Alex, with two goals, Matt Dwyer and Vincent Dionne answered for Cold Lake.

In its upset win over Garrison Edmonton, Matt Sankey scored all four 17 Wing goals, while Rollin recorded the shutout.

In round-robin play, Souka and Devon Spencer scored as 17 Wing edged Cold Lake 2-1. Brian Alex answered for Cold Lake.

The only blemish on Shilo's record was its shootout loss to Garrison Edmonton. The game ended in a 2-2 draw, with Brad Stouffer and Derrick Booth scoring for the Stags. Answering for Edmonton, who won 3-2 in the shootout, were Louis Roy-Cyr and Stephan Dumontier.

In an earlier meeting with 17 Wing, the Stags won handily 7-1, with Stouffer pacing the attack with three points, including two helpers. Rick Hannam scored twice, while single tallies went to Micky Wilson, Jon Wilson, Rob Lefebvre and Booth. Spencer had the lone goal for Winnipeg.

Vincent Dionne, with two goals, lead Cold Lake to a 5-2 victory over Garrison Edmonton. Evan Burchell, Ryan Gale and Jesse Arseneault had the other 4 Wing goals. Edmonton's tallies were notched by Justin Dymont and Dumontier.

Up 4-1 on Cold Lake, the Stags held on for 4-3 victory. Gagnon scored twice and added an assist in the victory, with Savard also having three points, including two goals.

Brad Larocque, just recently posted back to CFB Shilo from CFB Gagetown, had a solo goal. Brandon Northcott, Kyle Wiltzen and Gale answered for 4 Wing.

Ken Watchord, Patrick Hutchinson and Dumontier scored in Garrison Edmonton's 3-2 triumph over 17 Wing Winnipeg. Chris Worthen and Matt House replied for 17 Wing.

Savard was tops in tournament scoring with nine points, including his team-high six assists. Gagnon was runner-up with three goals and eight points, while teammate Micky Wilson tied for goals, with four, along with 17 Wing's Sankey, who finished with five points. Wilson was third in tournament scoring with seven points, while Sankey finished fourth with five points.



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