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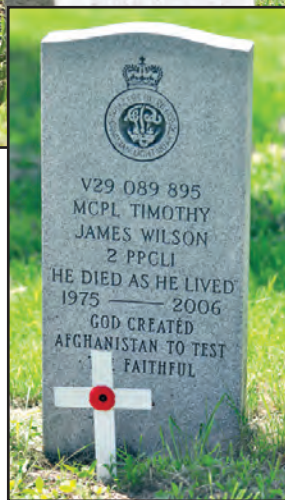
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**Busy  
weekend  
for  
2PPCLI**

2PPCLI Commanding Officer LCol Michael Wright laid a cross (left) at the grave of MCpl Timothy Wilson (inset) following the annual Decoration Day ceremony held June 2 at the Brandon cemetery. MCpl Wilson died in Afghanistan in 2006 while deployed with 2PPCLI. A day earlier on the Base, 2PPCLI hosted Family Day just weeks prior to more than 400 soldiers from CFB Shilo return to Afghanistan for the last time in a non-combat mission. Kids and parents were able to enjoy a barbecue, take LAV rides, navigate an obstacle course or test their mettle (right) on a zip line, like five-year-old Sarah Sharpe did. For more visuals from Family Day, see page 9. For more on Brandon's Decoration Day, see page 7.

Photos by Jules Xavier & Jillian Driessen



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## Green thumbs at work

CE's Maj Reg Sharpe says he's happy with the look of the new Shilo community garden on Kingston Avenue. Boxes are in place with soil, and some gardens have been planted. Still to arrive is a fence to keep the deer from enjoying a free salad at the expense of the gardeners.

Photos by Jules Xavier



# Stag judged fourth best in Canada

## Shilo Stag

CFB Shilo's community newspaper finished fourth best in Canada — a single point back of the third-place Aurora from CFB Greenwood, NS — following judging in the 2012 national newspaper competition.

Of the 16 communities served by military newspapers, there were six CF publications which submitted two editions from 2012 to be judged by Brian McCristall in the Newspaper Canada's Canadian Community Newspaper Awards (CCNA) Best Canadian Forces Base Newspaper category.

While community newspapers are judged based on circulations, all CF newspapers are entered in an open class.

"Fourth place is quite good considering the competition. Top-three are from much larger bases," noted BComd LCol Richard Goodyear when informed of CFB Shilo's placing.

The tabloid paper *Stag* earned 40 points out of a maximum of 50.

He added, "Your efforts locally have not gone unnoticed. I am extremely proud of the job you and Jillian have done re-energizing the paper and producing a highly professional product that truly serves the community. Keep up the great work."

Under the direction of the Base Commander, CF newspapers report on operations, morale and welfare programs and a variety of military community news. Serving and retired military members and their families in communities across Canada count on these papers to provide a valuable source of local news and information.

Newspapers provide essential support to morale and welfare programs by promoting local events and services, and also get engaged in their communities by printing everything from children's colouring contests to community welcome guides.

With 46 points, CFB Valcartier's (Quebec) *Journal Adsum* garnered first-place, 2.5 points better than runner-up CFB Esquimalt's (BC) *Lookout*. With 41 points, third spot went to the Aurora.

"While top-three would have been nice for my first time producing a military newspaper, scoring 40 or better was our ultimate goal as the *Stag* has changed and evolved since I arrived in late June 2012," said managing editor Jules Xavier.

"I wanted to offer the *Stag* reader, whether on Base or those picking up a copy in Brandon, Carberry, Douglas or Wawanessa, a reflection of what's happening in the community when it comes to our PMQ residents or the soldiers training daily ... to promote the Base and its people.

"To do that, I wanted the pages to be more story-orientated, not just running DND press releases or submitted copy. We still want the units to provide us with words and visuals if we are unable to be at an event, but what you read on the *Stag* pages are staff generated news and feature stories."

Xavier added, "Plus, I was looking for strong photographs or photo essays, which I believe the two-person operation of Jillian Driessen and I have done when we receive feedback from the Base Commander or the soldiers we

meet out on exercises, like EX Limber Gunner or EX Kapyong Fury."

There were five categories McCristall used to judge the *Stag*, with 50 points the total mark. In quality of news content (out of 20), the *Stag* scored a 16. Photography we earned an eight out of 10, while the features and column section was eight out of 10. In make-up and typography, of a possible five points, the *Stag* garnered four. For advertising and general impression, another five mark, this newspaper earned a four.

Following the *Stag* in fifth, was CFB Halifax's (NS) *Trident* with 37, while CFB Cold Lake's 4 Wing (Alberta) *Courier* finished sixth with 36.5 points.

Judge McCristall acknowledged the six entries he judged had one major thing in common.

"In their own way, and with significantly different resources, they all demonstrate a commitment to build community and they do it very well," he wrote in his judging comments.

"It is not an easy category to judge because each newspaper representing each Base has major challenges to face as a consequence of size, location and available resources."

He added, "Nonetheless, it is obvious that genuine efforts are made to produce products which really reflect the specific communities they serve."

Having worked alongside five *Stag* editors since 2003, PSP executive assistant Elaine Bullee likes what she reads when she picks up her newspaper at Base headquarters.

"In my 10 years as a PSP employee and regular *Stag* reader, I have seen definite ups and downs in regards to the quality of the content within the pages of the *Stag* whenever the editor would change hands," she said.

"As a self-appointed 'chief of the grammar police' I would notice and frantically circle errors in red ink in every issue that I have read over the past 10 years.

"Since becoming the official proof-reader of the *Stag* recently, every second Thursday I put down my red pen and read the paper again from front to back in a much more relaxed manner. Jules and Jillian do an excellent job writing the entire paper — making my duties a proof-reader easy — and put together what I consider to be the best CF newspaper that Shilo has ever seen."

While the majority of CF papers are weekly, the *Stag's* circulation of 3,000 copies is printed every second Thursday.

"With just a two-person newsroom, we have a little more time to work on features stories, providing the reader with a little more colour in the articles," said Xavier. "This also allows us to do more advance stories on upcoming events, like the change of command ceremonies planned for incoming BComd for LCol Richard Goodyear (July 9), and incoming CO for 2PPCLI's LCol Michael Wright (June 18)."

Looking to improve on its fourth-place finish in 2012, the *Stag* will continue to evolve as your community newspaper and welcomes ideas for stories and photo essays, especially from the various units and regiments.

The staff might build it, but the *Stag* is your newspaper, too.



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Base Supply's Dan MacKinnon looks on as a soldier signs the paperwork for his order. Photo by Jillian Driessen

## Base Supply losing veteran staff with Dan MacKinnon retiring

**Jillian Driessen**  
Shilo Stag

If you've been to Base Supply's 'cash sales', you've likely been greeted, helped, or even measured by Dan MacKinnon.

He's been the face of cash sales since 1988. Today will mark the end of 57 years of service to the Crown as both a military member and civilian.

"I started off in February of 1960 when I joined the Service Corps. I was in the service corps until 1985 when I got out," recalls MacKinnon, who in his 25 years of service saw multiple postings including Germany, Moose Jaw, SK, and Cornwallis, NS, before landing at CFB Shilo.

MacKinnon's military career started quickly. He completed his interview and tests in the afternoon and was loaded on a train by that evening to begin his basic training.

With numerous postings, his career moved forward with the same energy as it began.

"Every place you went was a different situation," says MacKinnon of his military service.

With a back injury standing in the way of a promotion to Master Warrant Officer, then WO MacKinnon made the leap from military life to civilian life and found himself working at CFB Shilo in several term positions while serving as a reservist for two years with 26th Fd Regt Brandon.

The position in cash sales became available in 1988 and was immediately filled by MacKinnon. He was no stranger to the position. As a military member, he had been responsible, in part, for its creation.

He replaced the student he hired three years earlier.

"I was instrumental in getting Kathy hired when I was in the military," he recalls. "We set up the cash sales and I wanted a civilian running it. Any time there was PT or an exercise, we would have to close down cash sales."

He adds, "Kathy applied. She was at BU for teaching. She ran out of money. She was there from 1985 to 1988 and she called me and said 'I'm financially okay and I'm going back to university'."

MacKinnon was the lone applicant for the position, and following four

days of training, has been working there ever since.

In a quarter century, MacKinnon has seen several changes to the clothing system.

Although it is still labelled as "cash sales", today the department works on an annual point system with members often ordering their uniforms online.

They see MacKinnon and the tailors for customizing, changes, and fitting. He is also responsible for taking measurements for members who fall outside of standard sizing — a task now accompanied by high-tech imaging.

Cash sales has also offered service to German military members, who were stationed with GATES (German Army Training Establishment Shilo) on this Base.

"When the Germans were here [1974-2000], we were exceptionally busy. I dealt with their uniforms a fair amount. They wore a tan uniform," he explains. "On one occasion they had about a dozen soldiers whose uniforms didn't fit and they had a big parade."

"We got lucky and we still had a small stock of tans. We fixed them up. If they'd waited on uniforms from home, they wouldn't have had a chance."

The uniforms, soldiers, and the technology may have changed, but the goal of cash sales to service CF members calling Shilo home remains constant.

With nearly six decades of service under his belt, MacKinnon can hang his hat with pride June 6. There aren't many Canadians who can lay claim to a lifetime of service.

"I think there is a guy in Gagetown (NB) turning 80 who is still working," says MacKinnon, while humbly acknowledging his own long-standing service.

The grandfather of two granddaughters, ages five and nine, and the father of three sons, will assuredly keep busy in his retirement.

Although he is entertaining the possibility of part-time employment, MacKinnon plans to keep it light.

"We've got a little season trailer. We do the odd jaunt to Florida in the bad months, and there's a possibility that we may move to Ontario later on," says MacKinnon. "We will just go with the flow for now."

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# Eating lobster is not an exercise in etiquette



My inaugural exposure to lobster came as a child when my late father was posted to CFB St. Margaret's in New Brunswick.

Who knew that the Xavier air force brats, fussy eaters that we were as children, would enjoy our dad's lobster when he offered it to us. But we did, so that meant his lobster feast was interrupted.

Many a morning we awoke to find a pile of lobster entrails and shell in the kitchen garbage can. Dad would feast after we went to bed.

If you missed out on purchasing a ticket for the 10th annual Base Commander's Downhomer Lobsterfest June 8, sorry, but the event is sold-out.

I passed on my two tickets for the ninth annual to colleague Jillian Driessen last June as I was new to the job and province, and knew few people, so my shyness had me watching from outside L25 as I walked my Jack Russell Terrier Purdy nearby.

I'm there for BComd LCol Richard Goodyear's farewell Lobsterfest. And while learning about this east coast delicacy I was told eating a lobster is not an exercise in etiquette.

Steamed or boiled, when my lobster — and the steak I'll trade with anyone for their lobster if they are not a fan of seafood, but prefer good chunk of Canadian AAA beef — arrives I have been told to let it cool so as to avoid being scalded by boiling water when handling it.

The simplicity of eating a lobster depends partly upon the time of year. Lobsters moult — who knew they shed their shells — each year in early summer.

Just before shedding in May or June the shells are thick and hard, while the claws are difficult to break open. Just after moulting, the shells are as thin as heavy paper, the claws easy to open without tools.

The shells harden within a few weeks after moulting, but an August lobster is still much easier to eat than a May lobster.

How do you eat a lobster?

Along with the hot, just-cooked lobster, you might want the following items:

- Lobster bib

to protect clothing from sprays of sea water, lobster juice and butter

- Claw cracker — like a nutcracker — to crack the claws so you can extract the claw meat, which is a delicacy.

- Small fork or "lobster pick" — this slender instrument is used for extracting meat from difficult, bony places

To begin feasting on your lobster, first hold the body in one hand and the tail in the other, and break the tail off with a side-to-side motion.

Holding the tail upside-down, stick a fork (upside-down) between the bottom of the shell (now facing upwards) and the tail meat and pull the whole chunk of tail meat out.

The tail is the largest meaty portion of the lobster, but there's lots more.

Each claw should be broken and the meat taken out with the small fork or lobster pick, even from the joints that connect the claw to the body. This is the most delicious part, a real delicacy.

In larger lobsters weighing more than a pound and heavier, you will find tender little bites in other places, too.

Twist the four "flippers" off the end of the tail and chew out the delicate meat inside. Twist off each small leg: in the knuckle next to the body there's a nugget, and you can chew tender meat out of each segment in a leg.

Lobster enthusiasts will tear the carapace — hard body cover — off, split the body lengthwise, and behind where each leg was attached there is a good bit of meat.

Of the innards, the gray-coloured liver — called tomalley — is edible. Restaurant chefs sometimes use it in sauces, though not everyone likes it.

If you find a waxy red substance in your lobster, you have a female. It is roe. The eggs are edible, but not choice.

I will enjoy my lobster, and raise a claw to my father in his memory. Two days after I have filled my belly, I will mark the 30th anniversary of my father's death at age 50. Besides being a great dad, Sgt Fabio 'Swish' Xavier introduced me to lobster.

Pass the garlic butter, please!



Stag staffer Jillian Driessen focused on this Lobsterfest plate from the ninth annual Base Commander's Downhomer Lobsterfest.

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Want to represent your Base at the Canadian Forces provincial golf tournament?

If so, you'll have to qualify by participating in the three-day golf playdowns at the Shilo Country Club starting June 24.

The tournament on your local links is open to military regular force, Class B and C.

Tee time is between 8 and 9 a.m.

Contact Danny Hamilton, CFB Shilo's sports coordinator, at 204-765-3000 ext 3894 prior to June 21.

You won't have to go far for provincials.

This Base is hosting it, with the top five men and top two women at zones advancing to provincials during a four-day tournament starting July 22.

Meanwhile, in other Base sports news, ball hockey

team tryouts started late last month — Monday to Friday at Gunner Arena — from 7 to 9 a.m.

The team is open to CF Regular Force and Class B and C Reservists.

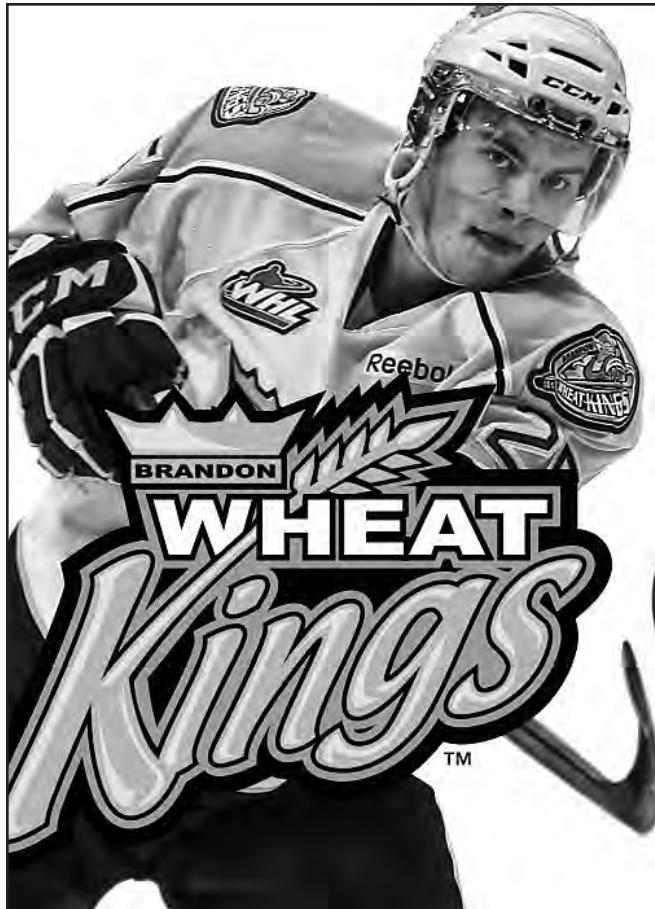
The team will represent CFB Shilo at the Prairie re-

gional ball hockey championship being hosted by 4 Wing CFB Cold Lake from June 23 to 27.

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# Going Yard T-ball Style



*Jules Xavier Photos*



Going yard is a term used in baseball for smacking the ball over the fence — a home-run for the neophyte. While baseballs rarely left the infield during T-ball action Wednesday evening at CFB Shilo on two diamonds, this is where it all starts for the youngsters honing their baseball skills. There were plenty of coaches on the diamond showing the T-ball players the nuances of running, throwing, catching and hitting. The only thing missing was a bag of sunflower seeds, and learning how to spit the shells while shagging flies in the outfield. But that will come as these little leaguers enjoy their T-ball experience. Play ball!



# DECORATION DAY



CFB Shilo was represented at the annual Decoration Day ceremony held at the Brandon cemetery, by BComd LCol Richard Goodyear, 2PPCLI and 1RCHA. All four cadets corps were represented as well. This event originated in 1890 to honour Canada's war dead, specifically the nine men who died at Rideway on June 2, 1866 during the Fenian Raids. It was celebrated annually until 1931 when it was superseded by Remembrance Day Nov. 11.



Photos by Jules Xavier



# License system develops skills

Did you know that Manitoba has a graduated licensing system for all new drivers?

Graduated licensing systems are designed to ensure that new drivers develop their skills in a supervised manner, allowing greater freedom

throughout the learning process.

At age 16, a person can apply for a license, or 15-and-a-half if taking a secondary school driving program. Parental consent is required for drivers aged 16 and 17. Regardless of age a new driver will enter the "5L" Learner's stage which lasts a minimum of nine months. During this time a driver must be supervised by a person with a valid "full" license, maintain zero blood alcohol content when driving, and only carry as many passengers as the vehicle has functional seat-belts. After completing a road test, drivers will graduate to the "5I" Intermediate stage which lasts a minimum of 15 months. During this time a driver must maintain zero blood alcohol content when driving, and only carry from 5 a.m. to midnight the number of passengers as the vehicle has functional seat-belts.

From midnight to 5

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a.m. a supervisor is required in the front seat to carry more than one passenger.

Following the intermediate stage drivers will graduate to the "5F" full stage which lasts thirty-six months.

During this time a driver must maintain zero blood alcohol content for 36 months, and may continue to pursue other license classes. Additionally after 36 months a 5F driver may supervise learner and intermediate drivers.

There are many administrative requirements for new drivers, including knowledge/road tests, visual and medical questionnaires and fee collection.

Be sure to buy a driver's handbook from an MPI agent, and/or check the website [www.mpi.mb.ca](http://www.mpi.mb.ca).

[mpi.mb.ca](http://www.mpi.mb.ca).

For those supervising learner or intermediate drivers there are several requirements to remember.

The supervisor must have had a valid "5F" full stage license for 36 months, and maintain a blood alcohol content less than .05mg per cent. When supervising the 5F full stage license holder must be in the front seat.

Consequences for failing to adhere to the requirements of the graduate license system vary from minor fines, to the revocation of licenses for more serious offences.

Both the supervisor and new driver can receive fines where an offence related to supervision occurs.

Driving a motor vehicle of any kind is one of the most dangerous routine activities that most adults do in their day-to-day life.

It is imperative that new drivers are fostered to have safe and defensive driving skills to keep all road users safe.

Capt Dane Nicholson is Platoon Commander 1 Military Police Regiment at CFB Shilo.

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## 2PPCLI change of command ceremony June 18

# Picking fond memories not easy, says LCol Wright

**Jules Xavier**

**Shilo Stag**

Away from the office on the weekend, LCol Michael Wright enjoys being part of the stick crew while watching his sons play youth football in Brandon.

But back at the office of late for the 2PPCLI Commanding Officer, he's been extra busy while preparing for the last deployment to Afghanistan later this month. There's lots to do for LCol Wright, but his time here at CFB Shilo will conclude following a June 18 change of command ceremony.



"It has been an absolute honour to be able to finish my Battalion time in the same unit that I started with in 1994 as a Second Lieutenant," he recalled. "The five years that I spent with the Battalion in Winnipeg and the six years that I spent with it in Shilo are without a doubt the best times of my military career."

LCol Wright, who is being replaced by LCol Bob Ritchie, won't soon forget his 2PPCLI experiences.

"I had the privilege of commanding soldiers of the Battalion on operations,

first in Bosnia as a platoon commander in 1997, then in Afghanistan as a company commander in 2006/07, and finally the Battalion for the Souris River floods in 2011."

Finding a specific memory he will cherish from his experience as 2PPCLI CO is no easy task for LCol Wright.

"I honestly can't pick out fondest memories or highlights from the last two years, because every time I try it turns into a huge list of the great experiences that we've



had in the field, on Regimental events, during sports competitions, or even just being in garrison," he said.

While he won't be part of 2PPCLI anymore, his 11 years in the unit "undoubtedly shaped me more than any other experience that I've had in the CF."

What will he miss when he moves his family and takes on new military responsibilities in Canada's capital this summer? Besides being part of a football stick crew on a Saturday at Crocus Plains Secondary School.

"I'll miss Kapyong Day, the interactions with the Korea Veterans' Association, living beside a fantastic training area, having the best building of any unit in the Canadian Army, shooting the sh\*t with an infantry section in the field," he offered. "Again, I could go on for hours."

While he's off to serve in Army headquarters in Ottawa, LCol Wright said he will always look back on his time in 2PPCLI as the highlight of his career.

"While my Battalion time is done and I may never again serve in Manitoba, to quote Randy Bachman, I will always remember that 'the Prairies made me what I am today,'" he said.

Jules Xavier photos

## Family Day fun

There was a hive of activity for 2PPCLI members and their families during Family Day, from obstacles courses, to barbecued burgers, LAV rides and an exciting zip line.

Jillian Driessen photos



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For a welcome to kindergarten event held in mid-May, O'Kelly School invited kindergarten students who start this fall, and their parents, to visit the school beforehand. While there, parents and students participated in an array of activities, according to principal Angela Voutier. She said it gave the students a sneak preview of school activities when they arrive in September. The students were also provided with a bag of activities to do during the summer to ease the transition for their first school experience.

Photos submitted

## SPECTACLE DE MUSIQUE À L'ÉCOLE LA SOURCE

**Richard Arcand**  
École La Source

Le mardi 4 juin dernier toute la communauté était invitée au spectacle de musique des élèves de l'école La Source.

Les élèves ont présenté une variété de courtes chansons sur le thème du printemps. Certaines classes ont même fait des pièces rythmées sur les "tubanos."

Les tubanos sont des tam-tams de style africain que La Division Scolaire Franco-Manitobaine fait circuler chaque année dans les écoles.

Chaque école reçoit les tubanos pour quelques semaines. Les élèves trouvent cela très intéressant et stimulant de pouvoir créer et jouer avec ces instruments.

Un projet pilote de musique a permis à madame Gisèle Lafèche, enseignante en musique, qui enseigne déjà dans une école francophone à Winnipeg, d'offrir des classes de musique pour les élèves de la maternelle à la 8ème année à l'école La Source.

Ce projet a permis à l'école de recevoir les fonds nécessaires pour acheter des instruments à percussion, des xylophones, des flutes à bec, un système de son et du matériel pédagogique de musique.

Mme Lafèche travaille de près avec les titulaires de classe et quand les élèves apprennent une chanson en classe de musique ils continuent à la pratiquer

avec leur enseignant ou leur enseignante. Cette enseignante vient à l'école deux mercredis par mois.

Les élèves ont aussi participé à l'événement "Dançons ensemble" qui a eu lieu le jeudi 23 mai à St-Norbert dans la région de Winnipeg.

Cette belle journée de danses a rassemblé plus de 600 élèves de la 2ème et 3ème année de la DSFM. Dançons ensemble a lieu à tous les deux ans à la DSFM.

Pendant plusieurs mois, les élèves avaient à apprendre une vingtaine de danses qui se dansent autour du monde. Les enseignants ont suivi une formation en janvier pour apprendre les danses. Ils ont ensuite retourné dans leur école pour enseigner les danses à leurs élèves.

Parmi les danses, ils ont appris: La Bastringue, Lintu Lesi (Finlande), Hukilau (Hawaï), Les yeux du Taj Mahal (Inde), Carnavalito (Bolivie), Danse country, Le Marrayilyil (l'Australie) et la danse de la DSFM.

Bravo aux élèves et aux enseignantes de la Source qui sont venus participer avec enthousiasme à Dançons ensemble 2013.

Mme Lafèche est venue à l'école la Source le mercredi 29 et le jeudi 30 mai pour aider les élèves à bien performer pour le spectacle du 4 juin.

Mme Lafèche doit voyager de Winnipeg pour venir visiter les élèves de l'école La Source.

Elle est très appréciée à l'école et les élèves l'aiment beaucoup.



## Denis Ferré Directeur général de la DSFM

**Richard Arcand**  
École La Source

Denis Ferré est directeur général de la Division Scolaire Franco-Manitobaine depuis un peu plus de 5 ans déjà.

Cette année il prendra sa retraite afin de se consacrer plus à sa famille et à ses différents projets personnels. Il entend voyager et consacrer plus de temps à sa famille en se rapprochant de la Saskatchewan.

Il a débuté sa carrière en 1979 en tant qu'enseignant.

Il a enseigné durant trois ans avant de devenir directeur adjoint.

Il enseignait au niveau de 7e et 8e année. La première année il a enseigné le français langue seconde à au-delà de 200 élèves et faisait la navette entre deux écoles.

Ensuite en 1984 il est devenu directeur d'école. Il a gardé cette tâche durant 14 ans.

Durant toutes ces années il a toujours enseigné à au moins 20% du temps.

Il a travaillé aussi 19 ans dans un conseil scolaire catholique à Saskatoon. Il a ensuite été DGA du sys-



Denis Ferré

tème scolaire francophone en Saskatchewan pour une période de trois ans.

De 2000 à 2008 il a été directeur général du conseil des écoles franco-québécoises de la Saskatchewan.

À l'automne 2008 il déménage au Manitoba et devient directeur général de la D.S.F.M. Il est très fier de certaines des réalisations qu'il a orchestrées.

La construction d'écoles a été pour lui un atout important pour la DSFM.

Il a ensuite consacré beaucoup de son temps à l'agrandissement et à l'amélioration des écoles existantes.

Il est surtout très satisfait des garderies rattachées aux différentes écoles. Il est aussi très fier des résultats obtenus en littérature.

Il trouve que la lecture est «le nerf de la guerre» comme il le dit si bien. Il se dit très satisfait des efforts fait de ce côté-là sous sa gouvernance. L'avancement de la numérotation est aussi une réalisation qu'il considère comme très importante.

Il est aussi très fier des changements qu'il a instaurés auprès des directions d'écoles. Il sera en fonction jusqu'à la fin du mois de décembre 2013.

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**Jillian Driessen**

**Shilo Stag**

With numerous projects well under way, the Shilo Community Council gathered to discuss and plan for a busy summer season.

Following a rough winter, Shilo residents can expect to see Base Transport making repairs to roads this summer.

"As you can tell, we have some heavy equipment out for road repair. We have had a number of roads closed off for repair," said Sgt Charlene MacKeigan. "We tried to keep the roads open with road repair. With marching troops, PT, and cars it started to become very dangerous."

She added, "We had the Military Police barricade the road. This is the Military. We have some members

# Summer busy with repairs

on our equipment who are training. To keep everyone safe, we are closing the roads."

Several repairs have already been completed successfully and the process will remain the same for future road repairs.

"The reason we are doing the road closures is because people have recently been so reckless with their vehicles," explained Capt Dane Nicholson, of the Military Police detachment. "We had to close roads for ice and snow removal. When we did small road control measures, people were blowing past them. It is a safety hazard."

Motorists are reminded to watch for road repairs, be prepared for closures, and respect police barricades.

Other community council business discussed included:

- Those who live in RHUs who have issues with their recycling or garbage pick-up should contact MWO Robert Brassington.

"If there are concerns about recycling, make sure you phone in. The contract inspector can't go look all the time. The only way we know is if people phone us," said MWO Brassington.

For those who have excess and large recycling items or have missed their pick-up, there is a large blue community recycling bin located behind CANEX. Excluding glass, all recyclable items are welcome.

"It is there. I encourage community members to use it," said Mayor Maj Reg Sharpe.

- With the loss of the RHU regulating officer, CFHA is looking to residents to contribute to the maintenance of the community.

"The base duty sergeant has started to go around and look at the state of the RHA. He indicated there is quite a bit of concern in the RHA," said Jodi Laba.

"We are really hoping occupants will do their part and we will deal with the excessive cases. Nobody

should have to deal with that from a neighbour."

If you have concerns or issues regarding the community, contact CFHA at local 4111.

- Several residents have reported off-road vehicles cutting through RHU backyards to reach ATV trails. The Military Police ask that any activity of this sort be reported immediately.

- Clean-up week was held from May 27 to June 2. RHU residents are encouraged to remove refuse as they find it outside of the special week for sprucing up the residential areas.

"There isn't anything that restricts people to cleaning up only on clean-up week," said Mayor Sharpe.

- CANEX manager Rick Kehler and his team have implemented a new policy to help reduce in-store theft.

"We are targeting those we consider high-theft groups. We will ask them to leave knapsacks at the door. We may not ask everyone, but we will ask some. We have had a number of thefts recently," noted Kehler.

- The Fitness Sports and Recreation department will host several events next month. On June 13 there is the Combat Fitness Challenge, while June 21 is the Army run.

Canada Day celebrations will be held July 1.

See your summer *At A Glance* magazine for further details.

- According to Capt Dane Nicholson, changing laws regarding texting and driving may impact Shilo residents. The offense is now accompanied by a fine and the loss of six points on your Manitoba driver's license.

"To put six points in perspective, a hit and run or drinking and driving are six points," explained Nicholson. The ticket is commonly issued in Shilo.

- Shilo MFRC has gone green and now has an electronic newsletter.

"We have a new electronic newsletter," said outreach and information co-ordinator Karen Burton. "If you're not registered, go to our website and sign up."

- A reminder to the community that their wards as well as their representatives can be found in the summer edition of *At A Glance* magazine.

- The next meeting of the Shilo Community Council is June 26 at 10:30 a.m. in the MFRC board room.



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## Purrr-fect on patrol

What a sport — MP Cpl Purcell sat for a face painter during the MFRC's kite flying event held at the Base football field. The weather co-operated for the event, with blue skies and a strong breeze to lift the array of colourful kites brought to the field for kids and parents to take flight.

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## Being approachable key to 2PPCLI's genial RSM

**Jules Xavier**  
Shilo Stag

Expect an enthusiastic handshake when you are greeted by 2PPCLI's RSM, CWO Todd D'Andrade.

The gregarious and amiable soldier joined the Canadian Forces on March 9, 1983, out of Toronto, ON, while living in Peel region. He completed basic training in Cornwallis, NS and his trades training at the PPCLI Battle School in Wainwright, AB. His first posting was to 3PPCLI in Esquimalt, BC as a rifleman.

During his military career, CWO D'Andrade has completed the Infantry Section Commander course, Infantry Platoon Commander course as well as the Infantry Company Sergeant-Major course. He is a qualified LAV III crew commander, and has completed his basic para and advanced winter warfare courses.

He has spent most of his CF career in the field with 3PPCLI, the Canadian Airborne Regiment - 2 Commando, as well as 1PPCLI. He has seen extra regimental service with the CF Recruiting Centre Det, Essex and Kent Scottish Regt, Land Force Western Area Training Centre and the year-long French course.

CWO D'Andrade's operational experience includes deployments with the United Nations (UN) Force in Cyprus in 1986, UN Protection Force in Croatia in 1992-93, again in 1994, and NATO Stabilization Force in Bosnia in 1997 and 2000.

In 2004, he deployed to Afghanistan as a Platoon Warrant on Op ATHENA in Kabul and, in 2006, as a Coy Quartermaster for Task Force Orion as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

During his career, CWO D'Andrade has been awarded the Commanders Commendation for his actions supporting Operations on Task Force Orion. He was awarded the Order of Military Merit (MMM) in 2010. The personable soldier's interests include taking care of the four F's: Family, Fun, Fitness and Focus.

In July 2012, he marked a quarter century of marriage to his extremely supportive wife Kelly-Anne. The couple have two wonderful children, 24-year-old Allison and 22-year-old Ian. They both call Australia home.

Promoted to his current rank in April 2012, CWO D'Andrade was appointed Regimental Sergeant Ma-

ior (RSM) for 2PPCLI on June 18, 2012.

Born on Feb. 7, 1964 in Trinidad & Tobago, West Indies, he was given the first name Thaddeous by his parents, but goes by Todd. There is no significance to the moniker.

"Some things are just out of your control like where you were born and the name you are given," he says.

"All to say my parents are fantastic folks and I am very grateful for the foundation and strength they have instilled and provided me to this day."

Why join the army?

"[Army is the] largest employer in the Canadian Forces," he says. "After graduation [from] high school I want to get my hands dirty and get on with my life."

He chose army of the west because he wanted to see the Rockies and "live the life of adventure." So the CF posted to him 3PPCLI on Vancouver Island in BC's capital.

Prior to arriving at CFB Shilo, CWO D'Andrade was with 3PPCLI as the Rear Party SM for OP Attention.

What were his expectations of himself, and the soldiers who he works alongside after taking on his RSM role?

"To instill a Regimental family and take care of the 4F's: Family, Fun, Fitness [mental and physical] and Focus," he says.

As the 2PPCLI RSM, he follows a simple approach when it comes to his job — be approachable.

"Soldiers and NCO's won't share concerns if you aren't approachable and trustworthy," he advises.

What makes a good RSM?

For CWO D'Andrade that is answered in three simple words: "communications, communications, communications."

There are other words he also lives by when it comes to his mantra: integrity, loyalty, courage, honesty, fairness and responsibility.

Who does he emulate as RSM based on his own experiences with other RSMs since joining the CF?



CWO Todd D'Andrade salutes (above) during Decoration Day in front of PPCLI's Pte Stanley Zolinski's grave at the Brandon cemetery. During a parade (below) the 2PPCLI officers run by him.

Photos by Jules Xavier

"That's a hard one," he says. "Several great examples, but when you are 19 years old your first RSM maybe the most impressive."

That would be his 3PPCLI RSM, CWO "Sonny" Grant, who was a Korean war veteran. He described him as "tough as nails."

With the 2PPCLI Commanding Officer LCol Michael Wright off to Ottawa, ON, following his June 18 change of command ceremony, CWO D'Andrade calls his boss a "class act."

"[He is] one of the best commanders I ever worked for in my three decades ... a true professional. I can go on and on."

CWO D'Andrade has enjoyed his role alongside LCol Wright, and looks forward to working with the incoming CO LCol Bob Ritchie.

He sees part of his job as being "the best I can be and support his intent at every level; never letting the team down."

Has the role of the RSM evolved with the new CF, versus when the first PPCLI soldier fought in the First World War, or subsequent wars since?

"I believe we have evolved as an Army since 1998 due to the fact we regained operational experience through the Balkans and Afghanistan," he

says.

"Especially combat operations in Afghanistan. The PPCLI has always had great soldiers and we in the Second Battalion have a proud history. Sacrifices are made on a daily basis, but the ultimate sacrifice can be an inherit part of the profession."

Being part of the PPCLI family, and the Regiment's history, CWO D'Andrade says he's truly honoured and privileged.

What does it mean to be part of the 2PPCLI family when you think of the Regiment's history?

"It is truly an honour a privilege to be part of the 2PPCLI family," he says.

It's too early to say what the 2PPCLI RSM will do when it comes to his successor in a few years. He expects to have a clearer picture on what his next appointment might be with the CF before the advent of 2015. But he does have a piece of advice he will pass on, along with the pace stick.

"Your mind is like a parachute. It only works if it's open," he says. "Be yourself and enjoy each day with the Battalion."

