

With the recent cold snap experienced at CFB Shilo, make sure you are properly dressed to avoid frost bite while enjoying the outdoors. This family, however, had an ideal afternoon with no -30 C temperatures to deter them when they used sleds on the toboggan hill adjacent to the dog park. The forecast for the final days of this month are calling for more seasonable weather. Photo by Jules Xavier



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new Stag page.

Can I quote you? What they said in 2012 in the Stag

Jules Xavier

Shilo Stag

It might seem to be a blur now, but plenty happened at CFB Shilo the previous 12 months.

The year 2012 is now but a memory, with our focus on what's ahead on this Base in 2013. Such as the deployment of soldiers for Afghanistan sometime this coming summer following the annual Lobsterfest.

Which means training will be ramped up here, plus soldiers away from their units for exercises at CFB Wainwright in the spring.

However, while perusing our 24 editions published in 2012, Stag staff found a number of gems when it came to quotes.

We thought we would share a sampling with our readers — a look back at what was said in the pages of the *Shilo Stag*.

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"We've finally started an UXO clean-up which was long over due. This helps ensure the viability of our ranges and training area long-term. There has been lots of discussion about UXO clearance, but nothing was done. With new ranges, like the M203, this will help the units with their training."

- Base Commander LCol Richard Goodyear commenting on his first year at the helm of CFB Shilo and some of the work that has been completed

"It was an emotional experience to set foot in any Commonwealth cemetery, but when you have a direct connection to yourself there ... you don't know what to say. Looking over his grave, I was reflecting on what he must have gone through in that war. It was windy, a light drizzle was coming down. To think here's my greatgrandfather buried so far away from home. I thought to myself, what might he have been thinking as he lay alongside the cemetery on the night of Aug. 16, 1917 bleeding from multiple gun shot wounds, knowing he was dying, as he watched the burial parties digging his grave."

— Maj Reg Sharpe recalling his experience visiting his great-grandfather, First World War soldier Charles Sharp's grave in Belgium

"I always knew their (firefighters') job was difficult. They walked us through the

building. And soldiers know this, the fog of war, but that was something else. You couldn't see or hear anything."
 Captain Craig Butler upon completing Fire Ops 101 last May

"We want people to realize exactly what it takes to do our job. A lot of times people see us sitting around waiting and think we don't do anything. We do. A lot of the stuff we do they don't see. You're waiting and when the alarms go off you have to be ready — that's where your training comes in. You don't have time to train then. As some of the people realized today, it is extremely physically demanding." — *Firefighter Steven Trowbridge*

"The team bought into what we were trying to do."

– CFB Shilo ball hockey coach Danny Hamilton on why his team won gold at Gunner Arena during the regional tournament

"It's the human face we want to share with Canadians. A lot of Canadians really don't have a clear handle on why we went to Afghanistan, what we set out to accomplish in Afghanistan, so there is a lot of ambiguity. I think if they hear from those who served what they saw and did and what they felt they accomplished while they were serving, it will help to clear up the Canadian understanding of the mission itself."

- Melanie Graham on Afghanistan: A Soldier's Story

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"I have provided all soldiers of 2PPCLI three areas to focus on, and then added three more for leaders across the unit. For soldiers, they are ... excellence at our core infantry skills of musketry, battlecraft and fitness; being ambassadors for the Battalion wherever they go; and taking care of their fire team partners, not only in terms of watching out for their physical safety in the field, but keeping an eye on our mental health at all times. For leaders, I've emphasized the importance of maintaining our Battalion and Regimental traditions; mentoring our subordinates, who will be the next generation of leaders in the Army; and enforcing and maintaining a culture of deployability."

– 2PPCLI CO LCol Michael Wright's answer to what goals he set for the men and women under his command

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BComd LCol Richard Goodyear and Assiniboine Community College president Mark Frison shake on their education agreement.



h ACC media students recently participated in Ex Limber Gunner as part of Project Warscribe at CFB Shilo with 1RCHA. Photo by Jillian Driessen

Catch the action at the next home game... Feb. 2 @ 7:30 vs. Regina Feb. 8 @ 7 vs. Lethbridge Feb. 8 @ 7 vs. Fedmonton

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College, military partner in education

Stag Special

Brandon's Assiniboine Community College (ACC) and CFB Shilo have officially partnered to provide further educational opportunities to CF members and their families.

Co-ordinated through the CF Continuing Education Program (CFCEP), the memorandum of understanding was signed late last year. "We've always been proud to be considered a part-

"We've always been proud to be considered a partner with CFCEP and, in particular, our relationship with CFB Shilo," said Diane Shamray, ACC vice-president, enterprise development. "The current agreement opens the door for us to expand our offerings and explore further opportunities."

ACC regularly delivers ongoing professional development to CF personnel.

This includes the mature high school program at the Adult Collegiate and other course offerings courtesy of the Centre for Continuing Studies or Distance Education.

The Base will makes space available for ACC courses where possible and

provide practicums or coop placements for ACC students.

"This agreement will improve education access for our soldiers and their dependants. In particular, it improves soldiers' professional development and can help prepare them for higher ranks and more complex responsibilities," said CFB Shilo BComd LCol Goodyear.

"The ability for the college to conduct courses in Shilo is important. For example the adult high school program is much in demand by soldiers and to be able to attend the classes on base will help them achieve their high school credits."

The college will have improved access to military training doctrines to



allow them to better assess that training so they can develop equivalencies for academic credit for soldiers.

The BPSO office has worked hard to develop the MOU and will continue to work with ACC toward furthering education resources and opportunities for people here in Shilo.

¹ The college and CFB Shilo formally began working together in 1995.

One of the joint projects between the college and the Base is called Project Warscribe.

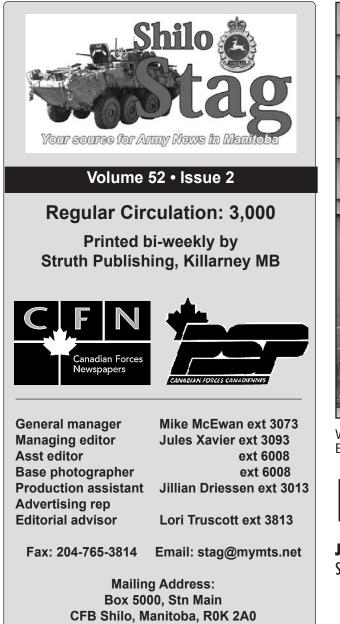
Now in its third year, Project Warscribe is an initiative which better prepares members of the military to deal with the media when they are deployed, while making neophyte print and video journalists familiar with the situations they might encounter when reporting on military activities.

During the project, ACC's interactive media students accompanied units on training missions at the Base, the most recent being Exercise Limber Gunner with 1RCHA. This exercise saw the students embedded with 1RCHA for 30 hours in the field.

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Include the author's full name, rank, unit and contact information.

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With family pets Lucy and Hercules looking on, Bethany Geisel and a friend relax on a PMQ step. Life on the Base during posting season can be hectic, as residents watch neighbours move away. *Photo by Jillian Driessen*

How do you survive posting season?

Jillian Driessen

Shilo Stag

Call it Posting Survival 101.

Jodi Laba at ČFHA has some helpful hints for those moving in and out of RHUs from the housing side of things.

On the top of the CFHA march-out recommendations is booking a pre-inspection.

"When you submit your 30-day notice, we set up a pre-inspection. It is voluntary, but we find that an Inspector can talk to them about things that may need to be done before they leave and gives you the time to fix things that may be damaged."

Often times, damages can be repaired with supplies that CFHA has on hand.

Damages like holes in the wall are common and CFHA has wall putty on hand for all RHU dwellers to use at no cost. CFHA also has items like window screen, dryer hose, and smaller repair items.

If a tenant leaves damages when they vacate, they will be billed CFHA's cost to repair, which is at contractor rate and can be expensive.

"We would rather people not have to pay that," says Laba.

She also took some time to debunk the myth which states an RHU resident will be free of damage charges after 10 years.

All components of an RHU have an industry-standard lifecycle and damage charges are prorated accordingly.

"Flooring, for example, is on a 10-year lifecycle. If you live in a house for eight years, and the flooring is damaged, you would pay 20 per cent of the cost, as we would expect to only get another two years out of the flooring anyway."

Laba says that for march-ins, there are less concerns. "For march-ins the biggest thing is people having their insurance set up. We cannot give the keys to them without insurance. We do like to talk to people about that when we are allocating the house."

Once given the keys, a tenant will receive a marchin package that will contain several helpful items such as garbage information, copies of base standing orders that apply to housing, and the occupant condition report.

The occupant condition report should be completed and returned to CFHA.

"We recommend you take about a week to settle into your house and go through in case there are any deficiencies," she says. "Sometimes when a house has been empty for a while, there may be things that do not work that we won't see."

When allocating homes, CFHA is often met with a challenge to meet everyones housing needs.

"It can be challenging when people are going from site to site," says Laba. "You can be offered bigger or smaller than your household size depending on availability."

In addition to size needs, all potential occupants are prioritized.

"Priority-one" are those who have had their move paid for by the government, with "priority-two" being those who are completing local moves.

Priority-two includes those who require a larger unit.

Laba acknowledges that on occasion it seems that there are several vacant units on the base. A vacant unit, however, is not necessarily an available unit.

Vacant units are often already allocated to a tenant and often require maintenance before the allocated tenant can move in.

With posting season starting with the advent of summer, the priority-one list is the first priority of Shilo CFHA.

When it comes to the annual posting season, CFHA appreciates patience in housing matters.

With only so many staff, so many contractors, and so little time they are stretched thin.

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United Way benefits from IPSC barbecue

Stag Special

The Shilo IPSC staff would like to thank everyone who supported our 2012 United Way barbecue and open house campaign last November.

Our personnel were able to raise a whopping \$1,515 through dress down Fridays, a Montreal Canadiens apparel raffle, Grey Cup raffle and our annual open house and barbecue.

Here are the winners:

• 50/50 tickets (\$89) with a ball cap Isabelle Vauzelle of École La Source Shilo

• Montreal Canadiens apparel raffle — Canadiens jersey autographed by No. 53 Ryan White, with a ball cap George Knol of CFHA; Canadiens shirt No. 31 goaltender Carey Price, with a ball cap Alex Cochrane of IPSC; and Maple Leafs ball cap with a puck Pte Tyler Bonnett of ĈE.

• Grey Cup raffle — board one halftime \$40 Brent Mandryk of 11 CF H Svcs C and final score \$60 WO Merlin of IPSC; board two halftime \$40 Capt Keach of 1RCHA and final score \$60 Capt Bird of 1RCHA; board three halftime \$40 Madonna Bérubé of Brandon and final score \$60 Cpl Brownell of 1 Dent Unit.

A special thanks to our sponsors in Brandon and CFB Shilo with Maple Leaf from Brandon for the donation of smokies; Kuipers Family Bakery and CO-OP Heritage in Brandon for the hotdog buns; Canada Safeway on 18th Street in Brandon for the hamburger

Drop by Gunner Arena after 5:30 p.m. any Sunday, Monday or Thursday and catch some Intersection Hockey League action. Corey Harik is the top sniper playing for third-place A Coy. Photo by Jules Xavier

CFB SHILO SCOREBOARD ABATT'S INTERSECTION HOCKEY - Jan. 25

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Jon Wilson A Bty	17	16	33	
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buns; Sobeys on 18th Street and Canada Safeway on 18th Street north in Brandon for the donation of beef patties; Forbidden Flavours in Shilo for the coffee and tea, and Coca-Cola Bottling Company in Brandon for the donation of beverages.

Thanks as well to Montreal Canadiens player Ryan White for the donation of a signed game-worn jersey.

Of course, thanks go out to all IPSC, OSISS and VAC staff for their generous donations of the ready-cooked dishes and the time and effort they put in to making this event such a great success.

Finally, we wish to extend our sincere thanks to all the staff from each of the units on Base for their participation in this event.

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Celebrate with Scouts/Guides

Linda Levesque

Stag Special

Starting Feb. 17, Linda Levesque of 1 Shilo is asking residents of CFB Shilo to celebrate the seven-day Scout-Guide Week.

This event was introduced more than four decades ago to celebrate the birthdays of Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the Scouting movement and his wife, the World Chief Guide, Lady Olave Baden-Powell.

Scouts Canada is the country's leading co-ed youth organization with more than 100,000 members nationwide, including a number of participants from the Base.

Scouts Canada offers programs for children and youth aged five to 26 in more than 19 languages, reflecting Canada's multicultural landscape and communities.

Youngsters in Scouts have fun adventures discovering new things and experiences they wouldn't discover elsewhere.

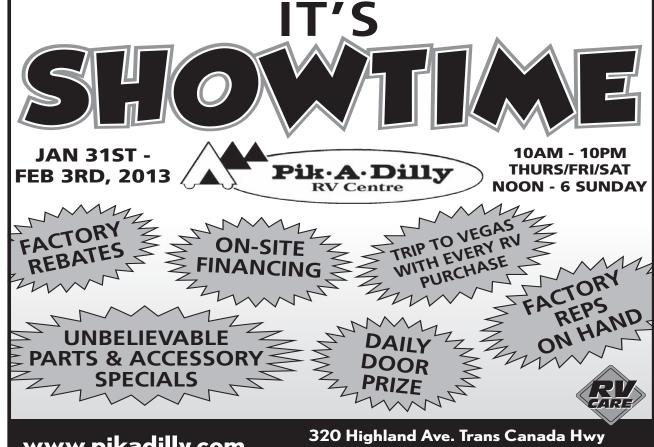
Along the way, they develop into capable, confident and well-rounded individuals, better prepared for success in the world.

For tens of thousands of children and youth across Canada, Scouts is the start of something great.

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A Scout learns how to cut wood safely with a special saw. Photo submitted



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United Way campaign chairman Bob Cey and BComd LCol Richard Goodyear bring the United Way flag down (above) following another successful campaign. The Brandon campaign surpassed its goal, with Cey receiving a cheque for more than \$47,000 from the CFB Shilo campaign (below). Photos by Lori Truscott





Brandon United Way chairman Bob Cey received a cheque for more than \$4,100 from Sgt. Michael Bursey. The funds came from the Seggie tournament.



Photos by MCpl James Ross



Exercise Strong Contender

Gnr Joshua Rosamond (left) of 1RCHA drops two in the paint off a lay-up during basketball action at CFB Edmonton. A 2PPCLI player (above) nearly takes the helmet off the 1 Service Battalion goaltender during ball hockey action. 2PPCLI goalie Cpl Ryan Newby deflects the ball away from his net making the save. CFB Edmonton was a hive of activity during Exercise Strong Contender, with CFB Shilo soldiers involved in ball hockey, indoor soccer, ice hockey and basketball.

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BASE SCHOOLS

Saviez-vous que la DSFM offre dans toutes ses écoles la maternelle à temps plein?

Richard Arcand École La Source

En effet, depuis l'année 1998-99, la DSFM a consulté des experts hors province et procédé à l'implantation de la maternelle à temps plein dans certaines de ses écoles.

La consultation a permis de constater que la maternelle à temps plein avait des effets bénéfiques sur la transition à l'école, l'apprentissage et le développement de la langue. Dans un contexte francophone minoritaire, la maternelle à temps plein était perçue comme étant un moyen de fournir

un contexte langagier francophone plus régulier dans des communautés où les activités offertes aux enfants d'âge préscolaire en français et les

garderies francophones se faisaient plutôt rares.

De 2000 à 2004, la DSFM a développé progressivement le programme selon la volonté des parents.

À chaque année, il y avait de plus en plus d'écoles qui adoptaient le programme.

Au début de 2004, le programme avait prouvé sa valeur. Toutes les écoles de la DSFM, comme l'école La Source, ont donc profité de la maternelle à temps plein.

Cela justifiait incontestablement le budget nécessaire pour son implantation.

En septembre on débute la maternelle par une entrée échelonnée. Les élèves sont divisés en petits groupes afin d'offrir un climat sécurisant qui leur permet de mieux connaitre leur

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enseignante. La DSFM offre des rencontres parentsenseignants pour accueillir et sécuriser les nouvelles familles dans la communauté scolaire

En automne une journée à la maternelle à temps plein se déroule comme suit : accueil, routines, littératie, numératie,

jeux libres, centres d'exploration et temps de repos. Il est nécessaire d'ajouter que la DSFM fait le transport des enfants de porte à porte et ce, sans frais supplémentaires.

À l'École La Source, les inscriptions pour l'année scolaire 2013-14 débutent le 28 janvier. Suite à cela il y aura une journée d'accueil au printemps.

Pour plus de renseignements veuillez contacter les responsables de l'école au 204-765-5050.



La Source ont participé dernièrement à un camp hivernale appelé La Grippe



Richard Arcand école La Source

Saviez-vous que les élèves de l'école La Source ont participé dernièrement à un camp hivernale appelé La Grippe. En effet La DSFM a invité l'école à sa deuxième édition de La Grippe, un camp d'hiver pour les élèves de la 6e à la 8e année des petites écoles de la DSFM.

Cette activité s'est déroulée du 9 au 11 janvier 2013 au camp Red Rock dans le Parc Provincial White Shell et y a regroupé 145 élèves

Ce programme d'éducation en plein air avait pour but de rassembler les élèves des petites écoles pour leur permettre de s'épanouir dans tous les domaines de croissance : que ce soit physique, social, affectif ou moral.

Le camp était l'occasion pour les élèves de se sensibiliser à la belle nature qui les entoure et qu'ils prennent trop souvent pour acquis.

Cette année pour organiser leurs jeux, les élèves devaient se déguiser en schtroumpfs en faisant preuve d'originalité.

Les élèves de l'école La Source ont côtoyés les élèves de l'École communautaire Saint-Georges, ceux de l'école Roméo-Dallaire, de l'école Sainte-Agathe, de l'école Jours de Plaine, de l'école communautaire Aurèle-Lemoine, de l'école Notre-Dame section élémentaire, du collège Notre-Dame, de l'école communautaire Gilbert-Rosset et de l'école St Lazare.

Les participantes et participants ont eu l'occasion de développer leurs aptitudes de leadership et de travail d'équipe en participant à des activités physiques à l'intérieur et à l'extérieur.

Les différentes activités étaient le ski de fond, la raquette, le

survivant avec petit feu, l'orientation, le patinage, le ballon-balai, la glissade et la pêche sur glace.

Les élèves de notre école ont particulièrement aimé le film Les Schtroumfs, le jeu Jeoparschtroumf, le bingo et les jeux brise glace, la présentation d'un trappeur local, le défilé et le concours de costumes de Schtroumps. Ils ont bien aimé le patin et les jeux de société.

Nos élèves ont particulièrement apprécié l'encouragement des enseignants de notre école qui s'étaient déplacé pour l'occasion. Ils ont aussi apprécié côtoyer d'autres élèves de différentes écoles de notre division scolaire et échanger avec leurs amis.

Ce fût pour eux une belle occasion de parler en français en dehors de l'école en essayant de relever les différents défis. Ils ont beaucoup apprécié passer ces jours en dehors du cadre scolaire en appréciant la belle température.

Sophie a beaucoup aimé le ski de fond, Chris a particulièrement aimé l'atelier de construction de feu et comment son groupe a réussi avant les autres.

Laura a apprécié l'atelier de Leadership et Max a bien aimé l'atelier sur l'orientation parce qu'il a ainsi eu la chance d'exploré autour le camp. Différentes citations ont bien amusé le groupe: Bon bœuf! Mmmmmmm! Francophones pour toujours!

Pour toujours francophones!

Certains mots clés comme Schtroumpfs!! Défis créatifs, travailler et s'amuser ensemble ont été des éléments de motivation pour eux

Même si le retour s'est fait dans la tempête avec des vents extrêmes et la pluie verglaçante, tous se sont bien rendus et étaient content de leur expérience.

Panthers preparing for hard court action

It has been a cold start to our new year, but that their stuff on the hard court. has not dampened the spirits of students and staff at O'Kelly School.

We are gearing up for lots of warm events in the next few weeks which will keep everyone

learning and make the days rush by until spring is here. Our "middle years" basketball team, the

O'Kelly Panthers, is practicing and playing hard. They have upcoming games in Brandon Feb. 12 at Waverly Park School; Feb. 21 at New Era School; and Feb. 26 at Green Acres

School. All games start at 4:15 p.m. Come out and cheer on our Panthers as they show

during February at O'Kelly with a number of events. Feb. 4, we will be having a real maple syrup (Tire d'erable) making demonstration and

maple candy on the snow.

O'KELLY

School-wide centers Feb. 7 will focus around furs, storytelling and art so come out, volunteer, and check out the fun.

I Love to Read month also kicks off Feb. 4, with weekly challenges for students to participate in.

The real fun begins the week of February 11 with

readable t-shirt day Monday, clothing with numbers We will also be celebrating Festival du Voyageur Tuesday, favourite book character Wednesday, Valentine's clothes Thursday and finally, crazy hat day Friday.

> Other special events will include family literacy night Feb. 13 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and a special breakfast Feb. 15. The parent council is also hosting a Valentine's Day dance at the school at 6:30 p.m.

> Our after school art program will be up and running this month, so keep watching for more informa-tion about this extracurricular activity.

> Stop in and see how you and your family can be involved in all the great things happening at CFB Shilo's O'Kelly School.

Firearms safety imperative for gun owners on Base

Lt Dane Nicholson

The last two months have proven topical for discussions on gun laws, control, etc.

This provides an appropriate opportunity to remind Base residents, and any gun owner, about requirements for safe storage and the proper licensing to possess a firearm in Canada.

If firearm owners ever have questions it is important that they address them immediately for everyone's safety.

There are many registered firearm owners in Shilo, and we appreciate the great care taken in both storing and using firearms safely.

However, you may be surprised to learn that improper storage of firearms is among the leading civilian charges laid by the Military Police.

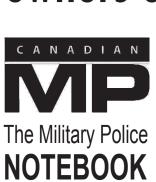
If we enter a residence for any reason and an improperly stored firearm is noticed we are compelled to take action. Typically, an improperly stored firearm will be subject to permanent seizure from the individual.

To properly store a firearm in accordance with law and DND regulations it must be determined if it is a prohibited/restricted or non-restricted weapon.

Prohibited weapons must be stored in a manner that ensures they cannot be fired. This may include a trigger lock or removal of the bolt.

Further they must be locked in a reasonable vault, cabinet or container.

Automatic weapons must have bolts stored in a separate room in a locked



cabinet. Non-restricted firearms must be locked up and in a manner that renders them unable to fire. Ammunition must be stored separately.

Most seizures in Shilo result from a weapon being left out in an unlocked state; the unavailability of ammunition does not make a weapon

safely stored. Firearms licenses are required in Canada for a majority of owners.

Typically the license is good for five years and must be updated prior to expiry.

Do not take the risk of possessing a firearm while unlicensed as the legal consequences may be severe.

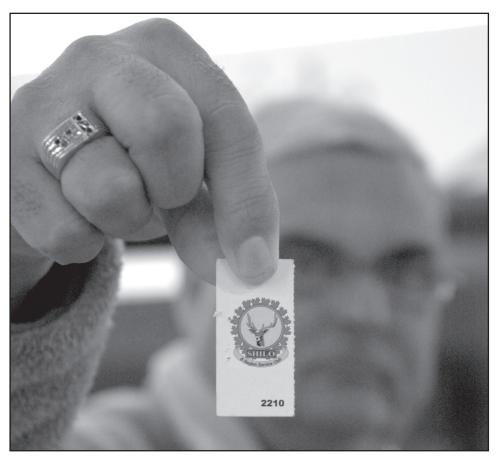
Until May 2013 there is a fee waiver for many renewing their non-restricted licenses – consider taking advantage of this opportunity to save \$60.

To learn more visit the RCMP's national website.

With snowfall continuing a reminder to children on Base not to make snow caves in areas which are cleared with machinery of any type.

This is of particular importance on sidewalks where children have been found playing dangerously close to equipment with limited visibility, and obviously operators of snow removal equipment cannot see what is under the snow. Be sure to play safe.

Lt Dane S. Nicholson is Platoon Commander of 1 Military Police Regiment at CFB Shilo.



Ticket drawn every Friday

This is the first ticket, worth \$1,000, drawn just before Christmas as part of the Shilo Service Club's community cash draw. Tickets are available from club members for just \$20. Each week you can win \$100 — your ticket then goes back in the draw. There is a \$500 prize each month, while the last draw will see the winning ticket earn the holder \$5,000. Photo by Jillian Driessen





• **Tuesday Noon Prayer** Join the Padres every Tuesday from 12:10 to 12:30 p.m. at the Faith Centre for a noon prayer followed by a bagged lunch.

• The Brandon General Museum and Archives — On the ground floor of the old Manitoba Telephone building at 19-Ninth St. Hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Currently on display is *Time Pieces: Images of Brandon* which is an exhibit inspired by Mary Hume's pictorial history of Brandon. This highly visual exhibit showcases a variety of historical Brandon photographs, from education and the arts, to sports, to businesses and street scenes. The exhibit also includes artifacts. For more information, call 204-717-1514 or e-mail bgmainfo@ wcgwave.ca

The RCA Museum Open Monday to Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
26 Fd Regt RCA/XII Manitoba Dragoons Museum The tiny reservist museum with the really long name would like to invite you to come visit us at the Brandon Armoury 1116 Victoria Ave., Brandon, every Tuesday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Come check out our "on loan" Order of Canada medal as well as thousands of other military artifacts. For more information, call 204-728-2559 ext 238.

• 2520 Royal Canadian Army Cadets - 71 Battery Royal

Canadian Artillery Cadets Army cadets is for young Canadians aged 12 to 18 who are interested in participating in a variety of fun, challenging and rewarding activities while learning about the Canadian Army and the Canadian Forces. Army cadets learn marksmanship, field and survival training, first aid, drill, dress and deportment, citizenship and leadership. They participate in local, national and international expeditions and have the opportunity to go to summer camp. There is no cost to join Army Cadets, uniforms and most activities are provided by DND/CF.

Our parade nights are every Wednesday 1830 to 2100 hrs at the MPTF in CFB Shilo and the Brandon Armoury, 1116 Victoria Ave in Brandon. For more info on Army cadets call Capt Rob Lussier at 204-720-1494 or check out our Facebook page 2520(RCAC) Royal Canadian Artillery.

• 60 ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADET CORPS

SWIFTSURE invite you to join. NO REGISTRATION FEE! Sea Cadets started recruiting for the training year 2012-13 in early September. Sea Cadets is a program for boys or girls aged 12 to 18 who are interested in participating in challenging, rewarding and fun activities, while learning about the Royal Canadian Navy and the Canadian Forces and their role in the Canadian community. Sea Cadets learn seamanship, marksmanship, healthy lifestyles, first aid, uniform care, deportment, community service, citizenship and leadership. Sea Cadet participate in local national and international exchanges and training and have an opportunity to attend summer training centres. There is no cost to join Sea Cadets — uniforms and most activities are funded by the DND/CF. RCSCC SWIFTSURE parade Monday nights 1830 to 2130 hrs at the Brandon Armoury, 1116 Victoria Ave. Entrance is through the 11th Street door. Call Lt (N) Debbie McArthur for information at 204-726-3498 or 204-724-7617 or visit 60 Swiftsure Sea Cadets.

• Shilo Al-Anon, Family Groups (for family and friends of alcoholics) Every Thursday 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Shilo Church. For more information call 204-571-3684. CONFIDENTIAL.

• **Sprucewoods and Area Lions Club** meets every second and fourth Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Sprucewoods Community Club Hall. Membership Chair: Lion Gerald Rubenuik, 763-4318.

• **The Wii Fitness Room** at the GSH is now open to the public! All equipment needed is available at the front desk to sign out. Children 11 and under must be accompanied by an adult. For more info, call 765-3000 ext 3899.

• **Did you know?** The Base Personnel Selection Office (BPSO), located in Room 204 in HQ, has a laptop with Internet access for your use. Call ext 4078 when you would like to come by.

• Ceramic Club Do you need a stress release? Come join us for a couple hours of fun and creativity at 20-22 Esquimalt each Wednesday from 7 to 10 p.m. or Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Lots of projects to choose from and no experience required. All paint and tools are available and a qualified teacher is on hand. Contact Grace Flynn at 204-763-4372 or just show up.

• Everyone welcome. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Held at Sprucewoods Community Hall, Tuesday at 6 p.m. Contact: Barb at 204-763-4768 or Betty at 204-763-8854.

• The Brandon & Area Suicide Bereavement Support Group is for people who have lost a loved one to suicide. All are welcome on the fourth Wednesday of every month, from 7-8:30 p.m. The group meets at the Manitoba Farm & Rural Stress Line office Unit 1, 217 10th St. Brandon (across from Westoba Credit Union). 571-4183.

• Daly House Museum – 122-18th St. Brandon. Come visit the original home of Brandon's first Mayor Thomas Mayne Daly, which was built in 1882. The museum in co-operation with Allen Badgley are Exhibiting Glass Mosaics Jan. 26 to March 23. We have updated our Facebook page — it now contains new, history blogs, and pictures. Museum hours: Tuesday to Saturday: 10 a.m.to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. For info call 204-727-1722.

• Shilo Karate Club – Classes are every Tuesday from 6:30- to 7:30 p.m. at the GSH. New session starts Feb. 5. For information call Debbie Hoddinott at 204-765-2459

CF, employees of CFB Shilo and the

citizens of the surrounding area.



Email: stag@mymts.net • Phone 204-765-3000, ext 3013 • Fax 204-765-3814

Services



St. Barbara's Protestant Chapel Sunday @ 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school & nursery Padre Lee - ext 3088 Padre Neil - ext 3090 Padre Olive - ext 6836 Padre Torchinksy - ext 3381 Our Lady of Shilo Roman Catholic Chapel Sunday 10:30 a.m. Wednesday 12:05 p.m. Confession by appointment Padre Inienwe - ext 3089

Services

We buy and sell good used furniture/appliances and we deal in coins and coin/stamp supplies. People's Market Place, 32-13th St., Brandon, 204-727-4708.

Nad's Simply Clean For all of your cleaning needs weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly. Also available for offices, contract cleanup and single occasions. Receipts provided. 204-573-1509.

Red Potatoes 50 lb bag \$13 25 lb bag \$7. Available at Grand Valley Strawberry farm on Verteran's Way. 204-728-8453.

Greg Steele, Canadian Firearms Safety Course Instructor/Examiner • Restricted and Non-Restricted • Manitoba Hunter Safety Instructor. Courses offered at least monthly and more often by demand. February 8,9,10 Brandon; March 8,9,10 Brandon. • Examinations by appointment • 204-725-1608 • E-mail: ggs57@wcgwave.ca.

Homes For Sale

For Sale: 1440 sq ft ready to move home. Home for sale, cottage-style roof, vaulted ceilings, \$119, 900.00 Garth Knox Builders. Austin, MB. 204-871-0885

Employment

Clerk/Cashier positions CANEX is now accepting ap-

pkications for this permanent P/T Position. Apply at CANEX, NPF Human Resources, or online at CANEX.ca.

Visit the

RCA Museum!

204-765-3000

ext. 3570

Wanted Advertising Sales Consultant

The *Shilo Stag* is seeking an advertising sales consultant for the Base newspaper. Start immediately!

The Stag serves the needs of advertisers on the base, as well as the City of Brandon and its hinterland. We are looking for an enthusiastic, highly-motivated individual who will excel as a team leader in the advertising sales while working with the production staff. It is essential you have passion and drive and are willing to hit the ground running everyday. *Responsibilities for position will include:*

- Grow and maintain an existing commissionable account list
- Maintain and develop current and potential features, supplements, online opportunities and new business
- Provide proofing service and secure client approvals for ads
- · Collect copy from clients and prepare simple layouts of ads for production
- Calling on clients from a supplied list for specific projects, but also attracting new clients
- QUALIFICATIONS
 Experience in sales an asset
- Effective communication/phone skills
- An ability to prioritize and work under tight deadlines
- Strong computer skills Word, Excel, Outlook, etc.
- An energetic team player with a positive attitude working in a newspaper environment
- Must have a valid driver's license

The successful candidate has sales experience and a desire to work in a fastpaced environment. The right person for the job will assume the Stag's advertising sales consultant position. We offer a rewarding compensation package. If you are a person who was born to sell and would like the opportunity to drive sales in advertising for the Shilo Stag, please forward your resume with covering letter no later than Feb. 15 at 4 p.m. to managing editor Jules Xavier.

Thank you to all who apply, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



Fax: 204-765-3814 E-mail stag@mvmts.n

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Shilo Stag 11

Daycare play space brightened as part of new look

We might be sitting in the middle of winter with frosty toes and cold noses, but you won't feel any winter blues when you visit CFB Shilo's MFRC daycare.

Winter is always a time of excitement and fun for kids, tracking footprints in the newly fallen snow and testing out our new toboggans are some fun things we have been up to.

We have brightened our play space and created some natural aspects which we are pretty excited about.

We have added a wide range of house plants — large and small. We will be including these natural items in our programming, teaching the kids how to care for them.

We even have a watering schedule already so everyone is involved.

This project will prepare us for spring gardening with the kids. We would like to thank Home Depot and Giant Tiger for the generous donations.

Shilo daycare has expanded during the last few months to meet our growing community. We are are now licensed for 114 children.

Our infant program has eight spaces for children aged three months to 18 months. This room is limited to the number of children based on the available floor space.

The toddler program is licensed for 16 children aged 18 months to three years old, and is our newest addition to the centre.

The pre-school program is for youngsters aged three to five, and is licensed for 48 children.

Our school-age program is licensed for 42 children and provides care before and after school as well as lunch, with exciting in-service day events.

If you plan on going back to work and are thinking you will need childcare this year please contact Dana or Hailey at 204-765-3000 ext 3351 to enrol your child or to have them placed on a waiting list.

We look forward to meeting you and your family



Children using the MFRC's daycare area have plenty to do. With the expansion the facility is now licensed for 114 children. Photo submitted



Cash for volunteer hours

What better way to say thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers than with a fondue dinner. The MFRC was transformed into a French bistro for an evening of good food and great company. MFRC 2IC program co-ordinator Garry Reid presented Maj Reg Sharpe with a cheque from the MFRC volunteers to show a monetary value for all the volunteer hours contributed to the MFRC last year. The cheque is currently on display in the lobby at CFB Shilo's Community Centre.

Photo by Karen Burton



Send your special someone a cookie gram at work, home or school!

To order for deliverys

Pick up an order form from the MFRC or visit our website or ask a Pre-K parent for an order form.

Orders for delivery must be placed by Thursday, Feb. 7

Cookie will also be available for purchase at Canex on Feb. 14 from 9am – 1:30pm or until sold out!

Cookies will be delivered on February 14 in Sprucewoods, Shilo, Ecole la Source and O'Kelly Schools between 9am - 4pm.





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Stag's quotable quotes from 2012

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"I support our troops one hundred per cent, and this is another way of supporting them and their families for what they are doing and to say thank-you,"

- Mary Murray on Teddy Bear donation to SES

"Our accommodations won't be rustic, and the kids will need to bring a sleeping bag and mattress as they are sleeping in cabins with wood bunk beds.

Lt Holly King talking about leaving for a wilderness camp west of Rocky Mountain House, Alberta along with a handful of Base kids

"I will not be going out in high heels in the near future. It was a good experience. I was surprised to see that many entrants. It was well represented in the Brandon community and with us as well."

- Sgt James Koronko on Walk A Mile in Her Shoes march to end domestic violence

"There's pride in the army because I'm not the only person from my hometown who has gone into the army," he said. "When I go home, what I do for our country — I enjoy what I do as a soldier — is acknowledged by the community."

– 1RCHA B Bty Gnr Jules Carrierre discussed his trip to France where he represented his family at the grave of his great-uncle Napoleon Morin, who was killed at age 22 during the Second World War

"I had to duct tape them [shoes] to my feet. I was shaking so bad. I need ankle PT!"

Pte Derek Rolland on marching in high heels

"For me, I cannot remember the fallen without remembering the living. I just think it is a tribute to the Canadian Forces. It is a provincial showing of support." - Jane Wilson, reflecting on her son MCpl Timothy Wilson's death, following Manitoba's designation of Highway 1 as The Highway of Heroes

"I was happy with my final day of golfing. Just a couple of holes on the first two days hurt me. On day three, my putts were going in. I was able to bounce back despite having two double bogeys on the ninth and 10th holes."

Gnr Jared 'Goose' Gossen commenting on his three-over 75 at the CF national golf tournament hosted by CFB Shilo

"I'm pretty excited about [Nijmegan]. I've been wanting to go to Europe, or at least get out of North America, for half my life now and it's a good chance to go, too.'

- Bdr Patrick Hutchinson on being selected for the 2012 Nijmegan march

"We hope people will enjoy the outdoor exhibition which we have doubled in size, but did not have to double the size of our [museum] to accomplish this. We have increased the visitor comfort and also enhanced the look of the park area." - RCA Museum director Marc George on the gun park enhancement during the

grand opening on a project that started in 2010

"I have a lot of memories from this camp. I've never been posted here, but I spent a lot of time here. I've spent a lot of time here and still have a lot of friends here." Gordon Mackinnon during Royal Canadian Artillery reunion on his time

spent at CFB Shilo

"This course will test you, with its fast greens, and fast slopes. You need to know where to hit, and where not to hit. You end up paying the price if you don't know."

Maj Paul Ridyard likes the Base links after finishing first overall during the CF national golf tournament

"I've been called a peeping tom!"

– Dan Merlin on his position as RHU regulating officer

"The excitement of the march was amazing. Crowds of Dutch spent all day watching the march and would make sure any Canadian team noticed them. There was such a grateful attitude toward Canadians that it seemed almost surreal to walk for four days and the excitement never died out. I would say we had some of the best marching songs when compared to other teams." Lt Daniel Hoyle recalling his Nijmegen experience

"Nobody wants 'extras' for garbage."

- MWO Robert Brassington on garbage issues at CFB Shilo

"It is really a sense of community we are feeling. Being here for the very first time we see that there is a lot pride and involvement." CIB Judge Frank Merran on his visit to CFB Shilo as part of Canadian Forces

Sustainable Communities

"I was interested in doing this film because it's important to tell the stories of these soldiers, who came from many small towns across Canada. With it almost being 100 years since the end of [the First World War], their stories and sacrifices are being forgotten in today's world."



Gnr Jared 'Goose' Gossen

- Brandon filmmaker Graham Street on working with RCA Museum director Marc George on the documentary War Paths – Every Town Had Soldiers

"When I started out my body was telling me after a 10-kilometre march there was no way I could do this. It was the same after 20 kilometres. Then when we started the 40-kilometre march my body was telling me the same thing, that there was no way I could do this. You do back-to-back 40s, and that's a lot of work."

- Nijmegen participant Master Seaman Jody Hartling on training for the event held in Holland in mid-July

"Eating shrimp!"

- Rachael and Alexis Braund on their biggest kindergarten-related fears

"I hope to do well with Team Canada ... it's like our Olympics in the dance world."

 Kyra Lavoie, 13, looking forward to representing her country in Germany at the world tap dancing competition held last month

"I love engaging with people whether they believe anything or not."

– Major Marc Torchinsky on his role as Base chaplain

"If you have any questions send an e-mail or like us on Facebook."

- Sgt James Sinnett on the Shilo Community Policing Centre

"We do what we do because it's the right thing to do. To get an award on top of that is just icing on the cake."

– Rick Kehler, CANEX manager on receiving a Base Commander's Business Award of Excellence

"If you have a strong rope you can put your child in a duffel bag, zip it up, and lower them from an upper floor window. They will be mad at you, yes, but they're safe. They're out and they're not coming back in looking for mommy and daddy because they're in a duffel bag."

Firefighter Daniel Barney on improvisation in emergency situations.

"One member flipped the canoe while trying to get in it only seconds after telling his partner not to flip it. Just in case you are wondering, that person who flipped the canoe was this writer, and it was cold."

Bdr Jonathan Kaiser on flipping a canoe during an October river crossing training exercise

"I've been connected to 26th Field for years and years. My husband was in 26 Field and as I say to people, 'I married it',"

– Then Honourary Col Betty Coleman of her long-standing relationship with 26 Field Regt upon firing her final round last October

"In terms of leading by example, I have tried to put my money where my mouth is. I have emphasized physical fitness — running two Mountain Man competi-tions and the Army Run Half Marathon, with my RSM competing, too. When one of my Sergeants expressed a desire to see their CO parachute with them, I did my first jump in 19 years last summer, in Edmonton. Because of my schedule, it is not always easy for me to get out and train with the troops, but where I can, I do." — 1RCHA CO LCol Lee Hammond on his approach when it comes to com-

manding his soldiers

"I would love to take a rip in a Leopard tank. Last time I got to fire the largest gun I have ever fired. It was a BLAST, no pun intended."

George Canyon on his plans for his second visit to CFB Shilo.

"I cannot say that one wife here liked the moustache."

– Firefighter Richard Didiluck on the "Movember" moustaches grown by the team at Shilo Emergency Services.

"It's piling up again."

- Sgt Cote, dog park OPI, on the return of canine poop at the fenced venue on the Base

"It is like God comes down and sort of punches you in your whole body."

- Gnr Nicholas Carriere on the powerful "boom" of the Howitzer M777 during Exercise Limber Gunner, with 1RCHA out in the field along with a small contingent of media.

"In our first two games [at nationals this time], the bats were not on. I'm good with my bat, and they had be batting in the fifth spot. I am a line drive hitter, putting the ball up the middle."

1RCHA MBdr Stephanie McNeil on her early batting slump at the CF national slo-pitch tournament held at CFB Winnpeg. She helped the CFB Cold Lake Wolves garner gold by defeating CFB Kingston 6-3

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