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On December 2, Len Islafsen, United Way 2008 campaign chair, received a cheque for over \$19,000 as the bulk of the donations collected during the Shilo campaign. According to WO Crowder, Shilo campaign chair, many more donations are still being tallied. For details, see page 3.



Afghan officials thank Canadian PRT

NATO - ISAF

The Sarposa Prison break in June 2008 was a set back for Afghan and Canadian officials in efforts to bring the facility up to international standards and for the perception of security in Kandahar city.

However, Afghan and Canadian officials have rallied from the incident and moved forward.

In recognition of Canada's contribution in supporting training, mentoring and infrastructure development at the prison, the Ministry of Justice presented members of ISAF's Kandahar Provincial Construction Team (KPRT) with an award.

"Building the capacity of the corrections sector is important to Afghans. We want to thank the Canadians from the KPRT for everything they have done to support us," said Colonel Abdullah Balwar, director of Sarposa Prison.

"The prison staff are eager to learn and want to improve their skills. Through the training and mentoring the Canadian officials have delivered my staff has significantly increased their level of professionalism."

Colonel Balwar presented the awards Nov. 27 to four members of the Correctional Service of Canada, two members from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, and two members from the Canadian Forces.

"After the prison break we re-grouped and moved quickly to re-build damaged infrastructure, address security requirements, strengthen training for the Afghan staff and develop contingency planning," said Elissa Golberg, Canada's representative in Kandahar.

"Since the incident, fo-

cussed efforts have resulted in significant progress. I am very proud of what our team has accomplished."

In June 2008, the Canadian government announced an additional \$4 million in support of the reconstruction of Sarposa Prison. Up to \$2 million directly supported urgently needed repairs resulting from the attack, including the reconstruction of the prison gates, walls and towers. The remaining funds were

allocated to a variety of initiatives including upgrades to the infirmary, electrical installations and flooring, purchase of uniforms and training supplies,

the delivery of training and

mentoring in human rights,

basic security measures,

and funding for operations

and maintenance.

Canada is in Afghanistan to help Afghans rebuild their country with the aim

of establishing a stable, democratic and self-sufficient society.

More than 50 other nations and dozens of international organizations are contributing to this aim, at the request of the democratically-elected Afghan government.



Major exercises a success in Kandahar

Capt Sonia Dumouchel-Connock

Joint Task Force Afghanistan

The Afghan National Army (ANA) and units of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) have successfully completed three important deliberate operations in the Kandahar Province districts of Zharey, Panjwayi and Maywand. Operation MUTAFIQ TANDER 6, Operation JANUBI TAPU 1, and Operation JOOSH KARAY — launched independently in mid-November — were synchronized to confuse insurgents, degrade their capabilities and leave them few options for escape. "Increasingly, the insurgents were simply hiding key equipment and fleeing when Afghan and ISAF forces arrived in their safe havens," explained Major Fraser Auld, the chief planning officer of Task Force Kandahar. "It was critical, therefore, to maximise the element of surprise and to attempt to cut off insurgent escape routes. These operations were designed to do just that." In the eastern Band-E Timor area of Maywand District, the ANA and elements of the 2 2 Infantry (2nd Battalion, 2nd Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, United States Army) successfully completed Operation JOOSH KARAY. Together, the Afghan and American soldiers put a blocking force in place to deny

the insurgents access to

withdrawal routes, and conducted patrols to gain a better understanding of local population patterns and gather specific information about the nature of the insurgency in the area.

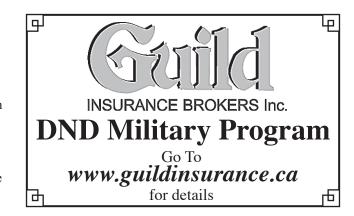
To the southeast in Panjwayi District, elements of the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group carried out Operation MUTAFIQ TANDER 6, which involved aggressive patrolling and preventing insurgents from withdrawing into the desert.

To the north, the Regional Command (South) Reserve Battle Group, 42 Royal Marine Commando, conducted an airmobile assault into Zharey District as part of Operation JANUBI TAPU 1. Coupled with the simultaneous activity to the southeast and west, this operation effectively confused the insurgents and reduced their escape options even more. A number of insurgents were killed or captured, and large caches of weapons, equipment and narcotics were seized. Each operation was a success in its own right, and their synchronized execution resulted in a major disruption that overwhelmed the insurgents in an area where they normally enjoy a degree of freedom of movement. The Afghan forces suffered only a few casualties, and the ISAF units had no serious casualties.

"As a result of these operational successes, we

strongly demonstrated that our forces are willing and capable of targeting insurgents and eliminating their safe havens," said Lieutenant-Colonel Charlie Stickland, the commanding officer of 42 Royal Marine Commando. "The enemies of Afghanistan were dealt a harsh blow last week as the Afghan and ISAF forces rooted out 600 kg of homemade explosives, 3.8 km of command wire, numerous anti-personnel mines, 107mm rockets, small arms and ammunition, 500 kg of hashish, and insurgent notebooks with key data." ISAF is working closely with the national security

forces of Afghanistan to protect the citizens of Kandahar Province. At the core of our operations is the desire to shield the population from terrorist atrocities. We will continue to work with the people of Afghanistan to improve security so that reconstruction and development can be accelerated and the people of Kandahar can live without fear.



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Thanks to United Way supporters

WO L.B. Crowder **United Way Campaign** Co-Chair

would like to thank all Lthat gave to the United Way Campaign and the volunteers that worked so hard to make it happen.

Your efforts have been able to raise \$19,190 this year.

There has been a flurry of activity driven by the news that we didn't reach our goal this year.

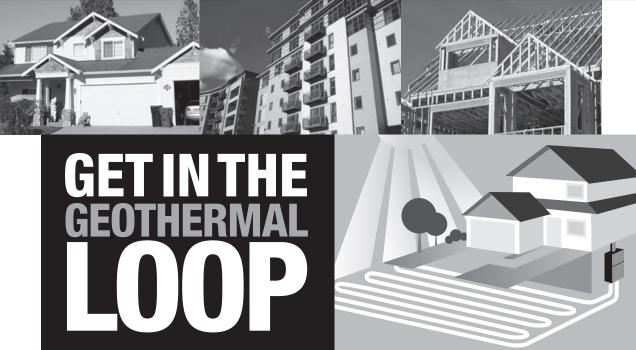
I will provide a future update with a revised total once complete.

Thanks again to all that participated.





Members of the Shilo community gathered for the presentation to the United Way. Through penny drives and small local fundraising efforts, over \$19,000 was awarded to the United Way of Brandon. The Shilo Military Family Resource Centre is one of many non-profit organizations who receive funding from the campaigns.



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2008 United Way Factoids and Brief Statements

- 1. One child defined poverty as, "Lying to your teacher that you forgot your lunch at home." For families living in poverty, having access to a secure source of food can be one of the greatest challenges. United Way supports programs that provide food for families and education about smart shopping and nutritious meal preparation.
- 2. The 2008 Community Campaign goal is to raise \$560,000 for United Way to invest in programs and services to help people throughout Brandon & District.
- 3. Only half of teens feel safe at school. Two-thirds of females and nearly half of all males report being verbally harassed in the past year. United Way supports afterschool and mentoring programs for children and youth, providing a safe place with positive role models.
- 4. New immigrant families face challenges beyond simple language barriers, including isolation and poverty to name a few. United Way supports programs focused on helping immigrant families find the help they need, when they need it.
- 5. Many immigrant seniors face language and cultural barriers. United Way supports seniors' drop-in centres and social programs that provide opportunities to seniors to be connected to their community.
- 6. Each of us is likely to be touched by a disability over the course of our lifetime either personally, or as a caregiver to a family member, or through experiences of friends or co-workers. United Way supports early intervention and support services for individuals and their families struggling to cope with a disability.
- 7. Four out of five single parent families are headed by women and families headed by a single mom are four times more likely to live in poverty than a two-parent family. United Way supports programs that help provide the basics for families living in poverty, like food. **It's important to remember that many single parent families are not living in poverty.
- 8. More than half of seniors over 75 live with a disability (ref: Govt Canada-Services for Seniors). United Way supports early intervention and support services for individuals and their families struggling with a disability

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Traditions holding strong



Bdr Montgomery, J.L. **HQ Svcs Bty**

n December 5, the First Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (1RCHA) carried on a military tradition that dates back more than 130 years, known as the Kingston Cup.

A and B Batteries were formed in October 1871, with A Battery stationed in Kingston, Ontario, and B Battery in Quebec City.

A and B Battery fought every year for the title of the famous Kingston Cup. These two teams would play field hockey on the frozen waters of Lake Ontario on 4 December, "St. Barbara's Day," the patron saint of the Artillery. The story has been recounted that an officer one day had an idea to play the game on skates, and that this was one of the first recorded games of ice hockey.

About 56 years after the first games, in 1929, a citizen of Kingston watched the teams play, and decided they needed a formal cup and donated the trophy,

known the famous Kingston Cup.

B Battery once again. for the fifth year in row won the Kings ton cup, this time in overtime 5-3.

The other cup up for the taking was the Hugsweier cup.

The lore behind the Hugsweier

Cup is that in 1985-86 a BC from Z Battery, Maj SelAbove left, competition was fierce as the goaltender from C Bty puts up a good defense.

Below, C Bty gets a run for the money in the afternoon. Far right, C battery is awarded the Hugsweier Cup.



man was watching a game This became a premiere regimental hockey match, and a silver trophy, named after the back gate in Lahr, Germany, was presented to the winner of this game. Just like the Kingston Cup, it was presented annually,

oldest Regimental hockey trophy, but is still truly significant. When Z Bty was disbanded in 1991. the honour of competing for the title was passed to Headquarters and Services Battery, which now competes annually with C Battery.

The Hugsweier

Cup is not the

The Hugsweier

Cup was won again this year by C Battery, with a score of 4-2.

Other scores of Friday's games included the gunners and bombardiers defeating the master bombardiers in overtime, 5-4. Finally, the old skate remains in the Commanding Officer's office as a reminder of the 6-3 defeat of the officers by the senior non-commissioned officers.

The tournament was a hit and an enjoyable wind down heading into the holiday season.

MANITOBA'S EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

Construction Industry Minimum Wages to Increase January 1, 2009

New minimum wage schedules for the Heavy Construction sector are effective January 1, 2009.

Wage schedules in the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Sector (ICI) will increase June 1, 2009 resulting in a province-wide minimum wage schedule for the sector.

Contact the Employment Standards Branch for more information, or visit our website:

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between A and B Batteries. While watching the teams struggle, an idea had come to mind. He wanted to take Regimental Hockey to a much higher level.

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C Battery

SVCs Bty 4-2

Gunners beat **Bombardiers**

5-4

Sr. NCOs topped Officers

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The Shilo Stag 5

LAV IIIs refitted to showroom quality



The LAV IIIs are housed inside GDLS's. All LAV IIIs are road tested before and after the refit.

Sgt Dan Milburn Army News

The Army's most important fighting vehicle, the Light Armoured Vehicle (LAV III), is being refitted with new improvements and modifications.

GDLS Edmonton has been working on the army's fleet of LAV IIIs since 2006, making improvements including a new modified air brake system and steering system.

Once the LAV IIIs arrive at GDLS they are given an inspection followed by a road test. After pre-inspections and work evaluations are recorded, the LAV IIIs are stripped down to their bare structure. Everything is removed, including the turret, before it is sent to the refit stage.

The whole process takes approximately 30 days. Once work is completed, the LAVs are reassembled, given a new paint job, and

inspected by a member of the Department of National Defence. After a final inspection the LAVs are returned to their units

in showroom condition.

Along with the LAV III refits, GDLS is also responsible for the Bison upgrade. The Bison is being refitted as an armoured mobile repair team vehicle.

GDLS-Canada also manufactures the Stryker Armored Vehicle used by the United States Army.



Winter is coming - and Task Force Kandahar is ready!

BGen Denis Thompson Joint Task Force Afghanistan

ver the last few weeks there has been a change in the air here in Kandahar Province. Clouds are appearing in the sky, the temperatures are approaching what Canadians might actually consider habitable, and we even had a brief rain shower a few mornings ago. All this means one thing: winter is coming — and so is a shift in our approach to operations here in Kandahar. But before I get to that, I want to quickly take stock of our deployment to date — a state of affairs, if you will. We've

faced some interesting challenges: Sarpoza, Arghandab, a shift in insurgent tactics, and a perception by many that the security situation is deteriorating in Afghanistan. Yesterday's events in Kabul underscore this, and many in the international community are acknowledging that we must continue to put serious thought and effort into our approach these problems. challenge For every however, there are successes that we don't hear enough about. This summer we were able to significantly disrupt the insurgents' command and control network. Many of their mid and senior level commanders were neutralized, including several key IED experts. We also seized multiple IED facilities, weapons caches, and supply nodes. Eliminating their leadership and disrupting their supply lines has a lasting effect on insurgents' ability to operate in the province. Afghan national security forces continue to make progress. One of our mentored kandaks is assessed to have the highest level of operational readiness of any in the country. This unit is now conducting successful operations in Helmand Province, where the insurgents' ploy to seize Lashkar Gah was soundly repulsed. This is reminiscent of the ANA's quick victory over insurgents in the Arghandab post-Sarpoza, and another indicator of their growing operational capability. The ANP are starting from further behind, but are making substantial progress as well. Of note is the fact that Kandahar City enjoyed relative calm during Independence Day celebrations, Ramadan, Eid, and several recent gatherings in the environs of the city. The big problem, of course,

has been the recent spate of assassinations and attacks, but I have been told that the [Afghan] National Directorate of Security has recently arrested three individuals believed responsible for several of these murders. Winter is fast approaching, and Task Force Kandahar is focusing on two things. First, we're going to deepen the level of security in key areas in Kandahar Province, areas where the majority of the population resides: Kandahar City, the districts of Dand, Daman and Arghandab, and portions of Zharey and Panjwayi. Our aim is to increase local perception of security in these areas, and set the conditions for economic growth and the reconstruction and development work my colleague Elissa will speak about momentarily. Second, we are going to take the fight to the insurgents in areas they consider to be "safe havens." We have a distinct advantage in that we can continue to conduct operations throughout the cold winter months, while the insurgents are typically limited in the scope of their activities. In the past, many fled to Pakistan during the win-

ter season, but increased anti-insurgent operations along the border region are making this less attractive. My intent therefore, is to deny the insurgents the ability to rest, re-supply, and reconstitute their leadership in Kandahar Province this winter. Doing this will force them further from population centres, limit their ability to conduct large-scale operations, and make it increasingly difficult for them to terrorize the population. We recently conducted a successful troop rotation, which occurred without major incident. The new units have been on the ground for several weeks now, and I can tell you I am highly impressed with the work of our soldiers thus far. I am highlighting some of their many successes today, not to convince you that everything is rosy in Kandahar Province, but to underscore the excellent effort put forth on a daily basis by members of Task Force Kandahar. I firmly believe they are making a difference here, in spite of difficult conditions, and I want Canadians to know that they have every reason to be very proud.





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ebsite helps reservists find wo

Lookout Newspaper

new website, creat-Aed by a reservist for reservists, is helping Canadian Forces part-time members find reserve-friendly civilian employers.

www.civiside.com the brainchild of 2Lt Ken Seville, a logistics officer with 23 Service Battalion

He saw a need for reserve-friendly employers, after seeing members of his, and other units, leave the military due to unsupportive bosses.

Civi-Side deems employers willing to give reservists at least two weeks off annually for training "reserve friendly." Seville said many employers refuse time off use their vacation time for training, which can lead to serious burnout and their possible departure from the Forces.

"A naval reservist might need the whole summer off for training, and it could be a serious challenge finding an employer who not only recognizes the benefits of hiring reservists, but also

the reservists to maintain their commitment to the Canadian Forces,"

Seville said.

The soldier hopes to reduce attrition.

"I realized that if we could connect our young reservists graduating from college and university (around 3,000 annually) with reserve-friendly em-

eliminate our reserve attrition problem inside of five years."

The website works like other popular employment websites; it's free for reservists to post their resume, and employers pay a fee once they make a hire.

Though the service is in its infancy, Seville said, "The response has been

ists and employers. Reservists see the value of finding a reserve-friendly employer right out of the starting gate, and employers like the idea of sourcing young graduates who are hardworking team-players."

For more information, visit www.civiside.com.

Deployment issues

Mary Ellen Green **Lookout Newspaper**

7hen a military Member is deployed to a war zone, they often leave behind children who must deal with having a mother or father in com-

To help parents ease their children's stress and explain the complexities of war is "When Mom or Dad Goes to War", an online TV show dedicated to the multifaceted topic.

Filmed at CFB Petawa-

wa in October, the show is an in-depth look at what children face when either of their parents is deployed in a war-torn country, and risks their life everyday.

Host Cheryl Jackson speaks with military children, parents, psychologists and teachers. Guests include Charmaine Tedford, a single mother who lost her husband in Afghanistan; Michelle Belec, a children's deployment support program coordinator at the CFB Petawawa Military Family Resource Centre,

and Veletia Richards, a teacher at Pinecrest Public School at CFB Petawawa.

The show is available online at www.tvoparents. com/yourvoice. There are other resources available on the page, including polls, bios and helpful tips for children dealing with stress. There's also a forum where parents can discuss the topic amongst themselves.

Your Voice is an online parenting program by TVOParents, Ontario's public educational media organization.



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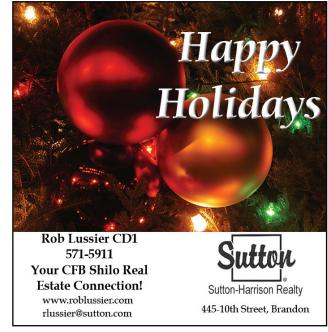
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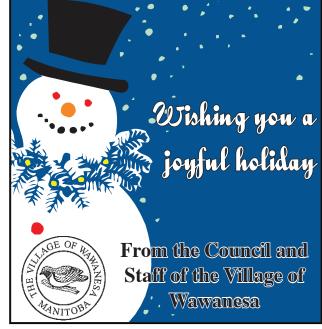
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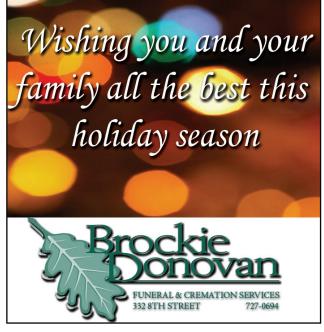


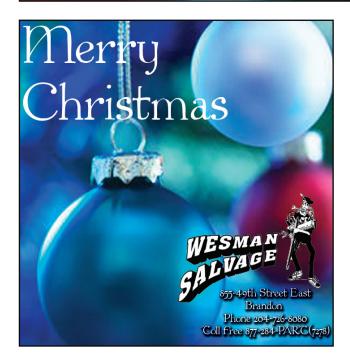
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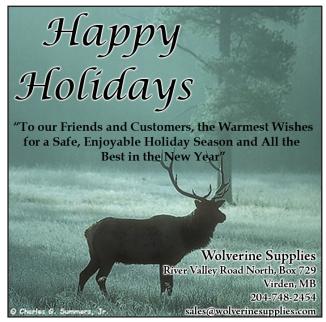












Base Commander's Holiday Message

This past year has been I no exception to the high operational tempo that we have been experiencing over the last few years. It has been an extremely busy and successful year for all. I fully recognize that many people have put forth significant effort to "make things happen". The end result of your efforts and dedication ensured that the best possible support



was afforded to those families who had love ones deployed

In addition to this vital task of Family Support, all training that continued in Shilo was extremely well supported. I appreciate the toll it has taken on everyone to ensure we provided the best possible support to all. I would like to thank all units and agencies on Base for their support, cooperation and perseverance. I commend the entire Shilo Defence Team for a job well done!

As we approach the upcoming holiday season, we should take time to reflect on this past year and think of those who have just returned from Afghanistan. I welcome the 2 PPCLI Battle Group back home. We are very proud of every Battle Group member.

and friends, relax and recharge your batteries. You all deserve it. I wish you and your families the very best. Have fun and be safe - Don't drink and drive. Seasons Greetings

> J.J. Schneiderbanger Lieutenant-Colonel Base Commander



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NORAD Tracks Santa web sit

he North American Aerospace Defense Command is again getting ready to track Santa! On Dec. 1, the NORAD Tracks Santa (NTS) Web site, www.noradsanta.org, will golive and feature funholiday games and activities that will change daily. On Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, NO-RAD will begin tracking Santa Claus' journey via live video feeds that begin at the following times:

Standard a.m. Pacific Time a.m. Mountain Standard Time Central Standard Time Eastern Standard Time 11 a.m. Greenwich Mean Time

The Web site, designed by Booz Allen Hamilton, allows fans of all ages to get up-to-the-minute reports and streaming videos from key stops on Santa's trip around the world. Google software will output live images from NORAD's high-speed digital "Santa Cams," and Google Maps and Google Earth will follow Santa as he travels around the world. All of this information is available in English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish, and new this year, Chinese. In addition, for the first time, Canada Post will partner with NORAD to ensure children

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At the close of another year, we gratefully pause to wish you a warm and happy holiday season.

Dave Burgess Mayor, City of Brandon









Ho Ho Hoping your holiday season is filled with the magic and wonder seen in a child's eyes. The Shilo Men's Club

A Christmas message from Shilo Emergency Services

As Christmas approaches, SES is urging residents to think about safety while celebrating. This year – messages have been given an added festive twist.

> Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. Stockings, cards and presents well away from the fire, Christmas lights unplugged, before the family retired.

The family were asleep, snug in their beds, Doors in the house shut, harder for fire to spread. Safety in this house could be commended, No lighted candles were left unattended.

A smoke alarm hung in the hall, gleaming white, Keeping the family safe during the night The alarms on each floor, were checked every week, By pressing the test button and awaiting a "beep"

The kitchen is a place where fires may start, But in this Shilo home, the family were smart. Cooking was never left on its own, Young children never entered the kitchen alone.

Plans had been made before Christmas began, Party guests would be given a fire escape plan. Enjoy festive fun, but make sure you think, Fire risks grow when you've had a few drinks.

Cigarettes can be a danger if you are tired, So don't smoke in bed, it can lead to a fire. Think about risks, it makes sense to prepare, Handle New Year's Eve fireworks with the utmost of care.

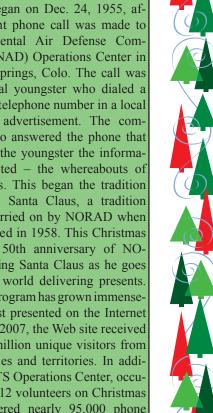
Firefighters work at a station nearby, Ready and waiting, on that rely. But our message above you should always remember, To avoid seeing a fire truck at your home this December.

Wishing you and your loved ones "Merry Christmas and a Fire Safe New Year"









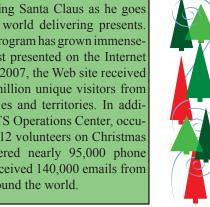
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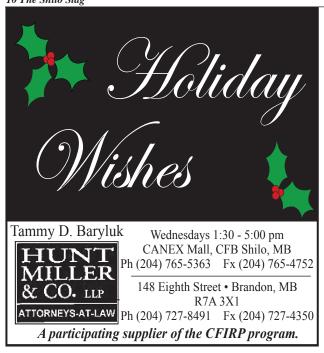
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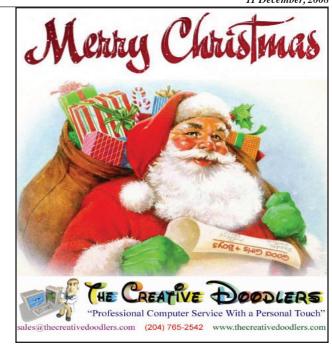


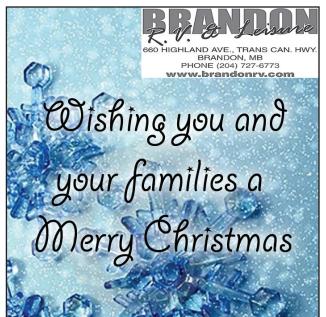


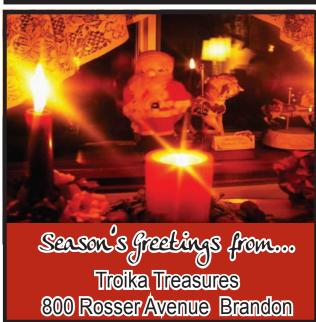


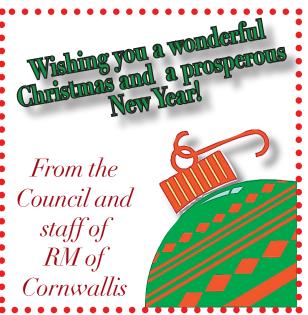












Wishing you and your family all the best of the

Holiday Season

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Healthy happy holiday habits



Jo-Anne Douglas
Health Promotion

If you owned a performance car, would you use high test gas or oil as a fuel? If you want a topperforming body, you need to give it top-performing fuel as well.

Before intense exercise, carbohydrate is the preferred fuel. Don't pick spicy items unless you know your digestive system can handle it. High fat and high fibre items digest more slowly so they may cause stomach discomfort during exercise. Good carb choices would be from the vegetable and fruit, grains product, or low-fat milk and milk products food groups.

During exercise remember to replace fluid loss. If you feel thirsty, you are al-

ready dehydrated! It's wise to consume about ³/₄ to 1.5 cups of fluid every 15 -20 minutes during exercise. If you're exercising longer than an hour, you should consider a sports drink, such as Gatorade.

What about after exercise?

The small amount of glycogen (carbohydrate) stored in muscle is used as energy when you exercise. Normally, it takes about 48 hours to replace muscle glycogen following an intense workout. Many scientific studies have tried to find a way to speed up recovery.

Here are the keys:

- Replace lost fluid
- Consume carbohydrate-rich drinks and foods as soon as possible after exercise - within 15 minutes if possible. That's when there's a "window of opportunity" for optimal storage of carbohydrate -which you'll need for your next workout.
- Consume a little protein after exercise to repair tissue damage.

• The perfect afterexercise snack, recommended by the International Olympic Committee is a bagel and a glass of chocolate milk. This snack gives you a perfect combo of carbohydrates and protein.

What about protein supplements?

Too much protein slows digestion and glycogen recovery. Don't waste money on protein powders –it's cheaper and easier to get your protein from food sources. Food from all food groups contains some protein – there's protein in meat, eggs, seeds, nuts, beans, milk products, bread, veggies and fruit.

If any unit is interested in a Top Fuel for Top Performance course (or module) call Health Promotion at ext 3867/3868.



Jo-Anne Douglas Health Promotion

How about giving your family the gift of a smoke-free you for Christmas?

Quitting smoking will not only make you feel and look better, your family will appreciate the healthier tobacco-free you. And you'll save money, which you can spend on yourself and your family. If you have kids, you'll also be a great non-smoking role model, since we know that children of smokers are more at risk of taking up the habit themselves.

You'll also get rid of that annoying cough, reduce your risk of future illness, breathe easier during PT and everyday activities, food will taste better the list of benefits goes on and on.

So what's available to help you quit?

Butt Out, the CF's quit smoking program, is available in a self-help format. You can pick up the booklet

from Health Promotion or from the addictions counsellor at Mental Health Services.

In **Butt Out**, we start with the simple fact that smoking (or chewing) does good things for you. Maybe it reduces stress. Maybe it gives you a break, or helps you concentrate.

Butt Out helps you identify your personal reasons for smoking, then helps you develop and practice substitutes for smoking that do the same good things for you, without the negative long-term effects that smoking gives you.

Military members can access quit smoking aids – Champix, Zyban, the patch, or nicotine gum – if they are enrolled in the Butt Out program. These medications can make the quitting process easier and increase the chances of success.

Drop by Health Promotion in the CANEX or Mental Health Services if you want more information about quitting smoking and we'll get you on the way to "butting out".



Seasonal Tax Preparer

"Are you interested in seasonal work during those cold winter months? Do you have a knack with numbers? Do you like working in an office environment and with computers? If you would like to join one our Tax Preparer teams at MNP, please continue to read!"

The Position

MNP's Westman offices in Brandon, Deloraine, Killarney, and Neepawa are looking for Seasonal T1 Tax Preparers to join our team. The successful candidate's will be responsible for preparing and filing T1 tax returns for individual, corporate and partnership accounts. This is a term position beginning with training in January and ending April 30, and there is a high potential for repeat terms annually.

The Candidate

As the successful candidate, you are efficient, well-organized and enjoy working in a fast-paced, deadline driven environment. You are a solid communicator with strong attention to detail and time management skills. Bookkeeping knowledge and/or an agricultural background would be an asset. Experience working with computers is required. The successful candidate will have experience preparing T1 tax returns or have completed a Tax Preparation

We're committed to investing in you and your future. If you'll invest your time, energy and commitment with us, we'll invest in training you to become a qualified tax preparer. Our firm has been built on our core values of open communication, a balanced lifestyle and the notion that we expect to have fun at work.

If you are interested in this position, please forward your resume, references and location of your choice to:

Tanis McEwen, T1 Coordinator 1401 Princess Ave Brandon, MB R7A 7L7

E-mail: Tanis.McEwen@mnp.ca

Application deadline is Friday, December 12, 2008. *We thank all candidates who apply. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



Winter safety for children

Base Transportation

winter scene with Achildren all bundled up against the cold, playing in the snow, sliding on snow banks and along slippery, icy streets, building snow forts or playing street hockey, never fails to touch our hearts. We remember the excitement of playing in the snow when we were children. However, as adults we realize that fun in the snow can turn to tragedy in an instant. It is up to us to make the safety of children our number one priority.

Parents, please discourage children from playing on or near roads. Children, playing and sliding with friends, are often totally unaware of vehicles, or equipment working near them. They do not understand that the slippery roads where they have fun and play hockey, or slide down snow banks may actually be very dangerous play areas. Children do not realize that the car that stopped for them last summer when they ran out onto the road may not be able to stop in time to avoid them in the winter when that same road has become slick with ice and snow.

Warn children to stay away from heavy equipment. Explain to them that "the man in the big machine" may not see them due to the size of the equipment, blowing snow and poor visibility. Persuade children to be careful and give themselves lots of room when it is necessary to pass SNIC equipment.

Parents, be a good example. Whenever out walking with your children encourage them to make it a habit to always follow good, basic safety rules: use the sidewalk whenever possible, if there is not a sidewalk to walk facing the traffic; and stop and look both

ways to make sure it is safe before they cross the street. Children usually copy their parents, so ensure that you demonstrate safe habits.

Do not allow children to build tunnels or snow forts near driveways or roads. Children playing in snow forts or tunnels near the road or along driveways could be in grave danger, as their tunnel or snow fort might accidently be collapsed, or filled in while they are playing. bobcat operator clearing sidewalks, someone snow blowing your driveway, or SNIC operators pushing snow banks back and loading snow, may not see or hear children playing due to the noise and swirling snow created by their equipment. Due to this extreme danger to children, the Military Police and SNIC crews will be on the lookout for snow forts and tunnels built close to roads and will destroy any that are found.



Sometimes children get lost in the fun of playing in the snow. Remind your children to stay away from icy roadways, snow removal equipment and have a safe & happy holiday

All drivers, please take extra care while driving and watch for children walking, sliding on snow banks, and playing on or near the road.

Clear all snow off your vehicle and ensure the windows are frost-free before driving. If you cannot see

out of your windows, how would you be able to see a child in time to stop your vehicle?

Remain well back of all SNIC equipment - pass with caution only when it is safe. Blowing snow may reduce both your visibility and the

operator's, so that you are unable to see a child playing or walking in that area.

The safety of children is everyone's responsibility. Please do your part to help keep our children safe all year round, not only during the winter months.

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You are cordially invited to our

Christmas **Open House**

Friday, December 19th 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at our Brandon Office: 223-18th Street North

We look forward to seeing you.



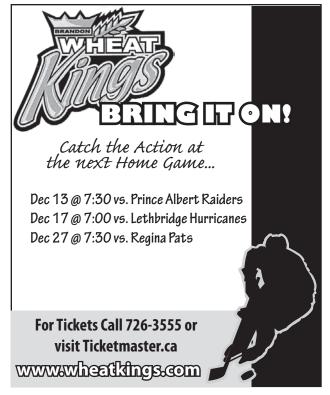
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performance

Left and below, students from O'Kelly and Ecole de la Source packed the theatre at General Strange Hall for some warm holiday fun on December 4.

The Air Command Band of 17 Wing Winnipeg performed English and French favourites.







The Canadian Forces Personnel and Family Support Services (CFPFSS) delievers Personnel Support Programs that contribute to the operational effectiveness of the Canadian Forces and improves the quality of life of the military family community.

Under the supervision of the SuperMart Supervisor, the Electronic Salesperson provides a lead role in sales, technical advice and installation of home computers and electronic equipment. He/She assists customers in a courteous, efficient and prompt manner and provides expert advise and assistance in the sale and service of electronics to customers. Salary: \$11.10-\$13.35/hr

For more information or to apply please visit our website or send your confidential resume by December 12, 2008 to: CFPFSS, Human Resources, P.O. Box 5000, Stn Forces, Bldg. L-102, Shilo, MB R0K 2A0, Fax (204) 765-3815.

Shilo Military Family Resource Centre



Season's Greetings from the MFRC



The Staff and Board of the Shilo MFRC wishes you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a Safe Holiday Season.

Shilo MFRC Office & OCC Christmas Hours

Wednesday, December 24
Closed at Noon
Christmas and Boxing Day
Closed
Monday-Wednesday, December 29-31
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
New Years Day
Closed
Regular hours resume
Friday, January 2

Deployment Support Centre Christmas Hours

The Shilo Deployment Support Centre office will be closed from Monday, December 15 to January 6.

Regular hours will resume on Wednesday, January 7.

However, at any time over the holidays the Deployment Support Centre can be reached by calling 1-888-711-5533.

Annual Christmas event a success



Linda Beauchemin
Outreach Coordinator

On December 7 over 200 people came out to take part in the Shilo MFRC Christmas Jing-A-Ling.

The day began with a brunch, consisting of pancakes and sausages, and all the trimmings. At the Kid's Only Shopping Centre, children had an opportunity to go and purchase a recycled present for Mom and Dad for a nominal fee of \$1. There will be a few surprised parents on Christmas Day.

The all-popular, Cookie Decorating, happened with some of the kids enjoying the whole cookie while others were strictly after the "decorations" that came with the cookie. Either way, the icing made it on their faces as well as in their bellies.

The weather could not have been more perfect for a sleigh ride. There is nothing better than sitting on a bale of hay while being pulled by big, beautiful Clydesdale horses, as snow

is gently falling on your nose.

The day would not have been complete without the visit of the Jolly Old Saint Nick, you know, Santa Claus.

Thank you to all who attended and made this day

such a great success.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Far left, 'dashing through the snow' families enjoy a hay ride through the snow.

Left, Andrew, Matthew and Ryan are on Santa's nice list and spend some time with the jolly old elf.

Below, Grace takes advantage of the all-popular cookie decorating station.

www.shilomfrc.ca

Note: Deployment programs will not be cancelled.

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What's on Your Agenda?

Need temporary use of a Wheel Chair Ramp or a Medi-Chair?

If so the Shilo Men's Club can help!

The Club is pleased to offer free temporary use of a Ramp and Medi-Chair. It is offered to all members of the greater Shilo and Sprucewoods communities and surrounding area for up to 90 days at a time or until more permanent arrangements can be made. For more information contact Mike McEwan at 763-4990.

The Shilo & Region Men's Club Serving the Community Since

ITF Takewon-do (Kin-Rin Shilo)

Instructor: Mr. Dwayne Bos Location: Faith Centre T-119 Notre Dame Road Fees: \$40 per month + equipment Enrollment and New Session begins 2 December Practice Times: 6:00-7:30 pm White Belts and 6:30-8 pm Colour Belts For more information and to register contact ext. 3088 or

Shilo Community Library Monday: 6-8:30

724-4227

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30-12:30, 1-4, 6-8:30 Story Time - Thurs @ 1:30

 Share The Wealth from 6:20pm • Early Birds at 7:00pm • Regular Games at 7:30pm Intermission Games - Progressive Games -

Widow/Widowers Support Committee

Meet on Weds, times vary contact Lorna-729-5367 or Janice-726-0972 for more information

Volunteers Needed

The Canadian Cancer Society has volunteer positions available for every interest and time contraint, including data entry, phoning, poster delivery and organizing events. Call Kristen at 571-2804.

Every one welcome! T.O.P.S.

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Held at Spruce Woods Community Hall, Tuesdays at 6:00 pm Contact: Barb Forbes at 763-4768 or Marg Woods at 763-4447

St. Barbara's Chapel **Christmas Mass** Dec 21 -10:30am Dec 24 - 7:00pm Dec 28 - 10:30am Jan. 4 - 10:30am

(Men's) & (Women's) **Base Volleyball Practice**

ELIGIBLE- Reg Force, Class B & C military pers PRACTICE DAYS- Tuesday's & Thursday's TIMINGS- 1630 Hrs - 1800 HRS WOMENS COACH- Sgt. Quinn 2 PPCLI, Ext. 6109 MENS COACH- MCpl Olsen 2 PPCLI, Ext 6813 MISSON- To represent CFB Shilo at Regional's in 4 Wg Cold Lake 5-9 March 2009

December 18- Last Legion No. 3 bingo for 2008, there will be 20 turkeys given out as door prizes as well as regular pay-outs. All welcome, doors open at 5:30 pm

Our Lady of Shilo's (RC) **Chapel Christmas Mass Time**

December 21 at 10:30 am 4th Sunday of Advent December 24 at 7:00 pm Christmas Evening Mass December 25 at 10:30 am Christmas Day Mass December 28 at 10:30 am

Holy Family January 1 at 10:30 am Mary the Mother of God

December 19 and 20- Weekly meat draws at Legion No. 3 in the Lounge will consist of turkeys and hams as meat prizes. All welcome (just sign in if not a member

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #3 2008 New Year's **Eve Cold Plate Dinner & Dance**

8:00 pm - 1:00 am Wednesday December 31 Banquet Hall 560 13th Street East Dance to the music of: Tiger Hills Band Tickets:\$30.00 each (non refundable)

Hats & Noise Makers provided ** Ballon Drop at midnight

For tickets or more information please call: 727-1866 or 727-3054 or 728-2881

Did you know?

The Base Personnel Selection Office (BPSO), located in Room 204 in Headquarters, has a laptop with Internet access for your use. If you would like to use the laptop to access the Internet, please call (local 4078) in advance to let us know when you would like to come by.

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For Sale

Scuba Equipment For Sale As Is

Mobile Air Compressor Motor Manufacturer: Honda Model: GX270, H.P. 9 Motor Speed: 3200RPM Compressor Model: K14-GH Compressor Speed: 1200 PRM Minimum Bid \$2000.00 Viewing of compressor can be arranged through Brenda Cavanagh at 765-3000 ext. 3317

ext. 3316 All sealed bids are to be forwarded to: Jim MacKenzie, FS&R Dir, BOX 190, Shilo MB, R0K 2A0

or Jim MacKenzie at 765-3000

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17in. Samsung SyncMaster 753DF CRT monitor, with 1280x1024 max. res, 0.20mm dpi and dyna-flat screen \$50. 19in. Samsung Sync Master 950P CRT monitor 1920x1440 max. res., res. 0.26 dpi \$100. All monitors are in perfect condition and come with cables. Reason for selling: I have too many monitors. Call 865-4495 or 226-8181

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Child care

Are you looking for a babysitter or child minder? Then look no further - I am first aid and CPR trained and am available Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri and Sat evenings only. Please call 765-

I can provide safe and fun care for your kids. I have a Care aide Certificate, First Aid, Food Safe and WHIMIS.

I am flexible on hours needed. Call Noelle @ 765-2554

Childcare available for before and after school and in-service days for either O'Kelly or the Pre-Kindergarten program at the MFRC. Snacks and lunch provided. Please call Katie 765-4874. Prices negotiable.

Wanted

St. Barbara's Chapel is looking for Nursery School Attenants to work on Sunday mornings 10:15-11:45 am. Rate of pay is \$7.5 per session. Baby sitting course is preferred but not mandatory. For more information or to apply please contact Padre Bos at ext. 3088. Looking for 2-3 attendants to share the responsibility on contract

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Above, just in time for the holidays. Rick Kehler, manager of the Canex, presents Padre Bos with \$4419 from donated Canex points.

Karen Griffin The Stag

n December 1, Canex presented the Padre's fund with the largest cheque in four years.

In the quarter from September to December, customers donated a total of \$4419 in points.

"The points will go toward the Christmas hamper program," says Padre Dwayne Bos who received the presentation.

If there is money left over, it could be used to purchase toys from the MFRC Christmas tree drive.

"It will certainly help with the hampers this year,'

The fund regularly uses Canex points to assist the community year round.

Best gift ever Three soldiers killed in Afghanistan

Three Canadian soldiers vere killed as a result of n improvised explosive device attack on their arnoured vehicle during a oint patrol with Afghan National Army soldiers in he Arghandab District. The ncident occurred approxinately 15 kilometers west of Kandahar City at about :00 a.m., Kandahar time on 5 December 2008.

The Canadian soldiers vere participating in a vehicle patrol with their Afghan colleagues when heir vehicle was struck by in improvised explosive device. The three soldiers

were killed instantly by the explosion.

Killed in action were Warrant Officer Robert John Wilson, Corporal Mark Robert McLaren and Private Demetrios Diplaros. The primary next of kin for all three soldiers have been notified.

In an unrelated incident, earlier on the same day, two Canadian soldiers were seriously injured when an improvised explosive device detonated in the vicinity of a joint Canadian - Afghan foot patrol in Zharey District. The incident occurred at approximately 8:00 a.m., Kandahar time, approximately 30 kilometers west

of Kandahar City.

A cordon was quickly established and the soldiers were evacuated by helicopter to the Multi-national Medical Facility at Kandahar Airfield where one soldier is reported to be in serious condition and the other is reported to be in fair condition. The names of the injured soldiers will not be released.

Today Canada lost three fine soldiers. It is our hope that the focus remains on the lives and sacrifices of our soldiers as they served Canada in an effort to bring peace and security to the people of Afghanistan.



Fashion cares

Left, Jacquie Corbould was one of the volunteer models for the Base Hair fashion show, November 29. Proceeds went to the Christmas Hamper drive for the local community.

> Clothing contributors included Bootlegger **Comfort Designs** Cotton Ginny and Thomas' Bridal

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