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# City Hall receives visitor



LCpl PJ Williams, CO, 1 RCHA bangs on the doors of City Hall in Brandon three times. To find out why, see page 7.

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# Deployment News

## Eight Canadians lost

Army News  
Ottawa, Ont

The loss of eight soldiers killed by roadside bombs in Afghanistan was felt throughout the CF, and across the country as Canadians mourned for their fallen. In two separate incidents, soldiers were killed during the course of their duties while on deployment to Afghanistan.

On April 8, the six Canadian soldiers killed by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan, are : Sgt Donald Lu-

cas, 31, originally from St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment; Cpl Christopher Paul Stannix, 24, originally from North Bay, Ontario, a Reservist from the Princess Louise Fusiliers; Cpl Aaron E. Williams, 23, originally from Perth-Andover, New Brunswick, 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment; Pte Kevin Vincent Kennedy, 20, originally from St. Lawrence, Newfoundland and Labrador,

2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment; Pte David Robert Greenslade, 20, originally from Saint John, New Brunswick, 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment; and Cpl Brent Poland, 37, originally from Cambridge, Ontario, 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment.

The soldiers were killed when an improvised explosive device detonated near their LAV-III armoured vehicle.

Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean,

Governor General of Canada, issued the following message upon learning of the deaths:

"To the families and loved ones of the victims of this unexpected tragedy, know that this entire nation mourns your loss, and that our thoughts are always with you during this difficult time."

The incident occurred as Canadian soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, the Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group were conducting convoy security operations as part of Operation ACHILLES, a major ISAF operation underway in the south of Afghanistan.

Canadian troops from JTF Afghanistan have played an important supporting role in Operation ACHILLES preventing Taliban insurgents from reinforcing or fleeing the area of Sangin valley.

In the same incident, a Canadian soldier suffered serious but non-life threatening injuries from the blast and plans are currently being made to transfer him to the U.S. military medical facility at Landstuhl, Germany. Three other soldiers, one of whom was lightly injured and two who had not suffered any physical injuries from the incident were released from the hospital at Kandahar Airfield on April 8.

While soldiers were preparing to say farewell to

their comrades, a second incident involving a road side bomb took the lives of two more soldiers. On April 12, 2007, The Honourable Gordon O'Connor, Minister of National Defence, issued the following statement.

"The Canadian Forces grieve for MCpl Allan Stewart and Trooper Patrick James Pentland, who died yesterday in Afghanistan. The incident occurred when a roadside bomb exploded near their vehicle, as they were helping another vehicle that had been struck by a bomb earlier in the day.

We will honour the sacrifice of these brave soldiers by continuing our efforts to build a safe and secure Afghanistan."

# Letter to the Editor

## How to talk to children about death

I have been told that the poster created for this workshop has caused a great stir among the community, especially the drawing by the little girl Niki, which depicts her father's grave stone with her printed feelings on it.

In many respects, this has caused me to contemplate the reasons why this may be a controversial issue and to ponder the reasons why this drawing is causing much discussion amongst the community when seeing the poster. I believe this 'buzz' is in fact a good thing. To the team working on this workshop it is a good thing because talking about this issue is something that is not normal in our society. The words, "death", "died" and "dying" are often replaced with euphemisms which really do not communi-

cate the finality of the earthly existence of the human body. These words are shunned and avoided at all costs. To see a poster which communicates a child's view of their father's death, in picture form, causes us moment to pause and think about these words we really do not want to talk about or experience.

The sad reality is that death will enter into our lives at some point, and it will be a reality not only for ourselves but for our children as well. Often adults have abilities and maturity to deal with death in often constructive ways; however, children may not yet have these tools. Early experiences of death can come in the form of a beloved pet dying, the death of a grandparent or aunt/uncle, or seeing a dead animal at the side of the

road. Fortunately, most of us do not experience the loss of a loved one to death by violent means or by sudden accident. But as a military community in this deployment context this form of sudden, violent death has become a nightmarish reality. Our neighbour is suddenly absent from our community, our colleague is gone never to return. Spouses have lost their loved ones and most especially, children are grappling and dealing with the death of a parent which is something we never hope a child has to experience.

Children, despite not having the depth of experience of an adult to deal with loss, are very resilient and have creative and unique ways to process death and losses which are actually healthy and can

be beneficial to adults. Children have the wonderful tool of 'play', and many other innocent means to deal with their loss. Often the largest stumbling block in assisting with the grief of children is communication between the adult and child. The adult desire to protect the child can sometimes complicate the child's grief and leave lasting negative impressions which stay with them until adulthood. The lack of communication can sometime lead the child to believe that mommy or daddy really didn't love the other parent. Sometimes dealing with our own grief lends us unable to deal, cope and assist with the grief of our children.

On the 24th of April, a first time ever workshop will

be offered to explore these questions and concepts. There will be a session in the afternoon from 1 pm until 4 pm, and an evening session from 6pm - 9 pm. Child care will be supplied by the MFRC Occasional Child Care to encourage maximum attendance, please phone ext 3352 to book a space for this workshop.

I encourage all to come to the workshop, listen and share your thoughts and experiences. This is the first, but will not be the last workshop of this nature and it will grow and

change to meet your needs. In this workshop, the Mental Health team will talk about the psychological and developmental aspects of death with children. The Brockie/Donovan Funeral home will present and answer questions about the child in the funeral process. The Chaplain team will discuss spiritual and religious questions and how they impact you and your children and to present where children may be in their spiritual development.

Rev Dwayne W. Bos  
Padre, IRCHA



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# 1 RCHA SITREP



**LCol PJ Williams**  
CO 1 RCHA

At the time of writing, 1 RCHA has exercised the Freedom of the City of Brandon on 14 April 2007, having been first granted this honour in 1996. We were blessed with excellent weather, and great support from the people of Brandon and surrounding areas. To all members of 1 RCHA whether you were on parade, assisting in static displays or providing support to the Freedom of the City in other ways, thank you very much for your efforts.

Our focus now shifts to preparing our elements deploying

to Afghanistan with TF 1-08 next year. The bulk of our Reserve augmentees have arrived, representing all Reserve Artillery units in LFWA, from Kenora, ON to Victoria, BC. This week, myself and other members of the Regiment head to Wainwright to conduct an initial reconnaissance for Exercise DESERT RAM, the Brigade Exercise to be held this Fall as part of Task Force 1-08 pre-deployment training. Our intent is to ensure that the capabilities of "The Guns" are able to be demonstrated in as realistic a manner as possible, representing what soldiers can expect to see in theatre.

Several members of the Regiment were recently awarded the Commander 1 CMBG Commendation and I would like to recognize those personnel here:

- Bdr Hopp (B Bty) and Gnr MacIntyre (B Bty) - For their efforts in assisting a civilian who was suffering a potentially life threatening allergic reaction:

- Bdr Will (B Bty), Cpl Mulvihill (HQ Bty), and Cpl Hiebert (HQ Bty) - For organizing and conducting Op HOLIDAY HARVEST

last Christmas to provide toys and other items for children in need.

With the completion of a number of courses both here and elsewhere, congratulations are due to all graduates and to the following individuals in particular for being Top Student on their respective courses:

- Forward Air Controller- MBdr Murphy (C Bty)
- PLQ Mod 6-Bdr Lynde
- Command Post Detachment Commander- MBdr Comeau (A Bty)

Recently the former OpsO, Maj TJ Kennedy was promoted Major and was posted to HQ CEFCEM. After more than a decade in Shilo, the bulk of it spent with 1 RCHA, he's now bringing his operational experience to bear in Ottawa. Capt Welling, the former QM of 1 RCHA was recently awarded the Order of Military Merit. MWO Rice, incoming BSM B Bty, and Sgt Ottar (HQ Bty) were recently promoted to their current ranks. Congratulations to all.

We bid farewell to Maj CD Comeau, BC C Bty who has recently handed over command to Maj TS Scharlach, recently returned from work-



Photo courtesy of 17 Wing Imaging

Bdr Chris Gauthier, gets ready to drop the puck at a special Manitoba Moose hockey game in Winnipeg in March. The Moose held a Military Appreciation night in honour of the troops to acknowledge the sacrifices of Shilo soldiers. Each team member wore a camouflage jersey with the names of Shilo's eight fallen soldiers on the back.

ing in HQ JTF-A in Kandahar. Maj Comeau is off to be the Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team, Brigade G3 Mentor and we wish him a safe and successful tour. At the same time we welcome Maj Scharlach back to 1 RCHA.

We also welcome LCol D. Corbould to Shilo, having recently assumed command of

2 PPCLI.

While these are all very welcome events, our condolences go out to our comrades of the Royal Canadian Dragoons in Petawawa and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment in Gagetown, who recently lost soldiers in Afghanistan. Our thoughts are with their families and friends

at this difficult time and we look for them to have a safe tour and return home.

A safe return home is also extended to our soldiers deployed in Roger's Pass, BC on Op PALACI who continue to provide avalanche control support to Parks Canada. 1032 rounds have been fired in last 4 months.

## Veterans park free

**Emma Hansen**  
Shilo Stag

On April 3, 2007, City Council passed a bylaw that allows Veterans with Veteran's License Plates to park at meters on City of Brandon property free of charge. The request for this change was put forward by a Veteran residing in Brandon.

Following the example set by the City of Richmond, in British Columbia, who has recently switched

to year round free parking for their veterans, Brandon's bylaw came into effect on April 4, 2007.

Sergeant Randy Lewis, Brandon Police Service, says that by Brandon raising awareness with the extension of their bylaw, perhaps Veterans across Canada will request the same for their cities.

"This may make veterans more aware of what others are doing," said Lewis.

The previous bylaw No. 6809, passed in 2005, al-

lowed Veterans free parking for the month of November only. Bylaw No. 6861 now amends the old bylaw by taking out the specific month, in order to make the free parking effective year round.

There is not expected to be any big financial impact resulting from the change in the bylaw, as bylaw Enforcement Officers have noticed that cars with Veteran plates do not make up a significant amount of the downtown parking users.

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# Unique gathering honours veterans of Vimy

Sgt Power  
Army News

Long before most people were awake on the 9th of April, people from the Brandon area gathered at the Evans Theatre to mark the 90th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

Very few films would attract an audience for a pre-dawn showing, but the new YAP Films documentary 'Vimy Ridge-From Heaven to Hell' drew a good crowd. Doors opened at five in the morning for the first of three special screenings. All across Canada, and in France, ceremonies were held to honour

the troops who fought at Vimy, the Brandon event was somewhat unique.

"What we decided to do was start the first show at five-thirty in the morning so people could come out at the same time that soldiers 'went over the top', that was followed by an authentic First World War style breakfast", said Marc George, the Director of the Royal Canadian Artillery Museum in Shilo. "There was a good response, we had a lot of people out, and most of the people I spoke with had relatives that were in the battle at Vimy Ridge."

Brandon resident Brian Kayes said, "I wanted

to experience getting up at that time of morning, and see what people went through at the Battle of Vimy Ridge, now I have a greater understanding of the tactics used in the battle, and all the things that they went through to be successful. The effect that it had on me was quite emotional."

Greg Gill, also of Brandon, had a great-uncle who fought at Vimy. "He never really talked about it, I know he was there, I know he was gassed, but that's about it. The documentary was an eye-opener, seeing all the preparations before the battle, and then what the troops went through in the battle."



A cameraman from Yap Films gets a close-up of soldiers involved in filming a documentary on Vimy Ridge.

For more information on the Battle of Vimy Ridge and it's 90th Anniversary, visit [www.vac-acc.gc.ca](http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca)

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- An additional \$10 million investment in water and sewer projects and water protection including funds for protecting Lake Winnipeg.
- New climate change legislation will be introduced to protect the environment and contribute to economic development in the province.

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- An immediate \$125 property tax saving by increasing the Education Property Tax Credit to \$525.
- A plan to reduce the education property tax burden that includes increasing the province's share of public school funding to 80%.
- A reduction of the middle-income tax rate to 12.75% from 13%, part of a plan to give middle-income earners an overall saving of 10%.
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# Sharpe says farewell

**Becky Block**  
Shilo Stag

Moving the Battalion to Shilo from Winnipeg, training soldiers to deploy overseas, and at times, coping with the casualties sustained in Afghanistan have all been part of the highs and lows of LCol Sharpe's command in 2 PPCLI.

The parade ceremony was attended by BGen (Ret'd) Gollner, Colonel of the Regiment, Col Vance, Cmdr 1 CMBG, The Honourable John Harvard, LtGov of Manitoba, and Brandon Mayor, Dave Burgess.

"The last thirty-four months have been extremely rewarding, extremely challenging and a very humbling experience for me" says Sharpe, who took command in June of 2004.

"The soldiers, NCO's and Officers in this Battalion

are just exceptional and it's been my privilege to serve with them."

LCol Sharpe says his time in command seems to be best defined by the past fourteen months which have been filled with emotional ups and downs, dealing with successes and casualties overseas in Afghanistan.

"Personally I've learned a lot of things in terms of dealing with people suffering grief, and those are life lessons that I'll take with me" he said, "I'm trying to pass on my experiences particularly dealing with casualties and training the units and my subordinate officers here."

LCol Sharpe expressed that he will miss the people the most as he heads to LFWA HQ in Edmonton after completing some French training here in Shilo and St. Jean.

"The troops of this Bat-

talion are what make me get up in the morning and come to work" he says, "I really enjoy working with them and I have also very much enjoyed working with Base Shilo and the Brandon community."

BGen Gollner spoke of LCol Sharpe, citing that in good times and bad, LCol Sharpe has been steadfast and true, providing strong, steady leadership that has sustained the Battalion.

"Col Sharpe has had a successful tour of command. Unfortunately there have been several occasions where the battalion has had to pull together to bury our comrades, doing so with great dignity and grace. We will never forget those that fall."

Col Vance described incoming CO LCol Corbould as a soldier's soldier.

"He comes from great stock. You will enjoy his



Photo by Heather McKinnon/BasePhoto

(Left to right) CWO Semenka, RSM, LCol Corbould, incoming CO, 2 PPCLI, BGen (Ret'd) Gollner, Colonel of the Regiment, LCol Sharpe, outgoing CO, 2 PPCLI, The Honourable John Harvard, LtGov of Manitoba, Maj Grubb, OC C Coy, and Col Vance, Reviewing Officer inspect the Battalion as part of the Change of Command ceremony.

sense of humour, (and) admire his professionalism."

LCol Dave Corbould has much experience in working with the Regiment as well as a family history of commanding Battalions.

"My grandfather commanded the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion back during the start of the Korean conflict. My father subsequently commanded the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion in 1977-1979" he said, "It's a great opportunity to serve with all three battalions in the Regiment."

LCol Corbould says that his first order of business will be to work out a training plan

between now and when the Battalion leads TF 01-08 in February 2008 to ensure the troops have all the skills they need prior to deployment.

"The advantage we have here (Shilo) is we have several soldiers and officers who have already served in Afghanistan so they come to us with a tremendous amount of experience and background that will help us train the new soldiers and the reservists."

LCol Corbould and his family have decided that they will likely live on base at Shilo.

"The base has great facilities and we're looking forward to becoming members of the Shilo community."

On first impressions, LCol Corbould expressed that he has been extremely impressed with the level of professionalism and teamwork he's seen in the Battalion since his arrival.

LCol Sharpe is confident that 2 PPCLI is in good hands with LCol Corbould.

"Knowing where the Battalion has been and knowing where the Battalion is going, I couldn't think of a better man for the job."

## Well wishes for 2 PPCLI

As the Member of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly for the Minnedosa Constituency, I wish to take this opportunity to recognize a historic moment for the 2nd Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (2PPCLI).

On April 12, 2007, the 2PPCLI held a change of command ceremony that saw the transfer of command from Lieutenant Colonel Stuart Sharpe to Lieutenant Colonel Dave

Corbould.

I wish to recognize Mr. Sharpe's distinguished service and exemplary leadership in his three years as Commanding Officer, which saw the transfer of the Battalion from Winnipeg to Shilo, the deployment of several hundred soldiers to Afghanistan and the unfortunate loss of seven soldiers

in the line of duty.

I wish to welcome Mr. Corbould to the community and offer congratulations as he assumes the command of 2PPCLI. We certainly appreciate and support the work of these fine soldiers and we wish you all the best.

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# 1 RCHA exercises Freedom of the City

**Capt Randy Moon**  
Adjutant, 1 RCHA

On Saturday, 14 April 2007, approximately 250 soldiers from 1 RCHA accompanied by the RCA Band marched from the Brandon Armoury to Brandon City Hall in order for the Regiment to exercise its right to the Freedom of the City. This privilege was first granted to 1 RCHA on 25 May 1996,

over a decade ago. The Freedom of the City Ceremony dates back to medieval times, when cities were walled and friendly armies were given permission to pass through a city without first disarming.

At the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> St and Victoria Ave, the parade was halted and challenged by the Chief Constable (Brandon Police Service, Chief Keith Atkinson) just short of City

Hall. The Commanding Officer (CO), Lieutenant Colonel Peter Williams, announced to the Chief Constable that the Mayor of Brandon wished to address the Regiment. The barricades were removed and the Regiment was allowed to march in front of City Hall. Using the hilt of his sword, Lieutenant Colonel Williams knocked three times on the door to City Hall. His Worship,

Mayor Dave Burgess and his Council emerged and the Mayor read the Proclamation, allowing 1 RCHA to exercise its right to the Freedom of the City.

Following an inspection by the Mayor and a general salute, the parade marched through the streets of Brandon with "drums beating, colours flying and bayonets fixed". The parade ended at the Keystone Centre where a number of

static displays showcasing unit activities were available for public viewing.

In the evening, the Mayor, his Council and members of Brandon Police Service were hosted to a formal mess dinner held at the Shilo Officers' Mess. The Mayor and CO exchanged gifts to mark this special occasion. As part of the dinner, 1 RCHA dined-out Colonel Mike Capstick, a former CO of both 3

RCHA and 1 RCHA. Colonel Capstick's 33 years of service was recognized by both Brigadier General Al Howard and Colonel John Vance before Colonel Capstick was given the opportunity to fire his last artillery round.

The entire day was an outstanding success. There is no doubt that the special bond shared between 1 RCHA and the City of Brandon has been strengthened.



(Above) Local citizens came out to show their support for 1 RCHA as they paraded through Brandon during their exercising of the Freedom of the City. (Below) Brandon Mayor Dave Burgess speaks to the crowd while 1 RCHA CO, LCol Williams looks on.



Photos by Bdr Longuire, 1 RCHA

## Preschool Wellness Fair

**FREE Informational Displays!**

### Free Professional Screenings

for 3 to 4 year olds

**Keystone Centre Upper Concourse**  
Tuesday, May 1st, 2007  
9am through 7pm  
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~ Developmental  
~ Hearing  
~ Dental

For further information call 729-3106

Approximate screening time 90 minutes.  
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# Shilo Military Family Resource Centre



## What's that big, fuzzy thing?

**Linda Beauchemin**  
Information/Referral  
Coordinator

As I was walking through the CANEX one day, I saw a flash of blue. My curiosity peaked and I went around the corner and came face to face with a BIG, blue bunny. When I started talking to the bunny, it wouldn't answer me because we all know that the bunny doesn't talk. HOWEVER, when I told him that I would put the interview in the Shilo Stag, the bunny was more than happy to talk and give me information about it's visit.

He told me all about the Always Ready MFRC Bunny Sighting Contest. That he comes out during the week before Easter and walks around the base giving out treats. And that people who have seen or heard of his whereabouts can enter to win one of three Easter Baskets full of goodies donated by the CANEX. Congrats to the Leonard, Walton and Cameron families who won this year's baskets.

When I asked the bunny "What was the best part of your travels?" he was quick to answer and

said that it was when the kids (big and small) react. Whether it was hugs, excitement, thumbs up, or even being honked at it made the bunny feel good. He said that every year, he's amazed at people's reactions. The bunny also mentioned that he felt really bad when younger children were scared of him. He doesn't want to scare anyone, he just wants to put a smile on everyone's face.

While shopping at the CANEX later that day, one of the cashiers told me that she has seen a mixture of reactions from clients in regards to the bunny. She said one guy

came in and asked "What's up with that creepy, blue bunny that's following everyone around." I've learned through talking with the bunny, he's not creepy, not at all. He was here, just for a short visit, to say hello to Shilo and get people talking. Oh yeah, and he handed out lots of chocolate eggs.

At the end of the interview the bunny asked me to say thank you to all those who supported him through it's rounds. So if you ever come across a big, blue bunny in your travels, remember to SMILE, because you now know that the bunny is smiling too.



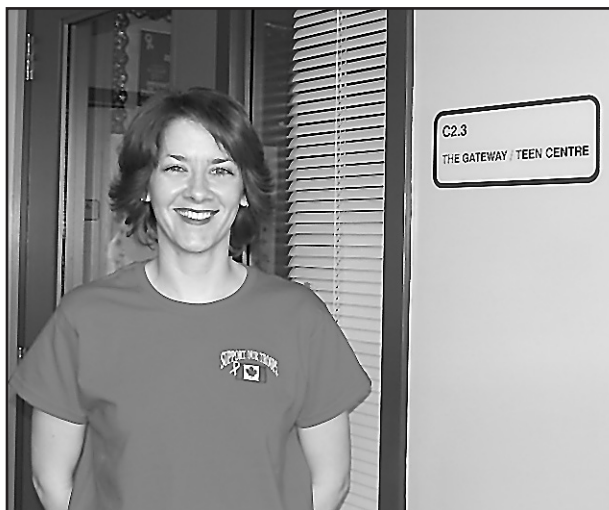
Photos submitted by MFRC

The Leonard family picks up their prize for winning the Bunny Sighting draw. (Left) Bunny spends some quality time with a young one.



The last sighting of the bunny taking a rest before heading home.

### Congratulations!



It's now official. Sandra O'Neill has been hired for a full time position as our Youth Program Leader.

Check out the Community Events Calendar for all of our programming in this issue.

[www.shilomfrc.ca](http://www.shilomfrc.ca)

Note: Deployment programs will not be cancelled.

# FREESTYLIN'



## codebreaker

codebreakerspy@yahoo.ca

### Welcome to Codebreaker...

Within these next issues you will find an interactive story that will test your ability of deduction and reasoning. As you read the story and actually work out the clues discussed between the uncle and his nephew, a series of extraordinary instructions will be revealed. Some of these instruction or clues can be unraveled at home while others require some actual fieldwork to find them. If these instructions are followed carefully and correctly, it will lead to the final clue and ultimately, the prize. What is that prize? Check it out and find out. You won't be disappointed.

On many occasions you will asked to forward your results to codebreakerspy@yahoo.ca Here the results will be verified and further instructions on the case will be e-mailed back to you. Please follow the directions carefully. It may be the difference between success and failure. Good luck and happy hunting.

Signed, Agent Mik Yafe

Nine year old Tommy Baker was about to leave the house, when the phone rang. He checked the number. It was his Uncle.

He quickly grabbed the phone. He'd been waiting for this call for over two weeks. "Hello Uncle Talbot. Did you get the letter?"

"You bet I did" he replied. "I haven't seen that letter since I was a kid."

"Do you know what it all means?" Tommy asked eagerly.

"I think so." He paused, took a deep breath and continued. "My dad often talked about it. Was the letter in an old envelope?"

"Yes. An old airmail envelope"

"Was there any writing on it? A name? A number maybe?"

Tommy tried to remember. "I think there was... Yes! A Number. There was a number on the corner of the envelope. Let me get it."

The muffled voice of his Uncle could still be heard from the receiver as Tommy tossed the phone down and darted to the basement. He went straight to the wooden shelf where the old cigar box lay, opened it up and grabbed the envelope.

The circled number jumped out at him. It was faded and smudged, but clearly readable. He ran back up the stairs to the phone. His uncle was still there.

"Yes, yes there is a number on the envelope. It's right next to the stamp."

"Is it a long one?" He was getting excited.

"Yes, it sure is." giggled Tommy

Uncle Talbot took a deep breath. "Is there any writing on the back of the letter?"

Tommy flipped the envelope around. He had never really paid attention to the back of it before. Running along three edges were barely legible hand-written numbers. Along the forth edge was the words; "Animorphs: The Secret"

"It's got a lot of numbers and..."

"A book title?" interrupted Talbot.

"Yes! It could sure be a book title!" replied Tommy.

Talbot spoke slowly and deliberately. "Can you tell me the numbers and the title of the book? I need to confirm one more thing."

"Sure" replied Tommy. He began to read, "109-4-6, 25-23-4, 46-11-3, 73-20-3. The book title is 'Animorphs: The Secret'" His mind raced. "Do you know what it means?"

"It's your Grandfathers work alright. 'Animorphs: The Secret' is the master book. The numbers represent a way of finding words within that book. The first set of numbers is to identify the page. The next set is for the line on that page. The final set represents the actual word on that line. Put them altogether and you have a message."

Tommy was more than excited. "Can I figure it out? Break the code?"

"Sure." He replied. "Does Shilo still have a library?"

"Yes"

"That's where I would start, at the library. If you manage to break the code, e-mail it to the codebreakerspy@yahoo.ca and see what happens."



Dustin & Lauren

Spring break was a little long but a nice break too. I went to Winnipeg for the day on the Thursday and took the rest of the week fairly easy! How about you Dustin? Well I had my birthday during spring break and went to Portage for a few days. The highway to portage was REALLY busy!

The following week after spring break we went back to school for four days and at O' Kelly we were busy starting into our new units in language arts, social studies, science and even math. We began badminton in gym, and I am enjoying that. I'm not so sure we're going to

# Teen talk

be able to have a team this year though. My Easter weekend wasn't the best, I ended up spending it in the hospital! From later Friday night, until noon Sunday I was in the hospital due to what they think was an appendix attack. Luckily they did not have to remove it, as it was not infected..thankfully! The following week back to school... in language arts we are starting a new media unit. We are going to be creating our own magazines and doing other things involving media and its different effects on people, and the way we live. On the 11<sup>th</sup>, student council held a pizza day, and on the 13<sup>th</sup> the grade 4/5 class attended the Neelin musical "High School Musical". I will pass it over to you now Dustin. How did your week

following Spring Break, and Easter weekend go? Well we had badminton try outs which were fun and we had Friday off as did you. We started new units in our classes as well and we had a test on Monday. Easter weekend was fun and I ate a lot of chocolate (as I'm sure many others did too!). Monday we had school unfortunately, when schools in other provinces had it off! Oh well, I guess.

### O'Kelly

April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Parent Council Meeting 7pm in library  
April 27<sup>th</sup> - SC Pizza Day!  
May 10<sup>th</sup> - SC Pizza Day!  
May 11<sup>th</sup> - Track and Field

### Wawanesa

May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Grade 7-8 Divisional Badminton Tournament in Souris  
May 8<sup>th</sup> - Zone Badminton tournament in Boissevain

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# FUNNIES!

Not In My Backyard! by Dale Taylor 4-26-99 <http://NotInMyBackyard.com>





# What's on Your Agenda?



**Ceramic Club is open**  
 Tuesday Nights from  
 18:30 to 22:00.  
 We are located at 20-22  
 Esquimalt.

**BINGO!**  
 Every Thursday evening at  
 the Sprucewoods Commu-  
 nity Club. Share the wealth at  
 6:20pm with the Early Bird at  
 7pm. \$1000 in 52 numbers!

**Hosting a community  
 event that you want others  
 to know about?**  
 Phone 765-3000 ext. 3013 to  
 find out how to appear here!  
 Bar 77 Ranch trail rides now  
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 out. Call 726-0231.

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 Every other day another  
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 You can help. Join our team  
 of dedicated, profession-  
 ally-trained volunteer phone  
 counselors at the Manitoba  
 Suicide Line. Next volun-  
 teer training session begins  
 March 6th. Deadline for ap-  
 plications is Feb. 28th. Call  
 now for details: 571-4182.

**Royal Canadian  
 Legion Branch #3**  
**April 24** - Branch meeting,  
 7:30pm in Banquet Hall.  
 For membership informa-  
 tion, call Barb at 727-3054.  
**April 28** - Dance in lounge  
 from 8:30-11:30pm

**Kiwanis Kar Derby**  
 June 2, 2007  
 Rideau St. & Lorne Ave.  
 We are in need of boys and  
 girls aged 8-14 to be driv-  
 ers of the Derby cars. If  
 interested in driving or pu-  
 chasing a kit to enter a car,  
 contact Vern Gilbertson at  
 727-4708 or 727-4171.

**Visit us at the Keystone  
 Centre April 21st for the  
 Kiwanis Bike Auction!**

**Shilo Community  
 Library Hours**  
 Monday  
 6:00-8:30pm  
 Tuesday/Thursday  
 9:30-12:30pm, 1-4pm,  
 6:00-8:30pm  
**STORYTIME**  
 Every Thursday  
 10:00am

**Sprucewoods  
 Community**  
**Weekly Events:**  
 Mondays - CRIB, 7pm.  
 Tuesdays - TOPPS, 7pm.  
 Thursdays - BINGO, doors  
 open at 6:30, game at 7pm.  
**Watch for Creative  
 Memories!**  
 For more information on  
 what's happening in Spruce-  
 woods, contact Andy Robi-  
 chaud at 763-4843 or Frank  
 Hambrook at 763-4919.

**Brandon Family YMCA  
 Spring Run 2007**  
 May 27th, starting at 9am.  
 We are ready to start regis-  
 tering you! Visit running-  
 room.com to register. Don't  
 miss the Earlybird deadline  
 of April 27th!

**How to Talk to Children  
 about Death & Dying**  
 What do kids think?  
 Should my child go to the  
 funeral?  
 How can I talk about death?  
**April 24th at Faith Centre**  
**1pm-4pm or 6pm-9pm.**  
 Presented by the Shilo  
 Chaplain Team & Mental  
 Health Team 11 CF H Svc

**Spring Fling Dance**  
 Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Sprucewoods Community Hall  
 Doors open at 7:30pm. DJ  
 from 9-1:30am. Cost is  
 \$5 and some food will be  
 served. Come and dance  
 the night away and enter to  
 win door prizes and more!

**SPRING SUPPER**  
 Douglas United Church in-  
 vites you to their Spring Beef  
 Supper at the Douglas Com-  
 munity Hall on Sunday May  
 6th. Two sittings: 4:30pm  
 & 6:00pm. Adults \$10, 5-  
 12yrs - \$5. Preschoolers  
 are free. For tickets, call the  
 Douglas Store 763-4313, or  
 Mansfield's Western Shop at  
 727-2859.  
 For more information, call  
 Kerry at 763-8721.  
 Everyone Welcome!

**Visit Our New School at  
 Ecole La Source!**  
 Ecole La Source invites you  
 to the Grand Opening of the  
 new school, Friday May 18th  
 at 10:30am. RSVP before  
 May 1st to Isabelle Vauzelle  
 at 765-5050 or via email at  
 ivauzelle@atrium.ca

## Bibles for troops

**Rev Dwayne W. Bos**  
**Captain, 1 RCHA**

The Chaplain Gen-  
 eral has asked that  
 the Canadian Bible So-  
 ciety (CBS) raise money  
 for "complete" Bibles (i.e.  
 those that contain what is  
 traditionally called both the  
 New and Old Testaments)  
 with a CADPAD and AR-  
 RID cover for our Op AR-  
 CHER soldiers. There will  
 be Bibles with the Deutro-  
 Canonical Books for RC  
 use, and some in the French  
 language.

This is only the second  
 time in one hundred (100)  
 years that a Canadian Bible  
 Society project will benefit a  
 domestic (i.e. Canadian) aim.

The Area Chaplain has  
 given me authorization to  
 present two proposals  
 which I have recommended  
 for your consideration and  
 God-willing concurrence.

**OPTION A**  
 To identify a rider capa-  
 ble of completing a 257 km  
 Foothills Ride 15-17 Jun  
 07 (Calgary) \$ 150.00 reg-  
 istration fee and \$1,200.00  
 sponsorship pledges. To  
 identify a rider capable  
 of completing a 920 km

Rocky Mt. Ride 21-28 Jun  
 07 (Calgary) \$250.00 reg-  
 istration fee and \$1,200.00  
 sponsorship pledges.

**OPTION B**  
 To raise a very substan-  
 tial, and truly significant,  
 amount of dollars in pledg-  
 es with which to sponsor  
 Mary O'Regan, cyclist for  
 the Canadian Bible Society,  
 on behalf of the military  
 community, both Reserve  
 and Regular Force.

If you are a cyclist and  
 would be up to the challenge  
 of gathering pledges and  
 making the journey, please  
 contact Padre Dwayne Bos  
 at ext 3090.

In the near future, the  
 Chaplain Team will be co-  
 ordinating possible fund-  
 raising opportunities to  
 generate funds for this  
 project, after approval by  
 the Base Commander. This  
 is an excellent project and  
 will be of benefit to our  
 deploying soldiers. The  
 concept is also being pre-  
 sented to our local St. Barbara's  
 Chapel Committee and to  
 the Brandon Ministerial  
 Association, which repre-  
 sents all Christian churches  
 in Brandon and surround-  
 ing Area.

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 mer, Misc tools, Infant toddler  
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**Padre Bos - ext 3090**  
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 Weekday mass will be  
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 Padre Skwarek - ext 3089

**Douglas United Church**  
 Sunday service: 9:30am  
 Sunday School  
 Rev. Barb Jardine

# We have a winner!

**Kristin Wood**  
Communications, CFPSA

It's that time of year again - time to announce the winner of the annual contest run by The Personal Insurance and CANEX, and to launch the campaign for the year ahead.

Maj Wayne Joy has been

declared the grand prize winner of the 2006 contest run by The Personal Insurance Company and CANEX. Maj Joy was given the choice of a Can-Am Sea-Doo or Ski-Doo. He selected the Sea-Doo, which was presented to him at CFB Shearwater on February 13.

The 2007 contest is now

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**Shilo Country Club**

## Shilo Country Club

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