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Winter work

14 Wing Greenwood personnel took a breather February 28 through March 1 for Winter Carnival challenges, family events and sports. Making their mark in the ice painting competition, with art representing the cartoon heroes and villains theme, 14 Air Maintenance Squadron volunteers transferred Leading Seaman Eduardo Jorge's design with winning results. For more photos and carnival results, see pages 8 and 9.

Master Corporal J. Maheu, 14 Wing Imaging

Finding out family needs RCAF support team starts national check-in at 14 Wing

Sara Keddy,
Managing editor

A national tour of Royal Canadian Air Force wings started in Greenwood February 17 through 20, focused on families.

The commander of the RCAF, Lieutenant-General Yvan Blondin, has tasked a team to follow up on a 2013 report by the military ombudsman; specifically, that the Canadian Armed Forces is challenged to communicate with its extended responsibilities to military members' spouses and children.

This kind of on-the-ground look at RCAF resources happened over two years, wrapping up in 2010, when the then-RCAF commander wanted to set standards for issues including housing, childcare and family access to health care in new communities. This new Family Support Team is just getting going.

"We have lots of organizations and lots of information, and the push in Ottawa is to get these programs used," said Lieutenant-Colonel Jean Mallais, the lead on the team. "We don't want to create more programs – just use them."

"We're spreading the word, and we'll try our best to educate people. Caring for families is a leadership responsibility, and we come with no money, but what we hear from families we report back to Winnipeg, and then it's pushed right up to Ottawa."

The team expects to repeat Greenwood-style visits at four or five wings each year for the next three years, heading next to

Shearwater: an open house session with families to hear any concerns, the chance to provide information on RCAF resources available and a good look at the pace of work and life through tours of operations areas and support programs, including military family resource centres and Personnel Support Program branches.

Captain (Padre) Gordon Mintz says the team's "three-pillared" visits are meant to support RCAF programs and families – and find any areas for improvement.

"The visit is not just a download of information – it's an exchange," Mintz said. "We met with national entities, and we want to put our shoulders to the same wheel they're turning at the local levels. And, we can be advocates: we can find out where the gaps are, and communicate them up the chain."

Mallais and the team had a whirlwind three days at 14 Wing Greenwood, highlighted by the February 18 session with families.

"There was nothing raised I would question as critical," he said, indicating the abundance of resources – toll-free lines, websites, brochures, publications, centres and facilities, social media and more – could be one of the very challenges families do face when they go look for information.

Anything they do hear about, they report upon immediately: "there's no sense in filing a final report three years from now on ways to help," Mallais said.

"If we make a difference on one family's lives, we've made a difference," Mintz added.

For more, see pages 4, 5...



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February 25 and 26, 14 Wing Greenwood's 413 Transport and Rescue and 405 Long Range Patrol squadrons, with the United States Coast Guard cutter Campbell and various Canadian Coast Guard units, conducted a search and rescue exercise in the Mahone Bay area.

The purpose was to hone the skills of the participating units by simulating a response to a broken mayday from chartered vessel "Deep Pockets."

413 Squadron participated using the CH149 Cormorant helicopters and CC130 Hercules aircraft. 405 Squadron conducted search and rescue night operations from the CP140 Aurora. Various equipment drops were completed, and search and rescue technicians conducted parachute jumps and hoists during the exercise. "Victims" were rescued from the water and moored life rafts, then treated for a variety of injuries; and equipment had to be recovered by training personnel once the rescues were complete.



Sergeant Franky Thompson, 413 Search and Rescue Squadron, stands by with a four-minute flare at the back of a Hercules aircraft February 26.

A crew member of the United States Coast Guard Ship Campbell observes 413 Squadron's Cormorant approach off the stern February 26.

Search and Rescue Technician Sergeant Mike Cox being hoisted to a Cormorant from the stern of the United States Coast Guard Campbell February 26.

Corporal G.Cormier, 14 Wing Imaging

Multi-force SAREX acts out over Mahone Bay



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Focus on the fleet

14 SES, MPEU to meet Aurora's future with merged team

Sara Keddy,
Managing editor

Bigger could be better for two of 14 Wing Greenwood's smallest units.

Wing Commander Colonel Iain Huddleston met with members of 14 Software Engineering Squadron, the Mari-

Huddleston said. "If we're not mentally prepared and structured, we're going to fail – and waste a huge amount of time doing so. Block III has been a 10- to 12-year process, and we're now extending these aircraft into the future, well beyond 2020."

"We've convinced headquarters we know our business better and we can be trusted to do things that make sense for the betterment of the long range patrol community – with increased operational output as the ultimate goal."

Wing Commander Colonel Iain Huddleston

time Proving and Evaluation Unit and 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron February 13 in the first formal briefing acknowledging a move to 14 SES and MPEU into a new 400-series squadron. The new entity will provide full support for the CP140 Aurora Block III upgrades now coming into their own, and place all development activities under one roof.

"We've got to optimize the fleet, change our mentality and improve our training, tactics and procedures to be able to take full advantage of the capabilities offered by Block III – and they're incredible,"

Right alongside optimization on the operational side, significant changes in how maintenance is conducted are also required, and there are all kinds of new manuals and procedures needed to fix, test and support the Block

IIIs. Sharp eyes "from the shop floor corporals through the whole team," Huddleston said, "are working on improvements, and that's encouraging a hugely positive change in environment."

It's not all roses, Huddleston admits, but he's "aiming for the maximum output possible within the resources we've been given."

"Since 2003, the role of SES

Ways ahead

- SES environmental modelling support staff will move to 404 Squadron's simulation cell
- No new staff/ no fewer staff in the new squadron
- There is a single "up-rank" required, as the new squadron will need a squadron chief
- 14 SES Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Andre Gloumeau will lead discussion on contracted services and civilian support staff, and lay the foundation for the new squadron's future role
- MPEU Commanding Officer Major Bernie Thorne will focus on day-to-day operations of the new squadron, refocusing on currencies and output
- The new squadron will include four flights: long range patrol operational testing and evaluation, advanced tactics and operational liaison and acceptance; and an engineering component. Staffing will include approximately 35 air crew members - two qualified air crews 14 Wing can draw upon to meet a demanding operational requirement
- 10 Hangar will become the home for the majority of new squadron personnel and operations

pabilities. That struck me as a pretty stark solution, and it can't be looked at in isolation. There are significant overlaps between the various units within the long range patrol fleet."

Huddleston set up a working group at 14 Wing to come up with a different approach: no more bodies, no more money, but a defined role in not only the 14 Wing and long range patrol team, but in the Royal Canadian Air Force and Canadian Armed Forces. He presented this option to 1 Canadian Air Division officials in January: "the RCAF commander approved our plan in every detail," Huddleston said.

"We've convinced headquarters we know our business better and we can be trusted to do things that make sense for the betterment of the long range patrol community – with increased operational output as the ultimate goal."

A 400-series squadron to combine MPEU and 14 SES is targeted to stand up in 2015:

the next months and year will be busy – and, Huddleston admits, come with "pain and adjustment" – but transition planning has already begun.

"We've got 18 months to make sure we take full advantage of every person we have – we can't afford not to. The transitional period will be difficult, but come into this with an open mind: I've invested six months in this solution already. I'm not going to let it fail."

Huddleston also acknowledged the unit pride members of 14 SES and MPEU have carried for many years as critical elements of the long range patrol community, but "standing up a 400 squadron brings with it another storied history, and it will be one you can become part of."

"This is the point in time when we change the focus of our fleet, and take advantage of what this new CP140M can do. Leave today thinking this is a success story, and that it is just the first of many to come."

has been in question, and proposals have come and gone. The unit has become smaller and its mandate reduced. There's also been the feeling MPEU was 'plussed up' for Block III work, and that it was

'too fat.'

Last August, the "way ahead from the centre," Huddleston said, "was shut down SES and stand up a small associate deputy minister (materiel) detachment to replace its ca-

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L'équipe de soutien de l'ARC commence sa tournée nationale à la 14e Escadre

Sara Keddy,
rédactrice en chef

La tournée nationale des escadres de l'Aviation royale canadienne, qui a commencé à Greenwood du 17 au 20 février, est axée sur les familles.

Le commandant de l'ARC, le lieutenant-général Yvan Blondin, a mis sur pied une équipe pour effectuer le suivi d'un rapport de 2013 déposé par l'ombudsman militaire, plus particulièrement en ce qui a trait aux défis auxquels sont confrontées les Forces canadiennes en matière de communication de leurs responsabilités élargies aux conjoints, conjointes et enfants des militaires.

Le plus récent exercice d'observation sur le terrain des ressources de l'ARC s'était étendu sur deux ans, se terminant en 2010 lorsque le commandant de l'ARC à cette époque avait souhaité établir des normes visant des questions telles que le logement, la garde d'enfants et l'accès des familles aux soins de santé dans de nouvelles

collectivités. Cette nouvelle équipe de soutien aux familles ne fait que commencer ses activités.

« Nous avons de nombreuses organisations et beaucoup d'information, et la volonté d'Ottawa est d'utiliser ces programmes », a déclaré le lieutenant-colonel Jean Mallais, chef de l'équipe. « Nous ne voulons pas créer plus de programmes, nous souhaitons seulement utiliser ceux qui sont déjà en place ».

« Nous disséminons l'information et nous déployons tous les efforts pour sensibiliser les gens. S'occuper de nos familles fait partie des responsabilités de la direction. Nous n'apportons pas de soutien financier, mais nous transmettons à Winnipeg les préoccupations des familles. Elles sont ensuite transmises directement à Ottawa ».

L'équipe prévoit répéter le genre de visite qu'elle a effectuée à Greenwood à quatre ou cinq escadres annuellement au cours des trois prochaines années, la prochaine est pré-

vue à Shearwater : une séance de type « portes ouvertes » avec les familles pour entendre leurs préoccupations, l'occasion de transmettre de l'information sur les ressources disponibles de l'ARC ainsi qu'une évaluation du rythme du travail et de la vie au moyen de visites des secteurs des opérations et des programmes de soutien, dont les centres de ressources pour les familles des militaires et les branches du programme de soutien du personnel.

Le capitaine (aumônier) Gordon Mintz mentionne que les visites à « trois piliers » sont conçues pour soutenir les programmes et familles de l'ARC, et pour trouver des domaines d'amélioration.

« L'objectif de la visite n'est pas que la collecte d'information; il s'agit plutôt d'un échange », déclare le Capt Mintz. « Nous avons rencontré des entités nationales et nous voulons tous mettre l'épaule à la même roue, au niveau régional. Et, nous pouvons défendre les intérêts des fa-

milles. Nous pouvons déceler les écarts et les communiquer en amont ».

Le Lcol Mallais et l'équipe ont travaillé sans relâche pendant trois jours à la 14e Escadre Greenwood, comme le souligne la séance du 18 février avec les familles.

« Je ne crois pas qu'aucun point soulevé ne pourrait être qualifié de critique », mentionna-t-il, soulignant l'abondance de ressources, dont les lignes sans frais, les sites Web, les brochures, les publications, les centres, les installations, les médias sociaux, etc. Cette même abondance pourrait constituer un défi pour les familles à la recherche d'information.

L'équipe signale immédiatement tout ce qui leur est rapporté : « il n'est pas sensé de déposer un rapport final proposant des solutions dans trois ans », a déclaré le Lcol Mallais.

« Si nous aidons une seule famille, notre tâche en aura valu la peine », a ajouté le Capt Mintz.

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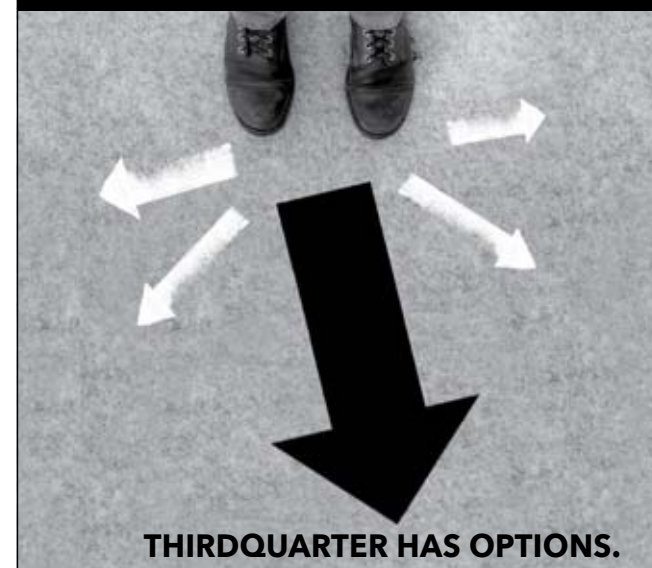
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The RCAF travelling Family Support team had a full three days at 14 Wing Greenwood, meeting personnel, visiting with families and the community and checking out how wider resources and programs are viewed by them all. From left, back row, are David Elias, public affairs; Warrant Officer Marie Bailey and Major Neil Cameron. In the front are Captain (Padre) Gordon Mintz and Lieutenant-Colonel Jean Mallais, team lead.

S.Keddy

L'équipe mobile de soutien aux familles de l'ARC a passé trois journées complètes à la 14e Escadre Greenwood, rencontrant le personnel, visitant les familles et la collectivité, et recueillant leurs opinions sur les ressources et programmes. De gauche à droite, rangée arrière : David Elias, affaires publiques; Adj Marie Bailey et Maj Neil Cameron. À l'avant : le capitaine (aumônier) Gordon Mintz et le lieutenant-colonel Jean Mallais, chef d'équipe.

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Along with the non-stop entertainment on March 15 we'll have food and beverage specials, offering a 20% discount to 14 Wing Greenwood employees with a military ID or Wing Mess card on food purchases. Admission to St. Paddy's celebration is a donation to the Upper Room Food Bank, Kingston.

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Swimming - 14 Wing Greenwood Fitness & Sport Centre
March 11, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
March 12, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
March 13, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

March 14, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
March 21, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
March 28, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Skating - Greenwood Gardens Arena
March 10, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
March 11, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

March 12, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
March 13, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

March 22, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
March 23, 11 a.m. to noon

Bowling - Greenwood Bowling Centre
March 16, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
March 23, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

March 30, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Take a break: youth fun all week

This March break, 14 Wing Greenwood Community Centre staff are hosting a range of daily events for pre-teens, and younger children (ages five to eight) – plus a week ending talent show and silent auction for the whole family. We ask that you please pre-register (call 765-8165 or email speialevents@eastlink.ca) for each event so we can plan and buy supplies as needed. We hope to see your children out and about!

Pre-teen activities

March 10 Bowling (1 p.m. to 3 p.m.) We will be going downstairs to the Greenwood Bowling Centre for a fun afternoon of bowling. Cost is \$5.

March 11 Crafts (1 p.m. to 3 p.m.) Bring your imagination with you, as we will be making some neat items to take home. Cost is \$2.

March 12 Gym games (1 p.m. to 3 p.m.) Don't forget your sneakers, because we will be working up a sweat in the gym! Free fun all afternoon.

March 13 Ross Farm (9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.) We will be taking a bus to Ross Farm Museum, where we will learn about our past and try some tasty treats! Transportation, a farm pass and lunch (water and a hot dog) are included in the \$20 fee.

March 14 Fear Factor (noon to 3 p.m.) Come show us how tough you are! We will be playing lots of activities involving some icky, slimy and even jiggly things. Cost is \$4.

March 15 Talent Show & Silent Auction (1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) This is an event for the whole family! Come out and watch some local talent, have a snack and bid on some amazing items. Cost is \$5.

Children ages five to eight are invited for three mornings of fun at the centre, 9 a.m. to noon, March 10, 12 and 14. The cost is \$6 per day plus tax, or \$15 plus tax for all three days.

March 10, we will be doing crafts while getting to know everyone.

March 12, play some fun games in the gym and take a trip outside to the playground. Don't forget to bring both indoor sneakers and warm clothes for outside.

March 14, we will be having a dance and enjoying some yummy treats.

Families may also enjoy more time in the pool, as the **Fitness & Sports Centre** will offer additional casual swim times through March break. March 10 through 14, between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., the pool is open to the public.



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Charlotte Tagg, explaining her project to Sergeant Laraway and Master Corporal Detchevery. Master Corporal R. Wilson, 404 Squadron

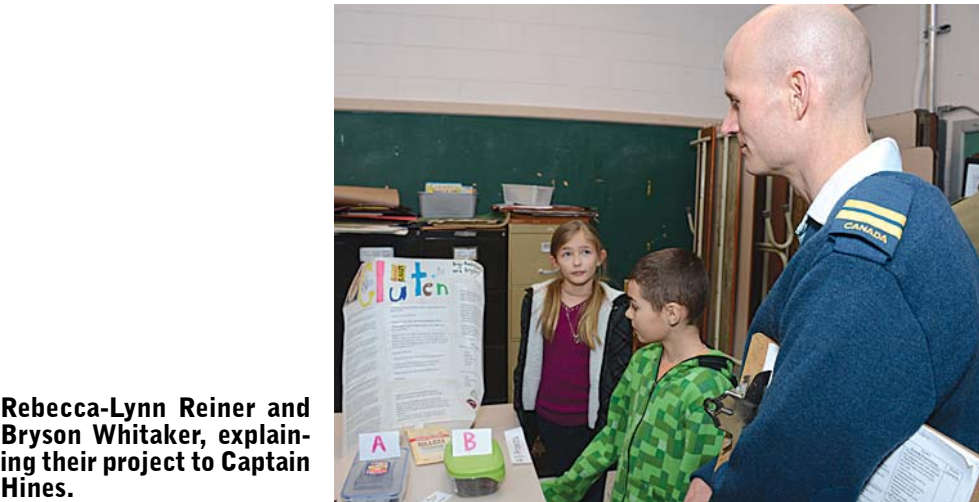
Science smarts

Dwight Ross Elementary School recently held its annual Project Fair February 26, inviting special guests from 404 Squadron, 14 Wing Greenwood, to help with the judging. Warrant Officer Patoine, Sergeant Laraway, Master Corporal Belbin, Captain Hines and Master Corporal Stockman ensured the success of this day for all participants. In addition, the commanding officer of 404 Squadron, Lieutenant-Colonel David Proteau, and Squadron Chief Warrant Officer Ian Smith viewed the projects and were impressed by their quality. Many budding scientists presented excellent projects

that included both research and experiment based projects. A broad range of subjects were covered, including the rain forest, crystals, water filtration and acid rain. The judges were forced to make some tough decisions between some excellent projects. The top three projects in the Grades 4-5 category will go on to the regional science fair.



Warrant Officer Patoine, Sergeant Laraway and Master Corporal Detchevery making their decision.



Rebecca-Lynn Reiner and Bryson Whitaker, explaining their project to Captain Hines.



Owen Hines explaining his project to Sergeant Laraway. Master Corporal R. Wilson, 404 Squadron

Correction

The Aurora Newspaper March 3, in the article “Play strong at Greenwood arena,” about the new THRIVE healthy eating initiative at the Greenwood Gardens canteen; incorrectly identified Greenwood Figure Skating Club president Rob Johnson in the accompanying photo. We apologize for the error.

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The combined Wing Administration/ Wing Command team throws up its bows following hockey action.

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Chief Warrant Officer Lise Ward checks out the results of the beard growing competition.

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Carnival comics, camaraderie showcase wing's best

Padre Gord Poley,
Winter Carnival committee

I had lived here in Greenwood for a couple of years before I experienced my first 14 Wing Greenwood Winter Carnival. "I am too busy to take part," I said. I had no idea what I was missing: the fun, the talent, the foolishness, the camaraderie, the memorable moments.... It was all first rate. In fact, last year's events were so impressive, I volunteered for this year's organizing committee.

Now, Winter Carnival has come and gone. Our clear and undisputable Winter Carnival champion is Team Hanna-Barbara from 413 Squadron, which defended its title and were the only team NOT to finish last in any of the disciplines.

Each team won bragging rights in one event or another: Wing Logistics and Engineering won the cherished hockey tournament, the Greenwood Amazing Race and the hilarious Wing Commander's Revenge in the pool. 14 Air Maintenance Squadron displayed its artistic talents through their DC Comics theme in the ice painting contest. The Fantastic Four (Maritime Proving and Evaluation Unit, 14 Software Engineering Squadron, Wing Operations and 404 Squadron) showed speed in the pool relay and finesse at the crud table. Wing Administration was tops in curling, the escapades, the pep rally and euchre, demonstrating why they were this year's runner-ups. And, 405 Squadron stole the coveted lip sync contest with Super Mario, Princess Peach and Donkey Kong.

The 15 different carnival competitions are diverse and require a different skill set, and no team cleaned up in every event. Every team demonstrated they were the best in something, and every team exposed weaknesses in certain activities. Call me sentimental, but isn't there an analogy here with all the different trades on the wing, and how we need each others' skill sets to complete the mission? Winter Carnival is a celebration of each other's giftedness, and using

those gifts together in community.

The Monday following Winter Carnival, 14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Iain Huddleston credited the success of this year's events to two factors: organization and leadership. When 413 Squadron was declared the winner of this year's carnival, I overheard one of the victors say it was due to the inspiration of Lieutenant-Colonel Scott Murphy. I will admit seeing the CO parade around in that disturbing Betty Rubble get-up certainly demonstrated he would do anything for the morale and welfare of his squadron, but, let's face it: the wing command team's members all jumped in with carnival spirit.

The other key to success was organization. Obviously there were many volunteers who gave countless hours. At the top were committee co-chairmen, captains Craig Lewis and Paul Morck, who fielded more curve balls and surprises than anticipated. Thanks for your persistence, guys. It was well worth it in the end.

We again received gracious sponsorship support from our community and business sector. Major sponsors included Sharon Simoneau at Investors Group, The Aurora Newspaper, McDonalds, Canadian Tire, Exit Reality, IMP, TD Bank, Tim Horton's, and Frasers Pro Home Centre. Top sponsor was Best Toyota in Kentville, and owners Jeff and Julie Best assisted Huddleston and Wing Chief Warrant Officer Pierrot Jetté in judging the lip sync contest - a night they said they would not soon forget.

Due to sponsorship support, 35 names were drawn on the Friday night for various prizes. Winners of the smaller prizes were thrown back into the ballet box for the final three grand prizes, and here are your grand prize winners: Captain Maxime Senecal, 404 Squadron, won the \$1,000 Tripcentral.ca voucher; Master Corporal Clinton Lewis, 413 Squadron, won the snow blower; and Major Illo Neri, Wing Operations, won the X-BOX Game Console.

Colonel Iain Huddleston, left, Chief Warrant Officer Ian Smith and Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Proteau man the breakfast buffet

Master Corporal D.Neuman, 14 Wing Imaging



Mayhem on ice in the annual Escapades show.

Corporal G.Cormier,
14 Wing Imaging



In the pool for the Wing Commander's Revenge Challenge....

Corporal J.Therrien, 14 Wing Imaging



2014 golf memberships on sale

Welcome to the 2014 golf season at your 14 Wing Greenwood Golf Club.

Rates for the 2014 season have been set, and we continue to offer our 12-month payment plan that allows you to spread out your fees between April to March 2015. To start a payroll plan in April and take advantage of the full 12 months, you need to

sign up before March 14. If you sign up before April 14, you can get 11 months - and so on.

We offer many options to suit all your golfing needs in addition to power cart/ driving range plans. This season we are also offering a family golf rate to encourage the whole family to participate and keep active.

The office opens March 10, so come out and see us about your membership. Please give the office a call at (902) 765-1494 local 5880 to get all the details. The 14 Wing Greenwood Golf Club will continue to be an exceptional course and a great value.

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mars alors venez nous voir au sujet de votre adhésion. Veuillez nous contacter au bureau au (902) 765-1494 poste 5880 pour obtenir tous les détails. Le Club de golf de la 14e Escadre Greenwood continue d'être un parcours exceptionnel et d'une grande valeur.

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Jammin' on the ice

The Greenwood IP Jamboree occurred February 22. A team from the South Shore, a team from Clare and teams from the local area participated in this great day. A total of 14 teams participated. A big thank you to all the parents who made this day a success!

Le Jamboree de Greenwood pour le programme d'initiation a eu lieu le 22 février. Une équipe de South Shore, une équipe de Clare et des équipes locales ont participé à cette journée spéciale. Un total de 14 équipes ont participé. Un gros merci aux parents qui ont rendu cette journée possible!

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16. Sent by USPS
18. A Communist
19. Southern swearword
20. Get free
21. North northeast
22. Uncommon
23. Commit anew
26. Lion, goat & serpent
30. Irregularly notched
31. Lessened
32. Constitution Hall ladies
33. Fidelity
34. Mother of pearl
39. Help
42. Arouse passion
44. Avoid
46. About roof of the mouth
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2. Organization of C. American States (abbr.)
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5. Champagne river
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7. Amber dessert wine
8. Indian plaid cloth
9. Equalize
10. Guillemot
- ACROSS**
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51. Rouse from sleep
56. El Dorado High School
57. Golf ball stand
58. Tranquil
59. Pear shaped instrument
60. Anger
61. Raja wives
62. Dashes
63. Cardboard box (abbr.)
64. Human frame (slang)
- DOWN**
11. Of sound mind
13. Irish elf
17. Makes tractors
24. Father
25. Bachelor's button
26. Vacuum tube
27. Of she
28. Wedding words
29. Em
35. Pie __ mode
36. Feline
37. Sandhurst
38. Snakelike fish
40. Crackbrained
41. Last course
42. Indicates near
43. Indian given name
44. Ordinal after 7th
45. Young women (Scot.)
47. "Taming of the Shrew" city
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Luncheon
March 11, the Kingston Lions host a community noon luncheon at the Lions' hall, noon to 1 p.m. Come out and enjoy chicken supreme, mashed potatoes and fixings, coffee, tea and dessert. Cost is \$8 at the door or \$8.50 delivered (deliveries must be ordered by 10:30 a.m., (902) 765-2128). For info, email klionsclub@gmail.com.

Meeting
March 11, 7 p.m., join Mid-Valley Palliative Care Services for its annual meeting in the Founders' Room, Soldiers' Memorial Hospital. Storm date March 18.

Dinner
March 14, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., enjoy a pork loin supper in support of the Activity Department of Heart of the Valley Long Term Care Facility at Emmanuel Congregational Church, 37 Gates Ave., Middleton. \$12 per person. Takeout available; delivery may be arranged within the town of Middleton. Reservations recommended: call Sally, (902) 825-3087 or Pat, (902) 825-3823.

Breakfast
March 15, enjoy breakfast at the Aylesford United Church, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Freewill offering. Sponsored by the Committee of Stewards for church expenses. Everyone welcome.

Autism event
March 15, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., it's the first Bowl for Autism Awareness Bowl-a-thon at the Greenwood Bowling Centre. Registration (or pledge amount) of \$20 per person covers bowling, shoe rental, T-shirt. Lots of prizes to be won. All money raised stays in the Valley to support families living with an autism spectrum disorder diagnosis. Pre-registration required by March 1 to guarantee T-shirts and prizes. To learn more or register, contact the Annapolis Valley Chapter at (902) 375-3031, avautism@gmail.com or Stephanie at Stephanie.hutchings@hotmail.ca.

Supper
March 15, 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., All Saints' Church will be holding a St. Patrick's Day dinner, Pleasant Street, Kingston (turn west off Bridge Street). Menu: stuffed pork loin, mashed potatoes, turnip, carrots, peas, gravy and dessert. \$12 tickets available from Gordie Skanes, (902) 242-2949 and Aline McNeil (902) 765-8801. All are welcome.



Top member

Al MacDonald was presented with Royal Canadian Legion 098 Kingston's Legionnaire of the Year award (the Doucette Award) February 24 by branch awards chairperson Linda Desmond.

Variety music night
March 22, the Kingston Lions Club presents a variety music night at the Kingston Lions Hall, 7 p.m. Cost is \$5, ticket sales at the door commencing at 6 p.m. Canteen and 50/ 50 ticket sales. Featuring performances by Ron Muise & Country Sounds, Wanda Beaudoin and Bernie & Jackie and Karen. Phone 765-2128.

Dessert, card party
March 24, 12:30 p.m. for a 1 p.m. start, the Kingston and District Health Auxiliary will hold a dessert and card party at the Kingston Lions' hall. Tickets at the door, or from Janet Rawding. Bridge, 45s, euchre and many other card games. Come out for a great time

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Concert of hymns
March 28, 7:30 p.m., there will be a concert of 100 years of hymns celebrating the 100th anniversary of Kingston United Church (733 Main Street). Organist and choir director David Skidmore will direct the Kingston Pastoral Charge Choir, along with audience participation. Admission \$5.

Sports & recreation fair
March 29, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., join us at the 14 Wing Greenwood Community Centre to register for your favourite spring and summer recreation and sport activities. Registration, children's activities and fun! Don't miss out on this opportunity to meet with members of local recreation clubs and sign up for everything in one stop.

Cemetery history
Are your ancestors buried in the Tremont cemeteries? The Tremont Community Cemetery Society would love for you to share their stories/ photos. Contact 1stladymuise@gmail.com or (902) 765-2642.

Crib
Wednesdays, 7 p.m., join the Berwick Crib Club at the Berwick Lions' hall, KMCC (Apple Dome), 250 Veterans' Drive, Berwick.

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sudoku

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March 9 - March 15

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
This week you need to be the follower instead of the leader, Aries. It may be difficult to go against your normal grain, but it is for the best. Keep an open mind.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Your confidence may wane sometime this week, Taurus, but some friends will boost your morale to help you get back on your feet. Saturday will be a big day.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, certain things that have to get done this week are out of your realm of expertise. Do your best to tackle these projects but have a helper on hand just in case.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you have a lot on your plate, but you don't know where to start. Make a list of your tasks, and it will help you better tackle one thing at a time until you are all done.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, learn to laugh at yourself as a means to relieving stress. Things can't always be serious, so lighten up and take some time to relax. Work with Virgo this week.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Give yourself a much-deserved break, Virgo. You've been working non-stop for the last several months, and now is a great time to take a vacation or enjoy a weekend getaway.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
You don't have all of the answers, Libra, so don't even think about saying you do. Relationship concerns are at the forefront of your mind lately.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, it might be hard to bite your tongue, but that's just what you have to do this week. Wait until you are called on for help before you get involved.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Take a few days to get all of your affairs in order, Sagittarius. Use this time to adjust to some changes that have happened over the last several weeks.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Burning the candle at both ends again, Capricorn? This is not the best way to get things done. Take a more steady approach, and give yourself time to recover.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, you can't put your finger on it, but something positive seems to be on the horizon. The truth will reveal itself in the next few days.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
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sudoku solution

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patrick's puzzle

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Students heading south with outreach agenda

Sara Keddy,
Managing editor

A group of local youth are ready to get their hands dirty, building a new home for a family in the Dominican Republic.

Fifteen West Kings students and three adults, including school teacher Chris Lugar, are travelling south over March break as part of a Servant's Heart Ministries mission. Servant's Heart is a non-profit, non-denominational association based in Kentville; Lugar joined one of its missions last summer.

"It's 'voluntourism,' but it's way more than that," Lugar says. "I felt it was a wonderful opportunity for students, their development and some leadership training."

He organized a group of West Kings students, who



Ramona's house, built on Chris Lugar's 2013 trip to the Dominican Republic on the same service trip. Submitted

will be joined by his wife and another adult volunteer for this independent trip, and they've put in months of effort fundraising for the service trip as a group. They have raised over \$12,000 through car washes, BBQs, concerts, dinners and

more.

While in the Dominican Republic, the group will work on a new home – a structure Lugar describes as half the size of a single-car garage – for a family, replacing the shack-style home they may

have been living in. The group will also be supporting an outreach program that helps younger teenage girls, ages 12 to 14, consider options other than legalized prostitution for their futures. Those projects will occupy half-days, with opportunities the rest of the days to visit a girls' school and seniors' home, a national park and local villages, and shop for a few essentials and special items for the family who will move into the newly-built home.

Youth participating include Chloe Clark, Conor Ryan, Meghan Breckon, Morgan McAloney, Sam Lutz, Renee Doucet, Kyle Gordon, Chris Jamieson, Natalie Palmer, Corinne Sauve, Natalie Burns, Merissa MacNeill, Tessa Leonard, Chris Lugar and Xiao-li Leppard.



Fundraising events the group hosted in the community helped them on their way to a \$12,000 goal. Submitted

Auxiliary work adds up

Volunteers with the Kingston & District Health Auxiliary would like to applaud, again, the wonderful support received from the community, from both business friends and area residents, through 2013.

The auxiliary's various fundraisers, including regular coffee parties, the September ticket auction and November silent auction (which together netted \$3,618.85) and other events enabled the following donations: Victorian Order of Nurses, \$2,500; Mid-Valley Palliative Care, \$2,000; Soldiers' Memorial Hospital Foundation, \$4,900; Soldiers' Memorial Hospital physio, \$300; Soldiers' Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, \$60; Valley Regional Hospital, \$2,500; Valley Regional Hospital Special Campaign, \$500; Fidelis House, \$300; and Valley Cardiac Rehab, \$300.

Winners of the year's lotteries were Pat McCall (Sobey's Gift Card) and Adora Parsons (Gas Card). Congratulations!

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Youth art, ideas



Submitted
From left, artists and idea adds Gracie Avery, Gillian Avery and Dana Avery.

March 1, Ashley Parsons hosted a community intervention at the 14 Wing Greenwood Community Centre, using art as a way for youth to express their feelings about community. Parsons, a Cape Breton University student, is taking a course relating to community work. Youth came up with ideas of what community means to them, and then painted their ideas on a large sheet of paper. They titled their results “Amazing Youth,” and included some great pictures - figure skates, soccer balls, diving boards, horses and, in the centre, a world with people standing all around it. Everyone’s hand prints were added, making the painting that much more colourful. Some of the youth got really involved in this painting, taking control and helping others come up with ideas. Twelve youth took part, and their work is now on one of the main walls in the community centre for anyone who would like to have a viewing. Youth really seemed to enjoy painting and using their own ideas, and the centre hopes to repeat similar activities in the future.



Hannah MacLeod adds her handprint to the youth handiwork.

Braniff’s second book out

A Greenwood author’s inaugural writing has turned into a series, with the second installment in The Rebellion Writings, The Stage, published February 22 by Nevermore Press. Jaden Braniff, a Canadian Armed Forces corporal with CFB Greenwood’s 14 Wing Telecommunications and Information Services Squadron, released The Publisher in June 2013. The anticipated three-book series starts in the not-so-distant future, when the government is business, and the population is com-

placent: “Conspiring in the shadows of a semi-utopian society, The Producer plans a concealed revolution that will change the meaning of our existence.” In the follow-up, The Stage, the effects of The Producer’s awakening have not been fully realized, and the protagonist must find his way across closed borders to track a friend that has gone rogue. The Producer and The Stage are currently available on Amazon, expected to be available in paperback soon.

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