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Strengthening ties so 'That Others May Live'

**Lieutenant (Navy)
Sylvain Rousseau,
14 Wing Public
Affairs Officer**

John F. Kennedy once said: "We are tied to the ocean. And when we go back to the sea, whether it is to sail or to watch – we are going back from whence we came."

Residents from Southern Nova Scotia can certainly relate to Kennedy's thoughts. Every year, lobster fishing season sends many back to sea - fishermen and rescuers alike - and the connections between them is stronger than you'd think.

Major Scott Dennis, a Hercules pilot, and Lieutenant Brad Harding, an air combat

systems officer, both with 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron, are based at 14 Wing Greenwood. Most of both men's immediate family resides in Yarmouth. Both CC130 Hercules crew members were back "home," patrolling the ocean November 28 for the opening day of the region's lobster fishing season.

"It's a privilege to be able to serve my country and local community in my professional capacity as a pilot providing search and rescue. With respect to 'dumping day,' we know guys on the boats, we have family on the boats and it's personal to us

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Pilot Major Scott Dennis (right), 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron, talks with his dad, Ken Dennis, a volunteer spotter with the Civil Air Search and Rescue Association, onboard a Hercules CC130 aircraft during the opening of the lobster fishing season off Southern Nova Scotia November 28.

Master Corporal J. Maheu, 14 Wing Imaging

Transformed Aurora making an impact

14 Wing Greenwood's Aurora aircraft were front and centre during a technical briefing November 27 with Colonel Daniel Constable, Commander Joint Task Force-Iraq, on Royal Canadian Air

Force activity as part of coalition efforts that degrade the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant in support of Iraqi security forces.

Since the end of October (to December 3), RCAF air-

craft have flown 149 sorties. CF18 fighter aircraft have conducted 94 sorties. The C150T aerial refueller has conducted 26 sorties, delivering some 1,289,000 pounds of fuel to coalition aircraft.

The CP140 Aurora reconnaissance aircraft have conducted 29 reconnaissance missions.

November 30, coalition missions were conducted in an ISIL-controlled area, south-south-east of Mosul,

in support of Iraqi security forces ground operations. November 28, coalition missions were conducted in support of Iraqi security forces ground operations in the vicinity of Hit, Anbar Province. Canadian

CF188 Hornets struck ISILs position using precision-guided munitions on both dates.

Given its enhanced capabilities, the Auroras provide excellent intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance

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Aurora impact...

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support. Since air operations in Libya as part of Operation Mobile in 2011, the modernized Auroras, with a new mission computer and sensors, have completed testing and have achieved an operational capability enabling them to be deployed in support of Operation Impact. These benefits include access to the new onboard radar that mimics high resolution photography, better electro-optics and sensors, improved battle damage assessment and high grade images and videos of targets,

which has transformed the Aurora aircraft into a highly capable, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance platform. Sensors can see through a range of visual spectrums, including ISIL's camouflage attempts. This information is then fed to intelligence personnel for analysis and dissemination.

ISIL has continued to use IEDs to attack Iraqi forces in Fallujah, in Baiji and in Baghdad. ISIL has become defensive and its progress has been hindered. They are trying to hold onto their position in West Iraq, but have suffered

significant losses at the hands of Kurdish and Iraqi security forces.

Advances are being made by Iraqi forces, who've regained control of the town of Baiji, the same location where CF18s engaged targets earlier in November. In the north, Iraqi forces have made gains in towns such as Sa'adiya.

There are approximately 80 14 Wing personnel deployed with the base's Aurora aircraft. They left at the end of October for what is expected to be a six-month commitment to the international coalition.



Fire service

Wing Administration Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Ted Cosstick, left; 14 Wing Fire & Emergency Services Chief Captain Bruce Paradis and Chief Warrant Officer Denis Flamand, right; November 28 presented Chester Orde with the Fire Warden of the Year Certificate at the Annapolis Mess.

Leading Seaman E.Jorge, 14 Wing Imaging

Strengthening ties...

...cover

- and a responsibility we take seriously," says Dennis.

The opening of the fishing season also provided an opportunity to requalify volunteer spotters from the Civil Air Search and Rescue Association (CASARA), which sent three of its members on the Hercules to work with the crew. 413 Squadron has an intimate working relationship with CASARA in the Maritimes and Newfoundland/Labrador. Both the Hercules and the Cormorant carry out annual visits to each of the zones in the Halifax Search and Rescue Region to assist in the training of CASARA

members.

"A super training opportunity that I would strongly recommend to any CASARA member that has the opportunity to take the time to attend," said Cato Hansen, one of the three CASARA spotters joining this patrol.

But the relationship with CASARA is more than that for Dennis; his father, Ken Dennis, is also a CASARA spotter. The senior Dennis, born in Yarmouth and with 26 years of Canadian Armed Forces' experience of his own and a retired warrant officer, took advantage of this opportunity to work alongside his son.

So far through 2014, 413 Squadron has rescued 23

people in immediate danger of losing their lives – as well as one dog. Personnel have hoisted sailors off boats, dropped equipment to sinking vessels, searched the mountains for crashed airplanes and have parachuted into scenes at night under flares. They also dropped food and fuel to 21 stranded Inuit hunters, including nine children.

"We can drop radios, equipment and SAR-Techs to surface targets," says Dennis. "If a boat is taking on water, we can drop pumps to assist in managing the situation. If the situation can't be controlled with pumps, we can drop life rafts, food and water. If the people require medical

assistance, we can insert SAR-Techs via parachute or hoist to provide immediate medical triage and stabilize the patient."

Recently, just three days into this year's lobster season, while the CC130 Hercules provided top cover to the rescue and acted as a communications and command platform, a CH149 Cormorant helicopter hoisted a 31-year-old male from the Fishing Addition and air evacuated him to the Yarmouth Regional Hospital.

The Canadian search and rescue system is one of the best in the world, primarily because of the cooperation and teamwork demonstrated



Air combat systems officer Lieutenant Bradley Harding (left), 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron, onboard a Hercules CC130 aircraft during the opening of Lobster Fishing Area 33 off Southern Nova Scotia November 28.

Master Corporal J.Maheu, 14 Wing Imaging

by the Royal Canadian Air Force, the Canadian Coast Guard and the network of government and civilian organizations and volunteers that make up the SAR system.



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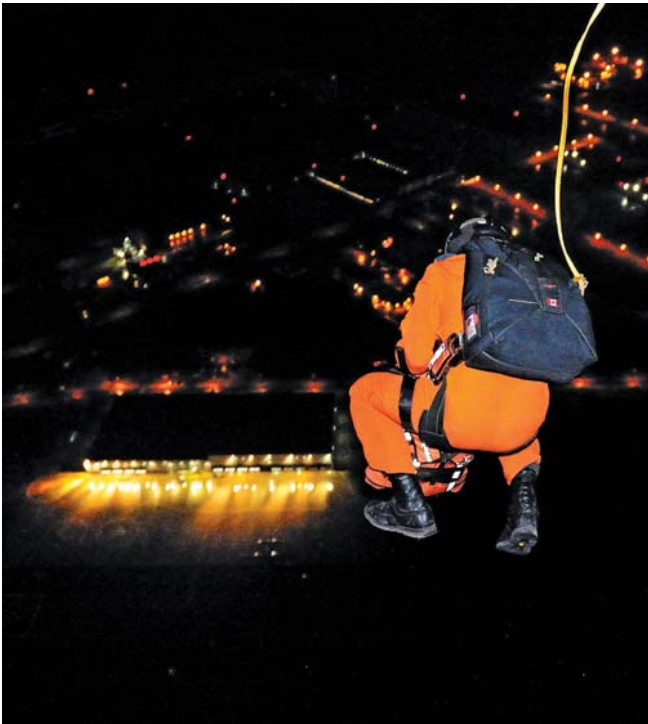
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Dark drills

413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron search and rescue technicians practiced night drills November 20 over 14 Wing Greenwood during a mini jump camp.

Master Corporal Johanie Maheu,
14 Wing Imaging



Master Corporal Chris Martin (right) fixes the static line on the parachute of Master Corporal Rob Featherstone.

Atlantic Logistics Branch Integrator visits

Captain Jerrica Cull,
Transportation and
Electrical and Mechanical
Engineering Squadron

November 20, 14 Wing Greenwood hosted the newly appointed Logistics Branch Integrator, Colonel Angelia Banville, and the Colonel-Commandant of the Logistics Branch, Lieutenant General (retired) William Leach, to visit and meet logisticians employed around the base.

The aim of the visit was for Banville and Leach to meet as many logisticians at 14 Wing as possible and find out what they are doing to support Canadian Armed Forces operations, to foster branch esprit de corps through a small presentation and to provide members the opportunity to meet Banville and Leach during a town hall.

The integrator position is mandated by the Armed Forces Council to develop a branch training and personnel management framework that ensures tactical and functional requirements are addressed within the logistics training system, and to inculcate an enduring operational focus that meets the needs of the



Colonel Angelia Banville, Logistics Branch Integrator and Logistic Branch Advisor, presents Corporal Peter Gimblett with a Gold 500,000 kilometer collision-free award from the Department of National Defence during a town hall at the Birchall Centre, 14 Wing Greenwood, November 20.

Corporal N. Clarkson, 14 Wing Imaging

environmental commanders and fosters the “warrior spirit” within the branch.

Banville’s visit started with an officer’s breakfast, followed by a series of visits to different locations around the wing, including Wing Replenishment Squadron, Transportation and Electrical and Mechanical

Engineering Squadron, Wing Comptroller, Wing Administration, the Birchall Centre and the Annapolis Mess.

After the tour, Banville and Leach conducted a town hall, where Banville presented four

Logistics Branch Integrator coins for logistician excellence to Master Corporal Donaldson from WTEME, Corporal Pontbriand from WTEME, Corporal Smith from WReplen and Private Baillie from WAdmin. A prestigious presentation to one of WTEME’s operators, Corporal Peter Gimblett, followed: he was presented the Gold Pin for having 500,000 kilometres of collision-free driving. Banville concluded with a presentation about the future of the branch. Leach addressed the audience with insightful information of his duties and obligations.

14 Wing Logistics and Engineering Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Richardson thanked Banville and Leach for their time and interest in 14 Wing’s operational support capabilities.

The visit was a success, and the branch thanks the command team and section OPIs for their time and arrangements, providing a snapshot of logisticians’ work here at 14 Wing in support of long range patrol and search and rescue operations.

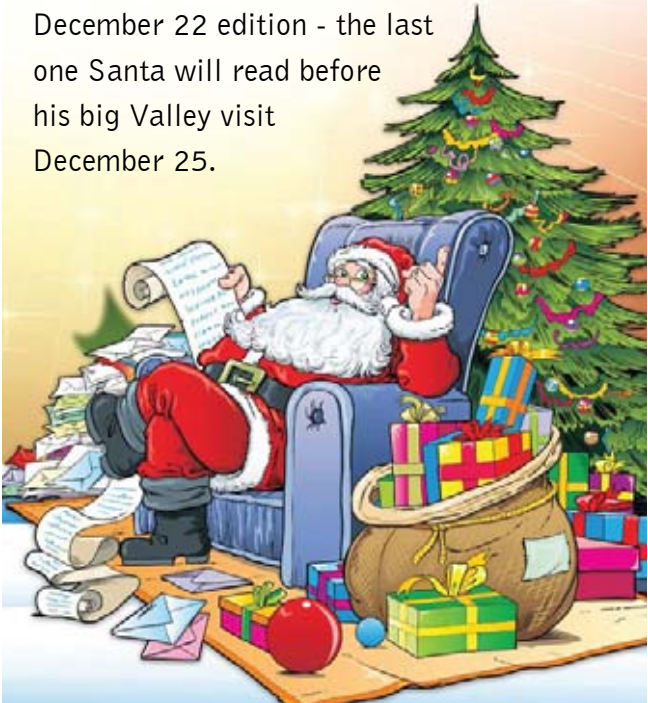


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Writers should hand deliver their 50-word maximum length letter to our front desk, including their full name, age and home community; along with a photo of themselves if they like. A parent’s name and phone number must be included for those writers under age 18.

We will publish all letters in the December 22 edition - the last one Santa will read before his big Valley visit December 25.





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Get out and play



The 5th National Sports Day in Canada November 28 was a chance to get out and play for 14 Wing Greenwood defence team members, with a full schedule of indoor and outdoor fitness activities to join in on. Non-competitive curling, ball hockey, flag football, a five-kilometre fun run and volleyball kept the fun event light. All gathered at noon for a group photo, sporting their favourite jerseys. 14 Wing Greenwood Community Centre day camp youth also enjoyed their own sports-themed day. In total, over 500 people took part in events.



Corporal J. Kennedy, 14 Wing Imaging

Plan, prevent and protect guests – and yourself – at holiday parties

**Sara Keddy,
Managing editor**

Health Promotion director Lisa White packed a pile of safe-party planning and hosting tips into a seasonally-focused seminar November 26.

She regularly offers standard wellness and education programs around alcohol and drug use, nutrition and healthy living, but this presentation took advantage of the Canadian Armed Forces' Addictions Awareness Campaign November 12 to 26 and teed-off the round of holiday-related work and personal gatherings on people's calendars.

"Why is it important to keep your parties safe?" she asked. "It reduces injury, violence and death; there are liability issues to think about, it reduces work-related alcohol problems and improves the organization's image."

All kinds of reasons: personal and, important for the Canadian Armed Forces, pro-

fessional. White said past CAF events that may have included alcohol have changed their focus and practice.

"We have non-alcoholic options, we always have food at Mess events, we have safe-ride programs and trained safe servers responsible for serving alcohol at events. We want to make sure, if we're going to be serving alcohol at some of our events, we do it safely."

Adding to her message were guests from 14 Wing's 31 Military Police Flight, Master Corporal Len Yuill, and Chief Warrant Officer Ian Smith, a volunteer trainer with White's addictions-related programming.

"It's no secret wing units know we'll be out there at the gates when there is an event on," Yuill said. "It's harm reduction and prevention. The biggest thing is, as the host or the guest, you've got to plan ahead."

His tips included hosts setting an example by remaining

sober, whether it's a personal party or a work-related event and you are the host. Activities should not all focus on alcohol: have options, food and other beverages. If you are serving alcohol, you need a responsible bartender or server, and pay attention to anyone who appears too be drinking too much.

"Call the police, or use your rank to stop people from drinking and driving. It's hard to answer how much is too much to drive: I wouldn't advise any."

Smith said the CAF as a whole has remedial measures in place if alcohol-related incidents occur, and action can seem drastic: "If you are checked by police and blow over .05 blood alcohol content, that's reported to your chain of command. Where you work – here – there are planes being flown. Pilots, if there is a problem, they have to abstain for the rest of their career." Personnel who report for duty after the "night before" are less productive, and could even be



Chief Warrant Officer Ian Smith, left; Health Promotion director Lisa White and 31 Military Police Flight Master Corporal Len Yuill teamed up to talk safe holiday parties at a 14 Wing education seminar November 26, during the Canadian Armed Forces' Addictions Awareness Campaign.

S.Keddy

dangerous in the workplace from lack of sleep and lingering alcohol in their system.

Responsibility and repercussions from alcohol-related incidents can be just as important to consider at home,

White said, reviewing some legal examples where hosts were found to have had a role in injury, accidents and death that could be related to alcohol they served.

"Be aware," White said. "If

you take the proper steps and look at risk management and your duty to care – personally and as a workplace, if you take steps to eliminate those risks, you are less liable.

"Ignorance is no defence."

One force to another

Sergeant Steve Gillett of Halifax Regional Police presents a Certificate of Appreciation to 14 Wing Greenwood's Logistic Branch members November 26 at 14 Wing Greenwood headquarters. Logistics personnel helped police by shredding five triwalls of old police equipment, riot helmets and shields which were no longer used.

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Extra effort ensures wing work done well

**Sara Keddy,
Managing editor**

November 25, 14 Wing Greenwood took a moment to recognize the achievements and service of outstanding personnel in a quarterly honours and awards ceremony at the Annapolis Mess.

In an understatement following the October push to deploy 80 members and aircraft with Operation Impact, and continuing efforts to support the deployment, Wing Commander Colonel Iain Huddleston said “we’ve got a lot of things going on on the wing, and we don’t get half as much time as we’d like to focus on them. It’s very important – and it’s a lot of fun. We see the good folk recognized for long service and significant contributions.”

Wing Commander’s Commendations specifically highlight 14 Wing personnel achievements, and the first example of that was recognition for Wing Replenishment’s MCO-D Section, responsible for the coordination of kitting deployment kits for Operation Impact personnel. Eighteen names were called as the team effort was acknowledged.

“I don’t think anyone is missing from that section,” Huddleston said. “This is the best part of Supply recognized for their support of Op Impact – and it’s not over.

“There is a huge strain on the

wing, and we’re very proud of the way the wing has stepped forward.”

The crypto-vault personnel with Wing Telecommunications and Information Services Squadron were commended for “great credit to 14 Wing” in their performance supporting two dozen crypto sites, 15 recurring exercises and maintaining over 1,200 pieces of communications security equipment.

Master Corporal Jared Tozer from 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron was recognized for coordinating the squadron’s annual parachute training camp for search and rescue technicians. SAR-Techs put in 227 jumps using 12.8 hours of aircraft time in a highly efficient schedule, including training with new equipment and entry into confined spaces.

Master Corporal Benjamin Brake and Sergeant Marie-eve Brake, driving on Highway 101 October 1, witnessed a two-car collision. In hazardous conditions and with multiple casualties, they took control of the scene, administering first aid and keeping individuals safe until first responders arrived. Their “selfless contributions are a testament to their mettle and reflect great credit upon them, the RCAF and the Canadian Armed Forces.”

Huddleston said individual, team, and wing achievements are often a topic of conversa-



The Wing Telecommunication and Information Services Squadron Crypto Vault Section received the Wing Commander’s Commendation from 14 Wing Commander Colonel Iain Huddleston, left, and Wing Chief Warrant Office Pierrot Jetté, right. From second-from-left are section members Corporal Vienneau, Mr. Rice, Master Corporal Rideout, Sergeant Gagnon, Sergeant Roche and Sergeant Ness.
Corporal G.Cormier, 14 Wing Imaging



The Wing Replenishment Section received the Wing Commander’s Commendation from 14 Wing Commander Colonel Iain Huddleston, left, and Wing Chief Warrant Office Pierrot Jetté, right; for their deployment support efforts this fall.
Corporal G.Cormier, 14 Wing Imaging

tion when he meets general officers at higher levels.

“There is a thankfulness on their part for the efforts you are putting in at this wing.”

General Campaign Star – South-West Asia 1st Rotation Bar: Corporal Scott Pigeon
Operational Service Medal

– **Expedition:** Major Doug Publicover

Canadian Forces Decoration 2nd Clasp: Corporal Dwaine Barcier, Sergeant Marc Beaudoin, Sergeant John Dumoulin, Warrant Officer Mike Edwards, Corporal Peter Gimblett, Master Corporal Chris Goucher, Lieutenant Ken Greer, Warrant

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Commissioning Scroll: Lieutenant Michael Lecompte

Chief Warrant Officer War-rant: Chief Warrant Officer William Hinchey, Chief Warrant Officer Jerome Rossignol, Chief Warrant Officer Mario Roussel

Shamsi recognized for extra, personal mile in duties

A 14 Wing Greenwood member was recognized October 16 with one of four national awards, presented by the ombudsman.

The Liz Hoffman Memorial Commendation recognizes individuals or groups who exceed expectations in helping their colleagues resolve a difficult problem or in bringing about positive and lasting change to the Department of National Defense and the Canadian Armed Forces. Hoffman was an investigator with the ombudsman’s office who had a deeply rooted sense of fairness and was a tremendous force for positive change. This commendation allows the office to recognize those in the defense community who, like Hoffman, are dedicated to helping oth-

ers and making a difference. Members of the Ombudsman’s Advisory Committee, along with Hoffman’s daughter, review all submissions. With this input, the ombudsman selects a maximum of three recipients.

As the administrative officer for two units at 14 Wing Greenwood, Captain Sundus Shamsi has demonstrated a commitment to the principles of equity and fairness in the workplace. Having sought out training in alternate dispute resolution, she has helped more colleagues resolve difficult and complex problems in one year than many do in their careers. In the past year, Shamsi spent a significant amount of time handling a particularly complex case between two members. She

became personally involved in counseling sessions, and attempted to open communication and build trust between the individuals, all the while advising a way ahead. This level of commitment was well above the normal requirements of her position. Her maturity, finesse and calm demeanor were critical in allowing for a positive outcome in this situation. Shamsi’s resourcefulness and innovative approach to problem solving has also led to a much improved 14 Wing basic training list. Her ability to influence, mediate and rectify unfairness lead to the development of a new plan, eventually adopted as the mode of operations for 14 Wing and bringing positive change to the entire wing.



Captain Sundus Shamsi (centre) receives the Liz Hauffman Memorial Commendation from Andrea Hoffman, in the company of Shamsi’s spouse, Captain Ahdrión Peters (right of Shamsi), National Defense and Canadian Armed Forces Ombudsman Gary Walbourne (left) and Colonel Francois Malo (right).

Corporal P.Habib, Canadian Forces Support Unit (Ottawa) - Imaging Services



Desk duty

14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Iain Huddleston manned the pledge desk with Welcome to my Kitchen host Joan McElman November 30, part of the volunteer team behind the Eastlink Christmas Mommies and Daddies Telethon from the Aylesford fire hall. Funds raised support the Friendly Neighbours' and Lions' annual Christmas hampers of food and toys for local families.

Leading Seaman E.Jorge, 14 Wing Imaging

Preparing yourself, your vehicle for winter

**Corporal Robert LeBlanc,
Community Relations
Representative,
31 Military Police Flight**

The best advice for driving in bad winter weather is not to drive at all, if you can avoid it. Don't go out until the snow plows and salt and sanding trucks have had a chance to do their work, and allow yourself extra time to reach your destination.

If you must drive in snowy conditions, make sure your car is prepared - and that you know how to handle road conditions. Make sure you clean all the snow and ice off of your car. This includes the windshield, back window, headlights and taillights.



Driving safely during winter conditions

Decrease your speed and leave yourself plenty of room to stop. You should allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you.

Brake gently to avoid skidding. If your wheels start to lock up, ease off the brake.

Turn on your lights to increase your visibility to other motorists.

Keep your lights and windshield clean.

Don't use cruise control or

overdrive on icy roads.

Be especially careful on bridges, overpasses and infrequently traveled roads, which will freeze first. Even at temperatures above freezing, if the conditions are wet, you might encounter ice in shady areas or on exposed roadways like bridges.

Don't pass snow plows and sanding trucks. The drivers have limited visibility, and you're likely to find the road in front of them worse than the road behind.

Don't assume your vehicle can handle all conditions. Even four-wheel- and front-wheel drive vehicles can encounter trouble on winter roads.

Préparez-vous ainsi que votre véhicule pour l'hiver

**Caporal Robert LeBlanc,
Représentant aux relations
communautaires
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Ne dépassez pas les déneigeuses et les camions

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is overcome by the warm glow of your memory.*

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and her many, many friends.

Christmas in a box

Volunteers and staff at the Greenwood Military Family Resource Centre were busy November 17 readying parcels to be delivered to troops from 14 Wing Greenwood, deployed around the world over the upcoming holidays. They packed, wrapped and shipped over 80 boxes of treats.

Submitted



Twins double efforts to support deployed troops

Corporal Chris Carson

While I was deployed in the Sinai Peninsula, I was contacted by a girl I went to school with about her children, 11-year-old twins Raven and Phoenix, and their ongoing charity efforts at home in Ottawa. I was asked if they could send some homemade gifts to me to hand out to the deployed Canadian soldiers I was with.

The youth named their project Hearts for Heroes, and their goal was to help bring joy and smiles to the faces of soldiers unable to be home with loved ones during the holiday season. I happily agreed to do this for them, and it was received well by the all the

soldiers I was deployed with.

For their Heart for Heroes project to continue to thrive, I agreed to continue to be a point of contact for soldiers deployed in the Sinai for upcoming years. They have already started to prepare their homemade hearts for this year's ROTO and will be mailing them out soon for the Christmas season.

Raven and Phoenix have dedicated much of their free time to helping others. They have a long list of charities they have worked along side of, a couple of them dear to their hearts. They have raised over \$8,400 for different charities in the past two years alone. They have also volunteered hundreds of hours

fiddling at events, helping hand out items, door checking, decorating, baking, dog walking - whatever is needed of them to do. This is their passion. They love to put smiles on the faces of people of all ages. Find out more on their "Twin Hearts" Facebook page.

It's the support and thoughtfulness of civilians like these that make being a member of the Canadian Armed Forces such a rewarding career, and I am grateful to be able to say I have a connection to these twins as they continue to touch the hearts of soldiers abroad. If you are receiving one of these special hearts, know it was made with love - and know you are truly a hero in their hearts.



Eleven-year-old twins Raven and Phoenix have spearheaded the Hearts for Heroes project, sending treats to troops overseas.

Submitted

Greenwood Special Olympics bowlers off to great start

Pat Nixon,
Coach, Kings Special
Olympics Bowling

The first half of the Kings Special Olympics Bowling year is fast approaching, and everyone has had a great time so far - and the bowling averages are certainly improving.

We have a number of new bowlers this year: welcome, Amy, Amanda, Vanessa, Kilby, Ryan, Nathan, Alex and Adrian. This brings our bowling league up to a total of 25 bowlers. They have made many new friends and are thoroughly enjoying their bowling night. The athletes will be enjoying a

"festive" get together on their last night of bowling prior to the new year, December 11, when they will enjoy seasonal snacks and exchange gifts with their friends. Kings Special Olympic Bowling will start up again at the Greenwood Bowling Centre January 8.

The following are the top three athletes in the male and female divisions at present - men's high average: Danny 153.3, Alex 130.8 and Nathan at 125.5; women's high average: Sue 121.4, Tara 114.2 and Leah at 110.7; men's high single: Danny at 195; women's high single: Tara at 185.

It is still not too late to join

our wonderful group of athletes. If you or a family member wish to join, come on out January 8, 6:30 p.m., to the Greenwood Bowling Centre at 14 Wing Greenwood. We bowl every second Thursday evening and have a great time! Coaches are NCCP Community and/or Competition Coach trained and certified, as well as having the Special Olympics Competition Coach training. If you wish to volunteer, we are always looking for people to be scorekeepers. Give Pat a call at 902-765-8011 if you wish to volunteer. There is no more rewarding experience than sharing your time with Special Olympians.



Greenwood Special Olympian Bowlers having fun and making friends. What better way to spend a Thursday night?

Submitted

Youth Happenings

Rebecca Dillman,
Recreation Youth Worker,
14 Wing Greenwood
Community Centre

Spend some casual time with friends at the 14 Wing Greenwood Community Centre's youth centre, with lots of programs on the go. Please pre-register for all events. If you have any questions, and to register, contact 902-765-8165 or specialevents@eastlink.ca.

December 8

Boys Club

Gym games (possibly outside)
6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

December 10

Active Chicks

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December 11

Teen activity

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December 12

Pre-teen

Lego night

6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

December 13

Pre-teen

Gingerbreads!

4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. \$3

Rafuse picked up for Canada Games '15

Hockey Nova Scotia has released its roster for the 2015 Canada Winter Games, and a local player is on the team.

Cole Rafuse of Kingston, a forward with the Valley Major Wildcats in the Nova Scotia Major Midget Hockey League, will join two goaltenders, six defencemen and 11 other forwards as members of the province's Canada Winter Games male team at the games, February 21 to March 1 in Prince George, British Columbia.

Nova Scotia will compete in Pool B with Saskatchewan, Quebec and Alberta. The players play their first game February 22 against Quebec. The gold medal game is March 1.



Tips for vacationing with the whole family

(NC) One of the greatest joys in life is spending quality time with family and friends, but it can often be a challenge to get everyone together. Sometimes a planned vacation is the only way to guarantee it, but that can come along with its own set of challenges. To simplify the process, from planning to packing, consider some helpful guidance for

bringing families together.

Safety first: Kids are no strangers to bumps and scratches, so make sure to pack a basic first aid kit with bandages and ointment to take care of any cuts.

Comforts of home: Small children can sometimes become overwhelmed when on the road and at a new destination. Make sure to pack their favourite security blankets or stuffed animals so they can get relief from a comfort from home if needed.

Leave room for down time: Although it's normal to want to see all the sights, make sure to leave time in your schedule without any set plans. Whether you use it for exploring or nap time, you and the kids will appreciate the flex time.

Check out the facilities ahead of time: Plan ahead for the attraction you're visiting so you can determine what facilities are offered on-site. Your list might include the availability of washrooms plus elevators and ramps, particularly if you have a stroller, or a member of your group has mobility difficulties.

Late-night sitter services: If you plan a night out without kids, remember grandparents aren't babysitters – especially when on vacation! Consider using a babysitting service.

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(EN) Laissez vos invités croire que vous avez sorti le grand jeu pour le temps des Fêtes en servant de délicieuses bouchées aux raisins avec vos autres hors-d'œuvre. Que vous soyez l'hôtesse de la réception ou que vous fournissiez un plat pour un repas-partage, ces petites bouchées sont tout à fait impressionnantes, mais si simples à préparer. Le goût du raisin et celui du fromage s'agencent parfaitement, tandis que les noix grillées ajoutent

la petite touche finale à ces gourmandises.

Bouchées au raisin et au roquefort

60 ml (¼ tasse) de fromage à la crème, ramolli

60 ml (¼ tasse) de roquefort émietté ou d'un autre fromage bleu, à température ambiante

60 ml (¼ tasse) de crème épaisse

15 ml (1 c. soupe) d'estragon haché

20 raisins rouges sans pépin

de la Californie

75 ml (1/3 tasse) de pistaches ou de noix de Grenoble, grillées et hachées finement

Recouvrez une petite plaque à pâtisserie de papier ciré ou sulfurisé. Réservez.

Dans un petit robot culinaire (ou dans un bol si vous faites le mélange à la main), combinez le fromage à la crème, le roquefort, la crème épaisse et l'estragon jusqu'à ce que le tout soit bien mélangé. Déposez la préparation dans un bol moyen

et ajoutez les raisins. Mettez les noix dans un petit bol. À l'aide d'une cuillère à soupe, prenez un raisin et enrobez-le délicatement de la préparation au fromage. Puis, roulez-le dans les noix et déposez-le sur la plaque à pâtisserie. Réfrigérez de 2 à 3 heures et servez.

Bouchées au fromage de chèvre : Remplacez le roquefort par une quantité équivalente de fromage de chèvre, ajoutez 60 ml (¼ tasse) de ciboulette hachée fin au lieu de l'estragon,



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How to protect your cottage during the winter months

(NC) Everyone loves the cottage. Well, at least in the summer they do. Most people fail to realize how much work goes into properly maintaining one, especially during the off-season when the weather is poor.

Owning and maintaining an all-season cottage is very similar to maintaining a home. You need to look after it year round to protect it against aging and the weather. However, the challenge with many cottages is owners are often not there year round. In most cases, they spend time at the cottage in the spring, summer and fall months, but seldom

during the winter. If you are not at the cottage often during the winter, consider hiring a property maintenance company to remove snow, check plumbing and perform general maintenance.

There are two main concerns that need to be addressed during the winter months.

Having your pipes freeze can be a disaster. One key issue with seasonal properties is damage from frozen pipes may not be coverage by your insurance policy – especially if the cottage is unattended for four or more consecutive days.

- Shut off the water supply and have the pipes and domestic water containers drained
- Get the plumbing and heating system connected to a monitored alarm station providing 24 hour service
- Maintain an internal cottage temperature at a level so that pipes don't freeze

Even if you are not planning on being at the cottage during the winter, it is important to stay on top of snow removal. Consider hiring a company to clear the snow from your driveways and walkway, and also from your roof. Keeping the roof and perimeters clear of snow and ice will reduce the possibility of ice damming and other damage from unwanted strain.

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75 ml (½ cup) part-skim ricotta cheese
250 ml (1 cup) mozzarella cheese, grated
500 ml (2 cups) baby arugula
1 small shallot, thinly sliced
Juice of ½ lemon
4 slices Westphalian ham, cut in half lengthwise

Pizza dough (makes three 9x12" or 11" round pizzas)"
425 to 500 ml (1¾ to 2 cups) all-purpose flour
250 ml (1 cup) cake and pastry flour
11 ml (2 ¼ tsp.) instant or bread-machine dry yeast (or 1 envelope)
5 ml (1 tsp.) salt
300 ml (1¼ cups) very warm water
To make dough (for three crusts), stir together 1¾



cups (425 ml) all-purpose flour, cake flour, yeast and salt in a mixer fitted with a dough hook; make a well in the centre. Add water. Mix on medium speed until all flour is incorporated into

dough; add remaining flour as needed to have soft, slightly sticky dough. Alternatively mix by hand. Turn out on well-floured surface. Let rest, covered, for 10 minutes. Divide into thirds.

Place a pizza stone or upside-down baking sheet in the oven and preheat to 450°F (230°C). Gently flatten dough into a round or rectangle on a lightly floured surface, creating a rim. Transfer to a cornmeal-dusted pizza peel or another upside-down baking sheet; slide dough onto the hot pizza stone or baking sheet. Bake 8 minutes.

Meanwhile, combine 2 tablespoons olive oil in a bowl with garlic, rosemary, and salt and pepper to taste. Remove pizza from oven, brush with the olive oil mixture and top with the ricotta and mozzarella. Return the pizza to the oven; bake until the cheese is golden and bubbly, about 6 more minutes.

Meanwhile, toss the arugula and shallot in a large bowl with the lemon juice, remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil, and salt and pepper to taste. Top the pizza with the arugula salad, Westphalian ham and shaved Parmesan cheese.

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Bring personality into your holiday décor

(NC) It is true, if you let your personality shine through, there are endless possibilities to create your own one-of-a-kind holiday statement this year.

“Discover a decorating style that’s perfect for you and go with it,” says décor and life-style expert Janette Ewen. “Do you prefer glitz and glam, or are you more of an outdoorsy type? Find what speaks to you and base your decorating around that concept.”

Put your own unique spin on it, says Ewen, with these quick and easy tips:

Colour bright

If you’re in love with one specific look or colour, then commit to it and go all out. For example, specialty décor items, will make you stand out in a crowd. Layer silver table



linens with silver chargers, napkin rings, holiday accents and more to make a simple, yet elegant statement.

Themed Christmas trees

Themed trees are fun and easy to pull off. Start by picking a core ornament that you love and get about 20 ornaments, depending on the size

of your tree. Choose two or so accent ornaments and get 10 of one and five of the other ornaments. Finish with coordinating tree picks. And who says you have to stick with just one statement? Set up your main tree in a common space, and then keep guests guessing with smaller trees in

unexpected places.
Small changes can make a big impact

Pick your favourite two or three rooms in your home and add a few key pieces to transform the space, while staying true to your budget. When in doubt, remember to focus on the high-traffic areas, such as the entryway, living area or dining room.

Don’t forget the kitchen. With all the cooking – and eating – that lies ahead, you’ll want to add some fun into one of the busiest rooms in the home.

Compliment away

There’s a lot of work that goes into holiday decorating so with your hosts, friends, and neighbours, be sure to acknowledge it with appreciation wherever you go.



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Don't leave your job at the office

(NC) It's good to keep work at work whenever possible, especially when you have kids. But one thing you don't want to eliminate is sharing with your children what work actually means to you.

"My tendency when I get home is to ask my kids about their day," says Cheryl Hotchkiss, who runs an advocacy campaign on child and maternal health for families overseas with World Vision Canada. "But, increasingly, my kids ask about my day. Talking about it is a chance to make myself human and accessible to them – and to show them that complex problems are solvable."

It doesn't matter what kind of work you do. You may serve food in a cafeteria, deliver flyers or handle people's tax returns. There's always a lot you can teach your kids by talking about your job. Here are five things to consider sharing:



What you like about your job. Do this even if there's not much to say. Finding the positives will open doors with your kids, and lift your spirits too.

How you see your job helping. Someone benefits because you go to work each day. Who is that person? How would their lives be different if you weren't there?

What you learned today. It could be a new piece of information, or the trick to making a grumpy colleague smile.

Who you met today. Perhaps it's a quirky new client, or a new driver on your bus route. You're giving your kids a window into a world they wouldn't otherwise see.

How your journey is unfolding. Do you see this job leading to a different one, or are you hoping to keep learning where you are? It's important for children to know you have dreams too.



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Créez vos mini-desserts

(EN) Tout grand repas doit se terminer par une note sucrée et, puisque la tendance est aujourd'hui aux « desserts décadents en micro-portions », quelques mini-desserts finiront le repas en beauté. Disposées joliment sur votre table de Noël ou servies sur un plat de service avec des biscuits des Fêtes, ces chics bouchées aux raisins, présentées de deux façons, plairont à coup sûr.

En prime : ces bouchées font un excellent cadeau d'hôtesse si elles sont enfouies dans du papier de soie et présentées dans une boîte en fer-blanc aux couleurs de Noël. Mais le plus beau, c'est qu'elles sont rapides à préparer, ne requièrent que quelques ingrédients et semblent si « décadentes » que les invités s'imagineront que vous avez passé des heures dans la cuisine, plutôt que quelques minutes.

Chics bouchées aux raisins : chocolat et caramel

Donne 25 bouchées
25 raisins rouges ou verts sans pépin de la Californie
125 ml (½ tasse) de grains ou de brisures de chocolat semi-sucré
5 ml (1 c. thé) d'huile végétale
125 ml (½ tasse) de morceaux de caramel, hachés finement

Insérez un cure-dents dans chacun des raisins et réservez. Recouvrez une plaque à pâtisserie de papier ciré ou sulfurisé.

Dans un petit bain-marie, faites fondre le chocolat et l'huile sur feu moyen-bas en brassant jusqu'à ce que la mixture soit fondue, soit environ 5 minutes (ou au micro-ondes à puissance maximale pendant 30 secondes, en brassant une fois). Trempez les raisins dans le chocolat, puis enrobez-les



de caramel. Déposez-les sur la plaque à pâtisserie. Répétez l'opération jusqu'à ce qu'il n'y ait plus de raisins. Refroidir jusqu'à ce que le chocolat soit durci.

Analyse nutritionnelle par bouchée : calories 47; protéines 0,5 g; glucides 6 g; lipides 3 g; 48 % de l'apport calorique; cholestérol 2 mg; sodium 20 mg; potassium 22 mg; fibres 0,24 g

Chics bouchées aux raisins : caramel et arachides

Donne 25 bouchées
25 raisins verts sans pépin

de la Californie
125 ml (½ tasse) d'arachides salées, finement hachées
125 ml (½ tasse) de morceaux de caramels ou 10 caramels, retirés de leur emballage
15 ml (1 c. à soupe) de crème épaisse

Insérez un cure-dents dans chacun des raisins et réservez. Recouvrez une plaque à pâtisserie de papier sulfurisé.

Déposez les arachides dans un petit bol et réservez. Dans une petite casserole, faites fondre le caramel et la crème sur feu moyen-faible, en brassant jusqu'à ce que la mixture soit fondue, soit environ 5 minutes. Gardez au chaud. Trempez les raisins dans le caramel et enrobez-les d'arachides. Déposez-les sur la plaque à pâtisserie. Répétez l'opération jusqu'à ce qu'il n'y ait plus de raisins.

Analyse nutritionnelle par

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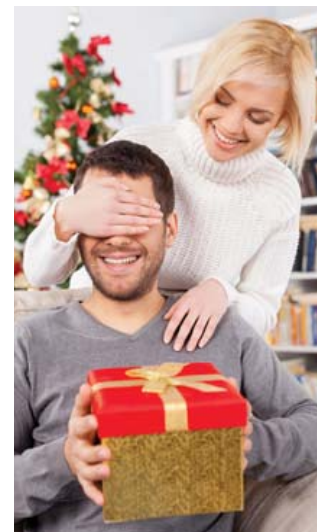
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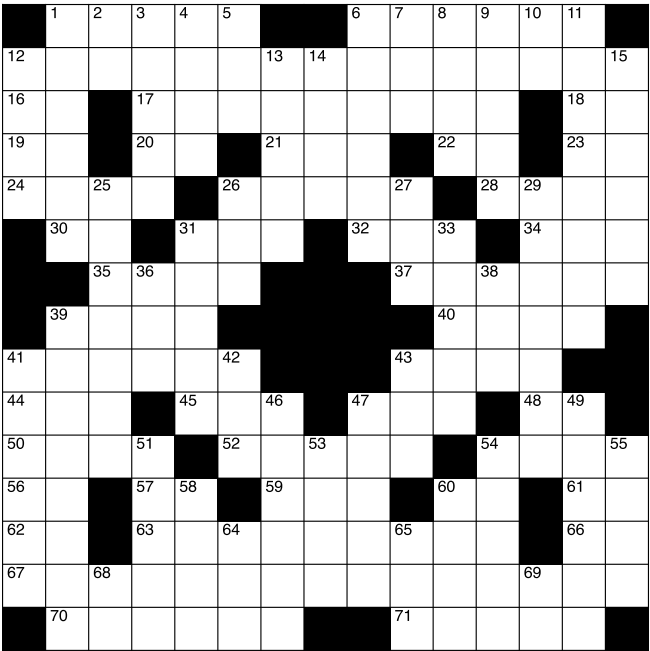


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- ACROSS
1. Hindu stratification

6. Least harm

12. Medical confinement

16. Silver

17. In a sick state

18. Belonging to me

19. 1/2 an em

20. 'Makeover's' Pennington

21. Take a seat

22. 1/10 meter (abbr.)

23. Atomic # 13

24. Fallow deer genus

26. Skin lesions

28. Charlie Parker's sax

30. 31st state

31. Disparity

32. Poking stroke

34. Long time

35. Wm. the Conqueror grave

37. Hosts film festival

39. Mend

40. Gear teeth

41. Of cadmium

43. 1618 Reformed synod

44. Fringe-toed lizard

45. Where passengers ride

47. 1/60 hour (abbr.)

48. Initials of TV cartoon father

50. Pack down

52. ___ and feathered

54. Hyperbolic cosecant

56. Operating system (abbr.)

57. Atomic #99

59. Crown owned Isle

60. Santa ___ trail

61. Booze support group

62. Footcandle

63. Retaliations

66. Natural logarithm

67. Quality of usefulness

70. Sitting position

71. They turn litmus paper red

DOWN

1. Brandy region of France

2. Equally

3. Spittles

4. Very small

5. Ethiopia

6. Filled with sediment

7. An antiviral AIDS drug

8. Saudi king to 2005

9. Early word forms

10. Yes in Spanish

11. Ketchup veggies

12. Used to have (Scottish)

13. Old Greek storyteller

14. Den

15. Stockings

25. Scottish road surface

26. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo

27. Bodily cavity

29. Durations

31. About gene

33. 'Footloose' actor Kevin

36. Supply weaponry

38. Neither

39. Capital of Syria

41. Shortcut

42. Feline

43. Have already done

46. Rifle barrel cleaning tool

47. High IQ group

49. Libra constellation

51. Perch genus

53. Summer precipitation

54. Ancient Roman boxing gloves

55. Silver Skates' Brinker

58. Cobblestone

60. Policeman (French)

64. Pizza, apple or chiffon

65. Winglike structure

68. 37th state

69. Potato state

Blood donor clinic
December 8 and 9, Canadian Blood Services hosts a donor clinic at the 14 Wing Greenwood Community Centre, Church Street. Both days: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. New donors are welcome! To book an appointment, call 1-888-236-6283.

Luncheon
December 9, between noon and 1 p.m., enjoy a community luncheon at the Kingston Lions' hall. Ham dinner with all the fixings, coffee, tea and dessert. Cost is \$9 at the door or \$9.50 delivered (Kingston/ Greenwood area only, deliveries must be ordered by 10:30 a.m. Call 902-765-2128 to place an order).

Hockey game
December 11, 7 p.m., the Kingston Valley Credit Union Centre hosts Glenn Anderson's NHL All-Stars versus the Kingston Aces Local All-Star. Tickets (from \$20) on sale at the Kingston village office and the Halifax Forum box office. Meet & greet reception tickets also include a performance by Aaron Pritchett.

Library program
December 11, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., come on in to the Kingston library and try LEGO robotics. As a group, we will build a robot out of our LEGO kit, then program it to make it move, walk and even talk. Ages nine to 18. Pre-registration at www.valleylibrary.ca or call 902-765-3631.

Supper
December 12, Branch 98, Royal Canadian Legion, Kingston; hosts a lobster dinner, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. \$11 eat in or \$12 take out. Advance tickets at the bar.

Meat draw
December 13, Branch 98, Royal Canadian Legion, Kingston; hosts a meat draw at 3 p.m.

Concert
December 13, 8 p.m., Evergreen Theatre, 1941 Stronach Mountain Road, East Margaretsville; presents an East Coast Christmas, featuring Catherine MacLellan and Don Brownrigg. Cost \$20. Reservations online at www.evergreentheatre.ca, or phone 902-825-6834.

Dance
December 13, at Branch 98, Royal Canadian Legion, Kingston; dance to Route 12 from 9 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. Cover charge \$5, ages 19-plus.

Community potluck
December 13, 5 p.m., join the Millville Community Hall at its Christmas kitchen potluck party: potluck supper will be followed by a musical jam session. All are welcome, from near and far! Find us at 659 Victoria Road, Aylesford. Questions: Candice, 902-847-0116.

Library program
December 13, noon to 2 p.m., come on in and try LEGO stop motion animation at the Kingston library. As part of a group, you will create and record your very own stop motion film. Ages nine to 18, pre-registration is required (online at www.valleylibrary.ca or call 902-765-3631).

Carol service
December 14, the Lawrencetown Male Choir, directed by Carole Baltzer, presents its Christmas service of carols and readings in Lawrencetown United Baptist Church at 7 p.m. An open reception in the church hall follows.

Hymn sing
December 14, 7:30 p.m. there will be a Christmas hymn sing at the Wilmot Baptist Church Christian Fellowship Centre. Join us for carol singing, along with selections and entertainment from folks in our congregation. All



Winning effort

Gerry Webster of Greenwood was the first Kings County Special Olympics 50/50 monthly draw winner November 29 at the Apple Dome in Berwick. Rachelle Wood presented him with his winnings of \$186. The next draw will be December 27. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5 and are available at various locations throughout the Valley, including E&R Glass in Greenwood, The Greenwood Bowling Centre and the Beehive in Aylesford. The 50/50 supports Special Olympics athletes and programs.

Submitted

welcome! Refreshments to follow.

Church service
December 14, 3 p.m., is the next quarterly worship service in West Paradise United Baptist Church (Evergreen Hall), with an Advent theme. Music will include congregational Christmas carols and special selections by Elaine Bent and David Graves. All welcome.

Nutcracker on ice
December 14, 1:30 p.m., the Greenwood Skating Club continues its tradition of presenting the much-loved story of Clara and her Christmas dream. Bring your family and friends to the Greenwood Gardens Arena to see skaters from age four to 17 perform. Freewill offering at the door.

Church service
December 14, 7 p.m., there will

be a praise service at the Kingston Baptist Church, Main Street, featuring a special Christmas program of music with New Song Trio. After the service, fellowship and refreshments.

Meeting
December 15, the Canadian Cancer Society's Kingston/ Greenwood Living With Cancer Support Group will meet in the St. Mark's Annex, Church Street, Greenwood, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Guest speaker is 14 Wing Padre Kent Greer on "The Power of Hope." Frank Dobbin on keyboard will again provide Christmas music. Cancer patients, family and friends and those seeking information on cancer are encouraged to attend. For information: Lloyd Graham, 902-765-6133.

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Businesses' holiday efforts all about community

Sara Keddy,
Managing editor

While many businesses have year-round ways to give back to their community, the stops come out through the holiday season.

Kingston and Greenwood families and service organizations will benefit from the cash, food, coats and toy contributions piling up as supporters work as employee teams with their customers to think of others.

One hundred fifty “trotters” turned out November 29 for EXIT Realty Town & Country’s Greenwood five-kilometre Toy Trot – with another 70 more runners in New Minas. Participants donated a toy as their registration fee, in exchange for the opportunity to run, walk or wheel from Greenwood to Kingston and back.

“It was a huge success and, Sunday, we delivered almost 300 toys to the Friendly Neighbours at the Christmas Mommies & Daddies Telethon,” says EXIT’s Val Connell. “Many thanks go out to all those that came out, those that delivered toys and donated even if they couldn’t trot that day, those that volunteered, Scotiabank and Robin’s Coffee. They all made Christmas a little easier for so many local families, and we had a tonne of fun!”

Plans are already underway for EXIT’s 3rd Toy Trot next year.

Meanwhile, the team at Greenwood Auto Sales is stepping carefully around a spreading pile of toys and food under their salesroom’s Christmas tree.

“We want to be known as the dealership that gives back,” says Wayne Fowler.



Toy trotters hit the streets in Greenwood and Kingston November 29 for EXIT Realty’s annual toy fundraiser.

Submitted



From left are Greenwood Auto Sales team members Donnie Armstrong, Wayne Fowler and John Pitt. They are hoping their showroom Christmas tree will have hundreds of toys – and hundreds of pounds of food – underneath it by the December 15 end of their “Give a gift, fill a tummy” campaign.

S.Keddy

sudoku

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ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, although you are full of excitement this week, rein in some of those feelings so you can focus on the tasks at hand. Use your energy to your advantage.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, motivation may not be strong this week, so begin with some menial tasks around the house and build up to bigger plans. Eventually you will find a groove.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, try to avoid focusing on just one issue for too long. Sometimes you simply must trust your instincts and forge ahead anyway. Let past experience guide you this week.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, avoid the temptation to take on too many responsibilities this week. If you don't, you might not get much done. Think before you accept more work.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Financial matters are looming and a decision must be made, Leo. Don't be overcome with anxiety, as all you need to do is carefully examine your finances to come up with a solution.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Spontaneity beckons, Virgo, even though you are a careful planner who puts a lot of thought into your decisions. Over thinking is more hassle than it's worth this week.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Someone may catch you off guard this week, Libra. This person will bring a welcome surprise, so look forward to this unexpected encounter.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Back up your promises with decisive action, Scorpio. That's the only way to prove to others that your word means something and you are committed to honouring your commitments.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

There may be more to the big picture than you are seeing, Sagittarius. Gather the facts before you jump to any conclusions. You may just see things from a different perspective.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, you are riding high and looking to share your good fortune with others. Make the most of this chance to improve the lives of those around you.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you have an idea about how to tackle a difficult obstacle, but someone crosses your path with a different agenda. Perhaps there's a way to work together.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, avoid open conflict without being a pushover this week. Find the middle ground and try to understand another's perspective.

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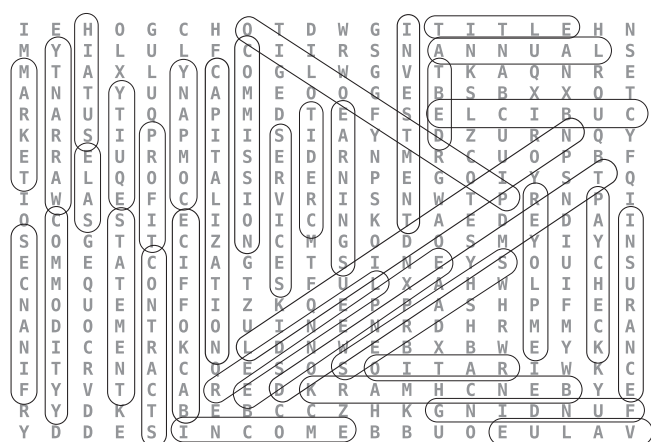
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Show time is 1:30 p.m. at the Greenwood Gardens Arena. Admission is a freewill offering at the door.

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Chief Warrant Officer (retired) Frank Honey stands, as 14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Iain Huddleston affixes the French National Order of the Legion of Honour on his chest.
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Honey recognized by France

A well-known community member was visibly moved November 24, as officials and friends gathered for a presentation of a French honour.

Chief Warrant Officer (retired) Frank Honey of Middleton was awarded the rank of Knight of the French National Order of the Legion of Honour, announced August 18 and formally presented at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 098 Kingston by 14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Iain Huddleston and Kings West MLA Leo Glavine.

“This distinction illustrates the profound gratitude that France would like to express to you,” reads a citation from Philippe Zeller, Ambassador of France to Canada. “It is awarded in recognition of your professional involvement in the liberation of our country. Through you, France remembers the sacrifice of all of your compatriots who came to liberate French soil, often losing their lives in the process.”

The presentation was also approved by the Government of Canada, on the advice of the Honours Policy Sub-Committee out of Rideau Hall.

Honey was born in England and came to Canada at an early age. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1942, part of 430 Army Co-op Squadron with its P40 Tomahawk aircraft and then the Mk1 Mustang. In 1943, Honey was posted to 129 Airfield Squadron and worked on the Typhoon aircraft. He remained with the unit through the “D” Day invasion

of Normandy, one of the early units on the continent following the landings. Two months later, the unit disbanded and Honey rejoined 430 Squadron, now flying the Mk14 Spitfire. He remained with this unit until the end of the Second World War in 1945, by which time the unit was the farthest RCAF body inside Germany.

Following his return to Canada, Honey was posted to RCAF Station Sea Island, British Columbia and became a flight engineer on the Canso and Lancaster aircraft. He was posted five years later to RCAF Station Camp Borden as a technical instructor and examiner. Seven years later, he arrived at RCAF Station Greenwood as an aircraft maintenance supervisor on the Argus. He was posted to Maritime Command Headquarters in Halifax five years later, followed by a second, three-year tour in Greenwood. He then joined #1 Canadian Air Group in Germany, with its CF104 Starfighter. Four years later, he returned to Greenwood for his final posting. He retired after 37 years of service, 18 in Greenwood, and with experience on 28 different airplanes.

Honey’s decorations include the 1945 Star, the France/Germany Star, the Defence of Britain medal, the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and clasp, the Victory medal, the Canadian Confederation medal, the Special Service medal, the Canadian Forces decoration with two bars and the Normandy Campaign medal.



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