



Wing volunteers officiate at student ROBOFEST

**Warrant Officer Andrew Elliott,
14 Wing military volunteer coordinator
& deputy head judge,
ROBOFEST**

February 15 and 16, a dedicated group of volunteers from 14 Wing Greenwood went to Acadia University to help with its annual middle and high schools' robotics competition, serving in various roles, but primarily as judges of the high school competition February 16.

The competition dates back to 2005, when Acadia Robotics held a robot programming competition for high schools in the Annapolis Valley. Eight teams attended that first event, and it has grown since to also include the middle school level competition of FIRST LEGO LEAGUE, which started in 2006. In 2014 Acadia Robotics signed on with the international ROBOFEST competition run by Lawrence Technological University, Southfield, Michigan, for its high school competition. In that same year Dr. Danny Silver of Acadia Robotics was the honorary colonel for 14 Software Engineering Squadron, 14 Wing Greenwood, and asked if some members of the unit would like to help judge this competition. An initial group of five members volunteered, and that has now expanded to between 15 and 20 each year, with this year seeing 21 members from every unit and organization at 14 Wing.

Just as 14 Wing's participation has expanded, so has the competition. This year saw 30 middle school teams in the FIRST LEGO LEAGUE, and 39 teams in the high school ROBOFEST, with over 400 participants and coaches representing all Maritime provinces; as well as over 150 volunteers from Acadia University, NSCC, Michelin, Lockheed Martin, Pratt and Whitney, IBM and many other community and corporate organizations, including 14 Wing. In addition to trophies, there are potential scholarship and bursary qualifications, and top teams are awarded invitations to World Championships, with some funding depending on finishing position.

This year's competition saw all of the competition tables judged by the 14 Wing volunteers, as the students were tasked to program autonomous robots to put golf balls into a hole protected by a bottle: the trick being they did not know where all of the balls would be. In the afternoon, the 14 Wing volunteers officiated the annual, just-for-fun, BOTTLESUMO competition, where teams go one-on-one against each other, with the first to push a bottle and/ or the other robot off the tables - and remain on the tables themselves for three seconds - winning. By the end of the weekend, although somewhat tired, everyone had had fun, made new friendships and many prizes were awarded.

The FIRST LEGO LEAGUE competition saw two teams receiving invitations to the May FIRST World Festival and Championships in Detroit: Champion's Award winners Royal Robots of the Annapolis West Education Centre, Annapolis Royal, and LEGO Foundation Team Award Winner Portland Gophers of Dartmouth. Grace Christian School of Charlotte-



Twenty-one volunteers, representing every section at 14 Wing Greenwood, served as judges at Acadia University's ROBOFEST and FIRST LEGO LEAGUE competitions February 15 and 16.

Submitted

town received the Champions Award Runner Up and an invitation to the May LEGOLAND Invitational at LEGOLAND, in Carlsbad, California.

The ROBOFEST competition, judged by members of 14 Wing, saw the top-four teams receive invitations to the ROBOFEST World Championships at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, Michigan. This year's champions were Bomb Ace of King's-Edgehill School, Windsor, second place went to RNS Crane of Rothesay Netherwood School, Rothesay, New Brunswick; third was Robinsonsphere of King's-Edgehill School, Windsor, and the final invitation went to the Parrsboro Bogey Bowlers of Parrsboro Regional High School, Parrsboro.

The final competition was the BOTTLESUMO, also officiated by members of 14 Wing. Prizes for this are only bragging rights; however, that had little effect on the level of competition, with all of the matches being hard fought. The single elimination tournament started with 16 teams and saw both robots from Grace Christian School of Charlottetown advance to the final match, with GCS-2 triumphing over GCS-1 for the 2020 title. The third place match saw E² of King's Edgehill

School from Windsor edge out SCA Robotics-3 of South Colchester Academy, South Colchester.

Some other awards of note this year were the Rookie Coach/ Mentor Award, presented to Christine Long of Les 3 Pateneaux from New Brunswick; and the Outstanding Coach/ Mentor Award, presented to Allison Cameron from Halifax Shambhala School, Halifax. The Lynn Chipman Memorial Outstanding Volunteer Award annually recognizes a volunteer who has stood out in their time, efforts and contributions to the success of the competition and the program. This year's recipient was Mr. Dyllon Moseychuck. The "Karen Wilder Award," named after the former director of the program, is not an annual award, however, when special recognition for continued and dedicated support to the program warrants recognition, it is given to a deserving individual. This year, James Walsh was recognized for his many years of dedicating to the competition and program.

A complete list of winners of all competitions, the awards, as well as other information regarding the competitions, teams competing, how to start a new team, volunteering, or just general information may be found at robots.acadiau.ca. ➔

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Anciens Combattants Canada lance une consultation pour améliorer la sensibilisation des vétérans et de leur famille

Tous les vétérans et leur famille devraient connaître la gamme de prestations et de services qui sont à leur disposition. Le gouvernement du Canada s'est engagé à veiller à ce que tous ceux qui ont servi dans les Forces armées canadiennes sachent comment avoir accès aux mesures de soutien auxquelles ils sont admissibles, aujourd'hui ou à n'importe quel moment de leur vie.

Anciens Combattants Canada (ACC) a annoncé une consultation (consultationveterans.ca) visant à faire participer d'anciens membres des Forces armées canadiennes et leur famille au rayonnement d'ACC. Le Ministère veut entendre directement les vétérans qui ne bénéficient actuellement d'aucune prestation ni d'aucun service d'ACC. La consultation portera sur l'étude de tous les obstacles possibles qui peuvent empêcher certains

militaires retraités de communiquer avec ACC pour obtenir un appui. Les commentateurs aideront le Ministère à améliorer ses méthodes de communication avec tous les vétérans à l'avenir, pour qu'ils demeurent informés des prestations et des services à leur disposition.

La consultation en ligne sera ouverte jusqu'à la fin du mois de mars à l'adresse consultationveterans.ca. Des groupes de discussion en personne auront lieu au printemps dans des collectivités de tout le Canada pour les vétérans qui préfèrent donner leur opinion en personne. Les détails de ces séances seront consultables sur le site www.veterans.gc.ca et les comptes des médias sociaux du ministère.

Le ministère publiera ses constatations une fois la consultation terminée, à l'été 2020. ➔



Lest we forget

March 2, a ceremony was held in Bridgewater to recognize the 14th anniversary of the death of Corporal Paul Davis while serving with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Afghanistan. Military members from 14 Construction Engineering Squadron, veterans past and present, members of Branch 24 Royal Canadian Legion, Bridgewater, provincial and municipal members of government; and Bridgewater Junior High School students, along with Jim and Sharon Davis, tied a yellow ribbon and placed poppies on the monument to honour a hero and a former Bridgewater High Viking.

Honorary Colonel D. Hennessey, 14 Construction Engineering Squadron



Veterans Affairs Canada launches consultation to improve outreach to veterans, families

All veterans and their families should be aware of the range of benefits and services available to them. The Government of Canada is committed to ensuring everyone who served in the Canadian Armed Forces knows how to access supports

for which they are eligible, now or at any point in their lives.

Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) has unveiled an online consultation (veteranconsultation.ca) designed to involve former Canadian Armed Forces members and their families in

VAC's outreach. The department wants to hear directly from veterans who are not currently receiving benefits and services from VAC. The consultation will explore any possible barriers that may be preventing some retired mili-

tary members from reaching out to VAC for support. The feedback will help the department improve how it communicates to all veterans in the future so they stay informed about the benefits and services that are available to them.

The online consultation will run until the end of March at veteranconsultation.ca. In-person discussion groups will take place in communities across Canada in the spring for veterans who prefer to share their perspectives in

person. Details about these sessions will appear on veterans.gc.ca and the department's social media channels.

The department will release its findings once the consultation is complete in summer 2020. ➔

Les ULR... et vous

Le capitaine Matt Zalot, Officier des affaires publiques de la 14e Escadre

La direction de la 14e escadre est très fière de ses logements pour célibataires et de ses unités de logement résidentiel (ULR). Nous avons la chance de disposer d'unités de logement résidentiel parmi les meilleures au pays et nos logements pour célibataires ont également fait l'objet de certaines améliorations au cours des dernières années. Il y a toujours des améliorations possibles, et nous nous efforçons de les concrétiser.

De concert avec nos efforts visant à améliorer la qualité de nos logements, nous devons également mettre à jour nos politiques afin de garantir que chacun profite de son séjour dans les logements du MDN et que les processus que doivent suivre les occupants sont clairs et transparents. À cette fin, l'escadre met en place un nouvel ordre permanent de l'escadre pour régir les ULR et les logements pour célibataires.

Quel est l'objectif? La nouvelle politique vise à renforcer le principe selon lequel l'occupation d'un logement du MDN est un privilège et non un droit. Elle décrit le processus par lequel les occupants seront avertis s'ils enfreignent les politiques de logement et les mesures qu'ils devront prendre pour redevenir conformes. Elle énonce également le processus pour traiter les infractions répétées aux politiques de logement, qui se résume à une « politique des trois fautes ».

L'escadre reconnaît que la grande majorité des personnes qui habitent des logements pour célibataires et les ULR sont d'excellents locataires et de bons voisins. Cependant, il arrive que certains occupants ne respectent pas l'objectif de l'escadre, qui est que chaque occupant soit un bon locataire et un bon voisin. La nouvelle politique adopte une approche progressive pour amener les occupants à respecter les ententes d'occupation. À chaque étape, les occupants seront clairement informés de ce qui doit être amélioré ou corrigé. Dans le cas très rare où un militaire ne respecte pas les ententes et accumule trois fautes, le commandant de l'escadre peut décider d'émettre un avis d'expulsion. Personne ne souhaite en arriver là, et certainement pas le commandement de l'escadre. Mais il faut réitérer que l'occupation d'un logement du MDN est un privilège, et non un droit.

Aux fins de transparence, le nouvel ordre permanent de l'escadre se trouve sur le RED et sera également disponible en version imprimée à l'ALFC/ au service de logement de l'escadre. Tous les occupants actuels sont priés de lire l'ordre afin qu'il n'y ait aucune confusion quant à la politique et aux attentes qu'elle énonce. Votre aide et votre compréhension de ces règles contribueront à faire en sorte que chacun puisse profiter de son séjour dans les logements du MDN à la 14e Escadre Greenwood.

La direction de l'escadre vous remercie à l'avance de respecter cette politique. ➔

RHUs... and you

Captain Matt Zalot, 14 Wing Public Affairs Officer

14 Wing leadership takes great pride in its single quarters and Residential Housing Units (RHUs). We are lucky to have some of the best RHUs in the country and, similarly, our single quarters have undergone some upgrades in recent years. There's always room for improvements, and we are working on making those into reality.

To match our efforts to improve the quality of our housing, we also need to update our policies to ensure everyone enjoys their stay in Department of National Defence housing and that all occupants have clear and transparent processes to follow. To this end, the wing is introducing a new Wing Standing Order to govern RHUs and single quarters accommodation.

What is the goal? The new policy aims to reinforce the principle that occupying DND housing is a privilege, and not an entitlement. It outlines the process by which occupants will be notified if they are in violation of housing policies and the steps they will need to take to come back into compliance. It also lays out the process to

address repeat violations of housing policies; this is summarized as a "3 strike policy."

The wing recognizes the grand majority of those inhabiting single quarters and the "Qs" are excellent tenants and good neighbours. However, there are times when some occupants do not adhere to the wing's goal of every occupant being a good tenant and neighbour. The new policy takes a step-wise approach to bring occupants into compliance with occupancy agreements. At each step, occupants will be given clear notice as to what needs to be improved upon or corrected. In the very rare circumstance a member repeatedly fails to comply and accumulates three strikes, then the wing commander may decide to issue an eviction notice. This is an outcome nobody wants to see happen, and certainly not wing leadership. But, to reiterate, occupying DND housing is a privilege, and not an entitlement.

In the interest of transparency, the new Wing Standing Order is located on the DWAN and will be available in print at the Canadian Forces Housing Agency/ Wing Accommodations for all occupants. All current occupants are directed to read the order so there is

no confusion about the policy and the expectations it lays out. Your assistance and understanding of these rules will help ensure everyone can enjoy

their stay in DND housing at 14 Wing Greenwood. The wing leadership thanks you in advance for your compliance. ➔



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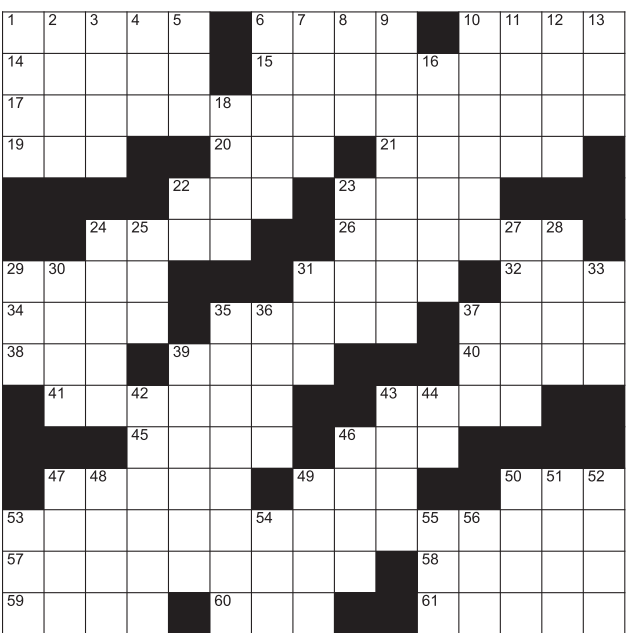
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1. Yields Manila hemp

6. A type of gin

10. Japanese ankle sock

14. Swiss city

15. Applied to

17. Achievements

19. Japanese title

20. Possesses

21. Belgian city

22. Child

23. Great delight

24. Petty quarrel

26. Gathered

29. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire

31. Path

32. Legendary hoops coach

34. A citizen of Denmark

35. Flat

37. Upper-class young women

38. Payment (abbr.)

39. Distort

40. Affirmative! (slang)

41. One who has a child

43. Without

45. Workplace safety agency committee
47. Period of plant and animal life

49. Swiss river

50. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)

53. State of being kept secret

57. Hobbies

58. One-time Korean ruler

59. Sudden attack

60. Born of

61. Assists
- DOWN
1. Ancient Greek sophist

2. Famed composer

3. Spore-bearing fungi cells

4. Chief executive officer

5. Defunct Syrian political party

6. Thin wood

7. Polynesian garlands

8. Fluid replacement (abbr.)

9. Flammable hydrocarbon gas

10. Multi-leveled

11. Influential diarist

12. Gambles

13. Many subconsciousnesses

16. Current unit

18. Illumination unit
22. Tantalum

23. Steps leading down to a river

24. Kids love him

25. Before

27. Fencing swords

28. Mountain range in China

29. Payroll company

30. A way to pack together

31. Business designation

33. Thyroid-stimulating hormone (abbr.)

35. Forage fish

36. Greek temple pillars

37. Internet mgmt. company

39. Rouse oneself

42. In a way, covered

43. Elaborate silk garment

44. Cooling unit

46. Riley and O'Brien are two

47. ___ fide; genuine

48. Ancient Incan sun god

49. Poker stake

50. Trigonometric function

51. Interesting tidbit

52. Adieus

53. U.S. Treasury position

54. Midway between east and southeast

55. Doctors' group

56. Women's ___ movement

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Speakers' meeting

March 9, 1 p.m. Wilmot Baptist Church presents guest speakers Ron and Jane Downey. With Ron's background with the Canadian Navy and marriage at a young age, they face many struggles holding things together. Hear how they overcame their obstacles, and how their marriage and lives were transformed. Everyone welcome. Christian Fellowship Centre, 208 Dodge Road, Wilmot. Call 902-765-2386 for information.

Sharing knowledge: Mi'kmaq crafts

March 10, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., the Berwick and District Library invites youth ages 10 to 17 to learn about Mi'kmaq crafts and culture with Marlene Joudry: porcupine quillwork, deerhide paintings and using Mi'kmaq hieroglyphic writing. You'll create your own art, based on traditional Mi'kmaq culture, to

take home. After school snacks provided! Registration required. **Friends of the Library meeting** March 10, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., the Annapolis Royal Library's Friends of the Library meet for an informative, interesting meeting regarding all the happenings at the library. Contribute your ideas and opinions. Meet us in the Library Program Room, 143 Ritchie Street.

Luncheon

March 10, noon to 1 p.m., the Kingston Lions host their monthly community luncheon, 1482 Veterans Lane. \$10 at the door, \$11 delivery to Kingston/Greenwood (for delivery, call 902-765-2128 by 10:30 a.m.).

Let's Get Crafty

March 10, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Bridgetown & Area Library invites adults to craft, create and chat. The program is free and all materials are supplied. Register at 902-665-2758.

Habitation Rug Hookers

March 12, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., the Annapolis Royal Library hosts the Habitation Rug Hookers for the winter season. Beginner to expert rug hookers are welcome.

Lacrosse try-it, registration

March 13, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Valley Thunder Lacrosse athlete try-it (bring a hockey helmet with cage, hockey gloves, indoor sneakers, active wear and a water bottle); and registration at the 14 Wing Greenwood Fitness & Sports Centre. Join the club's 12th season of youth (ages five to 18) lacrosse programming, based out of Kingston and Berwick rinks. The season will begin in mid-April, continuing through mid-June. Coaches and referees are always needed for teams, games and tournaments. Visit valleylacrosse.ca or Facebook Valley Thunder Lacrosse.

Magical March break Girl Power

March 13, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library invites girls ages 10 to 14 to start March

break with Magical Girl Power fun! We'll have a Harry Potter-themed event - games, snacks, butterbeer and a craft. Dress in your wizarding world best! Registration required.

Knitting by the Book

March 13, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the Berwick and District Library invites friends to come and knit, crochet, rug hook, spin, weave. Bring your own project and meet new friends.

St. Patrick's Day at the Legion March 13, 7:30 p.m., the Berwick Legion, 232 Main Street, hosts its 3rd St. Patrick's Day party and potluck. Featuring The Upbeats. Admission: pass the hat. Ages 19-plus. Call 902-538-9340 for info.

Kindermusik

March 13, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., the Kingston Library invites families in for a musical adventure. Kindermusik is designed for pre-school aged children and their parent/ caregiver.

Breakfast

March 14, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., community breakfast at the Kingston Baptist Church, 695 Main Street. Freewill. Traditional and healthy food choices.

On stage

March 14, 7:30 p.m., the Rotary Club of Wolfville presents "Hold Mommy's Cigarette," written and performed by Shelley Marshall, at the Al Whittle Theatre, Wolfville. This performance is a fundraiser for local mental health initiatives. Tickets in Wolfville at Muddy's, Tan Coffee or at the door. For information see holdmommyscigarette.com, 902-376-2072.

Game day

March 14, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., the Berwick and District Library invites all ages to bring your favourite game to share.

Scottish Country

Dance Classes

March 16 (Mondays for eight weeks, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., all are welcome to join in Scottish Country Dance classes at the Wilmot Community Centre. Scot-

tish Country is a social dance form, so no partner or special attire is required. Suitable for any adult from 16 to 96. Learn how to reel and wheel, pousette and allemande. No experience required, only an interest in dance and/ or Scottish traditions. Instructor Susan Van Horne. There is a \$5 nightly fee to cover the cost of the hall. For information: 902-765-0906 or 902-825-4600.

Toy photography

March 16, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., the Annapolis Royal Library invites ages 10-plus to bring your own camera or cell phone, and, if you have a favourite toy you want to take a picture of, bring that, too. Dioramas provided.

African drumming workshop

March 17, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., the Lawrencetown - Dr. Frank W. Morse Memorial Library invites youth ages 10-plus to learn the basics of African drum with Kadijah. Drums are provided, no experience necessary! Registration required.

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March break fun!

March 19, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., the Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library invites youth ages six to 10 for friends, snacks and fun activities! Registration required.

Library Book Club

March 17, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., the Bridgetown & Area Library invites adults to join in the third Tuesday of every month to share views and ideas about selected books, usually fiction. For information, call the branch at 902-665-2758.

Mini experiments: science fun

March 18, 11 a.m. to noon, the Lawrencetown - Dr. Frank W. Morse Memorial Library invites youth ages seven to 10 to play with science during March break! We'll read a picture book

then do an experiment based on the book. Registration required. **Matt the Music Man** March 18, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., the Berwick and District Library invites the whole family for a fun musical adventure with Nova Scotia's Children's Artist of the year, Matt the Music Man! It's an educational interactive performance that will keep the kids singing and dancing. Registration required.

Keva planks - building time

March 18, 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., the Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library invites youth ages five-plus to stop by and see what you can build with our Keva planks! No registration needed.

Keva planks - building time

March 18, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., the Lawrencetown - Dr. Frank W. Morse Memorial Library invites youth ages five and up (seven and under must be accompanied by a caregiver) Stop by and see what you can build with our Keva planks. No registration needed.

Mini experiments: science fun

March 18, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., the Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library invites youth ages seven to 10 to play with science during March break! We'll read a picture book then do an experiment based on the book. Registration required.

March break fun!

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On stage

March 19 through 28, the Acadia Theatre Company in Wolfville presents its winter-semester show, "Curse of the Starving Class," a play by Sam Shepard. Showtimes are March 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 and 28, 7:30 p.m.; March 21 & 28, 1 p.m. Tickets are \$15 at the Box Office (902-542-5500) and online. The show will be taking place in Lower Denton Hall, Acadia University.

Plans, support adding up for Kingston library project

Muriel West

Monitoring Kingston's library expansion is a little bit like awaiting the hatching of an egg: it looks as though nothing is happening, yet, bit by bit, what looks to be an inert object is developing perfectly.

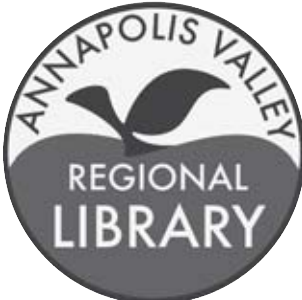
Everything is falling into place for the project to go to tender shortly, but slight tweaks have set back the expected date of completion slightly. Funding from the provincial and the federal governments takes time, but it is important to go through all the steps so Kingston residents will benefit without straining the village's modest budget.

There has been a positive response from the community to the appeal for donations to supplement the costs of shelving and furnishing the expanded space. Why not prepare a cheque right now, and send it to Annapolis Valley Regional Library (AVRL), PO Box 510, Berwick NS, B0P 1E0; indicat-

ing this gift is for the Kingston library expansion? Donations may be made by accessing the AVRL website and following the prompts to CanadaHelps. In both cases, donors will receive an income tax receipt. While neither the Kingston library nor the Kingston Village directly issue receipts, both are able to take donations, in a sealed envelope, and pass them along to AVRL to facilitate donors' receipts.

There are many reasons why Kingston and area residents and organizations might wish to contribute to the library expansion. A gift to the library in memory of someone dearly missed might be a fitting way to honor a remarkable life. Or, perhaps a valuable service was once offered to a library user and a contribution toward the shelving and furniture may seem an appropriate demonstration of thanks.

Libraries today meet so many needs for a variety of



society's sectors: lending radon kits, helping with income tax preparation, lessons to use technology, arts and craft sessions for children and adults, stimulating science programs, space to display local art: the list is endless. The new multi-purpose room will be a great asset as a separate room for programs, while regular book-lending and more quiet activities take place in the library. And, AVRL will increase the hours of operation: good news!

The improved service for our community will enrich lives. Consider playing some small part in this exciting undertaking. →

2020 Peace with Women Fellowship accepting applications

Halifax International Security Forum is proud to announce the call for applications for the 2020 Halifax Peace with Women Fellowship is open.

The fellowship is a three-week executive tour that will take place from October 26 to November 23. Fellows will visit the political capitals and technological hubs of Canada and the United States to meet with academic, government, military, technology and civil society leaders, and engage with them on a wide range of topics as they relate to international security. The fellowship culminates at the Halifax International Security Forum.

The call for applications is open to active-duty female military officers from NATO member and NATO-partner countries of rank equivalent to army colonel or naval captain, or above. Applications are due April 27 and selected fellows will be announced in June. For details, visit halifax-theforum.org/ →



ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Hobbies can be a great distraction from your responsibilities, Aries. But this week you need to get back to business, or you may fall behind.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, change is in the air and you are excited about all the new prospects that lie ahead. The most difficult decisions will be centered on what you're going to do.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Nurturing is a part of your nature, Gemini. This week you may discover you are spending a lot of time lavishing attention on others at your expense. Find a healthy balance.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, your social and business calendar is full for the next several weeks. Even though you enjoy being busy, you may need a break to avoid burnout.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

It will be another fortuitous week for your finances, Leo. All of your financial ducks are in a row, and you can take some time off from micromanaging your accounts.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you may want to show others a new side of you over the course of the next few days. You're often conservative, but you might want to let loose a little bit and be adventurous.

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Lacrosse registration, try-it events launch Valley Thunder's 12th season

Valley Thunder Lacrosse is getting set for its 12th season of youth lacrosse programming, based out of the Kingston and Berwick rinks. Youth ages five to 18 are welcome to register for team play, from Mini-Tykes to Intermediate (athletes born in years 2002 to 2014).

Come try lacrosse Friday, March 13, at the 14 Wing Greenwood Fitness & Sports Centre gym. Between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m., athletes 10 and under are welcome on the floor; from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., athletes 11-plus are welcome. Bring a hockey helmet with cage, hockey gloves, indoor sneakers, active wear and a water bottle.

Registration will be held March 13, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the 14 Wing Fitness & Sports Centre gym; and April 2, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Greenwood Community Centre, Church

Street, Greenwood.

The lacrosse season will begin April 14, with teams generally practicing twice a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays) with a game or two on weekends through mid-June. Valley Thunder plays in the Scotia Minor Lacrosse League.

There will be a set of development clinics April 25 at the Kings Mutual Century Centre, Berwick, hosted by coaches and athletes with the East Coast Junior Lacrosse League's St. Margaret's Bay Rebels. The \$20 clinic will run from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for 12U, 10U, 8U and 6U athletes; and from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for Intermediate, 16U and 14U athletes. Register by April 23 at rebelsjrllax.com.

The club hosts the provincial all-ages 7th Apple Cup June 12 to 13, the largest box lacrosse tournament in Nova Scotia.

Coaches at all team levels



are welcome to join Valley Thunder. Paid referees are always needed for games and tournaments. There will be single-day coach (April 4) and ref (April 5) certification courses offered at the Credit

Union Centre, Kingston, by Lacrosse Nova Scotia. Coach registration is covered by Valley Thunder Lacrosse; officials who ref VTL games have the opportunity to earn game bonuses to recoup the cost of

their course.

For information about Valley Thunder Lacrosse, visit valleylacrosse.ca or Facebook Valley Thunder Lacrosse. The club president is Sara White, cskddy@hotmail.ca. ➔

75th anniversary Second World War events highlight public talks

Nova Scotians are invited to attend a series of 2020 Winter Evenings at Government House events, hosted by Lieutenant-Governor Arthur J. LeBlanc.

"Patsy and I are delighted to welcome everyone to the sixth series of Evenings at Government House that we have hosted since my appointment as lieutenant-governor," LeBlanc says. "These performances and presentations provide an opportunity to showcase Nova Scotia's wonderful artistic talent and learn about this province's rich history and heritage."

The series includes a presentation on the Black Loyalists of Nova Scotia, a performance by an operatic tenor, a presentation on design by Theatre Nova Scotia, a choral concert and an evening of fiddling music.

Several presentations mark the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Author Stephen Kimber will tell the story March 17, 7 p.m., of how Halifax's experiences during that conflict led to the shocking VE Day Riots that marked the war's end; George Zwaagstra, marking the 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands, will present March 31, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., on his experience as a 10-year-old messenger boy for the Dutch resistance in the Nazi-occupied Netherlands; and, to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic, naval historian Marc Milner will present April 28, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., on the longest continuous naval and air campaign during the Second World War, in which the Royal Canadian Navy and Royal Canadian Air Force played a pivotal role.

Government House is at 1451 Barrington Street, Halifax. All events are free, but people must register at lt.gov.ns.ca or by calling 902-424-7001, as registration is on a first-come basis. Visit <http://lt.gov.ns.ca> for details. ➔

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