



Base gym, pool staff ensure safe space for users

Sara White,
Managing editor

Through hard work, attention to detail and dedication, 14 Wing Greenwood Fitness & Sport Centre staff have been successfully keeping the base gym and pool complex safe for users through a pandemic.

"We have nice staff, they're helpful, hard-working, they do a lot at the front desk of the centre and you don't really see it all," manager Eric Plante says.

The gym closed in mid-March 2020, as COVID-19 spread. Within a few weeks, staff launched an equipment loan program for military personnel. In early July, the gym re-opened for military use only; then, in September, for civilian members. Military fitness testing resumed, there are now 14 military fitness classes a week, the pool is open to the public with aqua-size classes and lane swims; the squash courts are open, and military basketball, volleyball and badminton teams have resumed practicing.

"It was hard to get to those milestones," Plante says, describing the frustrations for facilities coordinator Susan Fayant in writing and adapting business resumption plans to meet three sets of COVID-19 health protocols from the provincial government, Chief



14 Wing Fitness & Sports Centre manager Eric Plante, right, has his temperature checked by Centre attendants Emma Hogenbom, centre, with Melody Marcelli. The simple screening is part of the protocols that ensure all facility visitors are meeting public health guidance to keep everyone safe from COVID-19.

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of Defence Staff and Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services.

"It took us days to come up with a plan to lay down tape and signs, and then move equipment - all achieved with a big team effort. We were all eager to invite people back: we were excited to see them, talk to them and help them. We might be one of the only base gyms across Canada open and

accepting civilians."

Plante acknowledges kinks with the initial phone system to book workout slots, and then the move to online booking in January, but says staff is "here to help."

Although most users appear to have accepted new and changing COVID-19 protocols, in recent weeks, there has been a rise in refusals to follow protocol, along with

inappropriate or disrespectful comments to staff.

"Some people when they come in, they're having a bad day - it happens. All we want is respect. We didn't choose this (the pandemic), but we're all in it together, so let's play together until it's over."

Wing Commander Colonel Brendan Cook wrote in a wing-wide email January 22 Nova Scotians, including the

members of 14 Wing, have taken to heart the message everyone must do their part to follow established public health measures, and the command team commends the efforts.

"But, this fight is far from over," Cook said. "We would also ask that you simply follow the prescribed public health measures and direction from the province and the wing.

The regulations from the wing and province were created with an abundance of caution in mind... please trust the restrictions we have in place, and do your best to follow them as they are written.

"I ask that everyone do their part to remain calm, respect the public health measures and support those around you

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Winter challenge adds up to fun, fitness

Up for a winter challenge?

Sign up now for the PSP Winter Challenge, organized by the Personnel Support Program for Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members (Regular and Reserve Force) and their families, veterans (former members of the CAF) and their families, including families of the deceased; members of foreign military currently serving with the CAF and their families; current Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services employees and their families.

The PSP Winter Challenge is a fun way to be active and healthy! From February 1 to 28, challenge yourself to complete 600 minutes of physical activity. Track your total activity minutes and compete against other people across the country. You could win a limited edition PSP tuque or scarf and some other great prizes (top 20 overall and 15 draw prizes per week). You also have the option to raise charitable funds in support of Soldier On.

Participate individually or

create a team. Each week, participants will receive a newsletter highlighting the weekly leaderboard of top participants as well as the winners of draw prizes. Every minute of activity equals one kilometre you may track.

Try skating activities (hockey, ringette, skating), court sports (basketball, volleyball), racquet sports (badminton, squash, pickleball), gym sports (dodgeball, soccer), outdoor winter activities (cross country skiing, snowshoeing, downhill

skiing, snowboarding), take a hike/ walk, bike (indoors/ outdoors), run, swim, do a strength workout or take a virtual exercise class (HIIT, cardio, spin, yoga, strength) or attend an in-person exercise class. Please adhere to all local, provincial and federal public health guidance regarding COVID-19.

Sign up now at cafconnection.ca/winterchallenge, and be sure to follow PSP on Facebook for weekly fitness tips, family activities suggestions, healthy recipes and more. ➔





14 Wing Fitness & Sports Centre attendants Emma Hogenbom, foreground, and Melody Marcelli clean equipment, between every hour booking window, flipping the tag to a “thumb’s up” for the next user. Extensive COVID-19 public health protocols ensure all facility visitors are safe.

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Base gym...

...cover

in doing the same.”

As of January 25, a code of conduct must now be signed to ensure all users – military and civilian – understand acceptable behavior in public spaces operated by the Personnel Support Program, including the gym, community centre and rink. Failure to do so, or follow policies detailed within, may result in suspension or revocation of membership.

Plante says he is support-

ing his gym staff with approaches that may help them listen to facility visitors who have questions or issues with protocols. If front desk workers are unable to resolve a situation, he’s ready to get involved.

“We’re not running this facility for ourselves: we’re in it for our patrons, that it’s a safe place for them to work out and that they have choices when they are here. We have an outstanding system that represents a tremendous amount of team work.” →

WAR AMPS Key Tag Service celebrates 75 years

The War Amps 2021 key tag mailing to Canadian residents this year, with the theme “You Are a Part of What We Do,” marks the 75th anniversary of the association’s Key Tag Service and pays tribute to the public for helping make it a success.

In the letter accompanying the key tags, parents Tracie and Jeremy describe how The War Amps has supported their family from the day their daughter, Michaela Blakslee, six, was born missing part of her left arm, as well as some fingers and toes. As a member of The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program, Michaela receives financial assistance for artificial limbs and devices and also attends regional seminars, where Champs and their parents learn about the latest in artificial limbs, dealing with teasing and staring, and parenting an amputee child. Michaela’s artificial arms, which she calls her “helper hands,” include one for everyday use and another she uses for activities like bike riding. “Without the funding from The War Amps, it would be very difficult for us to get her



any prosthetics at all,” say Tracie and Jeremy. “What-ever isn’t covered through our workplace insurance and the government, The War Amps steps in so she has these devices to help her through daily life.”

The Key Tag Service launched in 1946 so returning war amputee veterans could work for competitive wages, plus provide a service to Canadians that would generate funds for the association’s many programs, including CHAMP. The Key Tag Service continues to employ ampu-tees and people with disabili-ties, and has returned more than 1.5 million sets of lost keys to their owners. Each key tag has a confidentially coded number. If you lose your keys, the finder may call the toll-free number on the back of the tag or place them in any mailbox in Canada,



Michaela rides her bike with the help of a special device.

Submitted

and The War Amps will return them to you by courier, free of charge.

The War Amps receives no government grants and its programs are possible

through public support of the Key Tag and Address Label Service. For more informa-tion, or to order key tags, visit waramps.ca or call toll-free 1 800 250-3030. →

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January 28, Corporal Marius Robichaud-Gallant, centre, was presented with the Stinger of the First Quarter certificate and coin by 14 Air Maintenance Squadron Lieutenant-Colonel Cory Marchand, left, with Master Warrant Officer Craig MacLellan.

Sailor 2nd Class J. Morris, 14 Wing Imaging



January 28, Sergeant Rita Boutilier, centre, was presented with a Sentinel Patch by 14 Air Maintenance Squadron Lieutenant-Colonel Cory Marchand, left, with Master Warrant Officer Craig MacLellan.

Sailor 2nd Class J. Morris, 14 Wing Imaging



January 28, Warrant Officer Noel Martin, centre, was presented with a Sentinel Patch by 14 Air Maintenance Squadron Lieutenant-Colonel Cory Marchand, left, with Master Warrant Officer Craig MacLellan.

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January 27, Master Corporal Michel Maillet, centre, was presented the Canadian Forces Decoration Second Clasp by 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Tom Goldie, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Brian Nelson.

Sergeant M. Carreira



January 27, Sergeant Anthony Spittachine, centre, was presented the Canadian Forces Decoration First Clasp by 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Tom Goldie, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Brian Nelson.

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January 27, Aviator (Trained) Emily Tulloch, centre, was promoted to current rank by 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Tom Goldie, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Brian Nelson.

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January 27, Captain Christopher Topshee, centre, was promoted to current rank by 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Tom Goldie, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Brian Nelson.

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January 27, Corporal Nathan Brown, centre, was presented the Canadian Forces Decoration by 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Tom Goldie, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Brian Nelson.

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January 27, Corporal Robert Aube, centre, was presented with the General Service Medal - Expedition by 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Tom Goldie, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Brian Nelson.

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January 1, 2020, Sgt Nick Nyenhuis, centre, was promoted to current rank by Lieutenant-Colonel Ross Freeman, former Commanding Officer of 415 Squadron, left, with Master Warrant Officer Stu Greenslade.



January 27, Master Corporal Charles Mallais, centre, was presented the Canadian Forces Decoration by 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Tom Goldie, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Brian Nelson.

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Wing walks, talks mental health

January 28, 14 Wing Greenwood personnel and friends headed outside as part of local Bell Let's Talk activity, using a walk as the perfect opportunity to start a conversation about ways to support one other. On base, at work, at home – there were many smiling faces taking advantage of a safe way to talk – and walk! – for mental health. Submitted, S. White photos



2021 HEAT Fund open for applications

After 24 years of helping low-income individuals and families in emergency need of home heating assistance, additional funding for the 2021 Home Energy Assistance Top-up (HEAT) Fund will help more Nova Scotians.

The province contributes \$800,000 annually and Nova Scotia Power gives \$200,000

to the fund. In December, Nova Scotia Power Maritime Link Inc. donated \$1.5 million, which will provide support to electricity customers who have been hardest hit by the financial challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic.

With the launch of the 2021 season, the income thresholds have changed to assist

more individuals and families. The thresholds are now set at \$29,000 for one-person households, \$47,703 for two to four person households, and \$67,937 for households of five or more individuals. In 2020, more than 3,500 households received emergency home heating support. The Salvation Army administrators

the HEAT Fund, which runs annually starting in January and with a maximum assistance amount of \$400 per applicant. When the pandemic began, the application criteria was changed, allowing those in need to apply every 12 months rather than every two years, and extending the application deadline indefinitely.

There is also an opportunity for Nova Scotia Power customers to contribute to the HEAT Fund on the NS Power website to donate money via their power bills. Information on the program and how it works

may be found at nspower.ca/community/income-based-programs/HEAT-fund.

Information about the HEAT Fund and the online application form may be found at salvationarmy.ca/maritime/heat/ →

N.S. organ, tissue donation law now in effect

At any given time in Nova Scotia, there are more than 100 people waiting for a lifesaving or life-changing transplant. Nova Scotia enacted the Human Organ and Tissue Donation Act January 18, with the key part of the legislation deemed consent. This means people who do not record a decision regarding donation on their health card, and are eligible to donate, will be considered as having agreed to be a donor after death.

"Our province is the first place in North America to have legislation that maximizes organ and tissue donations to save more lives, while fully respecting people's ability to participate or not," said Premier Stephen McNeil. "I am proud of the support I have seen and heard from Nova Scotians, our partners and our health-care community. I want to thank the many donor families and

recipients who courageously share their emotional stories and help spread the word about the importance of organ and tissue donation."

Families will continue to be consulted about their loved ones' wishes regarding organ or tissue donation. All Nova Scotians are encouraged to learn more about organ and tissue donation and make their decision, talk with those closest to them so they can support their decision and record their decision. People who want to opt out of donation may do so anytime at novascotia.ca/organ-and-tissue-donation-changes/, or by calling MSI at 1-800-563-8880. They may also change their decision at any time.

Some Nova Scotians are not eligible for deemed consent. Examples include people under 19 years of age, people without

decision-making capacity or people who have lived in Nova Scotia less than 12 months.

To learn more about the

changes and Nova Scotians' donation options, visit novascotia.ca/organ-and-tissue-donation-changes/. →

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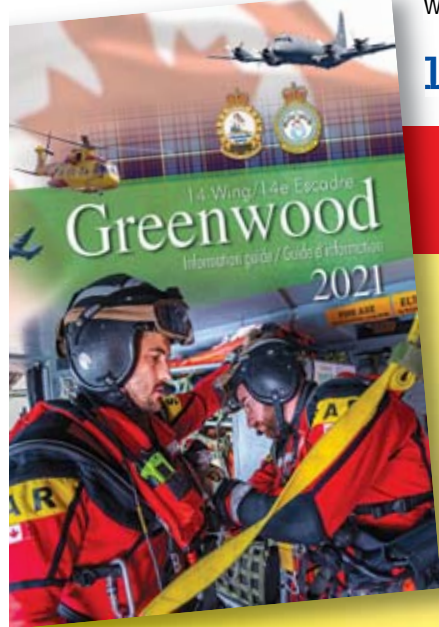
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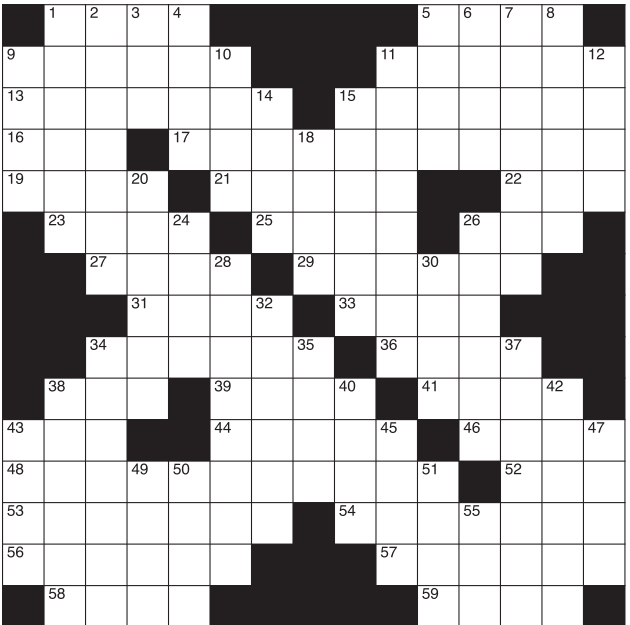
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- Composed
 - Lesotho currency
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 - Gains knowledge of
 - Gradual destruction
 - Purchase
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 - Where you're going
 - The 6th letter of the Greek alphabet
 - Fishing net
 - Midway between south and southeast
 - A way to sort
 - C C C
 - Popular sports podcast (abbr.)
 - Discount
 - Consumes tobacco
 - A way to run
 - Popular musical awards show
 - Pertains to the male sexual organ
 - Supplements with difficulty
 - Green veggie
 - Deep-bodied freshwater fish
 - Holy fire
 - Usually has a lid
 - Being of use or service
 - Have a yen for
 - Unknowningness
 - Dry white wine drink
 - Unwinds
 - Traveling by sea
 - Outdoor entertaining areas
 - Stringed instruments
 - Redgrave, actress
 - Moves earth
 - DOWN**
 - Progressive decay of a bone or tooth
 - Burrowing rodents
 - French/Belgian river
 - A professional cleaner
 - A Russian river
 - Kiln
 - True statements
 - Most private
 - French city
 - Masses of fish eggs
 - Apart from others
 - Monetary unit of Samoa
 - Nanosecond
 - Film
 - Men's fashion accessories
 - Flowering shrub
 - North Carolina university
 - Former monetary unit of Spain
 - Foodies
 - New Zealand parrot
 - A payment required for not fulfilling a contract
 - Emerald Isle
 - The act of terminating someone's employment
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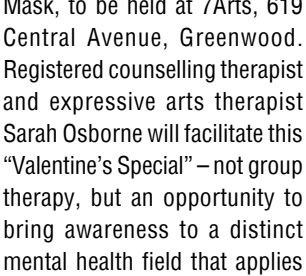
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2,500-plus attendees. The vaccine(s) is expected to be available to all Nova Scotians by September, but that is only a projection. We trust everyone will be safe and well. Kindest regards, Lion Bob Lyle, PGCJ 2021 chairman.

Happy hiker feet how-to – webinar
February 11, 7 p.m., Hike Nova Scotia and Arthritis & Injury Care Bracing & Orthotics will offer a happy hiker feet how-to webinar. Details and registration at hikenovascotia.ca.

Art therapy workshop – medically releasing military personnel
February 14, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., medically releasing military personnel and their spouses are welcome to a free expressive arts therapy program. Life through a Mask, to be held at 7Arts, 619 Central Avenue, Greenwood. Registered counselling therapist and expressive arts therapist Sarah Osborne will facilitate this “Valentine’s Special” – not group therapy, but an opportunity to bring awareness to a distinct mental health field that applies



horoscopes

February 7 to February 13

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, an open discussion with a loved one yields positive results. Take what is said to heart and work on strengthening this relationship even further going forward.
TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, reassess your finances before making a big financial commitment. Start adding things up and comparing expenses to income before signing on any dotted lines.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, some time off spent entirely with family and friends is just what the doctor ordered. Cherish this time and appreciate the opportunity to enjoy it with those you love.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, some time alone may be necessary to figure out a problem. Once you can get free of distractions, the solution will present itself rather quickly.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, now is the time to begin planning an important project. Your mind is clear and you have the time, so embrace your creative side as you begin to hash things out.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Spiritual endeavors may take up much of your time this week, Virgo. Surround yourself with other spiritual people or examine your faith more deeply on your own.

psychotherapeutic theory with art-making. Romantic/ platonic couples will share the art-making project, enhancing communication and problem-solving skills. Register at sarahrebekah01@gmail.com.

Hike
February 15, 10 a.m., Hike Nova Scotia and the West Hants Regional Municipality host a moderate, 1.6 km, free hike in Falmouth. Meet at the Eldridge Road Recreation Site (156 Eldridge Road, Falmouth). It will be a 1 km hike with activities and planned for families with young children. Activities along the route will keep everyone engaged and having fun. Pre-registration mandatory at kjohnston@westhants.ca or 902-790-6976. Those who are pre-registered will be notified if we need to cancel due to COVID, ice, weather, etc. Participants may win a “trail” prize.

Intro to hiking webinar
February 18, 7 p.m., Hike Nova Scotia will offer an intro to hiking webinar for new and novice hikers. Details and registration at hikenovascotia.ca.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, a change of scenery can be just what you need. A day trip to enjoy the great outdoors can prove refreshing and provide some new perspective.
SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, a new person in your life proves invigorating. Foster this relationship and be grateful for the opportunity to invite a new person into your life.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, a new hobby piques with family and friends is just what the doctor ordered. Introduce others to this activity and enjoy pursuing this newfound passion with someone you care about.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
It is alright if it seems like you're a beat behind everyone else this week, Capricorn. You will catch up soon enough and others are more than capable of picking up the slack.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
An attraction to someone you meet this week catches you off guard, Aquarius. Forge ahead and explore these feelings if your situation allows.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Offer support to a friend in need, Pisces. This generous offer will be much-appreciated and you will reap the rewards as well.

Ultimate frisbee

Wednesdays, 9 p.m., the Annapolis Valley Ultimate Frisbee League invites new and experienced players to weekly indoor games at the Credit Union Rec Complex in Kentville. \$10 drop-in fee. Details on Facebook.

Lions 50/ 50 online fundraiser
The Lions Clubs of Nova Scotia are excited to announce a monthly online 50/ 50 fundraiser. Money raised will go right back to your local Lions Club, allowing Lions across Nova Scotia to continue doing their community work. Tickets at <https://rafflebox.ca/raffle/lionsclub>. Select the Lions Club you wish to support (including the Kingston Lions Club). Open to N.S. residents over 19. Tickets sold monthly for the draw on the first Thursday of the following month.

Alcoholics Anonymous
If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, that's ours. Contact us at 902-691-2825 or area82aa.org/district3/.

Board volunteers needed
The Kingston Greenwood Mental Health Association is seeking volunteer members for its board. Meetings are held monthly. For additional information, phone 902-765-3902.

Op Shop now open
The Op-Shop, located in the Greenwood Mall, is open Monday

sudoku

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Level: Beginner

Fun By The Numbers

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Nominations now open for N.S. volunteer awards

Nova Scotians who want to recognize outstanding volunteers may now nominate people for the 47th Provincial Volunteer Awards.

Every year to mark National Volunteer Week, April 18 to 24 in 2021, Nova Scotia celebrates volunteers nominated by organizations and communities through the awards.

“We’re surrounded by people who act with compassion and goodwill towards others,” says Suzanne Lohnes-Croft, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage. “The annual Provincial Volunteer Awards are our way of saying thank you to the many exceptional volunteers of all

ages who lift up the lives of others and contribute to life in our communities. Their work is truly inspiring.”

Nova Scotians contribute 140 million hours a year to volunteering, with volunteers contributing nearly \$2 billion worth of services to the provincial economy. The awards recognize Nova Scotians driving positive change and inspiring others in their communities. Nominations for the Youth Volunteer Award, Family Volunteer Award and the 2020-created Nova Scotia

~ Obituary ~

MILLER, Gordon Wilfred
Meadowvale, NS

On Thursday, January 28, 2021, the world lost a great man after his hard fought battle with pancreatic cancer. He was more than a soldier, airman, veteran or avid outdoorsman. He was the husband and best friend of more than 46 years to Catherine “Cathy” whom he shared all his life’s adventures. He was also the devoted dad and role model to Amanda (Iain) and Melinda, passing on his great love for the outdoors, camping and the value of hard work. But his favourite role of all was likely being the loving grumpa to Elizabeth and Stewart, whom he loved to watch on the ice or share the fun of feeding fish on snorkelling adventures. And not to be forgotten, his warm lap will be fondly remembered and missed by his cat and nap partner, Jenny. While born in Digby and always a true Nova Scotian at heart, Gordon’s long and distinguished military career gave him the opportunity to live in Kingston, ON (1963-65); Gaagetown, NB (1965-66; 1984-88); Soest (1966-69); Montreal, QC (1969-74); Chatham, NB (1974-78); Lahr (1978-81); Wainwright, AB (1981-84); Gaagetown, NB (1984-88); Greenwood, NS (1988-97, 2000-21); and, Comox, BC (1997-2000). Following his retirement in 2001, he pursued his dream of working in the Arctic and his family will treasure his stories of polar bear spotting across the great white north. His time in uniform likely cemented his ability to fix anything, willingness to help those around him, the stamina to enjoy his long bike rides, and determination that the water is never too cold for a swim. Gordon is also survived by his brother, Roy (Elaine); twin sister, Greta (Larry); baby sister, Dianne; sister-in-law, Marlene; and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents, Wilfred and Margaret, and brother, Glenn. As per Gordon’s wishes, a cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will follow at a later date. Those who wish to honour Gordon can make a donation in his name to the Salvation Army. Arrangements have been entrusted to Middleton Funeral Home, 398 Main Street, toll free 1-855-825-3448. Online guestbook may be signed by visiting: www.middletonfuneralhome.com



Strong Award, recognizing resilience during a time of tragedy or struggle, may be submitted online. Nominations for the Provincial Vol-

unteer Award may be made through every municipal or Mi’kmaq community. All forms and contacts are available at novascotia.ca/NonProfitSector/Provincial-VolunteerAwards/.

Nominations close March 1. This year’s awards will be broadcast live online April 26. →

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Port George Jamboree holds off on 2021 festival

After consultation with Middleton, Kingston, Lawrencetown Lions clubs and the community of Port George Recreation, it is agreed the 2021 Port George Country Jamboree will be cancelled.

COVID-19 and the variants associated with COVID-19 are the reason for cancellation.

We trust that everyone will be safe and well. →

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Kingston Library renovated, re-open – with more!

The Kingston Library is now open in renovated space at 671 Main Street, Kingston, featuring some new hours and services.

Hours open now include Tuesday, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, noon to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, noon to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The renovations include a new Innovation Lab with lots of great equipment, including a 3D printer, 3D scanner, Cricut Maker, Cricut Heat Press, Brother 3534DT Serger, two Janome HD-1000 heavy duty sewing machines, EV3 LEGO Robotics, WeDo LEGO Robotics, Snap Circuits kits and Turing



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Tumble kits.

Individuals, ages 18 and older, can book a one-hour lab session during open hours. An instructor will provide an orientation for the equipment of your choice.

Library COVID-19 protocols will be observed. Other than staff, the maximum capacity is 10 people in the library at one time. Wearing a mask is required. Visits are limited to 30 minutes per day. Practice social distanc-

ing and, if you are sick or feeling unwell, please stay home. Library Take-Out is still available. More detailed information and complete COVID 19 protocols may be viewed on the Annapolis Valley Regional Library website. ➔

Nominations open for 2021 Lieutenant-Governor’s N.S. Francophonie Award

The call for nominations for the Lieutenant-Governor’s Nova Scotia Francophonie Award is now open. The award, created in August 2020 by Lt.-Gov. Arthur J. LeBlanc, the first Acadian to hold the appointment of lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia; recognizes people whose social, economic or

cultural contributions have made a difference in the francophone community and in Nova Scotia as a whole.

“Throughout my time as lieutenant-governor, and on each Acadian Day in particular, I have been pleased to acknowledge the rich Acadian history, heritage and culture that helps define the

character of this province,” says LeBlanc. “I believe it is important that we recognize those people who honour this heritage and culture, and I look forward to presenting the inaugural awards later this spring.”

The award will recognize three outstanding citizens across three categories: a francophone, a francophile - someone who is not franco-

phone but supports and promotes French language and culture, and a youth recipient under the age of 25. For the inaugural offering, two awards per category will be presented. The deadline for nominations is February 26.

An award selection committee will include representatives from Université Sainte-Anne, la Fédération acadienne de la Nouvelle-Écosse, Alliance Francaise, the Office of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie, a francophone recipient of the Order of Nova Scotia or Order of Canada, a youth member and, in subsequent years, a former recipient of the award.

Nomination forms are available at acadien.novascotia.ca/sites/default/files/inline/images/lg-award-nominations-francophonie-en.pdf. For more information, visit acadien.novascotia.ca/en/lieutenant-governor-nova-scotia-francophonie-award. ➔

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Soccer, F&S Centre

Volleyball, F&S Centre

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Soccer semi-finals, F&S Centre

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Escape room, Annapolis Mess

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