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Gingerbread airfield mayhem tastes, looks like talent

Sara White,
Managing editor

The airfield of gingerbread, candy, fondant and krispie squares tells two holiday stories: one of work and life at 14 Wing Greenwood, and the other – many others – of the military and civilian cooks, bakers and kitchen staff who created it.

In a monumental effort, the gingerbread airfield is on display in the Annapolis Café dining room. Petty Officer First Class Lisa Jean Roberts is “proud of everyone” who turned their talented hands to the project.

“We did a good job,” she says. “We tried to represent every part of the base, and this evolved – it was a real team effort – a lot of work, but a lot of fun!”

One of the first builds was a CP140 Aurora aircraft,

molded from krispie squares, with gingerbread wings and tail pieces, covered in grey fondant and trim decals, provided in pictures from an outside expert. You will see, in the final display, an Aurora being guided along a runway by Army, Air Force and Navy personnel, representing all branches; don’t be too concerned about the Aurora fuselage being stomped and crushed to the rear by a giant T-Rex stuffie.

“It didn’t crash – we can’t have a crash!” Roberts says. Instead, the diorama turned into a dinosaur invasion: plastic dinosaurs are licking candy pinwheels on the sides of base buildings, attempting to climb decorated gingerbread Christmas trees and generally causing mayhem (see the

munched 26 Canadian Forces Health Services medic...) across the wing.

“The Aurora took about 30 hours, over four days, to build. All the gingerbread is handmade and hand cut, and we cooked off sugar to be the glue – better than royal icing.”

On a nearby runway, a contributed dinky jet represents the American air force, called in to help. WASF (Wing Auxiliary Security Force) members are out, as several of the kitchen team have secondary duties with the unit. The gingerbread superstructure atop 11 Hangar indicates the home of 404 and 405 squadrons, and the Santa Pez topping the wing’s new air traffic control tower sits in the centre of the

display.

Closer to the kitchen crew’s lives, one fellow is a hunter, and has been unsuccessful so far this season in getting his bear. He’s depicted in gingerbread man style, under a tree with a gingerbread bear. Another is from Newfoundland: there is a gingerbread moose on the airfield in her honour.

“This was all about morale,” Roberts said. “With COVID and staffing, we really just ran with it.”

“We’ve already reached out to our counterparts across Canada: I think we’re going to have a competition next year!” ✈



The kitchen team estimates it took 30-plus hours to craft this CP140 Aurora. With attention to detail, Corporal Albert, left; Petty Officer First Class Lisa Jean Roberts and Sergeant Macpherson make it come to life.

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Monster Find & Win 2022

The Aurora Newspaper's weekly Find & Win contest goes monster-size to mark the new year.

A multi-question edition of the newspaper scavenger hunt will be published in the January 24 issue.

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Sounds of the holidays

December 12, the 14 Wing Band and guests, the Annapolis Big Band, presented their 2021 holiday concert at the Annapolis Mess. 14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Tom Goldie welcomed the audience to the event, and thanked them, on behalf of the musicians, for their support of the food bank collection taken as admission at the door. The evening's entertainment was a wonderful treat.



Corporal B. Bragg, 14 Wing Imaging



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No kitchen party for Aldershot staff: They gave it away

Sara White,
Managing editor

Well used to the happiness and camaraderie to be found around a table of holiday treats, the kitchen crew – military and civilian – at 5th Canadian Division Support Base Detachment Aldershot volunteered to give it up and help others.

Rita Yade and Tamika Lightfoot represented the kitchen staff December 3, dropping off toys and gift cards at the Magic 949 Salvation Army Holiday Toy Drive in Kentville.

“We normally have an event – we’ve gone axe throwing, or had a meal and evening at a restaur-

ant – some kind of annual gathering at the end of the holiday season,” Yade says. “We didn’t do much in 2020 because of COVID-19, and we’ve had a lot of people into Aldershot for training this year, but we mostly have to have no contact with them.”

Still, the kitchen crew picked away at their annual holiday party fund with a 50/ 50 draw. Yade says everyone, from the kitchen officer to the general duty helpers to even some of the camp training course members; pitched in and, come this holiday season, they had \$500.

“I asked them all if we should just donate it, and

everyone said, ‘Yes.’” Yade says, of the two shifts of kitchen staff – just about 30 people. “So we did – we bought gifts and some gift cards for the older children. We won’t miss it: we close at Christmas, and that’s good enough for us.

“You get a good feeling when you give, and that just might be better.” ➔



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'Nick was in love with airplanes'

B.C. woman drives cross-country with late husband's RCAF artefacts: 'He was one of the great storytellers'

Sara White,
Managing editor

Memories fill Carolyn Canfield's mind, conversation and, earlier this fall, her car, as she took a cross-Canada drive to Royal Canadian Air Force bases, museums and other points of significance with mementoes of her late husband, Major (retired) Nick Francis.

In late fall, she visited the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum to meet with museum volunteers and leave boxes, paintings, scrapbooks, uniform pieces and photos collected over Francis' military career, from the 1950s to his retirement, in 1979.

"Nick was in love with airplanes since he was two years old in Toronto," Canfield said. "He joined Cadets when he was 13 – he lied about his age, but he was so tall no one questioned him. He was a crappy student: it took him three tries to pass trigonometry, but he knew you needed it for aircrew. All his schoolbooks and notepads were covered in his drawings and doodles of wartime aircraft. All of his life's



Carolyn Canfield wore her late husband, Major (retired) Nick Francis' flight jacket on a 2009 Aurora flight in Comox, dropping some of his ashes over a glacier field.

dreams were satisfied when he was 23 and made aircrew. "He had such a deep love

of flying." Francis died in 2008, at 79 years old. Canfield looked



Nick Francis with an early career Harvard: "All of his life's dreams were satisfied when he was 23 and made aircrew," says his widow, Carolyn Canfield.

through his lifetime collection several times in the years since, intending to inventory what he'd treasured and donate what she could to community and aviation museums that would be just as keen on his collected archive.

"There is a social history here, of real interest perhaps to the next generation," she said. "Nick was so into it. His career artefacts are here."

Canfield gave Francis' library to the British Columbia Aviation Museum. In her car, loaded with more, she headed across the country, stopping at the Fort York Armory Museum in Toronto to leave family heritage material, related to the Northwest Campaign and the post-world war years. In Greenwood, she was met by career-mates and volunteers with the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum, at 14 Wing Greenwood, once home to much of Francis' maritime command flying career.

"Finding the right museum was a challenge," she said. "I'll tell anyone: keep what you can, use what you like – or throw it out. Museums have the best authority to do that, and I'm leaving it all: I trust your institutional good sense."

In the museum's library, Canfield unpacked various Canadian and American uniform pieces and equipment, Francis' log books, artwork of aircraft he'd flown, from the Lancaster to the Argus to the Neptune to the Orion – and more. There were mementoes from his year as an exchange officer to Pax

River in Maryland, including a jacket she wore to spread some of Francis' ashes from an Aurora flying over a Comox glacier in 2009. There was a U.S.-issued bedsheet, flown as a flag out of one of Francis' aircraft windows as he landed, painted as a gift from his crew. There are photos from course graduations, his commissioning scroll, his private pilot's license, copies of the children's book on flight he wrote and illustrated: "he'd look at all of this stuff from time to time.

"He was one of the great storytellers."

Museum volunteer Lloyd Graham hadn't seen Francis in 40 years when he heard of his 2008 death.

"We flew together in Summerside – the Argus. I remember this tall, thin guy with a mustache. He was a pilot; I was a new navigator, maybe 1967-68. I sent his wife a note of condolence and didn't hear from her until just a couple weeks ago, before she started driving here. She had kept that message, and just suddenly decided to bring her husband's things to Greenwood and other museums along the way." →

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14 Wing Greenwood Community Centre

December 20 to January 3 – closed

After-school & evening programs end December 21

Drop-in gym time December 29 & 30, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Full day in-service youth program January 4 & 5

Normal hours resume January 4

Please note the community centre office is closed between noon and 1 p.m. in December.

14 Wing Greenwood Library

December 21, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. & 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

December 22, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

December 23 to 28 – closed

December 29 & 30, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

December 31 to January 3 – closed

January 4 – normal hours resume

26 Canadian Forces Health Services - pharmacy

December 22 through January 3 (inclusive) – closed

Members who require medical attention should present to a local walk-in clinic or, if required, local ER. Take your Blue Cross card with you and report to sick parade for follow up, when the clinic reopens, January 4. New prescriptions may be taken to a civilian pharmacy to be filled. Members should have their Blue Cross cards on hand for this transaction as well.

Sara White,
Managing editor

14 Wing Greenwood's workplace giving program held its final 2021 event December 4, putting lots of lights, presents and a bow on top of fundraising at its annual Festival of Trees event.

14 Wing Combined Charities is part of the annual Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign, running from September through December. Base personnel ate, played and gave for four months, raising funds for local and regional non-profit groups, including youth programs, veterans, sports and recreation clubs, animal welfare, health campaigns and more. A committee of representatives from every squadron and unit on the wing helped coordinate the range of campaign events.

The Festival of Trees, held at the Greenwood Mall for the second year, included 24 squadron and unit and business and community organization tabletop trees, all decorated and themed with gift certificates, treats and goodies. With themes from coffee to fireworks, pet love to birds, Santa's workshop of tools to retailers' gift cards; the trees were a major draw: the ticket auction event raised \$7,500, which will see another \$3,000 added thanks to



The combined health services team from 26 Canadian Forces Health Services and 1 Dental at 14 Wing Greenwood won Best 14 Wing Tree for their beautiful wellness-themed prize tree.

S. White

a partnership with Scotiabank Greenwood's community matching funds program.

Winners of 2021 bragging rights for Best Community Tree included the Greenwood Barber Shop, followed by just a one point difference by the Greenwood Military Family Resource Centre. Best 14 Wing Tree, in first place, was presented by 26 Canadian Forces Health Services/ 1 Dental, followed by (in descending order), 14 Mission Support Squadron, Deputy Wing Commander/ Wing Commander Branch, Cleaners/ Accommodations, 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron, the combined 404/ 415/ 434 squadrons' tree, 14 Air Maintenance Squadron, 14 Operations Support Squadron and 413 (Transport and

Rescue) Squadron. Wing trees take home an extra perk: ranked and banked 14 Wing Winter Carnival points for their squadrons heading into February challenges.

A few charitable events are also coming to a close: the e-pledge platform collected members' contributions up until the end of November, and personnel are still able to sign up for a Megachit, allowing them to wear civvies beyond dress-down Fridays through the remainder of December. A winter mini-hockey tournament is planned, and Combined Charities volunteers will run the Winter Carnival 50/ 50 come February.

All these efforts target the 14 Wing goal to raise \$25,000 in 2021. The 2020 total was \$21,000, distributed to 29

recipient charities, including the Victorian Order of Nurses, Special Olympics, the Upper Room Food Bank, the Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation, Chrysalis House and six school breakfast programs between Berwick and Middleton. →



2021 bragging rights for Best Community Tree went to the Greenwood Barber Shop's rainbow tree, with candy, chocolate and gingerbread treats STACKED underneath!

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14 Wing Chapel Christmas Services

St. Mark's Chapel

Friday 24 December | 7 p.m. • Christmas Eve Service

St Mark's Service will be in person (COVID-19 restrictions will be followed)

Queen of Heaven Chapel

Friday 24 December | 4 p.m. • Family Mass | 10 p.m. • Midnight Mass

Saturday 25 December | 11 a.m. • Christmas Day Mass

Saturday 1 January 2022 | 11 a.m. • New Year Day Mass

All Queen of Heaven Chapel Services will be in-person (COVID-19 restrictions will be followed) and will also be live-streamed. To watch the live-stream access through the Queen of Heaven Facebook page the day of the service.



During silent hours over the holidays, the Duty Chaplain will be available on call 24/7 and may be reached through Wing Operations at 902-765-1494 local 5457.

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Holiday hours at 14 Wing Greenwood facilities

14 Wing Greenwood Fitness & Sports Centre

December 18, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. – gym, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. – casual swim

December 19, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – gym, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. – casual swim, 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. – lane/ parent & tot swim

December 20, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. – gym, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. – military/ adult lane swim, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – half lane/ casual swim

December 21, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. – gym

December 22, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. – gym, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. – military/ adult lane swim, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. – casual swim

December 23, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. – gym

December 24, 8 a.m. to noon – gym

December 25, 26 – closed

December 27, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – gym, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. – military/ adult lane swim, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. – casual swim

December 28, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – gym

December 29, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. – gym, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. – military/ adult lane swim, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. – casual swim

December 30, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. – gym

December 31, 8 a.m. to noon – gym

January 1 – closed

January 2, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – gym, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. – casual swim, 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. – lane/ parent & tot swim

January 3, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – gym, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. – military/ adult lane swim

January 4 – normal hours resumes

January – practice FORCE test will be the first Thursday of each month (online registration required)

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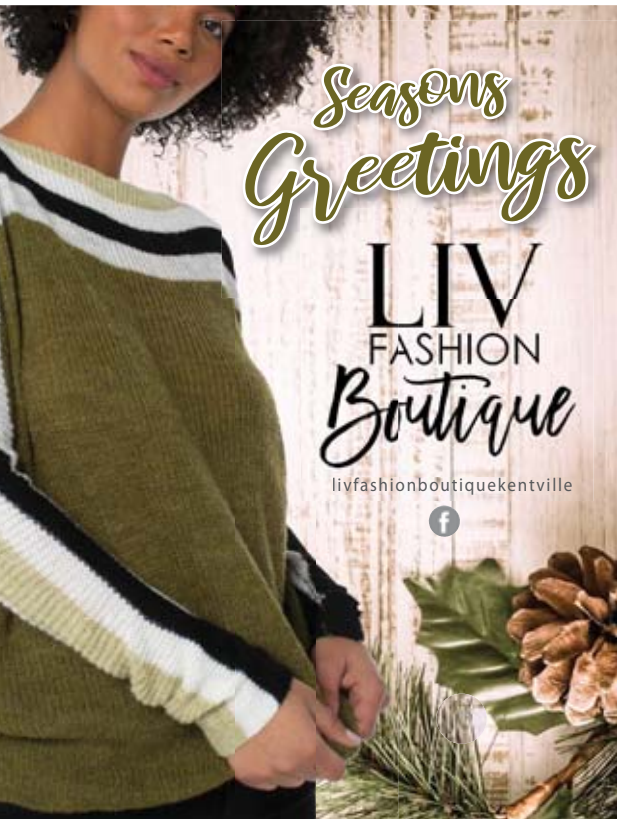
December 14, 14 Air Maintenance Squadron Honorary Colonel David Proudfoot, right, presented \$4,100 to Eric and Rachelle Wood, representatives of Friendly Neighbours, at the annual Greenwood Military Family Resource Centre's Christmas breakfast.

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Community big part of Friendly Neighbours' effort

December 14, 14 Air Maintenance Squadron Honorary Colonel David Proudfoot, right, presented a cheque for \$4,100 to Eric and Rachelle Wood, representatives of Friendly Neighbours.

Long associated with 14 Wing Greenwood, military volunteers were involved at the start of Friendly Neighbours in 1968 and continuing today, supporting

military and community families with food hampers and extras at Christmas.

Proudfoot visited a number of his local area business peers and, together, they are making a big contribution to Friendly Neighbours' work this holiday, and for the months ahead. Part of the donation "team" were Exit Realty (Val Connell), Remax Realty (Colin Crowell), Nathanson Seamon Watts

(Bill Watts), Cole Sawler Law Office (Craig Sawler), Mike Bishop Accounting, Freemans Esso (Scott Freeman), Aurora Inn (Tom McNeil), Annavale Suites (Jim Robinson), Proudfoot Law Office and Alixis Wall.

Community residents and organizations were involved in raising almost \$17,000 at the November Christmas Mommies and Daddies Telethon on EastLink TV:

pledges may be honoured or new donations made at RBC and Scotiabank, Middleton; Credit Union, CIBC and Scotiabank, Greenwood; Pharmachoice, Aylesford; and Credit Union, Cambridge. Friendly Neighbours this year partners with the Kingston and Aylesford Lions Clubs to reach individuals and families in Western Kings County with hampers. →

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SAR squadron takes to the ice for fun, former friend

Sara White,
Managing editor

There's no better way to remember a squadron comrade – with a renowned love of hockey – than getting in a day's worth of games.

413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron turned out four teams from its own SAR-Tech shop, Hercules servicing, IMP crew and Hercules flight crew December 3 to play in what's become an annual tournament at the Greenwood Gardens. Started in 2007 as the "Top of the Pyramid Tournament," the event turned into a memorial for former squadron Warrant Officer Dean Ryan, who died in February 2019, with all funds raised donated to the



Tara Ryan, with her daughter, Jessica, were special guests for the championship game December 3 of 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron's hockey tournament in the late Warrant Officer Dean Ryan's memory. They were joined by Lieutenant-Colonel Greg Surek, right, and Chief Warrant Officer Stephen Bates, as the captains of the Hercules and SAR-Tech teams took the drop.

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ALS Society for research and support services for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (also known as Lou Gehrig's disease).

Tara Ryan and her daughter, Jessica, were on hand to drop the championship

game's opening puck, accept the event's \$330 contribution and present the trophy. This is the third year the squadron has played – and played it forward – in Ryan's honour.

The original Top of the

Pyramid tournament represented the squadron's elements working together across all sections to meet its motto, "That Others May Live." If one section is struggling, the "pyramid" of 413 Squadron will fall. And, that

others may live, the squadron is determined the tournament will go on.

If you're looking for on-ice results, the Hercules flying crew defeated the SAR-Tech

shop 4-3 in overtime. A casual curling event was held at the next door Greenwood Curling Club for non-hockey playing squadron members throughout the day. →

Food for Thought from the Upper Room Food Bank

During the month of November, the Upper Room Food Bank served 137 families, consisting of 229 adults and 134 children, with 15,051 pounds of product going out and 14,604 pounds coming in. The incoming total includes 2,000 pounds provided by the Feed Nova Scotia network and 582 pounds purchased with local cash donations. The remainder is from local food bank sharing and local donations, including regular arrangements with several local businesses.

Clients requiring service must call ahead to the food bank to arrange an appointment during normal operating hours. If calling outside of food bank office hours, leave a message and someone will get back to you to arrange a time. When ready, the order is placed in the designated area for client pickup. No one other than approved volunteers is allowed

in the building. This limits personal contact, while also reducing waiting time for clients. When requesting service, your best option is to call the office directly and leave a message if no one is there. We can answer quick questions through the Facebook page, but we cannot make arrangements for pick-up or new clients.

Please make every effort to call our staff early to arrange your appointment. Volunteers will do their best to help last-minute drop-ins during open hours, but you should come early, be prepared to wait and they will fit you in where they can. Understand volunteers may also leave early when there are no more appointments or clients waiting - but they don't want to miss anyone in need, either. We understand it is not always possible to call ahead, but clients will find the process easier with a scheduled ap-

pointment.

Donations continue to be accepted at the food bank, located behind the library at 669 Main Street, Kingston (during open hours) or at the Kingston village offices (655 Main Street). Processing of donated food continues in accordance with directives from Feed Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Health Authority. Cash donations are also always accepted.

The food bank is open Mon-

days from 9 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Appointments continue to be a requirement. As we approach the Christmas season, remember our last day for pickup is December 20. We will open again January 3. Our office number is 902-765-0303 or email us at upperroom-foodbk@hotmail.com. Be sure to follow us on Facebook.

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Who's in command?

14 Wing Greenwood leadership team 2021 holiday message

Colonel Tom Goldie, 14 Wing Commander, and Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan Proulx, 14 Wing Chief Warrant Officer

As we enter this holiday season and reflect on the happenings at 14 Wing over the last year, you may recognize first that there have been some significant changes in personnel across all units and at all rank levels. In fact, there were a total of 367 posting instructions affecting the makeup of our teams and 13 changes of command and appointment, including that of Wing Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan Proulx, who arrived in July. Operations also have required leaders at all levels to step up to support and fill key positions in many units, including that of wing commander while Colonel Brendan Cook is deployed on Op FOUNDATION in the Middle East. So, with all these changes and new faces, you may just be wondering, "Who's in Command?"

While some of you are still learning the new faces (it's been challenging with the masks), you have been unwavering in your hard work and mission focus, welcoming new arrivals and allowing those who are changing seats to settle into their new positions. Through your commitment and professionalism, we've remained ready to execute search and rescue missions, and have continued to achieve success in domestic and international long range patrol operations. I'm sure you know none of this could be realised without the valuable support from the entire 14 Wing com-

munity - including those providing mission and operational support, air maintenance, training, force development work, community related support and, most of all, our families.

I'd like to thank all of you for your leadership, teamwork and excellence this past year. CWO Proulx and I are grateful, privileged and honoured to serve with the military and civilian members of 14 Wing Greenwood. We would like to wish you a safe and happy holidays. Please keep those members who are away from home in your thoughts as you enjoy this time with your families and loved ones. Merry Christmas.



SEULS À LA MAISON_{n14}

Qui est à la tête du commandement?

Message du temps des fêtes de 2021 de l'équipe de direction de la 14e Escadre Greenwood

Colonel Tom Goldie, commandant de la 14e Ere, et Adjudant-chef Jonathan Proulx, Adjudant-chef de la 14e Ere

Le début du temps des Fêtes est l'occasion de repenser à ce qui s'est passé à la 14e Escadre au cours de la dernière année. Vous constaterez que d'importants changements ont été effectués au sein des effectifs de toutes les unités et de tous les grades. En fait, 367 instructions d'affectation ont eu une incidence sur la composition des équipes et il y a eu 13 changements de commandement et de nomination, dont celle de l'adjudant-chef de l'escadre Jonathan Proulx, qui est arrivé en juillet. Les opérations ont également exigé que des dirigeants de tous les niveaux s'engagent à offrir leur soutien et à occuper des postes clés au sein de nombreuses unités, y compris celui de commandant d'escadre pendant que le colonel Brendan Cook participe à l'Op FOUNDATION au Moyen-Orient. Donc, avec tous ces changements et ces nouveaux visages, vous vous demandez peut-être « qui commande? ».

Alors que certains d'entre vous apprennent encore à connaître les nouveaux visages (les masques ne facilitent pas les choses), vous travaillez sans relâche et vous vous concentrez sur la mission, accueillant les nouveaux arrivants et permettant à ceux qui changent de poste de prendre leurs marques. Grâce à votre engagement et à votre professionnalisme, nous sommes demeurés prêts à accomplir des missions de recherche et de sau-

vetage, et nous avons réussi à mener à bien des opérations de patrouille nationale et internationale à long rayon d'action. Vous savez certainement que rien de tout cela ne serait possible sans le précieux soutien de la communauté de la 14e Escadre, notamment des personnes qui appuient les missions et les opérations, la maintenance aérienne, l'instruction, le travail de développement des forces et le soutien communautaire, et, surtout, des familles. Je tiens à tous vous remercier pour le leadership et l'excellence dont vous avez fait preuve au cours de l'année, ainsi que pour votre travail d'équipe. L'Adjudant Proulx et moi-même sommes reconnaissants, privilégiés et honorés de travailler avec le personnel militaire et civil de la 14e Escadre Greenwood. Nous tenons à vous souhaiter de joyeuses Fêtes en toute sécurité. Continuez de penser à ceux qui sont loin de chez eux et profitez de ce temps avec vos familles et vos proches. Joyeux Noël.

Colonel Brendan Cook, battle director, Combined Air Operations Centre, Qatar
Directeur de combat, Centre d'opérations aériennes combinées, Qatar



Holiday smiles



Honorary Colonel D. Hennessey, 14 Construction Engineering Squadron

As the holiday season approaches, Canada Post makes an annual offer to all Canadians to send a card or letter off to “Any Member of the Canadian Military” at no cost.

The address used goes to a central distribution centre in Belleville, Ontario, and then the special envelopes are distributed to any and all members of the CAF, wherever they might be. This is a tremendous opportunity for Canadians to thank members of the military for their service at a special time of the year, when friends and family here at home come together.

The primary to grade 12 students from Centre Scolaire

de la Rive-sud, with help from the new president of Branch 24 Royal Canadian Legion in Bridgewater and a member of the staff at the Cookville school, decided to do their part this year. The students prepared over 100 cards and letters, now sent off for distribution. They became very excited to hear, in some cases, the members of the military who receive these cards sometimes actually send a thank you back.

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14 Wing Greenwood families spent an afternoon December 5 taking part in a full, festive schedule of activities, from a movie and bowling and skating to a BBQ and the evening tree lighting finale. The Annapolis Mess, Greenwood Military Family Resource Centre, Community Recreation and the Community Council all teamed up to host events, with great fun had by all.

Corporal J. Fox, 14 Wing Imaging



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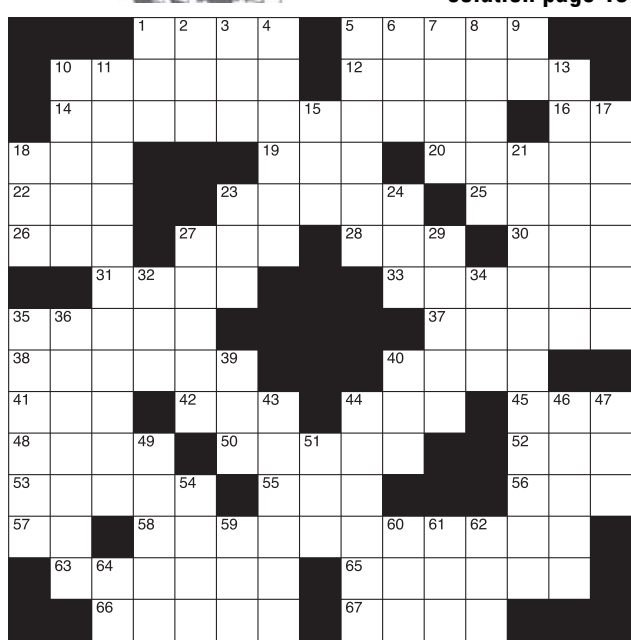
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- Mental sharpness and inventiveness
- Popular Easter meal
- Man (Spanish)
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- Counterweights
- Made a harsh, grating noise
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- Wipe from the record
- In a continuous way
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Holiday crafting workshops

December (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday afternoons), 7Arts in Greenwood will host crafting and elf workshop. Check out

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Lions bingo

Wednesdays – Kingston Lions bingo at the Lions Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m., cards on sale at 6:30 p.m., bingo starts at 7:15 p.m. All COVID-19 protocols are in place.

Berwick walking groups

Tuesdays (from Spicer Park) and Fridays (location varies), 10 a.m., Berwick hosts Hike Nova Scotia gentle, easy walking groups through its NS Walks initiative. Sign-up at nswalks.ca or 902-932-6902.

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

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RCAF Association events

The 107 Royal Canadian Air Force Association hosts many social activities, including darts, washer toss, dances, dinners, bingo, TGIFs and friendly conversation. Many of these events are open to the public. Drop by and see us: 904 Central Ave, Greenwood.

SMH gift shop now open

The Carousel Gift Shop at Soldiers Memorial Hospital, operated by the SMH Auxiliary, is now open Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. In the past two years, the auxiliary has contributed almost \$22,000 to purchase 13 items needed by the hospital. Gift shop volunteers are welcome: interested individuals should contact Betty Lajoie, 902-825-3677. New auxiliary members are always welcome, but membership is not a requirement for gift shop volunteers.

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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.

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The Op-Shop, located in the Greenwood Mall, is open Monday to Friday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Donations are welcome. The funds they raise through sales are donated to various health initiatives and hospitals in the area. Volunteers are welcome: even one shift every week or two would be greatly appreciated. For information, call Mary 902-765-3063.



horoscopes

December 19 to December 25

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Continue to lean into an optimistic mindset, Libra. It will enable you to be a bright light when others are feeling a little down. Boost good moods.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

You are naturally compelled to look deeper into any circumstance you find yourself in, Scorpio. Always dig below the surface to unveil the truth, even if it takes work.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Be direct about any frustrations you may be harboring, Sagittarius. Share your feelings with others who are willing and able to help. Releasing this burden will prove liberating.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

This week is packed with cosmic action, Capricorn. All of this energy has you a bit restless. Rest easy, as you will soon figure out how to juggle your personal and professional lives.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

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La résilience des jeunes est influencée par leurs caractéristiques personnelles, les caractéristiques de la famille avec laquelle ils vivent et

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« Quelque part entre les jeux, les activités sportives, les ateliers d'art et de bricolage, la magie opère, les amitiés naissant, la confiance émerge, l'autonomie s'accroît et soudain les enfants comme les enfants développent la résilience nécessaire pour relever aux nouveaux défis qui leur sont lancés » dit Ben Ouellette vice-président des opérations des Programmes de soutien du personnel. « Nous outillons les enfants afin qu'ils vivent une vie plus

saine et plus heureuse en les aidant à composer avec les coups durs qui les guettent. » Les Loisirs communautaires de la 14e Escadre Greenwood lanceront le programme S.T.A.R. au centre communautaire, édifice 110, rue Church, le 9 janvier se poursuivra pendant neuf semaines les dimanches. Vous pouvez vous inscrire en per-

sonnel Support Programs. “We are empowering children to lead healthier, happier lives by helping them learn how to handle life's curve balls.”

14 Wing Greenwood Community Recreation will launch the STAR program at the community centre, Building 110, Church Street; January 9. It will continue for nine weeks on Sundays. Registration is open in person at the centre, or through CAFConnection.ca. For information on any of the program's content or registration process, contact community recreation coordinator Lindsay McCormack, 902-765-1494 local 5337 or Lindsay.mccormack@forces.gc.ca. ➔

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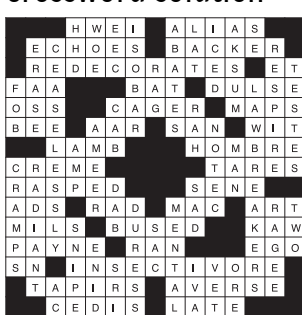
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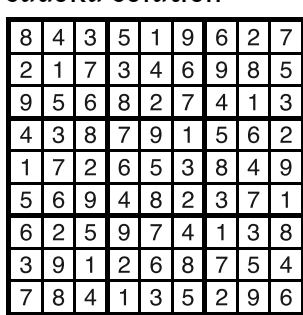
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~ In Loving Memory of ~ Morton, Edward "Ed" Keddy

October 2, 1933 – December 23, 2008

The Clock of Life

The clock of life is wound
But once
And no man has the Power
To tell just when
At late or early hour
Now is the time you own
Live, Love, Toil with a will
Place no faith in tomorrow
For the clock may then be still.



Shirley, Cynthia Anne, Joe
and dearly departed Donna

Letters to Santa



Dear Santa

My name is Taylan Holloway and I'm 17 months living in Greenwood. I will be in Newfoundland for Christmas, I hope you will find me. I've been a good boy and I would like some trucks to push around.

Your friend

Taylan Holloway
Greenwood, NS,
Age 17 months



Dear Santa

My name is Tayte Holloway and I will be 6 years old on Christmas Eve. and I live in Greenwood. I want a toy plane for Christmas from you Santa. I have been a good boy

Love,

Tayte Holloway
Greenwood, NS,
Age 6



Dear Santa

My name is Ty Holloway from Greenwood and I am 4 years old. For Christmas I would like a remote control airplane and a hot lava game. I was good for mommy and daddy.

Love,

Ty Holloway
Greenwood, NS,
Age 4



Dear Santa

My name is Tenley Holloway and I'm 3.5 years old. I live in Greenwood but will be spending the holidays at my grandparents in Newfoundland. All I am asking for is Make-up, I hope I get some.

Your pal

Tenley Holloway
Greenwood, NS,
Age 3.5



Dear Santa

My name is Heaven. I am 4 year old. I have been very good this year. i am very excited for Christmas and your visit. Can you please ask Queen Elsa and Princess Anna to visit me. Thank you.

Love

Heaven R Howse
Greenwood, NS,
Age 4



Dear Santa

How have you been? I have been a good girl all year! This year I would like a cell phone, a toy horse trailer, a Pop-it that has a 1000 pops and some surprises. I will leave out some milk and cookies for you and some magic dust and carrots for you reindeer. Thank-you,

Love,

Lillian Gosse
Wilmot, NS
Age 8



Dear Santa

I have been a good boy all year. For Christmas this year I would like a Monkie kid Lego set. Also I would like the game Pokemon Brilliant Diamond for the Nintendo Switch and some surprises. I hope you have a good Christmas!

Sincerely

Myles Gosse
Wilmot, NS
Age 11



Food drive success

December 14, members of 14 Operations Support Squadron's Telecommunications Flight were at 14 Wing Greenwood's three access gates for the morning shift change, encouraging personnel to add spare change or donate non-perishable food items in a unit food bank drive. With just a short fuse between idea to action, the flight, with the support of the wing's Defence Team, gathered \$2,614.05 in cash and delivered several hundred pounds of food contributions to the Upper Room Food Bank in Kingston.

S. White



The GMFRC and the Casual Childcare Centre Holiday Closure December 18, 2021 to January 3, 2022 inclusive

In case of emergency, military families should call the Family Information Line at 1 800-866-4546 or CFMAP at 1 800-268-7708. Local emergencies are referred to Wing Duty Operations at 902-765-1494 local 5457.

Wishing all of our military families a wonderful Christmas filled with love, laughter, and good cheer! We look forward to serving you in the New Year!

Fermeture du CRFMG, et de la halte-garderie occasionnelle pour la période des fêtes 18 décembre 2021 au 3 janvier 2022 inclusivement

En cas d'urgence, les familles militaires peuvent appeler la Ligne d'information pour les familles militaires au 1-800-866-4546 ou PAMFC au 1-800-268-7708. Les urgences locales sont référées aux Opérations de l'Escadre au 902-765-1494 poste 5457.

Souhaitant à toutes nos familles militaires un merveilleux Noël rempli d'amour, de rires et de joie festive! Nous avons hâte de vous servir dans la nouvelle année!

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No stopping Op Stuffed Toys

**Captain Vicki Connors,
405 (Long Range Patrol)
Squadron**

“Operation Stuffed Toys” is an annual personal endeavour for Master Corporal Jay Ross, a flight engineer with 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron at 14 Wing Greenwood. It has since expanded into the hearts of the members in 405 Squadron, a project that all started with him offering to be a desig-

nated driver for the squadron Christmas party.

In return for a safe ride home and volunteering his time, people often give him tips. He used this money to “pay it forward,” purchasing stuffed toys to donate to a local hospital for the children in care over the holidays. With COVID-19 affecting two holiday seasons, now, Ross has had to think of a different solution. Last year he called upon unit members

to participate in “Operation Stuffed Toys” by making a small donation. This year, Corporal Emily Doyle and Corporal Fysh volunteered to help out with fundraising and drop offs.

This year’s initiative raised \$525 and resulted in a load of stuffed toys delivered to the Valley Regional Hospital in Kentville and the IWK Health Centre, the largest pediatric hospital and trauma centre in Atlantic Canada.



Corporal Jeff Fysh, left, and Master Corporal Jay Ross at the Valley Regional Hospital toy drop.

Submitted

Any time Ross is asked why he started the stuffed toy donations, he explains:

“I am not doing this for any recognition, just purely to bring joy to the sick children.”



Corporal Emily Doyle, left, and Master Corporal Jay Ross visited the IWK Hospital in Halifax to deliver toys for children in hospital over the holidays.

405 Squadron is proud to have a local Santa bringing smiles to everyone’s faces. ➔

Community navigator will help knit physicians, community connection

Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation recently stepped up its physician recruitment and retention efforts by appointing Don Hyslop, who volunteers now as the community lead for the Mid Valley Region Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee, to his new position of community navigator for the catchment area served by Soldiers Memorial Hospital.

The community navigator will be the primary contact between community groups and

the physicians. Hyslop will now be the most important asset to the community, and will be working closely with Nova Scotia Health and Karma Chickowski, the physician recruitment consultant for the Western Zone. Hyslop will be an ideal fit: a local resident with extensive knowledge of the mid-Valley region, from Aylesford to Bridgetown, as well as its social and professional networks.

The Mid Valley Physician Recruitment and Retention

Committee has volunteer members representing the villages of Kingston and Greenwood, Middleton, Bridgetown, 14 Wing Green-

wood, along with five SMH Foundation board members. These people are the local experts that will provide connection for the physicians

and their families to the local community and resources.

For more information, visit middletonsmhf.ca. ➔



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Youth Happenings

Youth Happenings at the 14 Wing Greenwood Community Centre offers a range of fun options every week. To register, contact the centre at 902-765-1494 local 5341, or drop in to the Church Street offices weekdays. COVID-19 safety precautions and vaccine policies are in place for participants ages 12 and older.

**Monday, December 20,
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** - Boys Club: gaga ball. Free, pre-registration required. Please bring water and indoor gym shoes.

**Tuesday, December 21,
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** - Crazy Creators are making a sock snowperson craft. Program cost is \$10+HST for non-Community Recreation Card holders, or \$7+HST with a rec card. Please bring water.

December 22 to January 4, the Community Centre is closed for the holidays. Evening programs resume January 6. ➔

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