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# Poppy cascade a ‘visual pledge for all of us: never again’

**Sara White,  
Managing editor**

The fall of over 2,200 handmade poppies over the red brick exterior of the Kings County Museum in the days leading up to November 11 will be a stunning community symbol of remembrance.

The Four Seasons Fibre knitters behind the Kentville museum’s 2022 exhibit, “Wartime Knitting: Remembrance and Recognition,” have been working steadily on this 2023 installation.

“Poppies are a common symbol of peace and sacrifice,” project spear header Marie Meldrum says. “War and its effects are a shared responsibility that affects us all. This cascade wall of poppies will help us all – as a visual, shared opportunity to remember. This is a visual pledge for all of us: never again.”

The Four Seasons knitters set to knitting last December, and reached out to numerous community groups and individuals to join in. The Crochet Crowd in New Minas put yarn to needle, and Meldrum’s 86-year-old mother knitted alongside a

100-year-old neighbor in her seniors’ home.

“They each knit 50 poppies – and they had lots of time to share stories while they did it,” Meldrum says. Her family’s wartime service and sacrifice was likely top of mind: Meldrum’s mother’s uncle, Robert, was an 18-year-old stretcher bearer when he was killed in Italy in 1944. Her mother had knit a poppy to place on his grave on an overseas visit Meldrum and her husband made several years ago; in fact, they placed 211 knitted poppies on all the Canadian service members’ headstones.

“Knitted poppies – this is going on all over Canada and Europe, and it’s a wonderful way to remember our service members. I think it’s very popular because we are visual creatures.”

October 23, knitters and helpers arrived at the museum to start creating two 25-foot mesh walls. The plan was to hang both from the museum’s second-storey centre window, theatre curtain-style down the exterior facade to the Cornwallis Street sidewalk below. Much math went into just



**Valerie Perrin, left, Margaret Benjamin and Marie Meldrum are among the dozens of volunteers who spent time over the past year knitting and crocheting four-inch poppies, destined for two 25-foot tall cascading walls on display on the exterior of the Kings County Museum in Kentville this month.**

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how many approximately four-inch poppies would be needed to cover the mesh: six to eight poppies were tied on each square foot of mesh.

“We knew we needed 1,000 poppies per 25-foot wall,” Meldrum says. “All these people came together to make over 2,200 poppies.”

Berwick Girl Guides came October 25 to help tie on poppies, and a group of retired nurses from Halifax came up October 26 on a day-trip to pitch in.

Meanwhile, students at

Kings County Academy in Kentville spent their day October 27 making 300 foam poppies, some with black button centres and others with foam and felt. Their contributions will be fastened to a section on fencing at the museum’s front entrance and garden.

“They’ll all be cut unevenly – nothing’s going to be perfect,” says volunteer Margaret Benjamin, who liaised with the school on the project.



**1st Berwick Guides visited the Kings County Museum October 25 to lend a hand tying on knitted poppies.**

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Students at Kings County Academy in Kentville spent October 26 making over 300 felted and foam poppies to fix to a fence, which will sit at the base of the Kings County Museum's cascade poppy walls Until November 11.

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## Poppy cascade a 'visual pledge'...

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“It’s going to be beautiful.” The poppy walls were destined for installation November 1, and they’ll be on display through to November 11. The creators and the museum are “hoping people will be respectful,” says Benjamin, as the leave the project to the elements and passersby during its public display.

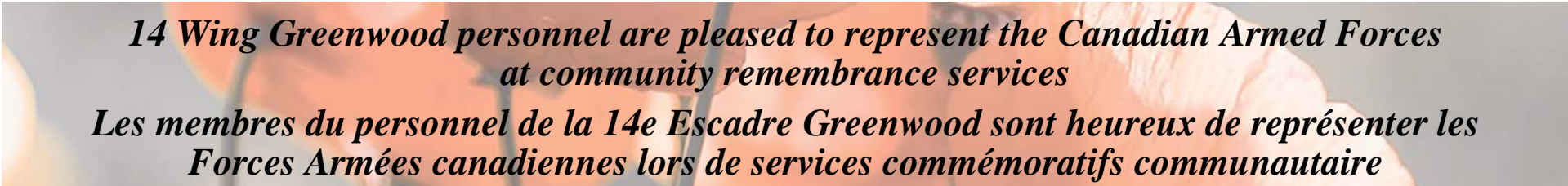
A similar knitted poppy project at the Macdonald Museum in Middleton over the summer has the two museum’s and the volunteer handcrafters all talking: what if there was an even larger, more visual “Valley memorial poppy” route as another year’s project? ➔

## Original Wartime Knitting exhibit finds new audiences

The Four Seasons Fibre knitters’ initial project with the Kings County Museum, “Wartime Knitting: Remembrance and Recognition,” prepared in 2022 to showcase dozens of articles knitted on the home front for loved ones and service members, and worn as uniform or for comfort during the Second World War years; has, over the past year, gathered much attention.

The Greenwood Military Aviation Museum hosted the knitting display, with additional items from its own collection and new espionage stitched pieces added by the knitting group. The exhibit then travelled to the Memory Lane Heritage Village Museum in Lake Charlotte; after a summer show at the Barrington Museum Complex, the community is planning its own wartime quilting hands-on workshop for the winter.

The Wartime Knitting exhibit will open in the Shearwater Aviation Museum in November, and then travel to the New Brunswick Military History Museum in Gagetown for the winter.



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# Combined Charities heads into 2023 campaign

**Sara White,**  
Managing editor

A number of thank-you cards are arriving at 14 Wing Greenwood, following the recent issuing of 25 donation cheques worth \$40,000 to local non-profit groups and programs doing great work in the community.

The wing's Combined Charities tallied up its 2022 National Workplace Giving campaign efforts, funds raised from raffles, craft sales and special events, payroll allotment, casual dress Fridays and the marquee December Festival of Trees. The \$40,000 cash total doesn't include another \$5,500 in new, warm socks; non-perishable food and toiletries provided to food banks, Christmas hamper programs and outreach support groups.

Financial donations included \$1,000 each to eight local school food programs, \$2,500 to animal welfare groups,



**14 Wing Greenwood Combined Charities vice-chair Corporal Brendyn Wendell, centre, was recently joined by Wing Commander Colonel Jeff Davis, left, and Wing Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan Proulx, right, in the headquarters lobby, as Greenwood Scotiabank team members Megan and Graham presented a \$3,000 cheque as matching funds. Scotiabank staff annually pitch in at the December Festival of Trees event, turning volunteer time into wider community outreach**

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\$3,000 to the Greenwood Military Family Resource Centre, \$2,000 to the veterans' unit at Soldiers Memorial Hospital, \$3,000 to Special Olympics and sport support funders, \$5,000 to health and dental causes, and \$7,500 to family and children's non-profits.

“The 2022 campaign goal was \$30,000 – so this was fantastic,” said 14 Wing Commander Colonel Jeff Davis, as base volunteers wrapped up the last details of their work. “All of this will be well used in the community.”

Planning for 2023 is well

underway, with a new volunteer chair, treasurer and secretary joining the leadership team, and unit reps from across the base getting ready for September to December events, but also in-the-works tie-ins to the 2024 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian



**Master Corporal Sandi McLean, 2023 14 Wing Greenwood Combined Charities chair, left; and volunteer Sara White pulled out all the holiday stops at their REXPO information table, launching this year's National Workplace Giving program.**

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Chair Master Corporal Sandi McLean says the Annapolis Mess, Winter Carnival and the base's RCAF 100 committee are all teaming up to put creative ideas, big-ticket events and Defence Team and community involvement front

and centre.

Follow 14 Wing Combined Charities on Facebook for all the details on special events, community contributions and opportunities to help 14 Wing personnel meet Combined Charities' motto, “Locally, we make a Difference.” ➔

14 Wing Greenwood

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Saturday, November 18 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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September through December is the National Workplace Giving Campaign and, here at 14 Wing Greenwood, Combined Charities is ready! Unit rep volunteers are working on a number of ways Defence Team members – and community supporters - may win, have fun and help meet Combined Charities' motto, “Locally, we make a Difference.”

**Park Like a Boss** – the wing commander's on-base parking spots (except HQ) are up for raffle for lucky winners November, December and January! All funds stay with units raffling their spots to support Combined Charities activities. Units set their own ticket prices and determine whether it's three prizes or one three-month prize. Contact your unit rep to win!

**Dress with a Difference Fridays** – toonie Fridays mean you may dress in civvies, September through December. Make sure your unit rep collects your weekly coin.

**Crafters' and vendors' event** – save the date for November 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Greenwood Community Centre.

Eighty tables of décor, holiday ideas, handmade goodies and more! Vendor gift baskets up for raffle: 10 tickets \$5. Admission \$2 (includes door prize ticket). If you would like to volunteer to help vendors move in/ out (8 a.m. to 9:45 a.m./ 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.), help at the admission/ ticket table (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), contact sara.white@forces.gc.ca

**December Megachit** – civvies and ball hats every day of December! Get your Megachit for just \$25 from your unit rep (must be signed to be legit).

**Festival of Trees** – save the date for December 9 at the Greenwood Mall. Unit and community trees, decorated and prized, will be up for public raffle between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets 10 for \$5. Contact your unit rep to help with your theme, prize and decoration ideas, and to volunteer with your tree at the mall.

**December 6 50/ 50** – Head to the Annapolis Mess for Christmas bingo – last year's 50/ 50 prize was over \$600! Bring change for Combined Charities' 50/ 50 (1 ticket \$2, three tickets \$5).





Members of the Canadian Military Wives Choir Greenwood turned their singing talents into a pie-making assembly line September 30 and October 1, their second year pre-selling homemade pies as they fundraiser for music, supplies and choir supports.



14 Wing Greenwood Colonel Jeff Davis rolled up his sleeves, having a hand in the pies he'd bought, arrived to pick up and then take home September 30.

## Little choir that could – made pies!

September 30, members of the Canadian Military Wives Choir Greenwood piled into the St. Mark's Church annex and rolled up their sleeves for what would turn out to be a fantastic, pie-making weekend.

It takes a lot of money to run a choir like this and, after the success of last year's fundraiser, members would have been foolish not to repeat the experience.

"We start checking the flyers for sales in August," says treasurer Tara Rutherford. "We got a few orders in as soon as we put out the publicity, mostly from return customers, but the majority came after we participated in the Wing Welcome Expo."

After the pre-ordering campaign, members organized the baking weekend, where they'd get down to business and hand-make each individual pie.

"We've gotten so many compliments on our pies – one lady who bought one last year came back and bought 10 this year! That alone tells you that they're delicious!" says Chantal Harding, choir vice-president and pie filling expert.

"Last year, we taste-tested a few different combinations, and ended up going with the best crust from one pie, and the best filling from another. But we're not going to share our recipes – that'd be bad for business!"

Aiming to at least equal last year's 207 pies, the choir flew past that goal this year, with 290 pies ordered.

"You tend to get funny looks when you pull up to the cash register with 65 boxes of lard," says Rutherford.



Thankfully, the Valley is ripe with the number one ingredient: the ladies partnered with Dempsey's Corner Orchards again this year to purchase over 600 pounds of apples.

In the spirit of the season, the choir took inspiration from one of last year's member's initiative (who has since sadly been posted out of the area) and implemented a donation drive directly into their order form.

"Obviously, a lot of our members aren't from here so, when your fundraising strategy is based on sales, it's not always easy to get friends and family support," said choir president Isabelle Pitre. "One of our members came up with a genius alternative to get her family involved, all the way from Quebec: she offered to donate the pies they would purchase to a family in need around here. That way, she'd be able to get their support for the choir, and get that 'feel-good, pay-it-forward' energy."

Last year, the choir donated 25 pies to families of deployed members through the Greenwood Military Family Resource Centre. This year, the choir branched out to include the 14 Wing Chaplains' office and the Kingston Legion to bring a little delicious goodness to even more members of the large military community.

"With our whole organization happening just before Thanksgiving, it puts people in a generous mood – and we're well-positioned to understand how hard the holidays can be when you have to spend them far from loved ones," says Pitre.

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14 Wing Greenwood Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan Proulx took a double-decker of homemade apple pies home from the Canadian Military Wives Choir's efforts September 30.

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December 9: Combined Charities Festival of Trees at the Greenwood Mall

December 10: 14 Wing Christmas concert at the Annapolis Mess



VP International's book of remembrance records the names of known maritime patrol aviators lost in the line of duty since 1942. At each year's a service of remembrance, VPI members rededicate themselves to honouring their memory.

## VPI aviators maintain international bond

Sara White,  
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"These are interesting times," said 14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Jeff Davis, as patron of VP International, during the October 5 annual VPI memorial service at the

international monument in Greenwood.

"At this moment, VP crews around the world are on missions, largely out of the public eye, that contribute to public security. Crews are embracing new technology and new missions. The resurgence of

past adversaries has prompted headquarters to relook at under-surface activity in the Atlantic and the North Atlantic and, right now, we have anti-submarine warfare, counter-narcotics and maritime interdiction missions happening for both 14 Wing and 19 Wing Comox crews."

Davis acknowledged the paramount and essential international partnerships Canadian long range patrol aviators continue to have with allies, ensuring everyone's "interests are protected."

The memorial service itself is an opportunity for close to 6,000 VPI members in 23 countries to remember long range patrol aviators lost in the performance of their duties. Established in 1966, and with the memorial designated at Greenwood in 1993, VPI maintains a book of remembrance, listing almost 1,900 names from 13 countries of VP aviators lost since 1942. Beyond this formal duty, VPI connects international long range patrol aviators around the world in fellowship.

415 (Long Range Patrol Force Development) Squadron Lieutenant-Colonel Keith Fugger is the president of VPI Greenwood, and he welcomed the wing's aviators, retired military members and guests to the service.

"I know I have crew deploying in the coming week to Lossiemouth, and there's excitement mixed with the somberness of ceremonies such as this," Fugger said.



14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Jeff Davis, right, the patron of VP International, laid the first commemorative wreath at the October 5 VPI memorial service, on behalf of Canadian maritime patrol aviators; with Wing Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan Proulx.



Master Chief Petty Officer (retired) Herb Parsons (Moffett Field), left, a long-time and frequent memorial service attendee; laid a wreath on behalf of American members of VP International.

"We know the dangers, and what our missions are fraught with – yet we accept the chal-

lenge nonetheless. Regardless of nationality, we maintain the bond of VPI." →

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## Se remémorer la bataille de l'enclave de Medak, 30 ans plus tard

La bataille de l'enclave de Medak, souvent considérée comme un chapitre oublié de notre histoire, est jugée par bien des gens comme étant le combat le plus ardu auquel les troupes canadiennes ont fait face entre les conflits de Corée et d'Afghanistan. Quatre Canadiens ont été blessés au cours de la bataille, et le capitaine Jim Decoste a perdu la vie lors d'un accident de véhicule pendant l'opération. Beaucoup de personnes qui y ont pris part rentreraient au pays avec des blessures de stress opérationnel.

Croatie, dans le cadre de la mission de la Force de protection des Nations Unies (FORPRONU), dans le but de prêter renfort au seul peloton canadien basé dans la ville. Cependant, lorsque les gardiens de la paix canadiens sont arrivés dans l'enclave de Medak, zone prétendument neutre, les forces croates ont fait pleuvoir des tirs de mitrailleuses et d'artillerie. Les Canadiens ont résisté aux assauts en établissant des positions fortifiées, en ripostant et en tenant le coup. Le lendemain, lors d'une conférence de presse impromptue donnée par un commandant canadien, le lieutenant-colonel James Calvin, on a fait pression sur les

Croates pour qu'ils cessent de résister, permettant aux Canadiens d'accéder à l'enclave de Medak. Grâce à leur avancée rapide dans l'enclave, ils ont trouvé des preuves de nettoyage ethnique par les forces croates. Non seulement l'arrivée des troupes canadiennes dans la région a-t-elle empêché que d'autres résidents serbes soient tués, mais l'événement est devenu l'un des cas les mieux documentés de nettoyage ethnique en ex-Yougoslavie. Pendant bien des années qui ont suivies, la bataille livrée dans l'enclave de Medak avait été largement tombée dans l'oubli. Puis en 2002, la gouverneure générale

a décerné au 2e Bataillon, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, la Mention élogieuse du commandant en chef en reconnaissance des gestes héroïques posés par ses membres. Les personnes qui ont combattu dans l'enclave de Medak en gardent le souvenir et portent un fardeau psychologique des suites de la bataille; beaucoup d'entre elles ont vu leur vie changée à jamais par l'expérience. En tant qu'Équipe de la Défense, il nous incombe de nous renseigner sur l'histoire militaire de notre pays à l'aide des personnes qui y étaient et qui ont combattu pour faire du monde un meilleur endroit où vivre. ➔



Medak Pocket area platoon house.  
Maison de peloton dans la région de l'enclave de Medak  
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Museum & Archives  
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## Remembering the Medak Pocket Battle, 30 years later

Often considered a forgotten part of our history, the Battle of Medak Pocket is considered by many to be the toughest action faced by Canadian troops during the period between the conflicts in Korea and Afghanistan. Four Canadians were injured during the battle, and Captain Jim Decoste was killed in a vehicle accident during the operation. Many who took

part would return home with operational stress injuries. On September 14, 1993, hundreds of soldiers from the 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry were sent to Medak, Croatia, as part of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) mission, to reinforce the one Canadian platoon based in the town.

However, when Canadian peacekeepers arrived at the Medak Pocket, which was supposed to be a neutral zone, Croatian forces rained down heavy machine gun and artillery fire. Canadians withstood the assaults by building fortified positions, engaging in battle and not backing down. The next day, an impromptu news conference by Cana-

dian commander Lieutenant-Colonel James Calvin pressured Croatians to relent, and the Canadians advanced into the Medak Pocket. With their rapid advance into the Pocket, they found evidence of ethnic cleansing by Croatian forces. Not only did the arrival of Canadians in the area prevent additional killing of Serbian residents, it became one of

the best-documented cases of ethnic cleansing in the former Yugoslavia. For years after, the battle that occurred in the Medak Pocket went largely unmarked. Then, in 2002, the Governor General bestowed the Commander-in-Chief Unit Commendation on the 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in recognition

of their heroic actions. Those who fought in the Medak Pocket carry the memories and psychological burdens of battle – many were forever changed by the experience. As a Defence Team, it's our duty to learn about our country's military history from the people who were there, and who fought to make the world a better place. ➔

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## Lasting legacy of Canadian war amputee veterans

Amid the wars, countless Canadian soldiers and nurses displayed extraordinary bravery and unwavering dedication, putting their lives on the line for our country. Many of these individuals returned home bearing the profound physical and emotional scars of war, having lost limbs in the line of duty.

Their experiences as amputees not only shaped their own lives but, as members of The War Amps of Canada, they left a lasting legacy on generations of amputees to come.

During the First World War, Madeleine Jaffray (1889-1972) served as a nurse in a hospital near Bordeaux, France. The hos-

pital was bombarded by German aviators, and she was wounded in the foot by a piece of shrapnel from one of the bombs. Her injury led to an amputation, making her Canada's only female war amputee of the First World War.

Mike Krulicki (1925-2020) was just a teenager when he volunteered for service in the Second World War. He enlisted with the Irish Regiment of Canada and, in 1944, while fighting in the Italian Campaign, he stepped on a landmine and lost his right leg below the knee.



**Madeleine Jaffray  
(First World War)**



**Mike Krulicki  
(Second World War)**



**Arthur Johnson  
(Korean War)**

Submitted

Arthur Johnson (1929-2006) served with the Canadian Army Special Force as a mortar man, with the

Royal Canadian Regiment, in the fight for the freedom of South Korea. In August 1952, in the midst of intense enemy shelling, a mortar landed close by, wounding him and resulting in the loss of his right leg and damage to his right arm.

These honorable individuals contributed their

time to various activities of The War Amps and shared their experiences as amputees with others, including modern-day veterans and children. On Remembrance Day especially, but also throughout the year, the association pays tribute to the sacrifice and service of all those who served and continue to serve. ➔



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May the memory of their sacrifices continue, and the values for which they fought, live in each of us.

On behalf of myself, my family and all Canadians, I want to thank the Canadian Armed Forces and veterans for their service and to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedom.

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Le 11 novembre, prenons un moment pour saluer le courage des femmes et des hommes militaires qui ont servi et continuent de servir notre nation en temps de guerre, de conflits et pour maintenir la paix.

Que la mémoire de leurs nombreux sacrifices perdure et que les valeurs pour lesquelles ils se sont battus puissent rester gravées dans nos mémoires. En mon nom, celui de ma famille, et de toute les Canadiens, nous tenons à remercier les membres de Forces armées canadiennes et les vétérans pour leur service et pour ceux et celles qui ont fait le sacrifice ultime pour la préservation de nos libertés.

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## A moment to reflect and to remember them

**Fardous Hosseiny  
President and Chief  
Executive Officer,  
Atlas Institute for Veterans  
and Families**

Two minutes. It isn't that much time, right? We are supposed to take two minutes to brush our teeth. In that amount of time, we can easily tidy up our workspaces, heat up leftovers, make our beds and so on.

It's also possible to accomplish really important things in that short amount of time. And one of those is spending two minutes November 11 reflect-

ing on those who have served our country.

When we think of veterans, those responsible for many of the freedoms we enjoy as Canadians, we may picture a man in his 80s, marching on Remembrance Day, wearing a beret and a row of service medals. In Canada today, the fact is there are over 450,000 veterans of all ages with diverse backgrounds and experiences, each with a different story to tell. Some may have served decades ago in the Second World War or the Korean War. Others served in the Gulf War or in Somalia, Rwanda

or the Balkans in the 1990s, in Afghanistan from 2001 to 2014, or more recently in Iraq or Latvia. Veterans have also served on home soil, providing support during natural disasters, such as devastating wildfires or floods, as well as in long-term care homes to bring relief to health care workers during the global pandemic.

Throughout this service, the families of Canadian Armed Forces members are at home, holding down the fort while their loved ones fulfil their sworn duty. Their sacrifices deserve our recognition as

well, as they often are the people living with the impacts of service and related injuries of their loved ones.

A simple "thank you for your service," or asking questions like, "Can you tell me something about the world that you learned during your service?," can go a long way in making service members and veterans feel recognized and heard.

This Remembrance Day, take those two minutes to remember those who gave up their lives for our freedoms, and to think of living veterans and those who continue to serve each day. ➔



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## Un moment pour réfléchir et se souvenird'eux

**Fardous Hosseiny  
président et chef de la  
direction, Institut Atlas  
pour les vétérans et leur  
famille**

Deux minutes. Ce n'est pas si long, n'est-ce pas? Nous sommes censés prendre deux minutes pour nous brosser les dents. C'est le même temps qu'il faut pour mettre de l'ordre dans notre espace de travail, réchauffer les restants, faire notre lit et ainsi de suite.

Il est également possible d'accomplir des choses vraiment importantes en aussi peu de temps. L'une d'elles consiste à consacrer deux minutes, le 11 novembre, à réfléchir à ceux qui ont servi notre pays.

Lorsqu'on pense aux vétérans, ceux qui sont responsables de bon nombre des libertés dont nous jouissons en tant que Canadiens, on peut penser à un homme d'environ 80 ans qui marche

le jour du Souvenir avec son béret et sa rangée de médailles de service. À l'heure actuelle, il y a au Canada plus de 450 000 vétérans de tous âges ayant des antécédents et des expériences variées, avec une histoire différente à raconter. Certains ont peut-être servi il y a des décennies pendant la Seconde Guerre mondiale ou la guerre de Corée. D'autres ont servi pendant la guerre du Golfe ou en Somalie, au Rwanda ou dans

les Balkans dans les années 1990, en Afghanistan de 2001 à 2014, ou plus récemment en Iraq ou en Lettonie. Les vétérans ont également servi en sol canadien, en offrant du soutien lors de catastrophes naturelles comme des feux de forêt ou des inondations dévastateurs, ainsi que dans des établissements de soins de longue durée afin d'apporter une aide aux travailleurs de la santé pendant la pandémie mondiale.

Tout au long de ce service, les membres des familles des Forces armées canadiennes sont à la maison et montent la garde pendant que leurs proches remplissent leur devoir donné sous serment. Leurs sacrifices méritent également notre reconnaissance, car ce sont souvent eux qui subissent les répercussions du service et les blessures connexes de leurs proches.

Un simple « merci pour votre service » ou des ques-

tions comme « Pouvez-vous me dire quelque chose que vous avez appris sur le monde pendant votre service? » peut faire beaucoup pour que les militaires et les vétérans se sentent reconnus et entendus.

À l'occasion du jour du Souvenir, prenez ces deux minutes pour vous souvenir de ceux qui ont sacrifié leur vie pour défendre nos libertés et pour penser aux vétérans vivants et à ceux qui continuent de servir chaque jour. ➔



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# Proud tradition of service remembered November 8, Indigenous Veterans Day

November 8 is Indigenous Veterans Day. The First Nations, Inuit and Métis people of Canada have a long and proud tradition of military service to our country.

The rate of Indigenous participation in Canada's military efforts over the years has been impressive. Determined volunteers were often forced to overcome many challenges to serve in uniform, from learning a new language and adapting to cultural differences, to having to travel great distances from their remote communities to enlist. The challenges they faced often extended to their post-service life. Many Indigenous war veterans would not receive treatment equal to other Canadian veterans.

**The First World War**  
From 1914 to 1918, more than 4,000 Indigenous people served in uniform. Indigenous recruits joined up, seeking employment or adventure or wanting to uphold a tradition that had seen their ancestors fight alongside the British in earlier military efforts, like the War of 1812 and the South African War.



Tommy Prince (right) with a brother at Buckingham Palace, where he was awarded two gallantry medals.

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Many Indigenous men brought valuable skills into the military: patience, stealth and marksmanship were well-honed traits for those who came from communities where hunting was a cornerstone of daily life. These attributes helped many of these soldiers become successful snipers and reconnaissance scouts. Indigenous soldiers earned at least 50 decorations for bravery during the war. Willard Bolduc, an Ojibwa airman from Ontario, earned the Distinguished Flying Cross for his brave actions as an air gunner during bombing raids over occupied Europe. Indigenous people also



A Canadian Ranger during a patrol in Nunavut in 2012.

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Huron Brant receiving his Second World War Military Medal in Italy.

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contributed to the war effort at home. They donated large amounts of money, clothing and food and also granted the use of reserve lands to allow for the construction of new airports, rifle ranges and defence installations. The special efforts of First Nations communities in Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia were recognized with the awarding of the British Empire Medal.

**The Korean War**  
The Korean War erupted in 1950 and several hundred Indigenous people would serve. Many of them had seen action in the Second World War.

Tommy Prince, an Ojibwa from Manitoba, served with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Korea. He drew upon his extensive infantry experience in the Second World War with missions like a "snatch patrol" raid. Prince was second-in-command of a rifle platoon and led a group of men into an enemy camp, where they captured two machine guns. He also took part in the Battle of Kapyong in April 1951, which saw his battalion sub-

sequently awarded the United States Presidential Unit Citation for its distinguished service.

**Unfair treatment**  
It has been estimated as many as 12,000 First Nations, Métis and Inuit people served in the great conflicts of the 20th century, with at least 500 of them losing their lives. Many Indigenous communities also contributed to our country's war efforts.

However, there is a dark side to how the Canadian government treated these communities. Canada expropriated hundreds of thousands of acres of reserve lands during this era. Some land was also taken and given to non-Indigenous people as part of a program that granted farmland to returning veterans. Often, Indigenous veterans were denied access to full benefits. Second-class treatment made their transition to life back home even harder.

**Post-war service, recognition**

Indigenous men and women have proudly served in post-war years. They have

been deployed wherever they have been needed - from NATO duties in Europe during the Cold War to service with United Nations and other multinational peace support operations in dozens of countries. In more recent years, Indigenous Canadian Armed Forces members saw hazardous duty in Afghanistan, between 2001 and 2014.

Closer to home, the Canadian Rangers, a group of army Reservists, are active predominantly in the North, as well as on remote stretches of our east and west coasts. The Rangers use their intimate knowledge of the land to help maintain a national military presence in these difficult-to-reach areas, monitoring the coastlines and assisting in local rescue operations.

This rich heritage has been recognized in many ways. Royal Canadian Navy ships, including HMCS *Iroquois*, *Cayuga* and *Huron*; and the striking National Aboriginal Veterans Monument in Ottawa; reflect our country's lasting respect for the contributions of Indigenous veterans. →

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# Message of remembrance lasts a whole season

Sara White,  
Managing editor

November 11 as one day to remember years – centuries – of Canadian military milestones has been expanded in one 14 Wing Greenwood workspace. 14 Operations Support Squadron's Communications and Information Systems Flight is well into its "Ramp up to Remembrance" presentations: every Thursday, from September 14 to November 9, one flight member will take a turn sharing something that interests them from their own branch's Communications and Electronics history, from the wider Canadian Armed Forces or even from pre-CAF Canadian heritage.

Remembrance Day turned into one day, pretty much," says Sergeant Kirk Kreitzer. "Everyday doesn't know the history – and it becomes their history. Why not make remembrance a season and, every Thursday, we hear about a different chapter of CAF history?"

This is the second year for CIS Flight's Ramp up to Remembrance. While, last year, Kreitzer asked flight members to take a turn, this year people volunteered.

"Everyone has been very good with it - we have corporals, master corporals, lieutenants and second lieutenants all doing a week this year. Extra work is always hard, but this is different."

Presentations have included



Sergeant Kirk Kreitzer, left, and Sergeant Sean Brathwaite, with 14 Operations Support Squadron's Communications and Information Systems Flight, took their time assembling this year's in-hangar Fall display, all focused on the upcoming November 11 Remembrance Day. The flight launched the second year of its weekly Thursday morning brief, "Ramp up to Remembrance," in September.

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heritage highlights from the War of 1812 to having a couple veterans come in and speak. They don't have to relate to telecommunications, and the broad range has been appreciated week to week. One of the first this season, by Second Lieutenant Storm Silvawalker, covered the history of the CE Branch back to the earliest days of Canadian military units – from rudimentary equipment with significant "leakage," including messenger dogs, flag and lamp signaling, pigeons and the early telegraph; through to wireless radio and telephone; to modern day technologies, with qualified people using it all.

This year, the flight added a wall-length display of artefacts – Kreitzer's old Navy uniform, another flight member's grandfather's Korean jacket, old equipment, posters and



Major General (retired) Ian Patrick, right, had a career's worth of stories to share – none of them about being the jet pilot he'd originally joined the Royal Canadian Air Force to be. He was the guest speaker for the Communications and Information Systems Flight's October 26 "Ramp up to Remembrance" presentation.

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photos; flags and poppies and the traditional single-seat table, set for a lost comrade. Kreitzer and Sergeant Sean Brathwaite put the display together, with a lot of help from the Greenwood

Military Aviation Museum and the Kingston Royal Canadian Legion. The CE Branch cap badge features Mercury, the Roman messenger god, known

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# Middleton students leaving no stone alone in November 7 Old Holy Cemetery remembrance

November 7, at 11 a.m., the Grade 10 class of Middleton Regional High School will, once again, participate in the national student movement, No Stone Left Alone, at the Commonwealth graves found in Old Holy Cemetery, Middleton.

Maureen Purvis of Edmonton started this movement in 2011 with one class; now, over 9,778 students in every Canadian province and territory, as well as

at Canadian gravesites in France and Poland; remember 79,896 fallen Canadian service members by placing a poppy at the foot of each headstone. Middleton students represent one of three schools in Nova Scotia participating in this event.

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et couper le bois qui sera utilisé pour réaliser cette œuvre d'art spéciale.

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## 100-year-old veteran remembers the fallen

I lost my right arm October 18, 1944, while serving with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment in Italy. I was staked at a farm-house that had a children's treehouse located nearby. In the treehouse was a sniper, who kept shooting at our boys. A tank then came, which shot out shells, the shrapnel hitting my right arm.

When I returned home from the war, I joined The War Amps and have been a member ever

since. This association was started by First World War amputee veterans to help each other adapt to their new reality as amputees.

Having just recently turned 100, I am reflecting this Remembrance Day upon all those who served in my regiment and never returned home. Their absence weighs on me and it is essential that we keep their memory alive. I take comfort in knowing The War Amps

and its young members will continue to keep spreading the message, long into the future.

The sacrifices of those who served (and continue to serve) deserve to be remembered and honoured. Each Remembrance Day serves as a poignant reminder of the tremendous price paid by these brave individuals. Their selflessness and courage continue to resonate, and it is our duty to ensure that their legacy endures. ➔



Second World War amputee veteran Lloyd Brown, Edmonton, in 1943 and today, at age 100.

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Monday, November 6, 6

p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – Kids Club. Basketball and spike-ball games galore! Free for PSP Plan or one-activity pass youth evening program holders, \$5+HST non-PSP Plan membership. Pre-registration required by noon the day of the program.

Tuesday, November 7, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Open centre drop-in. Youth under

12 years old must be accompanied by an adult 16+. One-activity pass or PSP Plan card required, \$5+HST non-PSP plan membership per person.

Wednesday, November 8,

4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. – Mini Chefs. Ages 7 to 13. \$50+HST PSP Plan, \$60+HST non-PSP Plan. Pre-registration required.  
Friday, November 10, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. – In-

service day camp. Pajama Jam. \$30+HST PSP Plan membership, \$40+HST non-PSP plan membership. Pre-registration required.

Tuesday, November 14, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Open

centre drop-in. Youth under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult 16+. One-activity pass or PSP Plan card required, \$5+HST non-PSP plan membership per person. ➔

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### crossword solution

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### sudoku solution

4	2	9	6	7	5	1	8	3
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6	7	3	1	9	4	2	5	8
9	5	8	7	2	6	4	3	1
1	9	5	4	3	8	7	2	6
8	4	2	5	6	7	3	1	9
3	6	7	2	1	9	8	4	5

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2. What place is Nova Scotia's apple capital?
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If you should have any questions, or are definitely interested please send your letter of intent, or inquiries to dave@paragongolf.ca . The cut off date for proposals is December 31, 2023.

*We look forward to hearing from you!*

**The Paragon Management Team**



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#### Intro pickleball

Thursdays, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Greenwood Community Centre and Fridays, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Pine Ridge Middle School in Kingston. Drop-in fee of \$5 to pay for equipment costs. Come out and learn the rules and basics of pickleball, have some fun and exercise at the same time. Bring

indoor sneakers. All are welcome.

#### Try speed skating

The Annapolis Valley Speed Skating Club offers programs Monday evenings at the Credit Union Centre. Free speed skates rental for your first season. Come out to a practice for a free trial. Contact [valleyspeedskating@gmail.com](mailto:valleyspeedskating@gmail.com) for more information.

#### Games afternoon

Fridays (second and fourth of the month), 1 p.m., the Kingston Area Seniors Association (KASA, 50+) hosts fun afternoons at the Kingston Legion, 1 p.m., cost \$2. Enjoy an afternoon of cards, games, easy conversation, and light refreshments. Questions: 902-765-4228.

#### 7Arts MakerSpace

Saturdays and some Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. Meet artists and local makers every weekend at 7Arts in Greenwood. \$5/ person (caregivers are free). Email to reserve your seat: [info@7arts.ca](mailto:info@7arts.ca).

#### Youth & teen art lessons

Tuesdays, join 7Arts in Greenwood for youth and teen art lessons. New artists and projects each week. Ages 7-12, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Ages 13-17, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. \$25/ lesson or \$120 for six sessions. Register at [info@7arts.ca](mailto:info@7arts.ca).

#### Fibre arts evenings

Wednesdays, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., join 7Arts in Greenwood for a craft & chat group. Are you a female-identifying fibre craft artist (knitting, crochet, cross stitch, embroidery, felting, rug hooking) over the age of 25? Bring your own materials or purchase a kit

from us! Email [info@7arts.ca](mailto:info@7arts.ca) for information.

#### Drum circle

November 7, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Health RHYTHMS community drum circle is available to veterans, military members and their spouses at 7Arts in Greenwood. Supported by True Patriot Love. Reserve your seat at [mindfullymore@gmail.com](mailto:mindfullymore@gmail.com).

#### No Stone Left Alone - Middleton

November 7, 11 a.m., the Middleton Regional Grade 10 class will participate in the national No Stone Left Alone program, placing a poppy at the foot of each lost Second World War Commonwealth servicemembers' headstone at the Old Holy Cemetery in Middleton. 14 Wing Greenwood will providing a piper and bugler, and Chris Tidd will officiate. Everyone is welcome.

#### Seniors' drum circle

November 9, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. HealthRHYTHMS is a community drum circle at 7Arts in Greenwood, free to seniors! Reserve your seat by emailing [mindfullymore@gmail.com](mailto:mindfullymore@gmail.com).

#### Remembrance Day dinner

November 11, the Berwick Legion hosts its Remembrance Day din-

ner (full turkey meal). Tickets are \$20, available at the Legion bar.

Reception at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6 p.m.

#### Christmas ornament class

November 13, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., join 7Arts in Greenwood and make a hooked rug Christmas ornaments. Tickets are \$20. Reserve your seat by email at [info@7arts.ca](mailto:info@7arts.ca).

#### Community luncheon

November 14, noon to 1 p.m., the Kingston Lions host their monthly community luncheon at the Kingston Lions Hall. Turkey dinner with all the fixings. Call 902-765-2128

November 7 and 8 between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. to pre-order delivery and take-out meals only. OR just walk in, sit down and enjoy! You no longer have to pre-order day of, eat-in meals.

#### Crafters' and vendors' sale

November 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the 14 Wing Greenwood Community centre, Church Street – hosted by 14 Wing Greenwood Combined Charities, the base's annual workplace giving program. Expecting 80 vendors. Admission \$2 (includes door prize ticket). Ticket auction. 50/50. All proceeds go back into Valley schools, sports, youth organizations, health programs, food banks and more.

#### Drum circle

November 18, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., join a community drum circle at 7Arts in Greenwood. Drums are provided.

#### Watercolour evening

November 20, 6 p.m., join 7Arts in Greenwood for a Christmas watercolour paint night. Cost is \$40. Email [info@7arts.ca](mailto:info@7arts.ca) to

reserve your seat.

#### Women Moving Forward – Fall sessions

November 21, 28, December 11 and 14, all 9:30 a.m. to noon, join the Women's Place Resource Centre at 694 Main Street, Kingston, for a series of Fall workshops. Topics include coping with break-ups and moving on, conflict resolution and problem solving, surviving everyday stressors, and music therapy. To register for any of the sessions, contact 902-363-2030 or [Rhonda.wprc@gmail.com](mailto:Rhonda.wprc@gmail.com).

#### Crafters' and vendors' sale

November 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Berwick Girl Guides will host a crafters' and vendors' sale at the South Berwick Community Hall, 4518 Hwy 1, South Berwick. Admission is freewill offering, coffee/tea and muffins by donation, Girl Guide cookies \$6 a box, select ticket auction.

#### 7Arts open house

November 25, noon to 4 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood is having an open house – drop in!

#### Holiday hamper applications – Kingston/ Greenwood

November 30 is the deadline for 2023 Kingston/ Greenwood holiday food and toy hamper applications for families with children and youth. Applications may be picked up at the customer service desk of Sobeys Greenwood or Kingston Pharmasave.

Directions on the form must be strictly followed. Forms must be returned to Sobeys Greenwood or Kingston Pharmasave by November 30, and you will be contacted, in confidence, shortly thereafter to assess need.



solution page 17

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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!



## ‘VIP’ takes advantage of family flights to add Aurora to flying list

Sara White,  
Managing editor



Second World War veteran Sergeant (retired) Tom Franklin, 99, was likely the most senior family member to take advantage of a familiarization flight September 23, as 14 Wing Greenwood opened workspaces to personnel to bring in family for a peek behind the scenes.

Franklin, the father of Aurora Newspaper administrative clerk Diane Mestekemper, was more than happy to take his first flight aboard the CP140 Aurora. After 25 years as a Regular Force instrument technician, plus a number of years as a Class E Reservist, he'd had many opportunities to both work and fly on the Argus, Buffalo, Harvard, Expeditor, Hercules and Neptune.

September 23, Franklin and Mestekemper were met at the Air Movements Unit terminal by famil flight organizers and given a set of headphones so he could listen in on aircrew communications. 415 (Long Range Patrol Force Development) Squadron Lieutenant-Colonel Keith Fugger, also awaiting a famil flight with some of his family members, was happy to chat with Franklin in the waiting room.

Franklin was then escorted first out of the terminal and across the tarmac to the Aurora, where crew awaited the “VIP's” arrival and assisted him up the stairs and through the aircraft to prime seating at a window jumpseat behind the pilots' cockpit.

In flight, the Aurora crew showed family members the different parts of the Aurora's workspace, with many taking

turns in the navigator's centre cockpit seat. Franklin was quick to throw off his seatbelt and take his turn, arriving just in time for the overflight of Cape Split and then along the Bay of Fundy shoreline. He was also able to stay for the landing back at 14 Wing, where he had nothing but a thumbs up for the experience.

Franklin joined the Royal Canadian Air Force at a mobile recruiting unit in Digby in May 1943 – his first paying

job, after having worked as a young man on the family farm. He completed basic training in Sydney, and his first posting was to Millidgeville, New Brunswick, where he was barrack warden. In 1945, he was transferred to Gander, Newfoundland, where he finished the war as a leading aircraftman. He retired July 22, 1974 from his final posting in at the search and rescue 413 Squadron in Summerside, having sandwiched in postings in Downsview, Greenwood, Summerside and St. Hubert; and multiple travel opportunities to service aircraft, including Bermuda, Ireland, Scotland, Malta, Holland, Greenland and Iceland.

Franklin is currently a resident at the veterans' unit at Soldiers Memorial Hospital in Middleton, where he was the talk of the unit upon his return from the day's Aurora flight. ➔



Submitted

## crossword

solution page 17

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#### ACROSS

- Happen again
- Large flightless birds
- A type of account
- Beyond what is natural
- Beloved comfort food
- Rural delivery
- Belonging to us
- Typical
- Pie \_\_\_\_ mode
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- Not us
- Discharge
- Made empty
- Fishing net
- Fast-moving, harmless snake
- Analyzed into its parts
- In a way, chilled
- Hindu queen
- Circles around the sun
- Used for emphasis
- Reactive structures
- Recommendations
- Feel intense anger

#### DOWN

- Vital public document
- Disinter
- Musical performances
- After B
- Every body has one (abbr.)
- Utilize
- In a way, disproved
- Fisherman's tool
- Of she
- Trauma center
- Commercial flyer
- Administered

#### ACROSS

- Puke
- Rural Northern Ireland community
- Naturally occurring solid material
- British watch brand
- Toddler
- Integrated circuit
- Being revered
- 'Pets' you can grow
- Continual
- Puts together in time
- Houses temporarily

#### DOWN

- Poplar R&B performer
- Regretted
- Leg (slang)
- 'Night Train' author
- More supernatural
- Baltimore ballplayer
- Shoe parts
- Scores perfectly
- More lucid
- Trim by cutting
- Disreputable people
- Dramatic behaviors
- Disorder
- Private box in a theater
- More dried-up
- Raw
- In operation
- Pillager
- Butterflies with brown wings
- Disallow
- In a way, disproved
- Hungarian city
- A way to condemn
- Tax collector
- Lease
- Not out



## horoscopes

#### November 5 to November 11

##### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Unchecked anxiety can lead you down a slippery slope, Libra. It's not easy facing new situations, but worrying about things before it is necessary will not do right now.

##### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you are no stranger to psychic feelings. This week you know what a loved one is thinking and want to help this person out in any way you can.

##### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you cannot control the world or others' behaviors. All you can do is control how you react to situations. Don't be sidetracked by noisy distractions in the days ahead.

##### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, you have been making pleasure and play time your priority of late. It's now time to get down to business. Own up to your responsibilities.

##### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Unraveling old patterns or actions will be good for you right now, Aquarius. If you can't do it on your own, work with a friend or therapist to get to the root of any issues.

##### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, think about collaborating with others to bring out the best in yourself. In fact, you might find any group activity transformative. Don't shy away from these ventures.

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# Sharing fire safety messaging

It was a busy week of passing on fire safety information – and opportunities to try your hand at a fire-extinguishing hose! 14 Wing Greenwood Fire and Emergency Services personnel took their gear on the road to visit several local schools, and partner with the Kingston District Fire Department at community displays, and also hosted an open house October 14. Fire Prevention Week this year focused on the theme, “Cooking Safety Starts With YOU!”

Captain S. Pickrell



# Learn to curl, get season ready November 8, 10

Ready for winter fun – indoors?  
The 14 Wing Greenwood Curling Centre will hold drop-in registration and information evenings November 8 and 10, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

This includes free learn-to-curl opportunities between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. both dates: wear comfortable clothing, dress for warmth (gloves and a hat), and have clean running shoes to wear on the ice

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