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Kings Hants Member of Parliament Kody Blois, left, with 14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Jeff Davis, made the 14 Wing announcement December 19 of a joint remotely piloted aircraft systems project with 19 Wing Comox. S. White

Wing RPAS expansion includes people, infrastructure, capability

Sara White, Managing editor

14 Wing Greenwood co-hosted a cross-country announcement December 19, as a \$2.5 billion remotely piloted aircraft systems (RPAS) project was announced for both 14 Wing and 19 Wing Comox bases.

Kings Hants Member of Parliament Kody Blois, speaking

in Greenwood on behalf of federal Minister of Defence Bill Blair, called the news a “great day for the Royal Canadian Air Force and Canada.

“Government takes seriously the responsibility to provide the equipment the men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces need to do their jobs. Canada has an important role protecting our own sovereignty, and also working with international partners. That is what today is all about.”

The RPAS project will see 11 new remotely piloted, jet-sized aircraft, the General Atomics Aeronautical MQ9B, in full service by 2033; eight based in Greenwood and three based at 19 Wing. The first should be in service by 2028. That means major investments in Ottawa, where a new ground control centre with aircraft cockpits and 160 personnel will operate the aircraft; and in Greenwood, where 55 Canadian Armed Forces and Department of National Defence personnel will work out of a new aircraft hangar. Three of the aircraft, with 25 personnel, will be based at 19 Wing. The \$2.5 billion project includes the aircraft, hangars and operational space, security fencing, runway and parking expansion, initial weapons, training and courses, relevant hardware and software.

“Highly-skilled RCAF pilots of these aircraft will be able

to provide real-time information and armed, air-to-ground capabilities for command, over much longer distances and in more complex environments,” Blois said, including over Canada’s North and maritime approaches, potential overseas deployments, search and rescue operations and in support of civilian work, such as forest fire surveillance.

“Look at the ways this can be deployed on a quicker timeline, and meet operational requirements on any given day, without putting our men and women in harm’s way.”

Blois said the RPAS project’s interoperability with international allies is a key feature, as RCAF members put the new aircraft to “work alongside our allies who do have this technology.”

14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Jeff Davis said the new aircraft, and all its operations, will follow “exact air worthiness technicalities,” even as they operate from different locations. He’s also confident the project is working through the right processes to be able to see the aircraft perform in all “elements, weather and extremes.

“The platform will be able to do the job. We’ll be able to update it as we go along and as these arrive, and they’ll be deployable before” the 2033 full project completion target. ➔



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**Captain
Stephanie Hutchings &
Master Warrant Officer
Blake Roach
Chairs, Winter Carnival '24**

This year's 14 Wing Greenwood Winter Carnival has incorporated the 100th RCAF anniversary! The Greenwood Defence Team will be travelling through all the decades of RCAF history, as eight unit teams guide us through their chosen decade, highlighting RCAF milestones (and more!) in artwork, costumes, music and fun.

Starting off with the infamous TGIF Pep Rally February 9, unit teams will parade through opening ceremonies dressed to represent their

decade. Their RCAF artwork will be set up for judging, and then a week's display. Events continue February 9 to 15, following the RCAF anniversary theme, including the escape room and trivia. Families will also be able to take part, learning some history by geocaching on the February 10 Family Day. We have received a lot of support with building clues from the volunteers at the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum, and we know, with their expertise, families are going to be learning a lot!

2024's Winter Carnival has incorporated a number of changes, starting with a planning survey available to all members of 14 Wing several months ago. Winter Carnival is for members: why not let them all have a say? From data collected, we chose the top-voted items (members could choose as many as they wanted, or comment to add a new event) and built a schedule.

Another change is to the Family Day. New events include our 14 Wing Families Have Talent challenge, a chance for our strongest support team - our families - to show off their skills! Each participant will receive an award, and one act will win the show! Anyone who wants to participate will need to pre-register by February 8, via the show's registration QR Code or <https://forms.office.com/r/ffP0ZN9G70>.



14 Wing Families Have Talent details

- 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb 10, at Morfee Centre gym, School Road
- Performers may be any age (waiver for under 19 years)
- Solo acts must be a dependent of a Defence Team member or veteran.
- Acts with more than one

- person require the majority to have a relationship to Defence Team member or veteran.
- Acts may be up to three minutes long.
- Presentations could include singing, dancing, magic, juggling, skipping, telling jokes (clean, as it is a family event), reading your own poetry, skits, playing an instrument, a karate skills demonstration, etc; but – please! No dangerous acts (no use of fire, weapons, etc).
- Acts must provide their own props, costumes and music (if required).
- A panelist of judges will be on hand to provide commentary and scoring.
- Once you register, you will receive a confirmation email with more information.

We are looking forward to seeing how Winter Carnival '24 unfolds. We want to thank every member who completed surveys back in September, every event and unit OPI, our support teams and all volunteers. You have all made a huge impact on shaping this event, and we are so proud of what has been created. We hope everyone makes it out to take part in the events, enjoys themselves and, perhaps, recharges during these busy operational and mid-winter blues days with some FUN! ➔



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Dark day for 404 opportunity to gather the 'Herd,' honour the past

**Captain Rob Albert,
404 (Long Range Patrol
and Training) Squadron**

Attention all past and present 404 Squadron Buffaloes! The modern-day 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron, at 14 Wing Greenwood, will launch a Black Friday celebration this year, during this 100th anniversary year of the Royal Canadian Air Force, with the intent of it becoming an annual event.

February 9, 1945, Banff Strike Wing, under the Royal Air Force Coastal Command, suffered its most devastating defeat later coined "Black Friday" by survivors. The loss was the highest taken by any Coastal Command strike wing throughout the entire Second World War.

On this date, a force of Allied Bristol Beaufighter aircraft



from Banff Strike Wing were dispatched with an escort of North American P-51 Mustangs to attack a German destroyer and associated forces sheltering in a strong defensive position in Førde Fjord, Norway. Due to the narrow nature of the fjord, the aircraft couldn't divide defensive fire by approaching the

force from multiple directions: they were forced to approach in single file, which allowed the ships to concentrate their anti-aircraft fire at the incoming aircraft. The Allied fighters were also surprised by 12 German Focke-Wulf FW-190 Luftwaffe fighters.

The escorting Mustangs defended the Beaufighters to



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the best of their ability, and an intense dogfight ensued with over 50 aircraft involved - the largest air combat ever to have taken place over Norway, before or since. Overall, there were simply too many disadvantages for the Banff Strike Wing to overcome.

In the aftermath of the attack, the Allies damaged at least two of the German ships for the loss of seven Beaufighters shot down by flak guns. Another two Beaufighters and one Mustang were shot down by the FW-190s. Four or five German fighters

were shot down by the Allied aircraft, including one flown by Rudi Linz, a famous German fighter ace. The Allied losses included six of the 11 404 Squadron aircraft involved in the attack.

This new event February 2, 2024, is not a memorial. Like the Royal Canadian Dragoons' Leliefontein event, celebrating a significant past event; 404's Black Friday is a chance to celebrate our past, present and future as a squadron; and to hoist a few drinks with squadron mates. Although 2024 marks 79 years since

the events of that day; this being the 100th anniversary of the RCAF, it seems fitting to start a tradition now. (Since the Black Friday date falls on the start of the wing's Winter Carnival, the first Black Friday event will happen a week early.)

We invite all members of 404 Squadron, past or present, to join us at the VPI Centre February 2 at 3 p.m. to hoist a few in celebration of 404. There will be a cash bar. Drop by and celebrate the Herd - and maybe swap a few stories! ➔

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December 7, Corporal Barnes, centre, was awarded the 50,000-kilometre safe driver award in recognition of 50,000 kilometers of collision free driving by 14 Mission Support Squadron Transport & Mechanical & Engineering Flight Officer Commanding Major Phillips, left, and Master Warrant Officer Arsenault.



December 7, Master Corporal Emond, centre, was awarded the 100,000-kilometre safe driver award in recognition of 100,000 kilometers of collision free driving by 14 Mission Support Squadron Transport & Mechanical & Engineering Flight Officer Commanding Major Phillips, left, with Master Warrant Officer Arsenault.



14 Construction Engineering Squadron welcomed a new member December 12, as Erin Cunningham, centre, joined the Royal Canadian Air Force Reserves, under the eye of Warrant Officer Brad Steadman, left, and Captain Nick Vallieres, officer commanding 143 Construction Engineering Flight. Cunningham will be attached to 143 CEF upon completion of her training.



Captain Brenden Clark, second from left; Master Corporal Shawn Malone, centre; and Lieutenant (United States Navy) McKenna Cox, second from right; were recently presented certificates marking 1,000 flying hours in the CP140 Aurora by 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron Major David Bernatchez, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Duane May. Sergeant R. Beers



December 7, Sergeant McCully, second from left, was promoted to current rank by his son, Corporal McCully, second from right; with 14 Mission Support Squadron Transport & Mechanical & Engineering Flight Officer Commanding Major Phillips, left, and Master Warrant Officer Arsenault.



December 7, Corporal Martin Kamphuis, centre, was presented the General Service Medal – Expedition by 14 Mission Support Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Sonya Scanlon-Simms, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Trevor Porteous.



December 7, 14 Mission Support Squadron Corporal Mark Rodden, centre, was presented the 14 Wing Commander's Coin by Colonel Jeff Davis, left, with Wing Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan Proulx.



December 7, Corporal Britney Brown, centre, was named the 14 Mission Support Squadron Service Person of the Quarter by Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Sonya Scanlon-Simms, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Trevor Porteous.



December 7, Master Corporal Tim Conway, centre, was presented the Canadian Forces Decoration by 14 Mission Support Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Sonya Scanlon-Simms, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Trevor Porteous.



December 7, Sergeant Scott Marshall, centre, was presented the Canadian Forces Decoration by 14 Mission Support Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Sonya Scanlon-Simms, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Trevor Porteous.



December 7, Master Corporal Joshua Hynes, centre, was presented the Canadian Forces Decoration by 14 Mission Support Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Sonya Scanlon-Simms, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Trevor Porteous.



December 7, Corporal Terry McLean, centre, was presented the Canadian Forces Decoration First Clasp by 14 Mission Support Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Sonya Scanlon-Simms, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Trevor Porteous.



December 7, Sergeant Gerald Wood, centre, was presented the Canadian Forces Decoration Second Clasp by 14 Mission Support Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Sonya Scanlon-Simms, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Trevor Porteous.



December 7, Corporal Bradford Macleod, centre, was presented the General Service Medal – Expedition by 14 Mission Support Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Sonya Scanlon-Simms, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Trevor Porteous.



December 7, Lieutenant Melinda Mineau, second from left, was presented her Commissioning Scroll by 14 Mission Support Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Sonya Scanlon-Simms, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Trevor Porteous, right.



January 15, three members of 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron were presented certificates recognizing flying hours' milestones in the CP140 Aurora. Second from left are Warrant Officer Ulrich Reiner, with 2,500 flying hours; Captain Phil Thomas, centre, with 2,000 flying hours, and Major David Bernatchez, second from right, with 1,000 flying hours. The certificates were presented by 405 Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Dan Arseneault, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Duane May. Sergeant R. Beers



December 7, Master Corporal Jordan Kehoe, centre, was presented the Canadian Forces Decoration by 14 Mission Support Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Sonya Scanlon-Simms, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Trevor Porteous.



December 7, Master Corporal Michael Comeau, centre, was presented the Canadian Forces Decoration Second Clasp by 14 Mission Support Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Sonya Scanlon-Simms, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Trevor Porteous.



December 7, Corporal Bouchard-Allard, centre, was promoted to current rank by 14 Mission Support Squadron Transport & Mechanical & Engineering Flight Officer Commanding Major Phillips, left, with Master Warrant Officer Arseneault.



Days' conversation starts here

Blue skies, blue toques and 14 Wing Greenwood was out for #BellLetsTalk this morning, January 24, raising an awareness flag at the main gate and starting the day's conversations with a focus on mental health, ending stigma and making acceptance and support a longer-term effort. Lieutenant-Colonel Alex Gignac and Chief Warrant Officer Duane May raised the flag and welcomed fellow Defence Team members, who took a moment to show-and-tell their own thoughts about mental health. S.White



~~~ *Celebration of Life* ~~~

In honour of Warrant Officer (retired) Norman Hutchings, Master Warrant Officer (retired) Bob Demers and Captain Stephanie Hutchings (Norm's daughter) will be hosting a celebration of life at the Annapolis Mess Sunday, February 4, at 3 p.m. There will be a display, finger foods and the bar will be open. All who knew Norm are welcome to come, share stories and raise a glass in his honour. For those who cannot make it but would like to share memories, or have any questions, please reach out to Stephanie, [stephanie.hutchings@hotmail.ca](mailto:stephanie.hutchings@hotmail.ca) or 902-844-0637.

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# Families, food education benefits from 100 Who Care December funding

The 100-Plus Who Care Giving Group Annapolis Valley met December 7, inviting members and newcomers to its quarterly meeting at Main Street Station in Kentville. The room was full, as a half-dozen 2023 presenting groups returned to update members with their most recent happenings and successes.

Members heard from the Valley Community Learning Association, Misfit Manor Dog Rescue and the Kings

County Family Resource Centre. Members voted for the family resource centre as their donation recipient, with VCLA and Misfit Manor receiving Rewind 89.3 promotional support to help them in their work.

The Kings County Family Resource Centre, in the Kentville business park, has been supporting families since 1989. Today, it offers 25 free programs with 16 staff, overseen by nine board members. Most recently,

the centre has expanded offerings to meet the needs of fathers, grandparents, newcomers and Indigenous communities. Its pitch to the 100 Who Care was for support of a food education initiative: participants attend cooking classes to learn how to turn nutritious, affordable ingredients into great meals, taking home prepared dinners, recipes, basic kitchen equipment and a grocery card to replicate it for their family members.

VCLA director Peter Gillis and program youth participant Xavier Banks shared how VCLA's weekly "community" dinner has been growing, welcoming volunteers from ages five to 81 to prepare and serve a shared meal: 30,000 plates through the past year! The dinners are a great way for VCLA to introduce and encourage people to access its GED, tutoring and educational support programs for everything from high school graduation



100-Plus Who Care Giving Group Annapolis Valley co-chair Steph Sedgwick, right, congratulates Kings County Family Resource Centre executive director Donna Hatt on the centre's selection as the 100 Who Care's December meeting funding recipient.

S. White

to Red Seal testing.

Nahleen Ashton, with the six-year-old Misfit Manor, knew, if she'd have been able to bring a dog with her during the presentation, it would "charm you all." A small group of volunteers foster, provide essentials and cover exceptional medical needs for dogs with major health concerns, including the latest dog, Archie, a standard

poodle awaiting a permanent wheelchair.

100 Who Care, currently 88 members strong, meets quarterly to hear from three member-nominated non-profit groups. After five-minute presentations from each organization, members vote on which group will be the recipient of each member's \$100 donation. Since 2017, the group has donated over

\$150,000 to local and regional projects. Visit 100valleygiving.ca for information on past non-profit recipients, joining details and upcoming events.

The 100-Plus Who Care Giving Group Annapolis Valley will hold its next quarterly meeting March 7 in the dining room of Main Street Station, Kentville. New members are welcome. →



The 14 Wing Greenwood Defense Visible Minority Advisory Group hosts a

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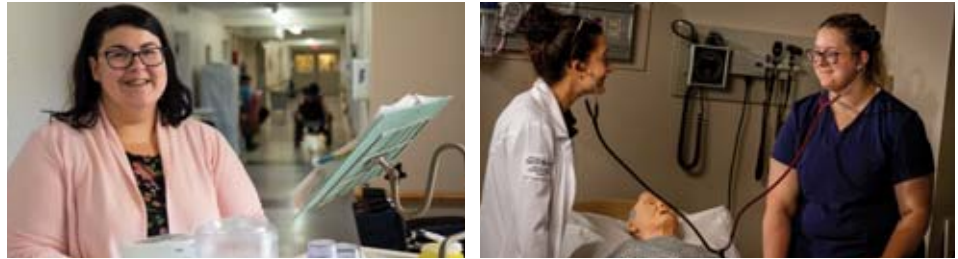
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## Playground FUNDing

Dwight Ross Elementary School in Greenwood has been working very hard, raising funds for new swings and equipment for the school playground. Students, family, staff and the community have raised just over half of the funds required so far. November 29, the Kingston Lions presented \$1,000 to this worthwhile project. Kingston Lion president Rick Acker presented the donation to DRES principal Paula Shehata, with staff member Gloria Field and four very enthusiastic students. The Kingston Lions make it a priority to support the youth in their community.

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## ‘Inspiration, Innovation and Inclusion’ key approaches to addictions support

Substance use is a complex and widespread issue. Alcohol and tobacco alone account for the highest health costs and harms in Canada. Alcohol and tobacco use also intersect with the Canadian Armed Forces culture, higher than in the general Canadian population. This suggests the CAF also experiences high health costs and harms from substance use.

“Inspiration, Innovation and Inclusion” was the theme for the recent National Addictions Awareness Week (NAAW), November 19 to 25; organized by the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA). The week was an opportunity to learn about causes, prevention, treatment and recovery; but also an opportunity to show how “Inspiration, Innova-

tion and Inclusion” are key ingredients for a healthier Canadian society. Evidence shows these can transform approaches to substance use; all align with the CAF’s Total Health and Wellness Strategy. Leaders of all ranks and CAF members, remember: understanding substance use and related impacts is essential to minimizing risks and maintaining deployability. You are an essential support person and role model for others in your unit. Learn how to reduce the risks of substance use by connecting

with your local Health Promotion office. Also encourage those around you to do the same. Share knowledge. Reach out to your local Health Promotion office to arrange briefings, workshops and other educational opportunities, and for support on policy. Promote substance-free activities. Participate in and encourage others to partake in substance free activities. Change the culture at your level and encourage higher levels to change, too, by sharing your successes in implementing a

more inclusive culture for moderate or substance-free alternatives. Encourage help-seeking. Studies show CAF members may not seek help due to stigma, concern over career, or misinformation. Take action by encouraging help-seeking and outlining available supports from friends, family, a padre and/or a health care provider. Check out the Defence Team – Mental Health and Wellness page or resources at Health Canada “Get Help with Substance Use” and CCSA’s “Addictions Treatment Helplines in Canada.” Model lower-risk use. The actions of leaders of all ranks influence others. If you use substances, or gamble or game yourself, assess your risk, make a change if needed with others in your unit, and set the example by following Canada’s Guidance on Alcohol and Health, Lower Risk Cannabis Use Guidelines, Lower Risk Nicotine Use Guidelines, Lower Risk Gambling Guidelines and Strengthening the Forces’ Tips in Game On or


Game Over.

Visit or contact your Health Promotion office (in person or online). Learn about the CAF’s many resources and improve health and wellness for yourself, your family, your unit and the CAF. By working together, we can reach our individual and collective goals of health and wellness. ➔

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## Food sharing

**404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron held its unit holiday dinner recently, with 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron, organized by Captain Gillian Rideout; and she added a little something extra as plans were made, fund raised and guests arrived: a food drive for the Upper Room Food Bank. The result? Fifty-seven pounds of food and \$40 delivered to the food bank December 6. From left are food bank manager Harley Hazelwood, Captain Gillian Rideout, Captain Rob Albert and food bank volunteer Roger Penney.**

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## Youth Happenings

Youth Happenings at the 14 Wing Greenwood Community Centre offers a range of fun options every week for youth aged six to 12 (five if they have completed one full year in a school program). To register, contact the centre at 902-765-1494 local 5341, or drop in to the Church Street offices weekdays.

**Monday, January 29** – 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Kids Club: Nerf Night BYOG! 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, January 30** – Teen Night: Nerf Night. 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., teens 13 to 15; 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., teens 16 to 18. 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.

**Wednesday, January 31** – 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. ➔

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Free admission for mili-

tary members (uniform not required) and veterans with ID; regular admission for all others. Don't forget, the 14 Wing Greenwood Community Centre has its season tickets available (for \$7) for military and PSP Plan members – check with the centre for

availability!

Military members should be seated by 6:45 p.m., as 14 Wing command team leaders will be piped to centre ice at 7 p.m. for the formal puck drop and O Canada, presented by the Canadian Military Wives Choir Greenwood. ➔

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### crossword solution

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### sudoku solution

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



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| <b>BINGO</b> 11 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Darts</b> 7 p.m. |                                    | <b>Euchre</b> 7 p.m.<br><b>Veteran Social</b> 10 a.m.           | <b>Darts</b> 7:30 p.m.<br><b>Crib</b> - 7 p.m.            | <b>Darts</b> 7:30 p.m.               | <b>2</b> <b>K.A.S.A.</b> 1 - 3 p.m. <b>Mont Draw</b> <i>Chase the Ace!</i> <b>Crib Tournament</b> -Noon                            |
| <b>BINGO</b> 1 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Darts</b> 7 p.m. | <b>18</b> <b>EXECUTIVE MEETING</b> | <b>20</b> <b>Euchre</b> 7 p.m.<br><b>Veteran Social</b> 10 a.m. | <b>21</b> <b>Euchre</b> 7:30 p.m.<br><b>Crib</b> - 7 p.m. | <b>22</b> <b>K.A.S.A.</b> 1 - 3 p.m. | <b>23</b> <b>Mont Draw</b> <i>Chase the Ace!</i> <b>Dance - Crossover Band</b> 8 p.m.-12 a.m. Cost: \$10 <b>Open to the Public</b> |
| <b>BINGO</b> 1 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Darts</b> 7 p.m. | <b>25</b>                          | <b>26</b> <b>Euchre</b> 7 p.m.<br><b>Veteran Social</b> 10 a.m. | <b>27</b> <b>Darts</b> 7:30 p.m.<br><b>Crib</b> - 7 p.m.  | <b>28</b> <b>K.A.S.A.</b> 1 - 3 p.m. | <b>29</b> <b>PLEASE NOTE</b> 1st Saturday of the month breakfast, now begin at 8am.                                                |

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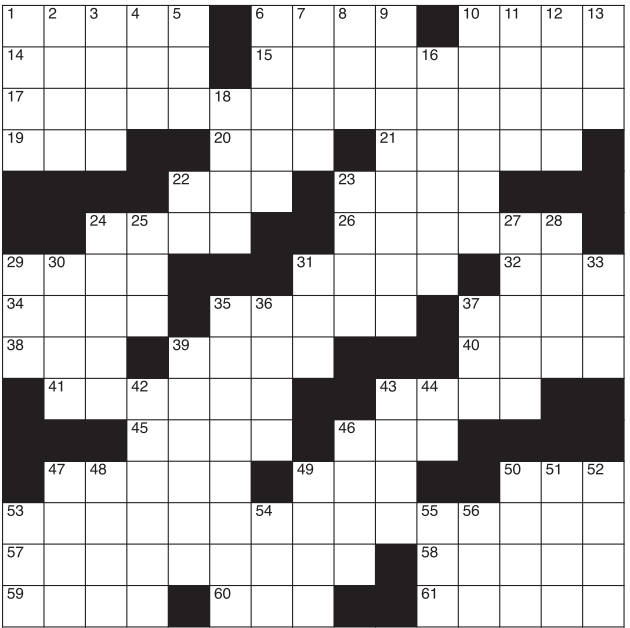
**SMH volunteers needed**  
Soldiers Memorial Hospital volunteer programs are looking for volunteers to add to the experience for patients, families and visitors. If you would like to join the SMH ambassador program, be an in-patient general volun-

Le commandant publie des avis d'intérêt public soumis par des organisations à but non lucratif. Ces avis doivent se limiter à environ 25 mots. Les avis peuvent être soumis à nos bureaux, au 61, School Road, (annexe Morfee), 14e Escadre Greenwood, par fax au 902-765-1717 ou par courriel à l'adresse [auroraeditor@ns.aliantzinc.ca](mailto:auroraeditor@ns.aliantzinc.ca). Les annonces avec date sont publiées selon le principe du premier arrivé, premier servi, et les avis continus seront inclus si l'espace le permet. Si vous voulez être certain que votre avis soit publié, vous voudrez peut-être acheter de la publicité. La date de tombée des soumissions est à 9 h 30 du matin le mercredi précédant la publication, à moins d'avis contraire.

teer, or drive with the Veterans' Unit bus program, contact Ruth Dugie, NSH volunteer resources consultant - Western Zone, 902-365-1706. Or, apply to volunteer at <https://btrr.im/t66du>.  
**Paint night**  
January 29, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30

## crossword

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- ACROSS
1. Become less intense
  6. Variety of pear
  10. Religion native to China
  14. Type of tooth
  15. Fitted out
  17. Make every effort
  19. Automatic nervous system
  20. Complete
  21. Alternate name
  22. River in France and Belgium
  23. Miami's mascot is one
  24. Turfs
  26. Most cognizant of reality
  29. Broad volcanic crater
  31. Canadian surname
  32. Satisfaction
  34. Traitorous Greek mythological prince
  35. Collide
  37. Immune response
  38. Feline
  39. High opinion of one's own appearance
  40. Thin strip to align parts
  41. Containers
  43. Convicted American spy
  45. Breathe noisily
  46. Taxi
- DOWN
1. Pancakes made from buckwheat flour
  49. Swiss river
  50. I.M. \_\_, architect
  53. Have surgery
  57. Formal withdrawal
  58. Dutch and German surname
  59. Square measures 60. 2,000 lbs.
  61. Degrade someone
  1. Siberian river
  2. Blessing
  3. Substitutes (abbr.)
  4. Principle underlying the universe
  5. Work unit
  6. Yellow edible fruits
  7. Gemstone
  8. A place ships dock (abbr.)
  9. Evergreen tropical tree
  10. Reality TV star
  11. Nonflowering aquatic plant (abbr.)
  12. Stakes
  13. Antidiuretic hormone
  14. Make warm again
  18. Light beams
  22. Lethal dose
  23. Terrorist group
  24. Kids love him
  25. Naturally occurring solid

p.m., Join 7Arts in Greenwood for a winter watercolour paint night with artist Sarah S. Tickets are \$40 each. Register by email at [info@7Arts.ca](mailto:info@7Arts.ca).  
**Youth & teen art lessons**  
January 30; 7Arts in Greenwood offers youth and teen art lessons. New artists and projects each week. Ages seven to 12, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Ages 13 to 17, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. \$25 /lesson or \$80 for four lessons. Register at [info@7Arts.ca](mailto:info@7Arts.ca).  
**Fibre arts social**  
January 31, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood invites female-identifying fibre craft artists (knitting, crochet, cross stitch, embroidery, felting, or rug hooking) over the age of 25 for their craft and chat group. Bring your own materials or purchase a kit from us!  
**CentreStage Theatre**  
February 2, 3 (7:30 p.m.; January 28 (2 p.m.), CentreStage Theatre, 61 River Street, Kentville, presents "Separate Beds," by Canadian playwright Mary-Jane Cruise. Featuring Mindy Vinquist-Tymchuk, Vince Fred-

## horoscopes

**January 28 to February 3**  
**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Something will occur this week that surprises you, Aries. You may even wonder if it is a trick being played on you. It is no trick, so buckle down for an adventure.  
**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**  
You have pushed your mind and body quite far over the last several days, Taurus. Now you have to slow down or pay the consequences. Do not add anything else to your list.  
**GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21**  
Gemini, you may believe you have discovered a good thing and it could be right. But don't wait too long to act since this good thing has an expiration date. The clock is ticking.  
**CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, you might not be able to control what is happening this week, but you can control how you react to different situations. Keep your distance if an altercation arises.  
**LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Something you discover about a friend this week could leave you reeling, Leo. The signs have been there for awhile and you really should have seen it coming.  
**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, if you are on the move this week, there is a chance that you will experience some interesting people along the way. At least one person might be a good networking contact.  
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\$25 per person, with an option to purchase a hook for \$15 if you're inspired to continue your creative journey at home. Register with 7Arts, Greenwood, at [info@7Arts.ca](mailto:info@7Arts.ca).  
**Drum circle**  
February 6, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts Health RHYTHMS, a community drum circle. Free for veterans, military members and their families. Sponsored by True Patriot Love. Register at [mindfullymore@gmail.com](mailto:mindfullymore@gmail.com).  
**Youth art lessons**  
February 6, 13, 20 and 27, 7Arts in Greenwood offers youth art lessons. New artists and projects each week. Ages seven to 12, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., \$25/lesson or \$80 for four lessons. Ages 13 to 17, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.: teens shape their creative journey, bringing personal projects or exploring with 7 Arts' materials. Guided by one-to-one mentoring and collaborative expertise, join us for a transformative adventure of self discovery and visual exploration. \$10 entry fee. Register at [info@7Arts.ca](mailto:info@7Arts.ca).  
**Fibre arts drop-in**  
February 7, 14, 21 and 28, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: are you a female-identifying fibre craft artist (knitting, crochet, cross stitch, embroidery, felting, or rug hooking) over the age of 25?

## sudoku

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

**Fun By The Numbers**  
Level: Beginner  
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!



## Meetings make a VON difference

**The Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) has a long and storied history of supporting the health and wellness of people in need. During Nova Scotia Lions District N2 Fall Cabinet meetings, hosted by the Kingston Lions at the end of October, two 50/ 50 ticket sales were held, where a total of \$427.50 was raised for the VON through the generous support of Lions from the many clubs across the province who attended the meetings. District N2 Fall Cabinet Chairperson Lion Pat Nixon, from the Kingston Lions, presented the donation to Kayla Smith (senior manager) and Jennifer Rendel (nurse manager) for the Annapolis Valley.**

Submitted

## ~ Obituary ~

**NURSE, Simon James**  
MARCH 17, 1972 – 19 JANUARY 2024

We are heartbroken to announce that Simon passed away on January 19, 2024, with his family by his side. Simon succumbed to his battle with kidney disease and, more recently, complications from pneumonia. He was predeceased by his mother Sandy, his Grandparents; Charles and Mary Nurse, Donal and Marie Park, his aunt Clarice Maher, his uncles Gerard Nurse, Randy Park, Gerry Halley, and Ronnie Cadigan and cousin Mike Bell.



Simon leaves to remember him, with love, his father Tom, brother Jason (Stacey), sister; Kim Seguin, nieces, and nephew; Caitlyn Bourns (Eric), Brady and Hayley, and great niece Ariana Bourns. Aunts and uncles; Donna Bell, Kathryn Halley, Elizabeth Hunt (Calvin), Barbara Cadigan, Barbara McLean (Neil), Simone Comeau-Park, Rick (Marie), Noel (Jackie), Chuck (Marietta), Bob (Cathy), Chris (Debbie), and Gary Nurse and Dave Maher. As well as dozens of cousins.

Simon will also be sadly missed by his Obed House family, with whom he shared the last 24 years, especially Delores, Ray, Delwyn, Ken, Lisa and Ryan, and the many, caring, staff: Joan, Aaron, Jennifer, Joyce, Precious, Dan, Dulce, Liz, Nicole, Craig, Bethany, Leslie, Toya, Tracey, Adele and Robin.

Simon lived his life his way and cherished the independence he gained when he entered his new world at Obed House in 1999. He took on challenges most of us would think mundane but, for someone with Simon's abilities, were monumental. He was a very social person and enjoyed meeting people, mostly one on one, and using his telephone and computer and loved his video chats with relatives, and friends, from NL to BC.

As per Simon's wishes, cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, you are asked to support the Independent Living Housing Society (ILHS) of Greater Victoria, 813 Darwin Avenue, Victoria, BC. V8K 2X7

## Literacy Day family fun January 31

Literacy is not only critical to acquiring future life skills, but also offers families invaluable time to bond. The Greenwood Military Family Resource Centre will celebrate both goals January 31, at a free Literacy

Day event for military families. Drop in to the GMFRC between 10 a.m. and noon for a morning filled with fun opportunities for families to reinforce the importance of learning literacy skills with

their children. Experience book readings by guest speakers, snacks and a craft while connecting with local community service providers. Children from infant to age 12 will most enjoy the planned activities. No

registration is required. Programs like these offer a great opportunity to meet and connect with other families that understand the unique challenges presented by the military lifestyle. ➔

## Journée de l'alphabétisation : plaisir familial 31 janvier

L'alphabétisation est non seulement essentielle à l'acquisition des compétences nécessaires à la vie future, mais elle offre également aux familles un temps précieux pour tisser des liens. Le Centre de ressources pour les familles des militaires de Greenwood célébrera ces

deux objectifs le 31 janvier, à l'occasion d'une activité gratuite organisée dans le cadre de la Journée de l'alphabétisation à l'intention des familles des militaires. Passez au CRFMG entre 10 h et midi pour une matinée remplie d'occasions amusantes pour les familles

de renforcer l'importance de l'apprentissage de la lecture et de l'écriture avec leurs enfants. Vous pourrez assister à des lectures de livres par des conférenciers invités, à des collations et à un bricolage, tout en établissant des liens avec des fournisseurs de services communautaires

locaux. Les enfants de 0 à 12 ans apprécieront les activités prévues. Aucune inscription n'est requise. Les programmes de ce type offrent une excellente occasion de rencontrer d'autres familles qui comprennent les défis uniques posés par le mode de vie militaire. ➔

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**Kings Mutual Century Centre, Berwick**  
**Regular season home games**  
**February 2 vs Miramichi | 7 pm**  
**February 3 vs Pictou | 7 pm**  
**February 8 vs Yarmouth | 7:30 pm**  
**#DefendTheDome | #VCATS**



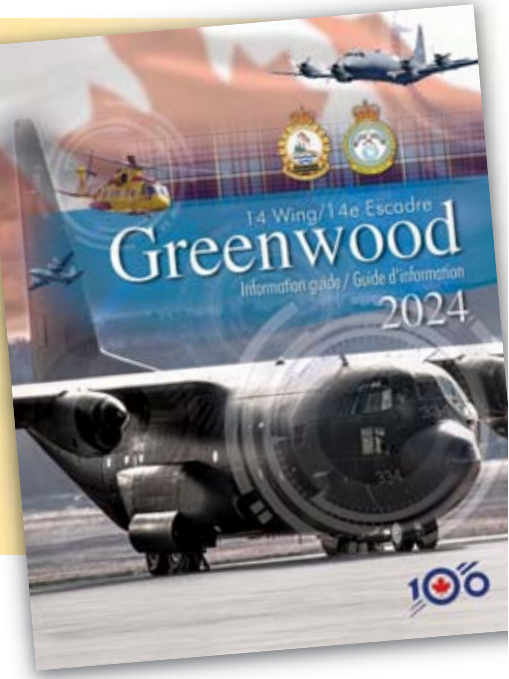
## 2024 14 Wing Greenwood wing guide

Official publication providing information on all squadrons and sections operating at Canadian Force's largest Air Force base in Eastern Canada, along with community, family and recreational programs. This guide is distributed by the Greenwood Military Family Resource Centre to military families coming into our community, and is used as an awareness tool by the wing's public affairs officer and Greenwood Military Aviation Museum.

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The winner will be drawn randomly from all correct entries. Winner will be contacted by February 6.