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## Tech, trouble-shooting, transmission! CIS Flight's 'Wave Riders' put in Noble Skywave effort

**Sara White,**  
Managing editor

Testing out the tech is exactly why Noble Skywave happens every year. The opportunity to raise an antenna and make as many radio contacts as possible with teams doing exactly the same thing, around the world, is the competitive icing on the exercise.

14 Wing Greenwood's Communications and Information Systems (CIS) Flight was in the field October 21 to 23, lugging their 50-foot mast and radio gear to the Granville Range. Lesson number one was a dark-and-early-morning packing error (some forgotten essentials at 14 Wing); lesson number two was perseverance.

It took the six-member team – the "Wave Riders" – about two hours to set up and secure their antenna, the safety perimeter and the

connections back to the radio set in the range work area. Noble Skywave went live at 10 a.m. local time; the Greenwood team made some initial broadcasts and picked up a few signals in the first couple of hours, but nothing that elicited a response or acknowledgement they'd been heard. With much tech checking, including cable-swapping, connection tightening, walking lines back to the antenna base, separating potentially conflicting emissions and signals-emitting equipment, frequency scanning – even a few phone-a-friend calls and texts to other Canadian CIS flights; a midday crew swap and, finally, replacement parts, 14 Wing's team was in full comms mode to start the competition's Day 2.

"After more troubleshooting, along with replacing the QRT's coupler, our team was able to begin transmitting,"



**Communications and Information Systems Flight members Second Lieutenant Anthony Adebayo, left, Aviator Paul Noble and Aviator Micah Lehotsky get set to lift 50 feet of radio mast October 21 on the Granville Range.**

S. White

said Second Lieutenant Anthony Adebayo, after the exercise. "The team that deployed at 2300 on the 22nd, going into the morning of the 23rd, gained a considerable amount of points.

"During the last phase of the competition (October 23), our team made a decent

number of contacts. Our furthest contact throughout the whole competition was from Australia. We made contacts with Iraq and Peru, to name a few."

Adebayo was tasked with managing the Wave Riders through his on-the-job training, which included pre-

work to select several set-up sites for supervisor review, and then running with the choice, scheduling team members, organizing equipment, logistics, transport and food.

"All the details. Overall, the exercise was a success. Out of the 289 teams that partici-

pated, 14 Wing came in 85th place, despite the challenges we faced for the first two days. The participants said it was a valuable learning experience.

"Most importantly, everyone who was involved with the exercise returned to the base safely without any injuries." ➔

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# Canada’s next-generation maritime patrol

## Training on the P8A Poseidon in Jacksonville

November 30, 2023, Canada announced it would purchase up to 16 P8A Poseidon Multi-Mission Aircraft for the Royal Canadian Air Force, set to replace the fleet of CP140 Auroras. Training and preparations are already underway to ensure Canada’s new maritime patrol capabilities come online smoothly as deliveries roll out in the years ahead.

A Canadian crew, comprising eight members, including two pilots, two air combat systems officers and four airborne electronic sensor operators; are undergoing specialized training on the P8A Poseidon at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, in Florida. They have already completed one year of intensive training, marking a major leap forward in Canada’s ability to patrol and protect its vast maritime domains. Other Canadian personnel have already received training with allies in the United Kingdom and Australia.

“The capabilities of the P8A are quite different from those of the CP140 Aurora,” says Captain Rodney Hallsworth, the first Canadian pilot trained on the Poseidon.

“From a pilot’s perspective, the main comparison to draw between them is that the CP140 is designed to be hand-flown much of the time, while the Poseidon is better suited to being ‘managed,’ due to its advanced automation and flight management system (FMS).”

Before joining the P8A program, Hallsworth had extensive operational experience with the CP140 in Greenwood, and completed a tour in Australia flying the P8A before Canada adopted the platform. This experience positioned him perfectly to help shape the Canadian Multi-Mission Aircraft (CMMA) program.

Training in Jacksonville involves close collaboration with U.S. counterparts at Patrol Squadron 30 (VP-30). According to Hallsworth, “we are integrating well with our American colleagues. There are occasional challenges to overcome, but being the first Canadian crew to tread this path in the United States is a privilege. After we complete the course, we will then become instructors, helping train the next wave of Canadian crews in Jacksonville.”

The Poseidon offers impressive range, endurance and efficiency, enabling Canadian crews to monitor the furthest reaches of the country’s areas of responsibility for extended periods. Future integration of air-to-air refueling will further expand the aircraft’s operational reach.

“Ultimately, we will have numerous crews of skilled, dedicated, well-trained operators capable of successfully conducting many different types of missions,” says Hallsworth. “This is an incredible vision for the future, and once realized, I think every person within the long range patrol community will be proud of the progress made.”

Transitioning to the P8A does come with challenges, particularly mastering its automated systems.

“As a pilot, the most challenging aspect is learning to anticipate how the aircraft will respond to FMS inputs,” says Hallsworth. “Once understood, however, using the flight deck automated systems to their full capacity allows the Poseidon to be flown safely, effectively and efficiently.”

Looking ahead, he offers practical advice for future Canadian crews coming to Jacksonville.

“There is quite a lot of administrative work to do upon arrival, so reach out to the team at the Canadian Defence Liaison Staff in Washington - they are a great resource. Prepare for the U.S. Navy Water Survival Course by spending lots of time at the pool, especially if water anxiety is a factor. Many experienced aircrew members will become students again, so minimize rigidity, stay open to learning and adapt your existing experience to new circumstances. And, finally, prepare for some very warm weather for a significant part of the year!” ➔

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A Canadian crew has a year under their belts, training on the P8A Poseidon Multi-Mission Aircraft at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida, with American allies.

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# CAF fire service: building leaders, driving change through FSWO

When members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) fire service first attended the Fire Service Women Ontario (FSWO) Training Symposium in 2022 in Belleville, Ontario, it was transformative.

What began as a few dedicated members seeking professional development opportunities outside of the CAF has evolved into a nationwide community of firefighters united by mentorship, learning and shared purpose. The experience gave CAF female firefighters something new: the chance to connect, grow and contribute within a supportive and empowering environment that extends beyond their unit's walls.

Every year since that first event, the CAF has proudly held the largest departmental presence at the FSWO Symposium - a clear reflection of the organization's belief in this initiative and the value it brings to the trade.

This is more than just a training opportunity. It is a community-building effort that has given women in the CAF fire trade something they have never had before: a network they can look forward to, grow from and rely on. The coast-to-coast collaboration allows members to remain connected year-round, sharing lessons, encouragement and opportunities across the trade.

The CAF's ongoing commitment to this partnership underscores a strong belief that, when people are empowered, the profession as a whole thrives. The CAF's involvement at the symposium has earned high regard from across the fire service community. CAF members are consistently recognized for their professionalism, dedication and respect; and they represent the service to



**Sergeant Kathleen Jamieson, left, was presented the 2025 President's Trailblazer Award by Fire Service Women Ontario president of Captain Tracey Shields, Ottawa Fire Service; for her contributions to advancing diversity and inclusion within the fire service and inspiring future generations. Jamieson has been a member of the Canadian Armed Forces' fire service since 2014, and is a Fire Service Women Ontario board member.**

Submitted

the highest standard. Their participation strengthens not only the reputation of the military fire trade, but also the connection between military and civilian fire services across Canada.

This success is built on leadership that believes in growth and inclusion. Chief Warrant Officer Troy Noseworthy, who works at the Canadian Forces fire marshal's office and serves as the trade advisor for the firefighter occupation, has been instrumental in helping to establish the FSWO Symposium as a respected opportunity for professional development within the CAF fire service.

The involvement of male allies within the CAF - men who attend to listen, learn and understand how to make the trade stronger and more inclusive; speaks volumes about the cultural evolution underway.

This year, for the first time, the CAF fire chief from CFB

Comox attended the symposium, reinforcing a united commitment from leadership across the country.

This year was also special for Sergeant Kathleen Jamieson, a proud member of the Canadian Armed Forces fire service since 2014. Jamieson was presented with the 2025 President's Trailblazer Award for her exceptional contributions to FSWO, to the advancement of the fire service and to inspiring future generations of firefighters.

Jamieson's ongoing involvement with FSWO has been possible, in part, thanks to the unwavering support of her officer commanding, Captain Lindsay Williams, at the Transition Centre at 14 Wing Greenwood, who has encouraged her continued work with the not-for-profit organization as she moves into the next chapter of her life post-CAF.

"Sergeant Jamieson continues to represent the Ca-



**The Canadian Armed Forces' fire service was represented at this year's Fire Service Women Ontario Training Symposium by members from 19 Wing Comox, 4 Wing Cold Lake, CFB Edmonton, CFB Borden, 8 Wing Trenton, Ottawa and 14 Wing Greenwood.**

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nadian Armed Forces fire service with exceptional professionalism and purpose," says Williams. "Her dedication to FSWO, and her leadership in advancing diversity and inclusion within her trade, make us incredibly proud. These accomplishments - both the President's Trailblazer Award and her contributions toward the national DEI Award at Fire Rescue Canada, reflect her unwavering commitment to making the fire service stronger for everyone."

The CAF's continued involvement with FSWO is a powerful example of what can happen when opportunity, leadership and community align. Together, they are building stronger leaders, creating meaningful change and setting a national standard for excellence and inclusivity in the CAF fire service.

What began in 2022 has become a movement - one that strengthens the trade,

empowers its members and unites a coast-to-coast community dedicated to building leaders and driving change. ➔

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**Mondays - Monday Night Dart League** - 7pm

**Crokinole** - held on the first 2 Mondays of the month - 6:30pm

**Tuesdays - Tuesday Night Dart League** - 7pm

**Card Bingo** - 2pm (please note, there will be no card bingo on Nov.11th)

**Wednesdays - Veteran's Social** - 10am - All Veterans are Welcome.

Have a coffee and a snack & meet other Veterans.

**Eucre** - 7pm

**Thursdays - OP Vet Build** - 10am. If you have any questions or you are interested in participating, please send a message or an RSVP to: rcl98.opvetbuild@gmail.com

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OPI for information.

The deadline for contributions will be December 10, with all items brought to the Annapolis Mess for 11:45 a.m. (before the junior ranks' dinner). ➔





# Wing work showcased for Take Our Kids to Work Day

**Sara White,  
Managing editor**

14 Wing Greenwood Colonel Luc Vachon is the first to say there were “lots of paths” in his own life, “but here I am. “Today, we’re here to help you find what you want to do with your life.”

The wing welcomed dozens of Grade 9 students November 6, Take Our Kids to Work Day; children and friends of both military and civilian Defence Team members. Organized tours and presentations, a BBQ lunch and then an afternoon of more individual visits with guardians in their workspaces were all designed to help youth see what parents do, what their job in uniform is— and how it might match a non-uniformed career.

“We’re not trying to recruit you!” Vachon said, “but ask questions of some of the folks in uniform and maybe we can help you make some links of your own.”

Vachon said making life decisions as a youth himself was stressful, not having

a great awareness of what his own parents’ work was like. He spent some early time in the Army Reserves, not wanting a full-time military life, and not thinking he wanted aircrew. He ended up in the air force, working in an airplane, “which takes a toll. Now, I’m more office, paperwork and human resources.

“Every couple years, I’ve gotten to do something new.”

Wing Chief Warrant Officer Justin Harper spoke of the “turning wrenches” work opportunities of many non-commissioned military members, like himself; laughing that he’s still trying to figure out what a wing chief does.

“And, not recruiting? We are! Today, we have a warm welcome to our families; the military is family. This is a good opportunity for us to showcase what your mom or dad or friends do here, for 14 Wing and Canada.”

Tour leads Sergeant Jim Beaulieu, Readiness Training Flight, and Sergeant Shawn Jordan, 14 Air Maintenance Squadron, introduced themselves before splitting the

group into four halves. Beaulieu told the group, 45 years ago to the day, he started his own basic training at Cornwallis; his wife is retired military and a son and a daughter are both serving Canadian Armed Forces members.

“And it’s been a good life — I’m not going to lie. You show up, properly dressed, on time — as simple as that, and the sky’s the limit: a master’s degree? Deployments? Just one thing: go blue or stay home! I love the air force.”

Jordan encouraged visiting students to pay particular attention to what their parents show them they do: “cool things; we contribute.

“The wing’s motto is ‘Operate as One,’ and that’s an ideal, but it is how we work, and we all contribute together. Learn what they do here so you can appreciate what they do; that the job they are doing is important” as they are away from home for months at a time on training or operations, helping people and contributing to both Canada and other countries who need help. ➔



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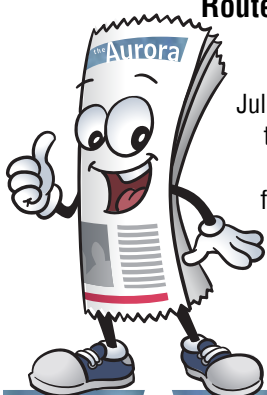
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A commemorative public planting project to mark the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) is now open to visitors.

The RCAF centennial grove in Sydney’s Open Hearth Park provides a space to honour the heritage, people and future of the air force. November 21, John White, Minister of Housing and MLA for Glace Bay-Dominion, joined other special guests on behalf of Barbara Adams, Minister responsible for Military Relations, for the ceremonial planting of the final tree.

The RCAF marked 100 years of service as a distinct military element April 1, 2024. The grove includes 100 trees and landscaping elements in the shape of a maple leaf to create a beautiful memorial space. Community members, local organizations and air cadets helped with planting.

It is one of seven centennial groves in Canada, a joint initiative of the RCAF and the Trees for Life charity. The other six RCAF centennial groves are located in Beechwood Cemetery, Ottawa; Military Heritage Park, Barrie; Downsview Park, Toronto; A.D. Ross Park, Calgary; RCAF Station Pennfield Ridge, Pennfield,

New Brunswick; and at the Malcolm J. Darrach Community Centre, Charlottetown. There could be more sites in the future.

“Generations of Canadians have served in the Royal Canadian Air Force with distinction over the past century,” said RCAF Captain Aaron Niles. “It has been an honour and privilege to have worked with so many amazing communities, planting trees in commemoration of all the men and women who have served and continue to serve Canada, at home and abroad. The story of the Royal Canadian Air Force is one of courage and sacrifice that has shaped our nation’s history and heritage.

“Together, we honour our rich history, while also building towards a greener, more sustainable future that Canadians can enjoy in the centuries to come.”

### ~ Card of thanks ~

Following the tragic loss of our home earlier this Fall, we were inundated with support from a very giving and caring community. We are eternally grateful to everyone who reached out, and to those who helped us financially get through this difficult period.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the many sponsors who donated gifts and services for the October fundraising golf tournament and silent auction, and to Ozzie and Kate Ward for freely giving up the Greenwood Golf Course.

We have been totally overwhelmed by the love and support received. Audrey says it best: “We couldn’t have retired in a better community.” A truer statement could not be made.

Thank you,  
Charlie and Audrey Costin





**Sailor First Class Daniel Bridges, a boatswain (left), and Sailor Third Class Ray Beals, a Naval Combat Information Operator, take a break from shoveling the flight deck of HMCS MARGARET BROOKE to admire King George Island during Operation PROJECTION 25-01 in February 2025.**

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## Strengthening the Defence Team – Taking addictions action

There has been tremendous progress in the treatment of substance use disorders, resulting in higher than ever recovery rates.

If you have concerns about your personal substance use, speak with your healthcare provider. Talk to people about substance use health. Open discussion increases awareness about the variety of experiences and challenges people are facing and can lead to positive outcomes. If there is someone in your life you are concerned about, there are resources available to help guide you on how to talk to them about their drug or alcohol use.

Across the Defence Team, we are taking meaningful steps to create safer, more inclusive environments - whether by promoting smoke-free outdoor spaces, offering alcohol-free options at events, improving access to supports, like nicotine replacement

therapy and naloxone; or fostering understanding around gambling, gaming, screen time and other health issues that may affect well-being. To learn more or get involved, contact your local Strengthening the Forces Health Promotion office to access tools and resources to support your team.

Everyone - regardless of rank or role - has a part to play in supporting health, safety and performance. When you take part in substance use health conversations and action, you show you care for yourself, your colleagues and your team. ➔

*Strengthening the Forces is the CAF/ DND's health promotion program, offering expert information, guidance, training, tools, and leadership support to enhance CAF members' health and well-being.*

## What does Wing Environment do?

Have you ever questioned the purpose of 14 Wing Greenwood's Wing Environment section, and why it is an important part of wing operations?

Wing Environment is tasked with the safety of human health and the environment, compliance and following the laws set by the federal government to regulate pollution. Any time there is new construction on the base, or a spill in everyday work of any kind, Wing Environment must be involved in new construction projects and everyday work incidents to be sure the environment is protected to the letter of the law.

Every time there is a spill on 14 Wing property, Wing Environment should be contacted and a spill report completed. That report includes the date and time of the spill,



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where the spill happened, what spilled, who discovered the spill and the steps taken to contain the spill. Once completed, the spill report must be submitted to Wing Environment's email plus account (+W14 Environment - W14 Environment@DW-Comd EnvO@Greenwood; P-GWD.Environment@forces.gc.ca). Wing Environment will discuss any remediation and confirm if any waterways or drinking water could be affected. Depending on the severity of the situation, an outside company may be asked to assist in clean-up. Whether the spill is small or

large, these steps must be followed. Reporting spills to the proper government agency is also a requirement.

You should also report the discovery of any species at risk, such as bats, certain types of birds, monarch butterflies, flowers or bees; in or around your building. The staff at Wing Environment will help you follow the law and protect any species at risk.

14 Wing consumes energy, water, fuels and other materials. These resources are limited and must be conserved to maximize their efficient use and prevent

pollution. All military members and civilian staff must do their due diligence and comply with all rules and regulations set forth by Environment Canada, the base commander and Wing Environment. Analyzing our procedures to continue to improve our practices is paramount in protecting our environment, our members, their families and the public at large. ➔

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# Art reflects life along the way

Brian Lintner

Dan Houghton, originally from Saskatoon, set out on an adventure to see life as he had never seen it before.

In 2004, Houghton joined the Royal Canadian Navy, where he became a naval electronic sensor operator, and was posted to HMCS St. John's in Halifax. However, there was one element of Houghton's life not yet fulfilled. When Houghton's three-year commitment to the navy concluded, he returned to Saskatoon to catch the butterfly in his heart, Christine. Their relationship blossomed, they fell deeply in love, and married in 2007.

Still, Houghton missed military life. In 2009, with Chris-



Dan Houghton is an artist and a military veteran.

The Steel Spirit



Welcome Home

tine's support, he enrolled in the Royal Canadian Air Force as an aviation technician and was posted to 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron in Edmonton.

Christine knew in words what military life would be, and she recognized the dynamic journey military members and their

families travel. Houghton and Christine's family then grew - between Houghton's deployments in Afghanistan, Iraq, Mali and Operation LENTUS (the Canadian Armed Forces' response to natural disasters in Canada). Dedicated to each other, she became the springboard and



Willow Tree

motivation in Houghton's art. To celebrate their annual nuptial, he has honoured their commitment to each other by creating traditional gift artwork in theme with that anniversary year. The first year's bestowal is paper. Houghton learned calligraphy and wrote a book of poems dedicated to Christine.

Since then, Houghton has experimented with different mediums and discovered favourites along the way.

Prior to their third anniversary, Houghton was deployed to Afghanistan. When bits of spare time were available, he created a tooled leatherwork for Christine. During his out-of-country

reunion with Christine, he was able to present this gift in time for their anniversary.

Houghton and Christine were married in the month of December, and the fourth traditional gift is flowers. Houghton painted a red rose set on a backdrop of snow. This work reveals remarkable shading, stark contrast and detail. It was this piece of art Houghton articulated expression through the complex movement of paint.

On their fifth anniversary, he created a tree of life fashioned from twisted wire. In Year 9, Houghton created a stained-glass willow tree, symbolizing the growth of his supportive family.

A fellow technician, Nicole Reid, wrote, "I met Dan on a deployment to Gao, Mali, in 2018. Being my first deployment, I learned a lot from Dan and respected how he could communicate with all sections. I viewed him as a mentor to better myself as a technician, so it came as a complete surprise for us to learn that we both love art. That mutual enthusiasm has fostered an ongoing wonderful

friendship and was an outlet during our tour."

Houghton's service to the Canadian Armed Forces is drawing to a close and he, Christine and their children will remain in the Edmonton area. His schedule is less hectic, he is able to spend more time with his family - and is able to pursue fresh art ideas, such as portrait and figure drawing with charcoal.

Houghton's most meaningful gift to Christine is titled Coming Home, following his last deployment to Mali. It is a self-portrait of him and Christine, in a silhouette of wire, contained within a shadow box. This challenging project bares the sentiment of returning to a loved one after being away far too long.

Welcome home, Dan. ➔

*The Steel Spirit is a platform for artwork submissions by military, first responder and hospital practitioners. The collective is always looking for new and emerging artists, with and without art experience, from every background and every age. For information, visit [thesteelspirit.ca](http://thesteelspirit.ca).*

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## DND staff: check out new, enhanced Employee Assistance Program

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The EAP is a professional, confidential and proactive service to support you and your family members with a wide range of personal, family and work-related concerns. DND employees and their families may access these services by calling:

- English: 1-800-663-1142 or 1-888-384-1152 (for people with hearing impairments)
- French: 1-866-398-9505 or 1-866-433-3305 (for people with hearing impairments)

Contact information and services provided to CAF members through CF MAP will not be impacted by this change.

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- *Specialized Team services* are available to managers and supervisors to support teams who may be impacted by workplace events or by the effects of cumulative stress.

Visit (and bookmark) the full description of EAP services with complete access instructions (only accessible on the DWAN). →

## Personnel du MDN : découvrez le nouveau programme d'aide aux employés amélioré

Tous les employés du ministère de la Défense nationale (MDN) auront accès à de nouveaux services et ressources améliorés du Programme d'aide aux employés (PAE) par l'intermédiaire de notre nouveau fournisseur de services, Homewood Santé.

Le PAE est un service professionnel, confidentiel et proactif qui vous aide, vous et les membres de votre famille, à faire face à un large éventail de problèmes personnels, familiaux et professionnels. Ces services sont conçus pour permettre une approche proactive de votre bien-être.

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- Anglais : 1-800-663-1142 ou 1-888-384-1152 (pour les personnes malentendantes).

Les coordonnées et les services fournis aux membres des FAC par l'intermédiaire du PAM FC ne seront pas affectés par ce changement.

Les services améliorés aux employés et les membres de leur famille incluent :

- *Services de counseling en cas de crise et de courte durée* : Des services de counseling gratuits et de courte durée sont disponibles en personne, par téléphone, par vidéo ou en ligne (clavardage ou courriel). Grâce au counseling, les individus peuvent développer des compétences et des stratégies pour améliorer leur bien-être, résoudre des problèmes personnels ou professionnels et renforcer leur résilience.

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Les conseillers auprès des pairs continuent d'être disponibles pour offrir une écoute active et orienter les employés vers des ressources et de l'aide internes pertinentes et disponibles.

Les services pour les ges-

tionnaires et les équipes incluent :

- *Le service de TéléConseil au personnel clé* permet aux gestionnaires ou aux superviseurs de contacter un clinicien pour des consultations ponctuelles concernant des situations avec leurs employés qui sont inhabituelles, exceptionnelles ou qui sont hors de leurs fonctions régulières en tant que gestionnaire.

- *Les services spécialisés*

*pour les équipes* sont disponibles pour les gestionnaires et les superviseurs afin de soutenir les équipes qui pourraient être affectées par des événements survenus sur le lieu de travail ou par les effets d'un stress cumulatif.

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Corporal Stephanie Madore, centre, was presented a command team coin by 14 Wing Colonel Luc Vachon, left, and Wing Chief Warrant Officer Justin Harper November 14, recognizing her imagination and leadership in staging the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum's first Haunted Hangar event October 28, 29 and 30.

S. White



# Haunted Hangar team put in 'the extra'



Sara White,  
Managing editor

For something “everyone was talking about” in the days ahead of the first Haunted Hangar at the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum, the tune quickly changed in the actual pre-Halloween event’s line up.

“Everyone was all excited about it – and then they got there,” 14 Wing Greenwood

Colonel Luc Vachon said November 14. “All of a sudden – not excited! All the nervousness, all the excuses started....”

Gory make-up and dramatic injuries, costumed zombies, chainsaw-wielding maniacs, sound effects and a substantial remodeling of the museum – inside and out – all contributed to an after-dark event that “opened the doors of the

museum” and brought “the extra – just before Halloween.

“It was awesome to see.” Vachon, with Wing Chief Warrant Officer Justin Harper, visited the museum to congratulate and thank the volunteer team that contributed their skills, time and effort to the three-night Haunted Hangar. Many museum staff and volunteers, community members, sections and individuals from across 14 Wing had a hand in the planning, staging and running of the event, which included visitor challenges themed on aviation and 14 Wing flying heritage.

“The idea and the lead for this, initiating all the effort, was Corporal Stephanie Madore,” Vachon said. He and Harper presented her with a command team coin

in thanks for going “above and beyond.” Over three days, the Haunted Hangar welcomed 400 people and raised \$3,500 for museum operations and projects.

Harper extended Madore’s coin presentation to the full team of volunteers, as the Haunted Hangar’s “success belongs to everyone who had a hand in it.

“I did a tour of the event a couple days before it opened, and there was stuff all over the place. It turned into a huge success.”

The Haunted Hangar team resourcefully scrounged recycled materials, used paint, broken pallets, donated Halloween decorations and more to create the event’s environment.

“The question is: are we doing this again next year!?” Vachon asked. ➔

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# Time, connections settle cemetery's stories

**Pam Muise,  
Secretary, Tremont  
Community Cemetery  
Society**

There is a new, old headstone in the Old Tremont Cemetery. Standing tall between family members, it proudly bears a name once thought lost to history: John C.K. McGill.

McGill's original headstone had deteriorated over time, to the point it was unreadable. When the Tremont Community Cemetery Society (TCCS) took over care of the Tremont cemeteries, with lost paper records of the Old Tremont Cemetery, the only information available as to the identity of the lot occupant were hand-carved initials on a footstone and a common surname on headstones on either side.

There is an old saying, "It takes a village:" it was a Can-



**John C.K. McGill's original marker in the Old Tremont Cemetery, left, now connects his memory with another cemetery occupant, John Edward Pearson, as his original stone was found in an estate sale and returned to the cemetery. Refurbished, it now stands at the head of McGill's plot – connecting over a century of cemetery and community history.**

ada-wide village that helped solve this mystery in the Old Tremont Cemetery this past spring. It all started with a message from a medium in British Columbia, passed onto the record keeper from



Submitted

Nova Scotia, who connected with a genealogist in Ontario whose family tree research helped confirmed McGill's identity in Tremont.

While the name was officially added to the Old Trem-

ont Cemetery records (new paper records derived from headstone compilations and obituaries, newly-created electronic records and Findagrave.com records), it was felt more was needed

to ensure McGill's identity remained intact for generations to come. The Nova Scotian village continued to provide.

There was an "extra stone" from the 1800s in the Old Tremont Cemetery, originally belonging to the late John Edward Pearson, who died in 1865. This headstone was replaced by the family with a pillar headstone with multiple family names, including Pearson's; and the family tucked away the original. At an estate sale years later, contents of a shed were auctioned off and won by the late Mark Gertridge. Upon discovering the headstone, Gertridge donated it back to the cemetery. Members of TCCS stored it away and occasionally used as a display item at family history events.

Now, there is a new purpose for the stone.

After reaching out with the story of McGill and the idea to repurpose the Pearson headstone, the team of professionals at DeMone Monuments in Lunenburg refaced the marble front carefully by hand, preserving all of the original hand-carved details. They then carved McGill's name and dates onto it. This work was done at no cost to the cemetery society.

*"Twice a year the veil grows thin, on Beltain and Samhain. These are the times between the worlds when we light a candle and guide our ancestors on their way"* – unknown

This mystery journey began in May (Beltain) and concluded in November (Samhain). John C.K. McGill's new headstone now stands tall between his family members; he can rest easy, and he will be remembered. ➔

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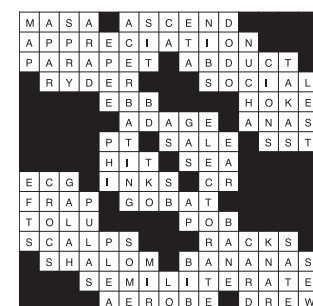
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4	1	3	6	8	2	9	7	5
1	8	9	5	7	3	6	4	2
3	2	7	4	6	8	1	5	9
6	5	4	2	9	1	8	3	7
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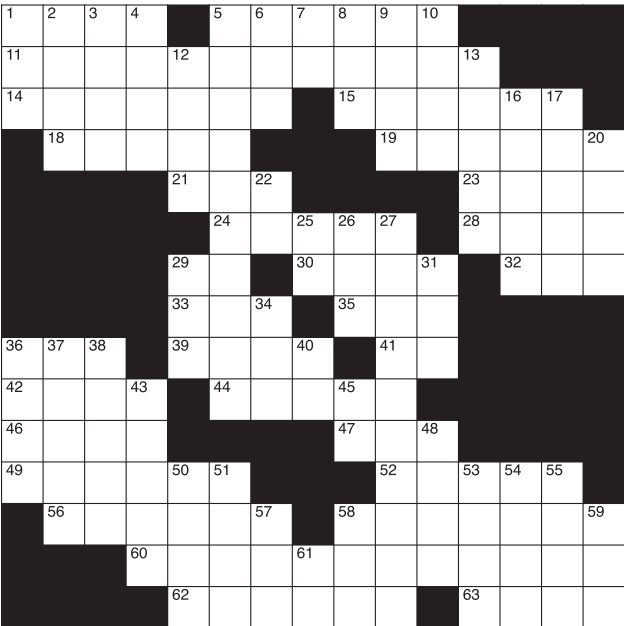
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# crossword

solution page 9



- ACROSS**  
1. Dough made from corn flour  
5. Rise  
11. Gratitude  
14. A low wall  
15. Kidnap  
18. A cup golfers want to win  
19. Outgoing  
21. 'Partner' to flow  
23. Former Michigan coach Brady  
24. Proverb  
28. Gasteyer and de Armas are two  
29. Helps a body recover  
30. Baseball Cy Young winner  
32. Very fast airplane  
33. Offensive baseball stat  
35. Body of water  
36. Record of one's heartbeat  
39. Signs a contract  
41. Atomic #24  
42. Bind securely  
44. French Jesuit theologian  
46. Fragrant brown
- DOWN**  
1. A way to plan  
2. Three-banded armadillo  
3. Mobile  
4. Romanian city  
5. Making sour  
6. Take a seat  
7. 'The Golden State'  
8. When you hope to arrive  
9. Pointed ends of pens  
10. Extinct flightless bird  
12. Sharp-pointed dueling sword  
13. Nape of neck  
16. Problems (Spanish slang)  
17. Narrow carpet
- balsam**  
22. Post office box  
49. Sells tickets at inflated prices  
52. Places to hang coats  
56. Jewish salutation  
58. Yellow fruits  
60. Poorly educated  
62. Microorganism  
63. Talk show host Barrymore
- To avoid the risk of**  
25. Equally  
26. Traditional cars still need it  
27. Eligible voters  
29. Greek alphabet letter  
31. Body part  
34. Referee-declared outcome  
36. Means to moving money  
37. Popular footwear brand  
38. Cockatoo  
40. NFL's big game  
43. Botswana currencies  
45. News-reporting organization  
48. Batman villain  
50. Urgent request  
51. Not all  
53. Hallmark's specialty  
54. Knot in a tree  
55. Satisfy  
57. Notable space station  
58. Baby's dining accessory  
59. Stitch clothing  
61. \_\_\_ and behold

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December 3, 10 and 17, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts the drop-in Coffee & Colouring. Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere with a warm beverage, colouring and conversation. All ages welcome! Pay what you can.

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December 4, 9 a.m. on – the Soldiers Memorial Health Auxiliary hosts a Christmas bake sale at Middleton Home Hardware, 47 Commercial Street. Baked items may include loaves, cookies, squares, cakes, bread, pickles, jams, candy, cranberry sauce and more!



## ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Your energy is contagious this week, Aries. Expect bursts of creativity and spontaneous fun to ensue. Perhaps an unexpected adventure will pop up? Take the lead in social situations.

## TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

It might be a week for indulgence in the best ways possible, Taurus. Treat yourself to something delicious or cozy, and don't feel guilty about it. Patience will pay off in work projects.

## GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Curiosity is your superpower this week, Gemini. Choose a new hobby or explore a class at the community college. You might discover hidden talents or interests.

## CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, this is your week to shine emotionally. Reach out to friends or family who you haven't spoken with in a while. Small acts of kindness can come back to you in surprising ways.

## LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

It's time to hear that roar, Leo. Your charisma is unstoppable right now and you're ready to step into the spotlight. Share your ideas and achievements with anyone who will listen.

## VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Your knack for organization is a ticket to smooth sailing this week, Virgo. A little planning goes a long way right now. However, don't forget to add some fun, too.

## Carousel Gift Shop Christmas sale

December 4 and December 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., visit the Carousel Gift Shop at Soldiers Memorial Hospital, Middleton for the annual Christmas sale, hosted by the Soldiers Memorial Health Auxiliary. Everything in the shop 15 per cent off!

## Music jam and open mic

December 5, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts a music jam and open mic. Join musicians Maura and Geoff for a delightful afternoon of sharing and creating. Bring an instrument, use one of ours, or just sit back and enjoy some live music. All veterans, friends, family, and the public are welcome.

## Kingston/ Greenwood toy drives

December 5, between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m., at the Village of Kingston's Night of Lights event at the Credit Union Centre arena: the last of a series of community toy drives to help the Kingston/ Greenwood volunteers behind the local holiday hamper program. A new child's toy/ teen appropriate gift card

will help make someone's holiday season merrier.

## Veteran's Lodge Coffee

December 5, 12 and 19, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts the free Veteran's Lodge Coffee, open to all Annapolis Valley veterans and serving members. Register by emailing [thetveteranslodge@gmail.com](mailto:thetveteranslodge@gmail.com)

## Festival of Trees

December 6, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 14 Wing Greenwood's Combined Charities (national workplace giving program) presents its public Festival of Trees raffle at the Greenwood Mall. Wing squadrons, community businesses and organizations decorate table-top trees with several hundred dollars each in prizes and decorations. Envelope of 10 tickets \$5. Tickets also valid on the hourly prize draw tree. For info: Facebook @14 Wing Combined Charities. To enter a tree or contribute an hourly prize, contact Sara at [sara.white@forces.gc.ca](mailto:sara.white@forces.gc.ca)

## Afternoon tea on the Bay

December 6, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., enjoy Afternoon Tea on the Bay – A Christmas Gathering at the Kings County Museum. The museum's historic parlour will be transformed into the elegant Seaside Park hotel dining room of old Harbourville, where guests will enjoy tea, fresh baked goods, live music and charming historical vignettes celebrating the spirit of a turn-of-the-century Christmas by the sea. Tickets are \$40 each and seating

is limited. For information or to purchase tickets, contact the Kings County Museum at 902-678-6237 or [info@kingscountymuseum.ca](mailto:info@kingscountymuseum.ca)

## Makers Space

December 6 and 13, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts an open Makers Space. Bring a project to work on, start something new, or purchase one of our kits. Drop-ins welcome! Cost starts at \$10. Caregivers are free.

## National Association of Federal Retirees Western NS Branch Christmas Member's Meeting

December 9, at the Aylesford and District Lions Club, 2160 Hwy 1, Auburn. Turkey dinner and all the trimmings, \$16. Bar opens at 11:30 a.m. with dinner at noon. Bring along a potential member (federal retiree) to find out what we are all about. To attend, please email [nafr75@gmail.com](mailto:nafr75@gmail.com) (emails preferred) or call Carolyn/ Bill after 1 p.m. at 902-765-8590 no later than December 1. If you must cancel please call as there will be a waiting list after the cut off date.

## 'Twas the Night Before Christmas Carol Concert

December 11, 7 p.m., All Saints Church, 521 Pleasant St., Kingston; presents an evening of Christmas carols and songs, plus a re-enactment of "Twas the Night Before Christmas," with special guests Frank Dobbin from Country Generations, organist Cheryl Van Der Pryt and Santa. Bring the children! Freewill offering.

# sudoku

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## 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!

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# Children’s adventure story a first for new author

### Community drum circle

December 11, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts HealthRHYTHMS, a community drum circle, free to seniors! Reserve your seat by emailing mindfullymore@gmail.com

### Greenwood Skating Club presents Nutcracker on Ice

December 14, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., join members of the Greenwood Skating Club at the Greenwood Gardens Arena for their 20th holiday presentation of The Nutcracker on Ice. Admission is by freewill donation.

### Veterans’ Club - Kentville

December 15, 6:30 p.m. (and continuing monthly), the Kentville Legion, 37 River Street, hosts a free Veterans’ Club for any and all current and retired members of the Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP to gather, socialize and have fun with PS5 gaming stations, board games, model building or just chatting over snacks and coffee (dry event). No Legion membership required. For info: kentvillelegion@eastlink.ca

### Blood collection clinic - Kingston

December 15, 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.; and December 16, noon to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to

8 p.m.; Canadian Blood Services hosts a blood collection clinic at the Kingston District Fire Department, 570 Sparky Street. New and returning donors welcome. Book an appointment at blood.ca

### Blood collection clinic - Berwick

December 17, noon to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Canadian Blood Services hosts a blood collection clinic at the Berwick & District Lions Hall, 250 Veterans Drive. New and returning donors welcome. Book an appointment at blood.ca

### Museum exhibit: history of Harbourville

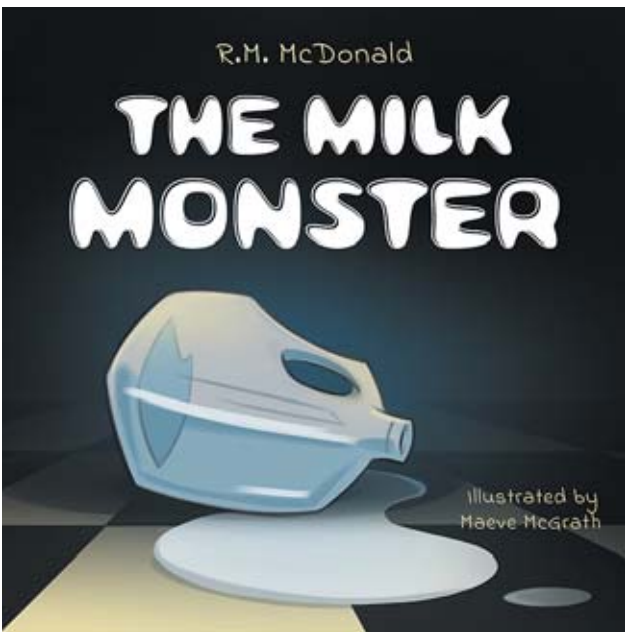
To December 19, the Kings County Museum, 37 Bridge Street, Kentville, features a community history exhibit, prepared by the North Mountain United Tapestry. This is a captivating look into the village of Harbourville, nestled on the Bay of Fundy north of Berwick. Highlights include: Harbourville’s built heritage, the Seaside Park Hotel 1909-1929, the Parker and Cook stores, Sophia Parker’s clothing collection circa 1904, the community’s one room school and United Church (built 1860), the Sewing Circle Women, early sea captains and the elusive Isle Haute. This exhibit promises stories that span generations.

In “The Milk Monster: A Whimsical Adventure for Children,” author Rechell McDonald inspires readers to embrace their fears and cherish their loved ones.

A military spouse, mother of three children, former Canadian Armed Forces member, content editor and writer, McDonald brings the themes of multigenerational families, humour, imagination and play to life; following Max and his grandpa as they navigate the joys of family, friendship, and the unknown.

“I was inspired to write ‘The Milk Monster’ by the relationship between my father and my oldest son, whose name is also Max,” explains McDonald. “Their bond was so special and, by writing the book, I am reminding my son of the many wonderful moments they shared.”

Max eagerly anticipates hav-



Former Canadian Armed Forces member Rechell McDonald has put pen to paper – and imagination to use! – in a new children’s book, “The Milk Monster: A Whimsical Adventure for Children.”

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ing Grandpa move in with him. However, that first night brings unexpected surprises as strange noises echo from the kitchen. Could there really be a monster lurking in the house?

Filled with excitement and a hint of fear, Max embarks

on a thrilling quest to uncover the truth about the mysterious sounds. Armed with courage and creativity, he devises a plan to trap the elusive “Milk Monster” and confront whatever he discovers. The book is filled with vivid illustrations to

captivate children and inspire their imaginations.

“The Milk Monster” is available for purchase at all major online retailers, through Friesen Press, or by connecting with McDonald through her website, rmmcdonald.com ➔

5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, December 12

## Holiday Glow Up | 14 Wing Greenwood Community Centre

Free glow bowling (bowling: max 5 bowlers per lane, limited to 1 hour, register at 14winggbc@gmail.com)

Free slice of pizza | Cookie decorating | Photo booth  
Hot chocolate and treats | Music | Tree lighting and decorations

PLUS • Special appearances from Santa and friends

De 17 h à 21 h, le vendredi 12 décembre

## Éclat des Fêtes | Centre communautaire de la 14e Escadre Greenwood

Bowling lumineux gratuit (bowling : maximum 5 joueurs par piste, limité à 1 heure, inscription sur 14winggbc@gmail.com)

Tranche de pizza gratuite | Décoration de biscuits | Photomaton  
Chocolat chaud et friandises | Musique | Illumination et décorations du sapin

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14 OSS CIS

## Collecte alimentaire

Mardi 2 décembre

De 6 h 30 à 9 h

Toutes les portes de la 14e Escadre

Les denrées non périssables, les dons en espèces et les sourires sont les bienvenus.

Les dons seront partagés entre le garde-manger communautaire de la 14e Escadre et la banque alimentaire Upper Room.

14 OSS CIS Flight

## Food Drive

Tuesday, December 2

6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

All 14 Wing gates

Non-perishables, cash and smiles welcome.

Donations shared with the  
14 Wing Community Pantry  
and the Upper Room Food Bank





# Annual meeting, 32-year milestone for aviation museum

Winners do not have to be present to win. They will be contacted between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m., with pick up options. ✈



**14 Wing Greenwood, with community organizations and businesses, will deck the halls of the Greenwood Mall December 6, as the wing's Combined Charities campaign hosts its annual Festival of Trees public ticket raffle. 14 Air Maintenance Squadron's activity-themed tree – including a decked out goalie - was determined 2024's best-decorated 14 Wing unit tree. Trees are imaginatively themed, creatively decorated - and well worth the winning; with all raffle sales benefitting local charity.**

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"We've had senior leadership who come in to visit and say, 'You have the best museum in the Canadian Armed Forces,'" Patrick said. "And it's not our size, but what we do with what we have and how it's displayed. People really feel they have an idea of who is here in Greenwood, that they did live and work here.

The society filed its financial report, as of the end of March 2025, reporting a balance of \$25,767. A good portion of that was a donation as the Royal Canadian Air Force Association 107 (Valley) Wing dissolved and distributed its holdings. ✈

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