



## RCAF musician ready to make Tattoo magic happen

**Sara White,**  
Managing editor

Behind the curtains of the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo is a coxswain, someone who makes everything happen in the months before the largest annual indoor theatrical production in the world takes the stage June 27 to July 1 at the Scotiabank Centre in Halifax.

In 2025, 14 Wing Greenwood bandmaster Warrant Officer Eric Sproul takes on the role – the first time since the show's 1979 start a Royal Canadian Air Force member has served as the coxswain, a traditionally navy role in a traditionally navy city; and only the second time a Canadian Armed Forces musician has done it.

"I love the Tattoo," Sproul says.

A trumpet player with both the West Kings District High School and Cadet bands as a youth, he volunteered with the 14 Wing brass and reed band in Grade 11. That summer, the Ottawa Central Band was performing at the Tattoo. It picked up a few Greenwood musicians to fill out their numbers, including Sproul. He's been to almost every annual Tattoo since.

14 Wing Greenwood's Pipes and Drums Band often participates in the Tattoo, in full or with representation; the Brass and Reed Band has not been as involved, but did help fill a band to mark the centennial of the RCAF in 2024. Following that show, "I wanted to do more with the Tattoo, and the public appearance of the event.

"I know they are always looking for a Tattoo coxswain; it's usually a couple ranks above me. But I offered: if they were 'scraping the barrel,' I'm here."

The 14 Wing Brass and Reed Band did a combined event November 11 with the Stadacona Band in Halifax, which Sproul has been involved with for 20 years. As Tattoo 2025 started taking shape, Sproul got the call.

"I know the Tattoo production crew from back in my army days on the guard, I'm comfortable with the show, and I've got the skillset. I'm well-positioned to do it."

As coxswain, Sproul will be the senior non-commissioner member overseeing all CAF operations involved with the Tattoo: all the bands, guards, flags, storesmen, transport, ammunition and small arms custodians, medical services, liaison officers - including five visiting foreign governments; and matching that seamlessly with the show's civilian production and logistics team.

"So, I'm punching above my weight quite a bit here. There are a lot of moving parts. Then, once the show starts, from sunrise to sunset, I'm on the ground – making sure people are happy."

This means, for the first time in all his Tattoo appearances, Sproul won't play a single note. He'll depend on several 14 Wing band volunteers to help lead any practices affected by his Tattoo commitments, especially as he gets closer to the show and his pre-production duties formalize into a Canadian Forces Taskings, Plans and Operations order; and he won't be able to perform with any 14 Wing musicians who do appear in this year's Tattoo.

"Music will be in the back seat, and I'll miss that, but this is such an interesting part of the show. My favourite part is the international gathering of everyone involved with the show – it's a re-reunion every year." ➔



**Warrant Officer Eric Sproul shows off his Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo arm candy: all the passes from all the years he's participated in the summer event as a musician (since Grade 11!). He won't play a note in the 2025 show, as he's taking on the administrative role of coxswain.**

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# Best home for bats – away from humans

## Wing adds to efforts to support endangered species

**Acting Sub-Lieutenant Taylor Rhuland**

With warmer weather comes the return of several animals from hibernation, including bats.

In Nova Scotia, three bat species - the Little Brown Myotis, the Northern Myotis and the Tri-Coloured Bat - are listed as endangered on the National Species at Risk registry: it is illegal to harm, harass or kill these bats. While they are vital to the ecosystem, the challenge lies in coexisting with them.

These bat species are small, ranging from six to 10 centimetres in length. The Little Brown Myotis, or little brown bat, is the most

commonly seen, particularly near human structures; the Northern Myotis and the Tri-Coloured bats are more rare. The Tri-Coloured Bat is easily identifiable by its three shades of brown fur; all three species share black wing membranes. These bats play an essential role, consuming half of their body weight - or more! - in insects each night. Active from late April to October, these nocturnal hunters help control insect populations.

Bats may find roosting sites in spaces close to people, including attics, doorways or other sheltered areas. Since bats are protected by law, it is illegal to disturb or remove them from these roosts. And,

handling a bat may pose serious health risks to people, as bats can carry diseases, such as rabies and histoplasmosis. If a bat enters a home or workplace, it is best to let it find its way out. If it cannot, setting up a bat house nearby can encourage it to relocate without harm.

At 14 Wing Greenwood, Wing Environment has erected two trial bat houses to potentially provide reported bats an alternative roosting site. The goal is to prevent bats from roosting in locations that could interfere with base operations or daily activities, while ensuring the bats remain safe and undisturbed.

If a bat is noticed on base

or in Greenwood's military housing area, contact Wing Environment to ensure the bat is handled in accordance with Nova Scotia's wildlife laws. For those outside the base, the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables can also assist with bat-related issues. Setting up bat houses on private property is also a proactive measure to deter bats from roosting near homes or workplaces. Bat houses may be purchased or built, and wildlife protection agencies offer guidance on proper setup. Call 1-866-727-3447, or visit [batconservation.ca](http://batconservation.ca) or [novascotia.ca/natr/wildlife/sustainable/living-with-wildlife/bats.asp](http://novascotia.ca/natr/wildlife/sustainable/living-with-wildlife/bats.asp) for more resources. ➔



**14 Wing Greenwood's Wing Environment has placed trial bat houses around the wing, hoping reported bats will make alternative homes, away from areas where they come into contact with wing personnel - and potentially impact operations. It is illegal to interfere with bats and their roosting sites, as three endangered Nova Scotia bat species are protected.**

Acting Sub-Lieutenant T. Rhuland

## Medevac assists keep SAR crews busy

March 19, the Halifax Joint Rescue Coordination Centre tasked a 14 Wing Greenwood-based CH149 Cormorant, with 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron, to conduct a medevac of a crew member from the fishing vessel Let R Rip,

80 nautical miles east of Louisbourg, Cape Breton. R906 left Greenwood at 5:56 p.m., followed by CC130 Hercules R333, for top cover, at 6:35 p.m. The Hercules returned to Greenwood at 11:02 p.m. The Cormorant stopped at Windsor

Park, in Halifax, for patient transfer to EHS, and returned to Greenwood at 11:39 p.m.

March 20, Cormorant R906 was airborne at 8:58 a.m. to conduct a medevac of a crew member from the marine vessel NIKOS N, located 140

nautical miles south of Halifax. Hercules R333 was also tasked to provide top cover, airborne at 9:03 a.m. A Coast Guard vessel assumed the tasking, and both aircraft returned to Greenwood just before noon.

March 23, just before 11

a.m., Cormorant R906 was airborne to assist with a person in the water near Charlottetown. R906 was stood down when notified the individual was paddleboarding, and not in distress.

March 31, 413 Squadron

was tasked to assist with transport of an individual from Grand Manan to Fredericton. Cormorant R906 was airborne at 11:36 p.m. The helicopter was later stood down from the call, and returned to Greenwood before 3 a.m. April 1. ➔

# Awards recognize wing role models at work, in community

**Sara White, Managing editor**

With a captive crowd for the February 18 opening ceremony of the 14 Wing Greenwood Winter Carnival, Colonel Luc Vachon and Wing Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan Proulx presented the 14 Wing Greenwood Leadership Awards.

Presented annually, the awards recognize the accomplishments of 14 Wing personnel, including officers, non-commissioned members and civilians; who demonstrate the highest qualities of leadership and ethics in the performance of their duties and conduct of their lives. The awards recognize an individual who continuously strives for excellence, best management practices and improvements in the workplace, along with outstanding leadership that presents a role model for the wing, resulting in improved programs, services or initiatives. The individual must consistently uphold the Department of National Defence and Canadian Armed Forces Code of Values and Ethics, and the Royal Canadian Air Force values: Professionalism, Excellence, Teamwork and Inclusiveness.

"We see a lot of great stuff, and have a lot of great nominations, for people on the wing who are involved at work, and have community involvement," said Vachon. "We highlight what we see, but thank you all for the work we see every day."

### Colonel Herb Smale Officer Leadership Award

Colonel Smale enlisted in the RCAF as a wireless operator in 1946, before he remustered to radio officer in 1949. He commanded 407 (Maritime Patrol) Squadron from 1965 to 1968, and was promoted to Colonel in 1971

and was appointed commander of CFB Greenwood. Through the international maritime aviation community, he was recognized as the founder of the P-2000 Club in 1966 (now VP International). Smale retired in 1974, and served with a number of other organizations and, in 1995, was appointed honorary colonel of 14 Wing Greenwood.

*Captain Jon Wilson, Transport & Electrical & Mechanical Engineering (TEME) Flight, 14 Mission Support Squadron*

Wilson demonstrated outstanding leadership in preparing for the 2024/ 2025 snow and ice control season. Collaborating with 14 Wing's business support officer, he arranged for DND 907 Extra Duty Pay and Shiftwork Report (EDR) training sessions for all Heavy Equipment Section personnel. His pivotal role in transitioning EDR submissions from hard copy to digital format significantly improved the process, reducing errors to ensure the accurate and timely compensation for public servants. Wilson's dedication and innovative approach exemplify a high standard of military leadership and professionalism.

### Aviator Jamieson Junior Non-Commissioned Member Leadership Award

Aviator Matthew Jamieson was a member of 144 Construction Engineering Flight in Pictou. In August 2018, he graduated from the Basic Military Qualification course in Borden as top candidate, identifying his own career plan "to take on leadership roles in the RCAF." His promising military career was cut short in an automobile accident near Kingston, Ontario.

*Master Corporal Noah Slaughter, 14 Air Maintenance Squadron*

Slaughter exemplifies leadership, professionalism and teamwork. During Air Show



**Chris Larsen, centre, was recognized February 18 with a 2024 14 Wing Greenwood Leadership Award, Civilian of the Year, presented by Colonel Luc Vachon, left, with Wing Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan Proulx.**



**Warrant Officer Rita Boutilier, centre, was recognized February 18 with a 2024 14 Wing Greenwood Leadership Award, the MWO Browning Senior Non-Commissioned Member Leadership Award, presented by Colonel Luc Vachon, left, with Wing Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan Proulx.**

Atlantic, in August 2024, they effectively liaised with all levels of the visiting Royal Air Force's Red Arrows to meet personnel and equipment requirements. Slaughter's ability to force-generate technicians is evident in refinishing projects, including the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum's display Dakota. As the leader of the 14 Wing Fuel Cell team, they ensure technicians meet the highest standards and wing assets are repaired promptly. Slaughter is a deserving leader, embodying skill and dedication.

### MWO Browning Senior Non-Commissioned Member Leadership Award

Master Warrant Officer Orval Browning joined the navy as an aviation technician at 17 and served for 43 years. He sailed on both HMCS Magnificent and Bonaventure, served in Egypt as a United Nations peacekeeper, and had postings to HMCS Shearwater and Greenwood. In 1977, Browning named the new, state-of-the-art, long-range patrol aircraft: the Aurora. The last 13 years of his service were given to assisting in the training of Royal Canadian Air Cadets.



**Master Corporal Noah Slaughter, 14 Air Maintenance Squadron, right, received the Aviator Jamieson Junior Non-Commissioned Member Leadership Award, presented in person March 11 by Wing Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan Proulx.**



**Captain Jon Wilson, centre, was recognized February 18 with a 2024 14 Wing Greenwood Leadership Award, the Colonel Herb Smale Officer Leadership Award, presented by Colonel Luc Vachon, left, with Wing Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan Proulx.**

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Team. This award highlights their accomplishments and contributions to our organization.

*Chris Larsen, 415 (Long Range Patrol Force Development) Squadron*

Larsen's exemplary leadership and unwavering commitment to excellence as the Royal Canadian Air Force coordinator for the CP140 to CP8A Poseidon transition exemplifies the highest standards of professionalism, excellence, teamwork and inclusiveness. The complex-

ity of the transition requires meticulous coordination across multiple projects and stakeholders. Larsen's ability to communicate with stakeholders, identify potential opportunities or issues and manage cross-project deconfliction is a testament to his organizational acumen and attention to detail. Larsen's contribution over the last year has been instrumental in preparing the LRP fleet for the CP8A transition, and will benefit the organization for years to come. ➔



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January 30, during a 14 Operation Support Squadron medal ceremony, Corporal Eric Pascher was recognized as Distinguished Opossum of the Year, with a trophy and commemorative photo; by Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Garrett Milne, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Greg Huizinga.



Corporal Brian Todd, centre, was appointed to master corporal March 6 by 415 (Long Range Patrol Force Development) Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel PL Lafontaine, left, with Master Warrant Officer Ed Delorme.

14 Wing Imaging unless otherwise indicated.



Corporal Jeremie Chouinard, centre, was advance promoted March 11 to current rank by 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron Lieutenant-Colonel Dan Arseneault, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Duane May.

Sergeant R. Beer



Members of the 14 Air Reserve Flight Orderly Room and the Recruiting and Training Cell at 14 Wing Greenwood were presented a Wing Commander's Commendation March 6, presented by Colonel Luc Vachon, left, with Wing Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan Proulx, right. Members have displayed exceptional skill, dedication and resilience; and their adaptability, teamwork and proactive problem-solving have sustained morale and operational success while setting a benchmark for excellence. Embodying 14 Wing's motto, "Operate as One," they exemplify the highest standards of the Royal Canadian Air Force through their outstanding contributions.



Captain Rob Albert, centre, February 28 was presented with a Letter of Appreciation for his work with the 14 Wing annual toy drive by 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron Lieutenant-Colonel Alex Gignac, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Andrew Elliott.



Corporal Nicholas Purdy, centre, February 28 was presented with the Aurora Power Plant Analysis course completion certificate by 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron Lieutenant-Colonel Alex Gignac, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Andrew Elliott.



Deputy Wing Commander Branch Warrant Officer Smith, second from right, March 7 was promoted to the rank of master warrant officer by Colonel Luc Vachon, left, with Wing Chief Warrant Officer John Proulx, right; and Master Warrant Officer Reg Smith.



Master corporals Laurie Dunbar and Matthew Mayne, centre, February 28 were presented with Letters of Appreciation for their work at the 14 Wing Combined Charities' Festival of Trees, on behalf of the squadron, by 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron Lieutenant-Colonel Alex Gignac, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Andrew Elliott.

## Tracking down tires builds museum, Michelin connection

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Greenwood Military Aviation Museum volunteer Dan Daigle, left, shows Michelin visitor – and friend – Johnny MacDougall some of the details of the Bolingbroke restoration.

The wheels were turning – in more ways than just a recent Michelin presentation of tires to fit a restoration Greenwood Military Aviation Museum aircraft.

While museum volunteer Doug Butt and his buddy, Johnny MacDougall, were out on one of their shared car club's jaunts; Butt ran an idea past MacDougall: did he think he could help the museum find suitable tires for a restoration of a Bristol Bolingbroke MK IV? The museum was stumped.

MacDougall, Canadian engineering manager for Michelin Canada, put in the ask, knowing the company has three aircraft tire-making factories around the world: "this is an 80-year-old plane – do we actually make a tire for this?"

"Yes, we do, and we have two," was the answer MacDougall heard.

February 20, MacDougall, with Roy Baker, engineering coordinator, and Mike Disley, maintenance planner, both at Michelin's Waterville plant; brought the two tires to the museum. Set in the restoration workshop, the tires were the starting point of a two-hour visit of shared aviation and engineering interests.

Museum society president Brian Handley introduced the Michelin trio to the museum, starting with its humble beginnings in 1995 to today's 17,000 square feet, more than 11,000 artefacts, home of an immersive Grade 6 curriculum Flight Education program, with 40-plus volunteers. The museum captures CFB Greenwood's heritage from its 1942 beginnings as a British Commonwealth Air Training Plan base to today's operational work.

The Bolingbroke restoration, donated in 2009 by the Reynolds Heritage Preservation Foundation in Alberta, has been underway for over 12 years, with 28 volunteers working at various times on

the aircraft.

"This was a trainer here in Greenwood under the BCATP, for bombing, navigation and gunnery; and it was flown overseas during the Second World War by 404 Squadron," Handley said. The aircraft will, eventually, be kitted out in its wartime yellow and black "bumble bee" training pattern, as it would have flown over Greenwood.

From the public displays to the restoration workshop, the visitors were impressed – and inspired – by what they saw. Volunteers were 3D printing replication parts, fabricating metal, building wooden jigs, following decades-old aircraft specs faithfully – and

more, continuing to develop displays that will highlight Greenwood's aviation heritage for the public.

"When we first came to Nova Scotia with Michelin, we hired a bunch of military people – they had the skill sets we wanted," MacDougall said. "Many had worked on the Aurora, and we took advantage of that training.

"This museum – for a volunteer organization – it's truly amazing. We need to try and get some of our engineers and technical people down here, next to your team on the museum's floor. We'd love to bring some of our young engineers to see what's happening here." ➔



Greenwood Military Aviation Museum volunteer Dan Daigle, left, and society president Brian Handley, second from right, with Michelin representatives Johnny MacDougall, third from right; Roy Baker, right; Mark Messom, second from left; and Mike Disley, back; and the North Carolina-sourced Bolingbroke restoration tires.



Volunteer Bob Lorencz, right, tours the Michelin visitors around the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum's restoration Expeditor.

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# Warriors get regional '25 win

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The Gagetown Warriors beat the Greenwood Bombers in their second match-up, the game that counted most: the March 21 final of the Canadian Armed Forces Atlantic region men's basketball championship.

14 Wing Greenwood hosted 5<sup>th</sup> Canadian Division Support Base Gagetown, 12 Wing Shearwater and CFB Halifax for the March 17 to 21 tournament, hoping to defend their 2024 regional – and first-ever national – title on home court. The event featured four nights of evening double-headers, followed by a Friday evening final.

Colonel Luc Vachon welcomed teams to Greenwood, congratulating athletes for making their home bases' teams and representing at the regional tournament.

"It's going to be a busy week – get to know each other, play hard and have fun."

The week started well for the Greenwood Bombers, with an opening night 86-44 win over



14 Wing Greenwood hosted the 2025 Atlantic region men's basketball championship March 17 to 21, looking to defend their 2024 Canadian Armed Forces national title. Perfect through the round robin, the 5th Canadian Division Support Base Gagetown Warriors defeated 14 Wing in the final.

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Shearwater, a 91-51 night two win over Gagetown and a night three 78-77 squeaked out win over Halifax.

In its other round-robin games, Gagetown notched a 71-61 win over Halifax and a 78-42 win over Shearwater. Halifax had its only win over Shearwater, a 77-39 finish.

Greenwood went into the March 21 semi-finals in first place, and knocked out fourth-place Shearwater 78-56. Gagetown, in second, met Halifax

and won its way to the final 71-65.

In the Friday final, Gagetown jumped out ahead in the first quarter, and held the lead throughout the game. Greenwood came within one or two baskets of catching Gagetown several times in the game, but just couldn't get the edge they needed, losing 63-55.

Greenwood Personnel Support Program sports coordinator

Alyssa DeAdder – also the 14 Wing men's team coach, thanked peer PSP staff, tournament officials, scorekeepers, trainers and volunteers for their contributions during the awards presentation.

Vachon who returned to watch the final, with Wing Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan Proulx and a full set of bleachers, called the game "outstanding."

"Congratulations on a big


fight – we were standing on the side and couldn't stop moving. That was an exciting game to watch! A great game, and great support for each other. Well done."

Greenwood team captain, Captain Jon Wilson, said this was likely his last appearance with the Bombers, posted this coming summer. He's pleased to know several team members will continue into next season, newcomers who grew into the

team this year will be back, and there are a couple players aiming to return from injury.

"They're all standouts – it's been nice: an up and down week, a back and forth experience; we lost for years – then we won nationals; we made two regional finals – that's the takeaway this year." →

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**YTGIF** – 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday evenings, pre-registration required.

• April 4 – bubble soccer and hot dogs, \$5 plus tax PSP Plan, \$8 plus tax non-PSP Plan

• April 11 – floorball and apple nachos, \$5 plus tax PSP Plan, \$8 plus tax non-

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• April 25 – walk to Dairy Queen and the duck pond, \$5 plus tax PSP Plan, \$8 plus tax non-PSP Plan

**Family drop-in** – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday evenings. Free play in the gym/ centre equipment.

**Feed your Mind** – Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., for youth ages eight to 12. \$15 plus tax PSP Plan, \$20 plus tax non-PSP Plan

• April 2 – pizza night

• April 8 – mac and cheese night

• April 16 – stir fry and simple pasta

• April 23 – hamburgers

**Pickleball** – 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday evenings, pre-registration required. All skill levels welcome.

**Kids' Club** – 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday evenings, pre-registration required. Ages six to 12.

• April 7 – bingo, free with PSP Plan, \$5 plus tax non-PSP Plan

• April 14 – Easter egg hunt and cake pops! \$5 plus tax

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• April 20 – life-size Hungry Hippo, free with PSP Plan, \$5 plus tax non-PSP Plan

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There are various rates for PSP Plan members/ non-PSP Plan members, and single or multiple youth. Registration opens May 1 (military and Defence Team families) and May 16 (public) at [bkk.cfmws.com/greenwoodpub/account/index.asp](http://bkk.cfmws.com/greenwoodpub/account/index.asp)

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a current contract of 180 days or more).

Each eligible child may receive approval for one grant per summer, up to a maximum of \$900 towards an overnight and/ or day camp. In other words, you may submit multiple receipts after children have attended camp, but will only be reimbursed up to the maximum per child, per summer.

The Support Our Troops camp grants are possible through the generosity of donors across Canada. For information, contact the Support Our Troops summer camps program coordinator at [camps@cfmws.com](mailto:camps@cfmws.com), and visit [supportourtroops.ca](http://supportourtroops.ca) →

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**MORRIS, John “Wayne”,**  
Wilmot, NS

Morris, John “Wayne” – 85, Wilmot, passed away on Sunday, March 23, 2025 in Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital, Middleton. Born in Glace Bay, he was a son of the late John Freeman and Martha (Mombourquette) Morris. Wayne was a telecom technician in the Canadian Armed Forces for 21 years



and a commissioner for 17 years. He was very big in sports, especially baseball and played for the base teams in Cold Lake and Germany. Hockey was a favorite of course since his boys were avid players and now some of his grandchildren. He loved to watch any child play whether he knew them or not. He was a 52 year member of the Knights of Columbus, a eucharistic minister, lecturer, member of the cursella movement and sang in the church choir. He loved to sing. He is survived by his wife, Carol; daughter, Kimberly (Perry) Diamond, Whitehorse, Yukon; sons, Keith (Elizabeth), Washington State; Chris (Meagan), Ottawa; grandchildren, Liam and Colin Diamond, Jack Morris, Calum, Nealey, and Charlie Morris; special brother-in-law, Al Whapham; step-children, Paul Melnick, Robert Melnick; Janet (Robin) Clayton; Marianne (Dave) Brittney; step-grandchildren, Steven, Erin, and Julia; two step-great grandchildren, Mercy and Gus; brothers, Gerald (Mary), Antigonish; Bruce (Patricia), Dartmouth; Johnie, MacKinnon Harbour. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his first wife, Judy; brother, Bill; and sister, Judy Gutzeit. A funeral mass was held 11:00 am on Monday, March 31, 2025 in Queen of Heaven Chapel, Greenwood. Fr. Magnus officiated. By request, family flowers only. A reception in the Church Annex followed the service. Interment in St. Lawrence Cemetery, Kingston. Donations in memory may be made to Heart and Stroke Foundation, Alzheimers, or VON. The family would like to thank Dr. Kevin McGuire, staff on Medical Floor, and VON. Special thanks to Catherine, his respite buddy. Arrangements have been entrusted to Middleton Funeral Home, 398 Main Street, 1-855-825-3448. Online guest book may be signed by visiting: [www.middletonfuneralhome.com](http://www.middletonfuneralhome.com)

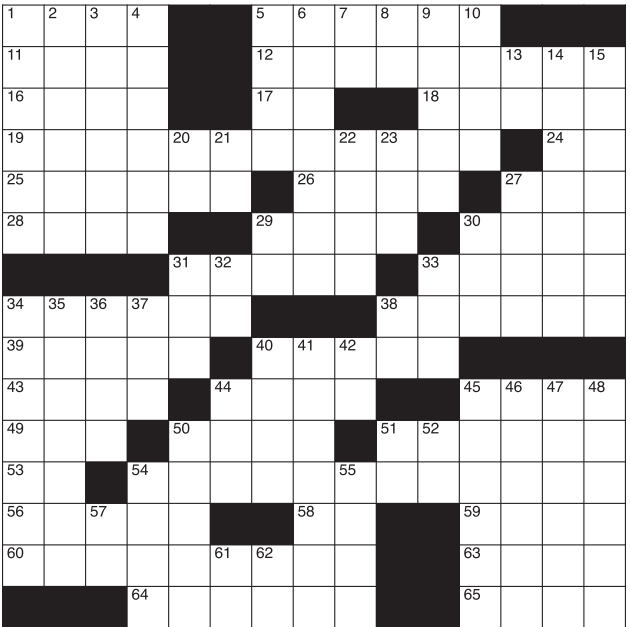




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## crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1. Narrow piece of wood
  - 5. African desert
  - 11. Waxy covering on birds' beaks
  - 12. Sour
  - 16. Infrequent
  - 17. Former AL MVP
  - 18. Policemen wear one
  - 19. Out of the question
  - 24. Used to chop
  - 25. Symptoms
  - 26. Not moving
  - 27. Folk singer DiFranco
  - 28. Comedian Arminsen
  - 29. Quantitative fact
  - 30. Incline from vertical
  - 31. Scottish musician
  - 33. Rooney and Kate are two
  - 34. Positioned
  - 38. A very short time
  - 39. Tropical American shrubs
  - 40. Yemen capital
  - 44. Spanish municipality
  - 45. Medical professionals
  - 46. Fibrous material
  - 49. Confined condition (abbr.)
  - 50. Without covering
  - 51. 'Mad Men' honcho
- DOWN**
- 3. Hockey position
  - 54. Taste property
  - 56. Fertile spots in a desert
  - 58. They precede C
  - 59. 'Requiem for a Dream' actor Jared
  - 60. Try a criminal case
  - 63. Liberal rights organization
  - 64. Spoke
  - 65. Insect repellent
  - 1. Unshaven facial hair
  - 2. More thin
  - 3. Show up
  - 4. Seethed
  - 5. Ancient Greek city
  - 6. Poisonous plant
  - 7. Hello
  - 8. College sports official
  - 9. Monetary unit of Russia
  - 10. Wings
  - 13. Take too much of a substance
  - 14. A citizen of Uganda
  - 15. Most appealing
  - 20. Atomic #18
  - 21. Global investment bank (abbr.)
  - 22. Jewish calendar
  - 23. Popular sandwich
  - 27. Swiss river
  - 29. Incorrect letters
  - 30. Popular entree
  - 31. Foot (Latin)
  - 32. A driver's license is one form
  - 33. Extinct flightless bird
  - 34. Appetizer
  - 35. After battles
  - 36. It neutralizes alkalis
  - 37. Beverage container
  - 38. Partner to 'Pa'
  - 40. Gray American rail
  - 41. Salt of acetic acid
  - 42. Canadian province
  - 44. Dish made with lentils
  - 45. Narrative poem of popular origin
  - 46. For each one
  - 47. Come to terms
  - 48. Test
  - 50. More dishonorable
  - 51. Unit of loudness
  - 52. The Ocean State
  - 54. Monetary unit in Mexico
  - 55. Lying down
  - 57. Thus
  - 61. Where LA is located
  - 62. Western State

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**Luncheon**  
April 8, noon to 1 p.m., the Kingston Lions host their monthly community luncheon. Ham, scalloped potatoes, carrots, green beans, brown beans, cole-slaw, buns and carrot cake for dessert. No pre-orders needed for eat-in diners.

**Frauds and scam prevention presentation**  
April 9, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., the Berwick Legion (232 Main Street, Berwick), presents the Kings Seniors' Safety coordinator, with a free presentation on frauds, scams, hacking and identity theft. Seniors are particularly at risk. Learn how to recognize scams - and how to avoid them! This event is open to everyone; you do not need to be a Legion member.

**Fibre arts social group**  
April 9, 16, 23, 30, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts Fun With Fibre. Are you a fibre craft artist (knitting, croch, cross stitch, embroidery, felting, or rug hooking) that would like to meet like-minded individuals? Drop by for our craft and chat group. Everyone welcome! Freewill donation appreciated.



**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**  
This week you are going to take action on a project that has been on your mind for awhile. Aries. Trust your instincts, but make sure you are not moving too fast.

**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**  
This week brings an opportunity for intellectual pursuits, Taurus. You might think to enroll in a higher education class or a take a course on a specific hobby that has been on your mind.

**GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21**  
Partnerships are key right now, Gemini. You might want to pursue new professional relationships. Embrace your ability and willingness to adapt and facilitate change.

**CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22**  
You need to take care of your body and mind, Cancer. Now is as good a time as any to begin this pursuit. Even small adjustments can lead to long-term health benefits.

**LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, this is your week to look into matters of self-expression and creativity. Pour your energy into anything that gets you excited. Your enthusiasm may draw others in as well.

**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, home life takes center stage this week, and you might feel a strong desire to nurture your space. Decluttering and organizing could bring more harmony to your home.

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**Easter bonnet tea**  
April 12, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., the All Saints Church, 521 Pleasant Street, Kingston (turn west off Bridge Street); hosts an Easter bonnet tea. Admission: freewill offering. Prizes, refreshments and fun!

**Jam session**  
April 12, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., join us at the Berwick Legion (232 Main Street, Berwick) for an afternoon jam session. Come play, sing, listen and enjoy the fun; open to all levels of performers and music genres. This event is open to everyone; you do not have to be a Legion member.

**Breakfast**  
April 12, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., a community breakfast will be held at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Middleton. Freewill offering. We buy local and, when you buy the best, you serve the best: "Best eggs east of Tofino" - Anon. Everyone welcome.

**Teen Art Jam**  
April 12, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts a teen art jam, for ages 13 to 18. Dive into a world where your creativity knows no bounds. Registration required by emailing [info@7Arts.ca](mailto:info@7Arts.ca).

**Makers Space**  
April 12 and 19, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 pm, 7Arts in Greenwood hosts a public Makers Space. Bring a project to work on, start something new, or purchase one of our kits. Drop-ins welcome and encouraged! Cost starts at \$10. Caregivers are free.

**Breakfast**  
April 12, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., the Kingston Lions host their month-



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			6	1			9	7

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**Supper**  
April 25, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., the Berwick Legion (downstairs, in the Erle Dolsen Music Room), 232 Main Street, Berwick; hosts a freewill offering meal: pulled pork on a Kaiser bun, pan-fried potatoes, coleslaw, apple crisp for dessert. No take-outs, all welcome!

**Harmony in Motion**  
April 26, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts Harmony in Motion. Discover well-being through music-making and creative movement program, designed for adults and seniors of all abilities. We supply the instruments. No experience necessary!

**Recognize scams presentation**  
April 26, 1:30 p.m. at the Christian Fellowship Centre in Wilmot, there will be a presentation by Sharon Elliot, (Seniors' Safety Director, Annapolis County Seniors' Safety Society) on how to recognize scams & how to avoid them. Refreshments to follow. Call 902-698-9467 for more information.

**Royal Military Colleges Alumni luncheon**  
April 29, noon to 1:30 p.m., the Atlantic branch of the Royal Military Colleges of Canada Alumni Association invites all alumni residing in the Annapolis Valley area to an informal luncheon at the Annapolis Mess, 14 Wing Greenwood. See the invitation at [rmcalumniantlantic.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/invitation-alumnus-clr-20250429-en-fr-2.pdf](https://rmcalumniantlantic.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/invitation-alumnus-clr-20250429-en-fr-2.pdf) Please RSVP by emailing [colleges@rmcalumniantlantic.ca](mailto:colleges@rmcalumniantlantic.ca)

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**Kingston Legion Br 98** **EVENTS**

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**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Saturdays – Meat Draw and Chase the Ace**  
**Sundays – Bingo** – 1pm (Doors open at 11am). Everyone is welcome.  
**Please Note: There is no Bingo on Easter Sunday – April 20th**

**Monday – Monday Night Darts** at 7pm  
**Tuesday – Tuesday night Darts** at 7pm | **Crokinole** – 6:30pm – every 2nd Tuesday

**Wednesdays – Veteran's Social** – 10am – All Veterans are Welcome.  
Have a coffee and a snack & meet other Veterans | **Euchre** – 7pm  
**Thursdays – Thursday Night Fun Darts** start April 24th. Cost \$5 – 7pm  
**Thursday Night Crib** – 7pm

**Foot Clinic Care** – Call Heather at 902-300-3559 to book an appt.  
**OP Vet Build** – takes place on the 2nd and 3rd Fridays of the Month – 9am. If you have any questions or you are interested in participating, please send a message or an RSVP to: [rc198.opvetbuild@gmail.com](mailto:rc198.opvetbuild@gmail.com)

**KASA** (Kingston Area Seniors Association) **Fun Days** – Every 2nd and 4th Friday afternoon of the month in the Lounge – Come out and enjoy games, cards, friendly talk and light refreshments – Guests – \$2 drop-in fee.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Karaoke with Denis** – April 11th at 7:30pm in the Lounge – Open to Members and Guests

**Legion will be Closed on Good Friday, April 18th**

**Dance** – Saturday , April 26th with band, "Black Top Junction"  
Cost: \$10 per person – 8pm to midnight – All welcome

**General Meeting for Legion Members** – Tuesday, April 29th at 7pm

**Support the Kingston Legion by buying 50/50 tickets on-line at: [rafflebox.ca/raffle/rc1ns](https://rafflebox.ca/raffle/rc1ns)**  
**Remember to select in support of: Kingston Br.98**

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**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS**

**PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION 2025/2026**

The Council of the Municipality of the County of Kings directs, by policy, that a reduction be granted for the taxation year 2025/2026 pursuant to Section 69 of the Municipal Government Act, in an amount not exceeding \$580.00; upon property owned and occupied by a person who is a resident of the Municipality of Kings, and;

Whose total gross income from all sources for the year 2024, excluding any allowance paid pursuant to the War Veterans Allowance Act (Canada) or pension paid pursuant to the Pension Act (Canada), but **including** the income of all members of the same family residing in the same household, is less than **\$47,000** gross income, and;

Where property is jointly owned, only one tax reduction shall be allowed and the sharing in such reduction shall be on the basis of ownership in such joint property.

Applications for such tax reduction shall be received at the Municipality prior to December 31, 2025.

**Paula Delorey, Tax Clerk**  
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