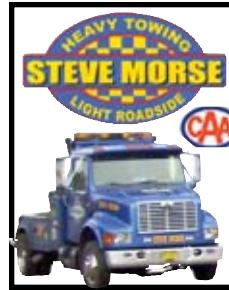




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Military first responders kick into gear following a simulated roadway collision – and a loose torpedo! 14 Wing Greenwood police, fire and explosives disposal personnel exercised their training during the November emergency response exercise.

Master Corporal D. Ouellet, 14 Wing Imaging

All units: respond, react, make it safe 14 Wing EX tests emergency efforts

Major Kent Molyneaux,
Readiness, Evaluation and Force Protection officer
14 Operations Support Squadron

November 27, 14 Wing Greenwood personnel may have noticed fire trucks, Military Police and an On Scene Controller Emergency Response (OSCER) vehicle on Snowy Owl Drive. Not to worry: this was a planned exercise of 14 Wing emergency response partners.

The wing's Emergency Response Plan is exercised several times throughout the year, allowing units to practice - in a controlled environment - the coordination that would be needed if a real emergency occurred. The most recent scenario was a collision between a car and an armament trailer carrying a weapon, en route to loading an CP140 Aurora aircraft. The response to

this was an immediate call to the wing's air traffic control tower to inform them of the situation and activate the Emergency Response Plan.

Due to the potential of an explosion, an immediate shelter in place was issued, affecting the Air Operations Zone (AOZ) of the base. As part of the notification, Military Police members and 14 Fire Emergency Services firefighters were informed, rapidly responding to help at barricades.

All units performed their duties: MPs quickly set up a cordon at Check Point Charlie and the POL gate to prevent more personnel from moving into the danger area. Firefighters conducted their initial scene assessment and started providing aid to the injured driver. Explosive Disposal Flight members suited up in personal protective equipment and approached the torpedo to

verify there was no hazardous material leaking and take care of the explosive hazard.

All the activity and decisions taking place were relayed to the command post, which oversees coordination of any outside resources that may be needed on scene. OSCER deployed to take over as on scene commander from Red Lead (the firefighters' platoon chief) to allow Red Lead to concentrate on firefighting duties. As the incident progressed, the Torpedo Recovery Team gathered its equipment and arrived on scene after the area was secured, and declared the weapon safe.

Once the TRT successfully repackaged the torpedo and transported it back to the Explosives Storage Area, all that remained was the clean-up of the accident scene and the incident was declared secure. →

Monster Find & Win 2026

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

A multi-question edition of the newspaper scavenger hunt will be published in the February 16 issue.

- **Donate a product or certificate, and the value of that item will be deducted from your ad cost**
(up to a \$100 prize, discount to a maximum of 50 per cent of the ad's regular cost)
- You have multiple chances of having your business highlighted in the contest questions
- Participating business/ organizations' colour logos will be included on the Monster Find & Win contest page.

Deadline to
book an ad is
**Wednesday noon,
February 10.**

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Get set for 58th Medspiel curling fun

The 58th Atlantic Curling Medspiel will take place at the Berwick Curling Club the weekend of February 27 to March 1. This 'spiel is a three-day fun curling spiel for both skilled and beginner curlers.

At least one member of a team must be from any of the following categories: current and retired members of the Royal Canadian medical service, or current and retired members of the Royal Canadian Dental Corps (and Public servants and contractors in these units); military and civilian health care providers; military, civilian and volunteer firefighters; RCMP, military and municipal police; search and rescue and Coast Guard members; family and friends.

The team entry fee is \$220 (e-transfers to medspielatlantic@gmail.com), payable by February 6 (special arrangements upon request). The entry fee includes three guaranteed games, a meal and live music Friday night, and the potluck and trivia Saturday night. The awards ceremony will be held at noon Sunday. Register at <https://forms.gle/uZuF1Fo4Eome4et7>

The Medspiel committee is looking for a couple volunteers to help with prep and clean-up in the kitchen Saturday, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Reach out to the organizers if interested.

The weekend's fundraiser for Wounded Warriors Canada is also back, featuring the bonspiel's commemorative 58th annual long-sleeved T-shirt. Orders are due by January 30, to be available at the tournament. To order: email quantity and size, then e-transfer payment, to medspielatlantic@gmail.com. Wounded Warriors Canada is a national mental health service provider dedicated to serving trauma exposed organizations, professionals and their families.

Follow all things Medspiel at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/6964174803631174> →



821 Richelieu Victoriaville Squadron Warrant Officer Second Class Bianka Toussaint and Captain Guillaume Larivière present visiting 14 Wing Greenwood Major Joël Tourigny – an 821 Squadron alumnus – with a souvenir following his presentation to Cadets at the Manège school December 20.

Captain V. Bérubé

Greenwood visitor shares experiences with hometown Cadets

December 20, at École le Manège, 821 Richelieu Victoriaville Squadron welcomed Major Joël Tourigny to talk about his military career and the impact his own time in the Cadet program had on his career. During his presentation, the Cadets learned more about the various aspects of being an air combat systems

officer, a position Tourigny has held for more than a decade. The Cadets were very interested in Tourigny's career path, and they also enjoyed learning more about the characteristics of the aircraft used in this line of work.

A native of Victoriaville, Tourigny enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces in 2011. The years, he became an

instructor and participated in several operations and missions around the world. Since June, Tourigny has been responsible for flight safety at 14 Wing Greenwood. He also continues to fly occasionally with 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron.

Although his career progression has now led him to a different position, wherever he goes he feels a sense of belonging to his work team, which is one of the things he appreciates most about his job. He recalls having the same feeling when he himself was a Cadet with 821 Squadron.

As the last activity of 2025, the evening concluded with a ceremony highlighting the achievements of various Cadets. Tourigny was the guest of honour for the occasion.

The Canada Cadet Program promotes physical fitness, leadership and citizenship principles among young people aged 12 to 18. Offered free of charge, it provides Cadets with the opportunity to participate in unique activities that allow them to acquire skills, build their self-confidence and develop competencies that will accompany them into adulthood. →

Keep drones, bright lights in mind

Sara White,
Managing editor

Drones and lasers have recurring impacts on 14 Wing Greenwood airfield operations and flight crews: the most recent incident in November, a festive ground display of typical laser lighting projecting pretty images on the front of a Kingston-area home caught the eyes of a 14 Wing CP140 Aurora aircrew coming in for a landing.

"Pointing up, it's the spill of that effect that misses the front of your home – that's the concern," says Warrant Officer Allan Upshall, 14 Wing Greenwood's Deputy Wing Flight Safety Officer.

"Imagine you're on the highway and someone approaches with their high beams on," says Upshall.

"You look away, but it makes it harder to see what is ahead and stay on the road."

"Higher power lasers can

cause physical injury to pilots' eyes – burns. They have to lower their heads or look away. That could mean a loss of visuals near the airport, say, during take-off or land-



Warrant Officer Allan Upshall is 14 Wing Greenwood's deputy Wing Flight Safety officer. The wing reminds community neighbours to consider the operational impact – and the Transport Canada legalities - of drones and bright lights in a navigable airspace.

Upshall says there has been nothing – so far – in drone or lights activity around 14 Wing or reported by 14 Wing aircrews that has caused the base to stop operations or cancel missions.

"Anytime you're around where aircraft are flying low, you have to be really careful," he says, even if the activity is allowed. In the Annapolis Valley, 14 Wing Greenwood's airspace is covered by certain restrictions that people may more obviously think to check, but there are also other areas – even more restrictive than around 14

Wing – over 5th Canadian Division Support Base Gagetown Detachment Aldershot and a smaller area northeast of Berwick.

"Ignorance of the law is no excuse, but the law is complicated" Upshall says. "This is the law we follow – we here at 14 Wing, we in Canada – everyone in aviation follows the CARs."

"If uncrewed aerial vehicles (UAVs) or drones are Christmas presents, people need to know to go into the store informed, and then know how and where to enjoy them" →

Upshall says safety is behind 14 Wing Greenwood's efforts to raise drone and bright light awareness – for aircraft, and for aircrew; and for the wider community should a drone or bright light cause a more dramatic incident.

"We want to reach out to the people who don't know, and honestly wouldn't do it if they did know. People who don't know the rules could put us all in danger, even themselves and their families." →

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Please regularly check Transport Canada (<https://tc.gc.ca/en/corporate-services/acts-regulations/list-regulations/canadian-aviation-regulations-sor-96-433>) for Canadian Aviation Regulations guidance – and updates (the most recent happened November 4). Transport Canada's site is "more user-friendly, more in layman's terms, and has the best starting resources," Upshall says. Top of mind for 14 Wing Greenwood neighbours are

Hand-held Lasers

601.19 (1) No person shall have in their possession a hand-held laser with a power output rating greater than 1 milliwatt (mW) and

(b) within a 10-km radius of the geometric centre of an airport or heliport.

Projection of Directed Bright Light Source at an Aircraft

601.20 Subject to section 601.21, no person shall project or cause to be projected a directed bright light source into navigable airspace in such a manner as to create a hazard to aviation safety or cause damage to an aircraft or injury

to persons on board the aircraft.

Those Kingston holiday decorations were not specifically hand-held lasers, likely mounted on stakes on someone's lawn, and likely lower than that 1 mW power output rating; but they could be interpreted as a directed bright light source: "any directed light source (coherent or non-coherent), including lasers, that may create a hazard to aviation safety or cause damage to an aircraft or injury to persons on board the aircraft" – CARs, Division II - Aircraft Operating Restrictions and Hazards to Aviation Safety, 601.14.

A good primer for flying your drone safely and legally – what you fly, how you fly, where you fly and who will fly; microdrones, drone certifications and registration, insurance and privacy, and penalties may be found here: <https://tc.gc.ca/en/aviation/drone-safety/learn-rules-you-fly-your-drone/flying-your-drone-safely-legal>

Check your local area's airspace restrictions here: <https://nrc.ca/en/drone-tool-2/>

Drop in fitness schedule kicks in for January reset

The 14 Wing Greenwood Fitness and Sports Centre offers a range of free fitness programs through the week. Classes are generally open to military members and personnel with the Department of National Defence and Non Public Funds; with a PSP Plan or drop-in facility entry fee, some classes may be open to the public (indicated with an *).

For further information, contact the F&S Centre front desk at 902-765-1494 local 568-5997. This schedule is effective January 2026 and will be updated in the Spring (any session may be cancelled by military priorities).

* Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday - strength and conditioning for functional performance with a blend of weights, cardio and mobility, (mix running intervals with simple, effective strength exercises to build stamina and full-body strength), 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday - yoga (beginner), noon to 1 p.m.

Thursday (first of the month) - FORCE practice, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

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Winter art shares spaces, intersections of self, sovereignty

ARTSPLACE Gallery welcomes three winter collections of work, on display now through February 14 in Annapolis Royal.

Victoria Manning's "In The Middle Of Everywhere" explores themes of place, belonging and the sustaining presence of natural environments. Manning, the owner of The Verni Art Gallery, Gift Shop and Coffee House in Caledonia – a restored bank building in the centre of town; returned to Nova Scotia in 2024 in search of a peaceful space to paint and reconnect with landscapes that have always felt like home. Her journey began near Kejimkujik National Park.

"Elbows Up!" was developed last year by the Lunenburg



school and the Mary E. Black Gallery on Halifax's waterfront, this timely exhibition considers what it means to stand together as an independent nation through the enduring lenses of visual art and the written word.

"Stillness: A Study of Light and Healing" is an exhibition by Cheryl MacKenzie, bringing together watercolor and mixed media works grounded in reflection, resilience and quiet transformation in the intersection of nature, simplicity, growth and healing.

MacKenzie lives in Annapolis

Royal and works in Bear River as a registered counselling therapist.

All three exhibitions are in the main gallery to February 14, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Work from both Cheryl MacKenzie's "Stillness: A Study of Light and Healing," left, and Victoria Manning's "In The Middle Of Everywhere" close an ARTSPLACE winter exhibition series February 14.

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when a closing reception takes place from noon to 2 p.m., including an "Elbows up!" art-

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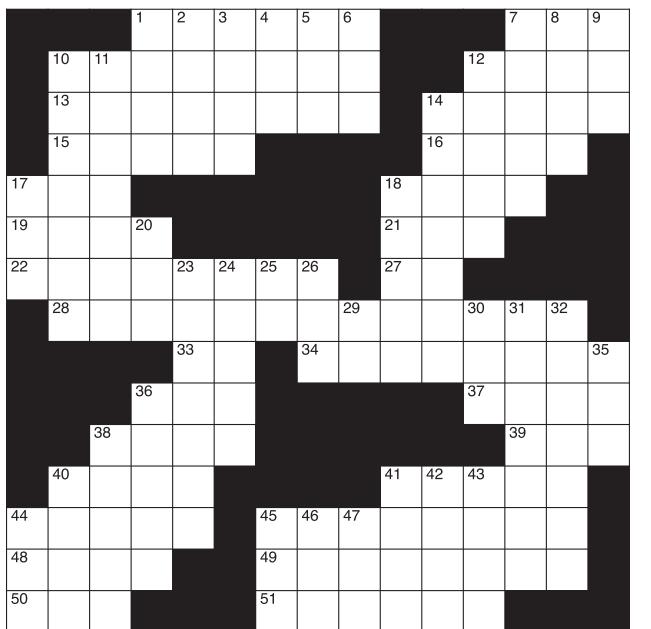
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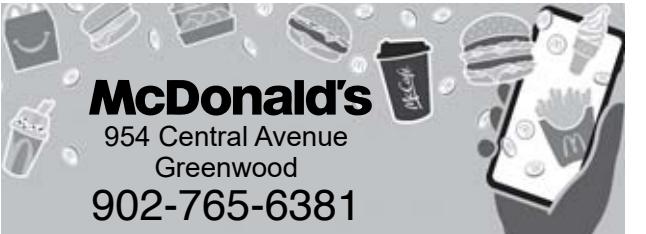
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 7. Rocky peak
 10. Leave a country
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 13. D.C. ballplayer
 14. Partner to 'oohed'
 15. Engine sound
 16. Japanese ornamental box
 21. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
 22. Make secret plans
 27. 'Tiny Bubbles' singer
 28. His Arness
 33. Morning
 34. Perfected
 36. Winger guitarist
 Beach
 37. Abba... Israeli politician
 38. Self-immolation by fire ritual
 39. A way to save money
 40. Pulpit
 41. Make ecstatically
 happy
 44. Once more
 45. Works on
 48. Nocturnal S.
 49. State again
 50. Expression of disappointment
 51. Type of door
 DOWN
 1. Yugoslav
 2. communist leader
 3. High school dance
 4. Peter's last name
 5. When you anticipate arriving
 6. Israeli city — Aviv
 7. Goat-like mammals
 8. Margarine
 9. End-of-the-spectrum color
 10. Make poisonous
 11. Popular beverage
 12. Actress Lathan
 13. Where planes land and depart
 14. Where planes land and depart
 17. Political fundraising entity
 18. The distinctive spirit
 of a people or an era
 20. Buffer used in microbiology
 23. Light, open carriage
 24. Metrical feet
 25. Email subject line feature
 26. A street with lots of nightmares
 29. Rapper Rule
 30. River in Scotland
 31. One who settles a dispute
 32. Most chummy
 35. We all have our own 36. Arab tribe
 38. Slap
 40. Ottoman military commanders
 41. Scottish or Irish
 42. Emit coherent radiation
 43. Sun or solar disk (Egyptian mythology)
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 45. Olfactory reference syndrome
 46. Chest muscle (slang)
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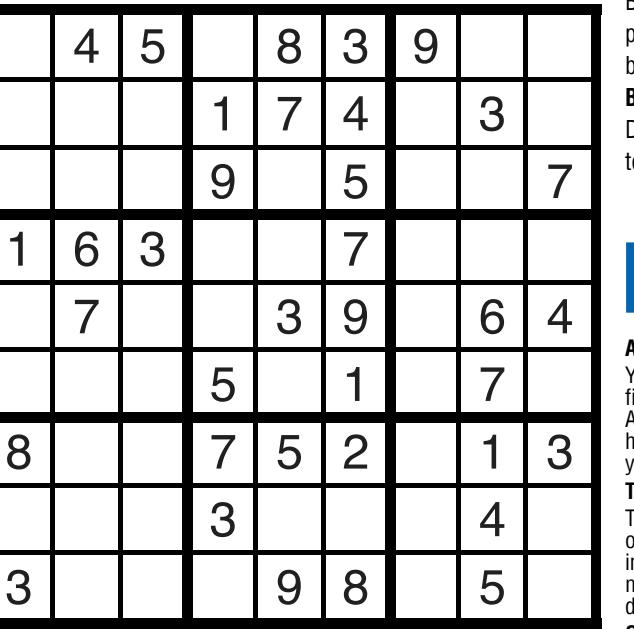
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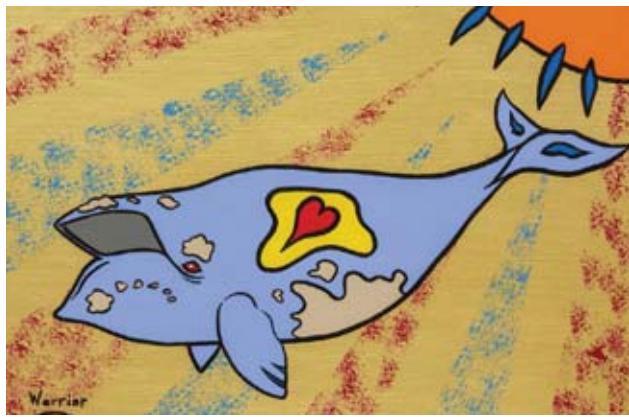


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Lunch and learn with Mi'kmaq artist Lorne Julien January 26

Monday, January 26, the 14 Wing Greenwood Defence Indigenous Advisory Group welcomes Mi'kmaq artist Lorne Julien for a lunch and learn event at the Annapolis Mess, between 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. (bring your lunch).

Meet Julien, see his work and ask questions about how his art represents an uplifting, hopeful energy. Visit lornejulien.com to learn more. ↗



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Connect with yourself, community in wellness series

14 Wing Greenwood's Military Family Services, in partnership with Health Promotion, host an upcoming series of free events focused on mental health awareness and connection. Invest in your well-being! There are three opportunities to help you feel your best, build resilience and connect with your community. Whether you're looking for mental health support, winter wellness tips or stress management strategies, these events are designed for you!

January 21, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.: Community Café: Mental Health Matters

Stronger minds, stronger forces, stronger community.

This event, at the Morfee Centre, offers a welcoming space for Canadian Armed Forces members, military families, DND and NPF employees, and veteran families to connect, reflect and learn about mental health supports. Enjoy light refreshments, mindful moments and take home a wellness toolkit. Children may attend with their parent(s).

January 21, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.: Winter Wellness Session

Join the Health Promotion staff online for practical strategies to thrive this winter! Topics include managing mood and Seasonal Affective Disorder, essential vitamins and

minerals, seasonal nutrition tips, staying active indoors and outdoors, sleep hygiene, building resiliency and staying motivated. No registration required: join in on MS Teams (meeting ID 242 291 463 647 21, passcode zJ3Ko208)

January 28, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Women's Health Series – Stress and Mental Health

This supportive and uplifting workshop at the Morfee Centre will help you manage

stress, strengthen mental health, and discover simple strategies for balance in everyday life. Register at cfmws.ca/greenwood/events-activities/events/women-s-health-series

Don't miss these opportunities to recharge, connect and learn! For Health Promotion and Military Family Services events, visit cfmws.ca and/ or Facebook @ MFS Greenwood or 14 Wing Health Promotion. ↗



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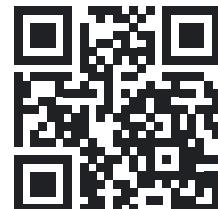
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