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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 Molyneux,
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 (OSCE) 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)
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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/uZuifLFo4Eome4et7>

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 etransfer 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 Tounsignant** 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.

As an air combat systems officer, he began flying the CT142 Dash 8, an aircraft specifically used for Royal Canadian Air Force crew training. He then worked as a navigator aboard the CP140 Aurora, a patrol aircraft whose main mission is submarine detection. Over 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.

"Everyone's front lawn is unique so there is no one installation angle that will work for all, just aim for the front of your home and don't create a hazard to aviation safety. It doesn't mean you can't have them, but be careful where you aim those lights."

November's laser holiday lights incident is another cautionary reminder to 14 Wing's neighbours to pay



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.

S. White

attention to what they put into the air – and regulated airspace.

"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 landing, and the distraction – that hard transition to instruments only when you're not expecting it, could add extra risk at a critical time."

14 Wing often sees an increase in flight safety issues around the holidays, particularly with gifted drones taking to the skies. Multiple and complex Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs) may be in play, depending on drone weight and where they are flown. A drone recently landed on the roof of the wing's health clinic and had to

be retrieved by Military Police when it broke (the owner called the wing and asked for it back). Flying a drone at Kingston's Stronach Park duck pond is directly in 14 Wing's airfield approach path.

"It all generates a flight safety occurrence: we investigate all of them with the goal of making aviation safer for everyone, which means providing information, an awareness campaign, working with the operator of a drone – if we can find them."

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 responsibly."

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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Winter art shares spaces, intersections of self, sovereignty

ARTSPPLACE 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 Kejimikujik National Park.

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



School of the Arts, bringing together contemporary visual artists in a collective reflection on Canada's culture, diversity, resilience and sovereignty. In response to recent expressions of disregard by the administration of the United States toward Canada's sovereignty and its democratically elected officials, the exhibit is a thoughtful and assertive cultural statement. Previously exhibited at the

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,



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 ARTSPPLACE winter exhibition series February 14.

when a closing reception takes place from noon to 2 p.m., including an "Elbows up!" artists' question and answer panel from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

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Submit a nomination here

The Kingston Greenwood Sports Hall of Fame is now accepting nominations for its 2026 class of inductees. This prestigious recognition celebrates outstanding contributions to sports within the Kingston/ Greenwood area, including past and present 14 Wing Greenwood military members who have competed in military sports. Categories for nomination include athletes, teams, coaches and builders. Nominees must have participated in a sport within the Kingston/ Greenwood region and/or represented 14 Wing Greenwood in local, regional,



national or military competitions. All nominations remain valid for five years, without the need for re-nomination. The selection committee will determine the number of individuals or teams to be inducted annually from all categories. Each nomination should include as much information as possible, along with photographs and memorabilia to assist the

selection committee. The deadline for submissions is March 2. The second induction ceremony will take place in the Fall of 2026 (date to be announced). The inaugural event, held October 25 at the 14 Wing Greenwood Annapolis Mess, was an overwhelming success, with more than 250 attendees. The 2025 inductees included Ken Wregget, Barb McKeil, Gerry MacMillan, Ernie Hatfield, the 1977-79 Greenwood Girls' Bantam Softball Team and the 1976-79 Greenwood Bantam A Bombers Hockey Team. ➔

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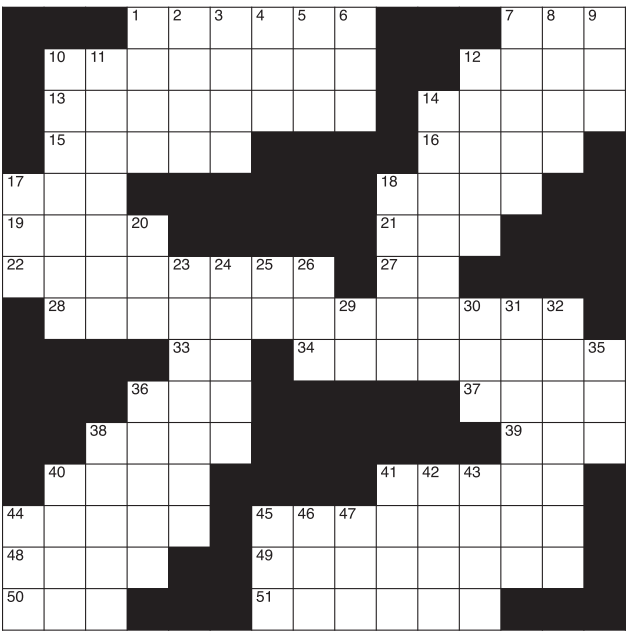


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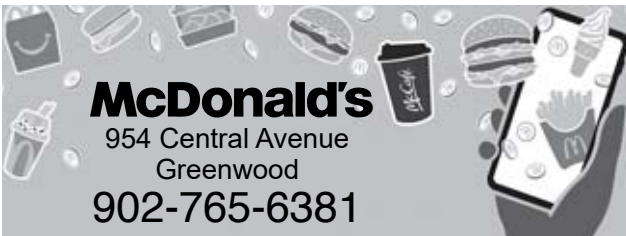
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 - Once more
 - Rocky peak
 - Leave a country
 - Discount
 - D.C. ballplayer
 - Partner to 'ooheid'
 - Engine sound
 - Japanese ornamental box
 - Fido is one
 - Amounts of time
 - DiFranco and Phylo are two
 - Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
 - Make secret plans
 - 'Tiny Bubbles' singer
 - 'His Airness'
 - Morning
 - Perfected
 - Winger guitarist
 - Beach
 - Abba ____, Israeli politician
 - Self-immolation by fire ritual
 - A way to save money
 - Pulpit
 - Make ecstatically
 - happy
 - Once more
 - Works on
 - Nocturnal S. American rodent
 - State again
 - Expression of disappointment
 - Type of door
 - DOWN
 - Yugoslavian communist leader
 - Exchange rate
 - High school dance
 - Peter's last name
 - When you anticipate arriving
 - Israeli city
 - Aviv
 - Goat-like mammals
 - Margarine
 - End-of-the-spectrum color
 - Make poisonous
 - Popular beverage
 - Acress Lathan
 - Where planes land and depart
 - Political fundraising entity
 - The distinctive spirit
 - of a people or an era
 - Buffer used in microbiology
 - Light, open carriage
 - Metrical feet
 - Email subject line feature
 - A street with lots of nightmares
 - Rapper Rule
 - River in Scotland
 - One who settles a dispute
 - Most chummy
 - We all have our own
 - Arab tribe
 - Slap
 - Ottoman military commanders
 - Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
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 - Olfactory reference syndrome
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Youth art lessons

February 2, 9 and 23, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood offers youth art lessons (ages 8+). Experiment with sketching, texture art, painting with acrylics and watercolours, and clay. All supplies included, \$25 per class or \$60 for three February classes. Register by emailing info@7Arts.ca

Watercolour series

February 3, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood begins a four-part (February 3, 10, 17 and 24) watercolour for beginners series. Unlock your creativity with Jenna in our beginner watercolour series: no experience necessary. All supplies included. Series cost \$135 per person. Registration at info@7Arts.ca

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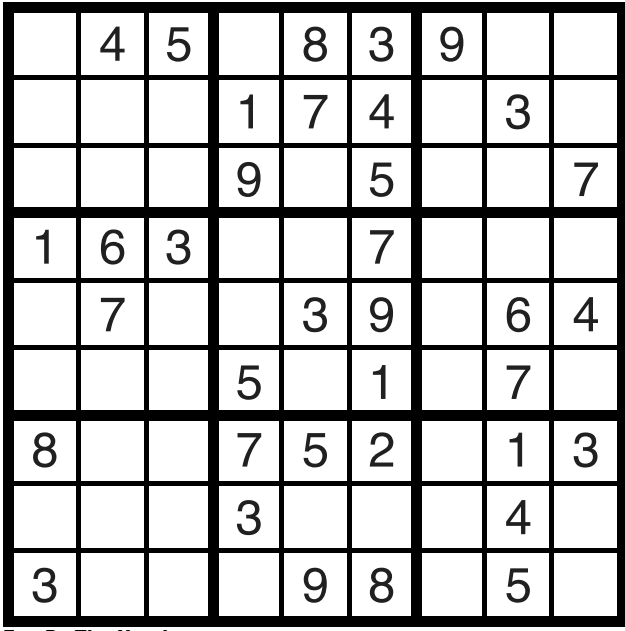
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Art workshop

February 5, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts a paint workshop with Jenna. Complete

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February 6, 13, 20 and 27, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; 7Arts in Greenwood hosts a free veteran's coffee, open to all Annapolis Valley veterans and serving members. For more information: info@7Arts.ca.

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Wednesdays, 7 p.m., the Berwick Legion welcomes you for open darts. Cost is \$2 per person. If you want, you can pay to an extra \$1 for "Ton and Over" (drawn monthly with the winner getting 50%, and the remainder going to general funds for the Legion).

Open pool

Sundays, 1:30 p.m., come for open pool, downstairs at the Berwick Legion. Entry is \$3 per person.

Open cribbage

Saturdays, 2 p.m., come for open cribbage downstairs at the Berwick Legion. Entry is \$5 per person. Come on your own or bring a friend.

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ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Your attention is focused on finances and deeper connections, Aries. This is the week to speak honestly about budgets, debts or your investments with a partner.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, the spotlight is shining on your relationships, whether in love or business. Expect some meaningful conversations that define your approach going forward.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Your focus turns to work and wellness as part of your daily routine this week, Gemini. You may feel a strong urge to get more organized and capitalize on resolutions made.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Your inner child is leading the way for the week, Cancer. Spend time on hobbies, connect with children or plan a memorable date night. Don't be afraid to take a creative risk.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, your energies are best spent on your home and family life right now. You may be dealing with a domestic project, a renovation or sorting out a matter with a relative.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Communication is your strongest tool this week, Virgo. With ideas flowing, you may be up to signing an agreement or running errands. You may want to reconnect with an old friend.

Meet new people? The Kingston Lions Club is recruiting! Lions raise funds through fun events, including the Greenwood Ribfest and Kingston Steer BBQ, bingo, breakfasts and luncheons, catering and more. Everyone is welcome, regardless of age, gender or background. For info on Lions' volunteer opportunities, contact membership chair Lorraine Teanby, 604-849-0265, or Facebook @ Kingston Nova Scotia Lions Club.

Volunteer call – The Op Shop, Greenwood

The Greenwood Health Auxiliary, which operates the Opportunity Shop in the Greenwood Mall, needs volunteers to work in the thrift shop part-time. If you have a couple of hours a month to spare, please call Kay Amos at 902-765-3809. Thank you.

Games afternoon

Fridays (second and fourth), 1 p.m.; the Kingston Area Seniors Association (KASA) hosts fun afternoons at the Kingston Royal Canadian Legion. Cost: \$4 non-members, \$2 members. Enjoy an afternoon of cards, games, easy conversation and light refreshments. Open to seniors 55+. Questions: 902-765-4228.

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LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, review your income streams and spending habits to give you a clear picture for the new year. This isn't about cutting things out, but about understanding what you value.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

It is your time to shine and redefine yourself, Scorpio. With cosmic energy focused your way, you have the drive and the focus to launch a personal project or make a major change.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Take some necessary steps back for quiet work and rest, Sagittarius. This week favors wrapping up older projects so you can think more clearly. Don't overschedule yourself.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, social activities and future goals take center stage right now. It might be wise to start networking or join a new group that will open you up to different people.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

This is an important period for your career, Aquarius. If you've been mulling over making a move, now is the time to get a jump on it. Your professional achievements are getting noticed.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, finalize plans for a trip or a new pursuit, such as returning to school. Seek experiences that will broaden your horizons. Adventure beckons you this week.

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Aikido 'family' adds to community food support

December was an active time in the local East Coast Aikido Dojo, both on and off the mats. With nearly 65 students between adult and youth classes from across the Valley training twice weekly, program participants always

have a great time. East Coast Aikido has been a staple in the greater Kingston/ Greenwood area for nearly 25 years, and members are proud of the program and opportunities the Aikido Dojo offers.

Training is only part of

the program, and the family atmosphere at the Dojo often reaches well beyond the mats. For the past five years, members have come together every December with a substantial food drive in support of the Upper Room Food

Bank in Kingston. It is always rewarding to see some of our youngest students carrying a few groceries into the Dojo to help local families during difficult times. The smile on these young people's faces as they proudly show Sensei

their donations and add them to the collection is heartwarming, to say the least. The need is real and the number of people accessing food bank assistance has only risen.

This year, the students, instructors and families at East Coast Aikido united in the best food drive to date. In just three weeks, they collectively raised \$3,000 in food and cash. Harley Hazelwood, director of the food bank, visited our Aikido Dojo to say

a few words and graciously accept the donation.

Chief instructor Steve Nickerson, Sensei at East Coast Aikido, would like to thank the entire Aikido family for their commendable generosity in support of the food drive. East Coast Aikido would also like to thank the Upper Room Food Bank's volunteers for their continuing dedication, helping so many families throughout the year: community supporting community. ➔



East Coast Aikido program participants worked hard through December to make a community difference, collecting \$3,000 in food and cash donations for the Kingston Upper Room Food Bank.

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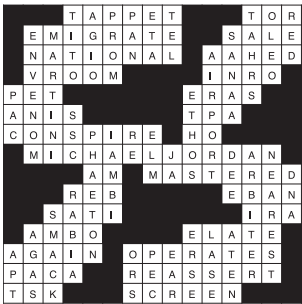
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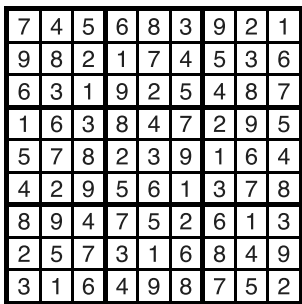
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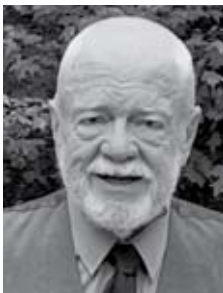
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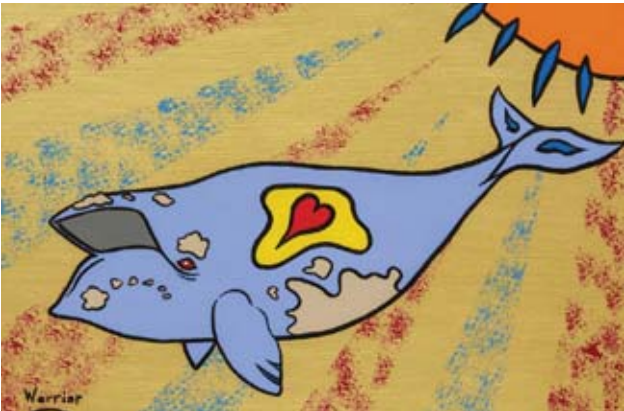
LOWE, Barry Lane

Nictaux, Annapolis Co., NS

Age 79, passed away on November 20, 2025. Born in Halifax, NS, Barry spent the first year and a half of his life in Moser River, NS, to Charles R. and Mary (Bezanson) Lowe. Barry joined the Royal Canadian Armed Forces in 1967 as a Vehicle Technician with the Mechanical Engineers.



After his first of two tours to Germany, Barry was posted to CFB Greenwood, NS, where he met and married the love of his life Valerie Jean Young. Shortly after they married, Barry was posted to Petawawa ON, and then it was back to Germany, where daughter Shannon Dawn and son Christopher Lee were born. Barry was also posted to CFB Winnipeg, MB and CFB Shelburne, NS, before his final posting to CFB Gagetown, NB. Once retired, Barry and Valerie moved to Nictaux, NS, where they bought their retirement home however, Barry wasn't one to sit still, after retirement he continued to work as a mechanic and later, logged out in the woods. Barry was a friend of Bill W. and was in dedicated service for 42 years, until his passing. Barry was also a member of the Veterans UN-NATO Canada, Fundy Shore Region and was equally dedicated to supporting his fellow Veterans. His presence and unmistakable laugh will be greatly missed whenever they gather. Barry is survived by Valerie his loving wife of 52 years; his brother, Brian and sister, Wanda, Dartmouth; his chosen daughter, Erin Scott, and his adored chosen grandchildren, Lucas Scott and Adrianna Ward-nee Scott and husband Jordan, as well as brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and cousins. Barry is predeceased by his parents, Charles and Mary Lowe; infant daughter, Shannon Dawn (10 months); and infant son, Christopher Lee (three months). Barry will be remembered for his smile, humour, quick wit and larger than life personality. He was always ready and willing to help, whenever and wherever he could, a jack of all trades, a great mechanic, he could fix anything from a tank to a kiddie cart and guaranteed to have the tool you need. He will be desperately missed by those who love him. Special thanks to Kevin Scott and Alfred and Candace Burt, for their love and care, and to the nurses and medical staff in the ICU at Valley Regional Hospital in Kentville, for your exceptional care of him and his family. A funeral service was held at 11 am, on Saturday, December 13th, 2025, in Middleton Funeral Home, 398 Main St., toll free 1-855-825-3448, Rev. Clyde Lowe officiated and a short reception followed. Interment at a later date in the Fundy View Cemetery, in Port Lorne, and will be reunited at last with his beautiful children. Donations in his memory may be made to Valley Regional Hospital Foundation or to Alcoholics Anonymous. Online guest book may be signed by visiting: www.middletonfuneralhome.com



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.


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 zJ3Ko2o8)

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/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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