



## 'We rely on each other'

### 413 Squadron plans 20th anniversary service for Tusker 914 peers

**Sara White,**  
Managing editor

Warrant Officer Mike Cox leans behind his desk to a counter and picks up one of the only photos of Tusker 914: an enlarged placard of the distinct Royal Canadian Air Force CH149 Cormorant yellow helicopter, with a search-and-rescue technician dangling by a cable below. He thinks it might be him.

"The time-stamp tells the story: September 30, 2005..." Cox says. "I wonder if I was on that flight?"

He checked his log book, and his own records seem to match up: a set of hoist training flights, with fellow 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron crew. In April, members of the squadron went on a dive training in Cozumel. In July, 2006, Cox posted from 14 Wing Greenwood to 19 Wing Comox.

July 13, 2006, around 12:30 a.m., 413's Tusker 914 crashed into Chedabucto Bay, off Canso, Nova Scotia. The seven crew aboard were practicing with local Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary members, including hovering

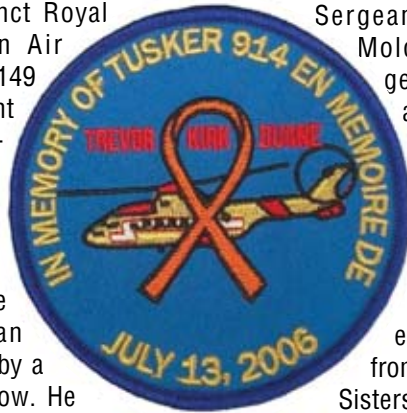
over the fishing boat Four Sisters. Sergeant Duane Brazil, 39; Master Corporal Kirk Noel, 33; and Corporal Trevor McDavid, 31; were unable to escape the submerged helicopter and died. Four others aboard were injured:

Sergeant Martin Molony, Sergeant Ronald Busch, Captain Gabriel Ringuette and Major Gordon Clements. Crew from the Four Sisters were the first to offer assistance, helping rescue the survivors.

Cox hadn't been in Comox three days; still unpacking household goods, he was back on a plane, "milk running" across the country as it picked up military SAR-Techs and flight crew from base to base: all returning to 14 Wing Greenwood.

"We do have a support network, and we do rely on each other," Cox says of the tight-knit search-and-rescue community. "It's nice to think I might have been flying with them that September 30 day, and I have a picture with Kirk from that DIVEX in Cozumel. "Time flies."

In 2023, Cox had a hand in the organization of another difficult anniversary for 413



**413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron Warrant Officer Mike Cox, helping to organize a July 13 20th anniversary commemoration for the crash of Cormorant Tusker 914, and the loss of three squadron peers, in 2006; stands before the squadron's briefing wall memorial mural.**

S. White



**Sergeant Duane Brazil, CD, SM, 39; was one of Tusker 914's flight engineers. Originally from Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador, he left behind wife Candice Brazil.**

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**Corporal Trevor McDavid, SM, 31, from Sudbury, Ontario; was one of Tusker 914's flight engineers. He left wife Gisele Courtemanche and son Robert.**

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**Master Corporal Kirk Noel, SM, SWASM, 33, from St. Anthony, Newfoundland and Labrador; was Tusker 914's search-and-rescue technician.**

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Squadron: a 14 Wing Greenwood service marking 25 years since the 1998 crash of Labrador 305 in Marsoui, Quebec, which killed six squadron members. He's now helping organize a July 13 20th anniversary com-

memoration for Tusker 914. "We have the squadron involved, and I'm looking forward to seeing our younger squadron members helping and attending, making sure that the message gets passed on about the importance of

remembering these guys," says Cox. "But the next-of-kin are our VIPs for this: we're looking forward to seeing them; names I haven't seen in years are planning to come."

The commemorative service will be held Monday, July

13, at 2 p.m. on the 14 Wing Greenwood parade square. Attendees are encouraged to visit the Tusker 914 memorial in the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum's garden between noon and 1:30 p.m. →



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# Charitable campaign connects wing, community

Sara White, Managing editor

Cheques all around! 14 Wing Greenwood's Combined Charities workplace giving program has finalized its 2025 campaign: \$38,000 has recently been disbursed to 52 local and regional charitable organizations – and the base's efforts continue.

May 19, 14 Wing Greenwood Colonel Luc Vachon and Deputy Wing Commander Branch Chief Warrant Officer Jamie Vallis greeted Scotiabank Greenwood staffers Samantha Kennedy and Mona Rand, who brought the bank's community matched funds program \$3,000 contribution from December's Festival of Trees event. The Scotiabank staff volunteer with Combined Charities to stage the Greenwood Mall-based decorated tree and prize auction, the biggest public event in the Combined Charities' annual campaign –

and a community favourite. "Thank you for your support, for your support of our military community," Vachon said, "and for the support, with Combined Charities, of lots of hard-working people supporting military families, seniors, veterans and the wider community."

"The wing likes to be involved in all the things that matter: what happens in the community is good for us- and everybody. We're connected."

The bank's contribution will be added to what Combined Charities has already started building this year, through dress with a difference Fridays, 50/ 50 draws and other activities. Next up is the June 25 Load the Lab food drive: base units will collect non-perishable food items, and it will all be collected with public contributions and stuffed in the back of the Greenwood Military

Aviation Museum's airpark display Labrador helicopter. Canex will also collect donations from June 15, and staff will run a freewill offering lunchtime BBQ. Base partners will also be on site with information, fun activities and other displays. The 2025 event – the first – collected around \$2,700 in food and cash donations.

The 2025 disbursement, that \$38,000, was divided in varying cheque amounts from \$500 to \$3,000 in several service organization categories: animal welfare \$1,000, children and families \$9,800, food programs \$10,500, healthcare \$7,200, military and veterans \$6,500, and environmental causes \$1,000. Many of the recipient organizations are recommended by 14 Wing Defence Team members year to year.

Follow 14 Wing Combined Charities on Facebook for activities, news and charitable happenings. ➔



14 Wing Greenwood Colonel Luc Vachon, left, and Deputy Wing Commander Branch Chief Warrant Officer Jamie Vallis, right, with 14 Wing Combined Charities chair Captain Jacky Swain, second from right; were very happy to accept a cheque May 19 from the Scotiabank Greenwood team, presented by Samantha Kennedy and Mona Rand, centre. The bank's community matched funds program is made possible as Scotiabank staff volunteer at the Combined Charities annual December Festival of Trees event at the Greenwood Mall. S. White

## June 25 Load the Lab food drive and BBQ a Combined Charities, community effort

Thursday, June 25, between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; 14 Wing Greenwood Combined Charities invites you to help Load the Lab in a base- and community-wide food drive!

Bring your non-perishable items to the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum's airpark display Labrador helicopter, and stuff it inside (a great chance to see inside this heritage Royal Canadian Air Force helicopter!). Canex will have a collection box set up in-store from June 15, and 14 Wing units will all be collecting in

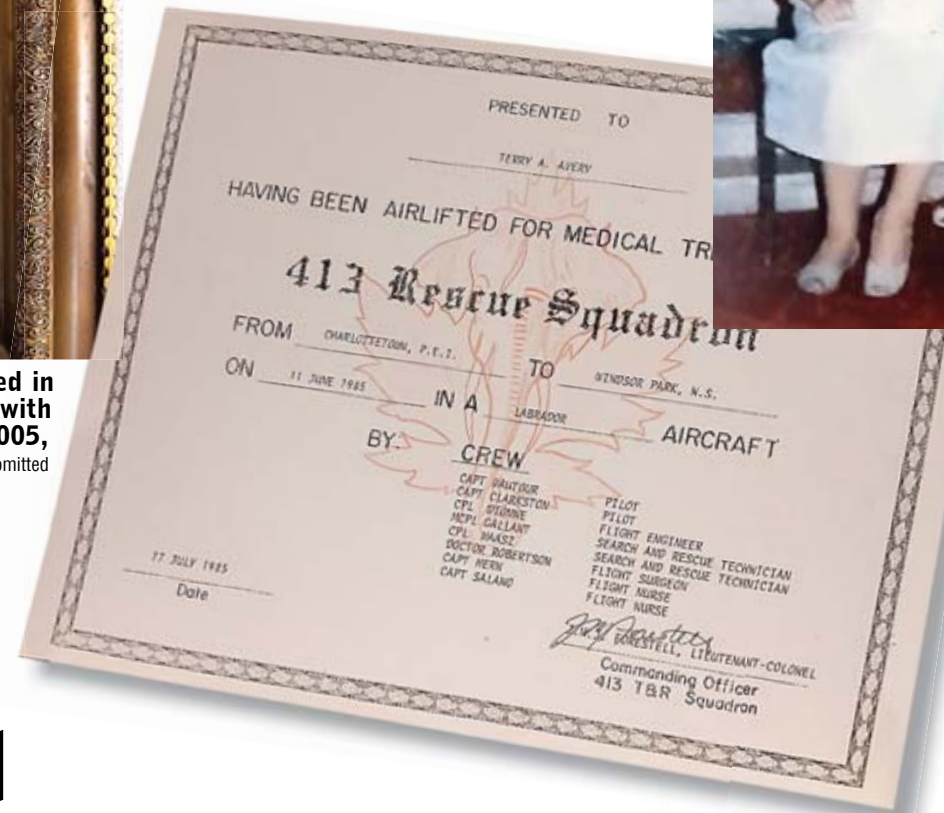
their workspaces through June to bring over, too. All food donations will go to the Upper Room Food Bank in Kingston.

While you're here, take in the Canex-hosted BBQ: your freewill cash offering will be shared between the Berwick Food Bank and the Twelve Baskets Food Bank in Nictaux.

Special guests have been invited to set up 14 Wing and community displays, information tables and show-and-tell equipment during the Lab-loading. Come visit!



Clint Avery, M.B., was one of four men invested in 2009 by then-Governor-General Michaëlle Jean with a Medal of Bravery for their part in a July 1, 2005, beach rescue near Charlottetown. Submitted



Terry and Kent Avery, with their newborn son, Clint. Her pregnancy, and the medical support through a late term emergency, remains a "blessing" for their family. Submitted



413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron Lieutenant-Colonel J.M.J. Forestell, included a special certificate in a letter to Terry Avery, following her medevac from Charlottetown to Halifax in a pregnancy emergency in 1985. It details the 413 crewmembers aboard the Labrador helicopter: one of them, she remembers told her, as they lifted her stretcher aboard that dark night, "we're going to take care of you."

# Four decades, five lives saved

### Woman wants 413 crew to know they did more than they realize

Sara White, Managing editor

Terry Avery will mark her son's 41st birthday June 11 like she always has: as a blessing. She wants 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron personnel to know what their actions meant June 11, 1985 – and continue to mean today.

"The people that saved Clint (her baby) and me saved three others," Avery says: Clint, at age 20, himself saved three strangers from drowning in a Prince Edward Island beach riptide.

#### 'We're going to take care of you'

"I was 30 years old, seven months pregnant, and not very well – I was ill," Avery says from her Charlottetown home. From the time it took her to go from a doctor's appointment to the city hospital – "maybe an hour," expecting two months' bedrest, she was violently ill, her baby was in distress and "I was running out of time."

Hospital staff contemplated a Caesarean, but there was no pediatric ventilator. They

told Avery they would deliver the baby, make it as comfortable as possible, but it would die very shortly. Avery herself wasn't in any better shape: "I knew I was dying."

"We're Catholic, and I couldn't do it. We'd tried for years to have a child, and we thought this was our only shot to have a baby. I remember feeling how blessed I was to be pregnant."

With her husband, Kent, and her own doctor's arrival, their doctor suggested a call to 413 Squadron, then based in Summerside, and a potential medevac to Halifax. Avery remembers lying on a stretcher outside the Charlottetown hospital after midnight, with the helicopter, its double rotors spinning, coming down nearby.

"One of the military fellows on it said, 'we're going to take care of you,'" she says.

The helicopter headed straight to Windsor Park, just blocks from the hospital in Halifax. Avery's blood pressure was so bad, hospital staff met her with lights off and head lamps on, for fear too much stimulation would cause her to have a

stroke. Her kidneys were shutting down. They asked her if she wanted a priest. They couldn't risk operating to deliver the baby, so they induced her. Within 20 fast minutes, baby Clint was born, umbilical cord knotted – and also wrapped around his neck. He was three pounds, 15 ounces and 19 inches long; with multiple health issues of his own.

Avery spent three more days in the delivery room – too sick to move even elsewhere in the hospital. She and Clint stayed in Halifax hospital for two months before they were able to return to Charlottetown. They spent a few more days in hospital here before finally being able to go home.

"They said swimming was the best thing Clint could do: we lived 150 feet from the Charlottetown Y, and he was two years old, swimming four times a week, until he was 16."

#### Clint does a brave, 'hard thing'

July 1, 2005, Clint, 20, and two friends were at Blooming Point Beach. They heard calls

for help and saw three people struggling in a rip current: a mother, her 14-year-old daughter and the daughter's young friend. All three young men started swimming out: Clint, by far the strongest, saw his friends taking on water and told them to go back to shore and get help.

"Clint stayed out there for 40 minutes, and kept those three people afloat," Avery says. "He kept them up - from drowning."

The local fire department arrived, and Paul Zakem grabbed a boogie board and swam it out to Clint and the women. Once the trio was in safe hands - people on the beach had made a human chain out into the water to help reach them, Clint swam himself to shore.

"He collapsed on the beach, then called me and said, 'I'm OK,'" Avery says.

Clint still doesn't talk much about what he did that Canada Day. Avery says it was surreal.

"He was scratched all over; he said all he did was pray that whole time. He knew he had to stay. Really, sending his two friends back to



by then-Governor-General Michaëlle Jean June 19, 2009. Avery and her husband realized, watching the posthumous presentations of other medals to family of recipients, how lucky they were their son was alive to receive his.

#### 'They saved three others they don't even know about'

Today, at 41, Clint is 6'2" and 200 pounds; working in a store that sells gaming and collectible items on the shelves and online. Avery says that beach rescue 20 years ago changed Clint, taking a lot out of him, but his friends and people he meets all agree, "he would do anything, for anyone. You'd never meet a nicer guy." He lives with his parents, who say his birthday is still a big deal for the whole family.

"There was a reason I went to the hospital when I was pregnant 40 years ago. If Clint hadn't have come early, there would have been no swimming. He has no fear of the water. The people that saved me and Clint? They saved three others they don't even know about." ➔

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A sundial cairn in the centre of Sutton-on-the-Forest, Yorkshire, serves as the focal point for an annual ceremony marking the service and sacrifice of Royal Canadian Air Force airmen who served at RAF East Moor during the Second World War.

D. Gwillam

# East Moor 'was home' Overseas community continues to remember RCAF Second World War contributions

Lieutenant Jason Kelsey, 415 (Long Range Patrol Force Development) Squadron

For a few days in May, the small parish of Sutton-on-the-Forest, Yorkshire, United Kingdom; holds a ceremony of special significance. This year, as in years past, several Royal Canadian Air Force members from 415 and 429 squadrons had the honour of travelling across the Atlantic to join in remembering history and sacrifice.

The Royal Air Force East Moor Ceremony, held at a sundial cairn in the village centre, was established by Canadian veterans and families in 1990; this year's May 16 ceremony was the 36th to honour the airmen who served at RAF East Moor during the Second World War.

Those 36 years have done much to cement the legacy of RAF East Moor. Throughout the war years, East Moor was home to approximately 1,800

RCAF and RAF personnel, which included three RCAF squadrons: 415, 429 and 432. In July 1944, 415 Squadron moved from Coastal Command to Bomber Command. After arriving at East Moor in July 1944, 415 Squadron flew more than 100 bombing missions in the Handley Page Halifax, focusing on built-up fortifications and gun batteries on the German coast. Of the 1,800 airmen stationed at East Moor during the final years of the war, 640 flew their last mission from there.

It is this history of sacrifice both the village and RCAF members remember, sending delegates as often as possible to show respect not only for the sacrifice itself, but also for the people of Sutton-on-the-Forest, who continue to remember our history as their own.

For this year's memorial, 415 (Long Range Patrol Force Development) Squadron was represented by Lieutenant Jason Kelsey and Master

Warrant Officer Ian MacNeil, while 429 (Transport) Squadron was represented by Honorary-Colonel Aleesha Camp. Lieutenant-Colonel Cole McGregor, Chief Warrant Officer Jason Hamley and Captain Adam Abdelhamed.

At historic Sutton Park, the Officers' Mess and home to RCAF aircrew during the war, Robert Sheffield, as in years past, was again a gracious host, walking us through his family home and gardens while speaking on the history and significance of the area on a beautiful Friday afternoon.

After being hosted for lunch by the event's organizer, Tony Prowde, and his wife, Sue, we made for the local primary school, where children looked on curiously at the strangely dressed Canadians. Abdelhamed and Kelsey presented a brief history of their respective squadrons, including current operational roles and capabilities, while MacNeil delighted with games and gifts from Canada. The children (and instructors) were wonderful hosts, thoroughly engaged and asked thoughtful questions.

The day of the ceremony, Saturday, blossomed into a perfect day: not too cool and not too warm, with high clouds floating lazily across a deep blue sky. As the townsfolk began to gather, Prowde gave the opening remarks, preparing the crowd for a special sight: a low-level flypast by a C17 Globemaster from 429 Squadron. MacNeil touched on the significance



415 (Long Range Patrol Force Development) Squadron Lieutenant Jason Kelsey engages with the students at Sutton-on-the-Forest Primary School, a regular part of the annual May remembrances of Royal Canadian Air Force members who served at RAF East Moor during the Second World War.

of the moment in a moving speech, highlighting the bravery of all those involved during the Second World War years - including the townsfolk, who supported the RCAF and RAF with their own level of sacrifice.

Reverend Steve Whiting offered reflections and prayers, and Squadron Leader (retired) Henry Morgan led the Act of Remembrance. Jamie Highton followed with the Last Post/ Silence/ Reveille bugle call, and wreaths and flowers were laid at the memorial cairn by many, including 415 and 429 squadrons, RAF Leeming Group Captain Andrew Colley, Sheffield, and Cadets from Easingwold. Lead Piper Jim Sharpe piped several moving tunes, and the ceremony closed with the British and Canadian national anthems, and a final word from Sheffield.

The Grey Village Hall hosted afternoon tea, where stories were shared and new connections made. After this, the RCAF members were invited to another small ceremony in Brafferton. In 1945, Halifax Bomber NA612 was shot down while returning to RAF Dishforth from a mission. The entirety of its young crew, six RCAF members and one RAF member, perished while attempting to land. A light rain began to fall as we stood in front of a memorial and plaque flanked by the British and Canadian flags. Nigel Dennison spoke on the area's history during the war, while Lottie Cranfield offered reflections and prayers and Kevin Coulson piped several tunes.

On the Sunday, RCAF members were invited to the morning service at All Hallows Church in Sutton-on-the-Forest. Members of



415 (Long Range Patrol Force Development) Squadron Master Warrant Officer Ian MacNeil delivers the opening address at a May 16 ceremony in Sutton-on-the-Forest, remembering Royal Canadian Air Force members who served at RAF East Moor during the Second World War.

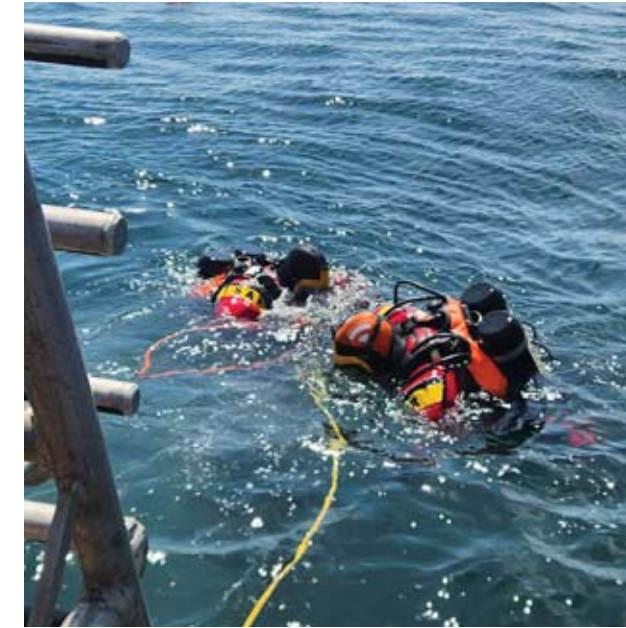
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415 Squadron delivered the readings, and then the group visited with townsfolk. Sheffield, accompanied by his daughters, took our group to the location of the old East Moor airfield, where we walked the grounds. On our way back to London for our flight home, 415 Squadron members also had the opportunity to stop at the Battle of Britain Memorial, a fitting end to a reflective trip.

The entire trip was short in time, but long in meaning. The warmth of the people and the sobriety of the moment took the weight of history and sacrifice straight to the hearts of the RCAF members who had the privilege to participate in such a moving ceremony. There is something about

the intermingling of history and sacrifice that causes one to feel small and, properly, humbled. Such a combination also causes one to be inspired, and strive for significance: something larger than, and outside, oneself. For those of us who have signed on that line that says, "unlimited liability," there is something about this history and sacrifice that causes a deep stir within our souls, breathing life into the weariest bones.

The author acknowledges previous years' articles, specifically those of majors Mike MacSween and Pat Ouellet, 415 Squadron. "If I have seen clearly, it is because I have stood on the shoulders of giants." →



## In, under water

413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron members got in some Spring swimming May 19 to 22, working in DIVEX trainings in Halifax Harbour, off Herring Cove. SAR-Techs conduct proficiency checks every two years, and a DIVEX includes a minimum of six dives, with a rotation of other positions for all-around experience in roles including dive supervisor, standby diver and tender operator. Dive depths vary based on the task and location, but typically start shallower for emergency procedures practice on the first dive, and get deeper depending on if personnel are diving a wreck or practicing buoyancy or bottom searches. Working handy to their 14 Wing Greenwood home base allows personnel to both better know their area of responsibility on the East Coast, and move training participants in and out quickly if the squadron calls them back to fly. In this case, 413 members worked with East Coast Scuba, which facilitated the DIVEX, hired the boat, provided guide services, filled air tanks and provided localized training and advice as they worked above the Clare Lily, an American munitions and war supplies ship that ran aground in 1942.

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## June 14 service marks decoration of Commonwealth graves

A public ceremony at the Old Holy Church in Middleton Sunday, June 14, at 7 p.m.; will commemorate the 27 Commonwealth service members who died serving at Royal Air Force Station Greenwood during the Second World War. Air crew from across Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom all undertook training in Greenwood through the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, destined for active service overseas once their training was complete.

The wreath-laying service, which began over 80 years ago as a promise to a grieving mother from the Middleton-area IODE Rosemary Chapter to look after her son's grave, far from his home; is now organized by the dedi-

cated members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 1 Middleton. The Legion branch gave its own promise to IODE members in 2022 to continue to care for the fallen soldiers, as the Rosemary chapter disbanded.

Join Middleton Legion members, 14 Wing Greenwood command team representatives and a 29 member honour guard, members of which will lay roses on each of the 27 graves, and five member cenotaph guard; local government officials, 517 Flight Lieutenant Graham Royal Canadian Air Cadets and community friends in this service, ensuring the sacrifices of these soldiers are never forgotten. A reception will follow at the Middleton Legion, 205 Marshall Street. →

## 415 (Long Range Patrol Force Development) Squadron holds change of command at June 11 parade

Thursday, June 11, 415 (Long Range Patrol Force Development) Squadron will mark its change of command with a 9 a.m. ceremony on the 14 Wing Greenwood parade square (inside the Greenwood Gardens Arena, if the weather is inclement). The

outgoing commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel P.L.J.A Lafontaine, will be replaced with Lieutenant-Colonel M.A. Sandner.

Dress is DEU 1A for military, and appropriate attire for civilians. A reception will follow at the Tow Bar, Annapolis Mess.

### 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration

Tusker 914 - July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006 - Canso, NS

Hosted by  
**413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron**

14 Wing Greenwood parade square  
**1400 July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

In case of inclement weather, event will be held at Greenwood Gardens Arena.

**Open to the public**  
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**Followed by a reception at the Annapolis Mess**

Greenwood memorial garden visitation noon to 1:30 p.m.

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Tusker 914 - 13 juillet 2006 - Canso, N.-É.

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**Pirate exhibit**  
To August 28, come visit the Macdonald Museum, 21 School Street, Middleton; for Pirates: Myth and Reality, a new, seasonal exhibit.

**Crib**  
Saturdays, 2 p.m., June through August, come play crib at the Berwick Legion, 232 Main Street. (No games June 20, July 18, August 15.) Everyone welcome.

**Darts**  
Wednesday evenings, 7 p.m., to the end of August; the Berwick Legion, 232 Main Street, hosts open darts. Everyone welcome.

**Hymn sing**  
June 7, 6:30 p.m., hymn sing at the Wilmot Baptist Church Christian Fellowship Centre, 208 Dodge Road, Wilmot. A selection of your favourite hymns with our choir and guests Elroy and Linda Bobbett. Refreshments to follow. Freewill offering. Call 902-825-6631 for information.

**Coffee & Colouring**  
June 10, 17, 24, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts a drop-in, all ages Coffee & Colouring. Let the stress of the day melt away with a warm beverage, colouring and conversation. Pay what you can.

**Safety sessions – elder abuse**  
June 10, 2 p.m., Kings Seniors

Safety, in partnership with the Berwick Police Advisory Board and the Town of Berwick, presents a seniors' safety session at the Berwick Fire Hall, 300 Commercial Street, Berwick. All welcome: you do not have to live in Berwick to attend.

**Community drum circle**  
June 11, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts Health-RHYTHMS, a community drum circle, free to seniors! Reserve your seat by emailing [mindfulymore@gmail.com](mailto:mindfulymore@gmail.com)

**Veterans' coffee**  
June 12, 19, 26, 9:30 am to 11:30 a.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts a free veterans' coffee, open to all Annapolis Valley veterans and serving members. For info, email [info@7Arts.ca](mailto:info@7Arts.ca)

**Friday night BBQ**  
June 12, 26, July 10, 24, August 7, 21, September 4, between 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.; come join friends at the Berwick Legion, 232 Main Street, for a Friday night BBQ: hot dogs, hamburgers, sausages, salad, dessert.

**Breakfast**  
June 13, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., the Kingston Lions hosts their community breakfast, at the Kingston Lions Hall. Full breakfast: adults \$12, youth \$6, child five years and under - FREE. All

proceeds to be donated to 7Arts Greenwood. 50/50 and ticket auction. Last breakfast until September!

**Veterans' Club - Kentville**  
June 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@east-link.ca](mailto:kentvillelegion@east-link.ca)

**Dragon painting workshop**  
June 18, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts artist Jenna: paint your own dragon masterpiece. All experience levels welcome, all supplies are included. \$35 per person. Registration required at [info@7Arts.ca](mailto:info@7Arts.ca)

**Jam session**  
June 20, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., the Berwick Legion, 232 Main Street, invites you to an afternoon jam session. Freewill donation. 50/50. Come and play or just come and enjoy!

**Makers space**  
June 20 and 27, 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 (costs start at \$10). Drop-ins welcome! Caregivers are free.

**Retro roller skate**  
June 20, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., skate into Summer with a retro

roller skate night at the Kingston arena (Credit Union Centre, 1490 Westwood Street). All proceeds will support veterans and family programming at 7Arts in Greenwood. \$5 per person, \$20 per family of the same household. Quads, inline skates, mobility aids only please; no scooters, skateboards or hovercraft. Helmets and padding highly recommended. You must bring your own skates: there WILL NOT be any rentals.

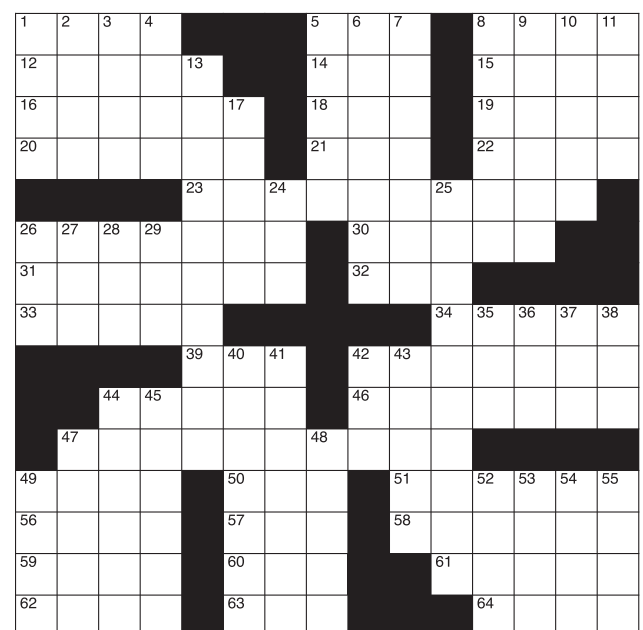
**Breakfast**  
June 20, 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., the Aylesford United Church, 2414 Highway 1, Aylesford; hosts a community breakfast: made from scratch pancakes, baked sliced ham, pork and apple breakfast sausages and fluffy scrambled eggs, tea, coffee or juice. Freewill offering.

**Community shredding event**  
June 23, noon to 2 p.m. Kings Senior Safety presents a shredding event, at the Kingston Lions Hall. Identity theft is the number one growing crime in North America! Bring your documents; we'll securely shred them for you! Provided courtesy of the Kingston Lions, Kingston Legion and the villages of Kingston and Greenwood. Free, but donations are welcome.

**Song circle/ open mic**  
June 26, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., 7Arts studio in Greenwood invites you to jam with musicians Maura and Geoff. Bring an instrument, use one of ours, or just enjoy some live music. All veterans, friends, family and the public are welcome.

# crossword

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- ACROSS**
- Sealed with a kiss
  - Large sandwich
  - Swiss city
  - Japanese persimmons
  - When you hope to get somewhere
  - Wings
  - A name of God
  - Elected official (informal)
  - Abnormal breathing
  - 'Seinfeld' character
  - Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
  - Something for sale
  - Gets rid of
  - One who louts
  - Blemished
  - Less than exciting
  - Born of
  - N. German town
  - Notes
  - Move away from land
  - Vulcanite
  - More ignoble
  - Child actor Kirk
  - Written works
  - Sea vessel
  - Residue
  - Engraved
  - Having sufficient skill
  - One and only
  - Erase
  - Broad inlets
  - Nightmarish street
  - Play again
  - Formerly (archaic)
  - Add a color to change the color
  - Move swiftly and lightly
  - Scottish island
  - River in the Netherlands
  - Asian people
  - Fuzzy fruit
  - Ninth month (abbr.)
  - An idealistic social reformer
  - What you owe
  - Colorless mineral
  - Overjoyed
  - Rattling breaths
  - Tropical Old World tree
  - A citizen of Senegal
  - Greek mythological beauty
  - Wrath
  - Instrument to measure wind speed
  - Luxury carmaker
  - Bitterly regret
  - Not or
  - Google certification
  - Midway between northeast and east
  - Space station
  - Relating to the ears
  - Congressman
  - Yelled at
  - Rudely assertive
  - Defunct European money
  - Shared one's soul
  - Onion rolls
  - A way to state clearly when it is needed. Your warmth can be a magnet for others and new friendships may develop.
  - Underlying message
  - Hollywood pig
  - Indicates pitch
  - Filament of a feather
  - Small ornamental ladies' bag for small articles
  - Diminish

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# horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Collaboration is your secret weapon this week, Aries. Putting two heads together will be better than one. Take a walk or exercise to get away and gain perspective.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you may find yourself getting a small bonus or increase in pay, proving your financial luck is looking up this week. Enjoy the surprise and treat yourself to something.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, this is a great week for writing or presentations since you will have creativity flowing through you. A fun text message can be a catalyst for a great weekend.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Your nesting instincts are in full swing right now, Cancer. You might be inspired to turn your space into a peaceful sanctuary. A family-related piece of news can bring peace.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Courage may come naturally this week, Leo. Speak your truth right when it is needed. Your warmth can be a magnet for others and new friendships may develop.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, learning a new skill will be easy for you right now. Take pride in your progress. You are becoming more versatile and vital.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Share your heart and listen closely to what a partner has to say, Libra. A romantic or platonic relationship will reach a high point. The connection built will be exciting.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

You're at peak productivity right now as you tackle your to-do list with great focus, Scorpio. By the end of the week you'll be ready to dive into a mysterious or fun hobby.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

A sense of humor will be a great asset this week, helping to diffuse any tension by laughing, Sagittarius. Start looking ahead to travel plans.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Wisdom is flowing through you and you may find you are the go-to person for solid advice, Capricorn. Your grounded nature helps everyone around you.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, innovation will help you find clever shortcuts for problems that have proven tough to solve. Your unique style may start earning you praise, but remain humble.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Empathy allows you to connect with others on a deep level, Pisces. A creative project that you have been building finally starts to bloom in unexpected ways.

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# sudoku

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

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!



## Sale success

**Not hard to puzzle out the success of this partnership: Kingston Lions recently held a book and puzzle sale at their hall, and were able to raise and donate \$1,000 to the 1st Kingston Scout Group. Lions 2nd Vice Cindy Harvey, right, presented the donation to Scouting reps, who will use the funds to help purchase new equipment for upcoming adventures. The Scouting group is grateful for the community's support of the sale event, and their role helping local youth grow and explore.**

Submitted

## June 14 concert celebrates decade of Canadian Military Wives Choir Greenwood

Sunday, June 14, at 2 p.m.; the Canadian Military Wives Choir Greenwood invites friends to attend their 10th anniversary concert at St. Mark's Chapel, Church Street, Greenwood.

The theme is "Movies and Musicals," a concert of iconic songs from screen and stage. Doors open at 1:30 p.m., and all are welcome. A free-will donation admission will support choir activities. ➔

## Military regional golf play-downs set for June 22 to 24

Military golfers who would like to play in the 14 Wing Greenwood June 22 to 24 regional golf play-downs should register before 4 p.m. June 12.

Play will be at the Paragon Golf and Country Club, Kingston. The top six men and top three women will represent 14 Wing at the Canadian Armed Forces Atlantic region tournament July 19 to 22 at 12 Wing Shearwater.



For info, contact 14 WING Personnel Support program sports coordinator Anthony Jacques, [anthony.jacques2@forces.gc.ca](mailto:anthony.jacques2@forces.gc.ca) ➔

### crossword solution

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### sudoku solution

9	8	6	2	1	4	7	3	5
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8	3	1	4	9	5	6	7	2
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Classified advertisements, 35 words or less, are \$11 tax included. Additional words are 10 cents each, plus tax. Bold text \$12, tax included.

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## NOTICE

### VILLAGE OF GREENWOOD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JUNE 26, 2026



The Chairman of the Village Commissioners of Greenwood gives notice that the Village Commissioners have called for the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS to be held at New Beginnings Centre, 1151 Bridge St., Greenwood on

Friday, June 26, 2026 at 6 p.m.

#### AGENDA

- Welcome
- Chairman's Report
- Guest Speakers Comments
- Approve 2025 Minutes of Annual General Meeting
- Audited Financial Statements to March 31, 2026
- Village Budget for 2026-2027
- Election of Commissioners
- New Business
- Residents' Comments

All residents of the Village of Greenwood are encouraged to attend.

Brian L. Banks, Chair  
Village of Greenwood

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Entry deadline:  
Noon, June 17, 2026

Complete the following questions from ads in the current issue and win a \$20 coupon to play Friday Night BINGO from Aylesford & District Lions Club. Coupons valid for 1 year. Age 17+ on regular games.

- When is the next On the Village Green Market happening?
- What event is June 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.?
- How many vendor partners does Canex have listed?
- Who can help with boosts, breakdowns and more?
- Where is the Village of Greenwood AGM being held?

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# Light pollution in Greenwood

Ryker Sharp

Light pollution is artificial light that leaks into the air, causing brighter skies and excessive glare. This results in the night sky becoming brighter, which causes some serious issues to ourselves and the environment.

Currently in Greenwood, our sky Bortle level is a 5, which is very high for a rural area. For a village like Greenwood, we should be at a Bortle 4. This means we are dealing with problems that are more intense than they should be. Some of these problems include wasted energy, illnesses, broken migration patterns, dangerous glare and less visibility of our night sky.

## Not doing anything costs more

If you have outdoor lights at your doors, shed or garage, you may be wasting 30 to 50 per cent of that light! This is a huge waste of light, money and energy, and adding more to light pollution. Depending on what type of bulb you use, you could be wasting 0.5 kilowatt hours (KWH) per night, which is 10 cents wasted! However, through a year, you could be wasting around \$36! That small amount of money increases the more you wait to do something. Here is a chart of how much money and energy you waste over the years:

1 year	5 years	10 years	20 years	40 years
\$36	\$182	\$365	\$730	\$1460
178KWH	890KWH	1780KWH	3560KWH	7120KWH

## Solutions

The best solution to reducing light pollution in your own backyard is by installing the right light fixtures outdoors. The first thing you need is actually less lights around your house. More lights actually make it harder to see your house. Next,

# Nine and Dine Friday fun connects golf community

A Greenwood “Nine and Dine” golf initiative designed for the veteran community and their family, friends and community golfers through the 2025 season is back on course again this year.

With the same operating premise - “It’s never about the golf!” – organizer Shan-

non O’Rourke says the May 22 return of Nine and Dine fun at the Greenwood Golf Club will start it all again for 2026.

“Last year, we started this event with the sole purpose to get folks out to enjoy a non-competitive nine holes of golf, with a wonderful meal at the clubhouse kitchen afterwards,”

O’Rourke says. It was a success, with 148 different golfers last season attending, and a total of 566, nine-hole rounds of golf played through different, fun format – including surprise twists. Sponsors and donated prizes each and every evening - totaling over \$5,000 by the final night – were on

offer, including a building team hole-in-one prize: if not won, it was increased by \$10 weekly.

Not won through 2025, that hole-in-one prize starts the new 2026 season off at \$300. Nine and Dine happens weekly Fridays, with registration at 4:30 p.m. and golf starting at 5 p.m. Drop in!

# 14 Wing marks National Public Service Week with June 19 BBQ, bowling

Friday, June 19, between noon and 3 p.m., 14 Wing Greenwood civilian public service personnel are welcome to attend a National Public Service Week (June 15

to 21) appreciation BBQ and bowling event at the Greenwood Community Centre. Burgers, hot dogs, drinks and snacks will be provided for all attendees.

The bowling alley will also be open, offering an opportunity for friendly competition and team building. Canex and

SISIP gift cards (\$700 worth) will be awarded as prizes for bowling achievements and through random draws.



**You can easily make your own light pollution shield for fixtures around your home using simple materials, such as wood, cardboard or metal. Here is a quick, step-by-step tutorial on how to make a simple light pollution shield: Step 1: Get cardboard, scissors, tape Step 2: Cut a circle that is 10 cm bigger than your light Step 3: Cut a rectangle 9 cm tall and long enough to wrap around the circle Step 4: tape the rectangle to the circle Final: Cut a hole big enough to fit on your light shade. If you want the shield to make the light brighter, add aluminum foil on the inside.**

install lights that point downward and are shielded. By having lights point down, you reduce glare, and the shield prevents light from going up into the air: it shines where needed, which makes that part of the house clear and brighter – and safer. Using less light uses less power - and costs less. All of these factors help reduce light pollution, and give you and your property more benefits. You can find good, inexpensive light fixtures for as little as \$5 – just check if a light is “dark sky approved” by looking for this seal on the store package or website you’re buying from. →

*Ryker Sharp is a Grade 9 student at West Kings District High School. This article is a project he completed as a school assignment.*

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