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Stranded sailboat gets exceptional help from newly-trained marine explosives response unit

Canadian Armed Forces' vessel High Order rescued a sailboat that had drifted onto a rocky shoal in Mahone Bay August 10. The four-person crew from 14 Air Maintenance Squadron (14 AMS)'s Explosive Disposal Flight (EDF) were just wrapping up a reconnaissance mission for an upcoming exercise, SALINE SWEEP, when they heard the urgent broadcast, request-

ing immediate assistance to the sailboat, which had run aground approximately five kilometres away. The crew was not in immediate danger, but winds blowing them onto the rocky shoal were picking up.

High Order didn't hesitate. "We responded right away," said EDF deputy commander Sergeant Ryan Doyle. "We hit the lights and the sirens and drove across the bay."

Their rigid hull inflatable boat (RHIB) arrived on scene just minutes after the emergency call. After confirming there were no injuries onboard the trapped vessel, the crew assessed the situation to determine the safest way to assist. With help from the Mahone Bay Inshore Response Boat (IRB), which arrived moments later, High Order's crew safely pulled the sailboat off the rocks.

"We tied off some lines to the boat to stabilize it," said Doyle. "One tied off to the front, one tied off to the mast. And then we pulled to the side to tip the boat while the IRB pulled forward."

Once the sailboat was dislodged from the shoal, both crews were able to tow the vessel to safety. With no signs of damage or pollution, the sailboat - and its relieved crew - were escorted to the

Chester Yacht Club by the Mahone Bay IRB.

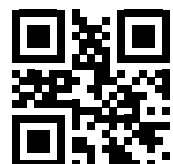
Doyle credits the EDF team's success to support they've received from 14 Wing Greenwood in obtaining training and equipment for their marine explosive ordinance disposal capabilities: prior to operating the RHIB High Order, the crew completed a fast rescue boat program, learning the very skills they put to use during the sailboat's rescue.

While search and rescue is not a typical task for 14 AMS' EDF team, Doyle said CAF members have a duty to act when called to do so, and the event "reinforces the fact that we can all answer the call here on the wing. With the proper training and equipment, we can pretty much achieve anything.

"And, we had a great crew that day. We were all prepared." ✈



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Canadian Armed Forces traffic technician Corporal Kelsey Beaulieu helps unload equipment July 6, in preparation for Exercise Pitch Black at Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin.



Canadian Armed Forces material management technicians Sailor First Class Ryan Hoskins, left, and Corporal Joe Fournier, unload equipment containers July 10 in preparation for Exercise Pitch Black at Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin.



Canadian Armed Forces traffic technician Sergeant Cory Barnard helps unload equipment July 6, in preparation for Exercise Pitch Black at Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin.

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People behind Exercise Pitch Black 2026

Captain Meagan Duncan,
14 Wing Greenwood public
affairs officer

Twenty-one nations. One hundred five aircraft. More than 3,500 personnel.

Behind the aircraft filling the skies over Northern Australia during Exercise Pitch Black 26 was a network of people, equipment and logistics - and Canadian Armed Forces personnel were part of that effort.

Over seven weeks this summer, CAF personnel deployed on Operation Horizon

supported Exercise Pitch Black, a large-scale multinational air exercise hosted by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). The exercise was designed to develop partnerships and enhance the ability of participating forces to operate together in a contested environment.

For Canada, the exercise demonstrated effective air operations rely on much more than aircraft and aircrew. 14 Wing Greenwood deployed 23 members, the majority from 14 Mission Support Squadron: cooks,

traffic technicians, mobile support equipment operators and material management technicians. They were joined by four personnel from the Deputy Wing Commander branch: a human resources administrator, financial services administrator, image technician and public affairs officer. Additional cooks, traffic technicians and MSE operators from across the CAF joined the contingent, along with medical personnel and gender advisors, bringing the main body to 37 personnel

embedded within RAAF Base Darwin operations. At the height of the exercise, the Canadian presence grew to approximately 65 personnel, including air battle managers and aerospace control operators. The CAF contingent also included observers in tactical airlift, force protection, air-to-air refuelling and F-35 operations.

The scale of the exercise highlighted just how much teamwork was required to keep aircraft flying. Participating forces at RAAF Darwin consumed 7.1 million

litres of fuel, moved more than one million pounds of cargo and prepared 166,440 meals. CAF personnel contributed directly to that effort, providing aircraft refuelling, air movements and food services; while gaining valuable experience working in a high-tempo, multinational environment and strengthening relationships with Australian and other partner forces.

The Canadian team spent a week at RAAF Base Tindal, working with No. 75 Squadron, before moving

to RAAF Base Darwin for the final week of the exercise and integrating with No. 77 Squadron.

CAF participation in Pitch Black also extended beyond the flight line and base operations. Approximately 25,500 visitors attended the RAAF Darwin Open Day, where Canadian personnel had an opportunity to connect with the local community. Their hockey-shooting booth was a big hit, giving visitors the chance to test their skills and take home an RCAF-branded puck and other souvenirs. ➔



Serving up teamwork

Captain Meagan Duncan,
Public affairs officer,
14 Wing Greenwood

While Exercise Pitch Black 2026 is best known for bringing together air forces from around the world to train in complex, multinational air operations; one friendly competition in Australia's Northern Territory swapped flight lines for baking pans.

Members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF)

and New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) joined year five and six students (ages 10 to 12) at Alawa Primary School for a MasterChef-style brownie baking competition, strengthening relationships with the local community while demonstrating the teamwork that underpins the multinational exercise.

Representing the combined Defence Team were Flight Lieutenant Ashleigh Knowles (RAAF), Flight Lieutenant Craig Harnett (NZDF), Cor-



Canadian Armed Forces cook Sergeant Yannick Gagnon supervises students during the "Master Chef Brownie Bake-Off" competition at a local Darwin primary school in Darwin, Australia. 20 July 2026.

Corporal B. Webb-Brown, 14 Wing Imaging

poral Jack James (NZDF) and Captain Meagan Duncan (CAF) - none of whom are cooks by trade. Despite enthusiastic efforts in the kitchen, the multinational defence team finished fourth behind three talented student teams – a result that, by all accounts, "wasn't even close."

"I've been cooking in this kitchen for four years," taunted one of the students. "And

my mum's a chef, so you don't stand a chance!"

But the competition wasn't about winning. Instead, it offered an opportunity for Defence personnel to engage with local students in a relaxed environment, showcasing the people behind the uniforms and the friendships that develop between partner nations during international exercises. "This was a fantastic re-

minder that teamwork extends far beyond our operational roles," said Sergeant Yannick Gagnon, a 14 Wing Greenwood-based cook who served as one of the competition's judges.

"Multinational exercises are about bringing people together. Seeing different nations support the local school cooking program, while putting together such

incredible dishes, made judging a real challenge. Only one point separated the first- and second-place teams."

Community engagement activities such as this complement the exercise's operational objectives by building positive relationships with the people of Australia's Northern Territory, whose hospitality plays an important role in the success of Pitch Black. ➔

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Greenwood cook tests culinary skills on Darwin deployment

Captain Meagan Duncan,
14 Wing Greenwood public
affairs officer

For Canadian Armed Forces cooks, a qualification level 4 (QL4) isn't just about knowing how to prepare a meal. It is about demonstrating the technical skills, organization and composure required to plan, prepare and serve a complete meal to a professional standard.

For 14 Mission Support Squadron cook Private Nick Lessard, that test came in the form of a four-course dinner prepared and served at Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Base Darwin during Exercise Pitch Black 2026.

The dinner, commonly referred to as the QL4 dinner or On the Job Practical Review (OJPR), was conducted while Lessard was deployed to Australia as part of Operation Horizon. A panel of CAF and RAAF personnel attended the dinner, including two CAF

cooks qualified to officially assess his performance.

The menu showcased a range of culinary techniques and flavours, beginning with a freshly-baked traditional dinner roll served with house-made herb compound butter. The first course was a classic vichyssoise, a potato and leek soup garnished with crispy leeks, smoked bacon and sour cream; followed by a Caprese salad, featuring vine-ripened tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, fresh basil and balsamic glaze. For the main course, Lessard prepared garlic- and herb-crusted roast rack of lamb (a staple in Australian cuisine), accompanied by a rich red wine reduction, creamy roasted garlic mashed potatoes and roasted asparagus with sweet red peppers. Dessert was Portuguese milk tarts, or *queijadas de leite*, served with a passion fruit coulis and fresh vanilla ice cream. While the menu was carefully planned, the re-

alities of working in a deployed kitchen meant Lessard had to be ready to adapt.

"Everything went pretty much according to plan, except for the mashed potatoes. They did not have the proper utensil to mash it!" said Lessard. "So, I had to improvise and push all the potatoes through a cone-shaped strainer to mash them properly."

Despite the last-minute improvisation, Lessard said the dinner came together as planned.

"I was in the zone until service started, then I was a little more nervous until it was all over!"

Of all the courses he prepared, Lessard had two clear favourites: "definitely the soup and dessert."

Each course was assessed on presentation, temperature, serving size and taste. For 14 MSS Sergeant Yannick Gagnon, the kitchen officer for the deployed group of 10 CAF



14 Mission Support Squadron cook Private Nick Lessard produced – and passed - his four-course qualification level 4 (QL4) dinner August 10, deployed with Exercise Pitch Black, at Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin.

Corporal B. Webb-Brown, 14 Wing Imaging

cooks and one of the cooks involved in assessing the dinner, the accomplishment was even more significant, given the circumstances.

"Preparing this dinner is a lot of work, but doing it while deployed? That adds a whole other layer of complexity."

Gagnon expressed how

proud he was of his junior member.

"Private Lessard performed exceptionally well."

The dinner also provided an opportunity to recognize the strong relationships built between Canadian and Australian personnel during the exercise. Among the guests

was RAAF Corporal Rebecca Lowry, invited in recognition of her quick response and first aid skills during a kitchen incident several weeks earlier. As a thank you for her actions, she was also presented with a coin from the RCAF Air Task Force Commander following the dinner. ➔

Farewell, 14 Wing

Honorary colonel says goodbye for the last time

Sara White,
Managing editor

Bill Ricketts likely ended his most recent stint with the Royal Canadian Air Force with the same pride he's felt on multiple occasions throughout his military career – but, this time, with a little more emotion and sense of finality.

Ricketts finished a six-year appointment August 18 as 14 Wing Greenwood's honorary colonel. This followed 26 Regular Force years in RCAF uniform, including postings at 14 Wing – and time as both commanding officer of 405 Squadron and wing operations officer.

“The folks at Clothing – I turned in my environmental uniforms yesterday, and I had a little tear in my eye,” Ricketts said at a small Tow Bar send-off, following a celebratory lunch.

“Six years ago, I signed in – it felt good to be back in uniform, and part of the 14 Wing family again. All good



14 Wing Greenwood Honorary Colonel Bill Ricketts, centre, was feted August 18, at the end of his six-year term. Colonel Angie Thomas and Wing Chief Warrant Officer Justin Harper hosted a day of lunch and socials to thank Ricketts for his contributions to the wing and its personnel.

Corporal C. Wilcox, 14 Wing Imaging

things come to an end, and I've enjoyed every minute.”

Colonel Mike Adamson was the wing commander when Ricketts was put forward as honorary colonel; once approved, he served with colo-

nels Tom Goldie, Jeff Davis, Luc Vachon and, for the briefest closing period, the current Angie Thomas.

“Thank you to the ‘system,’ from the governor general to the minister to the RCAF

powers-that-be. It's been a great honour, and I'll miss you all dearly. I have good friends here.”

Ricketts said the changes in the RCAF from his service to today include a lot of good:

“the wing is thriving, full speed ahead.

“The restructuring and growth across the Canadian Armed Forces and RCAF, and, particularly, Greenwood, is going to be crazy. Seeing all

the things coming in is neat to see. The problem is, it won't be easy. I wish you all the success, and I'm looking forward to seeing my first P8 here.

“One thing hasn't changed: there are so many good people in the RCAF, and it's been great to meet so many of them.”

Thomas said she heard from now-Brigadier-General Davis there was “lots of dirt” on Ricketts, even as deep as their 405 Squadron days, when Ricketts was Davis' first commanding officer, but “I won't, hoping for karma as it comes around my way” in years to come.

“You've done a great job mentoring the honorary colonel program; the Cormorant project – essential (Ricketts retired from IMP in 2017, the contractor responsible for service and mid-life upgrade work on the search and rescue helicopter); the impact you've made on the wing to make it even better. We say goodbye to a treasured member of 14 Wing.” ➔

Visit highlights partnerships

Medical care, community welcome highlighted as new Valley medical professionals tour wing

Sara White,
Managing editor

A unique group of visitors to 14 Wing Greenwood August 28 came for fun, but also to put down roots in a community with a professional mission like their own.

The Mid Valley Region Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee, of which 14 Wing is a partner in attracting medical professionals to serve communities between Aylesford and Bridgetown, brought two new doctors and three nurses, plus their families, for a tour of the wing.

Military Police passed out stickers for the children after coming through a busy main gate: the Wing Security Force was actually exercising its call-up role, alongside heightened ID checks conducted by Commissionaires; they were welcomed into wing headquarters by Colonel Angie Thomas and Wing Chief

Warrant Officer Justin Harper.

“WSF is not typical! It is my very great pleasure to welcome you to our beautiful wing,” Thomas said. “14 Wing has a to offer – gyms, a movie theatre, community centre – we're very integrated into the community.”

The wing provides the new medical professionals and their families access to many of these facilities and programs for their own recreational use, but also for more structured welcome activities regularly hosted by the Mid Valley recruitment committee to help everyone feel like the Valley – and their new medical roles here – is home.

This tour was a first, committee vice-chair Anne Crowell said, with support funding from the provincial Office of Healthcare Professionals Recruitment.

“It was a dream we had, partnering with the base, to

show that the base is not just a medical clinic they'd be used to seeing; but that it is so much more operationally. And – we knew the kids would love it!”

Thomas described the base's long range patrol and submarine hunting roles, and its work in search and rescue, including medevacs that happen on the East Coast when the wing's military crews work with community medical services.

“And we're very proud to do that.”

Thomas pointed visitors to a CH140 Cormorant ready for them to tour, and meet its personnel; and invited them to have a look at a decommissioned Aurora aircraft. They were then heading to the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum, and lunch at the Greenwood Golf Club.

The wing provides space for the Greenwood Health Clinic in the Morfee Centre,



New-to-the-Annapolis Valley medical professionals and their families had an open house opportunity to visit 14 Wing Greenwood August 28, greeted by Colonel Angie Thomas and Wing Chief Warrant Officer Justin Harper, and getting a fun look at a 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron CH149 Cormorant and its gear. The wing is an active partner with the Mid Valley Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee's work, as any new medical professionals support the wing's families.

Warrant Officer S. Howell

a partnership with the Nova Scotia Health Authority. The clinic helps incoming military families access a family physician and medical care as their service member is at-

tended to by Canadian Forces Health Services. Extra clinic capacity is open to the community. The Mid Valley committee's work to bring in new medical doctors, residents,

nurse practitioners, dentists and other care providers – and retain current staff with extra care and tailored supports; is essential in keeping clinic staff at full strength. ➔



The travelling Royal Canadian Air Force display, “To the Limit: RCAF Aerobatics in Action,” opens September 19 at the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum. Museum society president and volunteer Brian Handley says the display shows lots of change, from the early 1900s to the soon-to-retire C114 Tutors now flying their closing season.

Snowbirds and Red Knights and Golden Hawks, oh my!

Travelling RCAF exhibit highlights century of fast, thrilling, adventure in the air

Sara White,
Managing editor

Spend some high-flying, thrill-seeking time immersed in the history of Canada's military aerobatics teams, as the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum hosts a new travelling exhibit this Fall.

September 19, 10 a.m., is the official opening of the Greenwood-hosted “To the Limit: RCAF Aerobatics in Action” collection of information panels, hands-on kids' activities – plus a few little something extras from the GMAM's related collection. The National Air Force

Museum of Canada created the exhibit in 2023, with support from the RCAF Centennial Committee. On tour across Canada, it comes to Greenwood from a summer at the Shearwater Aviation Museum.

“It's a part of our mandate to educate the public on the Royal Canadian Air Force,” says GMAM volunteer Bob Johnson, “and it's also a ‘yes’ for connections to Greenwood aviation.”

A number of pilots and technicians who have worked in Greenwood have come from or gone to join the RCAF's aerobatic teams

over the years; they have also supported visiting teams whenever they come east, as Greenwood has hosted many air shows and provided stopover requirements for teams in their transits. Johnson can think of a Golden Hawks pilot who did a later tour at Maritime Command, and many pilots flying today did their early training in the CT114 Tutor, flown by the 1967 Golden Centennaires special formation team and the soon-to-be-retired Snowbirds of 431 (Air Demonstration) Squadron.

With the Snowbirds fold-

ing up their wings at the end of the 2026 show season, “who knows what will replace them?” says Brian Handley, the Greenwood museum society's volunteer president. “What this display does show is, there's always been an evolution” in Canada's aerobatic teams.

“To the Limit” has display panels on the Sky Lancers, the CF18 Demonstration Team and the Red Knight. It also comes with a couple of youth-friendly activities, including a four-sided panel where dozens of magnetized planes can be moved around in common aerobatic forma-

tions. A floor carpet looks like an air show: if you sit on the carpet's grassy area and move toy planes from an at-hand bin on lines through the carpet's sky, you can create a “palm tree split.”

Greenwood museum volunteers have been rooting in their collection, and will add “a few more artefacts we have,” says Johnson. That includes a Tutor seat from their airpark's display Tutor, a Tutor engine and several Snowbirds' flight suits.

Admission to the Greenwood museum is free. “To the Limit” will be on display until December 18. ➔



Greenwood Military Aviation Museum manager Captain Art Gogan, left, and volunteer Bob Johnson show off a few of the toy planes and hands-on activities that come with the museum's Fall show of “To the Limit: RCAF Aerobatics in Action.”

S. White

Wing marks 86th anniversary Battle of Britain September 20

Sunday, September 20, 14 Wing Greenwood hosts two events to mark the 86th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. Both are open to the public.

At 10:30 a.m., 14 Wing personnel will parade at the memorial at 904 Central Avenue, Greenwood, rain or shine; for a morning service. Military dress is Ceremonial 1A with medals. Spectators are welcome; bring a folding chair.

At 2 p.m., St. Mark's Chapel, 14 Wing Greenwood, will host a service of commemoration. Military dress is Ceremonial 1A with medals. ➔

Wing chaplains challenge units to early season holiday toy drive

Saturday, September 19, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., 14 Wing Greenwood units are encouraged to bring collected new toys, puzzles, games and gift cards for all ages; to the Wing Welcome Rexpo at the Church Street Community Centre. 14 Wing chaplains will have a display, and are doing an early collection in support of the Kingston/ Greenwood community holiday hamper program.

Up for grabs: unit glory, and knowing you've made a difference! ➔

HFX announces dates for '26 Halifax International Security Forum

The 2026 Halifax International Security Forum will be held November 20 to 22, in Nova Scotia. The 2026 Forum takes place two weeks after the U.S. mid-term elections are scheduled and will be the first major international gathering in the immediate postelection environment.

"For four long years, the heroes of Ukraine have taught the world that democracy is the first and most fundamental of all security issues," HFX president Peter Van Praagh says. "Already this year, regular people in Iran, in Greenland and on the streets of Minneapolis stood firm for dignity and decency against tyranny and became heroes as well.

"The 2026 Halifax International Security Forum, meeting right after the November U.S. midterm elections are scheduled to be held, will be a vital venue for true leaders committed to democracy - non-American and American alike - to explore true options for making the new strategic environment as secure as possible.

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14 Wing Greenwood Community Centre, Church Street

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l'événement le plus exclusif de l'année à la 14e Escadre...
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Mess Annapolis
Événement 19 ans et plus

Prize Ballot

Name: _____

Phone: _____

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or Rec card number: _____

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Bring this ballot to the 14 Wing Community Centre September 19, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Draws open to Defence Team members (DND employees, CF serving and retired members, NPF & DCC staff) and family; and Community Recreation Card holders. Prize will be awarded upon validation of winner as described above.

Wing Welcome prize
\$1000 VISA GIFT CARD

Schedule of events | Programme des événements

Thursday, September 17		Annapolis Mess
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.	TGIT	Annapolis Mess
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Bingo (doors open 6 p.m.)	
Friday, September 18		
7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.	Operation: Morning Morale (free coffee & muffins)	14 Wing main and Ward Road gates
4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Family circus	Military Family Services, Morfee Centre
Saturday, September 19		
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	REXPO	Community Centre
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Outdoor games, bouncers	Community Centre
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Free BBQ	Community Centre
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Pickleball try-it	Fitness & Sports Centre
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Pool party	Fitness & Sports Centre
4 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Dolphins Swim Club try-it	Fitness & Sports Centre
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Bowling	Greenwood Bowling Centre
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Speakeasy social	Annapolis Mess
9 p.m.	Karaoke	Annapolis Mess
Sunday, September 20		
10 a.m.	Battle of Britain parade	904 Central Avenue
2 p.m.	Battle of Britain service	St. Mark's Chapel
4 p.m.	Free movie (The Magic Faraway Tree)	Zedex Theatre
Jeudi 17 septembre		
16 h à 18 h	TGIT	Mess d'Annapolis
19 h	Bingo	Mess d'Annapolis
Vendredi 18 septembre		
7 h à 8 h 30	Opération « Morning Morale » (café et muffins gratuits)	Portes principales de la 14e Escadre et de rue Ward
16 h 30 à 19 h 30	Cirque familial	Services aux familles des militaires, centre Morfee
Samedi 19 septembre		
10 h à 13 h	REXPO	Centre communautaire
10 h à 13 h.	Jeux en plein air, structures gonflables	Centre communautaire
11 h 30 à 13 h	Barbecue gratuit	Centre communautaire
13 h 30 à 14 h 30	Séance d'initiation au pickleball	Centre sportif et de conditionnement physique
14 h à 16 h	Fête à la piscine	Centre sportif et de conditionnement physique
16 h à 17 h	Séance d'initiation au Dolphins Swim Club	Centre sportif et de conditionnement physique
18 h à 21 h	Quilles	Centre de Quilles Greenwood
19 h à 21 h	Soirée « Speakeasy »	Mess d'Annapolis
21 h	Karaoke	Mess d'Annapolis
Dimanche 20 septembre		
10 h	Défilé de la Bataille d'Angleterre	904 Central Avenue
14 h	Cérémonie commémorative de la Bataille d'Angleterre	Chapelle Saint-Marc
16 h	Séance de cinéma gratuite (The Magic Faraway Tree)	Théâtre Zedex



2026 Wing Welcome
Bienvenue à l'escadre



September 17 to 20 17 à 20 septembre





Fourteen female aviators flew in the August 21 The Ninety-Nines' East Canada Section Gold Cup Air Rally, with another three Atlantic-based pilots preparing ground arrangements at YZX Greenwood. A highlight of their visit included a tour of the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum.

Submitted

Women fly in for challenge, fun, friendships forged in air

Sara White,
Managing editor

Pleased, thrilled and happy to have – finally – hosted the East Canada Section of The Ninety-Nines' Gold Cup Air Rally.

Atlantic chapter members welcomed six small aircraft and 14 women aviators – pilots of all kinds, instructors and even a balloonist - August 21 to YZX Greenwood, after their all-day flight on the rally challenge from Rockcliffe, Ontario.

"I'm thrilled – the East Canada's Gold Cup Air Rally has been to every province on the East Coast BUT Nova Scotia," says Elizabeth Walker, the past president of the Atlantic chapter and the on-the-ground organizer for local arrangements involving Freedom Aviation and 14 Wing Greenwood facilities.

"Only two people have every been here before – and that was for back in 2018 when we had the launch of The Ninety-Nines' stamp honouring Major Mary Cameron-Kelly (a groundbreaking female Royal Canadian Air Force CP140 Aurora pilot). It's nice to refer back to that."

Originally in on the planning and hosting, Cameron-Kelly was off flying the Aurora at the London Airshow and missed the lo-



cal weekend. Several other Atlantic 99s arrived to help Walker with the greeting and hosting.

"We all arrived within a two-hour or so window," says Gold Cup winning pilot Rani Tolton. With Valerie Marshall in their Cessna 172, this was their third team effort win in the Gold Cup Air Rally's 26th year.

"The flight was wonderful." That is, Tolton says, including resetting their flight plan because of a fogged-in St. Georges airfield for refueling in Victoriaville, where they had lunch with the local flight school and watched a group of parachutists; to learn, 20 minutes after they'd made their new plan, St. Georges had cleared and all other rally teams could land and refuel as planned. Most flew over Maine, routed north of Fredericton, and then crossed the Bay of Fundy over Isle Haute to land in Greenwood.

As rally participants arrived, Freedom Aviation was

"gracious, fabulous," Walker says, helping with tie-downs and aircraft care as the ladies settled in. 14 Wing Greenwood's accommodations and Annapolis Café had been arranged for overnight and meals.

On the Saturday, the group – now about 24, with local members having driven to join in, visited the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum for a women-focused scavenger hunt and tour of the displays and airpark. Weekend side trips included walking the dykes in Port Williams and Wolfville – and spying a juvenile eagle over the low Minas Basin tide; taking in the Harbourville weekend market and walking along the shore; and attending church at the heritage St. Mary's Anglican Church in Auburn, where one of the visitors, an organist herself, got to play the 1863 organ after the service. An evening banquet at the Annapolis Mess, catered by some Berwick Girl Guides, closed formalities. Guest speaker 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron Honour Colonel Sophie Saulnier shared an interesting presentation about 14 Wing's operations, missions and expansion plans. First-time Gold Cup Air Rally participant Sowmya Lakesh (one of four first-timers) was recognized as



The first of The Ninety-Nines' East Canada Section Gold Cup Air Rally's teams to arrive at YZX Greenwood August 21 was Danielle Francouer, left, Brenna D'Arcy middle, Nathalie Fortin.

Submitted

the East Canada Section's recipient of funding support to join in.

Weather loomed in the back of everyone's mind throughout – the reason the Gold Cup Air Rally has never been to Nova Scotia. Hot, humid conditions and threats of rain and thunderstorms were forecast, enough so that, in the days leading up to the weekend, Plan B options to back the banquet up and allow for an early departure Saturday were considered. Instead, visiting aircrews departed Sunday as scheduled, or even delayed Monday and into Tuesday. ➔



The Ninety-Nines' East Canada Section winners of the 2026 Gold Cup Air Rally August 21 were announced at the event's banquet August 22, hosted at 14 Wing Greenwood's Annapolis Mess. This was the third win for the team of Rani Tolton, centre left, and Valerie Marshall, centre right; presented by rally organizers and participants Nicole Harris, left, and Sharron Lutman.

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bravo zulu | promotions & presentations

14 Wing Imaging unless otherwise indicated.



July 6, Master Warrant Officer Keefe, centre, was promoted to current rank. From left are Major Min Kim, 14 Mission Support Squadron Lieutenant-Colonel Shawn McGeown, 14 MSS Chief Warrant Officer Mario Legnaro and Master Warrant Officer Trevor Rose.



August 13, Master Corporal Damian Smith, second from right, with his family; was presented the Canadian Forces Decoration by 14 Wing Greenwood Readiness Training Flight Captain Daniel Long, left, with Chief Petty Officer Second Class Graham Gosse.



August 13, Master Corporal Zach Syganiec, centre, was presented a Military Police commendation by 14 Wing Greenwood Readiness Training Flight Captain Daniel Long, left, with Chief Petty Officer Second Class Graham Gosse.



August 27, 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron Corporal Sky-Lynn Fisher, centre, was awarded the 14 Wing Command Team Coin, presented by Colonel Angie Thomas, left, with Wing Chief Warrant Officer Justin Harper, at 14 Wing Greenwood's 11 Hanger.



August 21, Corporal Matthew Davignon, centre, was presented the Canadian Forces' Decoration 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron Lieutenant-Colonel Greg Boone, right, with Chief Warrant Officer Bryce Culver.



July 16, Sergeant Robert Muise, centre, was promoted to current rank by 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron Lieutenant-Colonel Greg Boone, right; with Chief Warrant Officer Bryce Culver, at 14 Hangar.



September 2, 14 Operations Support Squadron Sergeant John McElroy, centre, was presented a Royal Canadian Air Force Commander's Commendation, by 14 Wing Greenwood Colonel Angie Thomas, left, with Wing Chief Warrant Officer Justin Harper, at the 14 Wing air traffic control tower. July 1, 2025, McElroy was attending a Canada Day event at the Greenwood Civic Field, and acted immediately to assist a child with a serious injury. He organized and lead a professional response, organizing first aid, volunteers and an emergency services handover.



August 21, 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron Warrant Officer Dominic Veilleux, centre, was presented with a Wing Commander Commendation by 14 Wing Commander Colonel Angie Thomas, left, with Wing Chief Warrant Officer Justin Harper. The commendation recognizes Veilleux's leadership an commitment to personnel. During the August ASEREX in the Azores, and following a serious parachuting injury to a junior 413 member, Veilleux provided care and logistical support to the injured member through their hospitalization and return to Canada.



August 14, Corporal Christian Profit, centre, was appointed master corporal by 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron Major Jeremy McClafferty, left; with Chief Warrant Officer Mark Dueck.



August 21, 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron Chief Warrant Officer Joliane Laforce, centre, was presented with a Wing Chief Warrant Officer Certificate of Excellence by Wing Chief Warrant Officer Justin Harper, right, with 14 Wing Commander Colonel Angie Thomas, left, with Wing Chief Warrant Officer Justin Harper. The commendation recognizes Laforce's courage and professionalism as first on the scene of a parachuting injury to a fellow squadron member during August's ASEREX in the Azores. Laforce provided critical first aid and scene management until emergency medical services arrived.



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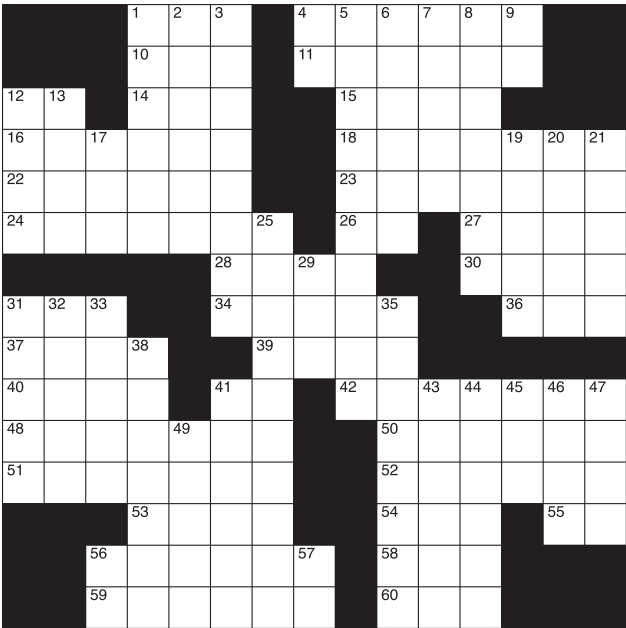


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crossword

solution page 11



- ACROSS
1. Small Eurasian deer

4. Province in Northern Ireland

10. A major division of geological time

11. Broadway actor Lane

12. Canadian province (abbr.)

14. Human gene

15. Two

16. A notable one was "blue"

18. Utter repeatedly

22. Ring-shaped objects

23. Sullies

24. Occurs

26. Commercial

27. Near

28. Tools you may need

30. A pledge

31. They start the alphabet

34. Silk garments

36. Soviet Socialist Republic

37. Longtime mayor of Rio

39. Hot meal

40. A type of gin
41. Atomic #84

42. \$10 bill

48. About ground

50. Medicine man

51. Seedless raisin

52. National capital of Albania

53. Appendix

54. QJ trial judge

55. European government entity (abbr.)

56. Bike parts

58. Friend to 'Barbie'

59. Stretched to see or hear

60. Commercial

DOWN

1. Make up for

2. Baltimore ballplayer

3. Wages

4. International organization of countries

5. Engravers of gems

6. Declared as fact

7. One who steals

8. Jewelry

9. Hospital worker

12. Nonsense (slang)

13. Town in Galilee
17. Value

19. Alternative identity

20. Sheep in their second year

21. Town in Surrey, England

25. Appropriated to a time of year

29. Creative work

31. Recesses

32. Largely forested municipality in Germany

33. Rider of Rohan

35. Ancient symbol co-opted by Nazis

38. Pioneer

41. Scribe

43. Painted a bright color

44. Member of British nobility

45. 'Pulp Fiction' actress

46. Helps people walk

47. Crest of a hill

49. People of southeastern Alaska

56. One's own device

57. The Mount Rushmore State

Holiday hamper collection

To December 15, the Kingston Lions Club is now gathering donations for the Making Spirits Bright Holiday Hamper Program (Kingston/ Greenwood areas), including all sizes of hats, mitts, gloves, socks, PJs and teen kits. Drop off at 1482 Veterans Lane, Kingston, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; or, call Tracey, 902-389-3867, to arrange drop-off.

Youth art lessons

September 14, 21 and 28, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts youth art lessons, designed for ages 8+ to experience various art media and artistic techniques. Cost is \$25 per child per class. Registration at info@7Arts.ca

Art for tots

September 14, 21 and 28, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts art for tots sessions: art-based textile exploration for children four years and under (along with their parents). Snacks included! Family-friendly pricing of \$10 per child and \$5

horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, this week calls for a break from your usual fast pace. If you've been burning the candle at both ends, your energy reserves will be depleted. Focus on fortifying yourself and your space.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Miscommunication is likely if you rush your words, Taurus. Take an extra breath before responding when someone asks you a question or when addressing emails.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

It's time to audit where your money is going, Gemini. If you've been overspending as a balm to stress, hit the brakes. Look for areas where you can plug any financial leaks.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

The spotlight is firmly on you right now, Cancer. You might feel a sudden urge to change your style, update your resume or shed an old identity that no longer fits. Trust this instinct.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

The universe is asking you to clear out some psychic debris this week. It is a great time for journaling and heavy solo time. If secrets or old resentments bubble up, just let them go.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Your social life is getting a bit of a reality check, Virgo. You might realize that certain friendships have felt a bit one-sided. Seek people who inspire you.

per additional child from the same family per class. Registration at info@7Arts.ca

Invitation - Sacred Heart Holy Hour

September 16, 7 p.m., Queen of Heaven Roman Catholic Chapel, Greenwood; welcomes Knights of Columbus members from across Nova Scotia for a holy hour of adoration and benediction in veneration of the icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus as it visits MoC councils throughout the Maritimes. The liturgy involves hymns, prayers, incense and Benediction, when the priest blesses the congregation with the Sacred Host. Open to all.

Sunflower paint night

September 17, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts a sunflower paint night with artist Jenna. All supplies included! \$35 per person. Registration at info@7Arts.ca

Choir – new members night

September 17 and/ or September 24, 6:30 p.m., the Canadian Military Wives Choir Greenwood hosts a welcome night at St. Mark's Chapel, Church Street,

Greenwood; for anyone interested in joining the program. Open to women 18+ with a military connection, No experience necessary! Song, connection and celebration! Info: canadianmwc.greenwood@gmail.com

Stuff-a-tent food bank drive – Berwick

September 19, 10 a.m. to noon, Berwick Girl Guides Stuff-a-Tent event will be held on the Berwick town hall front lawn. Youth are collecting non-perishable food items for the Berwick Food Bank. Bring your individual and family donations, with our thanks. Organization/ team/ corporate challenge: most items dropped off – win a box EACH of mint and classic sandwich cookies! For info: Facebook @Berwick Girl Guides.

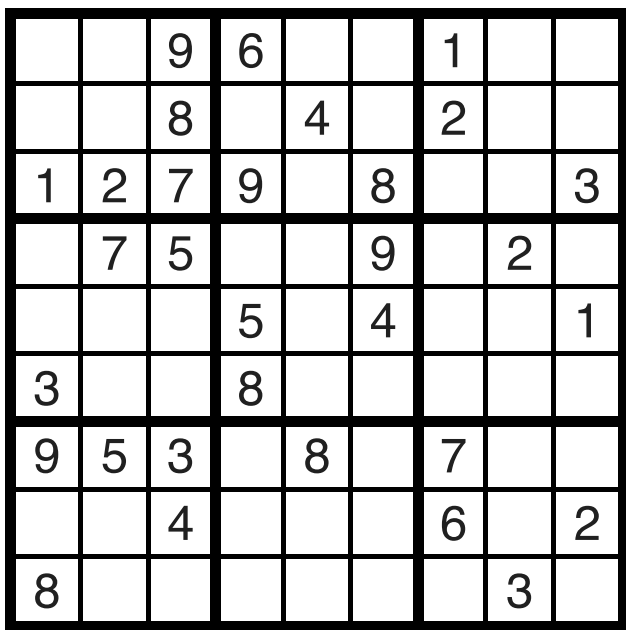
Breakfast

September 19, 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.

Gospel sing-along

September 20, 2 p.m. sing for unity on the United Nations' International Day of Peace at an old-time gospel sing-along at the Aylesford United Church, 2414 Hwy 1, Aylesford. Freewill offering, wheelchair accessible.

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Fun By The Numbers

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Level: Beginner

Veterans' Club - Kentville

September 21, 6:30 p.m. (and continuing monthly), the Kentville Legion, 37 River Street, hosts a free Veterans' Club for any and all current and retired members of the Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP to gather, socialize and have fun with PS5 gaming stations, board games, model building or just chatting over snacks and coffee (dry event). No Legion membership required. For info: kentvillelegion@eastlink.ca

Owl paint night

September 22, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts an owl paint night project, with artist Jenna. All supplies included. \$35 per person. Registration at info@7Arts.ca

Nature art session

September 23, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood presents a fun art with nature with Joan. Explore various art techniques and media in creating nature-inspired works of art. \$20 per person, all supplies included. For ages 18+. Registration at info@7Arts.ca

Puzzle Quest

September 25, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Berwick Girl Guides host Puzzle Quest at the Berwick Lions Hall, an all-ages, four-member team challenge to build a 500 piece puzzle as fast as you can. Sabotage another team with mittens or time penalties! Freewill offering canteen, Girl Guide cookies for

sale, prizes for the top team. Early bird registration by August 31 gets you a five-minute headstart. Team registration \$100 plus tax. Secure online registration from Facebook @Berwick Girl Guides, under Puzzle Quest Event, or contact Sara, cskeddy@hotmail.ca

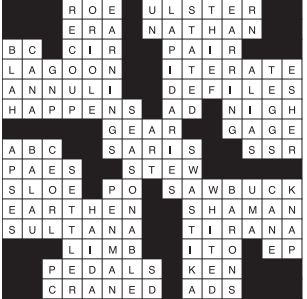
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Felting workshop

September 26, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Macdonald Museum in Middleton, 21 School Street; hosts a birdhouse felting workshop with Sheri Wood. \$30 per person, all supplies included. Register in advance, 902-825-6116.

Yard sale

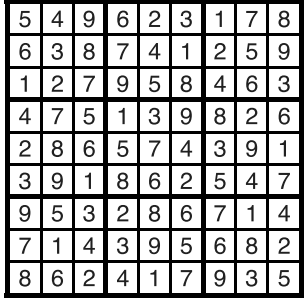
September 26, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., the Kingston Lions will host an indoor yard sale at the hall. To donate items, visit the hall Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.; or, to arrange pick-up, contact Lion Norm, 902-826-8674.

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Sunday, September 20, between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., there will be a Mabon celebration at 2 Church Street, Greenwood (across from the Community Centre). Mabon is a pagan harvest holiday, celebrating the autumnal equinox.

For info: Sergeant Eric Caissie, eric.caissie@forces.gc.ca →

October 5 deadline to register for November athletic taping course

14 Wing Greenwood Defence Team members interested in registering for an athletic taping course (level 1 and 2), to be offered November 2 to 4, should contact PSP sports coordinator Anthony Jacques, 902-765-1494 local 568-5753 or anthony.jacques2@forces.gc.ca, by October 5. →

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~ Obituary ~

IRVINE, Susan Diane,

January 17, 1961 - June 11, 2026 ~ Ottawa, ON

It is with heavy hearts and profound love that we announce the passing of Susan Diane Irvine on June 11, 2026, at the age of 65. Susie (Sue) loved to spend time with family; was the best aunt; an amazing fur baby mom; a cheerleader to many of us; and, loved to cook and share her goodies with family, friends and colleagues. She was a beautiful person who was extremely caring and nurturing, her small gestures making everyone feel welcome and loved. She can now rest with her Caper, Rascal and Jazz who have crossed the Rainbow bridge.

Sue was very loved by her two sons, Michael and Ryan Clark; her grandchildren, Liam and Braiden; her parents, the late Jean Irvine and Garth Irvine (Glenda); and, her siblings Bonnie, Karen (Jacques), Cherrie (John), David (Caroline) and Steven (Elena). She was also a proud and loving aunt to her nieces and nephews: Eliane, DJ, Amelie, Jillian, Shannon, Andrew, Adam, Avery and her special bubby Jaiden.

She leaves behind a legacy of kindness, generosity, compassion, and unconditional love. Her bright blue eyes, big heart, warm smile and infectious laughter will be deeply missed.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Carleton Lodge and Carlingview Manor for the compassion and care they provided Susan over the past four years. A special thanks to Nurse Cathy of Carleton Lodge and Lisa of Carlingview Manor, who went above and beyond helping Susan and supporting the family.

For those wishing, in memoriam donations can be made to the Ottawa Humane Society.

To plant a beautiful memorial tree in memory of Susan, please visit Susans' obituary page at: <https://ottawacitizen.remembering.ca/obituary/susan-irvine-1093922433> and click on the green, "Plant a Tree" button.



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Yard sale
September 26, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Soldier's Memorial Health Auxiliary will hold a yard sale at the Middleton fire hall, 49 Church Street, Middleton.
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. Call Kay Amos at 902-765-3809.

Games afternoon
Fridays (second and fourth), the

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

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Celebrate World Rivers Day September 27

"Rivers are the arteries of our planet; they are lifelines in the truest sense" - Mark Angelo

In 2005, the United Nations launched the Water for Life Decade to help create a greater awareness of the urgent need to care for our precious water resources. In that year, Mark Angelo, a renowned British Columbia river advocate who has explored nearly a thousand rivers, proposed the establishment

of a single day to highlight the vital importance of rivers in our ecosystems: World Rivers Day was born.

World Rivers Day is now celebrated on the fourth Sunday of every September, which this year will be September 27. Last year, millions of people in close to 100 countries participated in events held to raise awareness of the many values of our waterways, and to encourage improved stewardship of rivers

around the world. Rivers in virtually every country face an array of threats. Only through our active involvement can we ensure their health in the years ahead. To learn more visit worldriversday.com

Since 1990, the Clean Annapolis River Project (CARP) has been working to promote and enhance the ecological health of our own Annapolis River and its watershed for current and future generations. CARP encourages you

to engage with this wonderful resource, not only on World River's Day but throughout the year. For boaters, there are several public access points along its 120-kilometre length, the major ones being Riverside Park in Middleton, Lawrencetown, Jubilee Park in Bridgetown, Hebb's Landing in Bellisle and in Annapolis Royal.

You may support CARP's mission in a variety of ways. Join our volunteers, become

a member, adopt a turtle, or simply make a donation to CARP. We also invite you to attend our annual harvest dinner and auction, October 4 at the Berwick Lions Hall in the Kings Mutual Century Centre, Berwick, 250 Veterans Drive. Tickets are \$30 per seat or \$300 for a table of 10. For more information and tickets, email carp@annapolisriver.ca

To learn more about CARP, visit our website at annapolisriver.ca ➔



Market closes '26 season with community celebration, Market After Dark

Every Thursday afternoon from June through September, between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., the green lawns of the Aurora Inn, 831 Main Street in Kingston, transform into something far greater than a bustling marketplace: it becomes the beating heart of our village. Here, under the open Annapolis Valley sky, over 40 local vendors showcase their fresh produce, handmade crafts and artisanal treats. Yet, what truly draws people back week after week is the tangible sense of love, connection and warmth that fills the air at the Kingston Farmers Market.

The market is where friends bump into each other, where toddlers dance to live music and where growers share the stories behind every freshly-picked basket of food. As the 2026 season draws to a close, that sense of community culminates



Alina Joy photography

in a cherished highlight: the final market day Thursday, September 17. This year's closing date centres around the heartwarming Stone Soup

tradition, a symbolic gathering celebrating seasonal abundance and shared hospitality. The afternoon kicks off with a whimsical reenact-

ment of the Stone Soup story at 4 p.m. Later, at 6 p.m., a batch of delicious soup will be served free to everyone, a beautiful reminder that, when a community pools its gifts, everyone is nourished.

This year, the energy turns way up with Market After Dark, an epic season-closer after-party taking place right on site starting at 7 p.m.! Be-

yond the high-energy live performance by local sensation Colrain, the evening serves as a fun-filled celebration of gratitude to the incredible volunteers, hardworking vendors and devoted community members whose dedication made this market season so special. Your ticket includes entry to the show, a warm bowl of chili and a compli-

mentary drink. At just \$11 for adults and \$5 for children, it is the ultimate way to raise a glass to our community and dance into Autumn alongside friends and neighbors. Secure your tickets today on Eventbrite.

(Mark your calendars now for the June 3, 2027, Kingston Farmers Market season opener!) ➔

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Life is full of unexpected goodbyes
*You never know which hug will be the last,
which conversation will become a memory,
or which "see you later" will turn into forever.*

*One ordinary moment can become the
moment that changes everything.*

*And if we knew it was the last time, we would
have held on a little longer; spoken a little
softer; and said "I love you" one more time.*

But life doesn't give us that chance.
*It simply turns people we love into
memories we carry for the rest of our lives.*

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