



Allies share personal, professional experiences RNZAF, RCAF P8 exchange opportunity for traditional welcomes

A number of Royal Canadian Air Force members on a recent international training in New Zealand had the opportunity to exchange cultural welcomes, along with professional expertise.

Representatives from both 14 and 19 Operations Support squadrons and 415 (Long Range Patrol Force Development) Squadron were in New Zealand for a “seasoning” exchange on the P8 aircraft, soon to replace the RCAF’s CP140 Aurora. The Royal New Zealand Air Force, a Canadian ally, hosted RCAF peers for demonstrations and presentations that will support the RCAF’s successful transition.

14 OSS Captain Melanie Rustenburg put forth the idea of sharing a smudging ceremony and a cultural exchange during the training visit. The members belonging to the Tūrangawaewae o Te Tauaarangi o Aotearoa at Base Ohakea were quick to respond, and a plan was put into place.

September 28, the RCAF visitors were welcomed into the RNZAF Tūrangawaewae with a traditional Māori welcoming ceremony, known as a

pōwhiri. To their surprise and delight, RCAF members currently posted to RNZAF Ohakea for more in-depth P8 training were waiting and ready to welcome their fellow Canadians.

The pōwhiri welcoming ceremony included karanga, a ceremonial call performed by women, representing both the military hosts and visitors. During whakaeke, the visitors moved slowly toward and entered a gathering space. The formal whaikōrero speeches were given in Māori from the male leaders for both the side, followed by a song. The hongi, the pressing of noses, and harirū, the shaking of hands, uniting the hosts and visitors; was conducted.

Traditionally, the pōwhiri would then move on to the sharing of kai (food); however, this is when Rustenburg led a Canadian Indigenous smudging ceremony. She explained the elements and medicines involved in a smudge, and some information on her Dene traditions, where she grew up and her journey. The hosts and visitors gathered in circle and the smudging ceremony began, followed by sharing gratitude.



The influence and acknowledged presence of the Tūrangawaewae o Te Tauaarangi o Aotearoa at Royal New Zealand Air Force Base Ohakea were appreciated by a contingent of visiting Royal Canadian Air Force members, welcomed September 28 for a professional P8 training – with an extra opportunity to exchange cultural traditions.



Royal Canadian Air Force members from 14 Wing Greenwood and 19 Wing Comox on a P8 familiarization training exchange at the Royal New Zealand Air Force Base Ohakea arrived September 28 to a traditional Māori welcoming ceremony; 14 Operations Support Squadron Captain Melanie Rustenburg, front left, then led a Canadian Indigenous smudge for their RNZAF hosts.

The ceremony ended with an exchange of hugs as a reminder people are all interconnected, regardless of their differences.

During the smudging, one of the RCAF members posted

in Ohakea said this was their first time participating in the ceremony - and they’d never have guessed it would happen so far from home.

Both parties then moved on



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to the final part of the welcome and greeting ceremonies and shared kai (food) and stories in more relaxed setting.

The cultural exchange was beyond anything Rustenburg

could have imaged. She is, and will be forever, grateful to be able to wear the uniform while practicing and share her culture with others and other nations. ➔

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Poppy season set for two full weeks

Legion, CAF match campaign periods

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Poppies of remembrance are on the horizon, with a longer season this year. Representatives of the Royal Canadian Legion have been visiting community, government and military partners, including 14 Wing Greenwood; in recent days to prepare for the 2026 Poppy Campaign.

“I’m really glad you came in: the wing’s relationship with the Legion means a lot to us,” 14 Wing Colonel Angie Thomas told Royal Canadian Legion Alvin H. Foster MM Br 098 delegates on their October 17 visit to present her and Wing Chief Warrant Officer Justin Harper with the branch’s first poppies.

Starting this year, Canadian Armed Forces members

will wear the poppy from October 24 to November 11, aligning with the Royal Canadian Legion’s now set National Poppy Campaign. Previously, CAF members began wearing the poppy on the last Friday in October. Canadian Forces Dress Instructions will be updated to reflect the change.

Kingston Poppy Campaign chairman Captain (retired) Richard Stacey said the shared start to the Poppy Campaign makes it consistent between the two organizations, and ensures a full two weeks is available for Legion members and volunteers to be in their communities offering poppies to supporters.

“Last year, we exceeded our 2024 campaign fund total, but we’d added a couple locations and we were sup-



Representatives of Royal Canadian Legion Alvin H. Foster MM Br 098 in Kingston visited 14 Wing Greenwood October 17, making their first poppy presentations ahead of the October 24 to November 11 Poppy Campaign to 14 Wing Colonel Angie Thomas and Wing Chief Warrant Officer Justin Harper. From left are Kingston branch vice-president Michael Wood, Thomas, Kingston branch president Jim Hildebrand, Harper and Kingston branch Poppy Campaign chairman Richard Stacey.

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ported by the Kingston Lions at some of their events,” Stacey said. “But, last year, the ‘last Friday of October’ means there were only 10 days in campaign, with only one weekend. It’s our main fundraiser.”

For the Kingston Legion, that means Poppy Fund support for veterans’ and

remembrance initiatives. In the past year, the Kingston branch has supported two high school graduation bursaries, purchased several loanable walkers and wheelchairs, sponsored the 517 Flight Lieutenant McLean Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron, hosted a veterans’ weekly support group coffee

morning and enhanced life at the Soldiers Memorial Hospital Veterans’ Unit with a new TV, a garden BBQ and newspaper subscriptions.

14 Wing has asked its network of chief warrant officers to partner with Valley area Legions and offer support and guidance on Canadian Armed Forces-specific prac-

tices and protocols, with a number of outreach meetings already completed.

November 11, Thomas and Harper will meet with a number of Acadia University military students, and then attend the Acadia-hosted service lead by Royal Canadian Legion Dr CB Lumsden Branch 74. ➔

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promotions & presentations



October 5, 14 Air Reserve Flight Master Corporal Kate Walker, second from left, with spouse Kody Walker; was promoted to acting-while-so-employed sergeant by Deputy Wing Commander Lieutenant-Colonel Rob Curtis, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Jamie Vallis, right.



October 5, 14 Air Reserve Flight Sergeant Stephanie Belanger, second from left, with spouse Jerome Dube; was promoted to acting-while-so-employed warrant officer by Deputy Wing Commander Lieutenant-Colonel Rob Curtis, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Jamie Vallis, right.



September 25, Master Corporal Laurie Dunbar, centre left, was presented a letter of appreciation for 14 Wing Triathlon volunteers from 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron Lieutenant-Colonel Dallas Bregg, left; with Honorary Colonel Judy Rafuse, centre right, and Chief Warrant Officer Andrew Elliott.



September 25, Leslie Fillmore, centre left, was presented a letter of appreciation in recognition of their support to the Air and Space visit of 14 Wing Greenwood from 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron Lieutenant-Colonel Dallas Bregg, left; with Honorary Colonel Judy Rafuse, centre right, and Chief Warrant Officer Andrew Elliott.

Excellence in cultural connection, reconciliation, respect recognized

A 14 Wing Greenwood member was recently recognized with an Excellence in Defence Award, for her personal commitment to connection, community and reconciliation.

Master Corporal Crystal Brown, with 14 Air Maintenance Squadron’s Quality Management office, was presented the award for Inclusive Excellence and Reconciliation at the October 5 2026 Celebrating Excellence Awards ceremony, held at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa.

The event was led by Department of National Defence Senior Associate Deputy Minister Kevin Brosseau and Chief of the Defence Staff General Jennie Carignan. Ninety-five recipients, sharing 35 awards, were recognized for their contributions in collaboration, leadership, transformation, community engagement and similar areas; highlighting outstanding service to the tradition of excellence the department upholds.

For more than four years, Brown has helped strengthen the relationship between 14 Wing Greenwood, Indigenous communities and the people who call the surrounding area home. As military co-chair of the wing’s Defence Indigenous Advisory Group, Brown has worked closely with Indigenous leaders, elevated Indigenous voices and helped bring reconciliation into the everyday life of the defence community.

Her efforts included coordinating cultural initiatives, such as the raising of a tee pee at the base entrance and personally painting an Indigenous-themed crosswalk near 14 Wing headquarters: visible reminders of inclusion, respect and relationship-building. Most significantly, Brown was entrusted by the community to become an Eagle Staff Carrier, an honour reflecting profound trust and cultural responsibility. Her service extends further, as she consistently and compassionately supports military families facing hardship, strengthening morale and quietly ensuring others feel recognized and cared for.

“Her selfless approach to service, coupled with an unwavering commitment to



Master Corporal Crystal Brown, second from left, was presented an Excellence in Defence Award, for Inclusive Excellence and Reconciliation, at the October 5 2026 Celebrating Excellence Awards ceremony in Ottawa. The award was presented by Department of National Defence Senior Associate Deputy Minister Kevin Brosseau, left, and Chief of the Defence Staff General Jennie Carignan.

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ensuring people feel valued, respected and included, exemplifies the transformative power of inclusive leadership,” the program announced. “Through action, humility, and sustained commitment, Master Corporal Brown has helped build a community where reconcilia-

tion is not simply discussed, it is lived.” Brown says being nominated and receiving the award is an honour.

“I have a great supporting wing here that recognizes all the behind the scenes work and love I have put into this DIAG over the years.” ➔



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Sundays – **Bingo** – 1pm (Doors open at 10am). Everyone is welcome.
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Mondays – **Rummoli** – 1:00pm. Please bring \$10 worth of nickels. Open to members and signed in guests.
Tuesdays – **Card Bingo** – 1:00pm. Open to members and signed in guests. Cost is 16 quarters and 1 loonie
Drop-In Darts – 7pm
Wednesdays – **Veteran's Social** – 10am – All Veterans are Welcome. Have a coffee and a snack & meet other Veterans
Euchre – 7pm
Thursdays – **OP Vet Build** – 10am. If you have any questions or you are interested in participating, please send a message or an RSVP to: rcl98.opvetbuild@gmail.com
Crib – 7pm
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Merry Melodramas – Musical Halloween Comedy – Oct. 23rd.
Tickets are \$25 and available at the bar.
Poppy Campaign – Wreaths are \$70 each and can be purchased at the Legion Office during the Poppy Campaign
Halloween Dance – Oct. 31st with FisherKings – \$10 per person – Open to the Public – 8pm. Prize of 2 tickets to our New Year's Eve for best costume.
Remembrance Day – Nov. 11th - Our Service of Remembrance will commence at 9:45am in our auditorium, followed by a Parade 10:25am to our Cenotaph for the Wreath Laying Ceremony and outside service at 11am. Please be there by 10:45am.
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MFS offers 'circle of security' parenting program November 13, 27

Military Family Services Greenwood will offer a two-part program November 13 and 27, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. both days, at the Morfee Centre, focussed on a "circle of security" parenting program suited for parents or caregivers with children aged 10 or under.

Circle of security parenting is a supportive, strength-based program to help parents better understand their child's emotional needs and the meaning behind their behaviour. The program offers a practical framework for recognizing children's cues, making sense of big emotions and responding in ways that foster both connection and independence.

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Royal Canadian Air Force members showed off their "office" – and aerospace maintenance opportunities within the catalogue of military trades – at September 25 flying visits to Fanshawe and Mohawk colleges in Ontario. Civilian colleges provide training to approximately 30 per cent of RCAF aircraft maintenance engineering personnel, with room for growth. Submitted

Connecting careers RCAF shows off aerospace maintenance trade opportunities

Royal Canadian Air Force members, including representation from 14 Wing Greenwood, recently participated in Op BLITZ, conducting outreach visits to Fanshawe College in London, and Mohawk College in Hamilton, Ontario. The initiative featured static displays of CP140 Aurora and CF18 Hornet aircraft and a CH148 Cyclone helicopter, aimed at increasing awareness of Non-Commissioned Member Subsidized Training and Education Plan (NCM-STEP) career opportunities within RCAF technical occupations, and supporting the growth of Canada's future aerospace maintenance workforce.

With approximately 30 per cent of RCAF aircraft maintenance engineering personnel receiving training through civilian colleges across Canada, the events provided an important opportunity to engage prospective trade candidates. Visiting air and ground crew members worked alongside recruiting personnel to interact with students, providing insight into RCAF operations and answering technical questions related to aircraft maintenance and aircrew operations. Their efforts fostered meaningful connections with future aviation professionals and enhanced awareness of technical careers within the RCAF.

The outstanding support provided by members of 14 Air Maintenance Squadron, 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron, and 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron in the outreach visit was instrumental to the success of the initiative, ensuring a productive and rewarding experience for all participants, further strengthening the RCAF's recruiting and outreach efforts. →

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During the service, hosted at St. Mark's Chapel in Greenwood, and including performances by the 14 Wing Greenwood Brass and Reed Band and the Canadian Military Wives Choir Greenwood; special recognition was given to the serving and retired military and volunteer firefighters in attendance. They were invited to stand as the congregation expressed its gratitude for their dedication, courage and unwavering commitment to protecting their neighbours.

The observance carried added significance following the challenges of the past year. The Greenwood area, and the broader Annapolis Valley, were directly affected by significant forest fires through the late Summer and Fall of 2025, requiring the combined

efforts of military personnel, professional firefighters, volunteer departments, emergency responders and community organizations. Their response demonstrated the strength of cooperation and the spirit of service that characterize both the local community and 14 Wing Greenwood.

In addressing the congregation, the message was simple and heartfelt: "This time is for you, to recognize your service, your dedication, your courage and your support of this community."

National Firefighters Memorial Day reminds us, behind every emergency response, are men and women willing to put themselves at risk for the safety of others. Their selflessness deserves our admiration, and our lasting gratitude. As a community, we pause to remember those who have fallen, and honour and thank those who continue to serve; keeping our families and communities safe every day.

National Firefighters Memorial Day was established by the Government of Canada in 2017, a day to recognize the dangers firefighters face in carrying out their duties and commemorate those who have lost their lives while serving others. →



Corporal L. Broolly, 14 Wing Imaging

October 28: come watch CAF Atlantic powerlifting competition

Wednesday, October 28, the 14 Wing Greenwood Fitness and Sports Centre hosts the Canadian Armed Forces Atlantic region powerlifting competition.

Events get underway with the 8:30 a.m. opening, and then 9:20 a.m. competition: flights of men's and women's light weight, medium weight and heavy weight will test themselves through squat, bench press and deadlift stations. Closing awards will take place at 5 p.m.

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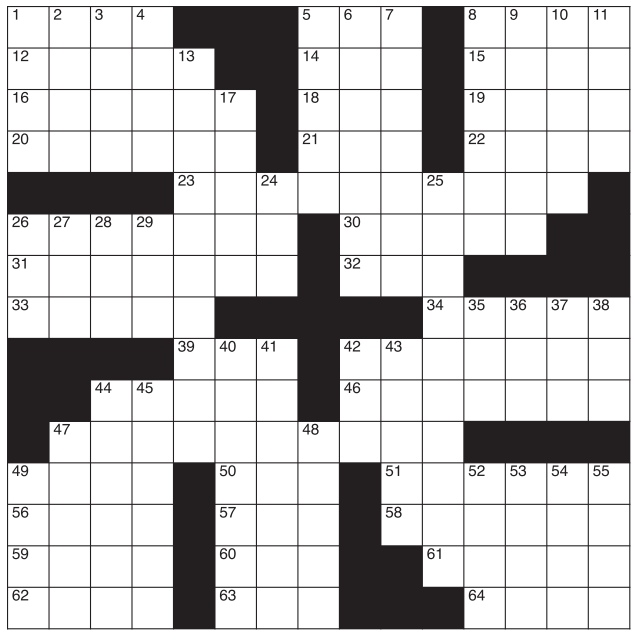
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1. 'Wicker Man' actor Nic
5. Protection
8. Cloth worn over a shoulder
12. Ceramic jars
14. Midway between northeast and east
15. South American hummingbird
16. Platforms
18. Taxi
19. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
20. A citizen of Yemen
21. Military mailbox
22. Nuclear near reach weapon
23. Clears
26. Broken
30. Actress Lathan
31. Avid fan
32. One and only
33. Proceeding
34. River in Portugal and Spain
39. Doctor of Education
42. Defeat handily
44. Less complicated
46. Handyman tools
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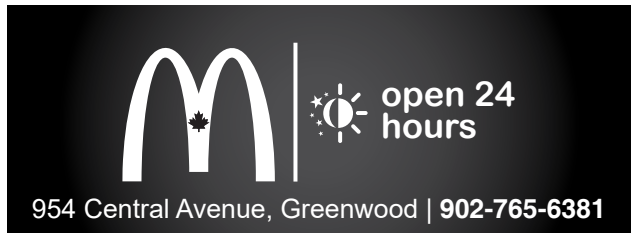
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50. Honorable title (Turkish)
51. Greatest
56. Can do
57. A place to sleep on the road
58. Member of U.S. Navy
59. 24-hour units of time
60. Actor Horsley
61. In a way, sounds off
62. Formerly (archaic)
63. Eye infection
64. Plundered

DOWN

1. William __, Buffalo
2. Wings
3. Candle or lantern
4. Freedom from difficulty
5. A type of pie
6. Metrical foot
7. Kerr, actress
8. Nap
9. Popular singer Bocelli
10. Immune responses
11. 'Mad Men' leading man
13. A citizen of Senegal
17. Philly basketball

24. Not even
25. Measures wind speed
26. Insecticide
27. Jordan glided through it
28. Bird-like dinosaur genus
29. Expression of satisfaction
30. Big Blue
36. One point east (clockwise) of due north
37. Of she
38. Oral rehydration solution
40. Knocks off course
41. Popular cop show of yesteryear
42. Zhou dynasty state
43. Genus of fish
44. Onion flatbreads
45. Declare as true
47. Of a love
48. Missouri county
49. Produced
52. Volcanic crater
53. Off-Broadway theater award
54. KU hoops coach Bill
55. Check for

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Greenwood Military Aviation Museum Society AGM

October 27, at 2 p.m., the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum Society will hold its annual general meeting in the museum conference room. All paid-up society members are invited; any current member, as of October 15, may vote, offer to serve on the board or nominate a member for the board of directors. Nominations to the AGM chairman, Ian Patrick, c/o the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum, PO Box 786, Greenwood, BOP 1N0; or ijpatrick@eastlink.ca, by October 20.

Escape room: haunted house museum

October 27 to 29; the Macdonald Museum in Middleton, 21 School Street; hosts a haunted house museum-themed escape room: step inside, if you dare! To book times for your three (minimum) to six (maximum) person group, call 902-825-6116. \$10 per person.

All-things-Apple evening tea

October 28, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Berwick Girl Guides host an All-things-Apple evening dessert event at the South Berwick Hall, 4518 Hwy 1. Featuring your choice of several apple baked desserts, coffee/ tea, mulled apple cider; Girl Guide cookies for sale! Admission freewill offering supports a July 2027 train travel adventure to Ottawa/ Montreal. Info: Sara, 902-599-1833.



horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, be especially patient and affectionate towards your loved ones this week. Someone close to you will need your help, and only you can provide it.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, after many months spent figuring out what you want in life, this week you may finally be able to put a plan of action in motion. Enjoy the ride.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, clear your mind of cobwebs and any other errant thoughts. Right now you need to relax and unwind for a bit. You will feel better after a few days of recharging.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you have been practical and sensible with your finances. However, this week you may be lured by a flashy purchase. If it is in the budget, then let loose.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, sometimes it is important to go with the flow and learn from others with an easygoing approach. Take time to exhale and unwind.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you may feel refreshed and energized this week. This may pave the way to some new ideas, including a change of scenery or even a new job.

Volunteer N.S. workshop:

building neighbour networks

October 28, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Volunteer N.S. hosts its October online workshop: Ready Neighbors-Community Resilience in the Face of Disruption. Learn how your community can build neighbour networks to support each other, and how volunteers can anchor resilience in communities. Register at volunteerns.ca/training

Art with nature

October 28, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood: join Joan and explore various art techniques and media in creating nature-inspired works of art. All supplies included. Ages 18+. \$20 per person. Registration at info@7Arts.ca

Living Alone Academy

October 28 and November 4, 9:30 a.m. to noon: Kings Senior Safety presents a free, program offering information, support and practical skills to assist the older adult faced with living on his or her own – either through divorce, separation or the death of a loved one. Topics include: falls prevention, grief and loss, grief library, right sizing your Home, safe meds, Valley Waste Management, tenancy rights and info, seniors' toolbox. Location: Orchard Valley United Church, 130 Cornwallis Avenue, New Minas. You must pre-register by calling Trishe at 902-670-0725.

Seniors' Safety Academy

October 29, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., Kings Senior Safety presents a free, program designed to give residents 55+ the chance to learn about issues important to their health, safety and independence. Topics include: frauds and scams, cybersecurity, mobile optician, Valley Waste Management, 72-hour preparedness, rules of the road, Project Life Saver, continuing care. Location: Kingston Lions Den Hall, 1482 Veterans Lane, Kingston You must pre-register by contacting Trishe at 902-670-0725 or trishocolman@kingsseniorsafety.org

Games afternoon

October 29, 2 p.m., join us for a fun afternoon of games and fellowship at the Wilmot Christian Fellowship Centre, 208 Dodge Road. Meet friends, bring a friend and plan to make new friends. Play one of our many games or bring your own favourites. Tea, coffee and snacks available. Free-will offering. Call 902-698-9467 for information.

Breakfast

October 31, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., come for a community breakfast at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 45 Main Street, Middleton. Free-will offering: scrambled eggs, sausages, hash browns, pancakes and baked beans.

Holiday hamper applications

November 2 to November 16, the Making Spirits Bright Holiday Hamper applications for families with children and youth, applying for December holiday food and toy hampers, in the Kingston Fire District are available at Sobey's Greenwood (customer service), Kingston Pharmasave (front cash), the Kingston and Greenwood village offices, as well as online at makingspiritsbrightns.ca Follow us on Facebook for updates.

Watercolour for beginners

November 3, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts a watercolour for beginners 4-part beginner class with Jenna. Class dates are November 3, 10, 17 and 24. Cost is \$135 per person. Registration at info@7Arts.ca

Watercolour Play Day

November 3 and 17, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts a relaxing afternoon of watercolour fun. While this is not a facilitated class, artist Joan will be present for guidance and to answer questions. Bring your own watercolour supplies. Minimum donation \$5 per person.

Coffee & Colouring

November 4 and 18, 1 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts Coffee & Colouring. Come enjoy a relaxed atmosphere, with a warm beverage and conversation. All ages welcome! Suggested donation \$5 per person.

SparklenSign paint night

November 6, 6 p.m., Berwick Girl Guides host a fundrais-ing SparklenSign sign-painting party with Pat Hines at the South Berwick Community Hall, 4518 Hwy 1. Sign design selection and online registration from Berwick Girl Guides' Facebook Event, or contact Sara, cskeddy@hotmail.ca for info. \$50 per sign – make that evening, or order a DIY kit(s) for home painting fun. Light canteen, Girl Guide cookies.

Paint pouring workshop

November 7, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts a paint pouring workshop with artist Jane. Learn a variety of techniques to create your own masterpiece. Fun for all experience levels and all supplies included! Cost is \$35 for an 8x10" canvas, \$50 for an 11x14" canvas. Registration at info@7Arts.ca

Christmas craft fair

November 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Kingston Lions host a community Christmas craft fair at the hall, 1482 Veterans Lane. To book a \$25 table, contact Lion Laura, 902-825-7323 or lhobin7323@gmail.com.

Artist trading card workshop

November 7, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts an artist trading card workshop and swap. Create your own ATC. Any and all art media welcome (painting, collaging, stamping, fabric, coloured pencil, graphite, etc). Supplies included; bring any craft supplies from home you'd like to use. For ages 16+. \$10 per person. Register at info@7Arts.ca

Chicken paint night

November 9, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood invites you to create your own chicken painting masterpiece in this guided workshop with Jenna. No experience necessary. All supplies included. \$35 per person. Register at info@7Arts.ca

Community luncheon

November 10, noon to 1 p.m., the Kingston Lions host their monthly community luncheon at the hall. Roast pork, mashed potatoes, mixed veg, bun, cole slaw, gravy, apple sauce, strawberry shortcake for dessert. Dine-in \$15. Pick-up and delivery (available to Kingston/ Greenwood and Wilmot areas) are \$16, pre-ordered only at 902-765-2128, between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Monday, November 2.

Volunteer with Autism Nova Scotia - Greenwood group

Autism Nova Scotia's Valley Chapter is looking for volunteers for its weekly Social-ish Groups in Greenwood. The groups, with volunteer organizers and supports, provide a welcoming space for autistic individuals to connect, socialize and participate in activities. The Greenwood group meets Tuesdays, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., for an eight-week program. No previous experience required! For info: Ava, avcamp@autismsns.ca or 902-599-1228.

Making Spirits Bright holiday hamper program applications open November 2

As Fall settles in, the Making Spirits Bright holiday hamper committee has begun preparations for this year's food and toy hampers for families with children in the Kingston/ Greenwood area.

Rising costs and ongoing financial pressures mean many local families may face a difficult December holiday season. With community support, we can help ensure they experience a brighter Christmas. Last year, the Making Spirits Bright program supported more than 100 families and

221 children.

Making Spirits Bright is a partnership of local organizations: the Kingston Lions, Kingston Fire Department, faith communities, 14 Wing Greenwood, the villages of both Kingston and Greenwood, and the Upper Room Food Bank; along with dedicated volunteers who fundraise, canvass, run toy drives and work together to support families in need.

This year's hamper application period is November 2 to 16 Applications will be available at Sobey's Greenwood,



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Kingston Pharmasave, both the Kingston and Greenwood village offices, and online at makingspiritsbrightns.ca

Follow Making Spirits Bright on Facebook and through the website for updates. ➔

Seniors Care Grant applications open to December 1

Seniors in Nova Scotia can now apply for a \$750 grant to help with healthcare and household costs.

The annual Seniors Care Grant program has helped tens of thousands of people across the province with the cost of home heating, yard work, meal preparation, grocery and prescription medication deliv-

eries, phone service and more to help people stay in their homes longer. Other services the grant can help with include physiotherapy, foot care, mental health support, house cleaning, laundry, internet service, small home repairs and snow removal.

People aged 65 and over with a household income up

to \$45,100 are eligible for the grant. There are several ways to apply:

-online at: novascotia.ca/apply-help-household-health-care-and-home-heating-costs-seniors-care-grant

-by mail: Seniors Care Grant, P.O. Box 160, STN Central, Halifax, N.S. B3J 2M4

-print applications are avail-

able at Access Nova Scotia centres or by calling 1-800-670-4357 (toll-free)

The deadline for applications is December 1.

Seniors signed up for direct deposit with the Canada Revenue Agency will receive funds through direct deposit. All other eligible applicants will receive their payment by cheque. ➔

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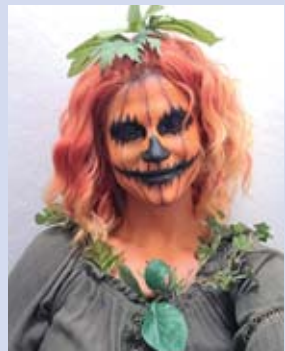
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Dress up for work October 30: Halloween fun and charity

Friday, October 30, 14 Wing Greenwood Defence Team members are encouraged to dress up for work: Halloween fun that makes a difference! Combined Charities unit representatives will collect your participation donation (pay what you can, recommended \$5).

Costumes must prioritize personal protective and operational safety, and adhere to Wing Dress Regulations for appropriate wear (non-offensive,



and well represent the Canadian Armed Forces in public settings). Do not mix uniform pieces with costumes. No full-face or face-covering masks. ➔

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Hooray for helping hands!

Greenwood Health Auxiliary marks 65 years, \$1 million raised

Sara White,
Managing editor

“Come and see our little Op Shop. Bargains galore, they never stop. Clothes and toys, perhaps a stew pot. Our profits help you get better.”

To the tune of “This is the Way we Wash our Clothes,” attendees at the 65th anniversary gathering September 28 of the Greenwood Health Auxiliary sang their way through an afternoon marking the work of “Hands that Help to Heal.” Auxiliary members, with decades of community support, have raised over \$1 million.

“Welcome to our anniversary. Twelve members 65 years ago, to 29 members today; some are active, some are not; but we’re always happy to see you,” said auxiliary president Mary Osmond. “Over 65 years, we’ve raised more than a million dollars for healthcare.”

More than 90% of that fundraising comes through the auxiliary’s Opportunity Shop, a thrift store located in the Greenwood Mall run by

auxiliary volunteers to resell community clothing, household goods, books and other donations. Osmond thanked the mall owners, management, retail neighbours and cleaning staff for their ongoing, essential support; she also thanked a newer partnership with the Beehive Adult Service Centre in Aylesford: for 12 years of the Op Shop’s operations, the Beehive has collected items the store can’t use, recycling and reselling what they can as part of its own programming.

Three past auxiliary presidents were at the anniversary event, hosted at the Kingston Lions Club, which provides regular meeting space, too. Representatives from the Soldiers Memorial Health Auxiliary, which, at one time, was the “parent” organization for auxiliaries in Kingston, Greenwood and Nictaux; also attended: Soldiers and Greenwood are the only two still going. And, there were greetings from the Nova Scotia Association of Health Auxiliaries.

“It is hard to let go of a

good thing,” said NSAHA president Elaine MacDonald, herself a member of a similar auxiliary serving the Aberdeen Hospital in New Glasgow. “A lot of auxiliaries, provincially and in your communities, struggle with members and recruitment. Do you keep going? You continue, and you try and do better across the province. You keep plugging.

“Job well done. Sixty-five years. It is wonderful that you can celebrate. The reward is in your heart, feeling that you’ve been a part of something you can’t buy by yourself.”

Shirley Houghton joined the Greenwood auxiliary in 1985: “I had five children, and needed to get out with the ‘adults,’” she laughed. “I’ve had a good time in the auxiliary, and knew all the girls.”

Houghton joined as a military spouse, 24 years after the Greenwood group initially formed as military wives in 1961, posted with their husbands at CFB Greenwood, realized 20 per cent of Middleton’s Soldiers Memorial

Hospital admissions were military dependents. Then the only auxiliary representing a Canadian Forces base, membership expanded to the wider community. Traditional fundraising coffee parties, clothing drives, holiday present wrapping at the mall and carnivals kept them busy, but the eventual opening of the Op Shop saw its work – and success raising money for local and regional health equipment, services and programs – take off.

The Op Shop regularly works with local churches, Lions, fire departments and volunteer groups. Sometimes, a family will come in for free replacement clothing and supplies after a fire. More recently, the auxiliary found a home for a large collection of donated books with the now village-run Lawrencetown library.

If you are interested in volunteering with the auxiliary, or with the Opportunity Shop, drop in to the Op Shop in the Greenwood Mall. There is a role for all kinds of “helping hands.” ➔



Greenwood Health Auxiliary president Mary Osmond, right, and long-time member Shirley Houghton, left, were joined September 28 by Nova Scotia Association of Health Auxiliaries president Elaine MacDonald, to cut the Greenwood group’s 65th anniversary celebration cake.

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Greenwood ‘Social-ish’ group seeks volunteers

Autism Nova Scotia’s Valley Chapter is looking for volunteers for its weekly “Social-ish” groups in Greenwood.

The groups provide a welcoming space for autistic individuals to connect, socialize and participate in activities. Volunteers help with activities and create an inclusive environment.

The Greenwood group meets Tuesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for an eight-week program. No previous experience is required.

For information or to express interest, contact Ava at avcamp@autismns.ca or 902-599-1228. ➔

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