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14 Wing welcomes international P8A community for JEDI VI

14 Wing Greenwood hosted the sixth iteration of the Joint Exploration and Discussion of Initiatives (JEDI) symposium from October 5 to 9, bringing together members of the international P8A community to exchange knowledge, share lessons learned and strengthen interoperability among allied maritime patrol forces.

The symposium brought together operators, maintainers and mission support personnel from P8A user nations who operate in the North Atlantic region, including the Royal Canadian Air Force, United States Navy, Royal Air Force, Royal Norwegian Air Force and Germany's Marineflieger; as well as senior leadership from 1 Canadian Air Division.

JEDI VI provided a forum for participants to discuss operational employment, sustainment, safety and interoperability; with national briefings, working groups, flying activities and debriefs providing opportunities to compare approaches and identify common challenges.

Interoperability and interchangeability were key themes throughout the symposium, with participants highlighting the value of co-crewing, co-maintenance and shared procedures. One practical example discussed was a German maintainer changing a tire on a Norwegian P8A, demonstrating how cooperation between partner nations can increase operational flexibility.

That interoperability was also put into practice during a co-crewing flight October 7. Aircrew from Canada, the U.K., Norway and Germany flew together aboard a U.S. Navy P8A Poseidon during an antisubmarine warfare training flight over the Atlantic Ocean, accompanied by a RCAF CP140 Aurora and a Royal Air Force Poseidon MRA1.

The timing of the JEDI symposium was particularly significant for Canada, as the RCAF prepares to introduce the CP8A Poseidon through the Canadian Multi-Mission Aircraft project. The RCAF is acquiring the P8A to replace its CP140 Aurora fleet, with the first Canadian aircraft expected to arrive at 14 Wing Greenwood in October 2027.

"The P8A community is very tight-knit, and there is a lot of excitement across 14 Wing as we look toward the arrival of the CP8A," said Colonel Angie Thomas, commander of 14 Wing Greenwood. "Hosting JEDI gives us an opportunity to build relationships with the people and nations who are already operating this aircraft, and who genuinely want to see Canada succeed. The ar-

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Canadian, American, United Kingdom, German and Norwegian personnel gathered October 6 for a joint photo, highlighting the Joint Exploration and Discussion of Initiatives (JEDI) symposium at 14 Wing Greenwood.

Corporal B. Webb-Brown, 14 Wing Imaging

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RPAS readiness training advances

As the Royal Canadian Air Force prepares for the arrival of its CQ9B remotely piloted aircraft systems (RPAS), training and readiness initiatives are helping build the skills and experience needed to operate this new capability.

November 9, the 428 Detachment Standards Flight Commander became the first member of 428 Squadron to participate in the new RPAS Pilot Training and Readiness (RPTR) Flight initiative, flying a Canadian Coast Guard King Air C90A in Ottawa. Through this partnership, RPAS pilots gain valuable hands-on experience aboard crewed aircraft, maintaining essential flying skills such as takeoffs, landings, instrument approaches and operating in controlled airspace.

While the RCAF looks ahead to introducing the CQ9B, maintaining foundational aviation skills remains essential. RPTR Flight helps keep pilots proficient, develop newly-qualified aviators and build the experience needed to progress toward aircraft commander qualifications. ✈

415 Squadron marks change of appointment November 24

November 24, at 10 a.m., 415 (Long Range Patrol Force Development) Squadron will mark a change of appointment at the Annapolis Mess, 14 Wing Greenwood. Master Warrant Officer I.K.M MacNeill will be replaced by the incoming Master Warrant Officer S.D. Doucette.

Dress for the event is DEU 1A for military spectators, and business dress for civilians. ✈

JEDI VI ...

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rival of the CP8A will mark an important new chapter for 14 Wing and Canada's long-range patrol capability."

Canada also had the opportunity to learn from nations that have recently completed their own P8A transitions. Norway received its first P8A in 2022, while Germany transitioned to the aircraft in 2025. Their experiences provided valuable lessons for Canada as it approaches its own transition.

"As Canada prepares to introduce the CP8A, there is enormous operational value in learning directly from countries that are already flying and sustaining the aircraft," said Major-General Chris McKenna, commander of 1 Canadian Air Division. "We can learn from our partners what has worked, understand the challenges they have encountered and use those lessons to inform how we establish our own capability.

"It could be challenging, bringing a new airframe on board, but we have the support of all the allies in this room. We have such a strong spirit of collaboration; there is a lot we can do moving forward."

Lessons and ideas generated will inform planning for JEDI VII and further initiatives between JEDI nations. ✈



International partners aboard a United States Navy P8A Poseidon aircraft conduct a joint flight October 7, a highlight exercise of the Joint Exploration and Discussion of Initiatives conference, hosted by 14 Wing Greenwood. Corporal C. Wilcox, 14 Wing Imaging



14 Wing Greenwood provided a Canadian welcome for visiting allied personnel during the Joint Exploration and Discussion of Initiatives (JEDI) symposium October 5 to 9, including the off boarding of United States Navy members October 5. Corporal T. Curtis, 14 Wing Imaging

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Two paths, one goal: readiness

Major Leslie Fillmore, 26/ 26 Canadian Forces Health Services

While one group of Royal Canadian Medical Service combat medics spent the week sharpening their clinical skills, others were honing their military skills, proving readiness comes in many forms.

November 2 to 6, senior combat medics from across Canada converged on 14 Wing Greenwood to complete Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) training at 26 Canadian Forces Health Services Centre, enhancing their clinical capabilities and meeting evolving scope-of-practice requirements. Experienced Regular and Reserve force personnel from CFHS units in Winnipeg, Moose Jaw, London, Toronto and across the Atlantic region, including 33 Field Ambulance, Canadian Forces Health Services Centre (Atlantic), and both 26 and 27 Canadian Forces Health Services Centres; attended. EMR training focuses on core emergency care skills, including patient assessment, resuscitation and life-saving interventions - all essential tools in maintaining a medically-ready force.

The week marked more than just a successful course. After years of challenges accessing this training, 26/ 27 CFHSC was also able to qualify its own instructor from Goose Bay, creating regional capacity to deliver future courses and improving readiness across Atlantic Canada.

At the same time, a second group of 26 CFHS personnel from across the unit's many disciplines, including administrators, doctors, nurses, pharmacists, combat medics and paramedics; traded the clinic for the classroom. November 5, members participated in a half-day familiarization with the C9 light machine gun and fragmentation grenades, led by 14 Wing Readiness Training Flight. Through safe, hands-on instruction, participants gained a better understanding of the equipment and operational environments encountered by the soldiers they support.

Although the two groups spent the week engaged in very different activities, both were working toward the same objective: readiness. One group focused on strengthening the clinical skills needed to provide emergency care, while the other refreshed the soldier skills and operational awareness that make military healthcare providers effective members of the Canadian Armed Forces team.

Whether learning new life-saving techniques or becoming familiar with the tools used in the field, the message is the same: military medical professionals must be ready to care for soldiers, sailors and aviators; and understand and operate within the environments in which peer military members serve.

One week. Two training activities. One common goal: readiness. ✈



14 Wing Greenwood Readiness Training Flight instructors watch as 26 Canadian Forces Health Services Centre members work through C9 handling drills November 5.



Canadian Forces Health Services personnel from across the country were at 14 Wing Greenwood November 2 to 6, refreshing their Emergency Medical Responder training procedures. Major L. Fillmore





Prevent seasonal sniffles and chills: get your annual flu and COVID-19 vaccines now. 14 Wing Greenwood Colonel Angie Thomas and Wing Chief Warrant Officer Justin Harper have recently rolled up their sleeves for good health at 26 Canadian Forces Health Services. Sailor First Class M. Jensen, 14 Wing Imaging

Protect yourself and others: get your flu shot

As the respiratory illness season arrives, it's more important than ever to protect yourself, your family, and your 14 Wing Greenwood colleagues. The annual influenza and COVID-19 vaccine is now available at 26 Canadian Forces Health Services.

Why get vaccinated?

- reduce your risk of illness and complications
- help protect vulnerable populations
- support operational readiness and community health

26 CFHS offers influenza and COVID-19 vaccines for Canadian Armed Forces members (Regular or Reserve forces) every Wednesday. Book your appointment through the online booking tool (opsoft.mil.ca/apps/med/index.php?svc_type=med, internal wing access only). Members may choose to receive the influenza vaccine, the COVID-19 vaccine, or both during the same appointment. If you are unable to attend scheduled clinic dates, please contact the CDU at 902-765-1494 local 568-5046 to arrange an alternate appointment. When attending your appointment, please bring your immunization booklet, if available; and check in with the CDU clerks upon arrival.

14 Wing Greenwood civilian personnel may access vaccinations through Nova Scotia Health-offered appointments at community clinics. Find an appointment near you at hnshealth.ca/public-health/immunizations/seasonal-vaccines ✈

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WEEKLY EVENTS
Saturdays – Meat Draw – 2:30pm – **Chase the Ace** – 3pm
Sundays – Bingo – 1pm (Doors open at 10am). Everyone is welcome
Veteran's Music Jam – In the Lounge 1:30 -3:30pm. Serving and retired Veterans, Legion members and guests are welcome to join in the jam
Mondays – Rummoli – 1pm. Please bring $10 worth of nickels. Open to members and signed in guests
Tuesdays – Card Bingo – 1pm. 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
Fridays – Foot Clinic Care – call Heather at 902-300-3559 to book an appointment

UPCOMING EVENTS
West Kings Hockey Team fundraiser supper – Nov. 26th – 4:30-6pm – Roast Beef Dinner, Free will offering
DWD for Mary Cameran Kelly – Nov. 27th – 2pm-5pm
Legion Craft and Vendor Fair – Nov. 28th – 10am-3pm – Cost: $2 Kids under 12 free
Dance – Nov. 28th – 8pm-Midnight – Band: Slightly Slanted. $10 per person. Open to the Public
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Recreation programs offer something for all ages, interests

New programs and weekly favourites for Fall fun are making their way onto the PSP Greenwood Community Recreation calendar. Fun, fitness and special event programs are all on offer. For PSP Community Recreation information, program registration (bkk.cfmws.com/greenwoodpub/account/index.asp) and PSP Plan membership, contact the Community Centre at 902-765-1494 local 568-5341. Most programs take place in the Community Centre, Building 110, Church Street, Greenwood.

Wreath-making workshop - Tuesday, November 24, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Ulman's Christmas Tree Farm hosts a holiday wreath-making workshop at the Community Centre. Pre-registration required by noon, November 23: $25 plus tax for military members and PSP Plan members; $40 plus tax otherwise.

YTGIF - Fridays, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Pre-registration required by noon the day of the program (https://bkk.cfmws.com/greenwoodpub/courses/index.asp): $5 plus HST for PSP Plan members; $8 plus HST for non-PSP Plan members.

- November 27 - Minute To Win It games and pizza

Family Fun Night - Wednesdays, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Free for PSP Plan members; $5 plus HST for non-PSP Plan members.

- November 25

Kids Club - Mondays, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Free for PSP Plan members and one-activity pass youth evening program holders; $5 plus HST for non-PSP Plan members. Pre-registration required by noon the day of the program (https://bkk.cfmws.com/greenwoodpub/courses/index.asp).

- November 23 – mini golf
- November 30 – ping pong bonanza

Aquatics programming

The 14 Wing Greenwood Aquatics Program offers a range of lane swims, open casual swims, aquacise, lessons, private bookings, special events, and youth recreational and competitive club swimming with the Greenwood Dolphins. Programs take place in the indoor pool at the 14 Wing Greenwood Fitness and Sports Centre. For information, contact 902-765-1494 local 568-3124. Book and register online at https://bkk.cfmws.com/greenwoodpub/index.asp . Monitor Facebook @14 Wing Greenwood Aquatics PSP. ✈



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Your support is appreciated. Lest we Forget.

All things pickleball on Greenwood courts

14 Wing Greenwood Defence Team members are welcome to join 2026/ 2027 pickleball intersection and competitive programming. Registration and play is underway at the Fitness and Sports Centre.

Intersection pickleball happens Mondays, 11 a.m. to noon, and Fridays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Competitive pickleball takes place Mondays, noon to 1 p.m.

For more information on pickleball offerings, contact OPI Warrant Officer Alain Chalifoux, alain.chalifoux@forces.gc.ca ✈



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February 1 to 5, there will be a Personnel Support Program national squash development camp at CFB Borden. Canadian Armed Forces members interested in attending (all skill levels are welcome) should complete the form located at this QR code by November 27.

Contact your local base PSP sports coordinator to find out more about support through registration, joining orders, travel arrangements and chain of command approvals. ✈



14 Wing, community decks the mall with Festival of Trees December 5

The Valley is invited to view – and win! – a selection of festively-decorated trees Saturday, December 5, as 14 Wing Combined Charities hosts its annual Festival of Trees event at the Greenwood Mall.

Combined Charities is 14 Wing Greenwood's workplace giving program, with events and challenges held for military and civilian members of 14 Wing and the community. Combined Charities raises funds for local and regional charities identified by 14 Wing personnel (including food programs, minor sports, animal care, health services, youth organizations, veterans' supports and more). In 2025, Combined Charities donated over $35,000 in cash, plus in-kind collected food and supplies, to non-profits in our community. Donations included school food programs between Cambridge and Middleton, programs at the Soldiers Memorial Hospital Veterans Unit, and 14 Valley organizations supporting children and families.

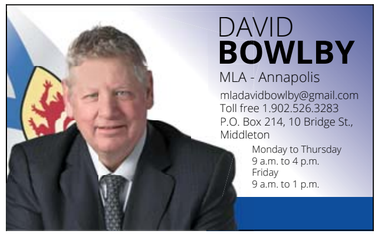
Festival of Trees is the major campaign fundraising event, with tabletop trees decorated, adorned with gifts and raffled off. Trees are entered by both units at 14 Wing Greenwood and by partnering local businesses and organizations. The event also features a prize tree, with a selection of items raffled off in hourly draws. If you would like to enter a tree or donate a prize, contact Sara White, sara.white@forces.gc.ca

The event will be held at the Greenwood Mall, 963 Central Avenue. Tickets are 10 for $5, in numbered envelopes corresponding to the purchaser's name. Two ticket-selling tables will be set up in the mall, with tickets on sale between 11 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. Decorated trees will be raffled at 3 p.m.; with prize draws on the hour from noon to 3 p.m.

Winners do not have to be present to win. They will be contacted between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m., with pick up options. ✈



14 Wing Greenwood, with community organizations and businesses, will deck the halls of the Greenwood Mall December 5, as the wing's Combined Charities campaign hosts its annual Festival of Trees public ticket raffle. Trees are imaginatively themed, creatively decorated - and well worth the winning; with all raffle sales benefitting local charity. File







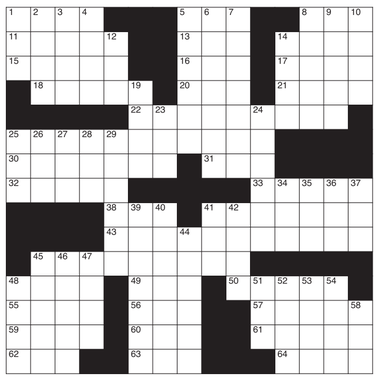
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1. Insect feeler
5. Central processing unit
8. Part of (abbr.)
11. Typical
13. Tall, rounded vase
14. __ Alto, California city
15. Lustrous, velvet-like fabric
16. 'Fresh Prince of __ Air'
17. Hebrew calendar month
18. British surgeon who discovered bone disease
20. Agreement between debtor and creditor (abbr.)
21. Elongated part of anatomical structure
22. Acts slowly on
25. Keeps a little too safe
30. Greek seaport
31. 'Baba O'Riley' rockers
32. Vision
33. Potassium nitrate in mineral form
38. Midway between northeast and east
41. Not a pro
43. Give a new look
45. Sensational
48. Nobel Prize-winning physicist
49. Annoy constantly
50. Vaccine developer
55. Lying down
56. Type of language (abbr.)
57. Flat-bottomed boat
59. Smallest or slightest
60. Bind
61. Speeds
62. The products of human creativity
63. Consume food
64. Ancient Greek sophist

DOWN
1. A young canine
2. As fast as can be done
3. Soviet moon probes
4. Sharp spasm of pain
5. One who adheres to a specific art movement
6. Show parts of
7. Unfasten
8. San Diego ballplayer
9. Santa
10. Rocky peaks
12. 'Matt Houston' actor Horsley
14. A written agreement between two sides
19. Beginning to end (abbr.)
23. Greek goddess of the dawn
24. Not written in any key
25. Organized missions
26. Seven
27. Work unit
28. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
29. Broadway legend Bernadette
34. Belonging to a thing
35. Vietnamese offensive
36. Bitterly regret
37. Make a mistake
39. Newborn child
40. A combined landmass
41. Satisfaction
42. Hilly peninsulas in Denmark
44. Young swine
45. Type of sword
46. Siskel's partner
47. Brood of pheasants
48. Hindu model of ideal man
51. Suitable in the circumstances
52. La __ tar pits
53. Unstressed-stressed metrical foot
54. California wine country
58. Badly

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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.

Miniature workshop
November 24, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood invites you to explore the world of miniatures with artists Amber and Sarah. Work towards creating your very own miniature room. For ages 18+. $50 per class. Registration at info@7Arts.ca

Art with Nature
November 25, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood presents Art with Nature. Artist Joan will be exploring various art techniques and media in creating nature-inspired works of art. All supplies included. For ages 18+. $20 per person. Registration at info@7Arts.ca

Safety and connection for women
November 25, 1 p.m., Kings Senior Safety, with Annapolis County Seniors' Safety and the Women's Place Resource Centre, shares the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence annual international campaign, November 25 to December 10. Learn about community resources and how we can all do our part to end gender-based violence, and renew our commitment to ending violence against women, girls and 2SLGBTQI+ communities. Location: Kingston Legion, 1472 Veterans Lane.

Games afternoon
November 26, 2 p.m., join us for an afternoon of games and fellowship at the Wilmot Christian Fellowship Centre, 208 Dodge Road. Bring your favourite games or play one of ours. Bring a friend and make new ones. Tea, coffee, snacks provided. For more info: 902-698-9467.

Ocean landscape art project
November 26, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood and artist Jenna invite you to create an ocean landscape masterpiece. No experience necessary. Cost is $35. Register at info@7Arts.ca

Scooter safety session
November 26, noon, Kings Senior Safety offers a free scooter safety session. Do you use, or are you thinking about using, a personal transporter (seniors' scooter)? Come and learn about what kind of scooter is right for you, safety and rules of the road, how to share the road with pedestrians and scooters. Location: Kingston United Church, 733 Main Street, Kingston. Includes a light lunch. Register with Trishe, 902- 670-0725 or trishecolman@kings-seniorssafety.org

7Arts open house
November 28, noon to 4 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood is having an open house. Pop by for free studio tours, live music, light refreshments and more!

Carols and reindeer games
November 28, 7 p.m., All Saints Church, 521 Pleasant St., Kingston; invites you to come out for an evening of musical songs and fun! Freewill offering.

Christmas tea & sale
November 28, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., there will be a Christmas tea and sale at St. Anthony of Padua church hall, 120 Mill St., Berwick. Tea, sandwiches and treats, $5 admission; live entertainment, bake sale and craft tables, Christmas white elephant table and silent auction.

Kingston Legion craft sale
November 28, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Kingston Legion, 1472 Veterans Lane, hosts its annual craft sale. Admission $2, under 12 free. Kitchen will be open!

Watercolour crash course
December 1, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood, with artist Jenna, guides participants through the basics of watercolour painting in a 1.5 hour workshop. No experience necessary. All supplies included! $35 per person. Register at info@7Arts.ca

Coffee & colouring
December 2, 9 and 16, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts Coffee & Colouring. Come enjoy a relaxed atmosphere with a warm beverage, colouring and conversation. All ages welcome! Suggested donation $5 per person.

Watercolour holiday cards
December 3, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts a watercolour holiday card beginner tutorial with Jenna. Each participant will create four festive watercolour cards. Cost: $35 per person. Register at info@7Arts.ca

Bake sale
December 3, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Soldiers Memorial Health Auxiliary presents its "Happy Holidays" annual bake sale at Home Hardware, Commercial Street, Middleton.

Festival of Trees – raffle
December 5, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; 14 Wing Greenwood's Combined Charities hosts its annual public Festival of Trees raffle at the Greenwood Mall. 14 Wing units, with local businesses and community organizations present three-foot table top trees loaded with prizes, plus an hourly prize draw tree. Tickets are $5 for an envelope of 10; prize draw trees are hourly, and tree draws are at 3 p.m. You do not have to be present to win. For event info, to enter a tree or donate an hourly prize draw item, visit Facebook @14 Wing Combined Charities or contact Sara White, sara.white@forces.gc.ca

Christmas hymn sing
December 6, 6:30 p.m., you are invited to a Christmas hymn sing at the Wilmot Baptist Christian Fellowship Centre, 208 Dodge Road. Enjoy your favourite Christmas carols and songs with our church choir and guest singers, Elroy and Linda Bobbett and Murray and Linda Hird. Refreshments to follow. Freewill offering. 902-825-6631 for information.

Winter wonderland paint night
December 8, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood and Jenna invite you to create your own 8x10" Winter wonderland masterpiece. All supplies included. No experience necessary. $35 per person. Email info@7Arts.ca to register.

National Association of Federal Retirees branch meeting, dinner
December 9, 11:30 a.m., the National Association of Federal Retirees Western NS Branch will hold its Christmas dinner at the Aylesford Lions Club, 2160 Highway 1, Auburn. Turkey dinner and all the trimmings, $18. Bring a potential member along who hasn't joined the association yet so they can learn what we can do for them! If you wish to attend, email nafr75@gmail.com (emails preferred) or call Carolyn/ Bill at 902-765-8590 after 1 p.m., no later than December 2. Please call if you must cancel as there will be a wait list.

horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
This is a good weekend for kicking back and relaxing, Aries. If you feel like hosting, open your home to some guests for even more fun.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you must follow through when you say you are going to do something this week. If not, others may associate you with empty promises, and that reputation is not easily remedied.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, it is all right to seek perfection, but you don't have to go it alone. Be grateful when others offer to help, even if you may need to fix something along the way.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you may have taken on too much, and now you think you can't get it all accomplished. It may take a few long nights, but your initial goal is still attainable.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Spending too much time worrying about what others are doing or what they think of you is not productive, Leo. Focus on what makes you happy and don't worry about others.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
You are naturally trusting of others, Virgo. But keep a small amount of skepticism going so that no one takes advantage of you. Once you vet friends, keep them close.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, do not feel like you have to change much about yourself to fit the mold others have created. It is alright to be unique and be proud of your differences.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, let supervisors know just how much you have been contributing at work and how it has been beneficial to their bottom line.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
You have a trustworthy circle of friends, Sagittarius. If the going gets a little tricky this week, call upon the people who just can't wait to support you.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, even though work life and home life are separate, there are some instances when they might overlap. Use this time to build deep relationships.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Conversations with friends the next few days prove to be a great mood-lifter, Aquarius. Things in your life will continue in a positive direction for some time.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Things that may have confounded you in the past will become much more clear this week, Pisces. Someone comes into your life and will explain what you need to know.

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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!

Celebrate 'A Very Kingston Christmas' November 28

Kingston is getting ready to celebrate the magic of Christmas. Come for A Very Kingston Christmas Saturday, November 28, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.; at the Kingston Farmers' Market/ Aurora Inn grounds, 831 Main Street.

The area will be magically transformed into a festive Christmas village, filled with twinkling lights, cozy fires, holiday music, local vendors, family activities and plenty of Christmas cheer! Visitors will enjoy a visit and photos with Santa, reindeer rides, cookie decorating, ornament making, Christmas carols and the opportunity to shop local for unique gifts. Fresh-cut balsam fir Christmas trees and beautiful fresh wreaths will also be available for purchase.

The highlight of the evening will be Kingston's community Christmas tree lighting – a special gathering filled with music, carols and Christmas spirit as we come together to light the village tree.

Admission is free, with some activities and experiences available for an additional fee.

Bring your family, invite your friends and come be part of something special as Kingston kicks off the Christmas season together! ✈



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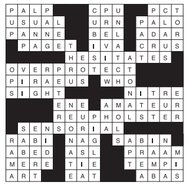
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Food bank fills community need for 35 years

Pat Nixon

Since 1991, the Upper Room Food Bank has served as a key community resource for food security in the Kingston/ Greenwood region. Through partnerships with Feed Nova Scotia, local churches, businesses, service clubs, 14 Wing Greenwood, schools and volunteers, the food bank has become an important part of the area's social support network.

October 28, volunteers past and present were invited to a 35th anniversary celebration of the Upper Room Food Bank. Food bank assistant manager Gillian Hess welcomed all past and present volunteers and board members, thanking everyone for their contributions and support over the years.

Food bank manager Harley Hazelwood thanked everyone for their dedication and service to the food bank since its founding. As he stated, "without volunteers, there would be no food bank."

The food bank opened in 1991, located in the upstairs rooms above the O.H. Armstrong Creamery in Kingston, beside the Lions hall and Legion (hence the name, Upper Room Food Bank). When the creamery building was demolished, the food bank moved to the old Meadowview Meat Market for 18 months, and a fundraising campaign began to raise funds for a new food bank building in Kingston. With the over $50,000 raised, a good "old fashioned" barn-raising happened over two days, bringing the building to "airtight" status. It moved into its current location in 2001.

Kings West MLA Chris Palmer thanked everyone for their current and past hard work and commitment to the food bank and those in need.

"What impresses me most about volunteers is that you see a need and choose to do something about it. You don't wait for someone else to solve the problem. You become part of the solution."



After a celebratory cake-cutting, Kings West MLA Chris Palmer, left; Upper Room Food Bank assistant manager Gillian Hess and manager Harley Hazelwood made quick work of serving up slices of a 35th anniversary cake to volunteers invited October 28 to mark the occasion. M. Rolph

As the MLA for Kings West, Palmer has "the privilege of meeting many dedicated people across our communities. I can honestly say the volunteers of the Kingston food bank represent the very best of what our region stands for: generosity, compassion, hard work and a genuine commitment to helping others."

Kingston village commissioner Maggie Travis brought congratulations and thanks from the village for all the food bank does for those in need of food support.

"The support and generosity of the community is truly amazing, helping to provide security, peace of mind and a safe space for those in need facing food insecurity."

Genevieve Campbell presented some video testimonials from those who had received support from the food bank over the years, describing how that "helping hand" had supported them and their families when needed during difficult times, and the hope it gave them.

The evening finished off with a cake, generously donated by Sobeys Greenwood, and time spent together by volunteers, past and present, reminiscing about the food bank over the years. ✈





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~ Obituary ~

BACKMAN, Larry Hudson,
July 9, 1930 - November 4, 2026



Our loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather passed away peacefully with family on Wednesday, November 4th, 2026 at the Perley Health in Ottawa after 96 remarkable years. He was born in Marriotts Cove, Nova Scotia, and grew up in Val-d'Or, Quebec, returning to Nova Scotia in 1959. Larry leaves his children, Steven (Anna-Lee), Cathy (Michael), Sharon (Frank), Larry (Nancy); his eight grandchildren, Emily (Daniel), Drew (Sarika), David (Joan), Aleyah (Adam), Elizabeth (Othmen), Daniel (Freya), Olivia (Jake) and Brenna; great-grandchildren, Kristen, Bennett, Addison, Aura, Aleesa and Lyla; and brother Ben. Predeceased by his wife, Olga, his parents, Bernice and Harry; and brother Jack. Larry was a proud veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces, serving his country from 1951-1981. During 1976-1977, Larry studied and received a Certificate of Qualification with a Red Seal endorsement. After retiring from the military, Larry drove a local school bus for the next ten years and when his wife Olga retired, they became Snowbirds travelling to Florida every winter for fifteen years which he looked forward to every year. Larry lived a full, vibrant life with his family and especially loved the outdoors enjoying hunting and fishing with his sons and even daughters from time to time spending quality time with his family. Larry was an amazing provider while balancing his work and his responsibilities at home with his family. He loved going out to his cottage to relax, smoke his pipe, prepare for deer season, or just have a swig of rum and enjoy a hockey or baseball game. We have so many happy memories and experiences with our father that we will treasure forever. In keeping with our fathers' wishes, a private internment will take place. In memory of Larry Backman, memorial donations may be made directly to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada. Arrangements have been entrusted to Basic Funerals and Cremation Choices, 1934 St. Joseph Boulevard, Ottawa, Ontario. Online guestbook may be signed by visiting: www.basicfunerals.ca

"Forever in our hearts, we miss and love you dearly."