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## 'Dream come true' for 73-year-old newly-licensed pilot

**Second Lieutenant Meagan Duncan**

Major (retired) Jack Smith recently earned his recreational pilot licence at the age of 73 after training at the Annapolis Valley Flight Training Centre in Greenwood. For the past year, Smith has driven from his hometown in Yarmouth for two days of lessons each week in Greenwood.

"It was a dream come true," Smith says now, with a smile. "When you're in the air force, it's something you always think about."

Smith spent 27 years serving in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He joined as an air defence technician and completed basic training in Cornwallis in 1969. Ten years later, he commissioned and became an air weapons controller, working with fighter jets. Throughout his career, he experienced 14 postings, including two outside of Canada. He retired in 1996 from his last posting in Colorado Springs and brought his family back home to Yarmouth.

After Smith's wife, Elaine, passed away in April 2020, he was looking for a new hobby - something to keep busy and fill his time during COVID-19 restrictions. He bought a flight simulator, with

a powerful computer, three monitors, yokes and pedals, and began training on that at home. Once a week, his friend came over for "Donair Tuesday," where they would eat donairs and spend three hours training together on the simulator.

In October 2021, after approximately a year of using the simulator, the opportunity came up to start training for his pilot's licence in Greenwood.

"I had the time and the desire - so I did it," Smith said. "It's an excellent, excellent school, with great instructors, so that made the training better."

He spent a year studying in the classroom and at home, with flying lessons in a Cessna-172.

"At my age, it was something else. I don't know if I even should have started it. It was a lot."

Every lesson was something new, and Smith found the academic part quite challenging; he spent a lot of time studying.

"The flying part was fun and exciting, I really enjoyed that. But the academic part sucked," Smith laughs.

Smith explained the training program is something you must be really dedicated to: it



**Jack Smith can land on Runway 30 at 14 Wing Greenwood from this at-home simulator: something to "fill a void: during pandemic years, and fulfill a dream of learning to fly.** Submitted

**Newly-licensed pilot Jack Smith says earning his license to fly is a "dream come true." A pandemic time-filler is now serving up its reward: air time.** Second Lieutenant M. Duncan

takes a lot of time and money, and it is a big commitment.

"It definitely gave me a different appreciation for what air force pilots go through."

When the time came for his final flight test, the instructor said Smith was the oldest new pilot they had tested. There are likely other pilots older than Smith still flying, but to be starting out as a new pilot at 73 years of age is quite an accomplishment.

Most pilots look forward to their first solo flight but,

for Smith, it felt routine: the student pilot goes up with an instructor, they fly a couple circuits, then they land, the instructor gets out so the student pilot can go up and do one circuit on their own. For Smith, his favourite moment was not the first solo flight, but the first time he took his family on a flight.

"My biggest thrill was taking my daughter and granddaughter up," Smith says. "Taking them up on a flight and showing them what I

could do was the best. They were so proud."

Although Smith has had his pilot licence for over a month now, when he goes to rent a plane, it still feels like a dream to him: "Is it even real?"

"I like to say I'm a licenced pilot... in training!"

Smith still uses his simulator at home for training, but he is hoping to get at least 20 to 30 hours a year of flight time. He's joined the Yarmouth flying club and plans to get out once a week

there, and maybe come to Greenwood once a month to fly here and visit family. The recreational pilot's licence he obtained is a Visual Flight Rules (VFR) licence, which allows him to fly anywhere in Canada with one passenger - two passengers, if he's with another pilot. Smith is looking forward to taking his friends, family and grandchildren on flights in the future.

"It was a challenge, but it filled a void. It's something I accomplished." ✈

# Wing fund donations means more morale, welfare opportunities

**Sara White, Managing editor**

Over a morale-building pancake and whipped cream breakfast in 14 Wing Greenwood's headquarters foyer, a fundraiser for Combined Charities, the base's CANEX and SISIP divisions added to the good feeling.

CANEX manager Terry Stuart and SISIP financial counsellor Alison Reid co-

presented a cheque to the 14 Wing Fund worth \$127,803. The donation represents income over the past year generated by both Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services' local entities from their local services – and from local customers.

"This is an annual thing, and this year is a better year than in the past two years," said Deputy Wing Commander Lieutenant-Colonel Eric



**14 Wing Greenwood Deputy Wing Commander Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Travis, left; was happy to have CANEX manager Terry Stuart and SISIP financial counsellor Alison Reid co-present a cheque to the wing's morale and welfare fund November 17. Also present was Personnel Support Program senior manager Nicole Peppard.**

Travis, accepting the donation on behalf of the wing. "This percentage of money

raised throughout the year gives Wing Fund the ability to support many activities here

at the wing. Huge thanks to CANEX and SISIP. Without this, many things – pool

programs, Mess activities, recreation offerings – may not happen." →

# Medevac calls keep SAR crews busy

November 20, just after 5:30 p.m., the Halifax Joint Rescue Coordination Centre tasked a 14 Wing Greenwood-based Hercules crew, with 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron to support a Gander-based Cormorant helicopter conducting a medevac of a heart attack patient from a vessel off-

shore of Kuujuaq, Quebec. The Herc crew transferred the patient from Kuujuaq to Emergency Health Services in Halifax, returning to Greenwood at 2:30 a.m. November 21.

November 22, just before 4 p.m., a Greenwood Cormorant, Rescue 902, and a Hercules, Rescue 343, were

tasked to search for a missing sailboat between Nova Scotia and Bermuda. One spotter joined the Hercules crew. By 6 p.m., the Cormorant stood down, based on the last known updated position of the boat. The Hercules remained on the search until the sailboat was located; it was determined

not to be in distress, and R332 stood down and returned to Greenwood before 9:30 p.m.

November 26, JRCC tasked a Hercules and a Cormorant to support a vessel taking on water off Sydney. Rescue 902 was airborne at 8:46 a.m., followed by Rescue 343 at 9:19 a.m.

By 11:45 a.m., the vessel resolved its water issue and was being towed into Sydney with all five crew aboard. The Hercules was stood down and returned to Greenwood around 12:30 p.m. The Cormorant was stood down and, after refueling in Sydney, returned to Greenwood just before 2:30 p.m. →

November 28, Hercules R343, with a Gander-based Cormorant, was tasked after 7 a.m. to support a medevac of an injured crew member on a Portuguese fishing vessel, the Princesca Sanata Joana, 230 nautical miles southeast of St. John's. The Hercules returned to Greenwood just before 2:30 p.m. →

# Kings residents' service, 'stepping up,' recognized with Queen's medal

**Second Lieutenant Meagan Duncan**

Fifteen local residents, including four Canadian Armed Forces members or veterans, had the honour of receiving the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal November 25.

Kings West MLA Chris Palmer and Nova Scotia Premier Tim Houston presented the medals at a ceremony hosted in the VPI Centre in Greenwood.

"I'm honoured to host this event here at 14 Wing, at this place that symbolizes service," Palmer said in his opening remarks. "Today, we pay tribute to those who have given their time and talents in service to our communities, our province and our country. We celebrate these people who make our communities better. They lead, instead of waiting to be led. They tackle challenges head-on. They see problems as opportunities instead of obstacles."

The Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal (Nova Scotia) marks the 70th anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne in 1952. The medal program honours significant contributions and achievements by Nova Scotians. Five thousand medals will be awarded across the province through February 5.

"We live in a beautiful province, with lots of good things happening," said Houston, "but what really makes Nova Scotia great is the people. People like you, who are stepping up every day, year after year, to help out in our communities."

"What's happening here today is really significant. It is a great honour. You are what Nova Scotia is all about. The Queen would be proud of you."

14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Jeff Davis offered words of welcome to 14 Wing, and congratulated all the medal recipients.

"You are being presented a medal that represents 70 years of service; wear it with pride."

Medal recipients in Kings West honoured at the November 25 ceremony included

Pamela Beattie, Donna Conrad, Gary Galley, Elizabeth "Betty" Hebb, Richard Height\*, Dalton Lease\*, Bob Lyle, Michelle MacIsaac\*, Mary Magee, Karen Martin, George Moody, Thomas Oickle, Ian Patrick\*, Brooke Steadman and David Walsh (\*CAF/ veteran recipients).

**Richard Height**

Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Height is a health services operations officer and the commanding officer of 33 Field Ambulance, a Reserve unit located at the Willow Park Armoury in Halifax. Height showed great initiative and support to military families under his command during the COVID-19 pandemic. He has overseen deployments to Op LASER, the CAF's response to a worldwide pandemic situation and support to the civilian health care system, and Op LENTUS, the CAF's response to natural disasters in Canada, including to Sydney, Pictou and Charlottetown following Hurricane Fiona.

**Dalton Lease**

Chief Petty Officer Second Class (retired) Dalton Lease worked as a Navy cook but, following Canadian Armed Forces unification, he posted to Greenwood for three years.

Lease retired in Berwick and has been a long time Shriner and member of the Masonic Lodge in Berwick. For over 20 years, he has run the community breakfast, which has allowed the lodge to support the Berwick School breakfast program and provide annual scholarships to high school students.

**Michelle MacIsaac**

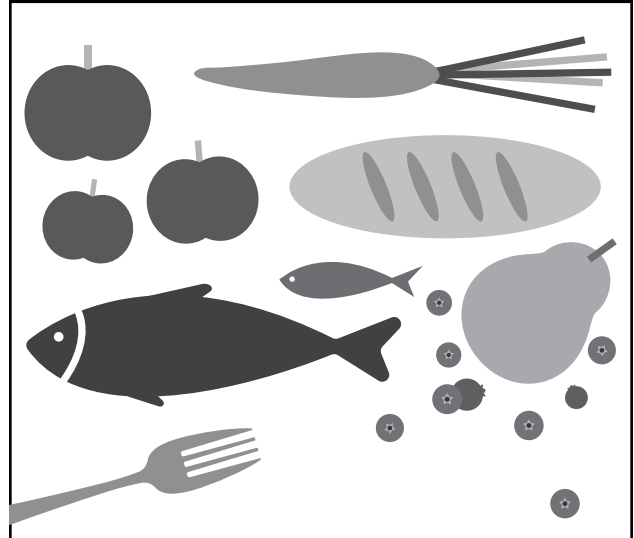
Captain (retired) Michelle MacIsaac was a social work officer in the Canadian Army and retired in Greenwood in 2009. She is now co-owner of Clannad Counselling & Consulting and strives to better N.S. and its residents by providing accessible mental health services for those in need. MacIsaac quickly reacted to the chaos of the COVID-19 pandemic by offering telemedicine to Nova Scotian residents. MacIsaac also offers equine supported wellness and has a therapeutic horse-riding group for women who served in the CAF or RCMP. The SPIRIT program – Strength, Pride, Insight, Relationship, Identity, Trust – is offered by the Free Spirit Therapeutic Riding Association and Clannad Counselling & Consulting, through generous funding from Veterans Affairs Canada.



**Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Height, left, Chief Petty Officer Second Class (retired) Dalton Lease, Captain (retired) Michelle MacIsaac and Major-General (retired) Ian Patrick were among 15 Kings West residents presented the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal November 25 in Greenwood.**

**Ian Patrick**

Major-General (retired) Ian Patrick served in the Royal Canadian Air Force for 42 years. He first came to Greenwood as a flight lieutenant, working as a pilot at 405 and 404 squadrons, before going to Australia for staff college. He held many command positions, including at the Air Command headquarters, now the equivalent of 1 Canadian Air Division commander. He retired in Greenwood 30 years ago, and has been an active volunteer. Patrick was a 16-year member of the Kingston Lions Club, serving in most positions, including president, for which he received the district's president of the year award. He started a local experimental aircraft association chapter. In 1993, he was asked to assist in the formation of a new aviation museum at CFB Greenwood. Since then, he has served as chairman of the board of the supporting society and was the first co-chair of the 14 Wing museum board of directors. →



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Centre Facebook page. Judging criteria includes creativity, lighting, theme

and decorations.

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## Jolly Days campaign will include more kids in military family programming

The holiday season provides a welcome break from the fast pace of our day-to-day lives. It is an occasion to celebrate, recharge and enjoy ourselves. It is also a time of giving and sharing.

When shopping this season, give the gift of support to someone in your community. To December 15, CANEX will match all donations made in-store and on CANEX.ca in support of the two official charitable causes of the Canadian Armed Forces. Every dollar given will have double the impact for a CAF member, veteran, or family in need. Your matched contribution will be divided equally between Support Our Troops and Soldier On.

PSP will also be collecting donations through its online registration portal. One hundred per cent of the proceeds will go to champion the inclusion support workers who ensure each child has an amazing experience. With your help, we aim to raise \$7,500 to secure a skilled support worker who will make a difference in the lives of up to 15 children from military fami-

lies. Your help will bring hope and opportunities to the over 203 families who requested an inclusion support worker in order to attend camp in 2022.

For a \$5 donation, members will receive access to download an exclusive digital art piece painted by artist Kristen Lucyshyn. Kristen is from a military family and has lived all over Canada and parts of the U.S. She has worked for Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare since 1998, including a deployment to support third location decompression. She currently is posted to CFB Shilo. With your downloaded file, you can print the art to frame, make cards, mugs or follow along with us on social media as we create holiday décor that you can make at home.

This fundraiser is a part of our inclusive holiday program: Jolly Days. This includes a virtual contest and concert. The December 16 concerts will be streamed on Facebook and Youtube. Details about all things Jolly Days will be uploaded to our website December 1, [cfmws.ca/jolly-days](http://cfmws.ca/jolly-days). →

### Dear Santa...

#### Have a holiday wish for Santa, or the community?

The Aurora Newspaper will include letters to Santa in the December 19 issue, the last before the big day, and we invite you to join us.

- Hand deliver your letter, a photo and a sample of your signature to The Aurora (61 School Road, Morfee Annex, Greenwood) OR
- Email your letter, photo and a scan of your signature to [auroraproduction@ns.aliantzinc.ca](mailto:auroraproduction@ns.aliantzinc.ca)

**All letters must be received by 4 p.m. December 12.**

Letters should be a maximum 50 words and include full name, age and home community. A parent's name and phone number should be included for youth.



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**7 p.m., Sunday December 11**

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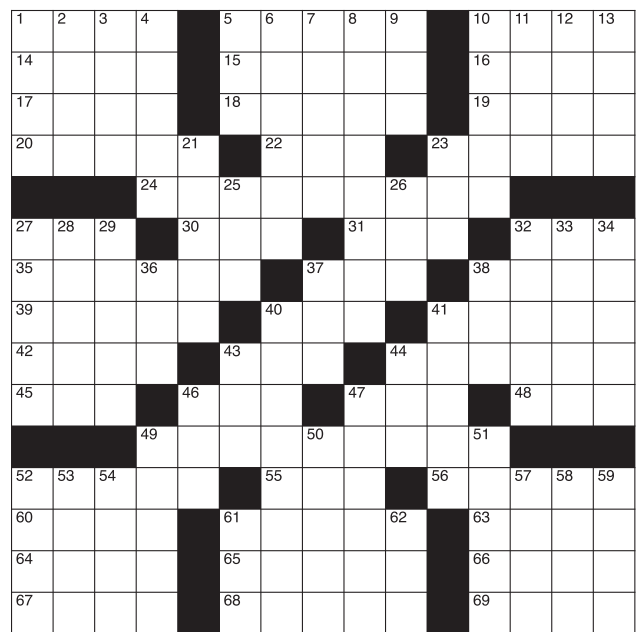
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Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the Kingston Library hosts stories and songs for ages 0-5 years, accompanied by a parent/caregiver. Registration encouraged.

**Youth art lessons**  
Wednesdays through December, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood offers art lessons for youth

ages 12 & under. New projects every week with guest artists. \$25 each session, Register at 7arts@7arts.ca.  
**Open studio**  
Thursdays through December, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts an open studio for ages 16+ and adults. Work with a guest artist or on your own project. Each session \$10 (bring your own supplies) or \$25 (7Arts supplies). Register at 7arts@7arts.ca.  
**Makers space**  
Saturdays through December, noon to 4 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood offers maker space activity time. All ages welcome, \$5 for each project. A great way to make some handmade Christmas gifts. See 7Arts Facebook page for details.

**Holiday food drive**  
December 1 to 17, the Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library is collecting non-perishable food items for its 3rd food drive to support our local food bank. Please drop your donations off at the library during open hours. Thank-you for your generosity this the holiday season!

## crossword solution page 7



- ACROSS**
1. Chop up
  5. Ones who utilize
  7. Sings with closed lips
  14. South American hummingbird
  15. Serves as a cowswain
  16. Liqueur distilled from coconut or rice
  17. Spur
  18. Senile
  19. Tanzanian people
  20. Cruel
  22. Boxing's 'GOAT'
  23. Yokels
  24. London soccer team
  27. Chinese chess piece
  30. Supervises flying
  31. 007's creator
  32. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
  35. A spider makes one
  37. Liquefied natural gas
  38. Opaque gem
  39. Brazilian palm
  40. Periodical (slang)
  41. You might step on one
  42. Marvin and Horsley are two
  43. Partner to cheese
  44. Unpleasant smell
  45. Field force unit (abbr.)
  46. Fashion accessory
  47. Cool!
  48. Time zone
  49. Songs to one's lover
  52. German river
  55. Go bad
  56. Sword
  60. Very eager
  61. Leaf bug
  63. Italian seaport
  64. Napoleon Dynamite's uncle
  65. Member of Jamaican religion
  66. Large wading bird
  67. Carries out
  68. Eternal rest
  69. It holds up your headwords
  - DOWN**
  1. Not low
  2. Small water buffalo
  3. A mark left behind
  4. Archaic form of have
  5. Fiddler crabs
  6. Popular Hyundai sedan
  7. Depart
  8. Making over
  9. Midway between south and southeast
  10. Arabic masculine name
  11. Type of acid
  12. Popular 1980s Cher film
  13. Outdoor enthusiasts' tools
  21. Chinese city
  23. Star Wars' character
  25. Solo
  26. The bill in a restaurant
  28. Old, ugly witch
  27. Burn with a hot liquid
  28. To claim or demand
  29. 'A Doll's House' playwright
  32. Involuntary muscular contraction
  33. Pea stems (British)
  34. Double or multiple fold
  36. No longer is
  37. Lakers' crosstown rivals (abbr.)
  38. S. American plant cultivated in Peru
  40. Cloth or fabric
  41. Flanks
  43. Disfigure
  44. Angry
  46. Baltic coast peninsula
  47. Large, flightless birds
  49. Plants of the lily family
  50. Medieval Norwegian language
  51. Polio vaccine developer
  52. Not soft
  53. Exchange rate
  54. Voice (Italian)
  57. Bassball's Ruth
  58. Famed guitarist Clapton
  59. Take a chance
  61. Wife
  62. Elaborate handshake

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## horoscopes

### December 4 to December 10

**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Someone thinks you are up to a challenge this week, Aries. Dive right in and prove them correct. There's much you'll get done, but leave some time for leisure.  
**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**  
There's not much you can't accomplish these next several days, Taurus. The key will be knowing just when to pull back so that you can do each job well.

**GEMINI - May 22/June 21**  
Think before committing to a project that is expected to take a long time, Gemini. While you may have a lot of free time right now, that may not be the case in a few weeks.

**CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, health concerns may come to the forefront this week, whether it pertains to you or someone close to you. Empty your schedule so you can devote the utmost attention.

**LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, despite many looming deadlines, you are surprisingly relaxed about all the things you need to accomplish. Maybe that is because you have a lot of help.

**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Some unexpected time off has dropped into your lap, Virgo. Figure out if a small vacation or weekend getaway might be just what you need right now. Then make it happen.

Level: Beginner

## sudoku

### December 4 to December 10

**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**  
A career change could be on the horizon, Libra. Do your research before you take the full plunge into new waters. Maybe test things out before making a firm commitment.  
**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Home improvements could be coming soon, Scorpio. They'll interfere with your daily schedule for a bit, but the results will be worth any disruption.

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Your hospitable nature is a perfect match for the entertaining you will be doing this week, Sagittarius. Expect a houseful of people on one or more days.

**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Spending certainly is up during the holiday season, but you may need to keep a closer eye on what is going on with your finances, Capricorn. Don't lose sight of your budget.

**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**  
A few interesting possibilities may come across your desk, Aquarius. Look at them with a critical eye and get a second opinion before moving forward.

**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Too many things seem like a priority right now, Pisces. You need to weed through all of your responsibilities and tackle the most urgent.

Level: Beginner

Lions at 902-765-2128 to pre-order your take-out turkey dinner luncheon (turkey, veggies, roll and dessert); to be picked up at the hall December 13 (noon to 1 p.m.), or delivered (Kingston/Greenwood area only). Pick-up \$15, delivery \$16.

**Letters to the North Pole**  
December 9, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library invites youth ages 1 to 13 to prepare and send your wish list to the North Pole. Come write, and decorate your letters with us. The library staff will even send it to the North Pole for you! You might even get a letter back! Registration required.

**Gingerbread house tree ornament**  
December 8, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Kingston Library hosts an ages 16+ holiday event: get into the holiday spirit and create your own one of a kind gingerbread house tree ornament! Registration required.

**Pre-order community luncheon**  
December 7 and 8, between 8 a.m. and noon, call the Kingston

December 11, 7 p.m., join the 14 Wing Greenwood Band for the annual holiday concert, featuring the Canadian Military Wives' Choir and the Kingston and District School Choir; all at the Annapolis Mess, 14 Wing Greenwood. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Freewill admission – cash donations for 14

## sudoku solution page 7

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# Sticks, balls, racquets: base winter sports in full swing

The 14 Wing Greenwood winter sports program is underway, and any interested athletes are encouraged to take in weekly practices in their interest, and save the date for significant dates, including Canadian Armed Forces regional tournaments.

If you're interested in volleyball, base team practices are open and running, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. in the Fitness & Sports Centre.

The base's squash program has open practices Wednes-

days, between 10 a.m. and noon, at the Fitness & Sports Centre. Regionals will be held in the new year, so there is lots of time to get racquet-ready. For specific program info, contact alain.chalfoux@forces.gc.ca.

Badminton practice is during an open gym session Thursdays, from noon to 2 p.m. While regionals are at CFB Halifax December 5 to 7, fitness and building the program over the winter for the next tournament opportunity are great goals. Plus, it's fun!

## Youth Happenings

Youth Happenings at the 14 Wing Greenwood Community Centre offers a range of fun options every week for youth aged six to 12 (five if they have completed one full year in a school program). To register, contact the centre at 902-765-1494 local 5341, or drop in to the Church Street offices weekdays.

**Monday, December 5, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** – Kids Club - Bring your own Nerf gun fight. Free, with pre-registration required by noon the day of the program.

**Thursday, December 8, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.** - Mini Chefs ages

5-8 group - Week 2! \$50+HST PSP Plan for three classes. \$60+HST non-PSP Plan.

Friday, December 9, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – YTGIF – Kids' trivia, with prizes and a pancake dinner. \$10+HST non-PSP plan membership, \$7+HST PSP Plan membership. Pre-registration is required by noon the day of the program.

**Saturday, December 8 - Mini Chefs – Week 2 - Ages nine to 12, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.;** ages 13 and 14, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. \$50+HST PSP Plan for three classes, \$60+HST Non-PSP Plan. ➔

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**PIANO LESSONS**  
PIANO LESSONS – Esther Jones a recent graduate of Eastern Connecticut State

crossword solution

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sudoku solution

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# 14 Wing honours International Transgender Day of Remembrance

**Second Lieutenant Meagan Duncan**

Canadian Armed Forces members, along with family and friends, joined and the 14 Wing Defence Team Pride Advisory Organization (DTPAO) on a snowy Sunday evening, November 20, to mark the International Transgender Day of Remembrance. The week leading up to the event, November 13 to 19, marks Transgender Awareness Week with November 20th being a day to remember.

"The International Transgender Day of Remembrance is a particularly somber day," said Lieutenant-Colonel Josh Christianson, DTPAO champion at 14 Wing. "We stop to remember those transgender individuals who have lost their lives during the last year - just for being who they are."

"We are fortunate for the most part to live in a country and within a society that embraces diversity and encourages everyone to express themselves in whatever way they feel best represents their authentic self. Tragically, even today, it's been shown that members of the transgender community continue to face significantly higher rates of harassment, bullying, and violence."

By flying the transgender flag at half-mast and gathering in remembrance, 14 Wing recognizes challenges still exist, and everyone must continue working to foster an inclusive and supportive culture, not only at 14 Wing, but further into the local community and wherever Canadians may ask CAF members to deploy.

Captain Michelle Backhouse, professional conduct and culture officer and Positive Space ambassador, was then invited to say a few words. She expressed that, although the past week was a good opportunity to encourage awareness about the experiences of transgender and gender diverse people, showing understanding, compassion and being an

ally is something that needs to be practiced every single day of the year.

"Despite Canada making great strides for inclusion through such things as the first Federal 2SLGBTQI+ Action Plan, amendments to the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, we are still vulnerable to hate crimes and discrimination - overtly or otherwise."

Backhouse then shared information from the Transgender Day of Remembrance website, "Remembering Our Dead" (tdor.translivesmatter.info/): in the past year, from October 1, 2021 until September 30, 2022, there were 390 transgender and non-conforming people worldwide who lost their lives through violence or suicide.

"These numbers are often underreported due to incorrect name or gender usage, denial of essential life-saving healthcare or just not reported," Backhouse explained. "In Canada, we have lost three souls this year."

Alex Bastien, a young trans boy, age 10, from Saint-Jerome, Quebec; died September 9, 2022, by suicide after struggling with their body and bullying at



**14 Wing Greenwood personnel and community members shared a vigil November 20 at dusk, marking Transgender Day of Remembrance.**

Corporal J. Fox, 14 Wing Imaging

school. Even after intervention was initiated, it was still too much.


Damien Fraser, a young trans man, age 21, from Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia; died April 23, 2022. Cause of death is not reported but, despite having come out as a transgender man December 9, 2021, he was repeatedly misgendered in police and news reports.

Ezra Amos, 22, artist, activist and housing advocate from Hamilton, Ontario; died March 31, 2022. They allegedly fell from a high-rise building under construction, after being forcibly detained by police the day prior and admitted to hospital under Ontario's Mental Health Act but released a short time later.

14 Wing Padre Chilaka offered a prayer for victims of violence, and the transgender flag was hoisted to full mast from half mast, and then lowered.

For more information, reach out to members of the DTPAO or any of the Positive Space ambassadors. Contact information may be found on the Greenwood Intranet page under the Employment Equity and Diversity Program. →

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