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Bright lights

Sara Keddy,
Managing editor

Christmas is a high-tech, organized and BRIGHT presence at the Larose home on Balcom Crescent in Nictaux.

Mario Larose, a master corporal at 14 Wing Greenwood, plans his own festive lighting display like a military operation: seven control boxes, each with 16 radio-controlled channels, operating close to 30,000 lights set in computerized display patterns to music broadcast on a short distance FM frequency. Three hundred extension cords snake across his yard and home; it takes three months to set the display, and months before that to plan it all out.

"When I was a kid, my Dad used to drive us around to see the Christmas lights and there was an old guy who used to do a crèche, all made of snow and lit from underneath with coloured lights. We just had to go, and every year he was adding new things," Larose says.

Posted in Winnipeg a few years ago, Larose made his first big "investment" in his own holiday display.

"I saw displays on Youtube, all the crazy, blinking lights. My wife said, 'Okay, start with one controller and we'll see.'"

He installed it all, after sautering 398 components himself – "and it never worked. I blew the controller. My magic wasn't that great."

When the family arrived at 14 Wing three years ago, Larose was re-inspired by the friendliness of his neighbours and their apparent acceptance of his description of his "Christmas light display."

"They were like, 'Oh, sure.'"

Larose was almost set up that first year when

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Mario Larose sets up the show.

Corporal M.Gaudreault, 14 AMS Wing Imaging

Contracts awarded for 14 Wing, Aldershot work

Peter MacKay, Minister of National Defence, November 22 announced 10 contract awards for general maintenance at 14 Wing Greenwood and Camp Aldershot. The overall value of the contracts is over \$1.8 million.

The contract awards for general maintenance include

- the repair and maintenance to runway storm drainage, awarded to Mid-Valley Construction (1997) Limited for \$548 000
- the installation of a new security fence around the operations area, awarded to Maritime Fence Limited for \$340 110
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- renovations to buildings 122 and 123 at the Land Force Atlantic Area Training Centre, the design for a new pass control building and the design for a new access road, awarded to SNC-Lavalin Incorporated for a combined value of approximately \$222,120
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The Larose home in Nictaux, set for a December holiday light show unlike any other in the province.

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Bright lights...

...cover

his father became ill. He set three songs on a computer program, showed a neighbour with some computer savvy what to do if something went wrong and the family left for his dad's.

"When we came back in January, the neighbours were like, 'Mario, you have to do something – you won't believe the number of cars sitting in our neighbourhood – it was

bumper to bumper.' I was like, 'Are you serious?' I missed it – but it worked."

Decorating then became a serious effort at the Laroses' – Mario, wife Mirielle Jean and their two young daughters were out every evening through December two years ago and last year greeting people on their front lawn and encouraging donations to charity. One year, they collected \$6,200 for the Children's Wish Foundation with a simple

collection box in the yard. Last year, the family decided it would like to see a children's splash pad in Middleton, a community facility that would last for years and be fun: they collected \$7,200. The project will cost around \$90,000, and a 2014 start date isn't unreasonable: 10,000 cars travelled through the Laroses' neighbourhood last year.

The Middleton Rotary Club is now on board, and the Town of Middleton is endorsing the

splash pad project. Volunteers are lined up this year to help with traffic and visitors. There are also a few business sponsors helping Larose with expenses.

"The spirit is back for us: our family is here, we're doing this for a good cause. The magic on people's faces is priceless. The kids are speechless, and older people going by are impressed.

"It's the children in everyone I want to have see this."

December 15 is a big night at the Laroses'.

Santa himself is making a stop at what could be the best decorated home in Nova Scotia. Between 5:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., visitors are invited to walk in to the neighbourhood and enjoy the displays, with hot chocolate and treats, trucks and lights on site from the Nictaux fire department and lots of volunteers to keep everything running smoothly.

Directions: to find 111 Balcom Crescent, turn south in Middleton off Hwy 1 (at the Needs) and cross the Annapolis River bridge. Keep straight at the bend: do not follow Hwy 10. Drive a short way and turn right on Colonial Drive (into Forest View Estates). Balcom Crescent is on your immediate left. The Laroses "strongly suggest" you park on Colonial and walk in to their display.



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Military Police and 14 Wing Fire Services members greet visiting emergency service police, firefighters and guests at a social gathering November 23.

S. Keddy

Night out | No emergency!

Sara Keddy,
Managing editor

Sharing social time is a far different occasion than meeting a fellow emergency responder at the side of the road, a fire or other serious incident.

"Those could be the only times we meet each other," said Military Police Master Corporal Barry Oxford.

November 23 marked the third time 14 Wing Greenwood's Military Police and Fire Services personnel have organized a joint social, inviting fellow responders from Kings and Annapolis counties' police, RCMP

and fire departments.

"If you're a firefighter, you're a firefighter – we're all brothers," said Warrant Officer Brian Sylvester, blue crew platoon chief for 14 Wing's fire department. "Some of our guys volunteer with local fire departments outside of work – it's a brotherhood. They see all the same equipment, and the departments are just as good – and do just as good work with what they have –

as military firefighters."

Sylvester said there are occasions when Greenwood's firefighters cross paths in training with community volunteers, and the base's fire chief attends community mutual aid system meetings.

"And, let's face it – if something big happens off base in our community, we're going to be there helping," Sylvester said.

Sylvester also pointed

out scholarship and support funds for firefighters' children, or fallen firefighters' families, are open to military and volunteer firefighters alike. Base efforts to fundraise for those programs are on-going.

Oxford said professional partnerships also blend Military Police work with neighbouring police and RCMP departments, particularly on joint task force projects, school programs and community crime files that know "no barriers."

Over 60 people attended this year's emergency services' social at the RCAF hall in Greenwood, for drinks and pizza, dancing and door prize draws. Annapolis Royal Police Chief Burt McNeil represented his four-man department, and said his interaction with Greenwood's Military Police members has gone back many years.

"I policed in Middleton for 20 years and, if we had a big event, they'd send someone down. Now, in Annapolis Royal, I see them in the summer because of the Cadets and programs at Cornwallis: they'll use our offices from time to time."

Standing court martial at 14 Wing

A standing court martial will take place at 14 Wing Greenwood December 10 through 14 in Classrooms 9 and 10 of the Birchall Training Centre, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Captain Jonathan T. Wright of 14 Software Engineering Squadron is charged with the two counts of an offence punishable under section 130 of the National Defence Act, obstructing justice, contrary to section 139(2) of the criminal code; and two counts under section 129 of

the National Defence Act, an act to the prejudice of good order and discipline.

The court martial is open to the public. Dress for spectators will be dress of the day or suitable civilian attire, (no jeans or T-Shirts). Spectators are to be seated by 9:15 a.m. each day of the proceeding. Seating is limited. Lieutenant-Colonel L.-V. d'Auteuil, military judge, will preside.

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Last push on to reach Combined Charities' 2012 goal

Festival of Trees event tops \$12,000

Sara Keddy,
Managing editor

Festive spirit turned into festive support, as 14 Wing Greenwood's Combined Charities' annual Festival of Trees auction December 1 raised over \$12,000.

"It was a very successful day," Major Andrea MacRae, Combined Charities' co-chair, reported at the December 4 wrap meeting. The total includes funds from a used book sale, a 50/50 draw and a \$5,000 fund match from Greenwood Scotiabank.

The overall campaign, which started in September and closes at the end of this month, has topped \$44,000. This includes the megapotluck, jail your boss and dunk tank events, Movember, civvy dress Fridays and personnel pay allotments.

"We've got a bit of work to hit our goal of \$50,000."

Volunteers will be out in the last few days of the campaign to gather any last pay allot-

ment paperwork, as this is, by far, the single biggest way for Combined Charities to raise funds. Last year, the program collected over \$20,000 of the \$40,000 final tally.

A meeting in January will look at the 2012 campaign's results, and make some decisions on how to allocate the funds between 50 community organizations which support schools, children, health and recreation programs, animal welfare and several other initiatives.

At the November 30 tree decorating party, where several dozen base sections and community businesses were busy decorating their entries with gift certificates, goodies and more; 14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Jim Irvine and Acting Chief Warrant Officer Ian Smith judged the best base and business trees.

"We were looking for appeal to kids and Christmas spirit," Irvine said, as he announced the best business tree was

by Karen Olsen for G Brar Mortgage, and the best base tree – actually, three children's toy trees – was decorated by the Transportation and Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Squadron.

"We rely on businesses and base units, who have contributed so kindly for this project. It helps raise a great amount of money – fantastic for local charities."



A lobster croissant under your Christmas tree? Freshly baked by Marie Herbreteau of Kingston's Frenzy Bakery.



The best decorated business tree was the one decorated by Karen Olsen for G Brar Mortgage, judged by 14 Wing Commander Colonel Jim Irvine, left, and Acting Chief Warrant Officer Ian Smith.

S.Keddy



Captain DJ Verroen and Darlene Richards show off 413 Squadron's search-and-rescue-coloured tree topper.



Kings West MLA Leo Glavine had the helping hands of his wife, Doris, and her sister, Carol Gregory, right, decorating his Festival of Trees entry.



14 Wing's Transportation and Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Squadron stepped up to the challenge, filling three trees with children's toys – and winning best effort by a base participant, as judged by Wing Commander colonel Jim Irvine. From left are Major Andrea MacRae, co-chair of Combined Charities, Acting Wing Chief Ian Smith, Irvine and Combined Charities co-chair Captain James Murdock.

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Master Corporal James Rideout, corporals Matt Saulnier and Adam Watson, and Harold Doyle by the memorial honouring the fallen crew members of Cormorant Tusker 914.



The Marsoui memorial after restoration.

Submitted

Fallen search, rescue crews' memorials refreshed

Captain Bertrand Thibodeau, 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron

Over the last few months, crews from 413 (Transport & Recue) Squadron have been hard at work refreshing three monuments erected in Eastern Canada in honour of fallen comrades. With the passage of time, these monuments had become over-run with weeds, thick brush and, in one case, trees had started growing over the grounds.

April 20, 1953, 405 Squadron Lancaster KB966 was returning to base after having completed a search and rescue mission off Newfoundland. Approximately seven kilometres north of Kentville, the aircraft crashed, killing all but one crewmember. In 1996, thanks to the tireless efforts of Chief Warrant Officer (retired) Frank Honey, Dave McCarol, Leading Aircraftman (retired) David Blakney and many community members, a memorial was finally erected commemorating the loss of this crew. Over the years, 413 Squadron members have visited the site to tend it, plow snow in the winter and never the less the rust, weeds, mildew and brush grow up and overtake the site. In early October, Master Corporal Jeffrey Connors, and corporals Jeff MacKenzie, Victoria Roux and Adam Somers again went out, pruning trees and cutting back shrubs, brushing off mildew from the concrete and applying a new coat paint to the all the memorial's metal features. This site on Brow Mountain Road once again reflects the dignity with which our fallen comrades served.

October 2, 1998, a crew from 413 Squadron had been tasked to ferry Labrador 11305, which



The Lancaster crash site memorial after restoration.

had completed a medivac flight the night prior, from Sept-Îles back to Greenwood. During the return trip, an engine fire and the subsequent fuel dumping procedure caused an in-flight explosion, taking the lives of all six crew members. On board

were Captain Peter Musselman, Captain Darrin Vanderbilche, Master Corporal David Gaetz, Master Corporal Glen Sinclair, Sergeant Jean Roy and Master Corporal Darrell Cronin. In 2000, two monuments were inaugurated: one in the town of Marsoui and the other at the crash location a few kilometres from the town. Being in an isolated area, the second memorial had become overrun with thick brush, the fence surrounding the monument had begun to rot away and the road leading to the site was barely passable. A crew of six Tuskers from 413 Squadron - sergeants Chris Milne and Chris McIntyre, Master Corporal Doug Junkin, corporals Luc Jean and Shane Taylor and Private Jason Thibodeau - was dispatched to Marsoui at the beginning of October to restore the memorial. After four days of hard work, the brush had been

cut back, a new fence built and landscaping fabric put down with new gravel to slow the growth of brush and weeds.

July 13, 2006, the Cormorant crew of aircraft 914 was taking part in a hoisting exercise with Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel Four Sisters No. 1 over Chedabucto Bay. During a go-around maneuver, the helicopter hit the water. The three pilots in the cockpit and the Search and Rescue Technician team leader were injured, but survived the crash. The two flight engineers and the SAR Tech team mem-

ber were lost. In July 2007, a memorial monument was unveiled honouring Sergeant Paul (Duane) Brazil, Master Corporal Kirk Bradley Noel and Corporal Trevor Sterling McDavid. As with the previous site, time had not been kind: weeds and moss had overrun the memorial and, on a few occasions, the tides had flooded and damaged the site. Master Corporal James Rideout, corporals Matt Saulnier and Adam Watson and Harold Doyle traveled to the site in mid-October and picked up garbage and broken beer

bottles, removed all the grass and weeds, leveled the ground and placed landscaping fabric to slow the growth of grass. Finally, they laid a full load of gravel and placed three armour stones on the site, representing our three fallen brothers.

These monuments, as do many others, serve as a reminder of the high price our search and rescue crews are prepared to pay while saving others' lives. The restoration of these sites ensures the memories and stories of the fallen are never forgotten.

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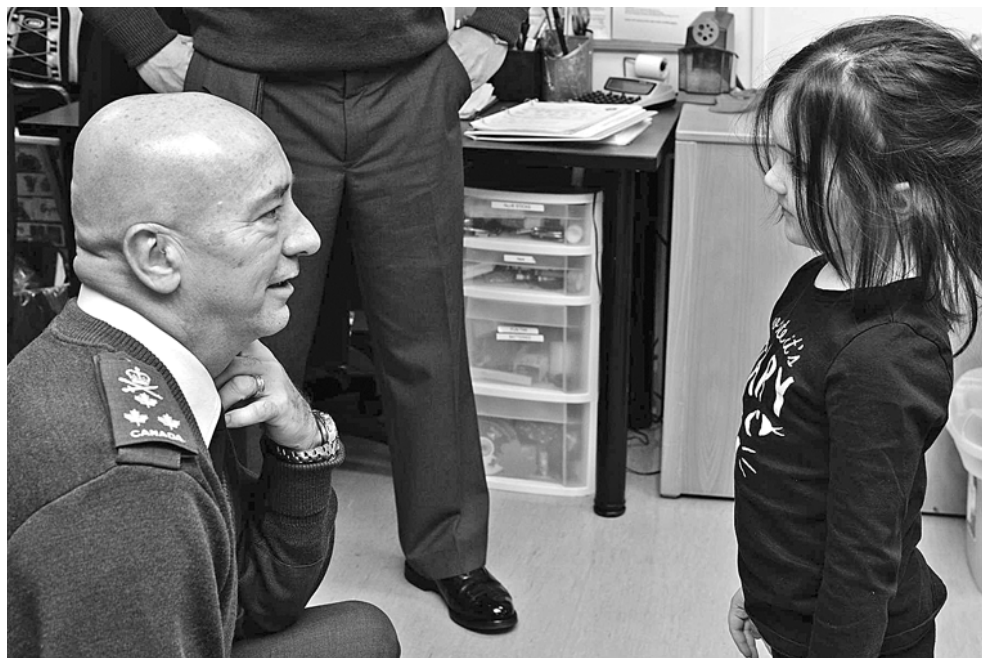
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RCAF head visits Greenwood



Royal Canadian Air Force Commander Lieutenant-General Yvan Blondin visits the Greenwood Military Family Resource Centre November 27.

Corporal Pam Evans, 14 Wing Imaging

**Major J.-F. Godbout,
413 Squadron**

November 27, Lieutenant-General Yvan Blondin, commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force, visited 14 Wing Greenwood to meet personnel and staff members of the Greenwood Military Family Resource Centre. He was accompanied by Royal Canadian Air Force Chief Warrant Officer Kevin West.

Blondin and West hosted an hour long town hall in the Annapolis Mess, with more than 500 people in attendance. Blondin initially spoke about his vision for the RCAF, and then took

questions from the crowd. He addressed rumours regarding potential changes to the Search and Rescue posture, and stated, unless more resources are made available, a change in SAR posture is not feasible. Blondin also spoke about the upcoming increase to the military personnel contribution to the federal pension plan. An official announcement detailing the increase is expected eventually, but there is no timeline.

West spoke about the upcoming changes as a result of last year's rebranding of the RCAF. Among those changes, we can expect new RCAF colours (which could take

up to five years), a new RCAF crest and mess kit. West also spoke about the level of experience in the RCAF in all trades. The office of the commander of the RCAF is fully aware of the decreasing experience level due to attrition in the RCAF and is looking at ways to address the issue.

Blondin and West proceeded to the Greenwood MFRC, where they met with staff and also had the opportunity to visit children attending the childcare centre.

Blondin and West concluded their visit with a luncheon with 14 Wing commanding officers and their respective



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Friendly tips: Getting ready for winter

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and freeze.

- Turn off your outside tap. In most homes, there is a shut-off valve in the basement where the line comes through the wall. Turn this valve completely off, and check by going outside and opening the tap. There should not be any water coming out. Leave the outside tap open for winter – this will keep the tap from

freezing and prevent a burst pipe in the spring.

- Check to make sure your heat registers or radiators have not been covered. Placing beds, dressers and carpets over the registers will restrict the flow of heat.
- Clean gutters. It can be a daunting task to clean your roof gutters, but it is necessary for proper maintenance

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Tree trimming

Know which trees are dumping leaves on your roof, shading it enough to encourage moss, and close enough to cause serious damage should they lose a branch in a storm. If you feel a tree needs to be pruned, call CFHA and we'll hire a professional to do the job. This is not a do-it-yourself task – trimming large trees is a dangerous job that should be left to an expert.

If you notice saplings or shrubs growing out of your

window wells or growing too close to your home, please remove them by pulling them out of the ground. If they have grown too big to be pulled out by hand, please call the CFHA and one of our technical Inspectors will hire a professional to do the job.

When does your tree need care? Look for these warning signs:

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- Branches that cross one another. This rubs the bark off and opens the tree up for disease entry.
- Sprouts forming at the base of the tree's trunk. These can be a sign that the tree is injured and is redirecting its energy.
- Nuisance growth, or when a tree interferes with power lines, sidewalks or traffic.

Winter watchman

Residential Housing Unit

(RHU) occupants may have noticed there is a light bulb in the front window of vacant RHUs. These are referred to as our "winter watchman." Quite simply, if the temperature in the house goes below five to eight degrees Celsius, the light bulb goes on which lets us know that something is amiss, likely the furnace. Without fixing the problem, the RHU would freeze, causing pipes to burst. If you notice a "winter watchman" light on, please contact us during business hours at 765-1294. During the evening hours or on weekends, call the CFHA Emergency After-Hours Services, 1-800-903-2342.

CFHA Greenwood would like to thank all occupants for their continued support to ensure a safe, happy and healthy home environment.

Conseils d'amis – Pour se préparer À l'hiver

Maintenant que les feuilles sont tombées et que le fond de l'air est plus frisquet, voici quelques conseils pratiques pour mieux vous préparer au temps froid :

- Retirez le tuyau d'arrosage de la sortie d'eau extérieure. Videz l'eau qui se trouve encore à l'intérieur et entreposez le tuyau dans un endroit où il ne sera pas exposé au froid et à la neige. Si le tuyau était laissé sur le robinet, l'eau restée dans le tuyau risquerait de se dilater et de se transformer en glace.
- Fermez votre robinet extérieur. Dans la plupart des maisons, il y a un robinet d'arrêt dans le sous-sol, à l'endroit où la conduite d'eau passe à travers le mur. Fermez complètement ce robinet. Pour

vous assurer de l'avoir bien fermé, retournez à l'extérieur et tentez à nouveau d'ouvrir le robinet. Il ne devrait pas y avoir d'eau qui sort. Laissez le robinet extérieur ouvert pendant l'hiver pour éviter qu'il ne gèle et qu'un bris ne se produise dans les canalisations au printemps.

- Assurez-vous que vos grilles de ventilation et vos appareils de chauffage ne soient pas couverts. Le fait de placer un lit, une commode ou un tapis sur les grilles de ventilation restreint le flux de chaleur.
- Nettoyage des gouttières. Même si le nettoyage des gouttières peut sembler une tâche intimidante pour certains, c'est une tâche nécessaire pour le bon entretien de votre maison. Des gouttières obstruées peuvent causer plusieurs types

de problèmes. Il est donc recommandé d'inspecter et de nettoyer les gouttières chaque année afin de s'assurer qu'elles soient exemptes de débris et d'autres objets. Communiquez s'il vous plaît avec le CSL pour fixer un rendez-vous avec l'un de nos inspecteurs techniques et planifier un nettoyage.

Élagage des arbres

Vérifiez quels arbres perdent beaucoup de feuilles sur votre toiture, causent de l'ombrage, ou sont assez près pour causer de sérieux dommages à votre maison s'ils perdaient une branche. Nous vous demandons d'appeler le CSL si vous croyez qu'un arbre doit être élagué près de votre maison. Nous allons embaucher un professionnel pour faire le travail. Nous tenons à vous rappeler que l'élagage

des arbres n'est pas une tâche à faire soi-même : la coupe des grands arbres représente un travail dangereux qui devrait être confié à un expert.

De plus, si vous observez que des jeunes arbres poussent de plus en plus près de vos encadrements de soupirail ou de votre maison, nous vous demandons de les supprimer en enlevant les racines de la terre. S'ils sont devenus trop gros pour être retirés à la main, appelez le CSL pour que l'un de nos inspecteurs techniques engage un professionnel pour faire le travail.

Pour savoir quand un arbre a besoin de soins, cherchez les signes suivants :

- Des branches semblent mortes, mourantes ou malades.
- Des branches qui s'entrecroisent : en frottant durement contre l'écorce, ces

branches risquent d'ouvrir des plaies et créer une entrée pour les maladies.

- Des petites branches qui se forment à la base du tronc : celles-ci peuvent être le signe que l'arbre est malade et que l'énergie est redirigée.
- La croissance de branches nuisibles : ces branches pourraient interférer avec les lignes électriques, les trottoirs ou la circulation routière.

Ampoule d'urgence, la « gardienne d'hiver »

Certains occupants auront peut-être remarqué la présence d'une ampoule à l'avant des ULR vacants. Nous avons désigné cette ampoule comme notre « gardienne d'hiver ». Si la température dans la maison descend sous la barre des 8 degrés Celsius, l'ampoule s'allume et

envoie un signal aux inspecteurs de l'ALFC, les avertissant que quelque chose ne va pas dans la maison, probablement avec la fournaise. Si nous ne recevons pas ce signal, l'ULR resterait isolé dans le froid, ce qui pourrait provoquer l'éclatement des tuyaux. Si vous remarquez une ampoule « gardienne d'hiver » allumée à l'avant d'un ULR, appelez s'il vous plaît au bureau de l'ALFC : pendant les heures d'ouverture, au 765-1294. Le soir ou les fins de semaine, en utilisant le service d'urgence de l'ALFC au 1-800-903-2342.

Le CSL Greenwood tient à remercier tous les occupants pour leur soutien continu afin d'assurer un environnement sécuritaire et des familles heureuses et en santé.

chief warrant officers. During this meeting, Blondin mentioned the importance of continuing with the development of the Expeditionary Wing, which will be based out of 3 Wing Bagotville. This wing will allow the RCAF to support the operational elements of future deployments. The Air Force proved during Operation Mobile it could be very effective and agile: its aircraft were deployed within

a short time to Italy and it was quite easy to redeploy them to Canada once mission ended. The Expeditionary Wing will enable quick deployment and provision of logistics needed for any air assets. It would reinforce and accelerate the pre-deployment phase. The men left Greenwood for Gander to visit 103 Squadron, and also 5 Wing Goose Bay and 3 Wing Bagotville, before returning to Ottawa.



Lieutenant-General Yvan Blondin, CMM, CD, Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force (left), and Chief Warrant Officer Kevin West (right), Chief Warrant Officer of the RCAF, present 14 Wing Commander Colonel Jim Irvine with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal at the Annapolis Mess, 14 Wing Greenwood, November 27.



Lieutenant-General Yvan Blondin, CMM, CD, Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force (left), and Chief Warrant Officer Kevin West (right), Chief Warrant Officer of the RCAF, present 14 Wing Greenwood Chief Warrant Officer Pierrot Jette with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal at the Annapolis Mess, 14 Wing Greenwood, November 27.



Lieutenant-General Yvan Blondin, CMM, CD, Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force (left), and Chief Warrant Officer Kevin West (right), Chief Warrant Officer of the RCAF, present Sergeant Denis Houde with the RCAF Commander's Coin at the Annapolis Mess, 14 Wing Greenwood, November 27.



Lieutenant-General Yvan Blondin, CMM, CD, Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force (left), and Chief Warrant Officer Kevin West (right), Chief Warrant Officer of the RCAF, present Sergeant Delrae Howes with the RCAF Commander's Coin at the Annapolis Mess, 14 Wing Greenwood, November 27.



Lieutenant-General Yvan Blondin, CMM, CD, Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force (left), and Chief Warrant Officer Kevin West (right), Chief Warrant Officer of the RCAF, present Major Gilles Couture with the RCAF Male Athlete of the Year for 2011 at the Annapolis Mess, 14 Wing Greenwood, November 27.



Lieutenant-General Yvan Blondin, CMM, CD, Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force (left), and Chief Warrant Officer Kevin West (right), Chief Warrant Officer of the RCAF, present 2nd Lieutenant Serena Palmer with the RCAF Female Athlete of the Year for 2011 at the Annapolis Mess, 14 Wing Greenwood, November 27.



Lieutenant-General Yvan Blondin, CMM, CD, Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force (left), and Chief Warrant Officer Kevin West (right), Chief Warrant Officer of the Royal Canadian Air Force, present Master Corporal Edwin Lewis with the Deserving Air Reserve Junior Non-Commissioned Member award at the Annapolis Mess, 14 Wing Greenwood November, 27.



Lieutenant-General Yvan Blondin, CMM, CD, Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force (left), and Chief Warrant Officer Kevin West (right), Chief Warrant Officer of the RCAF, present Major Jean-Francois Godbout with the Chief of Defence Staff Commendation at the Annapolis Mess, 14 Wing Greenwood, November 27.



Lieutenant-General Yvan Blondin, CMM, CD, Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force (left), and Chief Warrant Officer Kevin West (right), Chief Warrant Officer of the RCAF, present Sergeant Theresa Collins with the RCAF Coin at the Annapolis Mess, 14 Wing Greenwood, November 27.



Lieutenant-General Yvan Blondin, CMM, CD, Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force (left), and Chief Warrant Officer Kevin West (right), Chief Warrant Officer of the RCAF, present Jonathan Tweedie with the RCAF Commander's Coin at the Annapolis Mess, 14 Wing Greenwood, November 27.



Lieutenant-General Yvan Blondin, CMM, CD, Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force (left), and Chief Warrant Officer Kevin West (right), Chief Warrant Officer of the Royal Canadian Air Force, present Private Chantal Dupont with the RCAF Commander's Coin at the Annapolis Mess, 14 Wing Greenwood, November 27.

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Retired Master Warrant Officer Don MacKenzie (centre), receives his Certificate of Service, during his Departure with Dignity ceremony, from Lieutenant-Colonel Pat Thauberger (left), Commanding Officer 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron, and Chief Warrant officer Ian Smith (right), 404 Squadron Chief Warrant Officer.



Sergeant Mark Gordon (centre), a 404 Squadron Airborne Electronic Senor Operator instructor, receives his Memorial Cross from Lieutenant-Colonel Pat Thauberger (left), Commanding Officer 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron, and Chief Warrant Officer Ian Smith (right), 404 Squadron Chief Warrant Officer.



Captain Denise Vidito (centre) receives her promotion to current rank from 14 Software and Engineering Squadron (SES) Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Gloumeau (left); pictured on the right is 14 SES Squadron Warrant Officer Master Warrant Officer Bazinet.



14 Wing Operations Officer Lieutenant Colonel Scott Latter and Branch Chief Warrant Officer, Chief Warrant Officer Bob Viel present Captain Denis Choquette with the Canadian Forces Decoration¹.



14 Wing Operations Officer Lieutenant Colonel Scott Latter and Branch Chief Warrant Officer, Chief Warrant Officer Bob Viel present Lieutenant Stephen Park with his commissioning scroll.



14 Wing Operations Officer Lieutenant Colonel Scott Latter and Branch Chief Warrant Officer, Chief Warrant Officer Bob Viel present Corporal Ken Johnson with the Wing Operations Person of the Quarter award.



Major Bishop receives her promotion to current rank from 413 (Transport & Rescue) Squadron Lieutenant-Colonel Leblanc.



Private Spencer receives his first chevron from Lieutenant Colonel Richardson, Commanding Officer of Wing Logistics and Engineering.



Private Samuel receives his first chevron from Major Heather Ewing, Officer in Command of 14 Wing Replenishment Squadron.



Private Williams receives his first chevron from Major Heather Ewing, Officer in Command of 14 Wing Replenishment Squadron.



Corporal Jonathan Frederick (centre) receives his promotion to current rank from Captain Catherine Cabot (left), acting 14 Air Maintenance Squadron (AMS) Aircraft Maintenance Organization (AMO) Officer; pictured on the right is 14 AMS AMO Superintendant Master Warrant Officer Mike Gilliatt.



Private Jimmy Desgagne (centre) receives his first chevron from Captain Catherine Cabot (left), acting 14 Air Maintenance Squadron (AMS) Aircraft Maintenance Organization (AMO) Officer; pictured on the right is 14 AMS AMO Superintendant Master Warrant Officer Mike Gilliatt.



Corporal Alyssa Walsh (centre) receives her promotion to current rank from Major Tim Neal, 14 Air Maintenance Squadron (AMS) Aircraft Maintenance Organization Officer (AMO) (pictured on the left); pictured on the right is AMO Senior Superintendant Master Warrant Officer Mike Gilliatt.



Create a cozy time all winter long

(NC) - Canadian long winter nights are upon us, but that doesn't mean hunkering down to wait out the cold weather. A cozy gathering with friends will ease the chill when the mercury dips below zero - and there's no shortage of ways to get the good times rolling; it just takes a little creativity. Take a look at these ideas:

Host a theme night

Nothing is cozier than a warm cabin on a cold snowy night, so why not recreate one in the comfort of your own home? Invite friends to sport their coolest retro sweaters and bring their favourite board games. Light a fire (or candles), set out blankets and serve après ski-inspired fare like fondue, sausages and roasted vegetables. Stock your bar with all the staples, as well as a few seasonal surprises.

Cozy up with a favourite flick

Who doesn't love movie night? Re-arrange your furniture in front of the TV or pile-up pillows so everyone can snuggle-up. A few favourite retro movies, nostalgic snacks like buttered popcorn, toffee, and oven-baked s'mores, will ensure you create a night to

remember. Then sit back, relax and enjoy the show.

Bring it outside

Let's face it - we're Canadian: we were made for the cold weather, so, sometimes, outside is where it's at. Guide guests to the backyard by lining your paths with candles placed in tins. If there's enough snow, build a snowman butler to "serve" your friends munchies and use snow drifts to chill your beverages. Offer guests blankets and scarves and place a portable backyard fire pit in the centre of the action to keep fingers and toes warm and toasty so the party can go late into the evening.

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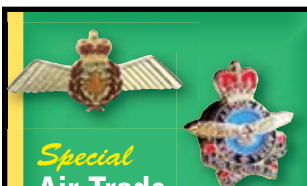
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(EN) - Les achats en ligne ont changé la manière dont bon nombre d'entre nous achètent des cadeaux, et avec la saison

des fêtes qui s'approche à grand pas, l'achat de cadeaux bat son plein. Et, pour cette personne pour laquelle il est toujours difficile de trouver le

cadeau approprié, les cartes-cadeaux sont devenues une option prisée en se classant à la deuxième place dans la plupart des listes des cadeaux préférés

que les Canadiens espèrent recevoir. Quel que soit l'article qu'il achète ou l'endroit où il en fait l'acquisition, le consommateur avisé doit toujours se montrer prudent pour éviter les mauvaises surprises.

Tenez compte de ces conseils saisonniers éclairés :

- Achats en ligne
- Achetez d'un magasin connu. Ou prenez le risque de perdre votre argent.
- Prenez en compte le coût total de l'achat. Évitez les surprises.
- Veillez à ce que votre numéro de carte de crédit et vos renseignements financiers personnels soient protégés. Ne faites confiance qu'aux



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- Cartes-cadeaux
- Lisez et comprenez les modalités de chaque carte-cadeau avant de l'acheter.
- Même si les dates d'expiration sont interdites, des frais peuvent être imposés sur certains types de carte-cadeau.
- Achetez d'un détaillant connu et financièrement stable. Ou votre carte-cadeau pourrait ne plus rien valoir si le magasin fait faillite.
- Gardez le reçu comme garantie de la valeur de la carte. Il pourrait s'avérer utile si vous perdez la carte ou qu'on vous la subtilise.

Personne n'a besoin de soucis durant les fêtes. Soyez un consommateur avisé et faites vos achats avec prudence, tout en ayant confiance de savoir que vous faites affaire avec des magasins connus.

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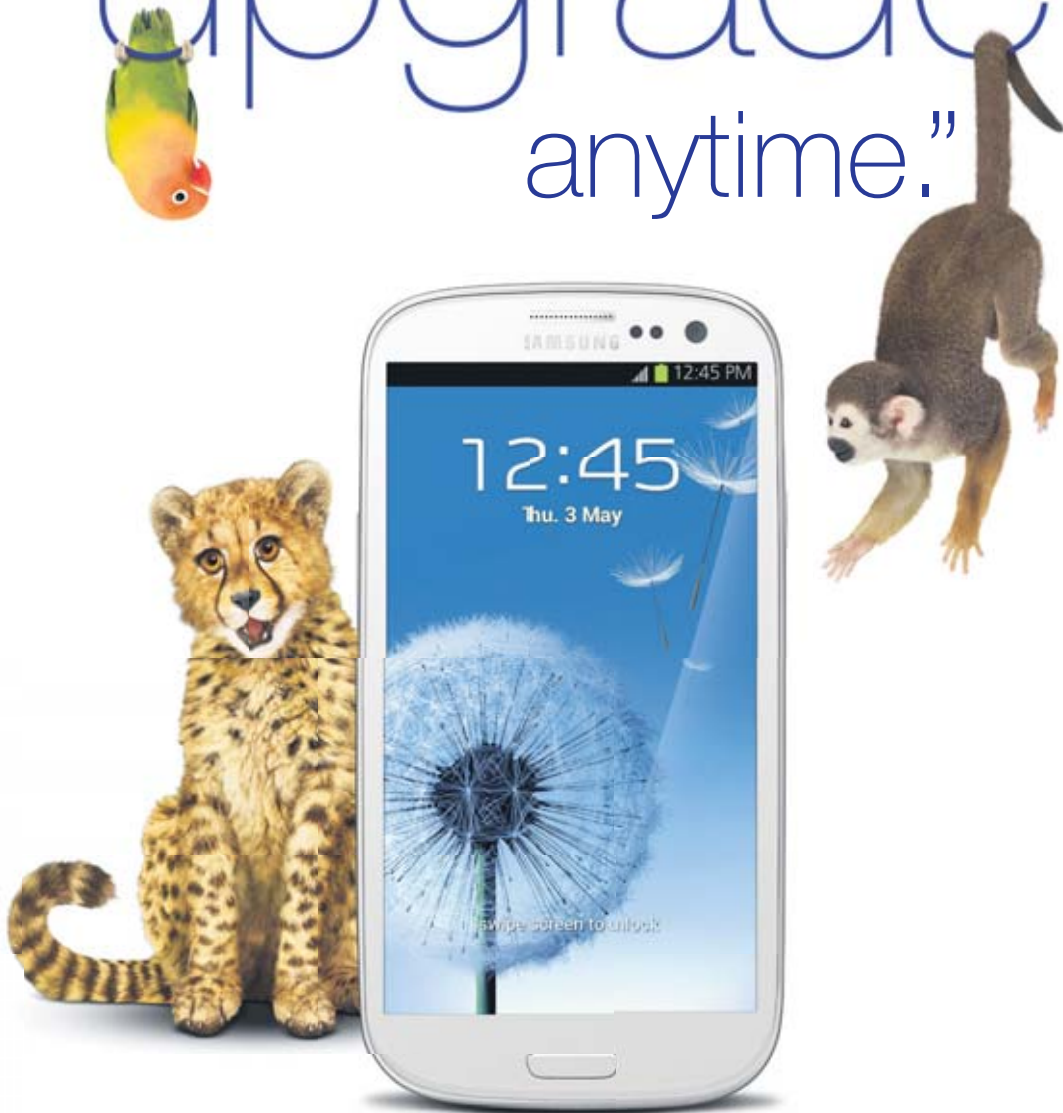


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How to warm up your spirit this winter

(NC) - As cold weather approaches, we start to layer on clothes and make the necessary arrangements to adapt to the change in season. Installing winter tires, raising the thermostat, and pulling out warm sweaters are ways we prepare for the drop in temperature, but we often overlook how to combat the winter blues.

Here are a few ideas on things to warm up your spirit

during the cold winter months:

Spend time with loved ones. The changing of the seasons can sometimes usher in a slump in the mood. Lack of sunlight, snow, ice and more snow may have you feeling tired and irritable. The best way to lift your spirits is to stay social and spend time with family and friends. Don't let winter's grey skies and cold temperatures keep you holed up at home alone. Be sure to

get out and get some fresh air and enjoy outdoor winter activities like skiing, tobogganing and skating with your nearest and dearest.

Food for the soul. People say music is food for the soul. Whether you're battling snowy roads in your car, working away at the office or spending some down time at home, keep yourself in good spirits with some favourite tunes or a good laugh.

Prepare a healthy home-cooked meal. We have a ten-

dency to eat more during the colder months, whether celebrating or simply gathering with friends and family at a favourite restaurant. Instead of visiting a favourite greasy spoon again, try cooking a healthy meal at home for your family. There is something comforting in preparing and eating a home cooked meal and sometimes, there's nothing like good conversation over a good banquet at the dinner table to bring loved ones together.

Tips for getting your home holiday ready

(NC) - The festive season is a busy time of year. Between decorating, getting organized for entertaining and shopping, that to-do list can quickly become overwhelming. To help eliminate surprises along the way, here are some tips to keep the season in check and remind you of something you'd just about forgotten.

- No need to stress. The best way to enjoy the holiday is to plan ahead and make lists of tasks and items you can pick up in advance.
- Be sure to de-clutter communal spaces such as the living room, kitchen and front entrance. This will make the space easier to manoeuvre and more comfortable when entertaining.
- Keep your home clean and fresh when the temperatures are too chilly to open the windows. Especially in the winter, stale odours tend to stay in the home where



we spend 90 per cent of our time.

- Prepare for overnight guests in the event that someone has a little too much eggnog. Stock the guest bedroom with extra blankets, towels and offer recent magazines on the nightstand.
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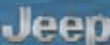
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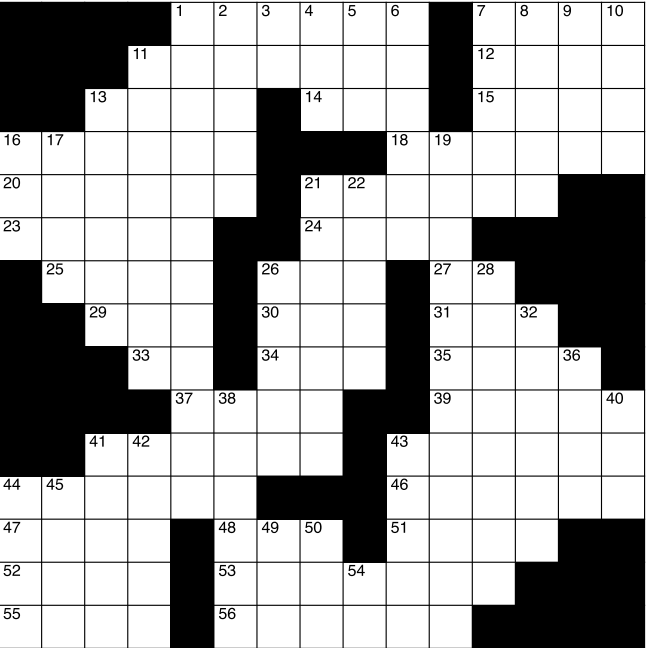


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metro crossword

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- ACROSS
1. Afraid

7. Love grass

11. Hepburn/Grant movie

12. Opposite of good

13. Whale ship captain

14. A major U.S. political party

15. Rate of walking

16. A ceremonial procession

18. Unfolded

20. More pretentious

21. Ribbon belts

23. Himalayan wild goats

24. 100 = 1 kwanza

25. Japanese wrestling

26. ___ asty: family of rulers

27. Luteinizing hormone

29. British Air Aces

30. Being a single unit

31. Opposite of gee

33. National Guard

34. A stratum of rock

35. Have a yen for

37. Cornell tennis
- center

39. Iranian monetary units

41. Settings in a play

43. Olfactory properties

44. AKA platyfish

46. Free from deceit

47. Ireland

48. 007's Flemming

51. & &

52. Kidney, fava or broad

53. W. African country

55. ___ Frank's diary

56. Induces vomiting
- DOWN
1. Jame's "Fifty"

2. Scottish game pole

3. Atomic #18

4. Tattered cloth

5. Tokyo

6. Force from office

7. Wigwam

8. Dynasty actress

9. Small mongrel

10. Rapidly departed
11. A corporate leader

13. King of Camelot

16. Mrs. Nixon

17. Macaws

19. Symphony orchestra

21. Cunning

22. Wheatgrass adjective

26. U. of Texas residential center

28. Estate (Spanish)

32. Pilots and Blues

36. Right angle building wings

38. Store fodder

40. Supersonic transport

41. Brand of plastic wrap

42. Comb-plate

43. Puppeteer Lewis

44. Tatouhou

45. Security interest in a property

49. Direct a weapon

50. One point E of due N

54. Latin for "and"

Outdoor ice skating rinks
Middleton, Bridgetown and Annapolis Royal are interested in building outdoor rinks this season, but need the help of dedicated volunteers to both build and maintain each of them. If you are interested in helping out either by donating your time or some of the materials needed, please call 824-1069.

Jam session
Wednesdays, come out to Brickton jam sessions at 7 p.m. Great country and bluegrass music. Come to play, sing or listen. Refreshments at intermission. \$2 admission.

Meeting
December 10, 7 p.m., a Human Rights Day program, Education under Fire, will be held at the Nova Scotia Community College, 295 Commercial Street, Middleton. A panel has been invited to speak on issues such as: home schooling, health and international education. This is part one of a series on human rights to be held in Annapolis County. All welcome.

Meeting
December 11, 6:30 p.m. Foster

family/ adoptive family information session, Kentville. If you are interested in becoming a foster family, call 1-800-565-1885 for information. Potential adoptive applicants are asked to call 1-866-259-7780.

Luncheon
December 11, the Kingston Lions host a community luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy roast beef, mashed potatoes, vegetables and dessert. \$8, \$8.50 delivered.

Concert
December 13, Pine Ridge Middle School presents its Christmas concert, 7:30 p.m., featuring bands and choir. Freewill admission. 625 Pine Ridge Ave, Kingston 765-7570.

Concert
December 14, 7 p.m., there will be an old fashioned Christmas concert at the Brickton Community Hall. All are welcome.

Breakfast
December 15, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., enjoy breakfast at the Aylesford United Church. Freewill offering. Sponsored by the Committee of Stewards. Everyone welcome.

Breakfast
December 15, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., there will be a community breakfast at the Kingston Baptist Church, Main Street. Freewill offering donated to the Kingston Elementary School's lunch program. Come and enjoy a delicious hot breakfast. All welcome.

Concert
December 16, 2 p.m., enjoy an afternoon of traditional Christmas music, featuring Chris Palmer, Brad Hewey, Sonlight, Gina Potvin & Graham Moorehead; at the

Kingston Lions Club: the third "Musical Gift for the Upper Room Food Bank. Freewill offering.

Carol service
December 16, 7 p.m., there will be a unique carol of the bells service at Torbrook Mines United Church. Special music by the Berwick Hand Bell Choir with candlelight, readings and carols. Freewill offering. everyone welcome.

Concert
December 16, there is a Christmas recital at Aylesford United Church, 7 p.m., featuring students of Pine Ridge Middle School. Freewill admission.

Meeting
December 17, the Kingston/ Greenwood Living With Cancer Group will hold its regular monthly meeting in St. Mark's Protestant Chapel Annex, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is a special pot luck gathering with Padre Richard Bastien as guest speaker on the topic "Spirituality," followed by the Christmas keyboard music of Frank Dobin. Cancer patients, their family and friends, or anyone seeking information about cancer, is encouraged to attend. For information: Lloyd Graham (765-6133).

Dodge ball
Register by December 21 for community dodge ball, beginning January 18, and continuing every Friday to March 8, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the AEES gymnasium. Registrations will be accepted for teams and individuals. Teams should have between six to 10 players (half girls, half boys), age 16 and up. Registration forms at the Middleton Recreation Office. For info: 825-6611.

Supper
December 22, 6 p.m., the Open Hand will host a community Christmas dinner at New Beginnings Centre, 1151 Bridge St., Greenwood. There is no charge.

Men's basketball
Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., men's basketball at Pine Ridge Middle School. Cost \$10/ person until December (or \$3/night). Enter by door in the back of the building. Info: Glen, 844-0156 or recreation@kingstonnovascotia.ca.

Club d'échange de livres en français
Venez voir l'inventaire des livres maintenant disponible à la bibliothèque de la 14^e Escadre dans la section désignée à cet effet. En collaboration avec des bénévoles et en partenariat avec la bibliothèque de la 14^e Escadre, le CRFMG a lancé il y a déjà quelques mois un projet afin de faciliter l'échange de livres en français (romans ou autres) pour la communauté francophone. Le principe est simple; les gens peuvent amener un ou des livres à la réception du CRFMG et ils peuvent en demeurer le propriétaire ou en faire don. Les livres sont mis à la disposition de la communauté dans une section réservée à cette fin à la bibliothèque de la 14^e Escadre. Les gens peuvent les emprunter de la même façon qu'ils emprunteraient un livre appartenant à la bibliothèque. Il n'y a aucun frais de membre. Si plusieurs personnes s'impliquent et amènent les livres qu'ils ont à la maison, ceci nous permettra d'avoir accès à un bel inventaire de romans à jour et de réduire nos coûts d'achat !

~ In Memory ~

Westcott, Florence B.

May 11, 1939 –

December 7, 2011

In memory of our dear Angel, mother, grandmother, wife, sister, aunt and friend, who passed away one year ago.

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In death we love you still.
In our hearts you hold a place,
No one can ever fill.
A light from our household is gone,
A voice from our love is stilled,
A place in our vacant home
Which never can be filled.
Some may think you are forgotten,
Though on Earth you are no more,
But in our memory you are with us,
As you always were before.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone.
A part of us went with you,
The day God called you Home.
Your precious memories are for keepsakes, with which we never part.
God has you safely in his keeping,
But we have you forever in our hearts.

"A mother is she who can take the place of all others, but whose place no one else can take."

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Toastmasters
Tuesdays – join Toastmasters – where leaders are made - 6:15 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Air Commodore Birchall Training Centre, Bldg 221, Greenwood. Everyone welcome. For information contact edwardwedler@gmail.com or Edie Murray, 665-2397.

Horse back riding
Public horse back riding and lessons, 471 Vault Road, Melvern Square. Non-profit, registered charity; all funds support abused women and children. (902)824-2329.

Community luncheon
Community lunch every Wednesday at New Begin-

nings Centre, 1151 Bridge St., Greenwood. No charge. 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. There are also free clothes. Sponsored by Open Hand.

Kingston Area Seniors Association
Kingston Area Seniors Association meets the second Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. at Kingston Branch No 98 Royal Canadian Legion. Fun day (cards and games) every second and fourth Friday of the month, 1:00 p.m. For information, contact Fred Carter, 902-363-2406.

Greenwood AA Group
Greenwood Group of Alcohol Anonymous, Tuesdays at St. Mark's Church Annex, 8 p.m. Meetings are open to those who have a desire to stop drinking.

Dancing
Fridays, join us for an evening of square dancing, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., at the Melvern Square Hall. Phone 765-8145 for information.

Christmas music a community concert that cares

Sara Keddy,
Managing editor

What's becoming a Christmas musical tradition is back again this season.

The "Musical Gift for the Food Bank" double concert has already been enjoyed in Berwick December 9; the second afternoon takes place December 16 at 2 p.m. in Kingston.

"It's a labour of love," says organizer Chris Palmer, "and we do it because we believe in giving back something, and using our talents for good in the community."

Palmer, a member of Sonlight, organized the first concert in Berwick six years ago; the Kingston concert is now in its third year.

"Every single one of the musicians volunteer for this: this show is all about giving back."



Sonlight will headline this season's Musical Gift for the Food Bank December 16 in Kingston. Submitted

The Kingston show this year includes Sonlight, Graham Moorehead, Brad Hewey and Gina Potvin. The Kingston Lions are taking care of the venue and a silent auction: admission to the show is a freewill offering to the Upper Room Food Bank in Kingston.

"We have raised as much as \$3,000 at these concerts, and, when people come out, they know when they put their money in the pot, it goes to a good cause."

Palmer enjoys the show himself, as the partnerships between the musicians and the community groups who help host the show – and the concert-goers – are strong.

"It's part of people's Christmas," he says.

sudoku

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Level: Beginner

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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!

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Aries, you will have to work hard at presenting a different image if you want to win over a few more fans. It might take a little time, but it is definitely within the realm of possibility.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, take a break no matter how busy you are this week. It is for your own good to recharge with some R&R and then get back on track at work.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Unexpected things can happen when you explore new possibilities, Gemini. Get out there and immerse yourself in other social circles so that you can take advantage of opportunities.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, run your ideas by a few people this week before you make a big presentation. This will help you to revise and tweak anything that needs a little work.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, you will be full of energy this week and that energy helps you handle whatever is put on your plate. Take advantage of your productivity with a few days off next week.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, jump on an opportunity to take a vacation. There won't be many other opportunities this year to enjoy a vacation. So go along even if it's related to work.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
There are too many happy things going on in your life to let any of the negative things bring you down, Libra. Face challenges with a smile, and you'll sail through.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, despite firm convictions you cannot change others' viewpoints all of the time. Don't be hard on yourself if other people do not see things the same way as you do.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, sometimes you may believe there isn't room for anyone else in the spotlight but you. Don't let your ego get in the way of friendships. Share the glory.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, give an idea that would require some significant changes its due consideration. This can impact both your career and personal life in a positive way.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
It may seem like too much money is going out of your pocket and not enough coming in, Aquarius. But the budget will balance out this month. Rest easy when making purchases.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Start a creative project that can be turned into something you keep for yourself, Pisces. It's nice to enjoy the fruits of your creative labours.

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Terry Fox thanks

Sara Keddy,
Managing editor

14 Wing Greenwood stands out in Nova Scotia for its efforts to support cancer research.

Barbara Fickes, the provincial director of the Terry Fox Foundation, visited the base November 20 to thank partners who help pull together the annual run, associated fundraising and, every second year, the "head honcho" head shave.

"This is all absolutely incredible," she said, congratulating Greenwood on reaching a \$14,831.60 tally.

She participated in the September 14 run, her third

in Greenwood, and said the afternoon's head shaving of base officials was a lot of fun.

"We're so grateful for the effort. It makes a difference."

She was particularly impressed when one of the last squadrons to see its leaders' heads shaved realized it was short of a financial target.

"OK, it was '\$5 a person,' and boom, boom, boom around the room – they had the last of the money they were looking for."

Wing Commander Colonel Jim Irvine, who volunteered his head for the haircutting event, told Fiske it "was our great pleasure" to back Terry Fox's dream.



Volunteers behind 14 Wing's successful Terry Fox fundraising include, from left, community centre rep Eric MacKenzie, Lieutenant Andrea Fortier, Barbara Fickes, provincial director of the Terry Fox Foundation; Wing Commander Colonel Jim Irvine, Wing Chief Warrant Officer Pierrot Jette and Major Tom Bell.

S.Keddy

Royal Canadian Navy assists in large drug bust

Her Majesty's Canadian Pacific with resounding operational success.

November 28, 2012 the Esquimalt-based frigate was

patrolling in international waters southeast of Isla de Coco, Costa Rica when she assisted a United States Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment team in boarding a suspicious fishing vessel. This boarding resulted in the seizure of 36 bales of cocaine weighing 1,086 kilograms, with an estimated wholesale value of more than US \$29 million. Between November 18 and 29, CP-140 Aurora crews from 19 Wing, Comox and 14 Wing, Greenwood assisted in seizing, through surveillance and detection, 144 bales of cocaine

weighing 4,300 kilograms, with a wholesale value of more than US \$116 million. In total, more than US \$145 million worth of drugs were seized.

In 2012, in addition to HMCS Ottawa, the Canadian Armed Forces contributed five HMC ships to counter-narcotic operations in the Caribbean region. The frigate HMCS St John's, the destroyer HMCS Iroquois, the replenishment ship HMCS Preserver and two maritime coastal defence vessels, HMCS Kingston and HMCS Goose Bay, all deployed to the region this year to assist

in the disruption of illicit drug trafficking and other criminal activities. While operating in international waters, their tasks are to locate, track, approach and potentially intercept suspicious vessels in order to allow the US Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment personnel to board and conduct law enforcement operations.

The Royal Canadian Air Force has also contributed to Operation Caribbe by providing five CP-140 Aurora long-range patrol aircraft to fly critical surveillance sorties

in the region.

Every year, under the coordination of Joint Interagency Task Force South, partner nations intercept and seize millions of dollars' worth of illicit drugs, and play a major role in suppressing trafficking in international waters and airspace. Since it began in November 2006, Operation Caribbe has helped strengthen international partnerships, build partnership capacity, and demonstrate our regional commitment to combating transnational criminal organizations.

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La Marine royale canadienne aide dans une saisie importante de drogue

Le Navire canadien de Sa Majesté (NCSM) Ottawa participe actuellement à un déploiement de 44 jours dans l'Est du Pacifique, où il a connu un succès opérationnel retentissant.

Le 28 novembre 2012, la frégate, basée à Esquimalt, effectuait une patrouille des eaux internationales au Sud-Est d'Isla de Coco, au Costa Rica, lorsqu'elle a aidé une équipe d'un Law Enforcement Detachment de la garde côtière américaine à arraisonner un navire de pêche suspect. Cette opération a permis de saisir 36 balles de cocaïne, pour un poids total de 1 086 kilos, ce qui représente une valeur en gros de plus de 29 millions de dollars américains. Du 18 au 29 novembre, les équipages de

CP-140 Aurora de la 19^e Escadre Comox et de la 14^e Escadre Greenwood ont contribué à la saisie, par l'entremise de moyens de surveillance et de détection, de 144 balles de cocaïne pesant 4 300 kilos, ce qui représente une valeur en gros de plus de 116 millions de dollars américains. Au total, une valeur de plus de 145 millions de dollars américains de drogue a été saisie.

En 2012, en plus du NCSM Ottawa, les Forces armées canadiennes ont affecté cinq Navires canadiens de Sa Majesté à des opérations antidrogues dans la région des Caraïbes. La frégate NCSM St. John's, le destroyer NCSM Iroquois, le ravitailleur NCSM Preserver et deux navires de défense

côtière, soit le NCSM Kingston et le NCSM Goose Bay, ont tous été déployés dans la région cette année pour aider à perturber le trafic de drogues illicites et les autres activités criminelles. Lorsqu'ils opèrent dans les eaux internationales, leurs tâches sont de localiser, de traquer, d'approcher et potentiellement d'intercepter les navires suspects afin de permettre aux membres d'un law enforcement detachment de la garde côtière américaine de les arraisonner et de prendre les mesures d'application de la loi qui s'imposent.

L'Aviation royale canadienne a aussi fourni cinq aéronefs de patrouille à long rayon d'action CP-140 Aurora qui sont chargés d'effectuer

des sorties de surveillance essentielles dans la région.

Chaque année, sous la coordination de la Joint Interagency Task Force South, plusieurs pays en partenariat interceptent et saisissent des drogues illicites d'une valeur de plusieurs millions de dollars, en plus de jouer un rôle important dans la répression du trafic dans les eaux et l'espace aérien internationaux. Depuis son début en novembre 2006, l'Opération Caribbe a aidé à consolider des partenariats internationaux, à augmenter les capacités en matière de partenariats et à démontrer notre engagement régional pour la lutte contre les organisations criminelles transnationales.

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Rain and windy weather didn't keep families from enjoying horse drawn wagon rides.

Community Christmas

Greenwood partners at the Military Family Resource Centre, community centre and community council presented Christmas on the Wing December 2, with cookie decorating, face painting, wagon rides and more, all followed by a tree lighting ceremony and visit from the big man himself, Santa Claus.

Corporal J.Kusche, 14 Wing Imaging



Keira Westcott is all smiles after meeting Santa Claus.



Taking advantage of Santa's early visit to Greenwood, a couple of kids brought letters to give to him directly.

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14 Wing Commander Colonel Jim Irvine as the Christmas tree is lit.

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~ In Memory ~

Nora Helen Russell (Hubley)
December 14, 1916
- December 12, 2011

Although not here in body, Nora still lives on in our thoughts and our hearts. While we miss the sound of her voice and the touch of her hand, we are warmed by the afterglow of her being with us.

Sadly missed by her family, extended family, and her many, many friends.

*She's gone to be with father,
never more to roam,
she's just gone over Jordan,
she's just gone over home.*



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Greenwood team takes second at powerlifting event

Master Corporal Rob Snow, 14 Wing Powerhouse

Powerlifting is a competitive sport which involves lifting large amounts of weight in three different disciplines: the squat, bench press and deadlift.

Nine strength athletes from 14 Wing Greenwood recently made the trek to CFB Gagetown to compete at the 2012 Atlantic Regional Powerlifting Invitational, also known as the Chad O'Quinn event. This year, the competition was bigger than ever, with 31 athletes from Greenwood, Halifax, Shearwater and Gagetown registered.

Greenwood athletes stood strong, finishing a close second to Shearwater in the team event. Mike Martin of 413 Squadron won the overall heavy weight title, lifting a massive 1,570-lb total. In the light weight division, Nathan Justice and Geoff Saunders finished second (1,095 pounds) and third



Greenwood powerlifting athletes included, from left (front row), Mike Martin, Nathan Justice, Geoff Saunders, Mike "Guns" Pittman, Pete Vickery, Josh Leddicote. In the back are Justin Chamberlain, Mathieu Kuhn, Alex Hughes and Robert Snow.

Submitted

(1,005 pounds) respectively. Mike Pittman won the individual heavy weight bench press award with an outstanding 390-pound press. Well done!

Powerlifting is constantly growing in the Canadian Forces. If you or anyone you know is interested in powerlifting or if you have any questions, contact the 14 Wing Personnel Support Program or the 14 Wing Powerhouse.



Mike Pittman hands off a 350-pound press to Alex Hughes.

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GMFRC, casual childcare closure December 14

The Greenwood Military Family Resource Centre (GMFRC) would like to inform the public the GMFRC offices and Casual Childcare Centre will be closed December 14 from noon to 4 p.m. so that staff

can participate in professional development. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. For emergencies, please call Wing Duty Ops 765-1494 local 5457.

Le CRFMG et la halte-garderie seront fermés le 14 décembre

Le Centre de ressources pour les familles militaires de Greenwood (CRFMG) désire informer la communauté que les bureaux ainsi que la halte-garderie seront fermés le 14 décembre de 12 h à 16 h afin de permettre au personnel de participer à un atelier de

développement professionnel. Nous nous excusons des inconvénients que cela pourrait occasionner. En cas d'urgence s.v.p. communiquer avec les Opérations de l'Escadre au 765-1494 poste 5457.

Connecting community, one bowl at a time

Jackaline Benoit, The Open Hand

The Open Hand is a non-profit organization in Greenwood seeking to meet the needs of all those in the community affected by poverty, loneliness and social isolation. Our mission is to provide, on a weekly basis and in a social setting, a soup kitchen and clothing bank. We offer a listening ear and a helping hand to all in need. The Open Hand opened October 18 with six visitors, and has grown tremendously to regularly serve over 60 people each Wednesday.

Last year, volunteers

served over 110 guests a hot turkey dinner during the Christmas season. For some, Christmas can be a lonely time. December 8 and 15, volunteers will deliver 165 Christmas "sunshine" bags - and sing carols - as they make special deliveries around the community. December 22 is the annual Christmas dinner.

Making a difference in the community takes many hands, and The Open Hand appreciates volunteers willing to step up to the challenges on a weekly basis. May Christmas not be lost in fancy wrapped paper, but be found in sharing love with one another.



Dear Santa...

The Aurora Newspaper is pleased to inform readers of all ages Santa Claus will be accepting **Christmas letters** at our office, 83A School Road, Morfee Annex, Greenwood, until 4 p.m. December 12.

Writers should hand deliver their 50-word maximum length letter to our front desk, including their full name, age and home community; along with a photo of themselves if they like. A parent's name and phone number must be included for those writers under age 18.

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Santa party

Kingston families kicked off Christmas fun with a village party at the Western Kings Arena November 30. Lots of games, tasty treats, a skate and, of course, a visit with Santa, filled the evening's schedule.

M. Rolph



Santa and his elf helper depart the village party in a Kingston department fire truck.

Sisters Hallie and Amelia Blatch, Kingston, spend a moment with Santa.

Madison MacLennan enjoys the balloons.



Corey Graves, 18 months old, designs his own cookie.

Donor clinic a Christmas 'miracle' in Greenwood

Canadian Blood Services held another successful two-day blood donor clinic at the 14 Wing Greenwood Community Centre December 3 and 4. Two hundred fifty donors supported this worthy cause and, as a result 226 donations were collected - which can be used to save almost 700 lives!

Canadian Blood Services will return February 25 and 26, 2013. To book an appointment to give blood or volunteer at the next two-day clinic, call 1-888-236-6283.

The 14 Wing Greenwood Community Centre would like to thank Tim Hortons and McDonalds for their continued sponsorship of the clinic, and thank the volunteer work party who assisted with the load in and out of equipment: Sergeant O'Reilly, Private Loveless, Captain Hollenbeck, Corporal Hartin, Corporal Gelinas-Galaise, Sergeant Dempsey and Corporal Cedeno. Finally, a big thank you to Gerald, Canadian Blood Services' volunteer photographer for the two days.





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