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Sharp dressed man, RCAF style

Sara White,
Managing editor

Who's the best-dressed man this time of year?

Santa Claus knows he has an image to uphold as he readies for a busy December schedule of appearances; he also knows his attire has to hold up to a world-wide workload.

Who better to help Santa test, mend, let out (those cookies creep up on the waistline, year-over-year) and adapt to new clothing technologies than the supply techs and trades within the Canadian Armed Forces? With close ties to the North Pole with CFS Alert and the NORAD Tracks Santa partnership with the United States, Santa has had decades of experience working with the CAF, including many of the steps along the Canadian Forces Taskings, Plans and Operations program in his own annual operations planning.

Within his Christmas-focussed CFTPO, Santa makes a regular stop at CAF clothing stores to obtain required kit, and make necessary adjustments to his "uniform."

"Santa has accumulated

many items off the operation's scale of issue," says Aviator Margo Belliveau, with 14 Wing Greenwood's Wing Replenishment Flight. "All items must be inspected to insure they have not only kept their functionality, but exceed the high standard required for his mission. If there is any wear and tear from previous years' deliveries, mall visits or other Santa-related activities, new kit has to be issued."

Santa takes advantage of the Royal Canadian Air Force's stock gloves, an aircrew-issued flashlight and sunglasses, all-black steel-toed boots and double-layered socks, long Johns, a neck gaiter and thermal wear to insure maximum comfort and heat. Specialty camouflage paint is added to Santa's sign-outs for trickier situations, along with an oversize rucksack and any new or replacement bells.

If Santa needs clothing-related attention, Belliveau says the customary RCAF tailor's chit can be used just as easily for him as for CADPATs, Mess kits and military members' speciality workwear.

14 Wing Greenwood tailor Angie Vroom has been on



14 Wing Greenwood's tailor, Angie Vroom, and Aviator Margo Belliveau, with 14 Wing Greenwood's Wing Replenishment Flight, take care of some special fitting and repair needs, as Santa Claus made a visit to their shop in preparation for the holiday season ahead.

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the job over 30 years, and is pretty deft with her needle to pick up where Mrs. Claus needs a hand – or if Santa himself needs specialized or emergency repairs.

"If Santa ever comes in with a uniform issue, I help," Vroom says.

While Vroom and Santa worked on some adjustments December 7 on his Green-

wood stop, Santa said he has three main suits: one goes in every week for dry cleaning, while the others are available for his regular visiting engagements. He keeps an older set aside for working in the barn with the reindeer or in the workshop with the elves throughout the year.

"I have no 'extra special' suit," Santa says. "I try to

be extra special all the time – the kids want that. But, sometimes, my pants aren't quite big enough, or I may catch something on a piece of metal on the sleigh – and you never know what you'll find in a chimney."

Belliveau and Vroom have been working closely on CAF CADPAT options for Santa, with thoughts the military's

go-to workwear may have some technological and comfort advantages for Santa.

"I can see that the pattern would be good for hiding behind a Christmas tree, say," Santa says, "but the debate is – do I need it? I'm lively and quick, and I can bound and spring better than anyone; and, with my Christmas magic, no one sees me at work."

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Obstacles to Olympics 14 Wing focuses on disability awareness with sports challenge

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“It’s amazing what people do every day to overcome their disabilities,” Lieutenant-Colonel Chris Pratt said November 30, as 14 Wing Greenwood hosted an event to mark December 3, the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. While the Greenwood event covered the formalities, participants were getting set to test themselves through sport: sit volleyball, a Paralympic sport that athletes with brain and spinal injuries and amputations have pushed



to athletic heights. “While we play and realize how difficult it is, think about people with disabilities and the challenges they face every day - and then think of the extraordinary obstacles they overcome to play this sport at the Olympic level.” Pratt is 14 Wing’s champion for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, one of four employment equity areas the Canadian Armed Forces specifically focuses on nationally, and base to base. The other areas include Aboriginal people, women and visible minorities. “Empowering people with disabilities,” Pratt said, is important in the CAF’s efforts to ensure widespread inclusiveness and equality. Sit volleyball was created in Canada in 1976. Athletes play the traditional game with a lower net from a seated position. As 14 Wing members played, the challenges of making serves and getting any kind of a rally in when you’re sliding on your behind across the floor quickly became apparent.



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Energy efficiency upgrades set for 14 Wing Greenwood

14 Wing Greenwood, as a physical footprint with a major operational environmental impact, is making some changes. A \$20.5 million energy efficiency contract should lower 14 Wing’s annual greenhouse gas emissions by 7,500 tonnes, the equivalent of taking 1,600 cars off the road. On behalf of Defence Minister Harjit S. Sajjan, West Nova Member of Parliament Colin Fraser announced the contract December 7 with 14

A large industrial building with several tall smokestacks, identified as the 14 Wing Greenwood power plant. The building is grey and the sky is overcast.

The 14 Wing Greenwood power plant will be upgraded to a cleaner natural gas fuel source.

Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Mike Adamson and Defence Construction Canada president James Paul. “I am thrilled to see this green energy project move forward for Base Greenwood. This \$20.5-million investment will create economic opportunities for surrounding communities, while demonstrating that greener, more sustainable government operations is as good for the economy as it is for the environment,” said Fraser. Adamson said the work underscores government’s commitment to “greening” defence infrastructure, part of Canada’s Defence Policy, “Strong, Secure, Engaged.” “14 Wing is the largest air base in Atlantic Canada and a major employer in the south-west region of Nova Scotia,” Adamson said. “We are proud of our role in the community and of our stewardship and environmental practices. We are committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions from our operations and will continue to do so as we move forward.

DND has a number of energy performance contracts in various stages at bases across Canada. A company is contracted to pay for and carry out an energy retrofit project at a base or wing, and the money saved in energy costs is then used to pay the company back over a five- to 15-year period. In Greenwood, 102 buildings will be upgraded with energy efficiency measures, including new LED lighting and efficient ventilation systems. The wing’s central heat-

Three men in suits and military uniforms are standing in front of industrial equipment, likely part of the power plant's control units. One man is pointing at the equipment.

14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Mike Adamson, centre, shows one of the control units of the base’s central heating plant to West Nova MP Colin Fraser, left, and James Paul, Defence Construction Canada. Master Corporal R. Wilson

ing plant will also be upgraded to a cleaner natural gas fuel source. These upgrades are expected to lower annual energy costs at the wing by about \$900,000, or 13 per cent, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by close to 7,500 tonnes per year. The contract for energy upgrades and retrofits at 14 Wing Greenwood was awarded to MCW Custom Energy Solutions Ltd.

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The youngest NCM on base, Aviator MacKenzie Cross makes the first cut.



No dinner is complete without clean-up: 14 Wing's officer cadre was on the job.



NCMs to the front

December 12, 14 Wing Greenwood's non-commissioned members were front of house, as the day featured the annual Christmas dinner, served by the officers, and the change-up of command responsibilities between Colonel Mike Adamson and the youngest NCM on base, Aviator MacKenzie Cross, and August BMQ grad; and Wing Chief Warrant Officer Dan Campbell and Master Corporal Ted Reid, with 36 years of service under his belt.

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Colonel Mike Adamson, centre, and Wing Chief Warrant Officer Dan Campbell, right relinquish Campbell's responsibilities for the day to Master Corporal Ted Reid.



404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron Honorary Colonel Eric Wood – already stripped of his rank – waits on Colonel MacKenzie Cross.

Exchanging ranks goes beyond the command team, as NCMs were quick to take advantage of the informal Christmas gathering to swap up a few notches in the chain of command.

SAR calls keep crews on the ready

December 7, around 3:30 a.m., a 14 Wing Greenwood-based Cormorant helicopter took off in response to a search and rescue call from the Halifax Joint rescue Coordination centre. A sailing vessel 250 nautical miles south of Greenwood was reporting steering problems. The United States Coast Guard tasked

an aircraft for top cover. The Cormorant returned to Greenwood just before 6 a.m., stood down en route to the boat: the individual aboard did not want to be evacuated. December 9, around 8:30 a.m., a Greenwood Cormorant was tasked to respond in aid of a fishing vessel taking on water 15 nautical

miles north of Westport; the aircraft was stood down before launching. Just two hours later, after 10 a.m., the Cormorant was tasked a second time to assist a fishing vessel taking on water approx. 25 nautical miles west-northwest of Yarmouth, with four people reported on board. The crew was

stood down while airborne, returning to Greenwood around 11:30 a.m. After landing, the crew received yet another call: a request to medivac a person

from another fishing vessel having a possible heart attack. The crew was again stood down before take-off. December 11, just after 8 a.m., a Cormorant was

readying for take-off in aid of a reported heart attack victim aboard a boat off the south shore of Nova Scotia. The crew and aircraft was stood down before 8:30 a.m.

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Morton, Edward "Ed" Keddy

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To tell just when
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Live, Love, Toil with a will
Place no faith in tomorrow
For the clock may then be still.*

**Shirley, Donna,
Cynthia Anne & Joe**

Holiday hours at 14 Wing Greenwood facilities

26 Canadian Forces Health Services - pharmacy
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Members who require medical care may visit local walk-in clinics or civilian emergency rooms as needed using their Blue Cross card. If they do so, they must present to sick parade when the CFHS clinic re-opens to ensure documentation and follow-on care as needed. Members must ensure they have sufficient prescribed medications for the period of closure as there will be no pharmacy services available. Your Blue Cross card may also be used at civilian pharmacies as needed.

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14 Wing Greenwood Community Centre
December 22 to January 1closed
December 22 & 23 open for birthday parties
January 2normal hours resume

14 Wing Greenwood Fitness & Sports Centre
December 19Gym 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
.....aqua size 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
.....parents & tot swim 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
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.....adult lane swim 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.
December 20Gym 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
.....military/ adult lane swim noon to 1 p.m.
December 21Gym 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
.....military/ adult lane swim noon to 1 p.m.
.....casual swim 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.
December 22Gym 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

.....adult lane and parent & tot swim 2:40 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
.....casual swim 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
December 23Gym 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
.....casual swim 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
.....adult lane and parent & tot swim 2:40 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
December 24gym 8 a.m. to noon
December 25, 26closed
December 27, 28Gym 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
December 29Gym 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
.....adult lane and parent & tot swim 2:40 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
.....casual swim 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
December 30Gym 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
.....casual swim 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
.....adult lane and parent & tot swim 2:40 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
December 31Gym 8 a.m. to noon
January 1closed
January 2Gym 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
.....military/ adult lane swim noon to 1 p.m.
.....casual swim 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.
January 5normal schedule resumes

Greenwood Gardens Arena
December 18parents and tots 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
.....shinny 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
December 20parents and tots 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
.....shinny 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
December 21shinny 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
.....public skate 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
December 22public skate 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
December 24public skate 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
December 25, 26Closed
December 27public skate 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

December 28public skate 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
December 29public skate 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
December 31, January 1Closed
January 2public skate 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
January 3normal schedule resumes

Greenwood Military Family Resource Centre
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January 7normal hours resume
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Health Promotion
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January 7normal hours resume

14 Wing Greenwood Library
December 21noon to 4 p.m.
December 22 to January 1closed
January 2normal hours resume
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December 286 p.m. to 9 p.m.
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~~~~ Letters to Santa ~~~~



**Hi Santa**

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Love, *Isaac*

Isaac Manning  
Greenwood, NS, Age 6



**Dear Santa**

I hope you, Mis Claus, and the elves had a good year. I'm excited for Christmas. This year I would like the L.O.L. doll house, the L.O.L. pop up store, and an L.O.L. biggie pet. Also, some surprises like you left last year. Thank you, and Merry Christmas

Love, *Rebecca*

Rebecca Manning  
Greenwood, NS, Age 8



**Dear Santa**

I hope you have a great Christmas Eve delivering presents. Thank you for the Barbie horse last year. For Christmas this year I would like a Barbie ambulance. Please don't forget all my friends and family.

Your friend, Carlie

Carlie Timmins  
Greenwood, NS, Age 6



**Dear Santa**

Thank you for the train table last year. This year I would like a police LEGO set. Please don't forget my auntie and uncle in Newfoundland and all my friends. Have a safe Christmas Eve Santa!

Your friend, Wyatt

Wyatt Timmins  
Greenwood, NS, Age 4



**Dear Santa**

Christmas is coming! I have been good this year. I would like an LOL Doll and a changing backpack. Have a great time at the North Pole.

Love, *Lillian*

xoxoxoxo

Lillian Gosse  
Wilmot, NS, Age 5



**To Santa**

I hope you have the best travels this year. I would like some lego, imaginex, and surprises this year. I've been very good this year, but sometimes pick on my sister.

Your friend, *Myles*

Love,

Myles Gosse  
Wilmot, NS, Age 8



Corporal K. Neate, 14 Wing Imaging

# Christmas concert brings together musical community

**Warrant Officer Jeff Campbell, 14 Wing Greenwood bandmaster**

The 14 Wing Greenwood Christmas Concert December 9 brought together musicians from the 14 Wing Greenwood Band, the Kingston and District School Choir, the Canadian Military Wives' Choir Greenwood and guest vocalist Mark Riley. The cast of over 100 performers dazzled the large audience of approximately 400 guests.

The program opened with the Canadian Military Wives' Choir Greenwood processing down the centre aisle singing Mozart's "Dona Nobis Pacem," Latin for "Grant Us Peace." The choir combined with the 14 Wing Band for a strong performance of a brilliant new Christmas medley, "Rejoice! A Christmas Carol Celebration." The choir and band also delivered a powerful rendition of "I'm Dreaming of Home," led by CMWCG director Vanessa Montcrieff. This work was dedicated to Canadian Armed Forces personnel and families apart this Christmas.

Other highlights included processing down the centre aisle singing Mozart's "Dona Nobis Pacem," Latin for "Grant Us Peace." The choir combined with the 14 Wing Band for a strong performance of a brilliant new Christmas medley, "Rejoice! A Christmas Carol Celebration." The choir and band also delivered a powerful rendition of "I'm Dreaming of Home," led by CMWCG director Vanessa Montcrieff. This work was dedicated to Canadian Armed Forces personnel and families apart this Christmas.

Other highlights included

of "Twas the Night Before Christmas," performed by the 14 Wing Band and narrated by 14 Wing Commander Colonel Mike Adamson. 14 Wing Chief Warrant Officer Dan Campbell was also in on the act, though his participation cannot officially be confirmed: he appeared to leave the concert just moments before Santa arrived, distributing candy canes to many excited children in attendance! Santa also cracked the whip in Leroy Anderson's

"Sleigh Ride," a Christmas favourite made famous by the Boston Pops Orchestra. Mark Riley enthralled the audience with his interpretations of "White Christmas" and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."

The Kingston and District School Choir, under the direction of Shannon Young, performed a beautiful piece by Teresa Jennings, "Peaceful." The KDS choir also performed a quick jazz number called "Candy-Covered

Gingerbread House" and "Somewhere in my Memory," from the movie, "Home Alone."

Many thanks go to the concert's master of ceremonies, Karl West, and to Corporal Darrin Beaton for his outstanding work on sound for the concert. I would also like to acknowledge 14 Wing

members who volunteered for the work parties, as well as support from WTEME, WTIS, Wing Imaging and the Annapolis Mess – all of which contributed to a successful event. At the concert, 487 pounds of food was collected and over \$400 raised for the Upper Room Food Bank in Kingston.



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# 14 Wing Greenwood leadership team 2018 holiday message

14 Wing Commander Colonel Mike Adamson and 14 Wing Chief Warrant Officer Dan Campbell

Once again, the Christmas season is upon us... a time to enjoy the company of family and friends, share in the holiday spirit, reflect on accomplishments of the last 12 months and look forward to what the new year may have in store.

14 Wing Greenwood has always had a sharp operational focus, and 2018 has been no exception. Many of the operations we perform are high profile, but all of the activities we undertake as a wing are important and contribute to the Royal Canadian Air Force and Canadian Armed Forces' culture of excellence.

Over the past year, we have seen the long range patrol force conduct operations around the world, contributing to global security and re-affirming our national sovereignty in the Canadian area of responsibility. We have maintained these efforts, while reviewing our mission set and implementing the increased capabilities of the upgraded Aurora fleet. The CP140M is recognized as a key element and strategic enabler for the RCAF and the CAF, and the work of our air and ground crews is routinely praised by our military and government leadership. A revitalized LRP force factors into all long-term planning for the RCAF, and the future is bright for that community.

At the same time, our search and rescue forces have continued to provide safety and security for Canadians and international mariners throughout our expansive search and rescue region. Called upon to perform their critical tasks at all times of day and night, and in all manner of weather; the Hercules and Cormorant fleets have contributed to the well-being of countless people facing challenges or emergencies at sea or on land.

Supporting these airpower efforts is a team of military and civilian professionals across 14 Wing. Both the Mission and Operations support squadrons toil endlessly to make sure the wing and its people have the tools and capabilities to launch and

carry out the myriad critical tasks assigned to us. Whether supporting operations at home or deployed around the world as part of coalition and multi-national forces, the men and women of 14 Wing continue to set the benchmark for operational excellence.

2019 already promises to be a busy year. Construction efforts on the new air traffic control tower and the new hangar at our civilian airport are clearly visible reminders Greenwood is a vibrant and expanding air operations environment. Other infrastructure work across the wing will reinforce pride in our community, and provide even better services and facilities for our families. The coming summer will also see the wing once again host Air Show Atlantic, with new and exciting performers - including the United States Navy Blue Angels. This outstanding event will provide us all an opportunity to showcase 14 Wing as we welcome guests from across the Maritimes and beyond.

This has been a busy but rewarding year, and I hope all of you will take time to reflect on the roles you have played in making sure 14 Wing delivers on its mandate. CWO Campbell and I are fiercely proud of the work you do: a daily reminder you embody our wing motto, Operate as One.

As 2018 draws to a close, we would like to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas, and a healthy and prosperous new year.

## Message du temps des fêtes de 2018 de l'équipe de direction de la 14e Escadre Greenwood

Colonel Mike Adamson, commandant de la 14 Ere, et adjudant-chef Dan Campbell, adjudant-chef de la 14 Ere

Le temps des Fêtes est de nouveau arrivé... C'est le temps de profiter de la compagnie de notre famille et de nos amis, de partager l'esprit des Fêtes, de réfléchir à nos réussites des 12 derniers mois, et de voir ce que nous réserve la nouvelle année.

La 14 Ere Greenwood a toujours été très axée sur les opérations; l'année 2018 n'a pas fait exception à la règle. Bon nombre des opérations effectuées sont de haute visibilité, certes, mais toutes les activités de l'escadre sont importantes et contribuent à la culture d'excellence de l'Aviation royale canadienne et des Forces armées canadiennes.

Cette année, nous avons vu la force de patrouille à longue portée mener des opérations partout dans le monde, contribuant à la sécurité mondiale et renforçant la souveraineté nationale dans la zone de responsabilité du Canada. Nous avons maintenu ces efforts, nous avons étudié notre ensemble de missions, et nous avons mis en œuvre les capacités accrues de la flotte des Aurora mis à niveau. Le CP140M est reconnu comme un élément habilitant essentiel et stratégique pour l'ARC et les FAC. Le travail des équipages au sol et en vol fait régulièrement l'objet d'éloges de la part de nos dirigeants militaires et gouvernementaux. Une force de PLP revitalisée fait partie de toute la planification à long terme de l'ARC. L'avenir de cette communauté est donc fort prometteur.

Nos forces de recherche et sauvetage ont aussi continué à assurer la sécurité des Canadiens et des marins internationaux dans notre vaste région de recherche et sauvetage. Appelées à faire un travail crucial toutes les heures du jour et de la nuit, par toutes les conditions météorologiques, les flottes de Hercules et Cormorant ont contribué

au bien-être d'innombrables personnes qui côtoient des conditions et urgences maritimes et terrestres.

Et ces efforts de puissance aérienne sont appuyés par toute une équipe de professionnels militaires et civils dans toute la 14 Ere. Les escadrons de soutien à la mission et aux opérations travaillent tous deux sans cesse pour veiller à ce que l'escadre et son personnel aient les outils et les capacités nécessaires pour amorcer et effectuer les nombreuses tâches cruciales dont nous sommes responsables. Que ce soit pour appuyer les opérations chez nous ou en déploiement ailleurs dans le monde, dans le cadre de forces de coalition ou multinationales, les hommes et les femmes de la 14 Ere continuent à établir l'exemple à suivre en matière d'excellence opérationnelle.

L'année 2019 promet déjà d'être fertile en événements. La construction d'une nouvelle tour de contrôle aérien et d'un nouveau hangar dans notre aéroport civil nous rappelle, sans équivoque, que Greenwood est un environnement d'opérations aériennes dynamique et grandissant. D'autres travaux d'infrastructure dans l'escadre renforceront notre fierté communautaire et offriront de meilleurs services et installations pour nos familles. L'été prochain, l'escadre accueillera de nouveau le Spectacle aérien de l'Atlantique avec de nouveaux acteurs excitants, dont les Blue Angels de la United States Navy. Cet événement remarquable nous donnera à tous l'occasion de mettre en vitrine la 14 Ere, car nous accueillerons des invités de partout dans les Maritimes et au-delà.

L'année a été bien remplie, mais enrichissante. J'espère que vous prendrez tous l'occasion de réfléchir au rôle que vous avez joué pour livrer le mandat de la 14 Ere. L'Adjuc Campbell et moi sommes extrêmement fiers de votre travail. Nous vous rappelons de nouveau que vous incarnez notre devise, Unis dans l'action.

Alors que 2018 prend fin, nous vous souhaitons à tous, à vous et à vos familles, un très joyeux Noël et une bonne et heureuse année sous le signe de la santé et de la prospérité.







## Festive breakfast

It was with great pleasure the Greenwood Military Family Resource Centre opened its doors December 11 for its 23rd Christmas breakfast. Thank you to the 150 collaborators, partners and volunteers who joined us for this joyful and festive event. Mac and Santa were thrilled to offer a variety of door prizes. Thank you to partners here at 14 Wing, to the Reserve units in Yarmouth, Aldershot and Bridgewater, to local businesses, to all of our volunteers, and to all of those who support the programs and services here.

S. White & J. Courcy



**GMFRC, Casual Childcare Centre, and Preschool Programs Holiday Closure**  
**December 22, 2018 to January 6, 2019 inclusive**

In case of emergency, military families should call the Family Information Line at 1 800-866-4546 or CFMAP at 1 800-268-7708. Local emergencies are referred to Wing Duty Operations at 902-765-1494 local 5457.

*Wishing all of our military families a wonderful Christmas filled with love, laughter, and good cheer! We look forward to serving you in the New Year!*

**Fermeture du CRFMG, de la halte-garderie occasionnelle et des Programmes préscolaires pour la période des fêtes**  
**22 décembre 2018 au 6 janvier 2019 inclusivement**

En cas d'urgence, les familles militaires peuvent appeler la Ligne d'information pour les familles militaires au 1-800-866-4546 ou PAMFC au 1-800-268-7708. Les urgences locales sont référées aux Opérations de l'Escadre au 902-7651494 poste 5457.

*Souhaitant à toutes nos familles militaires un merveilleux Noël rempli d'amour, de rires et de joie festive! Nous avons hâte de vous servir dans la nouvelle année!*

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C'est avec un plaisir immense que le Centre de Ressources pour les Familles Militaires de Greenwood a encore cette année ouvert ses portes le 11 decembre pour son 23e déjeuner annuel de Noël. Merci aux 150 collaborateurs, partenaires et bénévoles qui ont pris part à cet événement festif et heureux. Mac et le Père Noël ont pu offrir de nombreux cadeaux de presence. Merci aux partenaires de la 14e Escadre, aux Unités de la Réserve de Yarmouth, Aldershot et Bridgewater, aux entreprises locales, à tous nos bénévoles et à tous ceux qui supportent les programmes et services.



May your holiday season be filled with happiness, laughter, and warmth and may the coming year be joyful and prosperous. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Que cette période des Fêtes s'illumine de moments de rire, de bonheur et de partage, et que l'année qui vient en soit tout autant remplie. Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année!

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## Youth Happenings

Youth activities are open at 14 Wing Greenwood Community Centre for ages six to 12. Please pre-register for any activities you're interested in by calling 902-765-1494 local 5341, stopping by the centre located in Bldg. 110 on Church Street, Greenwood; Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. No registrations will be taken after noon the day of the activity.

Monday, December 17, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - **Boys Club** - Indoor shoes and comfortable clothing are a necessity for tonight: we will be putting a twist on capture the flag - with glow sticks!

Tuesday, December 18, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - **Creative Critters** - Get ready to get messy and bring your sweet tooth! We will be making gingerbread houses as our last activity for 2018! Cost is \$3.


Thursday, December 20, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - **Active Chicks** - Our gals will be having a relaxing pre-holidays spa night, complete with hot

## Make the pledge

The Friendly Neighbours Christmas Mommies & Daddies Telethon and Auction November 25 raised just over \$20,000, all destined to make the Christmas season happier for local families. The telethon is sponsored by Eastlink TV, the Lions Clubs of Kingston, Aylesford, Berwick and Coldbrook and the Aylesford fire hall. Please honour your pledges - and it's not too late to make a donation - at the Royal Bank in Coldbrook and Berwick, CIBC Kingston and Greenwood, Scotiabank in Middleton and Greenwood, the Credit Union in Greenwood and Cambridge and Chisholm's Pharmachoice in Aylesford.

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# metro crossword

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- ACROSS**

1. Thick piece of something

5. Engine additive

8. Anticipated arrival time

11. French commune

13. Cigarette (slang)

14. Nobleman

15. Ghana capital

16. Adam's wife

17. Most popular student

18. Where you currently are

20. Increase motor speed

21. Queen of Sparta

22. North, South and Central

25. Churchillgoer

30. Russian empress

31. Female dæredevil organization

32. Relating to music

33. Female body part

38. Tyrion Lannister

41. Honored

43. Argentine footballer

45. Novices

47. Wings

49. Doctors' group

50. Packers' QB

55. Qatar capital

56. Unpleasant noise

57. Lovable elephant

59. Sleeping

60. Lute

61. Weight of a liter of hydrogen

62. Crimson

63. Returned material authorization (abbr.)

64. Employee plan

**DOWN**

1. Helps little firms

2. Type of curtain

3. Online stock exchange

4. Irish castle

5. Audio-system

6. Places to grab a drink

7. What's coming

8. Designed chairs

9. Stepped on

10. Genus of birds

12. Consume

14. Ancient Syrian city

19. Australian brewery

23. Not present

24. Necktie

25. What part of (abbr.)

26. Type of compound

27. Jogged quickly

28. Roth is one type

29. Mineral

34. Purpose

35. Financial term (abbr.)

36. Orange is the New

37. Used to cut and shape wood

39. Bullfighter

40. Top of the line

41. Hill

42. Greek mountain

43. Angola's capital

45. Expressed pleasure

46. Fermented honey

47. Month in the Jewish calendar

48. Frontal is one type

51. Basics

52. Uncommon

53. Broad kimono sashes

54. European defense organization

58. Box score term

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## Farm and crafters' market

Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Berwick Community Market is open year round at the Berwick Legion, 232 Main Street. Come out and support your local producers and artisans. For info: Chris, 902-538-5815 or [chris-48goddard@icloud.com](mailto:chris-48goddard@icloud.com).

## Curlers wanted

The Greenwood Commercial League is looking for new curlers and curling teams. The league is fun and friendly, where everyone can enjoy themselves. We play Thursday evenings at the Green-

wood rink. League fee discount for first-time participants. Contact Rick, 902-321-0439, if you are interested.

## Bridgetown book club

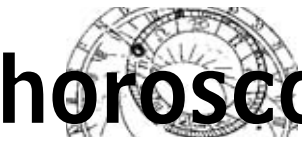
December 18, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., the Bridgetown & Area Library adult book club meets (third Tuesday of the month). Share views and ideas about selected books, usually fiction. For info: 902-665-2758.

## Christmas crafts

December 18, 3:30 p.m., the Kingston Library hosts a craft session for kids ages five to 12.

## Holiday stories

December 19, 6:30 p.m., the Annapolis Royal Library invites children of all ages to gather in the common area around the fire for some seasonal tales and snacks.



# horoscopes

## December 16 to December 22

### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, when you are fired up about something, there is no stopping you. If something doesn't go your way, don't let that stop you from pursuing your goals.

### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Stick to activities that will help you feel grounded and centered this week, Taurus. Only put things on your schedule that pertain to your future goals.

### GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, there may be something you say that seems wise at the moment, but may need to be reconsidered as days press on. It is alright to revise along the way.

### CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Tap into the energetic flow that has been driving you to take charge of money matters, Cancer. A desirable outcome will arrive, and your bottom line will be better for it.

### LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

No one seems to be able to sway your thoughts one way or another, Leo. With your self-determination laser-focused, there is nothing that you can't handle.

### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Time is ticking, Virgo. However, you don't have to move until the time is right for you. Take your time and plan your next step before putting plans into motion.

### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, a romantic partner shares your thoughts on a sensitive subject and now is a great time to have a discussion about it. Working together will strengthen your relationship.

### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, readjust your approach conversations this week. What you have been doing might not be effective when communicating with people unaccustomed to your style of conversing.

### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, take some quiet moments to focus on a memory that makes you happy. Whenever things get challenging, you can call this memory to mind.

### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Any turbulence going on in your life right now can be remedied by thinking a bit more positively, Capricorn. Things will soon fall into place.

### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, try a new perspective in regard to looking at a difficult problem that's been tough to solve. Seek others' help, which is a sign of strength, not weakness.

### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

A profound time of introspection and revelation will begin for you this week, Pisces. You may be pleasantly surprised by what you discover.

## Tween Book Club

December 20, 3:15 p.m. to 4 p.m., the Bridgetown & Area Library is calling all readers ages eight to 12! Enjoy a snack and take part in a fun book discussion on the third Thursday of each month. For information: 902-665-2758. Registration required.

## Chase the Ace

December 20, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (weekly Thursdays). Chase the Ace at Paddy's Pub, Kentville, with Valley Cheer Athletics Association. Tickets: 1 for \$2, 3 for \$5 and 10 for \$10. If you're not there, we'll call you for a proxy draw. FB: Chase the Ace Valley Cheer Athletics.

## Concert

December 21, noon: Home for the Holidays 3, a concert featuring the St. Mary's Singers Quartet, organist Elsie Hepburn, pianist John Montgomerie, raconteur Roberta White; at the Dawn Oman Art Gallery, Bridgetown. One hour of serene, seasonal music. A freewill offering will be taken for the Organ Restoration Fund of the art gallery.

## Quiet Christmas

December 21, a quiet Christmas celebration will be held at Holy Trinity Church, 45 Main Street, Middleton; for those who find Christmas hard. The afternoon includes a 2:30 p.m. tea and refreshments, followed by the service at 3:30 p.m.

## Tremont Board Game Café

December 21, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (every first and third Friday) at the Tremont Hall, 738 Tremont Mountain Road. Many of the newest and coolest games, and some good oldies in a friendly and relaxed environment. Free. 902-765-4326.

## Berwick La Leche

## Breastfeeding Group

December 21, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the Berwick and District Library hosts Carrie and Laura, trained volunteer leaders of the Berwick La Leche League group (third Friday of each month). They offer information, encouragement and support, telephone and internet support and a resource library. With questions, contact Carrie at

902-538-1808. On-going, drop in anytime.

## Christmas service

December 21, 7 p.m., there will be a Blue Christmas service at the Wilmot Baptist Church for those who struggle with feelings of sadness, loneliness, illness or loss at Christmas. Through scripture, music, meditation and prayer; we offer a quiet and somber service, where you can focus on the love, comfort and hope only God can offer. Call Brian for info: 902-765-4124.

## Living nativity

December 23, 6:30 p.m., the Lawrencetown United Baptist Church is sponsoring a nativity pageant, complete with livestock and music, at the Annapolis Valley Exhibition. All are welcome to enjoy this live portrayal of the meaning of Christmas. Freewill offering.

## Christmas Eve service

December 24, 7 p.m., there will be a community and family Christmas Eve service, at the Aylesford United Church, 2414 Highway 1, Aylesford, 902-847-9624; Free, wheelchair accessible.

## Breakfast

December 24, the Kingston Lions' annual community Christmas breakfast takes place at the Lions' club from 6:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, hash browns, pancakes, toast muffins, juice, tea and coffee. Bring your family, co-workers and friends and enjoy the Christmas Eve breakfast, prepared by your Lion friends. Santa will be visiting, so bring your kids. From all of the Kingston Lions we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

## Christmas Eve service

December 24, 7 p.m., there will be a Christmas Eve service at the Wilmot Baptist Church. Everyone welcome. Come celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus with us. Call Brian at 902-765-4124 for information.

## Chase the Ace

January 3, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (weekly Thursdays). Chase the Ace at Paddy's Pub, Kentville, with Valley Cheer Athletics Association. Tickets: 1 for \$2, 3 for



# Christmas together

Members of both the St. Mark's Ladies Guild and Queen of Heaven Catholic Women's League in Greenwood get together every year in early December to share Christmas fellowship, alternating hosting a Christmas brunch year to year. This event has been taking place for many years, with a spiritual presentation, followed by a tasty potluck complete with scrumptious desserts. Humorous entertainment after the meal concludes a most enjoyable day. Shown here entertaining the ladies following this year's gathering are Georgina D'entremont, Rae Margeson, Marie Lewis and Clare MacDormand.

\$5 and 10 for \$10. If you're not there, we'll call you for a proxy draw. FB: Chase the Ace Valley Cheer Athletics.

## New Year's Eve Dance

December 31, celebrate New Year's Eve at the Aylesford & District Lions Hall, 2160 Highway #1, Auburn. Doors open 7:30 pm Music 8 pm to 1 am. Music by DJ Will. Midnight countdown party hats, favors and prizes, buffet lunch and licensed bar. Semi-formal dress, no jeans, t-shirts or runners. Designated drivers available. Get your tickets by calling 902-341-2148. \$20 per person.

## Between the Covers Book Club - Middleton

January 3, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., the Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library adult book club is reading "A Good House," by Bonnie Burnard. Come and join us for great company and lively discussions! Next month's selection is "The Immortalists," by Chloe Benjamin. If interested please call the library at 902-825-4835.

## Chase the Ace

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## Berwick branch book club

January 4, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the Berwick and District Library adult book club will discuss "A Gentleman in Moscow," by Amor Towles. The club meets the first Friday of each month: join any time. To pick up a copy of the book, please drop into the library or attend a book club session. The book may be available to download.

## Tween Scene – New Year's

January 4, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the Kingston Library hosts kids ages eight to 12 for crafts, snacks and games (first Friday evening of each month).

## Crafting Club

January 10, 3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., the Bridgetown & Area Library Crafting Club meets the second Thursday with Olivia and an awesome new crafting experience. All materials supplied. Register at 902-665-2758.

## Chase the Ace

January 10, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (weekly Thursdays). Chase the Ace at Paddy's Pub, Kentville, with Valley Cheer Athletics Association. Tickets: 1 for \$2, 3 for

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**Travel with Tony to Andalucia**  
January 11, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., the Bridgetown & Area Library hosts an afternoon of armchair travel with Tony, sharing photos and stories of his recent trip to Southern Spain. Be swept away by magnificent photos of Roman ruins, mosques, Spanish countryside and more!

## KidCraft

January 11, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., the Annapolis Royal Library invites kids ages eight and up to come and play with us! Let's have fun after school making crafts.

## The Hangout:

## Get Your Game On

January 11, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., the Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library is calling all young adults (ages 10 to 14) to spend Friday night hanging out with your friends, playing games, listening to music and munching on snacks. Register at 902-825-4835.

## Game day

January 12, noon to 2 p.m., the Berwick and District Library invites all ages are invited to bring your favourite game to share at the library.

## Expressive art

January 12, 10 a.m., the Kingston Library hosts join Sarah Osborne for an expressive art therapy group for girls ages 11 to 15.

## Breakfast

January 12, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., there will be a community breakfast at the Kingston Baptist Church, 695 Main Street. Freewill offering. Traditional breakfast items, with healthy choices such as homemade muffins, fruit and yogurt.

## Middleton Writers' Group

January 14, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., the Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library hosts the Middleton Writers' Group. Join them as they celebrate their stories in the spirit of discovery and fellowship. Participants write, read aloud and discuss their stories based on the current theme. The topic for the next meeting is "Twas the Night Before Christmas." For info, call facilitator Paul Gregory, 902-825-2218. Novice and practiced writers welcome.

## Positive Noise - Launch Party

January 15, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., the Berwick and District Library has a new youth initiative, Positive Noise. We'll showcase some of the projects that have already been funded, and screen Kieran O'Neill's award-winning short film, "School Food." Have some after-school snacks and find out how you too can make some noise! Grades 5 and up, and interested supportive adults, invited.

## Library book club

January 15, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., the Bridgetown & Area Library adult book club meets the third Tuesday of every month to share views and ideas about selected books, usually fiction.

## Kingston book club

January 16, 1 p.m., the Kingston Library's What Does it Say to You? Book Club is a monthly book club that explores community, life, meaning and so much more through popular fiction. Facilitated by Lynn Uzans, an avid fiction reader, community builder and believer that together we can make our communities and world a better place. This month's selection is "Mary,

Mary," by Lesley Crewe.

## Tween Book Club

## - Bridgetown

January 17, 3:15 p.m. to 4 p.m., the Bridgetown & Area Library is calling all readers ages eight to 12: enjoy a snack and take part in a fun book discussion on the third Thursday of each month. Register at 902-665-2758.

## Winter Film Series

January 17, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Berwick & District Library Winter Film Series will be introduced by community members, and time will be available at the end for discussion, tea/ coffee/

cider, cookies and fruit. This week: "Climate Change and the Human Prospect" (storm date - January 24). This 40-minute film documents the vision created at the Centre for Local Prosperity's Climate Change & the Human Prospect: A Thinkers' Retreat, held at Thinkers Lodge in Pugwash, in 2017. Twenty-four global and regional thinkers, armed with the conviction local action is the best path forward, gathered to define a path to restore and revitalize local communities in the face of climate change.

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# NORAD Tracks Santa program set for Christmas op

The North American Aerospace Defense Command is celebrating its 60th anniversary of defending the homeland, along with its tradition of tracking Santa's journey around the globe

December 24.

"In addition to our day-to-day mission of defending North America, we are proud to carry on the tradition of tracking Santa as he travels along his yuletide flight," said

General Terrence O'Shaughnessy, commander NORAD and U.S. Northern Command. "The same radars, satellites and interceptors employed December 24 are used year-round to protect Canada and

the United States."

NORAD is a binational, United States and Canada command, charged with aerospace and maritime warning and aerospace control of North America as well as monitoring aerospace activity globally. However, every year during the holidays, NORAD assumes the supplementary mission of tracking Santa as he travels around the world.

It all started in 1955, when a local ad directed children to call Santa direct - only the number was misprinted. Instead of reaching Santa, the phone rang through to the crew commander on duty at the Continental Air Defense Command Operations Center, the predecessor to NORAD.

Now, the 63rd iteration of NORAD Tracks Santa features a revamped website, social media channels, "Santa Cam" streaming video and a call



The holiday season has arrived! Make sure to visit the NORAD Tracks Santa website to find out what the "elves" at the Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, NORAD centre; are up to.

centre operating around the clock December 24. More than 1,400 volunteers are expected to join NORAD on Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs to help track Santa's journey.

Starting at 2:01 a.m. EST December 24, website visitors may watch Santa make preparations for his flight. NORAD's "Santa Cams" will stream videos on the website as Santa makes his way over various locations. Then, at 6 a.m. EST, trackers worldwide may speak with a live phone operator to inquire as to Santa's whereabouts by dialing the toll-free number

1-877-Hi-NORAD (1-877-446-6723); by sending an email to [noradtrackssanta@outlook.com](mailto:noradtrackssanta@outlook.com) or by following the official NORAD Tracks Santa social media channels.

The NORAD Tracks Santa website is live 1 at [norad-santa.org](http://norad-santa.org). Featuring Santa's North Pole Village, the website includes a holiday countdown, games, activities, information regarding NORAD's mission of Homeland Defense and more. The website is available in eight languages. Tracking opportunities are also offered through social media on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram.

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**Christmas Greetings**

From my family and office staff to The Aurora Newspaper readers and their families; to the Military Personnel who are deployed overseas from 14 Wing Greenwood -- we are thinking of you and your loved ones. Many blessings in the New Year.

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# Packing parcels with festive cheer

Sara White,  
Managing editor

Christmas treats and thoughts from home were wrapped with care – and military precision – as the Greenwood Military Family Resource Centre prepared parcels for deployed troops November 15.

"These have to be at the post office tomorrow – the earlier we send them, the better chance we have of the parcels making it to the soldiers for Christmas," says the MFRC's deployment coordinator, Lori Lundy.

The MFRC bundled up 40 boxes – no, wait! Forty-one, as news arrived that morning of a member's sudden deployment to CFS Alert. They'll be delivered around the world, as members from 14 Wing Greenwood, 14 Construction Engineering Squadron in Bridgewater, Yarmouth and 5th Canadian Division Support Base Detachment Aldershot are working in Kuwait, Romania, Latvia, Mali, Egypt and Canada's North.

"Members thank us for the generosity, the treats from home and some of the things

they can't get when they are away," Lundy says. "The boxes are a nice surprise for them."

Inside this year's Christmas boxes are candies, toiletries, maybe a book or DVD, a hand-made pillowcase prepared by local quilters, cards and pictures drawn by school children and youth groups, a small jug of maple syrup, beef jerky and potato chips and more.

"This all comes from donations," Lundy says. The MFRC prepares boxes for deployed members at Valentine's Day, Easter, Canada Day, Christmas and Halloween as part of its adopt-the-troops initiative. Community groups, businesses and MFRC fundraising all generate the cash and gift cards, the purchasing discounts and the donated goodies that can then be added to the parcels.

"The response is so overwhelming – it's emotional," Lundy says. To me, it's so heart-warming there is lots of response and support from our community and volunteers. The parcels mean so much to the members, and their families, who know they're loved ones are being remembered."



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## Christmas breakfast

December 8, children both young and old enjoyed a beautiful breakfast at École rose-des-vents School in Greenwood. During breakfast, a special guest arrived. Santa visited with the children and took the time to listen to some of their interesting stories and requests. The parents' committee and volunteers would like to thank all those in the community, who helped make this event a success, and a special thanks to the kitchen volunteers and the Kingston Lions Club who helped make start our day with a healthy breakfast. M. Rolph

## Déjeuner de Noël

Le 8 décembre dernier, les enfants petits et grands ont pu se régaler lors du déjeuner de Noël de l'école Rose-des-vents à Greenwood. Durant le déjeuner une visite tant attendu...le Père Noël s'est présenté et a pris le temps de discuter avec les enfants. Le comité de parents de l'École Rose-des vents voudrait remercier toute la communauté pour le succès de l'événement. Un gros merci à tous les bénévoles et le Club des Lions de Kingston à nous avoir préparé un bon déjeuner santé.



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