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International rescue efforts train on open ocean

**Leading Seaman
Eduardo Jorge,
14 Wing Greenwood**

Pilots, flight engineers, flight mechanics, Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) search and rescue (SAR) technicians, United States Coast Guard (USCG) rescue swimmers and the New York Air National Guard (NYANG) pararescue jumpers all tested their skills in a first-ever joint operation, Operation Orange Flag, March 30 to April 3. The RCAF, USCG and the NYANG deployed various assets to test and promote interoperability between 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron, 14 Wing Greenwood, Nova Scotia; and USCG Air Station Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

The exercise kicked off with static tours of various aircrafts, including the USCG's HC144A/C27J medium range surveillance aircraft and MH60 medium range recovery helicopter and 413 Squadron's CH149 Cormorant helicopter and CC130 Hercules. These demonstrations allowed the USCG rescue swimmers, pararescue



A United States Air Force pararescue jumper conducts a hoist training during Operation Orange Flag April 1.

Leading Seaman E. Jorge, 14 Wing Imaging

jumpers and SAR technicians to learn about the various equipment used by allies.

Technicians were also able to test the gear in flight. A SAR-Tech was lowered by hoist from the Cormorant into the ocean to simulate a casualty in open water, and a USCG rescue swimmer was then lowered to

simulate a rescue. The swimmers and SAR-Techs also took turns hoisting onto a vessel and practiced a SAR medevac using a rescue basket. Pilots and flight engineers worked meticulously with keeping the vessel in line below to ensure the safety of the SAR-Techs and swimmers.

On the second day of the operation, the USCG launched a MH60 helicopter while a HC144A aircraft simultaneously dropped three pararescue jumpers by parachute into the ocean. The jumpers battled waves and cold temperatures as they then awaited extraction. The MH60 cut through

the sky and lined itself up, and the flight mechanic lowered the hoist to collect the three jumpers. Soon after the extraction, the MH60 met with the USCG cutter, Seneca, and performed a hoisting evolution with pararescue jumpers, a USCG rescue swimmer and a Canadian Armed Forces imagery techni-

cian. After collecting all the passengers, the MH60 moved to another location, hovered 10 feet above water and dropped its passengers – wearing fins and snorkels - to perform a swimming and hoisting operation. As the various operations were taking place, the Royal Canadian Air Force practiced deploying SAR-Techs into the ocean via parachutes while the CH149 helicopter hoisted operators onto the Seneca.

The final day of the operation included a mass casualty exercise. The situation looked very eventful, as the USCG's HC144A aircraft dropped pararescue jumpers into the ocean and the Hercules dropped SAR-Techs. While the parachute evolutions were taking place, the MH60 lowered operators into open water at a distance.

The experience brought only positive reactions from all participants, even after long days and such strenuous activities. The success of Operation Orange Flag was due to coordinated activities executed safely, allowing participants to expand their skill sets.

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Royal Canadian Air Force members of Air Task Force-Iraq and several members of the coalition participate in the Shamal Serials, a combat search and rescue exercise held for personnel of the Middle East Stabilization Force.

Op Impact, DND

Op Impact includes combat SAR exercise

Air Task Force – Iraq Public Affairs

CAMP PATRICE VINCENT, KUWAIT – Canada's military commitment to the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant includes the deployment of Air Task Force Iraq (ATF-I), consisting of several aircraft types and crews who operate over hos-

tile portions of Iraq every day. These aircrew members are highly trained to conduct their missions in support of the Middle East Stabilization Force, including mandatory advanced training in survival, evasion, resistance to interrogation and escape - also known as SERE training. While Op Impact Royal Canadian Air Force air crew are fully

trained in SERE and combat search and rescue (CSAR) procedures, the desert environment poses its own unique challenges, including lack of cover from potential enemy forces and hot weather that can quickly cause dehydration.

To help keep their SERE skills at their peak, ATF-I air crew recently joined several coalition aircrew to participate

in a CSAR exercise, known as the "Shamal Serials," led by the U.S. Army's 34th Combat Aviation Brigade in Kuwait. The ATF-I air crew who participated were a mix of pilots, air combat systems officers and airborne electronic sensor operators.

"Overall, the feeling I got from the eight members of my crew who participated was

quite positive - they learned quite a bit about CSAR and really enjoyed their experience," said a CP140 Aurora aircraft commander with ATF-I's long range patrol detachment.

The day-long exercise took place in a barren training area equipped with mock-up villages and ranges. Participants were dropped off by helicopter in the desert and made their way on foot between training stations. At each stop, the participants received instruction from American experts in personnel recovery. The ATF-I air crew were able to refresh their skills using a ground-to-air radio to call for help and extraction, as well as practice their emergency first aid skills through the use of tourniquets and other field dressings. Air crew also practiced more traditional skills, such as shooting compass bearings and using a mirror to signal rescue aircraft in the event their radio was lost or damaged.

"The practical demonstrations of the teaching points greatly enhanced learning," said one captain. "This included the use of actual AH64 Apache helicopters when calling for emergency close air support (ECAS)."

The ECAS station was taught by Joint Terminal Attack Con-

trollers of the United States Air Force. The purpose of ECAS is to provide combat air support to downed air crew, protecting their escape or location until rescue aircraft can arrive.

The training involved exercise participants locating and describing targets in a mock-up village and requesting Apache gunship support.

U.S. Army instructors concluded the exercise serials by providing advice on tactical drills when escaping from an urban area, as well as marksmanship principles during a live-fire 9mm pistol range to prepare air crew in the event they have to defend themselves. With the pistol shoots complete, air crew then walked to a designated rendezvous, where they were extracted by helicopter for evacuation back to camp.

"This exercise took two months to plan, and we usually try to do at least one serial a month for our pilots," said a US 34th Combat Aviation Brigade Sergeant 1st Class who helped plan the event. "We typically run them to requalify our own members, predominantly helicopter crews; but we were happy to learn the Canadians and (other coalition members) were able to come this time."

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First Op Impact airstrike by CF18s

April 8, Canada's CF18 Hornets conducted their first airstrike in Syria since the government's decision to extend and expand Operation Impact. Following the planning and coordination process conducted with coalition partners, the CF18s, using precision-guided munitions, were involved in an airstrike against an ISIL garrison near Ar Raqqa, Syria. A total of 10 coalition aircraft, including six aircraft from the U.S., were involved.

As of April 7, Air Task Force-Iraq has conducted 743 sorties: CF188 Hornet fighters conducted 484 sorties, CC150T Polaris aerial refueller conduct-



CP140 Aurora air crew on mission during Operation Impact.

DND image

ed 125 sorties, delivering some 7,396,000 pounds of fuel to coalition aircraft; and CP140 Aurora aircraft conducted 134 reconnaissance missions.

Lunch, money lesson on at LCC April 16

The 14 Wing Greenwood Learning and Career Centre will hold a "lunch and learn" event on "How Money Works" April



16, noon to 12:45 p.m. Topics will include types of savings, retirement strategies and other fundamental con-

cepts to help build financial security. The event will be held in the LCC classroom, on the second floor of the Birchall Training Centre (room 204). Those interested in attending may register by contacting 902-765-1494 local 5226.

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Museum support

Teacher Stephanie Woodsworth presented a donation to the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum April 8 from New Germany Elementary School students in appreciation of their visit as part of the museum's Flight Education Program. Fifty-seven students and adult escorts participated, with a short VP International briefing and lunch in that association's Centre of Excellence beside the museum. Receiving the donation on behalf of the GMAM are volunteer instructors from left Andre Elieff and Gerald Keil, both of whom have been with the program since its inception 12 years ago.

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The Village of Kingston

NOTICE OF BUDGET MEETINGS

The Kingston Village Commission has released its proposed 2015/16 Operating and Capital Budgets and has scheduled budget meetings for the following dates:

- Thursday, April 23, 2014 at 7:00pm
- Thursday, May 14, 2014 at 7:00pm

Residents are invited to provide input into the budget by attending these meetings, by contacting the Village Office or Village Commissioner.

The proposed budget is available on our website and at the Village Office and will be deliberated at the April 23rd meeting.

Any comments or queries regarding the budget may be directed to the Village Office at (902)765-2800 or at info@kingstonnovascotia.ca.

All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Kingston Village office - 671 Main Street, Kingston, NS.

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Hockey Night in Canada's Play On! is pleased to announce the 2015 Halifax event will be held for the first time on Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Shearwater. This is an exciting change in venue for the tournament.

CFB Shearwater will provide players a setting ideal for a great weekend of exciting street hockey action. With smooth playing surfaces, wider rinks, the ability to accommodate

more teams and a great availability of parking, the 2015 tournament is shaping up to be Halifax's best yet. The action will take place June 20 and June 21, with players surrounded by the rich history of the Canadian Armed Forces the Halifax community is so well connected to.

The Play On! tournament was not able to host the 2015 event at its traditional location at the Commons

in downtown Halifax due to road maintenance scheduled this summer in that area. While Play On! staff have expressed a desire to city officials for a return to the Commons in 2016, they are excited to take the Play On! festivities to such a unique location for this year's event.

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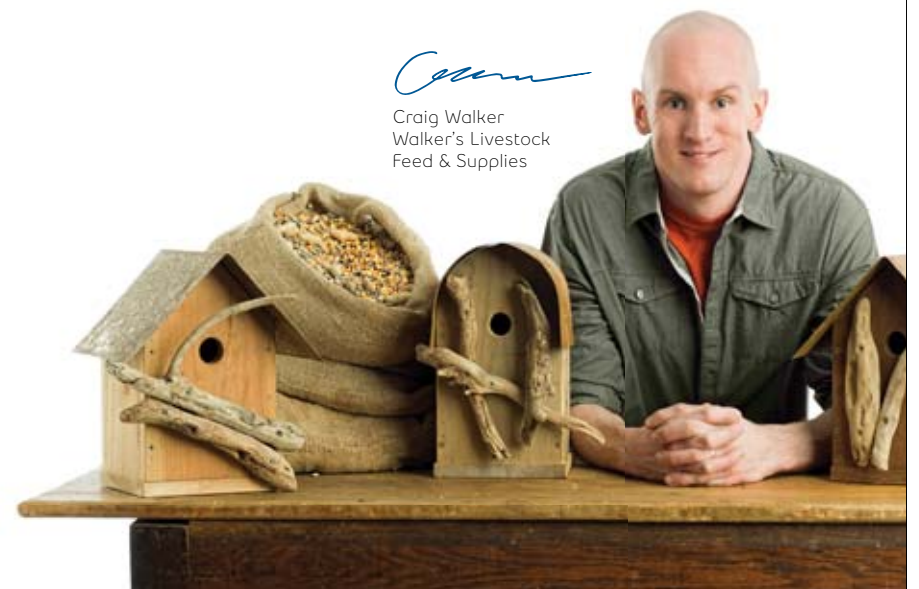
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Valley ladies sought for 55+ Games hockey

Are you interested in representing Nova Scotia at the next Canada 55+ Games in Brampton, Ontario in 2016? Your first step is to attend the 2015 Nova Scotia 55+ Games September 17 to 19 in Pictou County.

In the 2014 games held in Alberta, 116 Nova Scotians made up the provincial team,

which took home a total of 57 medals, including a silver for women's hockey. It is hoped more ladies' hockey teams will participate at the provincial level for the privilege of representing Nova Scotia at the Canada games next year. Efforts are underway to ice a team from the Annapolis Valley (one of the six designated

regions in Nova Scotia, which includes Kings, Annapolis and Digby counties; as well as West Hants and Clare districts). A core of eight people have already committed, and they are on a mission to add to the roster. Give it some thought, dust off those old skates and drop a line to either Bonnie Rooney at brooney@

xcountry.tv or Brenda Milligan at talkwitbrenda@hotmail.com. The games are all about being active and having fun, so venture outside your comfort zone and contact one of us ASAP!

The Nova Scotia 55+ Society brings individuals from across the province, aged 55+, to an event featuring games of

both physical and mental challenges and, at the same time, provides a venue emphasizing social interaction. Through bi-annual Nova Scotia 55+ Games, the society encourages a healthier and more active lifestyle for older adults in Nova Scotia. The Canada 55+ Games Association is a national organization which

sponsors wellness - spiritual, mental and physical - for Canadians over the age of 55. The 55+ Games, regardless of whether they are local, regional, provincial or national; are not only sporting events: they span a wide range of physical and mental activities, detailed at novascotia55plusgames.com/index.html.

Come play in Greenwood

14 Wing Greenwood recreational facilities are opening their doors for free public access, thanks to a funding and education partnership with Thrive! Nova Scotia.

Thrive! Encourages all Nova Scotians to be physically active, and organizers want to make it easier for individuals and families to get involved.

14 Wing Greenwood will offer free swimming (Fitness & Sports Centre), bowling (Greenwood Bowling Centre), free gym time (at the community centre) and skating sessions (Greenwood Gardens Arena) in the coming weeks.

This is a great opportunity to get out and have fun: give the 14 Wing facilities a try and see if an all-access and discount Community Recreation Card is an option for you and your family, and take advantage of all 14 Wing's fitness facilities, recreational programs and special interest clubs.

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April 22, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
April 29, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A reminder to all government photo ID is required to pass through the 14 Wing Greenwood main gate.

Youth wrestling series underway May 4

Starting May 4, youth are invited to tackle the basics of wrestling in a basic skills workshop at the 14 Wing Greenwood Morfee Centre gym, School Road, Greenwood.

In six weekly sessions, youth ages five to 8 will meet

between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m., and youth ages nine to 14 will meet between 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

To register, contact 902-765-1494 local 5341. The program is free to participants with a Community Recreation Card, or \$15 without a card.

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As a naturopathic doctor (ND), Dr. Florian loves to teach and empower her patients to live healthier, happier lives. She practices naturopathic medicine and runs Hilltop Health. Dr. Florian grew up in Greenwood. When she is not seeing patients, you can find her spending as much time as possible outdoors walking and hiking around the beautiful Valley with her husband. She loves supporting her local area, so you'll often find her visiting farmers' markets, volunteering, and partaking in various community events.

Dr. Florian has a Bachelor of Science (with Honours) from Dalhousie University and a degree in Naturopathic Medicine from the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine in Ontario.

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Volunteers from around the province who give generously of their time and talent were recognized at the province's 41st annual

Provincial Volunteer Award Ceremony April 7.

Lieutenant-Governor J.J. Grant, Premier Stephen McNeil and Community

Services Minister Joanne Bernard attended the Halifax ceremony, part of National Volunteer Week. The ceremony celebrated

about 70 volunteers nominated by their municipalities, which will also host local volunteer recognition events.

"The hands-on work of dedicated volunteers strengthens and improves our communities," said Bernard. "I'm grateful that half of our population actively volunteers. This adds up to an impressive 74 million hours every year."

Simonne Savoury, a Grade 12 student at École Beau-Port in Arichat, is the 2015 Youth Volunteer of the Year.

She is inspired by her grandparents' life-long community service. Savoury is president of the student council and has worked with others to clean beaches and roadsides of trash, tutor students with learning difficulties and fundraise for cancer patients to travel for therapy.

"By offering these services, I find that we create a place of belonging in the

community," said Savoury. "The supports do not need to be large but, rather, it's the small acts that make a large difference."

In addition to the youth award, there was also an outstanding family volunteer honour. The Jones family, described as "the backbone of Upper Hammonds Plains," is the 2015 Volunteer Family of the Year. Shirley and her daughters - Gina, Melvina and Sherlene - follow in a remarkable family tradition of volunteering 175 years old. They are active with the Emmanuel Baptist Church, the Upper Hammonds Plains Community Development Association and the Melvin Land Tract Protection Society. Gina is the first female volunteer African Nova Scotian firefighter. The family has helped create day camps, health and wellness workshops, expanded recreation facilities, youth scholarships, mentorships and employment opportunities.

Middleton

The Town of Middleton recognizes Sheila Haynes, volunteering for 30 years with enthusiastic women part of a Canadian women's charitable organization helping to improve the quality of life for children, youth and seniors. Sheila joined Rosemary Chapter IODE in 1997 and has since volunteered in many capacities while also running her own business. In 2014, Sheila became president of Rosemary Chapter IODE, and is currently a member on the provincial executive council for the IODE, attending monthly meetings and the IODE conference in Halifax. She does a great deal for her church, being part of a mission group and also helps folks whenever she sees a need in the local community. Sheila has been a member of Soldier's Memorial Health Auxiliary, has served in the past as their secretary and treasurer and is currently their vice president. At present, she is also co-chairwoman of the Western Region Health Auxiliaries.

Kentville

The Town of Kentville recognizes Paula Huntley, in her seventh year of the Walk for the Cure for Breast Cancer Research. For the past four years, she has also been involved with a Christmas home tour fundraiser for breast cancer research. She volunteers with local food banks and animal rescue groups, as well as the Feed the Hunger Community Program, which supports local food banks and school breakfast programs. She supports the Mittens for Kids program, a program for local school children in grades 1 to 7. Paula founded the 100 Women Who Care Annapolis Valley Group and Pay it Forward Day in the Annapolis Valley.

Annapolis Royal

The Town of Annapolis Royal recognizes Sally O'Grady for her strong sense of civic responsibility and a passion

for improving her community. She has been chairwoman of Kings Theatre, a fundraising participant for the Cancer Society and Relay for Life, and has been involved in the arts community and the Port Royal 400 Society. As well, Sally was involved in the Annapolis Royal Twinning Committee to twin Annapolis Royal with Royan, France and bring international students to the area. She is chairwoman of the Annapolis Society for Youth Friendly Public Spaces, a fundraiser for the Town of Annapolis Royal Arts Events, and a contributing artist with Paint the Town. She is also an Annapolis Historic Garden's annual house and garden tour committee member and a member of the ARRA Task Force to repurpose the unused school facility. Sally worked hard to achieve fundraising goals and see the completion of a public skate park and playground for local youth.

County of Annapolis

The Municipality of the County of Annapolis recognizes John D. Conway, who has lived a life of service to his community. He volunteers about 500 hours a year with the Royal Canadian Legion, Digby Branch. He has served as 1st vice president in charge of the Poppy Campaign and, most recently, as president. John and his late wife, Geraldine, had a vision of a green space in remembrance of veterans who had passed away, and wanted to draw attention to Cornwallis Park's military history. The Veterans' Memorial Park opened in 2006, with a gazebo and walkways surrounded by beautiful roses. John puts in about 150 hours a year maintaining the grounds. He also serves as the chair of the Cornwallis Park Recreation and Parks Society. He is a valued member of the Cornwallis Park Community Association's board of directors.

Bridgetown

The Town of Bridgetown recognizes Marilyn Booth,

who started volunteering with her church and school providing group leadership at various fundraising projects. She has provided volunteer support for mental health and other community services, such as the Elizabeth Fry Society and a women's shelter. She has coordinated conferences relating to victims' services, justice for youth and transition and justice services for offenders. Marilyn has been a faithful volunteer with the Bridgetown and Area Friends of the Library Society and has served on the building committee and contributed to the success of the society's annual Ciderfest auction. She has been chair of the Annapolis County Police Advisory Board for three years and served on the Provincial Restorative Justice Committee and the Children and Family Services Act for two years. In other volunteer activities, Marilyn has been on the Homecraft Committee of the Annapolis County Exhibition for five years and volunteered at the Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens for five years, as well as being an aquasize instructor at the Bridgetown pool.

County of Kings

The Municipality of the County of Kings recognizes twins Marjorie Keddy & Marion Lee, who grew up in Morden and have been actively involved in their community for close

to 60 years. They volunteer with Sunday school at their local church, and at the Morden Community Hall, where they are actively involved in community fundraising, breakfasts and dinners. They are always willing to help out - without ever asking for recognition. Repairs to the church, activities at the community hall and donations for those in need mean these sisters have been kept busy for many years.

Berwick

The Town of Berwick recognizes the Berwick & District Volunteer Fire Department, formed 100 years ago when a group of citizens identified the need for a local fire service. Today, the department provides fire and hazardous materials service, first response, traffic control, fire prevention and education; and maintains vehicles and fire-related equipment. Members also support community events. Highlights of the department's 100 years include the purchase of a motorized Bickle fire truck in 1924, the beginning of the mutual aid system in 1950, the beginning of the annual Christmas raffle in 1959, its first female firefighter in 1985, the restoration of the Bickle truck and its dedication as a memorial to all members who have served the department in 2008, and its modern new station at the entrance of Berwick.

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Greenwood teams to represent N.S. at national tournament

**Pat Nixon,
Coach, Team Burchell**

Two 5-pin bowling teams from Greenwood will soon be on their way to represent Nova Scotia at the National Inter-provincial Pins Over Average Tournament in Gatineau, Quebec April 23 to 27.

The provincial qualifying tournament was held in Greenwood this past November, with eight teams competing. Team Burchell locked up top spot with a 14-point lead over Team Gendre, which secured second place after a close and hard fought battle against a team from St. Bernard.

This will be the fourth consecutive trip to nationals for Team Burchell, which took the silver medal the last two years in a row. Team Burchell will, for the third time, be coached by Pat Nixon at the national tournament. This will also be the second time in three years Team Gendre will have repre-



From left to right, back row, are members of Team Gendre: Cindy Teal, Jean Gendre, Kelly Venables; front, Roger Houde. Missing is coach Barb Comeau

sented Nova Scotia at the tournament as well. They will be coached by Barb Comeau from St. Bernard. All team members are proud to represent Nova Scotia on the national stage and are looking forward to a tough competition.

Both teams bowl regularly

out of the Greenwood Bowling Centre and have been practicing the past three weeks in preparation for this tournament. The teams are very appreciative of the support and practice time provided by Kathy Alexander, the bowling centre manager.



From left to right, back row, are members of Team Burchell: Rob Burchell, Pat Nixon (coach), Al Atwood; front, Jenna Eisner and Donna Burchell

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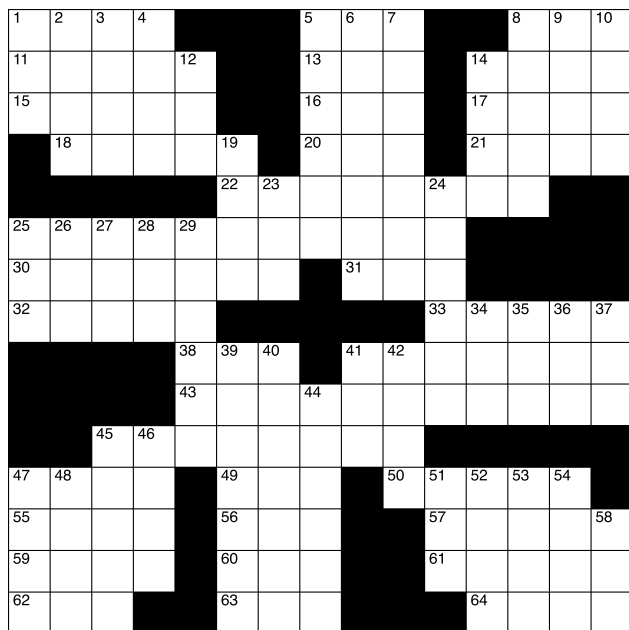


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 - Fiddler crabs
 - Mex. soccer goalie Guillermo
 - After B
 - Jai ____, sport
 - Brief ad or notice
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 - Annual grass of Europe and N Africa
 - Metal cooking vessels
 - Suspiciousness
 - "Purple Haze" musician
 - In a way, built up
 - Runner used for gliding over snow
 - In a way, initiated
 - Was inclined
 - Divides evenly into
 - Born early
 - The Ocean State
 - Rifle blades
 - Whale ship captain
 - Scientific workplace
 - Fill with high spirits (British)
 - Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
 - 7th Greek letter
 - Peoples of the Middle East
 - Height x width
 - A way to drench
 - Artificial waterway
 - Possessed
 - Turns into noun
 - Capital of Yemen
 - Not or
 - Foreigners
 - Stab
 - Frost a cake
 - Microgram
 - George's brother composer
 - Famished
 - Snakelike fish
 - Doctors' group
 - Anais ____, author
 - CNN's founder
 - Bad water disease
 - Given
 - Favourite
 - Lift
 - Discuss opposing points
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Library event

April 13, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., "think Spring" and join the 1st Berwick Rangers for a children's story and craft time at the Berwick branch of the Annapolis Valley Regional Library. We will have Girl Guide Cookies and milk. This is a Girl Guides of Canada Words in Action! national service project event.

Meeting

April 14, 7 p.m., the Millville Community Hall will hold its annual meeting. All community members are encouraged to attend for community news, voting on executive members (there are positions open for anyone

interested in joining) and light refreshments. Any questions may be directed to Candice Davis at 902-847-0116 or cdavis224@yahoo.ca.

Luncheon

April 14, noon to 1 p.m. Come out and enjoy chicken supreme with all the fixings, coffee, tea and dessert at the Kingston Lions' hall. Cost is \$9 at the door or \$9.50 delivered (Kingston/Greenwood area only, deliveries must be ordered by 10:30 a.m. Call 902-765-2128 to place an order).

Concert

April 16, 7 p.m. the annual spring showcase concert will be held at Pine Ridge Middle School, featuring the bands and choirs of Dwight Ross Elementary, Kingston & District Elementary, St. Mary's Elementary, Pine Ridge Middle School, Berwick & District and West Kings District High School. Admission is \$5 adult, \$3 for students and seniors, \$10 a family. Funds raised will provide scholarships for students from each school for private music lessons or summer music camp.

Concert

April 17, 7:30 p.m., the Annapolis Valley Centre Royal Canadian College of Organists presents Sacred, Secular and Silly XI, a concert in support of its organ scholarship fund, in the Bridgetown Baptist Church. A freewill offering will be taken.

Animal care event

Through April (Pet Appreciation Month), you may buy a "paw" at PetValu, donate or visit campaign social media at #postapaw to help pets in need and animal rescue charities. One hundred per cent of goods and

dollars raised stays in the local community. National Adoption Weekend is April 17 to 19, as PetValu stores team up with local animal rescue organizations to help find forever homes for homeless pets. To learn more about Pet Appreciation Month events, visit www.petvalu.com.

Breakfast

April 18, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., at the Aylesford United Church. Freewill offering. Wheelchair accessible. Everyone is welcome. Sponsored by the Committee of Stewards for church expenses.

Fashion show & business fair

April 18, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Aylesford & District Lions, Hwy. 1, Auburn, present Delfloras Fashion Show and Business Fair, a night of fashion, food and fun. Tickets \$5: at the door, or at Delfloras, 175 Commercial St., Berwick; email delsey3000@hotmail.com or call 902-300-5398. All proceeds for Lions community work.

Service

April 19, 7 p.m., the Kingston Baptist Church, Main Street, will hold a praise service, with music from "Country Kids." Fellowship time with refreshments to follow.

Service

April 19, 10:45 a.m., Elizabeth Deveau will be the special guest at New Beginnings, 1151 Bridge Street, Greenwood. All welcome!

Family support

April 19, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., join the West Kings District High School Parent Café: this is an opportunity for parents, caregivers, grandparents and teachers to come together to discuss issues concerning their children in a safe, caring and informal environment. Refreshments provided. Sponsored by WK-

PTSA, with special guest Sue Bookchin. Childcare available. RSVP by April 10 to karens_m@hotmail.com.

Support group

April 20, 7 p.m., the Canadian Cancer Society's Kingston/Greenwood Living With Cancer Support Group will meet in the St. Mark's Protestant Chapel Annex. Coordinator for Mid-Valley Palliative Care Volunteer Services, Anna Goski, will be guest speaker. Cancer patients, family and friends and those seeking information on cancer are encouraged to attend. For information: Lloyd Graham (902-765-6133).

Coffee party

April 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., spring coffee party at the Beehive Adult Service Centre, 1119 Station Street, Aylesford. Freewill offering. Baked goods, door prizes and material for sale.

Meeting

April 22, 7 p.m., the annual meeting of the Church Grove Cemetery will be held at the Melvern Square Community Hall.

Coffee party

April 24, the Kingston and District Health Auxiliary hosts a coffee party at the Kingston fire hall, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Proceeds will go to palliative care. Please help support our community.

Retreat

April 25, 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., a ladies' retreat will be held at the Aylesford Baptist Church, 2543 Hwy 1. The theme is "He knows my name." Speaker: Ruth Sellars, special music: Marlee Dieter. Contact Cheryl at 902-538-8144 for information. www.ladiesretreatministries.org.

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Music show
April 25, 7 p.m., bring your friends and family out for an evening of entertainment at the Kingston Lions variety music show. Cost is \$6 at the door, 50/

50 tickets on sale and canteen is available, wheelchair accessible. Local entertainers include Just for Fun, Ron Muise and Lois, Kristina & the Mountaintettes.

Yard sale
April 25, 8 a.m. to noon, All Saints' A.C.W. will be holding its annual yard sale at the All Saints' Church Hall, Pleasant Street, Kingston (turn west off Bridge Street). Anything we can sell!

Homeschool expo
April 25, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3rd Homeschool Expo at NSCC Kentville, 236 Belcher Street,

Kentville. Live performances, business displays, demonstrations, experiments, light refreshments, a musical petting zoo, games, prizes and more! Admission is free, everyone is invited. The provincial homeschooling community will be on hand to answer your questions. For information: valleyhomeschoolexpo.webs.com.

Get your dance on

To celebrate International Dance Day, the 14 Wing Greenwood Community Centre and Military Family Resource Centre are teaming up to offer a fun workshop April 29, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the community centre, Church Street.
Come try a little salsa or

Charleston! Come alone, or bring a partner.
The program costs \$6 with a

Community Recreation Card, or \$10 without. To register, contact 902-765-1494 local 5341.

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Think before you speak, Aries. Quick wit might lead to some easy laughs, but it's best to consider how your words will affect those around you before you speak.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Give yourself a little more time to solve a puzzling problem, Taurus. Within a few days you might have the fresh perspective you need to determine a solution.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, criticism coming your way is intended to be constructive. Listen to what others are saying and recognize that they are advocates, not adversaries.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, give yourself time to form an opinion on an important issue in your life. The more time you give yourself, the more clearly you will see the issue at hand.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23

Leo, not everyone moves at your breakneck speed. Just because others aren't keeping up doesn't mean they don't understand what is going on. Give others time to catch up.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, a budding relationship demands your attention this week. Give this relationship the attention it deserves, and you will be glad for having done so.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, resist the urge to rehash an old issue. You and others have long since moved on, and there are more positive things to focus on in the next week.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, your financial savvy comes to the forefront this week. Put your skill for finding a deal to work and you and your accountant will be glad you did.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, a goal that seems unlikely is still worth working toward. Others will be there to offer support and guidance as you pursue this very unique and rewarding goal.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, a great opportunity to express yourself comes along this week. Make the most of this chance to let others see your creative side.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, a friend or family member looks to you for advice this week. Do your best to put yourself in his or her shoes and let him or her know your support is unwavering.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, you have the wherewithal to complete a projects other may never even attempt. Put your best foot forward and get to work.

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Sunrise service marks Easter in Morden

April 5, an Easter sunrise service in Morden was held at the French Cross.

Reverend Brenda McKay, Aylesford Pastoral Charge, representing both Morden and Aylesford united churches; led the service.

This event was started by the late Reverend Gordon Fraser in 1981 as one of four services for the Aylesford Pastoral Charge through Holy Week. It is held at the French Cross, which marks an escape event during the Expulsion of the Acadians along the Bay of Fundy shoreline. The Cross was erected in 1924 to commemorate the deportation of 2,000 Acadians.

There is something moving about gathering at the stone cross, a symbol of Christ's power over death, and having a service beside the powerful Fundy tides. Church members attending the service annually gather, whatever the weather -



Community members gather for the Easter service at the Cross - yes, it was a little breezy! Eggs and food for all at the Community Hall in Morden after the service.

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except when roads are impassable; to celebrate the story, the mystery and meaning of the empty tomb. It is a beautiful experience on one of Nova Scotia's historical shore lines.

The service this year began at 6:50 a.m., and more than 25 people attended. Often quite cold, April 6, temperatures were around -16 Celsius with the wind chill: the service is

usually a short one. Afterwards, attendees went up the hill to the Morden Community Hall to feast on boiled eggs, muffins, toast and hot beverages.

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Summer camp support for CAF dependants

Summer camp memories mean a lot to kids, and military children can benefit from the Support Our Troops National Summer Camp Program for 2015, back for a second year.

Eligible dependants of military families may be aided financially for camp opportunities from the Support Our Troops fund, a charitable initiative supported by individual

donations from Canadians, proceeds from third party events and contributions from external charitable foundations. Dependents of deceased, ill or injured (and being supported through JPSU/ IPSCs), deployed, on prolonged course or training or serving away from their families; and special needs children or dependants of Canadian Armed Forces members are

eligible. Families with eligible dependants may be reimbursed up to \$600 for a week-long "away" accredited facility, or \$400 for a week-long day camp. Families with special needs children or dependants may be reimbursed up to \$1,000 at an appropriate camp facility.

All applications must be submitted through www.supportourtroops.ca. They will be

reviewed for eligibility, and the program administrator will issue grant approval notices and arrange reimbursement upon receipt of a final camp invoice. All families involved in the application process must have a CFOne card, available at www.cfone.ca: the card number is required to be annotated on the camp reimbursement application form.

Soutien au camp d'été pour les personnes à charge des membres des FAC

Les souvenirs des camps d'été revêtent souvent beaucoup d'importance pour les enfants. C'est pourquoi le Programme national de camps d'été Appuyons nos troupes revient pour une deuxième année en 2015.

Les personnes à charge d'une famille militaire pourraient recevoir une subvention du Fonds Appuyons nos troupes, une initiative de bienfaisance appuyée par des dons individuels de la population canadienne, par les profits d'activités organisées par de tierces parties et par des contributions d'organismes charitables externes. Les personnes à charge de membres décédés des FAC, de membres malades ou blessés des FAC (qui reçoivent de l'aide par l'entremise

de l'UISP et des CISP) ou des personnes à charge de membres des FAC en déploiement ou qui suivent un cours ou un programme d'instruction prolongé ou en service loin de leur famille ainsi que les personnes ayant des besoins spéciaux à la charge de membres des FAC sont admissibles. Les familles ayant des personnes à charge admissibles peuvent obtenir un remboursement pouvant aller jusqu'à 600 \$ pour un séjour d'une semaine dans un camp résidentiel approuvé, ou jusqu'à 400 \$ pour une semaine de camp de jour approuvé. Les familles d'enfants ou de personnes à besoins spéciaux peuvent obtenir un remboursement pouvant aller jusqu'à 1 000 \$ pour des dépenses liées au camp.

Toutes les demandes doivent être présentées par l'entremise du site www.appuyonsnostroupes.ca. Les demandes sont étudiées pour déterminer l'admissibilité et l'administrateur du programme émet un avis d'approbation et prend les dispositions pour émettre le remboursement lorsque

la facture finale du camp est présentée. Toutes les familles qui participent au processus de demande doivent être titulaires de la carte UneFC disponible sur le site Web www.cfone.ca. Il faut inscrire le numéro de la carte sur le formulaire de demande de remboursement pour les camps d'été.



Snowshoes not required!

Organizers of the Great Strides Walk in support of Cystic Fibrosis, coming up May 31 in Kingston and Greenwood, are practically guaranteeing participants will be able to "leave their snow shoes at home and walk in sneakers," despite the gear local CF chapter president Agatha Bourassa is sporting. CF Champions Tim Vallillee, his wife, Bourassa; and their son, Isaiah, invite the community to join them in support of CF. Visit cysticfibrosis.ca/greatstrides/ or contact Vallillee or Bourassa at 902-765-0609. Submitted

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Kingston/Greenwood Minor Baseball Registration 2015

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If you do not have a Rec Card you will be required to pay an additional \$12 on top of the cost.

Below is a list of leagues and costs available this season
**days may change*:*

Pre-Rookie	• Ages 4-6	• Thurs & Sun	\$55.00
Rookie	• Ages 7-8	• Sun & Tues	\$65.00
Mosquito	• Ages 9-11	• Mon & Wed	\$105.00
Peewee	• Ages 12-13	• Mon & Wed	\$115.00
Bantam	• Ages 14-15	• Tues & Thurs	\$125.00
Midget	• Ages 16-18	• TBD	

Please remember to bring the following when registering: Health Card, and Doctors information for each participant, Uniform Deposit Cheque (post-dated to Sept 7 2015) of \$50.00 per player (You will get your child's jersey once registered), refundable upon return of uniform; and a valid Rec Card or your one activity card.

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