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## Band sounds off for Santa

Sara White, Managing editor

What are the holidays without the sounds of the season? Santa Claus checked in with 14 Wing Greenwood's band members in the days before their annual Christmas concert, just to make sure they were hitting the right note at a most important time of the year.

With an inspection of the band's jingle bells – “Not bad, not old, not brass – but a nice sound,” Santa reported; a few whumps on the base drum and a couple of taps on the standing chimes, all was declared fit for upcoming festivities.

“Just like Santa works to keep people happy, a band is there to entertain people,” Santa said. “As soon as someone puts up decorations and starts wishing others ‘Merry Christmas,’ well, then – that’s when the season starts. People like Christmas music most anytime.”

14 Wing Greenwood's bandmaster, Warrant Officer Jeff Campbell, started work on the base Christmas concert months ago, lining up a selection of carols and special guests to join in on the program, including the Kingston school choir, the Canadian Military Wives Choir Greenwood, 14 Wing Honorary Colonel Terry Kelly and a few other surprise guests.

“Music has a lot of great memories for people, and we like to include all kinds of different groups in our concert,” Campbell told Santa, describing a planned swing arrangement of “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” as a chance to take the traditional and add a twist.

“And there’s something for the little ones?” Santa asked.

Campbell reassured him well-known

East Coast musician Kelly's rendition of “All I want for Christmas is my two Front Teeth” is “hilarious;” there was also banjo and flugabone fun planned.

Santa liked the idea of the banjo, “quick and bouncy music” that helps keep the elves hopping. He knows different music appeals to different folks: even at the North Pole, there’s a variety of seasonal sounds playing almost all the time.

“And you can’t listen to the same thing all the time,” Santa continued. “The elves like the modern stuff, or, depending on what area of the toy shop you work in, the music may change. If you’re making the old-fashioned toys, like trains and blocks, they seem to like the crooners. If it’s the computer shop, those guys like listening to the hip hop and techno. And there’s everything in between!” →



Santa Claus takes the beat during a pre-Christmas jam session with members of the 14 Wing Greenwood band, including bandmaster Warrant Officer Jeff Campbell, centre. Campbell was happy to host Santa, taking the opportunity for a quick check of the band's upcoming holiday concert line-up. S. White



With an inspection of the 14 Wing Greenwood Bands' jingle bells – “Not bad, not old, not brass – but a nice sound,” Santa reports they are ready for the holidays.

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# December 22 afternoon of music, holiday help in Kingston

In its 10th annual occurrence at the Kingston Lions Hall, the Musical Gift for the Upper Room Food Bank December 22 will be a wonderful afternoon of music, holiday warmth and help for the community service so many depend upon.

The concert gets underway at 2 p.m., and features Sonlight and Chris Palmer, with special guests Mat Lunn and Friends and performances by Gina Potvin, Bill Wilson, Payten Eisenhauer, the Natasha Wade Trio and Evangelos Caffatos.

Admission is a freewill offering, with all proceeds to the Upper Room Food Bank in Kingston. There will also be a canteen and silent auction at the event.




## All about the kids

Some of our favourite folks: 89.3 K-Rock's Darrin Harvey, Santa Claus and 14 Wing Greenwood Commander Brendan Cook, teaming up on the radio station's December 12 morning show. Today's program was all about Santa's Little Helpers, fundraising for the Kids Action Program.


Captain M. Zalot

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# Getting cooks in the kitchen

## 14 Wing showcases military opportunities for NSCC culinary students

Sara White, Managing editor

Chef Peter Dewar recently opened his classroom of culinary students at the Kentville Nova Scotia Community College to visitors from 14 Wing Greenwood but, more importantly, to "opportunity."

"This morning is about opportunities in the culinary field – there are a tonne of different opportunities, from working in local restaurants and wineries to larger resorts – to making those very local contacts with our friends in the military, nearby at 14 Wing Greenwood and Camp Aldershot," Dewar said.

"Everyone's an individual, and there are good and bad fits for you, but we've had students take opportunities in the military, including co-ops, weekends and summers; and even Reserve and Regular force roles – with great success."

Warrant Officer Chiu Tsang was hoping to share some of those opportunities in his kitchens at 14 Wing Greenwood, knowing the road to working in the culinary field can be full of challenges.

"I know what it's like to be a chef – I grew up in my parent's restaurant, I did a year of culinary school and then went to work in Halifax with Chef Michael Smith and then the Sheraton – and then I lost that job. It was a hard time, but opportunity is always there for you."

Tsang said his own determination to find a mentor, talk to people and not give up helped him open doors, and it just so happened to be the military where he has made his career.

"I wish someone had talked to me when I was younger." Tsang described the role

of cooks and chefs in the 14 Wing kitchens, and wider opportunities within the Canadian Armed Forces. He regularly hires civilian kitchen crew for weekends, special events and the summers – "feeding 900 people, day-in, day out, three meals a day will give you that speed and rush!" Regular and Reserve force personnel round out his team.

"I joined the Regular Force, and I can retire in two years with my pension. I've been posted six times, and I just finished a year of French training. But, Reserves? That's part-time. If you're having a hard time finding a job, think about the Reserves - and then work on the civilian side as you find it."

Tsang described the two-shift day in his kitchens, the special events work for Mess dinners to coffee breaks to buffets to TGIFs, and the opportunities to do it all, from set-up to tear-down. The 14

Wing kitchen team most recently managed the wing commander's annual September garden party, taking over the private home's kitchen and garden to set-up, decorate, cater and clean up after a major event.

"People think the military, 'Oh, it's tough,' they may not want to come in," Tsang said. "I thought of TV, and MASH – but we do sugar art, fruit carving, work with mirrors, alternate settings...."

Sergeant Cody Baker from the Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre Halifax was on hand to answer questions related to joining the military, and described the cook's trade as "purple: you can be in any of the three different elements, you can go anywhere – and we need you," he said. "And, there are signing bonuses if you come to us with skills and certificates like a Red Seal, or there are training credits we can offer you." →



Nova Scotia Community College Kentville Chef Peter Dewar, left, welcomed some in-the-field peers from 14 Wing Greenwood, invited in to speak to culinary students about civilian and military opportunities as cooks and chefs. Sergeant Monica Fraser and Warrant Officer Chiu Tsang were joined by Sergeant Cody Baker, from the Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre Halifax.

S. White

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**Corporal Jon Lomenda, Fire Prevention & Inspection Cell, 14 Wing Fire & Emergency Services**

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year, as people come together to celebrate. Take the extra precautions to ensure your loved ones and

friends are safe. If people fail to make fire prevention a part of their holiday plans, celebration can turn to disaster. During the holidays, home fires can take their greatest toll.

By following simple, common sense rules, we may prevent a tragedy. Get a freshly cut tree: it will stay

green longer and be less of a fire hazard. Always test for freshness before buying: pick a tree with a strong, green colour, noticeable fragrance and flexible needles. If you use an artificial tree, ensure it's made of flame-retardant materials.

Choose decorations that are flame retardant, non-com-

bustible and non-conductive. If there are young children or pets in your home, avoid very small decorations. Place candles away from anything that could catch fire. Be sure to not burn candles near a Christmas tree, decorations and displays, or within reach of children and pets. Burn them only when a responsible adult is oversee-

ing the flame. Extinguish all candles before leaving a room or going to bed.

There is often a tendency to overload wall outlets during the holiday season. This should be avoided, even for short durations. Inspect all cords before use: make sure they are CSA-certified, and look for loose connections and frayed or exposed wire. Discard any defective cords. To avoid possible overheating, do not coil or bunch an extension cord which is in use, and do not run it under carpets or rugs. Indoor lights should not be used outdoors, as they lack weatherproof

connections. And, some outdoor lights burn too hot to use indoors.

Fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are excellent Christmas gifts for loved ones. It could be what saves their lives. The best gift to your family is a fire-safe home. Ensure your visitors have plenty of large ashtrays in easy reach, and ensure all smoking material is properly disposed of before retiring.

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## Search crews called out for extra eyes

December 6, the Halifax Joint Rescue Coordination Centre tasked 14 Wing Greenwood-based search and rescue assets with 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron around 5 p.m. to Glace Bay in support of an RCMP search for an 80-year-old individual. Cormorant 910 was on scene for a few hours, before heading to refuel in Sydney and return to 14 Wing; Cormorant 903 was heading to the region to replace that helicopter and, around 8:30 p.m., Hercules 344 was also tasked to enhance the search and provide lighting in the area. Around 11 p.m., RCMP located the missing person, and both aircraft were released.

December 7, just after 8 p.m., the ferry, *Grand Manan Adventurer*, reported seeing a total of six parachute flares while in transit from Grand Manan to Blacks Harbour, New Brunswick. No other known

marine traffic was in the area, and the ferry crew was unable to determine if the flares were over land or water based on their bearing and distance. JRCC tasked R910 to the location and search and was airborne by 9 p.m. Hercules R344 was tasked to provide illumination, but experienced anti-ice issues on one of its engines; crews prepped R332 to go in its place. RCMP in the area put two units into the search along the shore area and through the community. By 11 p.m., R910 had completed its search without finding the source of the flares and was stood down, along with the Herc crew.

December 10, just before 10 p.m., Cormorant 910 was tasked while finishing a front-end night training after a report was made of a missing boat transmitting a distress signal. Following the tasking, the crew returned to base. →



## Christmas on the Wing

14 Wing Greenwood families gathered December 1 for Christmas on the Wing, starting out with an Annapolis Mess full of games and treats, and cosing with the outdoor tree lighting event. Activities were hosted by the Mess, Community Recreation and the Military Family Resource Centre.

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## Holiday home, away captured on 143 CEF's LaHave parade float

**Honorary Colonel Dan Hennessey, 14 Construction Engineering Squadron**

The South Shore of Nova Scotia has been exceptionally supportive of the Canadian

Armed Forces' annual Adopt the Troops for Christmas Campaign. This program raises funds from local businesses, along with gathering cards and letters from local schools and organizations, all added to packages that will

end up in the hands of members from 14 Wing Greenwood – and, closer to home, members of 14 Construction Engineering Squadron and its flights - deployed over the holidays. The funds raised will purchase items that are in demand, pack and travel well on their long journeys. This year, members of 143 Construction Engineering Flight decided to bring the concept of the Adopt the Troops for Christmas campaign to life, working for several days to design and then craft a float for the annual Christmas on the LaHave parade November 30. Their goal was to, hopefully,



Honorary Col D. Hennessey, 14 Construction Engineering Squadron

bring the reality of deployed members closer to home. With some online research on the concept, Warrant Officer Ryan Stacey put his own spin on the idea and made it the flight's own.

Their resulting float depicted a member sitting on his bunk opening a package sent

from home filled with treats and cards while, on the other side of a "wall," sat his family around a Christmas tree missing their family member. The annual South Shore parade took place on a very cold evening, but the emotional message of 143 CEF's entry quickly warmed both

those involved and those watching the parade. The float was a huge success, with many comments from those watching the parade. One comment received was, "Your float was wonderful. I hope people took notice and felt the impact. Well done to you and your crew." →

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Captain Keven Lachance, second from left, 434 (LRPTEF) Squadron; was recently presented the Canadian Forces Decoration by 415 (Long Range Patrol Force Development) Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Ross Freeman, left; Major Seb Tardif, second from right; and Master Warrant Officer Stu Greenslade. LRPTEF is a lodger unit with 415 Squadron here at 14 Wing Greenwood. Submitted



Corporal Kenneth McCann, second from left, accompanied by his wife, Meagan Elizabeth; was presented October 24 with his flight engineer wings by 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Brent Vaino, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Roberts. Leading Seaman LP Dubé, 14 Wing Imaging



Warrant Officer Renaud Moreau, second from left, accompanied by his wife, Michele; received the third clasp of the Canadian Forces Decoration October 24, representing 42 years of service to the Canadian Armed Forces, by 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Brent Vaino, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Roberts. Leading Seaman LP Dubé, 14 Wing Imaging



December 2, Captain David Nelson, second from left, was promoted to the rank of major by 14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Brendan Cook, left; with Wing Chief Warrant Officer Dan Campbell, right, and Nelson's wife. DND Image Tech, 14 Wing Imaging



December 2, Sergeant Christine Postnikoff, second from left, was promoted to the rank of warrant officer by 14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Brendan Cook, left; with Wing Chief Warrant Officer Dan Campbell, right, and family. DND Image Tech, 14 Wing Imaging



December 2, Aviator (Basic) Marie-Anne McGraw, second from left, was promoted to the rank of aviator (trained) by 14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Brendan Cook, left; with Wing Chief Warrant Officer Dan Campbell, right, and her partner. DND Image Tech, 14 Wing Imaging



December 3, Segreant Ian MacNeil, centre right, received his Lockheed-Martin 2,500 Flight Hour Certificate and lapel pin from 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron Honorary Colonel Judy Rafuse, centre left, with 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Angie Thomas, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Jon Freeman.



December 6, Sergeant Kevin Hardy, centre right, received his Lockheed-Martin 2500 Flight Hour Certificate and lapel pin from 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron Honorary Colonel Judy Rafuse, centre left, with 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Angie Thomas, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Jon Freeman.



December 6, Mike Taylor, left, senior manager Personnel Support Program, 14 Wing Greenwood; presented Staff of Non Public Funds employees with a number of service awards. From his left are Lisa White, 20 years, Health Promotion manager; Josh Leddicote, 10 years, physical exercise specialist; Susan Fayant, five years, Fitness and Sports Centre facility coordinator; and Sandra Saunders, five years, Greenwood Bowling Centre attendant. S. White



December 6, Master Corporal Michael Forbes, centre right, received his Lockheed-Martin 2500 Flight Hour Certificate and lapel pin from 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron Honorary Colonel Judy Rafuse, centre left, with 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Angie Thomas, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Jon Freeman.

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..... casual swim 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.  
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December 25, 26 ..... closed  
December 27 ..... facility 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.  
December 28 ..... facility 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
..... casual swim 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
..... lane, parent & tot swim 2:40 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
December 29 ..... facility 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
..... casual swim 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
..... lane, parent & tot swim 2:40 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

December 30 ..... facility 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.  
December 31 ..... facility 8 a.m. to noon, pool closed  
January 1 ..... closed  
January 2 ..... facility 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 3 ..... facility 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 4 ..... facility 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
..... casual swim 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
..... lane, parent & tot swim 2:40 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
January 5 ..... facility 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
..... casual swim 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
..... lane, parent & tot swim 2:40 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
January 8 ..... gym floor reopens

**Greenwood Gardens Arena**  
December 20 ..... public skate 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
December 21 ..... public skate 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
December 23 ..... shinny 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.  
..... public skate 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.  
December 24 ..... public skate 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.  
December 25, 26 ..... Closed  
December 27 ..... shinny 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.  
..... public skate 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
December 28 ..... public skating 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
December 30 ..... shinny 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.  
..... public skate 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.  
December 31, January 1 ..... Closed

January 2 ..... parents and tots 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.  
..... lady rec 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.  
..... public skate 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.  
January 3 ..... shinny 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.  
..... public skate 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Greenwood Military Family Resource Centre**  
December 23 to January 7 ..... closed  
January 8 ..... normal hours resume  
*If an emergency should arise, families are encouraged to contact Wing Duty Operations at 902-765-1494 local 5457, the Family Information Line at 1-800-866-4546 or CFMAP at 1-800-268-7708.*

**Health Promotion**  
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**14 Wing Greenwood Library**  
December 23 to January 1 ..... closed  
January 2 ..... normal hours resume  
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**14 Wing Bowling Centre**  
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December 30, 31 ..... closed  
January 1 ..... closed  
January 2 ..... closed  
*For more information on bowling, Call 902-765-1494 local 5361.*

**Annapolis Mess | Mess office, Tow Bar**  
December 21 to January 5 ..... closed

## Soldiers' dinner a military Christmas tradition

Sara White, Managing editor

14 Wing Greenwood's junior ranks were the guests of honour December 11, as the base hosted its annual Christmas dinner. The military tradition dates back to the 1700s, when military duties for the lower ranks came with a certain amount of tedium. The Christmas dinner started as a morale-booster, as officers and senior non-commissioned members show their appreciation to their sailors, soldiers and aviators for hard work in the past year. The more senior ranks organize and serve the dinner, often entertaining with songs and skits. When the dinner is over, the soldiers relax while superiors clean up.

Along with the dinner, 14 Wing also swapped out the rank, roles and responsibilities of Colonel Brendan Cook, commander, and Chief Warrant Officer Dan Campbell, wing chief warrant officer; with the youngest and the oldest officer and non-commissioned member, respectively, on the base. Aviator-turned Colonel Emily Tulloch from 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron signed the scrolls to begin her day leading a command team meeting and officiating over the head table at the Christmas dinner. Corporal-turned Wing Chief Warrant Officer Larry Bent, 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron, was her command team partner throughout.

The rank reversals may be rooted in the ancient Roman Saturnalia festival, which honors Saturn and falls at the same time as Christmas, Hanukkah, solstice and Kwanzaa. During the festival, parents and masters waited on slaves and children for meals, and turned over the responsibility for leading certain rituals. The Canadian Armed Forces continues this role reversal in the spirit of good cheer. →



Aviator Emily Tulloch from 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron, seated left, takes on the role, rank and responsibilities of Wing Commander Colonel Brendan Cook December 11 at 14 Wing Greenwood headquarters. At right, she re-ranks Cook to aviator for the day. Photos by Master Corporal D. Salisbury, 14 Wing Imaging



Still with his command, Colonel Brendan Cook oversees the swapping of authority between Wing Chief Warrant Officer Dan Campbell, right, and Corporal Larry Bent, 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron. In the right hand photo, now-WCWO Bent adjusts Campbell's dress for the day.

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# CHRISTMAS IS COMING

14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Brendan Cook & Wing Chief Warrant Officer Dan Campbell

The holiday season is when we can take a step back from some of our many responsibilities and focus on the things that are truly important to us: our friends and family. On behalf of ourselves and our families, we would like to thank you and your family for an exceptional year at 14 Wing.

After another busy year, it is a time to reflect on and be grateful for what we have in our lives, as well as our accomplishments as a team. 14 Wing has exercised its search and rescue capabilities throughout 2019, saving many fellow Canadians; long range patrol missions tracked our adversaries and guarded Canada's coastline; other operations and exercises have tested our mettle as an operational air wing. Each of you has demonstrated dedication, professionalism and operational excellence.

The holiday period is a time to rest, recover and invest in yourself and your family. We encourage you to reflect upon your accomplishments, strengthen your relationships,

recharge and set your goals for the coming year. For some, we know the holidays can be a challenging time. If you are struggling, we want you to know you are not alone and there is always help, if and when you require it. Many members of 14 Wing are also deployed over the holiday season. We ask you all to keep them and their families in your thoughts.

We encourage everyone to be generous and reach out to both those in uniform and those in our community with a helping hand where needed. Life, and especially the holiday season, are all about community. There's no better way to exemplify this than by sharing your good fortune with others.

To every member of the defence team, it remains our greatest privilege to serve with each of you. We wish you and your loved ones the very best of the holiday season. Remember to celebrate responsibly, be safe and return refreshed in the new year. We look forward to sharing the new opportunities and challenges of 2020 with you.

# NOËL EST À NOS PORTES

Colonel Brendan Cook, commandant de la 14e Escadre Greenwood et Dan Campbell, adjudant chef de l'escadre

Le temps des Fêtes nous permet de prendre du recul par rapport à certaines de nos nombreuses responsabilités et de nous concentrer sur ce qui est vraiment important pour nous : nos amis et notre famille. En notre nom et au nom de nos familles, nous aimerions vous remercier, vous et votre famille, pour une année exceptionnelle à la 14e Escadre. Après une autre année bien remplie, c'est l'occasion de réfléchir et d'être reconnaissants de ce que nous avons dans nos vies, ainsi que de nos réalisations en tant qu'équipe. La 14e Escadre a exercé ses capacités en recherche et sauvetage tout au long de 2019, sauvant de nombreux compatriotes, elle a effectué des missions de patrouille à long rayon d'action pour surveiller nos adversaires et le littoral du Canada et elle a participé à des exercices et des opérations diverses qui ont mis à l'épreuve nos capacités à titre d'escadre aérienne opérationnelle. Chacun d'entre vous a fait preuve de dévouement, de professionnalisme et d'excellence opérationnelle.

La période des Fêtes est une période de repos et de récupération pour vous et votre famille et d'investissement en vous-même et en votre famille. Nous vous encourageons à réfléchir à vos réalisations, à renforcer vos relations, à vous ressourcer et à vous fixer des

objectifs pour l'année à venir. Pour certains, nous savons que les Fêtes peuvent être une période difficile. Si vous éprouvez des difficultés, nous voulons que vous sachiez que vous n'êtes pas seul et qu'il y a toujours de l'aide, si vous en avez besoin et quand vous en avez besoin. De nombreux membres de la 14e Escadre sont également en déploiement pendant la période des Fêtes. Nous demandons à tous de les garder, eux et leurs familles, dans vos pensées.

Nous encourageons tout le monde à être généreux et à tendre la main à ceux qui portent l'uniforme et à ceux qui, dans notre communauté, ont besoin d'aide. La vie, et surtout la période des Fêtes, est une question de communauté. Il n'y a pas de meilleur moyen d'illustrer cela qu'en partageant votre bonne fortune avec les autres.

À tous les membres de l'Équipe de la Défense, c'est toujours notre plus grand privilège de servir avec chacun d'entre vous. Nous vous souhaitons, à vous et à vos proches, le meilleur pour la période des Fêtes. N'oubliez pas de célébrer de façon responsable et en toute sécurité et de revenir reposé pour la nouvelle année. Nous sommes impatients de partager avec vous les nouvelles possibilités et les nouveaux défis de 2020.



# Letters to Santa



Dear Santa

For Christmas, I would like a Nintendo Switch with Let's Go Pikachu, Luigi's Mansion 3 and some surprises.

I hope you have a Merry Christmas, see you next year! Say hi to Elvis & Sugar Plum for me!

Love,

Myles Gosse  
Wilmot, NS, Age 9

Myles



Dear Santa

I would like a pocket knife and a Puma bag. I would like an I-Pod to, a remote control Seadoo. I would like F519. Christmas crafts and a new X-Box.

Your Friend,

Landon Jenkins  
Greenwood, NS, Age 7

Landon



Dear Santa

My name is Dawson Landon AuCoin in Auburn, NS. This year I would like a bag pipe and two Pomsies and cars and my puppy would like two puppy toys

Thank you,

Dawson Landon AuCoin  
Auburn, NS, Age 8

Dawson



Dear Santa

I hope you have a good Christmas.

I would like a Barbie camper with a pool and slide, an Our Generation Doll and bunk beds, and for everybody to be happy...oh...and a doll house, and surprises.

I hope you guys have a Merry Christmas. See you next year!

I love you,

Lillian Gosse  
Wilmot, NS, Age 6

Lillian



Dear Santa

My name is Wyatt Timmins and I am 5 years old. Thank you for the police LEGO set last year. This year I would like a set of Magformer magnets. Please don't forget my family and friends. I will leave you some peanut butter cookies and some juice.

Your Friend,

Wyatt Timmins  
Greenwood, NS, Age 5



Dear Santa

My name is Vinny and I live in Greenwood. I would really like a drum, chocolate bar or an Iron Man mask this year. I wish you, the elves and reindeer a very Merry Christmas. Thank you and enjoy the milk and cookies.

Your friend,

Vincenzo Viau  
Greenwood, NS, Age 3.5

Vinny



Dear Santa

My name is Carlie Timmins and I am 7 years old. Thank you for the gifts last year. This year I would like a real life doll. Please don't forget my new baby cousin Alexis in Newfoundland. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Be safe Santa!

Your friend,

Carlie Timmins  
Greenwood, NS, Age 7



Dear Santa

For Christmas I would like LOL Dolls, Barbie, My life girl, DS. My brother Jacob would like anything Paw Patrol and pajamas.

Love, Lauren and Jake

Lauren Powell  
Melvern Square, NS, Age 6

Lauren and Jake



Dear Santa

My name is Connor, I'm 2 months old and this is my first Christmas. I would really love a teddy bear and a musical toy. I'll leave cookies and milk for you, and carrots for your reindeer. Please remember the children in the NICU.

Love,

Connor Penton  
Greenwood, NS,  
Age 2 months



Dear Santa

I want a horse set for Christmas. I want an art set. I want a Lego One set. I want a nail polish set. I want a Nerf gun for Christmas. I want a farming set. I want a new tablet.

Your friend,

Logan Jenkins  
Kingston, NS, Age 8

Logan



And the winners: 14 Fire and Emergency Services.

S. White



413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron's Tuskers brought along a team mascot!



Referee Mike Gerrior is a certified sit volleyball official: he was on the court in a dual capacity November 29, as he's also taking on the civilian co-chair position of 14 Wing Greenwood's Defence Advisory Group for people with disabilities.

## Access emphasized as wing marks International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Sara White, Managing editor

While sit volleyball may be fun and gets people out, it also "gives us the idea of what it's like to do something when you don't have the capacity you did," said Lieutenant-Colonel Chris Pratt November 29 at 14 Wing Greenwood.

While teams of players came out for the sit volleyball tournament at the Fitness and Sports Centre for the challenge, bragging rights and a spanking new trophy crafted by Lieutenant Dani Vortisch, the military co-chair of the wing's Defence Advisory Group for people with disabilities; the focus was on marking

the upcoming December 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

"People with disabilities can be on an entire spectrum, from disabilities related to psychological or mental health to dismemberment or blindness," Pratt said. "It's challenging," describing both living with a disability and sit volleyball. "As we're playing, thing about why we're here doing this."

The Canadian Armed Forces recognizes four areas in its employment equity program, including recognition of people with disabilities. There are national advisory groups and "champions," with partner programs at bases and wings across the country. 14

Wing's DAG for people with disabilities is co-chaired by Vortisch and civilian Mike Gerrior, who actually donned his official's jersey for the day's tournament as a certified sit volleyball referee. Pratt is the 14 Wing command team champion for the DAG's programs.

The theme of this year's International Day of Persons with Disabilities was "The Future is Accessible, with individuals and organizations challenged to envision a future where the barriers which stand in people's way no longer exist, from physical access to buildings and recreation spaces to education to employment. →

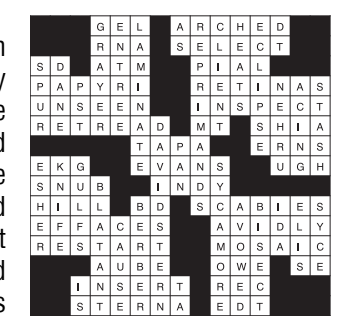
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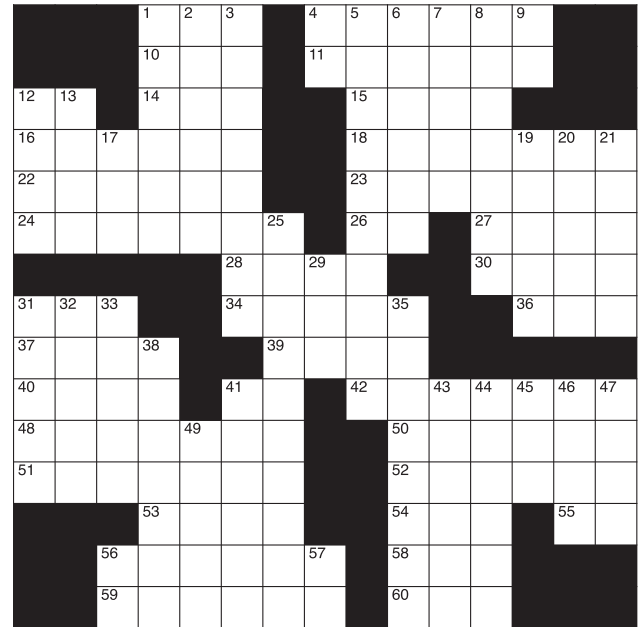


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  - Looped
  - It's present in all living cells
  - Choose
  - South Dakota
  - Cash machine
  - Of the pia mater
  - Ancient Egyptian documents
  - Layers at the back of the eyeballs
  - Not perceived
  - Look over
  - Improve a tire
  - Time zone
  - Main branch of Islam
  - Bark of the mulberry tree
  - Sea eagles
  - Records heart muscle activity (abbr.)
  - Famed Hollywood producer
  - Yuck!
  - Reject outright and bluntly
  - 500, car race
  - Small heap of pile
  - Type of degree (abbr.)
  - Contagious skin disease
  - Erases from a surface
  - In an enthusiastic way
  - Begin again
  - Intricately produced pattern
  - It flows NW to the Seine
  - Be obliged to repay
  - Southeast
  - Slip in
  - Leisure time activity
  - Breastbones
  - Sun up in New York
  - DOWN
  - More cloudy
  - Main course
  - Protect with plastic
  - Equally
  - Rebuked
  - Friend to a salesman
  - Warm up
  - Overshadow
  - Interior lineman in football
  - San Antonio hoopster
  - Comedian Cook
  - Time zone
  - First PM of India
  - Performing perfectly
  - A way to hide
  - Former NBA commissioner
  - Peter's last name
  - Outlying suburb of London
  - Used to cut steak
  - Deep inlets
  - Type of tree
  - Done openly and unashamedly
  - Indigenous person of N. Africa
  - Confessed openly
  - A way to separate with an instrument
  - Influential journalist
  - Tarbell
  - Manning and Roth are two
  - One who cares for horses in India
  - Something to believe in
  - Form of 'to be'
  - Atomic #73

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**Library book club**  
December 17, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., the Bridgetown & Area Library hosts its adult book club (third Tuesday of every month). Share views and ideas about selected books, usually fiction. For information: 902-665-2758.

**Caregiver stress manager workshop**  
December 17, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., please join Caregivers Nova Scotia for a free workshop: do you give unpaid care to a family member or friend who has a physical or mental health condition, or who is chronically ill or frail? As a caregiver, you may feel overwhelmed by all of your responsibilities. Our goal is to help you identify common stressors and address them before they become harmful to your health. We will focus on strategies to regain or maintain your life balance. Workshop will be held at the New Minas Baptist Church (External Building), 9453 Commercial Street. Pre-registration required by December 13: call Jennine Wilson at 902-680-8706

# horoscopes

December 15 to December 21

**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, a chance encounter with an old acquaintance drums up feelings you didn't know you had. Even if these feelings are muted, you can still acknowledge them.  
**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, it is up to you to initiate action over the next several days. The situation may be uncomfortable, but you will be able to handle it.

**GEMINI - May 22/June 21**  
Gemini, a difference of opinion with a professional colleague surfaces in the coming days. Recognize that you both have the same goal and work together.  
**CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, you are set on enjoying yourself.  
**LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, many things are beyond your control. However, one place where you can take action concerns your personal health. Schedule a well visit soon.  
**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, close friends will keep you very busy for the next few days. That will come in handy because you could use a distraction from what's currently on your plate.

**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Do not allow impulsive behavior to rule your week, Libra. You need to exercise caution when making decisions over the next several days because they can have a large impact.  
**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Others cannot quite figure you out lately, Scorpio. It is good to have an air of mystery about you. Keeping everyone guessing may give you a slight advantage.  
**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, you may resist a social engagement initially because it has been such a busy season. Soon you may come around and be open to a few more parties.  
**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Capricorn, if you are thinking about a career change, take a step back and give this decision considerable thought. Look for hints as to the direction you should go.  
**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Aquarius, do not surround yourself with negative thought patterns, which could hinder your success. Better to stay positive and embrace those who share your outlook.  
**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**  
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**Preschool upcycle art**  
December 18, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the Kingston Library has an art program designed just for preschool aged children and their parent/ caregiver. Join Cheryl, a 7 arts artist, for an hour of up-cycled art.

**Let's Get Crafty!**  
December 18, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., the Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library invites kids ages six to 11 for a holiday craft party! Supplies provided. Pre-register.

**Kidz Book Club**  
December 19, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Berwick and District Library youth (ages nine to 14) book club is reading "Ink and Bones," by Rachel Caine. Pick up a copy at the library or read your copy from home. Come for snacks, fun discussion and suggestions of what we should read next.

**Speed skating open house**  
December 21, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the Annapolis Valley Speed Skating Club will be hosting a holiday open house at the Credit Union Centre, Kingston. Speed skates are provided for participants. Please bring your own helmet and gloves. It's a great opportunity to

try this fun and exciting sport. The club offers learn to skate, skills development, recreational and competitive programs for all ages. Winter programs start in January. For information, email valleyspeedskating@gmail.com or check out Annapolis Valley Speed Skating on Facebook.

**Berwick walk**  
December 21, the Valley Trekkers host their Berwick Christmas lights walk. Meet at the Berwick fire hall (Exit 15 off Hwy 101, opposite Wheaton's). Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. for walking at 6 p.m. This is a 5/10 km, 1B walk. Christmas social to follow. More info: 902-538-8282.

**Solstice celebration**  
December 21, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Berwick and District Library will celebrate the Winter Solstice.

**Chase the Ace**  
December 21, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., the Kingston Legion holds its Chase the Ace draw. Tickets are available at Brown's Auto, Pharmasave Kingston, Needs, JOY-EL Investments, Aylesford, and at the Legion during bar hours. Tickets are \$1 each (ages 19-plus). The

draw takes place at 3:30 p.m. (you do not have to be present to win). We are supporting Kingston Scouts Canada programs.

**Blue Christmas**  
December 21, 7 p.m., the Wilmot Baptist Church hosts a Blue Christmas service for those who struggle with feelings of sadness, loneliness, illness or loss at Christmas. A quiet, sombre and intimate service where you can receive love and support you need during the holidays. 902-765-2386 for info.

**Concert benefit**  
December 22, 2 p.m., the 10th Musical Gift for the Upper Room Food Bank, featuring Chris Palmer and Sonlight, with special guests Matt Lunn and Friends; will be held at the Kingston Lions Hall. There will also be performances by the Natasha Wade Trio, Bill Wilson, Gina Potvin, Payten Eisenhauer and others. Come out to the Kingston Lions Club and enjoy a great variety of the sounds of Christmas, with a freewill offering to the Upper Room Food Bank. There will be a canteen on site and silent auction as well. A wonderful, old fashioned community Christmas concert for a great cause - not to be missed!

**Bake sale, auction**  
December 22, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., the Berwick Legion, 232 Main Street, hosts a Christmas bake sale and cake auction. Lots of great baked goods will be available for sale and for auction. All homemade and fresh for the holidays. Call 902-538-9340 for info.

**Church service**  
December 24, 7 p.m., St. Mark's Protestant Chapel, Greenwood, hosts a family Christmas Eve service, for those with children of all ages.

**Church service**  
December 24, 10 p.m., St. Mark's Protestant Chapel, Greenwood, hosts a Christmas Eve service, for those with Holy Communion.

**Breakfast**  
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**New Year's Eve bingo**  
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**New Year's Eve dance**  
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**Wildlife meeting**  
January 7, 7 p.m., the Kings County Wildlife Association will meet in Room 109 at NSCC Kentville.

**Music night**  
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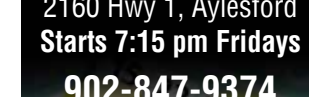


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### Food maintenance

14 Wing Greenwood's 14 Air Maintenance Squadron visited the Upper Room Food Bank in Kingston December 10, delivering the results of a seasonal food and cash drive within the squadron: boxes and bags of non-perishables, and a \$500 cash donation. Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Cory Marchand and Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Wezenbeek, with members of 14 AMS, were welcomed by food bank manager Harley Hazelwood and volunteers.

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## Food for Thought from the Upper Room Food Bank

The Upper Room Food Bank and its volunteers in Kingston continue to work to meet growing needs in our community, but we are fortunate the generosity of the public and local businesses is helping us keep up with demand.

During November, the food bank served 195 families, consisting of 347 adults and 192 children, with 20,025 pounds of product going out and 21,803 pounds coming in. The incoming total includes 5,187 pounds provided by the Feed Nova Scotia network and 2,261 pounds purchased with local cash donations. The remainder is from local donations, including from several local businesses.

Those following numbers monthly will notice our clients served were up about 23 per

cent from October. We are fortunate our incoming product amounts stay close to our outgoing product: sometimes ahead, sometimes behind, but all of those donation drives this time of year help keep us ahead of the need as it picks up near Christmas. Thank you for your support.

While keeping an eye out for food bank campaigns running during this season, don't forget about other campaigns this time of year. Even though the weather has been unseasonably mild, we all know it tends to get pretty chilly from January until spring. There will be a need by many people for warmer clothes and winter coats in the months ahead.

Arrangements for our annual Christmas hamper campaign are being finalized. The hampers will be distributed December 18, prior to our

final evening of regular hours December 19.

Food bank volunteers will be periodically manning the wrapping booth at the Greenwood Mall during the Christmas season, with all funds going towards food bank activities. Come do your shopping and get it wrapped for a donation. If anyone would like to volunteer to help, contact Sharon at the food bank.

Regular hours for the Upper Room Food Bank are Mondays, 10 a.m. to noon, and Thursdays, 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Please note that the last night for the food bank before Christmas will be December 19 and we will re-open for clients January 2.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, best of the season to all, and we will see you in 2020! →

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### Petit déjeuner festif

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.

In the spirit of the season a special thank you to our military members both home and abroad for all that you do. Have a Merry Christmas everyone and a safe and prosperous new year.



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## Village confident in community support for Kingston Library growth

Muriel West

The Kingston Village Commission office will be moving to new accommodations; hopefully, before the new year.

About a year ago, the village bought the former CIBC building on Main Street to create more space for staff to manage the affairs of the community. Acquiring the property has increased parking and provides space for future village development. Building renovations are nearly complete and the current village office will soon be vacated.

With the move, the Kingston Library will expand into the old village offices and create a front entrance on Main Street. A multipurpose room is included in the expansion, with space for the work of local artists, arts and crafts programs for all ages and

more. The Annapolis Valley Regional Library says hours of operation will increase. The village's public works department will stay in the east side of the building.

The library space should be ready late this spring. While renovations take place, the library will temporarily relocate to the visitor information centre, further west on Main Street.

The Kingston Village Commission is working to raise the \$85,000 needed to outfit the expanded library. Shelving and furnishings will soon be ordered. Friends of the library, residents of the village and its surrounding communities, people with roots in the village who have moved, along with local businesses and community organizations are all encouraged to consider - and are doing so - making a donation.

Village commissioners,

staff and volunteers working on the project remember the excitement of the Hockeyville campaign in 2014, as many voted over and over in support of winning the contest's funding for upgrades at the Kingston arena. Special events attracted great support throughout the contest's stages, and Kingston won \$100,000 as the second-place finalist. The commission believes people will show that support for the expanded library project.

If you would like to contribute to the library expansion, there are a number of ways to donate. Give online through valleylibrary.ca. Click, support and donate via CanadaHelps.org: simply choose "Kingston Library." Or, mail your gift to AVRL, PO Box 510, Berwick, B0P 1E0, indicating the Kingston Library. Call the village office at 902-765-2800, or visit the library. →



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## Valley speed skaters' season underway

It has been a busy fall for the Annapolis Valley Speed Skating Club (AVSSC). The club, based in Kingston at the Credit Union Centre, hosted a mini-meet October 19, featuring young skaters from AVSSC, Dartmouth and Halifax clubs.

The following week, AVSSC was well represented at the Citadel Cup Meet in Halifax. Seven seven members competed in the various divisions. Lily Porter, competing in her first sanctioned meet, won a bronze medal. Phil Brown and Brandon Fraser won gold and bronze medals, respectively, in the Special Olympics division. Brown and Fraser will be representing Nova Scotia in the 2020 Special Olympics Canada

Winter Games in Thunder Bay, Ontario, in February.

The Annapolis Valley Speed Skating Club was founded in 2012. The club offers learn to skate, skills development, recreational and competitive programs for all ages. Winter programs start in January. For information, email valley-speedskating@gmail.com or check out Annapolis Valley Speed Skating on Facebook.

The club will be hosting a holiday open house at the Credit Union Centre, Kingston, December 21, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Speed skates are provided for participants. Please bring your own helmet and gloves. It's a great opportunity to try this fun and exciting sport. →



Annapolis Valley Speed Skating Club members Phil Brown, left, and Brandon Fraser will represent Nova Scotia in the 2020 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games in Thunder Bay, Ontario, in February. Submitted




Annapolis Valley Speed Skating Club sent seven skaters to the recent Citadel Cup Meet, with three returning as medallists: in the back, from left, are skaters Georgia Lloyd, Caelin Lloyd and Gabe Salley. In the front are Lily Porter, a bronze medal winner; and Bobby Edwards. Submitted

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## Christmas in Kingston

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