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## P8A Poseidon new RCAF multi mission aircraft

November 30, Canada announced a government-to-government agreement with the United States for the acquisition of up to 16 P8A Poseidon aircraft for the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF). Fourteen multi-mission aircraft will be procured, with options for up to an additional two.

The P8A will replace Canada's maritime patrol aircraft, the CP140 Aurora, which has been in service for more than 40 years. The P8A aircraft will be based at 14 Wing Greenwood and 19 Wing Comox.

The CP140 aircraft is becoming increasingly difficult to support, expensive to sustain and less operationally relevant. This procurement will allow Canada to transition to a replacement capability, ensuring Canada meets domestic needs and international obligations.

Government is confident the P8A delivers the best anti-submarine and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities. The aircraft will operate seamlessly with allies. This platform is a proven capability, operated by Five Eyes allies - the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand; as well as other defence partners.

The investment is \$10.4 billion CAD, including up to \$5.9 billion USD for the P8A, associated equipment,

training devices and sustainment set-up. The balance will cover additional investments in simulators, infrastructure and weapons.

To defend Canadian interests in maritime approaches, the Arctic and internationally, the RCAF needs to be able to identify, detect, track and potentially engage surface and sub-surface threats. The P8A will provide Canada an advanced multi-mission platform to conduct maritime and overland surveillance in defence of Canada and to support allies, with integrated C4ISR, anti-submarine and anti-surface capabilities. These aircraft are complex weapon systems capable of transporting and launching multiple sonobuoys, torpedoes and anti-ship weapons.

The first P8A should be delivered in 2026 and, with an average of one aircraft delivered per month, all could be delivered as early as fall 2027. The RCAF anticipates full operational capability by 2033, ensuring Canada continues to meet domestic, NATO, NORAD and other obligations

"In today's complex global environment, Canada requires a military that is capable of protecting our country well into the future," said the Honourable Bill Blair, Minister of National Defence. "We are

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**Cadets with 865 Dartmouth Kiwanis Air Cadet Squadron visited 14 Wing Greenwood October 27 for more formal training, including a tour at 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron and a familiarization flight on the CC130 Hercules, and a visit to 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron to take in a CP140 Aurora static display. At a further stop at the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum, they were fortunate to time their arrival with a significant Quilts of Valour presentation to Sergeant (retired) Tom Franklin, a 99-year-old Second World War veteran. The quilt, made by Judy Marshall and quilted by Marjorie Skinner of Bridgewater, now brightens Franklin's room in the Middleton Soldiers Memorial Hospital veterans' unit. 865 RCACS Civilian Instructor Officer Cindy Brown said the Cadets were thrilled to be a part of the event, very interested and honoured to hear something of Franklin's 25-year Regular Force air force career.** Submitted



**Berwick resident 101-year-old Warrant Officer (retired) Erle Dolsen received his quilt September 30 from Quilts of Valour organization regional coordinator and volunteer Mary Ewing in a presentation in front of the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum's display on the 14 Wing Greenwood Band. Dolsen, a Second World War veteran, was bandmaster at 14 Wing Greenwood from 1962 to 1972 - just a portion of his 31-year career with the Royal Canadian Air Force. Today, one son, two grandsons and one granddaughter have all served their country as members of the Canadian Armed Forces.** Submitted

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## Office work

October 4, a 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron CH149 crew worked from their sky “office” over 14 Wing Greenwood, conducting hoist training to keep themselves sharp. The work involves pilots, flight engineers and search and rescue technicians, each with critical roles to play in the procedure.

Corporal S. Dlugozima, 14 Wing Imaging

## P8A Poseidon...

...cover

committed to ensuring that our current and future aviators have the most advanced equipment possible to do just that. Canada requires a multi-mission fleet to contribute to the safety and security of Canadians and protect the sovereignty of a country with the longest coastline in the world.

“The Boeing P8A Poseidon is the right aircraft to fulfil this role.”

The CP140 plays an important role in protecting the Canadian coastline, including by detecting security threats,

illegal fishing, drug trafficking and polluters. It routinely participates in international missions, providing aerial command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR) support to coalition air operations. This capability will be upgradeable, resilient and interoperable with the RCAF’s joint, interagency, multinational and public partners.

As part of the project, Canada is assessing the infrastructure needs for the P8A replacement fleet and requirements to recapitalize infrastructure at operating bases. →

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Commanding Officer of 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron Lieutenant-Colonel Mark Norris, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Stephen Bates, right, uncased the squadron's new display case October 12, built to house the squadron Colours by Warrant Officer Dave Chevalier, centre, Corporal Matthew Harlow, second from right, and Captain Jeremy Appolloni.

Corporal F. Roy, 14 Wing Imaging

## Colours daily reminder of 413 heritage, bonds

Like the other squadrons at 14 Wing Greenwood, 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron recently moved its Colours from the Annapolis Mess to 14 Hangar, where squadron members work day-to-day, and from where they respond to search and rescue missions as called upon.

Finding the right place and home in the hangar was a challenge, and the unit is grateful multiple volunteers, including Warrant Officer Dave Chevalier as lead, Captain Jeremy Appolloni, Corporal Matthew Harlow and Corporal Liam Ryan of 14 Air Maintenance Squadron; spearheaded a project to build a custom, all maple wood, cabinet. The results are awesome/spectacular, and the cabi-

net, its style and finish and details are impeccable.

October 12, the members who built the cabinet were honoured during an uncasing ceremony. The cabinet features some squadron uniqueness, in that the flag sash is hanging from a CH149 Cormorant pitot tube and the Colours rest in the oil filter strainer housing from a CC130 Hercules; fitting representations of 413 Squadron and the aircraft it operates.

Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Mark Norris says three things stand out to him, as the return of 413 Squadron's Colours has been a "reawakening of squadron members' military ethos."

"Colours represent what our forbearers accom-

plished," Norris says. "Just like uniforms serve as a reminder we can succeed like they did, the Colours' battle honours and its worn patch and hole are physical reminders squadron members see every day."

Norris says the Colours remain a common rallying point for 413 Squadron members, just as in the days of Napoleonic warfare: Colours are a home beacon and represent the unit.

"As a search-and-rescue squadron, members will always come home to their hangar as the centre of their operations and professional lives. It is fitting squadron Colours are also with them."

Finally and most importantly, Norris, says, squad-



413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron's Colours rest in a repurposed oil filter strainer housing from a CC130 Hercules, one of the search and rescue aircraft at home in the unit.



The 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron's Colours sash now hanging from a CH149 Cormorant pitot tube, commonly known as a speedometer, found along the front fuselage or wing of aircraft.

ron members invested thousands of hours into this project to return the squadron Colours to the centre of 413 Squadron members' daily work lives, done on behalf of and for the past and present members of the unit.

"413 Squadron will forever be grateful for their amazing work." →

*Ad Vigilamus Undis*

## RCAF ready to mark 100 years in 2024

In April 2024, the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) will celebrate 100 years of existence. One hundred years of accomplishments by air force personnel; 100 years in the sky; 100 years of serving Canadians.



The year will be about celebrating the RCAF's rich history, built by those who served in the past - and by many who sacrificed for our nation.

### Heritage

The RCAF was born 100 years ago to protect and preserve the freedoms of all Canadians, to contribute to global peace and security, and to help those in need in Canada and abroad.

April 1, 1924, what was formerly known as the Canadian Air Force officially became the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), a permanent component of Canada's defence force. Early moments in RCAF history, which helped define the RCAF's core values, include

- September 1, 1939: as Germany attacked Poland, the RCAF was placed on active service
- December 17, 1939, an agreement to set up the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan (BCATP) was signed
- July 1940, the RCAF adopted its own ensign, in which the maple leaf appears in the centre of the roundel
- July 10, 1940, the Battle of Britain began

### Today

The RCAF is an agile, integrated and inclusive national instrument of power. The beating heart of the RCAF is

people: a diverse workforce of Regular and Reserve Force members and civilians who form the Defence Team. That team works seamlessly to accomplish the mission.

The RCAF provides air defence, maritime patrol, search and rescue, air mobility and sustainment, aerospace control, and space capabilities to operations at home and abroad. It is a respected military partner, providing security at home through NORAD and working with NATO allies and partners to maintain peace and stability across the globe.

### Tomorrow

The RCAF has an exciting outlook, with a critical role in the space domain and modernization projects, including a new fleet of fighter jets. Space is a critical part of the global security environment. The RCAF is functionally leading all efforts within the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces to ensure delivery of space-based services and to enhance the resilience of the space capabilities upon which the military relies.

Through a diverse and highly motivated workforce, new technologies and innovation, state-of-the-art equipment and capabilities, the RCAF is ready to enter the next century of service, and continue to serve Canada with distinction. →

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- Email your letter, photo and a scan of your signature to [auroraproduction@ns.aliantzinc.ca](mailto:auroraproduction@ns.aliantzinc.ca)

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

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



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## Easy home improvements you can do in winter

(NC) As we tend to spend more time indoors during cold weather, eager do-it-yourselfers need to look for some interior reno projects to keep them occupied. Here are some low-cost tasks you can tackle that will help improve your home's energy efficiency and maybe even save your life.

**Install a smart thermostat** - If you don't already have one, it's worthwhile to install a "smart" or programmable thermostat. These enable you to turn down the heat during the day when everyone's out and then automati-

cally bring it back to your desired setting by the time you get home. Overnight, you can set it to lower the temperature, which both saves money and helps everyone get a better night's sleep. Most thermostats use low-voltage wiring, but you should still turn off the breaker or remove the fuse that's powering it before you start the installation.

**Check for drafts** - Are there cold or drafty spots in your house? On a windy day, light an incense stick and go around the house holding it close to window

and door frames and along the baseboards. Take note of anywhere you notice the smoke flutter and come back later to seal those gaps with caulking.

**Give your HVAC system some TLC** - Having your furnace conk out in the depths of winter is never good. Your furnace should be inspected annually by a professional to ensure it is operating at peak efficiency. As a homeowner, your main furnace-related task is to monitor and replace the filter before it gets clogged. You should also go through the house and make



sure furniture and curtains aren't blocking the airflow from your vents or radiators.

**Test for radon** - Radon is an invisible, radioactive gas that naturally seeps from

the ground into your home. Long-term exposure to high levels of radon is the leading cause of lung cancer for non-smokers. The only way to know if it's accumulating

to a dangerous level in your home is to do a radon test. You simply purchase a test kit or hire a service provider and do the test in the lowest regularly used room in the home – say, a family room or basement bedroom – for at least 90 days. Then send it to a lab to find out your home's radon level. If the result is high, it can be easily lowered. Contact a radon mitigation professional about what you can do to reduce your exposure.

Learn more about radon and how to protect your family from it at [canada.ca/radon](http://canada.ca/radon).

## Une recette de brunch parfaite pour ce weekend

(EN) Les dimanches de farniente n'auront jamais eu aussi bon goût qu'avec ces

röstis croustillants à l'avocat et au saumon fumé. Ces galettes de pommes de terre

croustillantes sont prêtes en moins de 30 minutes, ce qui vous laisse suffisamment de temps pour préparer une autre tournée de lattés pour vous et vos invités.

- 2 avocats du Mexique, pelés, dénoyautés et tranchés
- Ciboulette ciselée
- Aneth ciselé
- Crème sûre
- Saumon fumé ou gravlax



### Préparation

1. Pour les röstis, dans un bol, mélanger tous les ingrédients et assaisonner. Former de petites galettes.
2. Dans une poêle, chauffer l'huile à feu moyen et y faire dorer les galettes de chaque côté pendant environ 5 minutes.
3. Transférer sur un papier absorbant.
4. Garnir les röstis, au goût. Inspirez-vous de nouvelles recettes à l'avocat sur [avocadosfrommexico.ca/fr/recettes](http://avocadosfrommexico.ca/fr/recettes).

### Röstis, avocats et saumon fumé

Temps de préparation: 20 minutes

Temps de cuisson: environ 10 minutes

Portions: 4-6

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Garnitures, au goût*

### Rostis

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## Teach your kids gift of giving back

(NC) Wherever we live, we're part of a community. As parents, an important role is teaching our children the value of supporting others in need, whether they're down the block or halfway around the world. It can be something as simple as taking flowers to an elderly relative, shovelling a neighbour's driveway or finding a charitable organization that supports less fortunate children abroad.

Let's keep this season's teachable moments fun, joyful and collaborative. Here are four more ideas:

**Host a neighbourhood collection** - It can be for the food bank or a local charity, with your porch as the drop-off point. Get the kids to serve hot

chocolate. This way they're getting to see community spirit in action first-hand.

**Bake an extra few dozen cookies** - Invite the kids to help you. Ask them which friends or neighbours could really use a lift, then deliver the cookies together. Use this experience to spark a conversation that reflects on your family's good fortune.

Build a snowperson on the lawn. Instead of doing it outside your own home, pick the home of an elderly person who gets few visitors, or outside the window of your local retirement home. It's a sweet gesture and reminds the kids that not everyone is lucky enough to be surrounded by loving family

all the time.

**Give a gift outside the community** - You can also help your kids understand that we're part of a global community. One entry point is the World Vision gift catalogue, which supports children in conflict zones, after natural disasters, or who are otherwise in need of food, shelter and educational tools. You can invite your children to explore the catalogue, choose the gift and discuss the value of helping children outside of Canada.

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December 11 and 14, all 9:30 a.m. to noon, join the Women's Place Resource Centre at 694 Main Street, Kingston, for a series of Fall workshops. Topics include coping with break-ups and moving on, conflict resolution and problem solving, surviving everyday stressors, and music therapy. To register for any of the sessions, contact 902-363-2030 or Rhonda. [wprc@gmail.com](mailto:wprc@gmail.com).

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December 12, 7Arts in Greenwood welcomes new artists and offers projects each week. Ages seven to 12, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Ages 13 to 17, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. \$25/lesson or \$80 for four lessons. Register at [info@7arts.ca](mailto:info@7arts.ca).

**Carolling evening**

December 13, 7 p.m., join in an evening of Christmas carolling at All Saints' Anglican Church, 521 Pleasant Street, Kingston;

with special guest Frank Dobbin. Freewill offering.

**Fibre craft session**

December 13, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood welcomes female-identifying fibre craft artists (knitting, crochet, cross stitch, embroidery, felting, or rug hooking) over the age of 25. Drop by for our craft & chat group. Bring your own materials or purchase a kit from us.

**MakerSpace**

December 15, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., MakerSpace will be open at 7Arts in Greenwood. Bring a project to work on or purchase one of our kits. Drop-ins welcome! Info: [info@7arts.ca](mailto:info@7arts.ca).

**Greenwood Players on stage**

December 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 7:30 p.m.: the Greenwood Players Theatre Company stages Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," with Jeffery Pocock directing and Todd Detcherry as Scrooge. The cast is dedicated to entertaining you with this timeless tale of kindness, charity and the importance of opening our hearts to one another. The show will run at the AVM Morfee Centre on School Street, Greenwood. Doors open

at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Reservations and special needs accommodations: Jeff at 902-824-5715 or Rene at 902-824-2435. Rated ages 10 and up due to some frightening scenes.

**Seniors' drum circle**

December 14, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., join 7Arts in Greenwood for the HealthRHYTHMS, Community Drum Circle, free to seniors! Reserve your seat by emailing [mindfullymore@gmail.com](mailto:mindfullymore@gmail.com).

**Holiday lighting event**

December 16, 7 p.m., all are welcome to the Margaretsville festive lighting ceremony in Willet Park, with hot chocolate, cider and cookies to follow at the fire hall. Questions: [cdavis224@yahoo.ca](mailto:cdavis224@yahoo.ca).

**Nutcracker on Ice**

December 17, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., join the Greenwood Skating Club for its annual presentation of "The Nutcracker on Ice" at the Greenwood Gardens Arena. Freewill offering admission, all welcome.

**Food bank concert**

December 17, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., come on out and enjoy music of the season from Chris Palmer and friends at the Kingston Lions Hall. Freewill offering at the door, 50/50 ticket sales and light snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase. Bring your family and friends to listen to some great music, all while supporting the Upper Room Foodbank.

**Blood donation clinic**

December 18, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and December 19, noon to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Canadian Blood Services will hold a blood donation clinic at

the Morfee Centre, School Road, Greenwood. Book your appointment at [blood.ca](http://blood.ca).

**Blood donation clinic**

December 20, noon to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Canadian Blood Services will hold a blood donation clinic at the Berwick Lions Hall, 250 veterans Drive. Book your appointment at [blood.ca](http://blood.ca).

**Blue Christmas service**

December 21, 7 p.m., there will be a Blue Christmas service for those who feel alone at Christmas, battling feelings of loneliness, illness or loss. Join us for a service of understanding, empathy, love and hope at the Wilmot Baptist Christian Fellowship Centre, 208 Dodge Road. Call 782-492-0265 for more information.

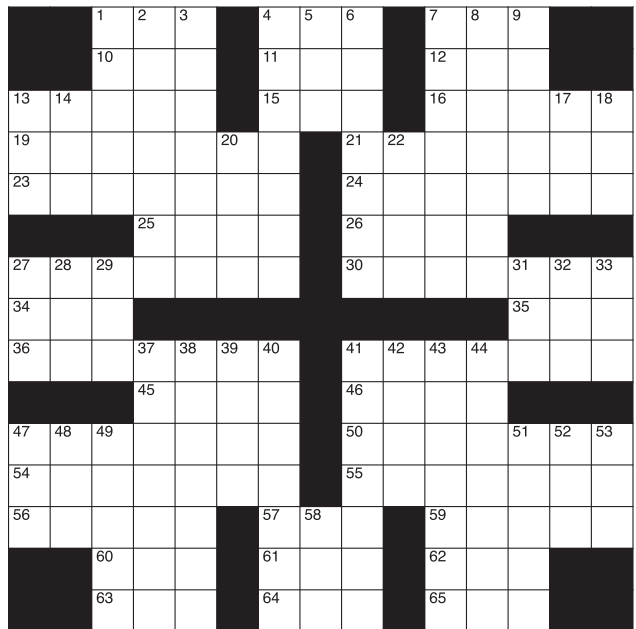
**Christmas bird count**

December 21 is the Kingston & Area Christmas Bird Count. Bird watchers: if you live in the Middleton to Aylesford area, from the Bay of Fundy to the South Mountain, you may take part by watching all the birds you see at your birdfeeders. For information on how to participate, contact Sheila Hulford, 902-765-4023 or [hulford@eastlink.ca](mailto:hulford@eastlink.ca).

**Christmas Eve breakfast**

December 24, 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., come for Christmas Eve morning breakfast at the Kingston Lions Hall. Freewill offering! Scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, hashbrowns, pancakes, coffee, tea, juice, muffins and toast. Come on out, bring your family and friends to this cherished community tradition! Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there, along with one of their elves!

**crossword** solution page 7



- ACROSS**
- Mimic
  - Payroll firm
  - Perform in a play
  - Opine: philosophical
  - Crony
  - Political action committee
  - 1991 Wimbledon winner
  - Affirmative
  - Exclamation of disgust
  - Action of connecting
  - A way to calm
  - Especially fine or decorative clothing
  - Walked proudly
  - Group of people related through male heir
  - Supplemented with difficulty
  - Soft touch
  - Erases
  - Spanish river
  - A princess can detect it
  - Clouds of gas
  - A way to get through
  - Part of a book
  - Southwestern US state
  - Fields where rice is grown
  - Area in Ghana
  - Sayings
  - Involve deeply
  - Compels to act
  - 'Ignore all rules'
  - Indoor entertainment space
  - Born of
  - Back muscle
  - Sea dweller
  - Tools that resemble an axe
  - Prefix denoting class or kind
  - Tooth caregiver
  - Consumed
  - Marry
  - \_\_\_ up: intensifies
  - Body of water
  - People of southern Benin
  - Decorate a cake with frosting
  - Snag
  - Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
  - Records brain activity (abbr.)
  - Car mechanics group
  - Brought up to snuff
  - \_\_\_ faire: Economic approach
  - Phil \_\_\_, former CIA
  - Affixed
  - Period of adolescence
  - Substance
  - Danced
  - Baked without its shell
  - Parts per billion (abbr.)
  - Satisfaction
  - Balkans river
  - Christmas carols
  - Partner to tonic
  - 'The Godfather' character Johnny
  - Swiss river
- DOWN**
- Inspiring
  - Put into a box
  - Breathes out
  - Pacify
  - Patriotic society for women
  - Fell down
  - Clothing
  - Dishwasher detergent brand
  - Former French republic
  - Single lens reflex
  - Men's fashion accessory

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**horoscopes**

**December 10 to December 16**

**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**

Take it easy this week, Aries. You may need to coast for a little bit rather than racing that car around every turn. Enjoy all the simple things you can do and cherish the memories.

**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**

Taurus, if you cannot be yourself with your friends, then with whom? Let down your defenses and do what you want this week, especially if you are celebrating at a social event. No one will be judging.

**GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21**

Gemini, devote some time to planning your vision of the future, rather than just focusing on the work in front of you. It is wise to be planning months ahead to set yourself up for success.

**CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22**

Others may tell you to get your head out of the clouds, Cancer, but you can leave it right there. It pays to dream a little because you never know when great ideas will come to you.

**LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23**

Put your emotions first, Leo. Rather than thinking with your head, you need to think with your heart. You have to trust your gut and make decisions based on intuition right now.

**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**

Virgo, empathy will come very easily to you this week, when you can easily put yourself in someone else's shoes and know just what they are feeling. Continue to support your friends.

**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**

Motivations may be running low right now regarding improving your health, Libra. You can start thinking of strategies to put into effect for New Year's resolutions.

**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**

Try to keep your feet firmly planted on the ground this week, Scorpio. Various distractions are trying to knock you off course, but you don't have time for that now.

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**

You need to put family first right now, Sagittarius. Every other thing that is in your orbit should take a back seat to familial obligations and the needs of loved ones.

**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**

Capricorn, a conversation with a neighbor or colleague can begin on a casual note and then grow into something much more profound. Always keep your eyes open to possibilities.

**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**

There are more ways to increase your income without having to resort to backbreaking work, Aquarius. Look around to explore the possibilities that might be out there.

**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**

Pisces, rather than trying to fit in this week, march to the beat of your own drummer. You'll soon find a squad who thinks similarly to you. Then you can enjoy long lasting friendship.

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	9			1		4		
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	7	2	8			1	6	
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**Fun By The Numbers**

Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



# Players stage timeless Christmas play of kindness, charity, importance of open hearts

Halloween has long come and gone, but the stage of a local theatre continues to teem with the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future.

The Greenwood Players Theatre Company is preparing to stage its annual Christmas show after a hiatus of five years. This year's show will be Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." The Greenwood Players last staged a different version of "A Christmas Carol" 15 years ago, starring Jeffery Pocock as Ebenezer Scrooge and featuring newcomer Todd Detcheverry as the ghost of Scrooge's late business partner, Jacob Marley.

This year, the group returns

to this classic story about the true meaning of Christmas with Pocock skillfully directing and Detcheverry taking a starring turn as Scrooge. The rest of the cast is rounded out by a talented medley of both long-time group members and new faces. All of them are dedicated to entertaining you with this timeless tale of kindness, charity and the importance of opening our hearts to one another.

The show will run from Tuesday, December 12, to Saturday, December 16, at the AVM Morfee Centre on School Street, Greenwood. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for a 7:30 p.m. curtain. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Reservations and




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