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## Lancaster canopy gets an overhaul

**Malcolm Uhlman & Dave Saulnier, Greenwood Military Aviation Museum**

If you've been by the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum's air park lately, and if you have an eagle's eye for details, you may have noticed the museum's Avro Lancaster is sporting a new, convertible look for winter.

In the never-ending quest to counter Mother Nature's harmful weathering effects, volunteers Robert Mullan and Dave Saulnier have been beavering away to restore the aircraft cockpit's yellowed and crazed Plexiglas greenhouse. They worked through the summer and fall months measuring, cutting and forming new glass for much of the forward-half of the canopy and, while the work isn't complete, the difference in the clarity of the old versus new panes is striking.

Deteriorating weather conditions forced them to consider working on the aft section of the canopy in the warmth and shelter of the GMAM

workshop, so off it came during the final weeks of October. The new "convertible look" meant a plywood bulkhead had to be fabricated to seal the aircraft off from the elements, and about 100 rivet holes in the fuselage skin needed to be plugged with latex sealant.

The framework for the rear half of the canopy had been originally made of laminated spruce bows during the war, likely due to the scarcity of aluminum and the abundance of skilled carpenters at the time. It had long ago rotted away and been replaced by a make-shift steel frame, thought to have been reconstructed in the 1970's. Unfortunately, it didn't appear to have been made using authentic drawings, so the canopy frame, along with all of the fitted Plexiglas panes, were misshapen.

Mullan and Saulnier plan to fabricate an all-new aft canopy throughout the winter months. They've begun by



**The make-shift aft canopy, removed from the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum's display Avro Lancaster for winter work.**

D. Saulnier

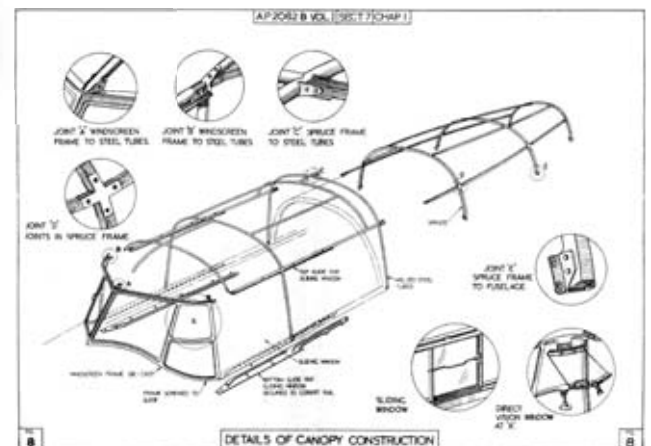
locating technical drawings and fabricating a mock-up of a short section of the upper fuselage, onto which they will form new aluminum canopy bows. The bows will be fitted with formed Plexiglas panels, and the entire structure will be installed onto the aircraft

in the spring.

If you'd like to see this type of work firsthand, feel free to contact the museum's front desk for a tour of the workshop this winter. The restoration shop is open 9 a.m. to noon every Wednesday and Thursday morning. ➔

**Greenwood Military Aviation Museum volunteer Robert Mullan, at work winterizing the open canopy of the museum's display Avro Lancaster. The museum's volunteers are fabricating a new canopy in their workshop this winter.**

D. Saulnier



**Greenwood Military Aviation Museum volunteers are following this 1940's schematic as they reconstruct the museum's display Avro Lancaster canopy.**

## Monster Find & Win 2025

**The Aurora Newspaper's weekly Find & Win contest goes monster-size to mark the new year.**  
A multi-question edition of the newspaper scavenger hunt will be published in the January 27 issue.

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### Atlantic region tournament schedule

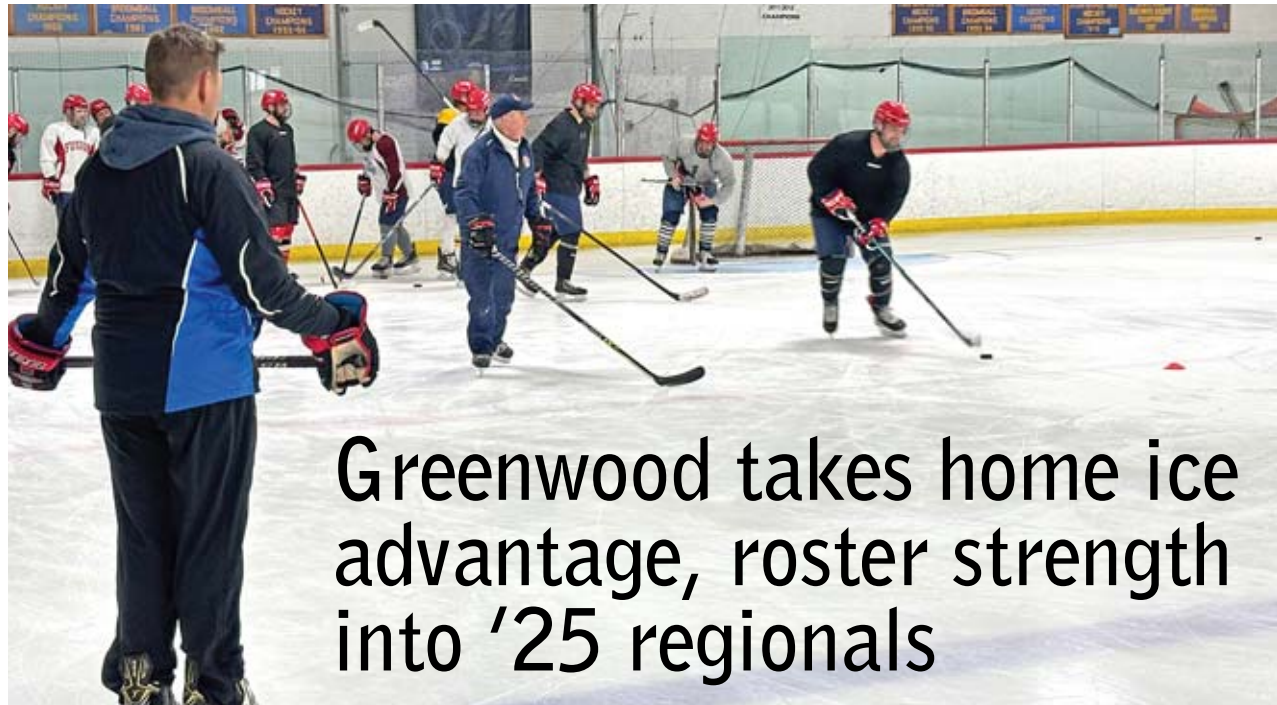
**January 20**  
 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Greenwood practice  
 11 a.m. to noon Halifax practice  
 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Shearwater practice  
 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Gagetown practice  
 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Meet and greet, Annapolis Mess

**January 21**  
 8 a.m. opening ceremony  
 9 a.m. Game 1 – Greenwood vs Gagetown  
 2 p.m. Game 2 – Halifax vs Shearwater  
 7 p.m. Game 3 – Gagetown vs Halifax

**January 22**  
 8 a.m. Game 4 – Greenwood vs Shearwater  
 2 p.m. Game 5 – Greenwood vs Halifax  
 7 p.m. Game 6 – Gagetown vs Shearwater

**January 23**  
 8 a.m. Play-off 1 – 3<sup>rd</sup> vs 4<sup>th</sup>  
 2 p.m. Play-off 2 – Winner PO1 vs 2<sup>nd</sup>

**January 24**  
 9 a.m. Final – Winner PO2 vs 1st



# Greenwood takes home ice advantage, roster strength into '25 regionals

**14 Wing Greenwood's men's team is hungry to get through Atlantic regionals from home ice, as they host at the Greenwood Gardens January 20 to 24. They've been drilling in the basics, under the eye of coach major Michael Hiltz and volunteer coach Dean Peach, and hope a strong roster and discipline will pay off.** S. White

**Sara White,**  
 Managing editor

14 Wing Greenwood's men's hockey team has gone back to basics this winter, with "their biggest improvement in basic drills and skills we would have learned as a 16-year-old playing minor hockey." Coach Major Michael Hiltz has the volunteer expertise of local, well-known hockey trainer Dean Peach backing him up through twice-weekly practices. The goal: "getting rid of bad habits and short-

cuts." The serious effort to be the best team possible comes as 14 Wing hosts Atlantic regionals January 20 to 24. Greenwood won the 2023 regionals but had a "real wake-up call" at that year's nationals, and then didn't advance through 2024 regionals.

"On paper, I don't think I've seen a stronger team – but paper and performance are two different things!" Hiltz says, detailing the skills of three team members who played hockey at Royal Military Col-

lege, several others who previously played Junior in various provinces, and a returning core of veteran players. With about eight newcomers and a fortunate deployment calendar that has most of the wing's best athletes available, "there is a lot of hunger."

"It's always difficult getting people out to every practice, but the guys out are definitely committed and hungry. An average team could ice two really strong lines; our fourth line could go up against a first line."

The men hosted a friendly December 13 against a Valley "all-star" team of Refuse Mechanical players and pickups to test themselves, and won 3-2. They had another match-up set for January 10. Hiltz was aiming to highlight discipline through that game and final practices, as regional and national officials will be "looking for it."

"I'll be the 'father-figure,' the mean one challenging anyone without solid discipline: 'Why did you do that?' 'Look what it does to the team.' Pen-

alty time hurts, and, this year, with games in three 15-minute periods, there is not a lot of time to waste.

14 Wing will be joined at regionals by teams from 12 Wing Shearwater, CFB Halifax and 5th Canadian Division Support Base Gagetown. Hiltz says Greenwood opens against Halifax, "which will be the tell," and then has two games to get through on day two of the round robin.

"You never know what another team will bring." →

#### Roster

- Wing headquarters - Major Michael Hiltz
- 413 Squadron - Captain Joe Ferlatte, Captain David Savery, Master Corporal Tyler Happeney (assistant captain), Master Corporal Adrian Wissman, Corporal Steven Best, Corporal Sam Brassard
- 405 Squadron - Captain Nick Gibson (assistant captain), Warrant Officer Evan Burchell, Warrant Officer Pier-Olivier Poulin, Corporal Simon Landry (assistant captain), Corporal Riley Allen
- 404 Squadron - Captain Nik Majcher (goalie), Corporal Dylan Ventresca
- 14 Air Maintenance Squadron - Warrant Officer Joel Brooks (goalie)
- 14 Mission Support Squadron - Corporal Tyler Currie, Corporal Rhett Sheppard, Sailor First Class Ryan Hoskins
- Aldershot - Captain Marc Roach, Sergeant Sam James, Corporal Tyler Williams (captain)

# Clear up the confusion

Proper waste sorting can be a little confusing when it comes to what the rules are at home versus what needs to be done at 14 Wing Greenwood.

At home, we are limited in how many bags we can put out for collection. The total number of bags you can put out for garbage and recycling is eight: four of the eight bags may be garbage (one of these may be a solid-coloured privacy bag); the rest must be clear. Your recycling must be separated: plastics/ containers and paper/ corrugated cardboard. Be sure all recycling is clean and dry. Valley Waste also offers Spring and Fall clean-ups, when you have an opportunity to dispose of larger household waste items not normally allowed in your regular bi-weekly collection. All smaller items put out must be in clear bags. You are not permitted to use solid-coloured bags during Spring and Fall pickups. To know the dos and don'ts of the bulky waste clean-ups, please visit [vwrm.com](http://vwrm.com).

Here at 14 Wing, things are a little different. You are not allowed to put solid-coloured garbage bags in any dumpster on base, ONLY clear bags for garbage and recycling. We have separate dumpsters for recycling and garbage,



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but have consistently found garbage in recycling dumpsters and compost has been found in the garbage bins. Every time this happens, 14 Wing must pay a fine to Valley Waste, called a tipping fee - which is really paid by your tax dollars. It only takes a second to make sure you are putting your waste in the correct dumpster.

Plastics and paper need to be bagged separately: they are not recycled in the same way, nor are they picked up by the same truck. Ensure all plastic recycling is clean and dry before bagging. Paper/ corrugated cardboard may be put in a clear plastic bag or, if you just have cardboard, you may bundle it with twine. Please - no tape. Pizza boxes may go with cardboard, unless they are greasy/ soiled; then they go in with your compost.

Consistently, we have found garbage in a recycling dumpster, as well as an air conditioner (these must be taken to the depots in either Kentville, 100 Donald

Hiltz Connector, or Lawrence-etown, 343 Elliott Road, as they cannot just be put in the garbage). We have also found tires in wing garbage dumpsters, when up to four rimless tires, per day, may be brought to any tire dealership for FREE.

EFR drivers have the right to refuse waste that is not sorted properly here on the wing, just like at home. The difference is, here at 14 Wing, we receive tipping fees for unsorted waste.

If you are found not sorting your waste properly or are caught illegally dumping here at 14 Wing, you will be fined. Please take the time to review Wing Standing Order 4.1.12 - Solid Waste, Recycling and Compost Program.

1.1 Materials banned from landfill disposal by the provincial Solid Waste-Resource Management Regulations and accepted at the Solid Waste-Resource Management Centres:

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- Newsprint

- Steel/ tin food containers
- Glass food containers
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- High Density Polyethylene (HDPE #2) non-hazardous containers and packaging such as food containers, detergent containers, shampoo containers, jugs, pails and lids, windshield washer containers, non-hazardous cleaner containers, etc.
- Compostable organic material (food waste, yard waste, Soiled and Non-Recyclable Paper)
- Lead-acid automotive batteries
- Waste paint & their containers
- Ethylene glycol (automotive antifreeze)
- Used glycol
- Glycol containers
- Used oil
- Used oil filters
- Oil containers
- Electronic products specified by the Province

If you have any of these items for waste, they are not allowed in the garbage. Refer to [vwrm.com](http://vwrm.com) or call 1-877-927-8300. All the information of By-Law 109 is available online. →

# Raise the flag, awareness for mental health January 22

14 Wing Greenwood will raise the flag – and mental health awareness - January 22, part of the national Bell Let's Talk campaign.

14 Wing Defence Team members and the wider community is welcome to attend for the 8:30 a.m. flag-raising and command team remarks. Posters will be on hand for participants to hold; blank

posters will provide an opportunity for people to share their own mental health and wellness messages.

The campaign continues to highlight progress and work still to be done to support those with mental health challenges, including Canada's youth. The 2025 focus is on youth, facing a growing mental health crisis. Bell's text-to-

donate campaign will see 100 per cent of funds raised go to six youth mental health providers, including Integrated Youth Services, Jack.org, the

Kids Help Phone, the National Association of Friendship Centres, the Strongest Families Institute and the Youth In Mind Foundation. →

# 413 helicopter assists in bush rescue

The Halifax Joint Rescue Coordination Centre tasked a 14 Wing Greenwood-based CH149 Cormorant December 28 to assist RCMP and ground search and rescue with the rescue of an 18-year-old individual stuck in an icy swamp near Sydney.

Rescue 907 left 413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron at 11:14 p.m., hoisted the patient and transferred them to a waiting ambulance at the Sydney Airport. The helicopter refueled and returned to Greenwood at 4:12 a.m. December 29. →

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# Tuskers take the ice for annual ALS challenge

Sara White, Managing editor

Tuskers of all trades and sections took to the ice December 6 for their annual Top of the Pyramid tournament, the 6th Dean Ryan Memorial.

413 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron lined up the games at the Greenwood Gardens, with four teams: Cormorant & IMP, Hercules & Maintenance, Hercules Maintenance and Search and Rescue Technicians. The goal was fundraising for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, which afflicted the squadron's former Warrant Officer Ryan. Second only to that: a little (a lot!) of competitive fun.

"The SAR-Techs are al-



Top of the Pyramid tournament organizer Robert "Willy" Wilen had on ref's stripes, as Wing Commander Colonel Luc Vachon, second from left, and Wing Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan Proulx, second from right, dropped the puck to open the games December 6.



Ryan family members were on hand for the 6th Dean Ryan Memorial "Top of the Pyramid" final December 6, accepting 413 Squadron's fundraising efforts of \$685 for ALS.

ways on top – that's the joke behind the name, 'Top of the

Pyramid," said Lieutenant-Colonel Mark Norris, but they barely won '23. The maintainers, by far, have the best team."

And, this year, in the end, the Herc servicing team wiped the ice with a 7-2 win over the SAR-Techs in the final.

The squadron was able to raise \$685 for ALS, presented to Tara Ryan, who represented the family at the final's puck drop. Pizza boxes disappeared down rink hallways,

family members were in the stands and extra helping hands pitched in: 14 Air Maintenance Squadron's Aviator Brianna Cyr volunteered as scorekeeper, 14 Operations Support Squadron's Master Corporal John McElroy took a role in one team's nets and the squadron's own Robert "Willy" Wilen and Corporal Jack Furey served as referees.

"It was 413's tournament, but it was the wing 'Operating as One,'" Norris said. "This is one of our squadron's main Christmas season traditions."

Wilens is the original organizer of the event, and was recognized for hard work and



Robert "Willy" Wilen, left, and Corporal Jack Furey split tournament reffing duties.

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# DRDC developed software to improve Canadian disruptive pattern (CADPAT)

With support from the Canadian Army, scientists at Defence Research and Development Canada have developed the design for a new Canadian Disruptive Pattern (CADPAT) camouflage material.

DRDC scientists developed specialized software, which uses the information from digital photographs, pixelates them and calculates the percentage of each colour and texture present in the environment to form the new multi-terrain or MT camouflage pattern. The result is a five-colour, mid-spectrum MT CADPAT pattern that outperforms the current TW and AR camouflage patterns across the greatest range

of environmental conditions.

The new CADPAT is especially designed for more open areas, such as prairies, savannahs and more open forests. Compared with its predecessor, the CADPAT temperate woodland that was made specifically for boreal forest, the new design is made specifically for areas where you find more grass and more open areas. This makes soldiers less detectable than ever before, by infrared and multi-spectral sensors, AI algorithms and, of course, the human eye.

The multi-terrain CADPAT design was developed in partnership with the Director Soldier System Program Manage-

ment within the Materiel group at the Department of National Defence.

At 14 Wing Greenwood, the new MT pieces are expected to roll out at Clothing Stores between September and November, using a one-for-one exchange. Members will be entitled to, subject to size availability, up to three each combat

shirts and trousers, one sun hat and badges in CADPAT-MT, to include rank insignias, CANADA flag patches and name tapes. Remaining entitlement will occur when the CAF Combats On-line system is operational, not before January. Further direction regarding the initial kitting will be made available in August.



The CADPAT Multi-Terrain (MT) Modernized Combat Uniform beside the CADPAT Temperate Woodland (TW) Uniform.


14 Wing has the same legal obligations to comply with provincial legislation by sorting their waste as homeowners and tenants.

Les propriétaires et les locataires de la 14e Escadre ont les mêmes obligations légales de se conformer à la législation provinciale en triant leurs déchets.



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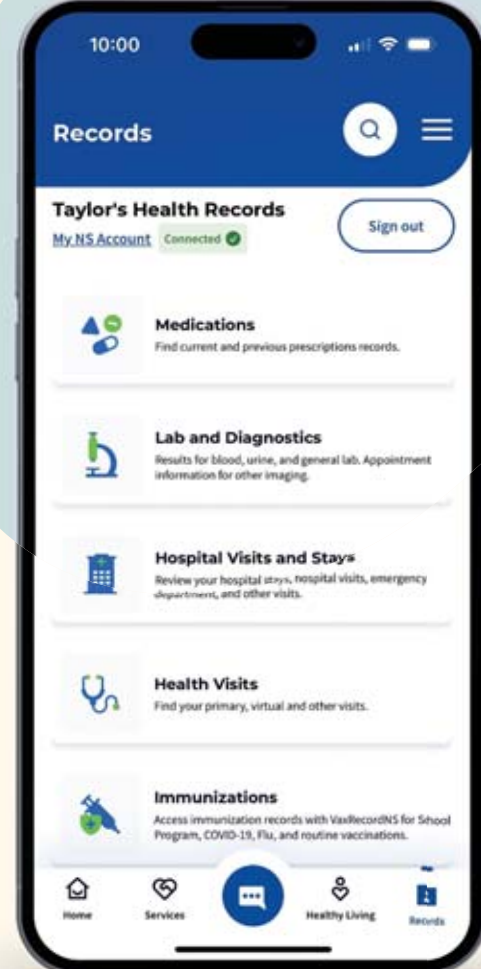


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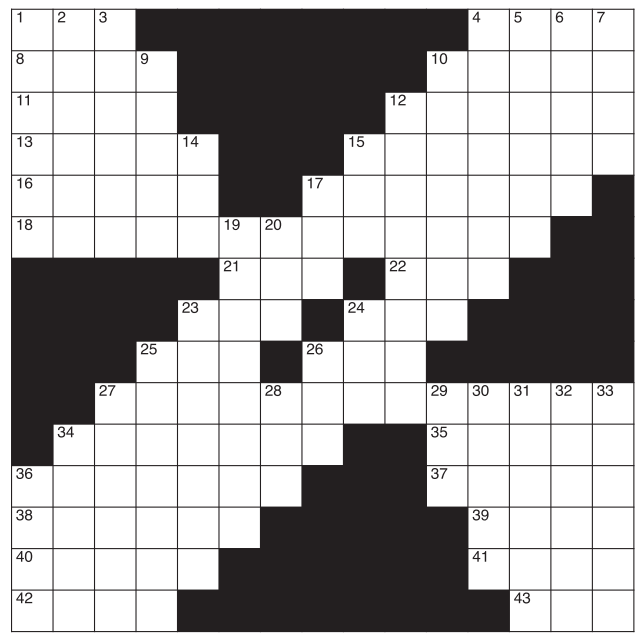
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**Youth art sessions**

January 14, 21, & 28, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts youth artful afternoons (ages 6 to 12). Get creative with a variety of art media and tools. All supplies included, just bring your imagination! \$15 per child

per class. Registration required by emailing [info@7Arts.ca](mailto:info@7Arts.ca). **Fun with Fibre** January 15, 22, & 29, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Are you a fibre craft artist (knitting, crochet, cross stitch, embroidery, felting or rug hooking) who would like to meet

**crossword** solution page 7



- ACROSS**
- 1. Americans' 'uncle'
  - 4. Chair
  - 8. Ancient kingdom
  - 10. Egyptian city
  - 11. Alaskan glacier
  - 12. One from Somalia
  - 13. Ancient alphabets
  - 15. Relating to vocabulary
  - 16. Small mongrels
  - 17. Natural settings
  - 18. Weekend entertainments
  - 21. Line from which light seemingly streams
  - 22. Your own private code
  - 23. Swiss river
  - 24. Satisfaction
  - 25. A person's brother or sister
  - 26. Folk singer DiFranco
  - 27. The Blonde
  - 34. Bombshell
  - 34. Kids' school project
  - 35. Bluish greens
  - 36. Classifying (abbr.)
  - 37. Cube-shaped
  - 38. Choo-choos
  - 39. Indian religious god of dissolution
  - 40. French department
  - 41. Leak into gradually
  - 42. Foundation
  - 43. Midway between south and southeast
  - DOWN**
  - 1. Counterbalancing debt
  - 2. In slow tempo
  - 3. Glamorous city
  - 4. Japanese lute
  - 5. Makes law
  - 6. Informative book
  - 7. Animal's body part
  - 8. American playwright
  - 10. Blood poisoning
  - 12. Angels
  - 14. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
  - 15. Written account
  - 17. Unwelcome pest
  - 19. Saddle horses
  - 20. Type of gibbon
  - 23. Delta is one
  - 24. NE Massachusetts cape
  - 25. Soup cracker
  - 26. Mrs vote
  - 27. Muddy ground
  - 28. Physics apparatus (abbr.)
  - 29. Type of drug
  - 30. German city
  - 31. Animal disease
  - 32. Martini ingredients
  - 33. Get away
  - 34. Spanish municipality
  - 36. Thrust a knife into

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**Veteran's Lodge Buddy Check** January 17, 24, & 31, 9 a.m. to noon, 7Arts in Greenwood hosts a Veteran's Lodge Buddy Check coffee. This free event is open to all Annapolis Valley veterans and serving members. Register by emailing [theveteranslodge@gmail.com](mailto:theveteranslodge@gmail.com).

**ArtBeat Lounge** January 18, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts its ArtBeat Lounge (ages 13 to 17). Whether you're into visual arts, music, dance, or poetry, this is your space to shine. FREE for teens. Sponsored by the Mental Health Foundation. Pre-registration not required.

**MakerSpace** January 18, & 25, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts a MakerSpace. Bring a project to work on, start something new, or purchase one of our kits. Drop-ins welcome and encouraged! Cost starts at \$10. Caregivers are free.

**Breakfast** January 18, 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., the Aylesford United Church,

2414 Hwy 1, Aylesford; will hold a community breakfast. Free-will offering. Made-from-scratch pancakes, sliced fried ham, pork and apple breakfast sausages, fluffy scrambled eggs, coffee/tea/ juice.

**Veteran's Lodge Music Jam** January 19, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts a Veteran's Lodge Music Jam. This event is open to all Annapolis Valley veterans and serving members. This is a FREE event for veterans. Bring your musical instrument, your singing voice, or just yourself and come and enjoy and afternoon of singing and jamming. Register by emailing [theveteranslodge@gmail.com](mailto:theveteranslodge@gmail.com).

**Adult art lessons** January 19 & 26, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts adult art lessons. A fun adult series where you get to try anything and everything art-related. Cost is \$35 per lesson. Register by emailing [info@7Arts.ca](mailto:info@7Arts.ca).

**Afternoon social** January 25, 1:30 p.m., join us for the first Good Samaritan Circle meeting of 2025 at the Wilmot Baptist Christian Fellowship Centre, 208 Dodge Road, Wilmot. Enjoy a fun afternoon of games, fellowship, stories

**Winter fun for all!**

For PSP Community Recreation information, registration and PSP Plan membership, contact the Community Centre at 902-765-1494 local 568-5341. Most programs take place in the Community Centre, Building 110, Church Street, Greenwood.

**Chair yoga** - Discover gentle movement, relaxation and improved flexibility with chair yoga. Perfect for all levels/ages/ accessibilities! Full session and drop-in rates available. January 18 to April 26, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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**Baby & me yoga** - A welcoming and inclusive environment for you and your baby (age 2 and younger). Full session and drop-in rates available. January 18 to April 26, 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

**Moonlight snowshoe & ski** - February 12, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Join Community Recreation at the Greenwood Golf Course for snow and stars and winter fun. Free loan of snowshoes for PSP Plan holders/ Defence Team members, hot chocolate and treats. Everyone welcome; no pets. Pre-registration encouraged to ensure snowshoe availability.

and refreshments. Spend the afternoon with old friends and make some new ones.

**Veterans' social** January 28, 10 a.m. to noon, 7Arts in Greenwood hosts a Veteran's Lodge Veteran's Corner. This event is open to all Annapolis Valley veterans and serving members. This is a FREE event for veterans. Register by emailing [theveteranslodge@gmail.com](mailto:theveteranslodge@gmail.com).

**Kitchen party** February 14, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Kingston Lions host a performance by The Last 2, at the Lions Club (1482 Veterans Lane). Tickets are \$20, available at the Kingston village office, Kingston Pharmasave or call 902-389-3867. 19+ event, cash bar.

**sudoku** solution page 7

2	4	5	6	1				
	8		7				4	
7	1				8	9		6
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						4	7	
			2		3			
1			3	4				
	9	8		5	1			

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**sudoku solution**

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5	3	1	8	9	6	4	7	2
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**~ Obituary ~**

**CAMPBELL, Carmelita Marie,**  
Greenwood, NS

It is with deep sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Carmelita Marie Campbell, 62, of Greenwood, NS, formerly of Hay River, NT, and Inuvik, NT, on January 1st, 2025. Born February 27, 1962, in Horny Valley, Goose Bay, NFLD, she was the only daughter of the late Jeanette Marie (Hureau) and Bernie Reginald Campbell. Carmelita loved to travel with her husband Roger and enjoy summers at the cottage with her Golden Doodles Keeper and Bailey. Carmelita loved to garden and take rides in the side by side. After many years of living in the North, she was happy to call the Annapolis Valley home, but always loved keeping in contact and chatting with her many friends from Hay River, Inuvik, Whitehorse, Kamloops and many other places. Carmelita's care for her friends and family was profound. After spending many years caring for her elderly father, she found a meaningful career providing home care to other seniors in need. She worked hard from the age of 16 up until last month, she was a dedicated friend and caregiver, always going above and beyond to help her clients like she did her family. Her greatest joy in life was her three beautiful children whom she loved deeply and unconditionally. She was incredibly proud of the young adults they've become. Carmelita leaves behind her loving husband Roger, Greenwood, NS; her son Mitchell, Edmonton, AB; her daughters Rachele, Halifax, NS and Janelle, Edmonton, AB; brothers Brian, Brandon, MB and Kevin, Inuvik, NT. Carmelita had many nieces and nephews, whom she cared about greatly and talked about with joy. She was predeceased by her parents Jeanette and Bernie Campbell and her faithful dog Keeper. Arrangements have been entrusted to Middleton Funeral Home, 398 Main Street, 1-855-825-3448. Online guest book may be signed by visiting: [www.middletonfuneralhome.com](http://www.middletonfuneralhome.com)

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# RCAF opens door to new career paths, paid education

The Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) is taking a focused and deliberate approach to attracting Canadians, which includes two new initiatives: the implementation of the air operations support technician (AOS Tech) trade as part of Regular Force employment, and the expansion of the paid education entry plan through the Non-Commissioned Member Subsidized Training and Education Plan (NCMSTEP) to include aircraft structures technician (ACS Tech).

AOS Tech was previously a Reserve career path only;

however, this has now been expanded to include a Regular Force, full-time career option. Regular Force AOS Techs will begin their Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) careers as servicing technicians supporting aircraft maintenance programs (e.g., aircraft startup and parking, fueling, towing, inspections, assisting with scheduled maintenance and repairs). After gaining experience in this role, AOS Techs may continue to progress in rank as servicing technicians, or pursue other progression opportunities. AOS Tech postings

are located across Canada, wherever RCAF aircraft are located.

The RCAF offers paid education entry plans for technicians in three different career paths: avionic systems technicians, aviation systems technicians and the newly added ACS Tech. Opportunities also exist for other occupations in the CAF.

To become a technician in the RCAF, NCMSTEP is an entry plan option that covers college tuition and the costs for program essentials, such as tools and personal protective equipment. Students

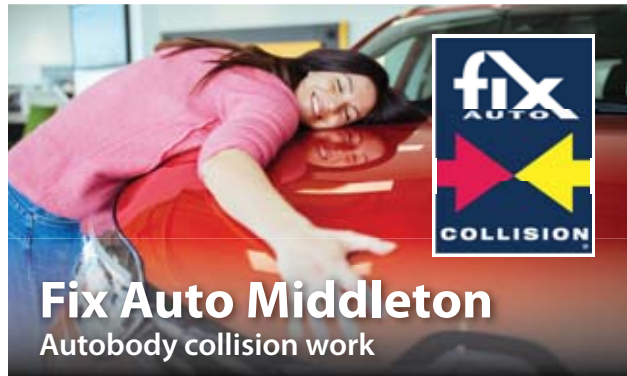
accepted into NCMSTEP also earn an annual salary so they can focus on becoming skilled technicians. Upon graduation, accepted students will hone their skills on a specific type of aircraft in the RCAF. NCMSTEP is available at 14 aviation colleges across Canada.

Do you know someone interested in a career in the RCAF? The RCAF team is standing by to address questions at RCAFSpecialistRecruiter-RecruteurSpecialisedeLARC@forces.gc.ca or, for more information, visit [forces.ca/en/paid-education/ncmstep](https://forces.ca/en/paid-education/ncmstep) →



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