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## CAF work, community service perks add up

**Sara White,**  
Managing editor

Sergeant Dominic Ouellet is back on the slopes, snowboarding his way through white powder and meeting all kinds of people who love life on the hill as much as he does.

But, it's not all play: Ouellet is volunteer Canadian Ski Patrol member, spending every winter Friday at Ski Martock, just outside Windsor, providing volunteer first aid when someone's adventure takes a turn.

Ouellet is an image technician at 14 Wing Greenwood. The Canadian Forces Leave Policy Manual, Section 5.3 Special Leave (Community Affairs), grants time away from military work for members who play an "integral part in the development of the communities in which CF members live through involvement in local organizations or events and, in so doing, reflect positively on the image of the CF."

At 19, Ouellet says he wasn't a skier or snowboarder, but he bought himself a board when he started work-

ing and headed to Mont Bélu in Saguenay, Quebec.

"I tried it; I loved it – fell in love with snowboarding," he says. Joining the ski patrol meant there was always a reason to head to the hills, without having wait on friends' schedules.

"I could be skiing alone, but I'm always part of a team. There are always people there."

In 2005, at 27, Ouellet joined the Canadian Army as a vehicle technician. His postings took him through the "Ontario tour," but he always found ski hills nearby to maintain his volunteer ski patrol involvement. In 2022, posted to 14 Wing as an image technician, he arrived too late to take the late summer re-certification training. He sat out 2023, but is now back at it.

"Martock is a good, intermediate ski hill – enough for everybody, and high enough to be a challenge. It's a hill with not a lot of super beginners: a lot there know how to ski, or, if you're new, you're going to take a lesson. I'm there weekdays, Fridays, for



**Sergeant Dominic Ouellet, an image technician at 14 Wing Greenwood by day, is a volunteer Canadian Ski Patrol member at Ski Martock on winter Fridays: "it gives me a reason to head to the hill."** Submitted

the first chair of the morning – and I always see the same people, the regulars. And we have the school trips."

Ouellet says the ski patrol's advanced first aid training includes all of the basics he has a member of the Canadian Armed Forces, but its' 60 hours adds in on-snow first aid, including oxygen and transport care, and accident site management training; as well as safety education.

Patrollers re-certify their first-aid qualifications every year. He carries a radio, a vest with all his equipment - and his snowboard.

"There may be a lot of sprains of knees and ankles for skiers; snowboarders, it's their wrists. And general bruising and banging," Ouellet says. There may be a couple instances every weekend when ski patrollers pack someone up on the hill in their

red two sled, "but it's mostly a precaution to get them down safely and confidently.

"Most of our job is not first aid-related: there are lost kids, or a kid that gets scared; someone falls and is not feeling confident to continue. We watch for unsafe behaviour and call for security, or maybe we just talk to people about the Alpine code of conduct.

"We're wearing all red, people see us and talk to us, and

we can give them information on the hill and conditions and act as ambassadors for the hill. I meet a lot of people."

While he wishes unlimited beavertails came with the job, he's pretty happy with the benefits of his volunteer commitment:

"I'm the first chair and the last chair of the day; ski patrollers are the first and last people on the fresh, snowy hill." ➔

**14 WING GREENWOOD Winter Carnival 2025 February 17 to 21**

# Greenwood pic a top dog in national contest

The winners of the 57th Annual Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Imagery Contest were announced January 14, including one 14 Wing Greenwood photographer.

14 Operations Support Squadron Aviator Colin Carroll won the Military Commu-

nity Life category, presented at a squadron gathering December 20 by 14 Wing Colonel Luc Vachon, along with a Wing Commander's Commendation.

"Carroll's achievement highlights the talent and dedication found within 14 Wing

and showcases the wing's positive contributions to the broader military community," the citation read.

The CAF Imagery contest is all about celebrating the beauty found within the military community, from family gatherings and scenic vacations to sports tournaments or special work events. Entries were submitted from across the country for the categories of Military Operations and Canadian Pride; from both professional and amateur photographers that were either service members or family members of defence community members. This year, to commemo-

rate the RCAF Centennial, the CAF Imagery Contest hosted the separate category, Your Air Force, hoping to honour the RCAF's history and heritage, recognize the dedication of past and present air force personnel, and inspire future generations of Canadians.

CAF Imagery Contest submissions will open again in the fall. →

### CAF Imagery Contest winners

**Military Operations - Aviator Gregory Cole, CFB Halifax;** winning picture: Cyclone Flare Demonstration

**Military Community Life - Aviator Colin Carroll, 14 Wing**



**RCAF Centennial Your Air Force category winners included Sergeant Ryan Houtekamer, Master Corporal Dominic Duchesne-Beaulieu, Major Gabriel Ferris, Bret Craig-Browne, Thomas Wood, Cohen Salo, Major Ken Mick, Aviator Gregory Cole, Corporal Mathieu Vezina, Corporal Vanessa LeBlanc, Nic Gray, Sergeant (Cadet) Carter Lawson and Private Brendan Gamache.**

Greenwood; winning picture: ant-Colonel Éric Richard; Aviator's Best Friend winning picture: A Sacrifice Canadian Pride - Lieuten- Greater Than Heaven



14 Operations Support Squadron Aviator Colin Carrol, centre, was joined by family December 20, as he was recognized as a winner of 2024 CAF Imagery Contest. The national award was presented December 20 by 14 Wing Greenwood Colonel Luc Vachon, second from left, with 14 OSS Lieutenant-Colonel Garrett Milne, left; Wing Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan Proulx, second from right; and 14 OSS Chief Warrant Officer Greg Huizinga. Master Sailor J. Morris

# Engagement, progress, empowerment

## February 27 panel guests will share experiences, hopes

Second Lieutenant Derek Gaudet

February marks Black History Month in Canada, a time dedicated to commemorating the important achievements, events and contributions of Black people and their respective communities in Canada. Black Canadians' tradition of military service holds historical significance, pre-dating Confederation.

To help commemorate Black History Month and recognize the contributions of Black Canadians to the Canadian Armed Forces, 14 Wing Greenwood's Defence Visible Minority Advisory Group (DVMAG) will host a panel discussion event February 27 at the Annapolis Mess. The panel, including five accomplished Black individuals: Ken Fells, Rev. Dr. Lennett J. Anderson, Quentrel Provo, Corporal Cliff Tshibungu and Cora Tolliver; will be lead through a guided discussion. Through their stories, lived experiences (both within and outside of the military), insights and more, the goal of the panel event is to inform the audience and cultivate a better understanding of Black History Month.

"Listening to others' experiences and exposure to conversation provides a unique perspective," says panel event organizer Warrant Officer Alan Bezanson, an 18-year CAF member and 14 Wing DVMAG member. These types of interactions are valuable, and help provide insight into experiences that others may not know about.

Acknowledging there could be some difficult topics and discussions, Bezanson believes it "takes bravery to tackle difficult issues and self-perceptions. But, in doing so, it presents an opportunity for growth."

Bezanson became involved with Black Canadian outreach and education initiatives, including membership and advisory positions in several different organizations, the Nova Scotia Human Rights panel, and many more; a number of years ago, and has used some of his experiences as a "way to tackle issues, mitigate effects and empower others." He has experienced, firsthand, the positive effects that these types of events can have.

The 14 Wing panel discussion event gets underway at 1 p.m. Thursday, February 27, at the Annapolis Mess. Everyone is welcome to engage with panelists at a meet and greet, and through the question period. →

**Ken Fells** – School principal in Halifax, and a leading figure in 902 Man Up, empowering youth and addressing social issues in African Nova Scotian communities. Fells is a former Cadet Instructor Cadre officer who worked as army Cadet units' commanding officer and as commander of the Argonaut Army Cadet Training Centre.

**Rev. Dr. Lennett J. Anderson** – Retired commissioned officer in the Canadian Armed Forces, Anderson served 20 years as a unit and regional chaplain for Atlantic Canada. He is a senior pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, a recognized communicator and assistant professor in Leadership and Racial Justice with the faculty of Acadia Divinity College.

**Quentrel Provo** – Singer, songwriter and award-winning advocate as the founder of Stop the Violence Brand and Movement. Provo has received numerous awards and recognition for his contributions, including being named as one of the world's Top 100 Most Influential People of African Descent Under 40. He's the first and only African Nova-Scotian and Atlantic Canadian to receive the award. Previous winners included notable names such as Tiger Woods, The Weekend, Drake, Rihanna, Beyonce and PK Subban.

**Corporal Cliff Tshibungu** – Built a career in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), currently serving as a SEELM chaplain after seven years as a non-commissioned member. Joined the CAF in 2017 through the direct entry program, earning several notable accolades. He was recognized by the CAF's Chief of Professional Conduct and Culture for his contributions to cultural transformation initiatives.

**Cora Tolliver** – Civilian employee with the Canadian Armed Forces, Tolliver is currently the regional manager, Atlantic Conflict & Complaint Management Services. She champions respectful, solutions-focused approaches to workplace issues, striving to maintain open lines of communications for Canadian Armed Forces personnel.



# Respect for Black legacy, continuing contributions highlight February

Second Lieutenant Derek Gaudet

14 Wing Greenwood Defence Team members and community members gathered January 31 to mark the start of February as Black History Month, joining the wing's Defence Visible Minorities Advisory Group (DVMAG) to raise the Pan African flag at the base's main gate.

14 Air Maintenance Squadron Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Travis detailed some of the "remarkable contributions of Black communities in Canada," and the recognition communities and individuals deserve for "the vital role they have played – and continue to play – in shaping our nation."

As Black History Month celebrations begin, and people both reflect on the past and look to the future, "it can sometimes become easy to overlook the remaining challenges," Travis said. Challenges can take many forms, and may often be difficult for some people to spot. However, Defence Team members, government and other agencies have been working closely over the years to make progress and address issues around systemic racism and other barriers. New initiatives and support, such as the formation of the DVMAG (and other defence advisory groups) reaffirms the commitment of "building a more equitable future."

"Black History Month is a time for all Canadians to come together," Travis said. "Let us continue to celebrate the remarkable contributions of Black Canadians. As we raise the Pan African flag, let it serve as a symbol of unity, respect and our shared commitment to justice and equality."



14 Air Maintenance Squadron Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Travis, left, and Sergeant Matt MacKenzie, military co-chair of 14 Wing Greenwood's Defence Visible Minorities Advisory Group raised the Pan African flag at the main gate January 31, marking the start of February as Black History Month. Second Lieutenant D. Gaudet

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**14 Wing Greenwood Site**  
Site de la 14e Escadre Greenwood  
airforce.forces.gc.ca/en/14-wing/index.page

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## 14 Wing Greenwood | 902-765-1494 plus local

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| Health Promotion office   | local 568-5388 |
| Mental Health Services – military members only  | local 568-5215 |
| Sexual Misconduct Support & Resource Centre   | 1-844-750-1648 |
| Prevention, support and intervention coordinator – military families only   | local 568-1811 |
| MFRC Family Liaison Coordinator   | local 568-5675 |
| Military Family Resource Centre   | local 568-5611 |
| Veteran Family program coordinator MFRC   | local 568-1813 |
| Conflict & Complaint Management Services<br>902-765-1494 local: 568-3082/ 568-3083/ 568-3070<br>CCMS.Greenwood@forces.gc.ca | 1-833-328-3351 |
| Conflict Resolution & Ethics (NPF)<br>CFMWS.com/resolution  | 1-800-506-6679 |
| CFNIS Atlantic Region   | 1-888-253-5335 |
| Wing Chaplain   | local 568-5883 |
| Duty Officer (Chaplain, Mental Health)  | local 568-5457 |
| Military Police (inquiries) - 24 hours  | local 568-5111 |
| <b>Emergencies on base</b>  | <b>911</b>     |
| 26 Canadian Forces Health Services Centre   | local 568-5046 |
| Pharmacy  | local 568-5386 |
| Dental  | local 568-5241 |
| CF Nurse Case Management  | local 568-5323 |
| Wing Personnel Selection Officer  | local 568-5979 |
| SISIP Financial Services  | 902-765-6714   |
| Suicide Crisis Helpline<br>Canada.ca  | 988            |
| Employee Assistance Program (DND)   | 1-800-663-1142 |
| Employee Assistance Program (NPF)   | 1-800-387-4765 |
| CAFMAP 24 hours   | 1-800-268-7708 |
| Operational Stress Injury Social Peer Support   | local 568-5136 |
| Operational Stress Injury Social Family Support   | local 568-5086 |
| Canadian Armed Forces Transition Centre   | local 568-5701 |
| Family Information Line (FIL) 24/7  | 1-800-866-4546 |
| Soldier On<br>soldieron.ca  | 1-902-721-1026 |
| Veterans Affairs Canada – English   | 1-866-522-2122 |
| Veterans Affairs Canada – French  | 1-866-522-2022 |
| Sentinel Program – peer support volunteers  | local 568-5883 |
| R2MR – Atlantic rep   | 902-802-6556   |
| Community Recreation (after hours 902-765-8165)   | local 568-5341 |
| Aurora Newspaper  | local 568-5441 |
| Fitness & Sports Centre   | local 568-5997 |
| Public Affairs  | local 568-5101 |
| Canex   | 902-765-6994   |
| Learning and Career Centre  | local 568-5024 |
| Travel Abroad Help line   | 1-800-622-6232 |
| <b>Hospitals</b>  |                |
| Soldier's Memorial Hospital – Middleton   | 902-825-3411   |
| Valley Regional Hospital – Kentville  | 1-902-678-5414 |
| <b>Recommended apps</b>   |                |
| Respect in the CAF  |                |
| Canadian Armed Forces   |                |
| Greenwood MFRC/ CRFM  |                |
| PTSD Coach  |                |
| My Transition Services  |                |
| CF Appreciation   |                |
| Sesame Street for Military Families   |                |

## Mental health & addictions services

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| Mental Health Mobile Crises Line   |                                   |
| - Suicide  | 1-888-429-8167                    |
| - Addiction  |                                   |
| - Mental health  |                                   |
| novascotia.ca/dhw/addictions   |                                   |
| Gambling Support Network   | 1-888-347-8888                    |
| List of Alcoholic Anonymous meetings Nova Scotia<br>mha.nshealth.ca/en/services/alcoholics-anonymous |                                   |
| List of Narcotics Anonymous Atlantic meetings<br>carna.ca/meetinglist.php                            |                                   |
| Tobacco Free Nova Scotia   | 811                               |
| Eating Disorders Nova Scotia<br>info@eatingdisorders.ca  | 902-229-8436                      |
| Chrysalis House (women's shelter) - 24 hours   | 902-679-1922<br>or 1-800-264-8682 |
| Teen/ Kids Help Phone - 24 hours   | 1-800-668-6868                    |
| Child Welfare – Kentville  | 902-678-6176                      |

## Additional support

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| NS Telehealth  | 811            |
| ns211.ca for Community & Social Services                                       | 211            |
| Victim Services<br>victimsfirst.gc.ca  | 1-866-481-8429 |
| Community Services – Kentville<br>(ie. Income assistance)                      | 1-877-424-1177 |
| Psychologists – apns.ca<br>apns@apns.ca  | 902-422-9183   |
| Legal Aid – Kentville  | 902-679-6110   |
| Canadian Cancer Society  | 1-888-939-3333 |
| Kingston Lions Club  | 902-765-2128   |
| Royal Canadian Legion No 98 – Kingston   | 902-765-4428   |
| Public Health – Wolfville  | 902-542-6310   |
| – Berwick  | 902-538-3700   |
| – Middleton  | 902-825-3385   |
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| Upper Room Food Bank – Kingston  | 902-765-0303   |
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| Red Cross – Kentville  | 902-678-0415   |
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| Legal info line & lawyer referral service                                      | 1-800-665-9779 |
| RainBows for all Children Canada   | 1-877-403-2733 |
| Valley Care Pregnancy Centre – Kentville                                       | 902-678-6217   |
| The Red Door – Kentville<br>Adolescent health support centre                   | 902-679-1411   |
| Women's Place Resource Centre – Kingston                                       | 1-902-363-2030 |
| Western Kings Health Centre – Berwick  | 902-538-3111   |
| Mid Valley Palliative Care – Middleton   | 902-825-6411   |
| Employment and Social Development Canada<br>– Kentville (Employment Insurance) | 1-800-206-7218 |
| Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia   | 1-800-611-6345 |
| Big Brothers and Big Sisters – Kentville                                       | 902-678-8641   |
| Friends in Bereavement – Annapolis Valley                                      | 902-681-8239   |
| Annapolis Valley Housing Authority   | 902-681-3179   |
| Literacy Information Line<br>(Nova Scotia Department of Education)             | 1-800-255-5203 |
| Mothers Against Drunk Driving  | 1-800-665-6233 |
| Poison Control   | 1-800-565-8161 |
| RCMP – Kingston  | 902-765-3317   |
| Annapolis Valley Regional Autism Centre  | 1-877-544-4495 |

# New leave entitlements set for CAF members

Starting in April, as part of the modernization of QR&O Chapter 16 (Leave), along with articles 9.09 and 9.10 (Exemption from Duty and Training for maternity and/ or parental purposes), significant updates to Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) leave entitlements will be introduced.

These new initiatives aim to provide CAF members with:

- greater flexibility, expanded eligibility and enhanced management of leave
- maximized and aligned maternity and parental leave, eliminating the need for members to proceed on Leave Without Pay and Allowances – Personal when taking advantage of the extended Parental Leave option Effective April 1, the amendment of the QR&O Chapter 16 (Leave) will allow:
- earlier access to more annual leave, with members earning 30 annual leave days after 25 years of service instead of after 28 years
- broader consideration of prior service when calculating years of service on enrolment
- greater flexibility with the delegation of different types of leave, such as short leave and compassionate leave
- harmonization of the calculation of leave across the CAF, providing Reserve Force members with annual leave in a similar manner to Regular Force members

The Canadian Forces Leave Policy Manual has also undergone a comprehensive review, incorporating lessons learned and feedback. Updates include clearer language, delegation matrices and a bilingual format, among other improvements.

In addition to these updates, Compensation and Benefits Instruction 205.461 – Maternity and Parental Allowance has been revised to include the new leave rules and provide a policy in plain language, making it easier to understand and administer.

These changes will not come into effect until April, at which time your chain of command and Orderly Rooms will be prepared to address your questions. →

# bravo zulu | promotions & presentations

14 Wing Imaging unless otherwise indicated.



January 10, Major Richard Kinner, second from left, was recognized for scoring Platinum in his most recent FORCE fitness test. The award was presented by Brigadier General Ronald Walker, Deputy Commander Force Generation, 1 Canadian Air Division, second from right; with 14 Wing Greenwood Colonel Luc Vachon, left, and 1 Canadian Air Division/ Canadian NORAD Region Chief Warrant Officer Dan Campbell.



January 10, Major Mike Smith, second from left, was presented a Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation by Brigadier General Ronald Walker, Deputy Commander Force Generation, 1 Canadian Air Division, second from right; with 14 Wing Greenwood Colonel Luc Vachon, left, and 1 Canadian Air Division/ Canadian NORAD Region Chief Warrant Officer Dan Campbell. July 19, 2020, Smith witnessed a motorcyclist violently thrown from their motorcycle after being struck by a truck in Cambridge. The truck crashed burst into flame. Smith conducted a scene survey, then applied a make-shift tourniquet to the motorcyclist, suffering from arterial bleeding. He directed a bystander to remain with the victim while he moved the shocked driver of the truck away from the flaming vehicle. His quick actions helped save lives.



December 17, Master Corporal Richard Gorth, centre, was promoted to sergeant by 14 Air Maintenance Squadron Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Travis, left, with 14 AMS Chief Warrant Officer Randy Halvorsen.



November 25, Warrant Officer Colin Hilchey, right foreground, was one of Task Force Latvia's Canadian National Support Element members who received their Special Service Medal – NATO before returning home to Canada.



January 6, Aviator Philip Lamonday, centre, was promoted to aviator trained by Air Traffic Control Acting Flight Commander Captain Danielle Beland, left, with ATC Master Warrant officer Paul Messier, right; at the 14 Wing Greenwood Air Traffic Control Tower.



December 17, Corporal Willem Van Someren, centre, was promoted to master corporal by 14 Air Maintenance Squadron Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Travis, left, with 14 AMS Chief Warrant Officer Randy Halvorsen.



November 22, Captain Olivier and Warrant Officer Vernon, centre, were presented Sentinel Patches by 14 Operations Support Squadron Major Basley, left, with 14 Wing Chaplain Captain Maya Bevan and Chief Warrant Officer Greg Huizinga, to the right; at the 14 Wing Greenwood Air Traffic Control Tower.



December 17, Corporal Tim Gibson, centre, was presented a Commanding Officer's Commendation Award for their dedication to mission success, as well as going above and beyond in regular duties. The commendation was presented at 10 Hanger by 14 Air Maintenance Squadron Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Travis, left, with 14 AMS Chief Warrant Officer Randy Halvorsen.



December 13, Captain Gallant and Corporal Chisholm, centre, were presented Sentinel Patches by 14 Operations Support Squadron Lieutenant-Colonel Garrett Milne and Chief Warrant Officer Greg Huizinga, left; with 14 Wing Chaplain Captain Kayla Colford, right; at the 14 Wing Greenwood Air Traffic Control Tower.

# CAF Indigenous opportunities expand with new RMC experience

The Canadian Armed Forces is offering a unique opportunity for Indigenous individuals (First Nation, Status or Non-Status; Métis or Inuit) to further their educational and leadership goals at the Royal Canadian Military College of Canada.

A new program, the Indigenous Leadership Opportunity Year (ILOY), will provide Indigenous students an all-expenses covered, full academic year at RMC as an officer cadet. After the year, they may apply to continue their degree program as a

CAF member under the Regular Officer Training Program, or apply as a non-commissioned member of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Throughout the duration of their time in the program, officer cadets will be paid at their rank level and receive free tuition and books. Students may

request to leave the program at any time.

Exclusive to the ILOY program, successful applicants will receive offerings of sports, field trips, leadership development,



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military training, cultural support activities and more.

### ILOY eligibility

- Be an Indigenous person (First Nation, Status or Non-Status; Métis or Inuit)
  - Be a Canadian citizen
  - Be at least 16 years of age (applicants under the age of 18 must obtain consent from a parent or legal guardian)
  - Have completed Grade 12, Secondary V, or the GED in the current academic year
- Applications are accepted each year, at the beginning of November. For best success, submit your application early (preferably before the end of February) to ensure all the arrangements can be made for the beginning of the school year. In addition to filling out the online application, you must also submit the ILOY application package and candidate questionnaire at [forces.ca/en/programs-for-indigenous-peoples/iloy/](https://forces.ca/en/programs-for-indigenous-peoples/iloy/)
- For information on CAF programs for Indigenous peoples, visit [forces.ca/en/programs-for-indigenous-peoples/](https://forces.ca/en/programs-for-indigenous-peoples/), or contact your local Canadian Armed Forces Recruiting Centre. →

~ Obituary ~

**THERIAULT, Joseph Leonard Orphy, 'Bob'**  
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North Kingston, NS



Joseph Leonard Orphy 'Bob' Theriault 74, of North Kingston, passed away peacefully on December 24th, 2024 with his loving wife Kathryn by his side.

Born in Grande-Anse (St. Paul), New Brunswick, to the late Bernadette and Leonard Theriault, Bob served in the Royal Canadian Air Force, proudly dedicating over 35 years to his country, retiring as a Master Warrant Officer. After leaving the military Bob had a small furniture repair business, volunteered with community events, enjoyed spending time with close friends and tinkered with mechanical and electrical repairs in his spare time. So many people loved Orphy because of his incredible charm, dry wit, caring personality, candid honesty, and ability to speak his mind with conviction and love. A memorial service will be held 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 3, 2025, in the Kaulbach Family Funeral Home, Bridgetown. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations can be made to the Inglewood Community Club (246 Inglewood Road, Bridgetown, Nova Scotia, B0S 1C0). Orphy's legacy of service and love will continue to inspire all who knew him. 'In valour, there is hope.'

For the full obituary see online at <https://kaulbachfamilyfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/1600/Joseph-Theriault/obituary.html>



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## Checking out P-8 progress

A small group of 14 Wing Greenwood members visited Royal Air Force Station Lossiemouth, January 20 to 24 to meet with partners from the United Kingdom, United States, Norway and Germany to discuss interoperability and interchangeability with NATO P-8 operators. Under the Canadian Multi-Mission Aircraft project, the RCAF will replace its CP140 Aurora fleet with the CP8A Poseidon for long range patrol missions over land and water.

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Royal Canadian Air Force aircrew undertook their first flights in the Poseidon December 19, supported by RAF Station Lossiemouth's own 42 (Torpedo Bomber) Squadron.

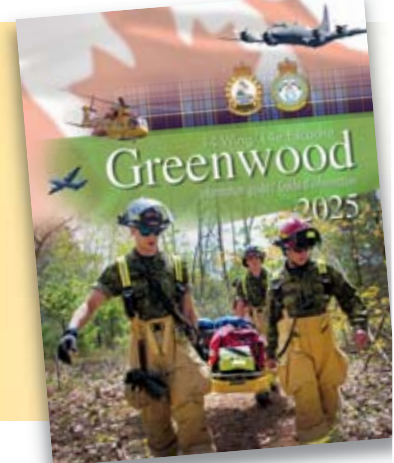
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# Build, play, win | Women's looking at '25 regional opportunities

**Second Lieutenant Derek Gaudet**

The 14 Wing Greenwood's women's hockey team is focusing its on-ice preparations for the upcoming Canadian Armed Forces Atlantic region tournament in Shearwater February 10 to 14.

Coached by Warrant Officer Jeff Hull and captained/co-captained by Master Corporal Natasha Philippe, Captain Danielle Beland, Master Corporal Amy Cuming and Aviator Brianna Cyr; the Greenwood team is comprised of a combination of newer players and high-level, experienced players. Philippe, a talented 13-year CAF women's hockey player and a three-year Greenwood team member, says

"this is a team where everyone is involved, contributes and brings something to the group."

It's one of the strengths the team hopes to use and carry forward into the regional tournament. Hull has played an integral role in building the team and bringing this group of hockey players together. With years of experience coaching high school and local teams, Hull has been able to implement a style and system well-received by the Greenwood players. There is a "coming together and great team morale within the team." This has translated into better performances on the ice, with the team seeing much improvement over a short period of time.

After being missing regionals in 2024, the 14 Wing team has not only had to work hard, on and off the ice, to rebuild the women's hockey program to where it's at today, but to also put in the optimal preparation for regionals. Part of those preparations included organizing a January tournament, in which 14 Wing played against other high-level local women's hockey teams. Cuming and Beland say the tournament "helped develop us as a team on the ice, and get into the tournament mind-set. It was a big success. There were a lot of fans, high-skill level players and great games." With tournament play offering unique challenges to regular game play, it was an

excellent opportunity for the team to experience the conditions that will be expected in Shearwater.

The inclusion of the tournament, on-ice practices and a game each week through the recent practice schedule means the 2025 team is well-equipped to take to the ice come February 11. 14 Wing Greenwood will compete at regionals against CFB Halifax and 5th Canadian Division Support Base Gagetown. The opening game for the 14 Wing Greenwood's women's hockey team is February 11 at 9:15 a.m., versus the Halifax Mariners.

The co-captains' goals this year for the 14 Wing hockey team?

"Win regionals, create

**Roster**

- Warrant Officer Jeff Hull (coach)
- Master Corporal Natasha Philippe (team captain)
- Captain Danielle Beland (assistant captain)
- Corporal Amy Cuming (assistant captain)
- Aviator Brianna Cyr (assistant captain)
- Captain Emma Murphy (goalie)
- Major Michelle Backhouse
- Captain Lindsay Williams-Vachon
- Captain Grace Loucks
- Captain Sophia King
- Lieutenant Kate Bruce
- Second Lieutenant Marina Comeau
- Warrant Officer Jonathan Proulx, dropped the opening puck to start the action January 21.
- Game 1 had the hometown Bombers on the ice, matched with the Gagetown Warriors. Period one was scoreless; period two saw a Greenwood single from Sail-

memories and build and showcase the women's hockey program in Greenwood." →

# New childcare centre board volunteers will help children, families, community

**Second Lieutenant Derek Gaudet**

The Greenwood Military Family Resource Centre (GM-FRC) provides support, guidance and tools to 14 Wing Greenwood Defence Team

members and families. One important service over the past number of years has been childcare.

Childcare plays a critical role in helping Defence Team members and their families function optimally, and sup-

ports the continued growth and development of their children. To assist in the delivery of high-quality childcare, the Greenwood MFRC Childcare Centre will continue its childcare services, as Military Family Services takes on responsibility for the operations of Defence Team support

programs.

The board for the Greenwood MFRC Childcare Centre is now seeking five to 10 volunteers to join its board of directors. The board's main aim will be to govern the centre, located at the GMFRC, assist in fulfilling the centre's mission and purpose, and

ensure mandated goals and objectives are met.

Natasha Appolloni, the current chair of the GMFRC board, highlights the benefits and impacts a volunteer could have. It provides "an opportunity to get involved with community, build connections and give back in a meaningful way."

Appolloni, with previous board experience, says some of the best things about being part of a board of directors is "seeing that the work being done is making a difference in the community, and knowing that you played a small part in making that happen."

As part of the Greenwood MFRC Childcare Centre board of directors, volunteers will directly assist with the growth and development of children in the Greenwood community, including Defence Team members and families. Volunteers should be dedicated, co-operative and willing to learn. There is no specific skill set required, but previous experience or knowledge in policy and project management, and a financial background; would be an asset. Military and non-military members and families are all encouraged to apply. For more information, contact gmfrchldcboard@gmail.com →

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# Gagetown wins what it needs to in CAF Atlantic title

**Sara White, Managing editor**

The Warriors were the "Cinderella team" of the 2025 Canadian Armed Forces Atlantic region men's hockey championship January 21 to 24, losing all their round robin games but winning the essentials – including two do-or-die play-offs and the final.

The 14 Wing Greenwood Bombers hosted the tournament at the Greenwood Gardens, with the 5th Canadian Division Support Base Gagetown Warriors, 12 Wing Shearwater Flyers and the CFB Halifax Mariners. Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Travis, with Wing Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan Proulx, dropped the opening puck to start the action January 21.

Game 1 had the hometown Bombers on the ice, matched with the Gagetown Warriors. Period one was scoreless; period two saw a Greenwood single from Sail-

by Happeney, scored again in both the second and the third to seal a 5-2 win. Greenwood goalie Captain Nik Majchur was the team's game MVP.

That afternoon, Greenwood met Halifax, who held a 2-1 through the end of the second: Greenwood's goal came in the second from Williams, with Best and Happeney. Greenwood got in two goals in the third to make it a 4-2 win: the first from Williams, with Landry and Happeney; the second from Happeney. Greenwood game MVP was Corporal Rhett Sheppard.

Gagetown lost the evening game 4-1 to Shearwater.

Day 3, Greenwood had an open schedule, having finished atop the round robin and clinching their spot in the Friday final. In play-off #1, Gagetown took on Halifax, winning 4-2 – the beginning of the Warriors' comeback. The afternoon semi-final saw Gagetown working hard again, against

Shearwater, to take a 5-1 win.

The Friday final was a tight game, in a packed Greenwood Gardens. 14 Wing coach Major Michael Hiltz said, with one injured player from the first round robin game – also against Gagetown, he was still confident in the quality of the team's four lines; team members were wary of the skill of the Gagetown goalie from that game, and watching matches through the week.

Underway, Greenwood was on the board first on a goal from Landry, followed by a Gagetown goal from Sergeant Adam O'Quinn, assisted by Master Corporal Damien Heinle. There was no scoring through the second period, and a third period Gagetown goal from Heinle held as the winner. Greenwood game MVP was team captain Williams; Gagetown goalie Lieutenant Joey May was the tournament MVP. →



14 Wing Greenwood opened the CAF Atlantic men's regionals with a round robin win over Gagetown, but lost to them 2-1 in the January 24 final.

Corporal D. Webb-Brown, 14 Wing Imaging



14 Wing Greenwood's "Tyler-power" may have been the line-up of, from left, Master Corporal Tyler Happeney, Corporal Tyler Currie and team captain Corporal Tyler Williams: January 22, in their first game of the day against 12 Wing Shearwater, Williams scored, assisted by Happeney and Currie – a unique game sheet stat!

S. White

# DIY cleaners make a difference

We all should do everything we can to slow the use of chemicals we are using in our homes for cleaning - not just for environmental impacts, but for our own health. While store-bought cleaners tend to be more effective, with a little more elbow grease, cleaners you make at home can clean just as good - and are better for the people and pets in your home.

We have been told for years, if you don't smell that "clean smell," then your house must be dirty, but do the chemicals in store-bought products smell clean, or is that what we have been told? Some hazardous substances in commercial cleaning products include fragrances, glycol ethers and solvents.

You can make a scented, all-purpose cleaner without harmful chemicals with one part vinegar, one part water, some lemon rind and rosemary sprigs. The lemon rind not only smells good, it may also boost the cleaning power. It's better if you let it infuse for a week or so. You



could also use orange rind, cinnamon sticks or whole cloves, depending on the scent you prefer.

Combining a quarter-teaspoon of your favourite dish soap with a cup of water in a spray bottle is an effective cleaner to remove greasy fingerprints from walls, stainless steel appliances and cupboards. Add a few drops of essential oils for a fresh scent.

Glass cleaner is so easy to make: a half-cup of vinegar, a quarter-cup of rubbing alcohol and two cups of water. If you'd prefer a little scent, add one or two drops of orange essential oil. For best results spray onto a microfibre cloth and apply to the surface you're cleaning. It's better to not use this on a hot sunny day, as it can dry too quickly and leave streaks. The rubbing alcohol is added to aid in drying time.

How about making your own room refresher? Just mix one tablespoon of baking soda and five or six drops of essential oil until blended. Put that in a clean spray bottle and fill with water.

Now for some tips and tricks: Don't use a spray

bottle that had a store-bought cleaner in it. Make sure it's a new bottle: you don't want remnants of the store-bought cleaner to mix with your DIY cleaner. Also, think about using a spray bottle made of glass, as plastic can break down over time. Never mix bleach with vinegar, ammonia or rubbing alcohol, and do not mix peroxide and vinegar: these combinations can create toxic fumes. Microfibre cloths are best, or even old T-shirts (reuse and recycle!).

If mixing your own cleaning products just seems like too much work, consider buying proven, environmentally-friendly products. There are many brands available on the market and, if you do a little research on which brand is not using harsh ingredients or chemicals, it's still a step in the right direction. →

*\*Just as you should with any product, spot test cleaning solutions on an inconspicuous spot to ensure there is no damage or discoloration to your furniture or wood surfaces.*

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**Tuesday – Tuesday night Darts** at 7pm | **Crokinole** – 6:30pm – every 2nd Tuesday

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**Friday – Friday Night Darts** – 7pm

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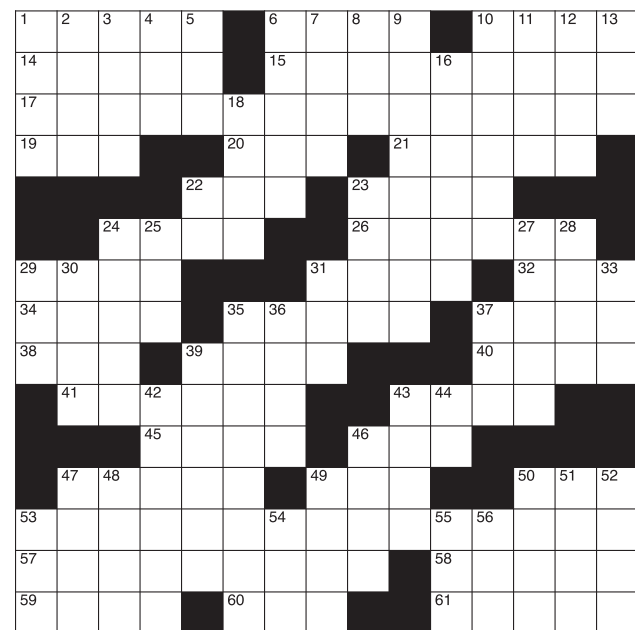


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  - December 24
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February 11, noon to 1 p.m., the Kingston Lions host their monthly community luncheon: a roast pork dinner, applesauce and all the fixing including dessert. Take-out and delivered meals must be pre-ordered, either February 4 or February 5 (call 902-765-2128 between 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.) Eat in/ take out - \$15, delivered \$16.

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**Berwick Legion general meeting**  
February 13, 8 p.m., the Berwick Legion executive committee meeting (begins at 7 p.m.) will be

followed by the general member- scratch pancakes, sliced fried ham, pork and apple breakfast sausages, fluffy scrambled eggs, coffee/ tea/ juice.

**ArtBeat Lounge for teens**  
February 15, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts Art-Beat Lounge, free for ages 13 to 18. Whether you're into visual arts, music, dance, or poetry, this is your space to shine. Pre-registration not required.

**Pork roast dinner**  
February 15, the Berwick Legion hosts a roast pork dinner, with roasted potatoes, vegetables, dessert. \$20 per person. Take out at 4:30 p.m., dining in 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Adult art lessons**  
February 16, 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! \$35 per class or \$100 for all three. Email [info@7Arts.ca](mailto:info@7Arts.ca) for more information and to register.

**Veteran's Lodge music jam**  
February 16, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts a free Veteran's Lodge music jam, open to all Annapolis Valley veterans and serving members. 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).

**MakerSpace**  
February 22, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; 7Arts in Greenwood hosts 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 free.



**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**  
You're in the mood to get things done this week. Aries. Your ambition is fueled and it is the perfect time to take charge and tackle overdue projects. Be careful not to rush things.

**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, your focus shifts to personal growth and intellectual exploration this week. You might find yourself investigating travel plans or diving into new hobbies.

**GEMINI – May 22/June 21**  
Money and other resources take center stage this week, Gemini. Whether you're reevaluating your investments or getting your finances in order, you may need to make a few tweaks.

**CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, you may find you're a bit more introspective than usual. Your emotions are running deep, and it is a key time for some self-reflection. Be mindful of insights coming your way.

**LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, it is a week of transitions for you. Something in your life may seem like it will come to an end soon, but this closing of one chapter is necessary for personal growth.

**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**  
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**Snowshoe fundraiser**  
February 22 – the BIG CHILL is a snowshoe fundraiser set on North Mountain trails, just outside Middleton, supporting youth-at-risk in Annapolis County. Join solo or grab a group and sign up for your distance of choice! Safety meeting and dinner February 21 at Lawrencetown Education Centre. February 22 start times: 8 a.m. - 30km, 10 a.m. - 15km, 2 p.m. - 5km. Fee: \$60/snowshoer. Kids 12 & under free (with the registration of an accompanying adult for the 5km route); first responders are 50% off. Rain date: March 1 OR event goes as a winter hike. Registration at [givetolive.ca/chill](http://givetolive.ca/chill). For info: [BIGCHILLdirector@givetolive.ca](mailto:BIGCHILLdirector@givetolive.ca)

**Life Through a Mask workshop**  
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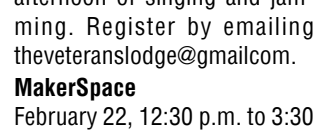
**ArtBeat Lounge for teens**  
February 15, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts Art-Beat Lounge, free for ages 13 to 18. Whether you're into visual arts, music, dance, or poetry, this is your space to shine. Pre-registration not required.

**Pork roast dinner**  
February 15, the Berwick Legion hosts a roast pork dinner, with roasted potatoes, vegetables, dessert. \$20 per person. Take out at 4:30 p.m., dining in 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Adult art lessons**  
February 16, 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! \$35 per class or \$100 for all three. Email [info@7Arts.ca](mailto:info@7Arts.ca) for more information and to register.

**Veteran's Lodge music jam**  
February 16, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., 7Arts in Greenwood hosts a free Veteran's Lodge music jam, open to all Annapolis Valley veterans and serving members. 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).

**MakerSpace**  
February 22, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; 7Arts in Greenwood hosts 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 free.



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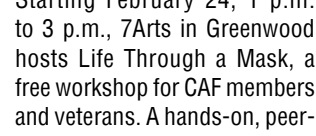
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February 22, 1:30 p.m. Wilmot. Dust off your chef's hat, apron and oven mitts and create your favourite non-North American recipe for the Second Annual International Potluck at the Wilmot Christian Fellowship Centre, 208 Dodge Road. Bring and share your favourite dish, and sample those of your friends (old and new). Everyone welcome. Lots of new taste sensations to try! Call 902-698-9467 for information and recipe help.

**Snowshoe fundraiser**  
February 22 – the BIG CHILL is a snowshoe fundraiser set on North Mountain trails, just outside Middleton, supporting youth-at-risk in Annapolis County. Join solo or grab a group and sign up for your distance of choice! Safety meeting and dinner February 21 at Lawrencetown Education Centre. February 22 start times: 8 a.m. - 30km, 10 a.m. - 15km, 2 p.m. - 5km. Fee: \$60/snowshoer. Kids 12 & under free (with the registration of an accompanying adult for the 5km route); first responders are 50% off. Rain date: March 1 OR event goes as a winter hike. Registration at [givetolive.ca/chill](http://givetolive.ca/chill). For info: [BIGCHILLdirector@givetolive.ca](mailto:BIGCHILLdirector@givetolive.ca)

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## Meet the new MFS Greenwood senior manager

Military Family Services (MFS) would like to welcome Stephanie Vatcher as the new senior manager for MFS Greenwood.

Vatcher is an accomplished, strategic leader and has a profound dedication to supporting military and veteran families in the local community. Vatcher's work and volunteer experience, along with her strong educational background in business, has given her the opportunity to work in the areas of leadership, business and financial management and community-based programming.

Vatcher has spent over six years as the branch manager at Scotiabank in Greenwood. She successfully guided the branch through three organizational changes, which resulted in staff growth, an increase in client base and collaborative partnerships.

Vatcher holds a bachelor's degree in business administration, as well as several financial certifications. Her volunteer experience includes participation in the Berwick and District School Food for All, 14 Wing Combined Charities Festival of Trees, West Kings High School graduation programs and chairperson (2020-2021) and board member at large (2018-2020) for the Greenwood Military Family Resource Centre (GMFRC) board of directors.

Over the next few months, Vatcher will focus her efforts on the recruitment of Military Family Advisory Com-



mittee members, fostering collaborative community partnerships and the continued delivery of programs and services that address military journey transitional challenges, including geographical relocations due to postings, absences from family due to operational tempo and military-to-civilian transitions.

## Bienvenue à la nouvelle gestionnaire supérieure des SFM de Greenwood

Bienvenue à Stephanie Vatcher, la nouvelle gestionnaire supérieure des Services aux familles des militaires (SFM) de Greenwood.

Vatcher est une dirigeante stratégique accomplie et le soutien des familles des militaires et des vétérans et des vétéranes de sa communauté lui tient à cœur. Son expérience, tant professionnelle que bénévole, ainsi que ses études avancées en gestion des affaires lui ont permis de travailler dans les domaines du leadership, de la gestion commerciale et financière et des programmes communautaires.

Vatcher a passé plus de six ans en tant que directrice de la succursale de la Banque Scotia à Greenwood. La succursale a fait face à trois changements organisationnels qui ont entraîné le recrutement de plus de personnel, une augmenta-

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The transition of the governance, oversight and delivery of the Military Family Services Program and Veteran Family Program to Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services is expected to be complete by March 31. The Greenwood MFRC Child-care Centre will continue to operate as a separate, provincially-incorporated, not-for-profit organization governed by a board of directors. Both organization's overall objective of serving the military and veteran communities in Greenwood remain unchanged.

For more information, contact MFS Greenwood at 902-765-5611, 24 School Road, Greenwood; [cfmws.ca/mfsgreenwood](mailto:cfmws.ca/mfsgreenwood) or [mfsgreenwood@cfmws.com](mailto:mfsgreenwood@cfmws.com) →

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- Who is playing at the Legion's Valentine Dance? \_\_\_\_\_

**Congratulations to this week's MONSTER winner: STACEY MAYWARD**

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Starts 7:00 pm Friday  
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# Winter Carnival 2025

## February 17 to 21

### Monday

10 a.m. to noon  
 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

### February 17

Carnival games, bowling | Community Centre  
 Free family skate | Greenwood Gardens  
 Free family swim | Fitness & Sports Centre

### Tuesday

8 a.m. to noon  
 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 Morning  
 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
 3 p.m.

### February 18

Soccer | Community Centre  
 Hockey | Greenwood Gardens  
 Banner contest judging | Annapolis Mess  
 Texas Hold'em | Annapolis Mess  
 TGIT: opening ceremonies & Team Cheer Challenge | Annapolis Mess

### Wednesday

8 a.m. to noon  
 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
 6 p.m.

### February 19

Floor hockey | Community Centre  
 Golf, darts, pool, trivia | Annapolis Mess  
 Bingo | Annapolis Mess

### Thursday

8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
 9 a.m. to noon  
 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
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### February 20

CMWCG bake sale  
 Pool games | Fitness & Sports Centre  
 Food sculpture challenge | Community Centre  
 Schoolyard games/ obstacle course/ dodgeball | Community Centre  
 Escape room, bowling | Community Centre

### Friday

8 a.m.  
 9 a.m.  
 10 a.m.  
 2 p.m.  
 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
 6 p.m. on  
 7 p.m.  
 8 p.m.

### February 21

Hockey | Greenwood Gardens  
 Soccer final | Community Centre  
 Floor hockey finals | Community Centre  
 Hockey final | Greenwood Gardens  
 Ice Capades | Greenwood Gardens  
 CMWCG Jail & Bail | Annapolis Mess  
 TGIF | Annapolis Mess  
 Lip sync | Annapolis Mess  
 Closing ceremonies | Annapolis Mess  
 DJ/ band | Annapolis Mess

