On April 15, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. local time, 413 Rescue and Transport Squadron (Sqn) based in Greenwood Nova Scotia (NS) received a call from the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC) in Halifax with a possible tasking to assist two stranded hiker’s who were hiking in Auyuittuq National Park on Baffin Island.

The last known position (LKP) for them was 2,435 kilometers north of Greenwood (NS). Rescue 308, a CC-130 Hercules aircraft from 413 Sqn Greenwood NS and Rescue 912 a CH-149 Cormorant helicopter from 103 Sqn Gander Newfoundland (NL) were tasked to assist. Due to the sheer distance and transit time for Gander’s Cormorant to fly to Iqaluit, Greenwood’s Hercules transported a second Cormorant crew who would then take over the Cormorant tasking from 103 Sqn once they arrived.

At 11:00 p.m. Atlantic Standard Time (AST) Rescue 308 arrived in Iqaluit with Greenwood’s Cormorant crew who were dropped off at the airport to await Rescue 912’s arrival. Rescue 308 then departed Iqaluit and proceeded to the LKP to try and locate the stranded hikers. The five Search and Rescue Technicians (SAR Techs) on board prepared their equipment to parachute to the glacier. Aided by Night Vision Goggles (NVG), they searched the area for approximately two hours in minus forty degree Celsius temperatures,

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The 55th Greenwood Men’s Closing Bonspiel is now in the history books: on the weekend of April 15-17th we hosted 32 teams from around the province. There were several new teams and they must have enjoyed themselves because they indicated they would be back next year. The curling started on Friday at 1:00 and ended around 6:00 on Sunday evening.

Friday the teams were treated to pizza and beer after their first game and on Saturday they were served a delicious meal, a pig roast, baked potatoes and carrots. We didn’t hear any complaints, so we can only assume they enjoyed the meal.

Sunday, men were able to make a bunwich with the leftover comfits, so we can only assume they enjoyed the meal.

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dispatching flares trying to locate the hikers. The search area was extremely mountainous and was described by one of the SAR Techs with 15 years of SAR experience as some of the most challenging terrain he has ever flown in. Low on fuel and unable to locate the hikers, they were forced to return to Iqaluit.

At approximately 3:00 a.m. AST, Rescue 912 arrived on scene, landing on the glacier near the site of the crevasse where the five SAR Techs proceeded to assess the situation. After about twenty minutes of searching the area on foot, they located a tent with one person standing on the glacier. The area had crevasses visible all around the LKP. The weather was clear and the outside temperature was minus thirty degrees Celsius and the outside temperature was minus thirty degrees Celsius. The weather was clear and the outside temperature was minus thirty degrees Celsius.

After assessing the situation the SAR Techs decided to use a Rope Rescue System to extract the patient. Master Corporal (MCpl) Stephen Bates was assigned as the SAR Tech that would be lowered into the crevasse. The entrance of the crevasse was approximately two meters by three meters wide and the patient was not visible from the top. Approximately twenty five meters into the crevasse, MCpl Bates found a 42 year old male patient on a small ledge. The patient had injuries to his right side and had frostbite and was hypothermic.

Once the patient was assessed, treated and secured to the rope system, the remaining four SAR Techs at the top of the glacier proceeded to pull the SAR Techs from the top. Both patients were treated for their injuries while enroute to Iqaluit. Upon landing, they were handed over to an ambulance crew who then transported them to the hospital; seventeen hours after receiving the initial call from JRCC.

The Cormorant Crew (Rescue 153) was crewed by Aircraft Commander (AC) Captain Jacques Poirier, First Officer (FO) Captain Graeme Cooke, Flight Engineer Sergeant Absalom Pierce, Search and Rescue Technician Team Leaders Sgt Darcy Keating and Sgt Sean MacEachern and Team Members MCpl Steve Bates, MCpl Geoff Rowan and MCpl Mike Neilson.

The Hercules crew (Rescue 308) included pilots Captain Samuel Vezina (AC) and Capt Eric St-George (FO), Navigator Capt Colette Kenney, Flight Engineer Sgt Kevin Beaudry, Loadmaster Sgt Derek Putnam and Search and Rescue Technician Team Leader Sgt Stephane Clavette and Team Member MCpl Enrico Deschenes.
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On Thursday, April 21, 2011, 14 Wing Commander Colonel Bill Seymour and acting Wing Chief Warrant Officer, Denis Gaudreault teed off on the 1st hole of the Greenwood Golf Club to support the opening of the golf season on the Wing.

(Image: Private Crystal Smith, 14 AMS Wing Imaging, Imagery Technician)

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Greenwood Golf Club Ready For New Season

Submitted by: Karen Gorman, General Manager

Welcome to the 2011 golf season at Greenwood Golf Club. We are now up and running having opened the 1st of April. Although it snowed opening day, our President, Major Ron Kielbuck braved the cold weather and played a few holes. The weather as of late has been on the cool side but has not kept our golfers away. The maintenance crew has been working hard to get the course ready for the season. A huge thank you goes out to all volunteers who participated in our spring cleanup held on the 20th.

We have made a few improvements to the clubhouse with the lounge getting a bit of a new paint, window blinds and a new 55” TV. There is now a monitor running an information slide show in the entrance way so be sure to check it out. Our new stock has arrived and with the same level of care we would expect for our own parents, and grandparents. Greenwood Valley At Home Senior Care is a locally-owned and operated senior care agency that provides support for people of all ages and stages of health, but especially for seniors who are living independently in their own homes. Our services include nutritious meal preparation, housekeeping, personal care, respite care, end-of-life care, medication monitoring, errands, transportation and companionship.

As a family-owned business with strong ties to the Annapolis Valley region, we have a deep understanding of the communities and senior citizens we serve (Windsor to Digby). We have spent years building priceless relationships that are genuine and reciprocal. That’s why the most important part of our service is the “heart” we put into ensuring that every senior receives the same level of care we would expect for our own parents and grandparents. Greenwood Valley At Home Senior Care has an extraordinary team of CAREgivers who have a special way of nurturing others. They are respectful, compassionate and experienced in areas such as Palliative Care, Falls Prevention, Standard First Aid, Personal Care, Nutrition and Meal Preparation, Household Management, Alzheimer’s Disease and other related dementia’s. Our CAREgivers are also insured, bonded and covered under Workers’ Compensation so we can provide you with the best home care possible. Because of our close proximity to 14 Wing Greenwood Valley At Home Senior Care are provided from as little as two hours per visit to 24 hours per day up to seven days a week, if required.

We’re also available to speak to your group or association about positive aging and the healing benefits of home care. To find out more about our availability and to book a speaking engagement, call Barbara Madic, Communications and Development Manager at 765-6777.

As the only senior care agency with an office in the Greenwood/Kingston area, we invite you to visit us in person at 1500 Bridge Street in Kingston ... or call us at 765-6777 to book a free, in-home consultation. Our brochures are available at your local pharmacy and a variety of other locations and you can visit our website at www.avathomeseniorcare.ca. Annapolis Valley At Home Senior Care ... the one with the “heart.”

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• De l’analyse et de l’interprétation d’états financiers
• De la négociation de contrats
• De l’administration du personnel
• De la gestion des ressources
• De la rédaction, de l’édition et du marketing
• De l’application de politiques, de procédures et de réglementations
• De la réalisation d’entrevues, de la recherche, de la rédaction journalistique, de la révision et de la photographie d’actualités
• De l’interprétation et du développement du contenu d’annonces
• De l’utilisation de logiciels d’édition
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Personnel Support Programs Division
Newsroom
14 Wing Greenwood
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Qualifications:
• Bachelor’s degree in Journalism, Business Administration, Communications or related field AND some years of experience in journalism, publishing, or in a related field
• College diploma or certificate in Journalism, Business Administration, Communications, or related field AND several years of experience in journalism, publishing, or in a related field

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• Of publishing guidelines
• Of administration of personal
• Of employee labour relations
• Of budget management
• Of business plan management
• Of marketing principles and theories
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• Of graphic design and art direction

Experience Requirements:
• In planning, coordinating and operating a newspaper business
• In planning and scheduling advertising
• In project management
• In business planning
• In budget administration
• In the analysis and interpretation of financial statements
• In negotiations
• In personnel administration
• In resource management
• In writing, editing and marketing
• In applying policies, procedures and regulations
• In interviewing, researching and journalistic writing, editing and news photography
• In advertising design, development and sales aid services
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Light refreshments to follow.

During the ongoing chapel renovations at St. Mark’s Chapel, this year’s Battle of the Atlantic Service will be held at Queen of Heaven Chapel.

Submitted by: Francois Robert, GSC

The Greenwood Skating Club presents the JC’s Hot Tubs and Pools of the Week.

Victoria Frowen
Age: 9 yrs old
School: Dwight Ross
Elementary
Skating Level: Senior
Starting Skating: 3 yrs old
Coach: Cheryle Gaston
Highest Tests Passed: Preliminary freeskate, partial Junior Bronze dance Favourite Figure Skater: Joannie Rochette Favourite part of skating: Spinning and jumping
Other hobbies: Video games, reading, drawing (Image: RFTS Inc.)
Distracted Driving

Submitted by: Major D.A. (Dan) Mombourquette

With spring now upon us and the warmer weather encouraging people to spend more time out of doors or travelling on the roads, the 31 Military Police Flight wishes to remind everyone to drive safe and to refrain from the usage of hand-held cellular phones or text devices while operating motor vehicles.

This practice is proven to be extremely dangerous and is an offence in Nova Scotia. Recent studies have shown that using a cell phone while driving increases your risk of crashing up to 4 times. Further, texting while driving could increase the risk of crashing up to 23 times.

Section 100D (1), of the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act; “makes it an offence for a person to use a hand-held cellular telephone or engage in text messaging on any communications device while operating a vehicle on a highway.”

Anyone caught violating Section 100D (1) of the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act is liable to fines ranging from $167.71 for a first offence, $225.21 for a second offence and $340.21 for a third offence. Further should you be involved in or responsible for an accident while using your hand-held cellular phone or texting, your insurance provider may choose to decline your coverage.

All 14 Wing Personnel and residents are encouraged to contact the Military Police Detachment dispatch at (902) 765-5111 or 911 immediately to pass on information concerning; vandalism, trespassing, suspicious activities or any other type of suspected or actual crime happening within the 14 Wing Greenwood area. Please do your part to protect your community and “If you see something say something”. Also please be aware that The Military Police have established a means of reporting tips anonymously.

This telephone service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Callers are not required to leave their personal information. This is a 100% anonymous system, there is no call display and no personnel answering, it is merely a voicemail. Please do your part and stand up against crime. This service is provided at (902)765 (COPS) 2677.

Letter to the Editor

May 18, 2011

Submitted by: Cara London, Operation Legacy Member, Rothesay, NB

Dear Editor,

April marks the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong – one of the most significant battles fought by the Canadians in the Korean War. As a member of The War Amps Operation Legacy, a group of committed young people who are dedicated to preserving Canada’s military heritage, I would like to highlight this anniversary.

On April 24-25, 1951, the 2nd Battalion of Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry engaged in the Battle of Kapyong. From their stand on Hill 677, the Patricia’s managed to hold their positions and re-open the supply route despite tremendous odds and bitter fighting. The Canadian action at Kapyong stopped the Chinese advance in this sector of the front for the rest of the war and earned the battalion the US Presidential Citation for valor.

Canada sent 26,791 soldiers to battle in Korea. More than 1,200 were seriously wounded, 1,200 never came home. After the Korean War the had very little impact on Canadians, except, of course, those who fought in it or who lost loved ones. To mark this anniversary, the War Amps has re-released its documentary Korea: Canada’s Forgotten War to regular and specialty TV channels. Part of The War Amps Military Heritage Series, it is also available at a cost-recovery price of $12 by calling 1 800 250-3030 or visiting waramps.ca.

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Defence Construction Canada

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Defence Construction Canada (DCC) is a Crown corporation that provides innovative and cost-effective contracting, construction management, infrastructure and environmental services for the Department of National Defence (DND), the Canadian Forces (CF) and the defence of Canada. To achieve our mandate DCC requires private sector contractors to perform construction, renovation and maintenance projects.

DCC would like to invite contractors to an information session on how to work with us on these interesting and challenging projects. The briefing will provide contractors with information on tendering, health, safety, fire and security requirements, and our contract processes.

Where: Birchall Training Facility, 14 Wing Greenwood
When: 1:00 PM-3:00 PM, 11 May 2011

Contractors are asked to confirm their attendance by e-mail to agwadmin@dcc-cdc.gc.ca or by calling 902-765-1761, before 9 May 2011.
Ready, Set... GO!
32nd Annual ZX 10k Road Race

Submitted by: Sgt Pete Nicholson, 14 Wing Photojournalist

It was a blustery day in Greenwood with nearly a hundred and fifty runners lined up at the chilly start line on Chimo Road as Acting Wing Commander Lieutenant Colonel Jocelyn Bergeron welcomed everyone to the 32nd Annual ZX 10 kilometre race day. At the same time 30 swimmers were getting ready in the pool for the 750 metre swim portion of the new Aquathlon event. With the blare of the starting horn the runners set off into the wind.

With those extremely challenging conditions congratulations go out to all runners and swimmers. The winners were, Gianluca Pozzatti (male) who had a combined time of 29:19 and Kayla Boudreau’s (female) time of 34:54. A complete list of participants and times can be found at the web site: http://www.atlanticchip.ca/events/results.php?year=2011.

The ZX Cycle N’ Run Club would like to thank our local sponsors who provided prizes, all 14 Wing Greenwood organizations who provided support, RCMP for traffic control, volunteers who made this event possible and the runners and swimmers who made this event a success!

Civilian and military runners from across the Maritimes compete in a 750 meter swim at the 14 Wing Greenwood Fitness and Sports Centre during the 32nd Annual ZX 10km Road Race and 5km Fun Run.

(Image: Corporal Melissa Spence, 14 AMS Wing Imaging, Imagery Technician)

Joseph McLean, Scott Mason (centre), and Sesaly Davidson lead a trail of runners down Rocknotch Road during the 10km ZX Road Race.

(Image: Corporal Melissa Spence, 14 AMS Wing Imaging, Imagery Technician)

Ben Brown leads a trail of runners down Rocknotch Road during the 10km ZX Road Race.

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Kingston Lions’ 50th Charter Night a Great Success

Submitted by: Judy McCool

L-R front row: Jesse Stevens, Gabriel Ellis, Shirley Fortin.
L-R back row: David Dospital, Gabriel Ellis, Jesse Stevens.
Thanks to all who participated, over 1065 books were read.
(Image: Judy McCool)

On behalf of the Kingston Lions Club we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all who supported our club on its’ 50th Charter Anniversary. Special thanks is extended to Jim Lamb of Meadow Brook Meat Market who prepared the BBQ Pork & Turkey, Kingston Volunteer Fire Department for a job well done in serving the meal and cleanup and the RCL Branch # 98 for preparing & cooking the vegetables. To our Guests and all attendees, you made our 50th Charter Anniversary a tremendous success. We hope to continue in service to our community for many more years to come.
Sincerely, Charter Night Chairman, Lion Bob Lyle.

A Great Season for Our Bombers

Submitted by: Yvon La Croix

A great season came to a close for the Greenwood Bombers Pee Wee “B” hockey team after taking part in the 34th Annual SEDHMA International Minor Hockey Tournament in Halifax.

For a team that was put together at the beginning of this season, we have but compliments and admiration to offer for giving us, the fans, and an entertaining performance at each and every game. These kids played their hearts out and the improvement was noticeable as the season progressed. We are proud of you boys and girls. The great game of hockey is doing very well in the Valley, thank you!

We also thank the hardworking staff of volunteers who made all this possible: Rob Butt, head coach, Dave Hickey, assistant coach, Mark Maher, assistant coach, Yvon Lévesque, manager, Tony Roach, assistant manager, Angela Southwell, treasurer and Jeff Furlotte, trainer. Last but not least, let’s not forget the parents who were there, day in and day out, to cheer on the team with all the traveling that it involves.

14 Wing Library March Reading Challenge Winners

Submitted by: Judy McCool

L-R front row: Jesse Stevens, Gabriel Ellis, Shirley Fortin, David Dospital.
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Community Appreciation Awards: King Lion Butch Fleury presented Community Appreciation Awards to: Greenwood Village Chairman Al Belliveau, Fire Chief Watson Armstrong, 14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Bill Seymour, Royal Canadian Legion Branch #98 President Brian MacDonald and Kingston Village Chairman Lion Tom Beardsley.

Cheque Presentation for the Cardiac Rehab Program

Submitted by: Lion Bob Lyle

Lion Barbara Lyle Chairperson of the Cardiac Rehab Dinner fund raiser presents a cheque for $1,800.00 to Susan Myles, Treasurer of the Valley Cardiac Rehab Society. Susan along with Dr. Howard Wightman, Carol Dewar, Deb Mander were involved in creating both the Education program and the first exercise sessions. 1st Vice President Lion Dave McHattie looks on.

Valley High School Hockey League’s (VHSHL) Art Lightfoot Trophy Presentation

Submitted by: Charlie Ross.

Art Lightfoot was active in hockey, both in the Valley and Halifax, as a coach and program developer. He was instrumental in providing hockey programs for both student athletes and adults. Art always promoted fair play and integrity in all sporting activities. The Valley High School Hockey League was pleased to present the award this year to Mr Charles Ross. During the past 30+ years Charlie has volunteered for CNIB and Heart and Stroke foundation and is an active Aylesford District Lion. He also served as a Scout Master. In the sporting community he served as an Executive member of Minor Hockey, Head Coach, Hockey Team Manager, VHSHL Disciplinarian, VHSHL President, Youth Soccer coach, Soccer Club President, Senior Soccer Referee, High School Athletic Council. Mr. Ross coached the West Kings Senior Boys Soccer team to their first Provincial play-off, and guided the team to two consecutive Provincial Championship victories. This award was presented to Mr Ross in recognition of his continuous support of school, community and sports activities.

Charlie Ross (center) is presented the Valley High School Hockey League’s (VHSHL) Art Lightfoot Trophy from previous trophy winners Peter Selig (left) and Wayne Leighton (right).
(Image: Lion Brian Graves)
Safety & Health A Commitment for Life • “What’s Your Plan?”

Submitted by: Second Lieutenant Michelle Guerin, Traffic O.T.E.M.E.

01 to 07 May 2011
North American Occupational Safety & Health (NAOSH) Week is being celebrated the week of 1st to 7th May 2011. The goal of NAOSH Week is to focus on reinforcing and strengthening our commitment to health and safety through solid risk management practices, education and injury and illness prevention. This can only be accomplished by starting today and planning for safety & health “What’s Your Plan?”

This year’s continuing slogan: “Safety and Health, A Commitment for Life” reflects the need to focus on the concept of health and safety and the vigilance and dedication required to the principles of hazard and risk control management.

This year’s theme “What’s Your Plan?” challenges each and every one of us to take time to plan how we can improve the level of safety & health both at home and in the workplace. Planning is a key step in the safety & health process. Are we safe or not safe? Have you ever taken the time to ask that very interesting question? Weather it be cutting the grass, taking down those Christmas decorations, driving on a busy highway or just performing the daily tasks associated with our jobs we have a tendency to try to get things done as quickly and efficiently only as possible. Although this type of attitude allows us to find more efficient ways of doing things, efficiency only enhances production or the task when safety is a key component of the processes from the onset. As with many accomplishments in life there is an associated journey we pursue to achieve our outcomes and successes and without a well laid out plan for our journey we in most cases tend to fall short on our successes. Over the years I have come to realize that “Safety & Health” is one such journey. It’s a road or journey that leads us home safely at the end of every day. Thus it is extremely important that take time to plan and ensure we lay out the proper safety road map as a way to maintain our ultimate destination safety. Regardless of the safety journey we embark on there will always be hazards and risks along the way. The key is to look for and identify these threats, follow the proper rules for the road and travel our journey with care. There have always been differing philosophies surrounding accidents and safety. Some may philosophize that accidents simply happen while others may suggest that “safety” happens. Accidents and safety are different sides of the same coin related to such common concepts as risk and benefit. Even though there may be an element of chance and uncertainty related to both concepts, I would offer that accidents and safety don’t just “happen”, they are caused. We must continue to instil and promote a “safety culture” that strives to zero injuries, illnesses and most importantly zero fatalities. To ensure we are all safe and make it home safely to our family and loved ones every day, we all must take responsibility for health and safety and be pro-active in identifying potential causes of injury and illness. Once identified; we must ensure appropriate action is taken to correct these causes so that no one becomes injured or ill. We can all take action to improve our programs and performance in occupational health and safety. By doing so; we can make our work environments, homes and communities safer and healthier places.

We must all be pro-active safety leaders at work and in our communities and spread the message that health and safety is a way of life. In the workplace, we can work towards instilling a very powerful form of social energy called a positive safety culture, which focuses on putting the organizations priorities on protecting people’s health and safety. We must include clear performance measurements in our safety & health plans which enable us to assess our progress and find ways to improve upon our level of safety & health on a continual basis. We can all work towards recognizing and supporting community initiatives that help to protect the public and spread the health and safety message.

Let’s ensure that this year you take the time to plan. I am confident that a well laid out plan will lead to ensuring a safer and healthier environment for yourself, your family, your workplace and all of society. As the old proverb states “He who fails to plan, plans to fail”.

14 Wing General Safety and 14 Wing Health Promotions wishes each and every one a safe, healthy and enjoyable NAOSH week.

NAOSH Week Activity Schedule
Monday, 1 May 11
0815 hrs – NAOSH Flag Raising, 14 Wing Main Gate
- The Wing Commander or designate and Wing Workplace Safety & Health Committee members will raise the NAOSH Flag at the Main Gate.

Wednesday, 4 May 11
1000 – 1500 Hrs - OH&S Trade Fair, Annapolis Mess, Lounges B & C – A health & safety trade fair with kiosk/display booths of 14 Wing Health & Safety disciplines as well as community level H&S service providers will be set up. Door Prizes will be drawn.

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Submitted by: Ray Rousseau, Coach: Team 529

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Those unattached could
involved, it could be time to
Love, romance and marriage
defined you this week. The new
Spring and Summer might inspire thoughts of a
new level or beginning a new one.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
It's time to get to work.

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Romance may be on your mind. Aries. Those unattached might

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Romance may be on your mind,

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Love, romance and marriage

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces. It cannot gain enough information
course of action for which you

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
For Libra, this might be a time to
Those unattached could find a
special someone.

LEO - July 23/Aug 22
love, you are not alone.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 22/Dec 21
2012 could mean a full
Cancer, you are not alone.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, stay out of bookstores
because you could spend a
fortune trying to satisfy your need
for absorbing the information
for which you cannot gain enough
information fast enough.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS
APRIL 24 Kelly Clarkson, Singer (29)
APRIL 25 Jason Lee, Actor (41)
APRIL 26 Michael Damian, Actor (49)
APRIL 27 Patrick Swayze, Singer (57)
APRIL 28 Jay Leno, Comedian (61)
APRIL 29 Jerry Seinfeld, Comedian (57)
APRIL 30 Kirsten Dunst, Actress (29)

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Youth Happenings at 14 Wing Community Centre

By: Recreation Youth Worker; Megan LeMoine

Mark your calendars for our Spring Fling Dance this Friday! 14 Wing Teen Council Community Yard Sale Postponed until Future notice!

If you would like more information please call 765-8165.

Here’s what’s happening this week:

Decorate for Dance Thursday, April 28 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Teens come help decorate for our Spring Fling dance tomorrow night! Bring your creativity and imagination! Spring Fling Dance, Friday, April 29, Teen from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Teens from 8:30-11:30 p.m. $4. Come dressed in your best for our Spring Fling Dance! We’ll have great music, dance contests and cool prizes!

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Blood Donor Clinic

By Eric MacKenzie, Community Recreation Coordinator

Canadian Blood Services held another successful two day Blood Donor clinic at the 14 Wing Community Centre on Tuesday April 19th and Wednesday April 20th. Over 200 day Blood Donor clinic at the 14 Wing Community Centre, will be on Monday 550 lives!

If you are interested in booking an appointment to give blood or to volunteer at the next two day clinic, please call 1-888-236-6283. If you are new to the Wing or just want information about our sports program feel free to attend and get the answers you are looking for. For more information please contact the OPI, Mr Graham White Loc 5753, or Email Graham.White2@forces.gc.ca

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Once you sign the form, you will never have to do it again. It’s a simplistic form (name, DOB, postal code, etc) that will allow CBS to track how many times you have donated on behalf of 14 Wing, and what % of our collective goal has been achieved.

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Patrick’s Puzzle

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FOR RENT – One Bedroom apartment in Kingston. $575.00 power and heat included. Phone 765-2700. (3213-uhn)

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FOR RENT – Two bedroom duplex located in Paradise. New built. Newly renovated providing maintenance free living. $500.00 per month plus utilities. References required. Call 760-0012 for more information. (3216-tpb)

FOR RENT – One and two bedroom apartments in Middleton. Very quiet adult building, apartments have been renovated extensively. References required. Call 902-647-9012 for more information. (3216-tpb)

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FOR RENT - Worry free retirement living located centrally between Kings- ton and Greenwood on Sampson Drive. New built 2 bedroom duplex, with in floor heating, 5 appliances, attached garage, spacious lots with back patio and front deck. Paved driveway with snow removal and lawn care included. 5 minutes away from 2-18 hole golf courses, Greenwood gym facilities and Greenwood Mall shopping center. Transit services. For more information or viewing please contact 902-765-0339 or 902-848-6279. (3216-tpb)

FOR RENT – Newly renovated bedroom apartment by side Duplex in Whispering Pines Subdivision on 49 Geiger Drive. New fridge and stove. Also lawn care & snow removal included. For more information call please contact 902-765-0339 or 902-848-6279. (3216-tpb)

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FOR RENT – Two bedroom flat located in Margaret- town. Overlooking the Bay of Fundy. Two bedroom, two bath, flat located in Margare- tenton. (3216-4tpb)

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SERVICES

SERVICE – Bilingual handy- man/carpenter available. 25 years of experience with finish, tiling, stairs, tile work and more. Reasonable rates – flexible hours. Call Mike at 242-2456 or 840-0529. Greenwood/Kingston (3024-tn)

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JOBS

WANTED- Wanted superinten- dent couple. We’re looking for a physically fit couple to look after 80 units in Wolfville. Duties include but are not limited to running the rental office, leasing, rental collec- tions, cleaning the building, commons areas and grounds, summer and winter grounds care. Must be able to work well with others and have excellent customer service skills. Apartment and salary and benefits negotiable with experience. Fax resume to 1-980-855-3084 or e-mail jobs@bangrealty.ca. (3211-ubh)

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Crossword Solution

Sudoku Solution

ZX Cycle N Run Schedule

Submitted by: Mike Dymond
Road Rides have begun for the season and will resume the same schedule as last year. All levels of riders are welcome. Road Rides are recommended. Rides depart from T.A.N. Coffee, Greenwood, and ride distances and routes vary. Rain at the start time and location will cancel. If there is enough interest we will add/blend mountain bike rides into the schedule.

Tuesdays • 8:00: TAN Coffee, Greenwood
Thursday • 8:00: TAN Coffee, Greenwood
Sunday • 10:00: TAN Coffee, Greenwood

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Subway Swimmers of the Week

Thylana Armstrong
Nova Tech 6 yrs old, 1st year with GDSC
Favourite Stroke: Breaststroke
Other Interests: colouring & playing with friends

Emma Ryerson
Novice 7 yrs old, 1st year with GDSC
Favourite Stroke: Breaststroke
Other Interests: soccer & playing with friends

Darielle Stewart
Nova Tech 11 yrs old, 1st year with GDSC
Favourite Stroke: Breaststroke
Other Interests: reading & writing

Anika Wright
Novo Tech 10 yrs old, 1st year with GDSC
Favourite Stroke: Breaststroke
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Submitted by: Michelle O’Reilly, GDSC Secretary

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Minor Baseball

Submitted by: David Doucette, Valley Regional Director for Baseball Nova Scotia

Baseball is one of those sports that creates irresistible urges. In what way you ask? Well, how many times have we passed a ballgame on TV only to pause and watch, if only for a few minutes, just to catch the score? What about when you are standing in line at the grocery store and someone is chatting about the final score of game 3 and how that will affect the rest of the series and the potential playoff situations, and you just can’t help but join in. And of course there are the times when you stop at a fast food place and there is a whole uniformed team of excited kids there that just played “a big game” (after all they are ALL big when you’re a kid) and you can’t help but think of when you were younger.

Do you wish your child could have the opportunity to be active and have fun while doing it? There are so many opportunities in this area for kids to play ball, from the little league programs for the youngest players (4-6 year olds) right up to 17yrs old having fun in a house league. There are even tryouts for kids who want to try a more competitive approach that are coming up. If you have a child, or children, who is interested in playing baseball, you can contact David Doucette (Valley Regional Director for Baseball Nova Scotia) at 363-2328 or at mickanddave333@eastlink.ca

TRYOUTS – MOSPEE PROVINCIAL TEAM (Bluenose Competitive):
Wednesday, April 27 • 6:00 p.m. • Aylesford Field, Aylesford

Monday, May 2 • 6:00 p.m. • Rotary Park, Middleton

TRYOUTS – PEEWEE PROVINCIAL TEAM (Bluenose Competitive):
Monday, April 25 • 6:00 p.m. • Rotary Park, Middleton

Wednesday, April 27 • 6:00 p.m. • Rink Field, Berwick

Please Note

Middleton Minor Baseball is accepting registrations for kids ages 4 – 15 in the Middleton, Nictaux, Lawrencetown, and Bridgetown areas.

Registrations are at Middleton Town Hall on:
• Thursday, April 28 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.
• Saturday, April 30 • 12:00-4:00 p.m.

League Champs

Submitted by: Ann Marie Chalifoux

Congratulations to the Greenwood Mini Boys basketball team for winning the Kings-Hants Basketball Association League Championships. The team also had an impressive showing at the BNS Provincials held in Kentoncourt during April 8-10th. Representing the team are: Back row (left to right): Alain Chalifoux (Coach), Devyn Jefferson, Kate Howat, Eric Roach, Brennan Plongs, Mackenzie Moore, Brian Jefferson (Coach), and Lieutenant-Colonel Jocelyn Bergeron (Coach). Front row: Jason Chalifoux, Malak Bergeron, Kyle DeEll, and Gage Alders.

Kingston Greenwood Minor Baseball Registration 2011

The 14 Wing Community Centre will be holding registration for the Kingston Greenwood Minor Baseball Association in the Main Office of the Community Centre, which is located at 110 Church St. from 8:00am to 4:30pm on the following days:
• Tues 26 April 2011 • Thurs 28 April 2011
• Wed 27 April 2011 • Fri 29 April 2011

Below is a list of leagues and costs available this season:

• Pre Rookie (TBall) • ages 4-6 • $40.00 without Rec Card $30.00 with Rec Card
• Rookie • ages 7-8 • $50.00 without Rec Card $40.00 with Rec Card
• Mosquitoes • ages 9-11 • $85.00 without Rec Card $75.00 with Rec Card
• Pee Wee • ages 12-13 • $95.00 without Rec Card $85.00 with Rec Card
• Bantam • ages 14-15 • $105.00 without Rec Card $95.00 with Rec Card

Please remember to bring the following when registering; Health Card for each participant, Uniform Deposit Cheque of $50.00 per player which is refundable upon return of Uniform; and a valid Rec Card (if you have one) for a discount in price.

Also any player who is from the Kingston/ Greenwood Area who have already registered in either Aylesford or Middleton Minor Baseball will receive a refund and need to re-register with their local league in Kingston/Greenwood.

For further information or anyone interested in volunteering, please contact the President of 14 Wing Minor Ball, Corporal Stephen McNiel, at elfierghter@hotmail.com or call the 14 Wing Community Centre at 765-1494 ext. 5341, 5337 or 5331.
A Brief History of the VP International (VPI) Association

By: Lloyd E. Graham, VPI Historian

The history of the VP International Association (VPI) is solidly established on the foundation of the P-2000 Club which was formed at Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) Station Comox, British Columbia, on May 1, 1967. VPI was originally an organization of aircrew to provide a forum to foster goodwill and fellowship. It was established with a membership of over 5,800 serving and retired aircrew in 23 countries. The Association has established international recognition for the VPI emblem, the flight suit badge and various recognition awards for personal, squadron and worldwide operations and the globe, balanced within a gyro ring, represents the world-wide international scope, stability and precision essential in ASW teamwork.

In 1988, to promote professionalism in the field of maritime aviation, Colonel (retired) Herb Smale formed a volunteer editorial team of current and retired aircrew to start production on the “Maritime Patrol Aviation” magazine. This magazine was free for all members and provided to various civil and military organizations. It was a huge success worldwide for several years until costs for production and mailing became unsustainable. Current plans are afoot to revisit magazine production or make greater use of current technology and the internet/web-page capabilities to re-establish communications links by newsletter with the membership.

The VPI Memorial Service at 14 Wing Greenwood October 3, 2010 dedicated the names of six Royal Air Force crew members from 201 Squadron, who died in a Shackleton crash December 8, 1965. These names were read from the Book of Remembrance by Flight Lieutenant Rolf Hippman here on exchange duties with the Maritime Proving and Evaluation Unit. Padre, Captain Robert Lauter assisted in the service and performed the ceremony and dedicated the VPI Memorial in 14 Wing Greenwood. All have voluntarily joined the Association, however 1,500 members have lost contact with VPI over the years due to postings, retirement or their demise.

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TOEPICS • Spring Fling Seminar Brings Master Coach Back to Greenwood

Submitted by: Cheryle Gaston

Local skaters benefited from another visit by Master Skating Coach, Doug Leigh on Easter Weekend. Mr. Leigh is one of only 3 Level 5 coaches in Canada. He has coached skaters at 5 Olympic Games, including Brian Orser and Elvis Stojko as well as Jennifer Robinson. He is the founder of the Mariposa School of Skating in Barrie Ontario where some of our club skaters train in the summer. He enjoys coming to our club in the spring and is impressed with the caliber of skating and the commitment of our coaches to the sport. Accompanying him is Olympian and Turkish Champion, Tugba Karademir, who was here in 2007 and the skaters love her. She is a spin specialist and is very motivational. Off-ice dance classes were led by Local Dance Express Director Rebecca. Lots of fun was had by all the skaters and the Easter Bunny left an early surprise for them all.

In other news, 5 club skaters participated in the Riverview Spring Competition on April 16th. James Hazelton became the youngest Nova Scotian Skater to pass his Senior Competitive test with an awesome skate. Alyssa Lambert won a silver medal and Brooke Johnson took home a bronze. Gabrielle Crossley placed a solid 5th and Victoria Frowen was 7th in her first competition at the next level up.

Double sided VPI Coin Conclusion

During RV2011 at 14 Wing Greenwood, VPI will share the limelight on its 45th Anniversary with the Canadian Squadrons, as current and former air and ground crews celebrate their 70th Anniversary. This year's Reunion theme of History and Fellowship VPI will have a role to play. Acting President of VPI, Maj Al Harvey, will take this opportunity to hold a VPI Memorial Service for fallen comrades and to discuss the future of VPI at an International gathering. Key to the success of VPI and its membership is the official support it receives nationally and internationally from military sponsors, the pride, motivation, dedication and support of current and retired aircrew members who take leadership roles with the Association. It is significant that after 45 years this unique, volunteer organization continues to grow and can promote aircrew interest in its goals of professionalism and fellowship in maritime patrol aviation. There is an extraordinary legacy of leadership and commitment from many leaders and the Fellowship Community has a right to feel extremely proud of this unique aircrew Association.