



# New Germany Connections

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## Summer 2021

We often spend time "wishing." And there are wishes that no matter how hard we wish, we can't make them happen. Then there are the wishes that if we turned from "wishing" to "doing" they become real.

This newsletter has many examples of wishes becoming reality. We now have three little libraries in our area. There is no Little Library Fairy who makes these adorable little book exchanges appear. People do, local people who just get organized and turn a wish for a Little Library into a Little Library.

River Ridge Common was a wish at least 40 years ago when it was "We need a MARC North in New Germany!" Persistence by the community, by organizations, by various municipal councillors turned it into reality. A reality that is probably even better than what was originally wished for.

And this fall we see the return of one of the bridges across the LaHave River. This connection across the water joins the New Germany end of the South Shore Annapolis Valley Trail to toward Caledonia. A bridge that has been "wished" for probably since it was removed in the early 1990s, is coming back because of the determination of many individuals and groups.

So when you wish for something, big or small, for our community, turn that wish into action. It will be a wonderful addition to our community for all of us!

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# Rosedale Home Welcomes their New Executive Director



~Hester Gibson

Deborah Langlois has been hired as the new Executive Director at Rosedale Home for Special Care. Preferring to be known as Debbie, she drives to work every week from Blue Rocks where she lives with her husband and two dogs. One of the favourite parts of her day is the drive to and from work so that she can admire the beauty of Nova Scotia. Qualified health care workers can choose to live anywhere and she has chosen this corner of the world. Her family is from the Amherst area where her mom was born and she feels lucky to have many cousins still living there. The energy she brings to the job belies the fact that she is a mother of three and a grandmother of four grandsons and one granddaughter, all of whom live in Ontario. It goes without saying that she misses them a great deal. Her university degrees include a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, a Masters of Education, and a Masters in Business Administration. She likes to joke that she does not like housework so having homework for school is a good excuse to not do any but, in reality, she is a person who enjoys learning and has an inquisitive mind.

Debbie was drawn to New Germany and Rosedale Home because of the home's reputation as one of the best homes in Nova Scotia. She feels this is because the staff are caring and willing to go the extra mile for the residents, above and beyond what their job descriptions require. In her first several months at Rosedale she has noted that one of the greatest assets of the staff at Rosedale is kindness. The staff are not only kind to the residents but have gone out of their way to be welcoming and kind to her. Basic human kindness makes a residential facility a loving and welcoming home.

Changes have already begun under Debbie's direction. The executive staff have begun creating a strategic plan to improve Rosedale even further. With the trials, tribulations, and stress of working in health care during a world-wide pandemic, a plan is in place to create a Fun Crew to improve the quality of work life for all the staff. A happy staff makes a happy residence. There can be no doubt in anyone's minds that the staff at Rosedale deserve to be rewarded for working there in these difficult and unprecedented times. Also, with purchasing of the necessary equipment and education of staff underway, Rosedale will be moving to electronic health records in the fall.

When asked how the residents and staff are coping with the pandemic, she replied, "It's been tough. I know how much the residents miss their families and various groups coming in for activities. Staff are so concerned about passing on COVID to the residents that it impacts their daily life external to here. I am so proud of how much the staff make sure the residents are as safe as possible." Hopefully her plans for the Fun Crew will reduce some of the negative impacts on staff. She also wants the community to know that their support will always be welcome. Rosedale has purchased a bus in the past year and COVID has impacted fundraising for the bus (think insurance, fuel, maintenance, etc.) and other things that are wanted to purchase for the residents. Ms. Langlois hopes the community knows they can always donate whether it be time (when COVID restrictions lift) or money. Debbie Langlois' vision for Rosedale three years from now is that it can be a place where people choose to live and choose to work. She wants it to be the long term care facility of choice for staff and residents. Rosedale is fortunate to be under new direction with an experienced and educated leader. Welcome to the New Germany area Debbie!



## Adult Learning Opportunities

Greetings to all New Germany and area residents!

We would like to inform you of learning opportunities for adults who are 18 and older and no longer in school. Adult Learning Opportunities is located in Bridgewater, across from Giant Tiger (in the same building as Nova Scotia Works). We have been offering our services in Lunenburg County for more than 25 years, and have been pleased to include some of your residents as participants!

One such participant is New Germany resident Harold Whalen. Retiring after many years of working in construction and on automobiles, Harold needed something to do. As a self-taught mechanic who worked in various parts of Canada, he now wished to learn more. He discovered our Adult Learning Opportunities Program in Bridgewater, and has never looked back. Harold has been learning about computers and other technology. One example is sending messages to his family; another is using Facebook Marketplace. He is presently learning keyboarding skills. Harold has also received certification for a course that he recently took to pursue a personal goal. He was very pleased to have been given help when needed.



Our programs run from September till June, and new learners are welcome to join throughout the year. There is no cost for participants.

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### *Reconnecting...*

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Do you know someone we might feature? Please get in touch, the contact information is on page 20.



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# NGRHS Egg Hatch

The Agriculture 11 class at New Germany Rural High School participated in a project to hatch chicken eggs at school recently. The incubator and twelve eggs were set up in Michael Wilson's classroom on April 22nd. The eggs were donated by Terri and Dwayne Foster. As the days went by, students helped monitor the eggs, candle the eggs to check for fertilization and growth, and to make sure the heat and humidity levels were ideal.

Unfortunately, when school was forced to lock down, the students were unable to continue the project in person. Mr. Wilson carefully moved the incubator using a power inverter to his home so the eggs could be



monitored and looked after. The Wilson girls, Clara, Audrey and Lydia were very excited to have the eggs at home and were fortunate to watch the chicks hatch and grow under the brood light. In the end, nine of the twelve eggs were fertilized and nine chicks hatched. Updates, photos, and videos were sent to students to keep them updated on the progress and once the chicks were growing nicely, they were sent to their new home in Stanburn.

Next year Mr. Wilson, students, and fellow staff hope to do another hatching in the school. They are looking into the possibility of hatching some ducks as well. They also hope to begin a new project for the school that will involve using students to build a chicken coop on site and eventually buy some laying hens by spring. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting project and learning experience for the students of NGRHS.



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# A New Bridge over the LaHave River

The New Germany Trail Bridge is coming along nicely. The plan is to have the bridge lowered in place on the South Shore Annapolis Valley Recreation Trail using a crane! We are still planning to have the bridge open for use this fall.

Donate! Become a Bridge Friend by donating \$100 to \$999, receiving a tax receipt and a beautiful, locally designed pewter keychain. Donations can be sent via the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville, B4V 7P4 with attention/memo: New Germany Trail Bridge or contact Councillor Cathy Moore 902-930-3062 or Councillor Michelle Greek 902-930-3064.



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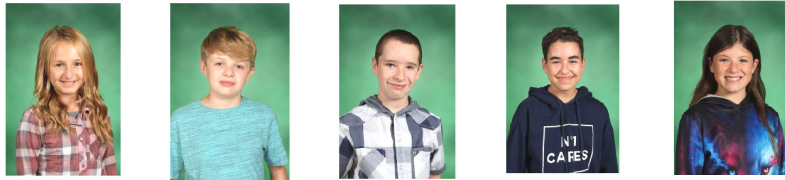
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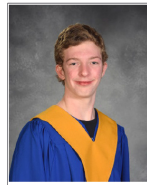
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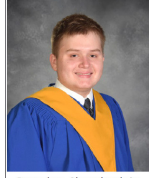
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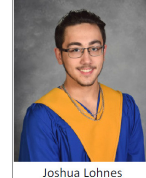
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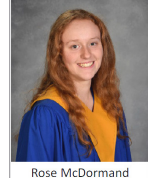
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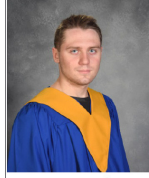
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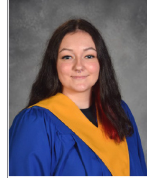
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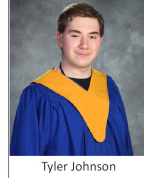
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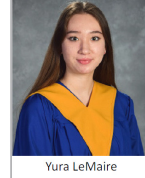
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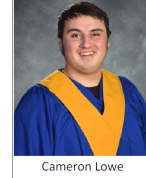
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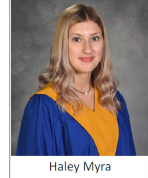
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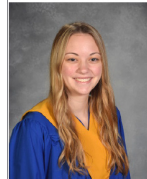
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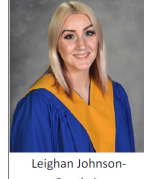
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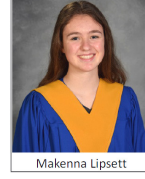
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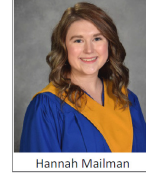
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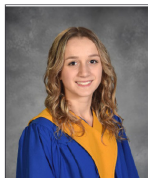
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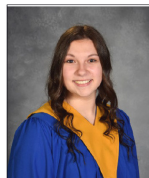
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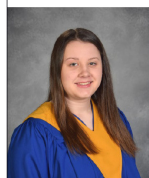
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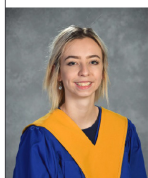
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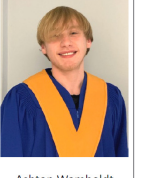
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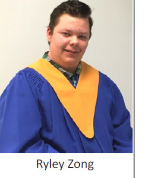
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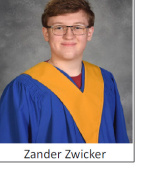
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# River Ridge Common News

River Ridge Common park is getting ready for both happy visitors and more growth in summer 2021.



After a busy winter with lots of people out enjoying all-season recreation, River Ridge Common is looking leafy green and prepared for lots of summer fun. The summer washroom facilities are now open for the season and being maintained daily.

Due to River Ridge Common's ever growing popularity the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg is planning to keep on expanding our park this year. The project list includes growing the network of singletrack trails, adding a parking and picnic area next to the South Shore Annapolis Valley Trail for Off Highway Vehicles and other trail users and more.

River Ridge Common has been a great place for safe outdoor community activities and healthy living during the time of COVID-19 and we continue to give thanks to the locals and visitors alike who have been out enjoying our park safely and responsibly.



Chalk box at River Ridge Common

## What's at the Museum?

Acquired from the former Mader's General Store, senna leaves were used as required for a laxative. The leaves were steeped in hot water and their effects could be increased by the addition of Epsom salts.



The Parkdale-Maplewood Community Museum is presently closed. Please email [p-mcm@hotmail.com](mailto:p-mcm@hotmail.com) Find us on facebook for more information about the 2021 season.



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- \*Confined Space
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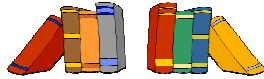
## South Shore Public Libraries Mobile Library

is presently doing curbside deliveries  
in Bars Corner @ Mader's General Store from  
1:00 to 1:15pm and New Germany @ Rosedale  
New Horizons Club 1:30 to 2:30pm every Tuesday.

As restrictions change they will return to in  
bookmobile service

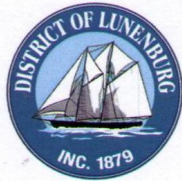
Check their website for updates and to order  
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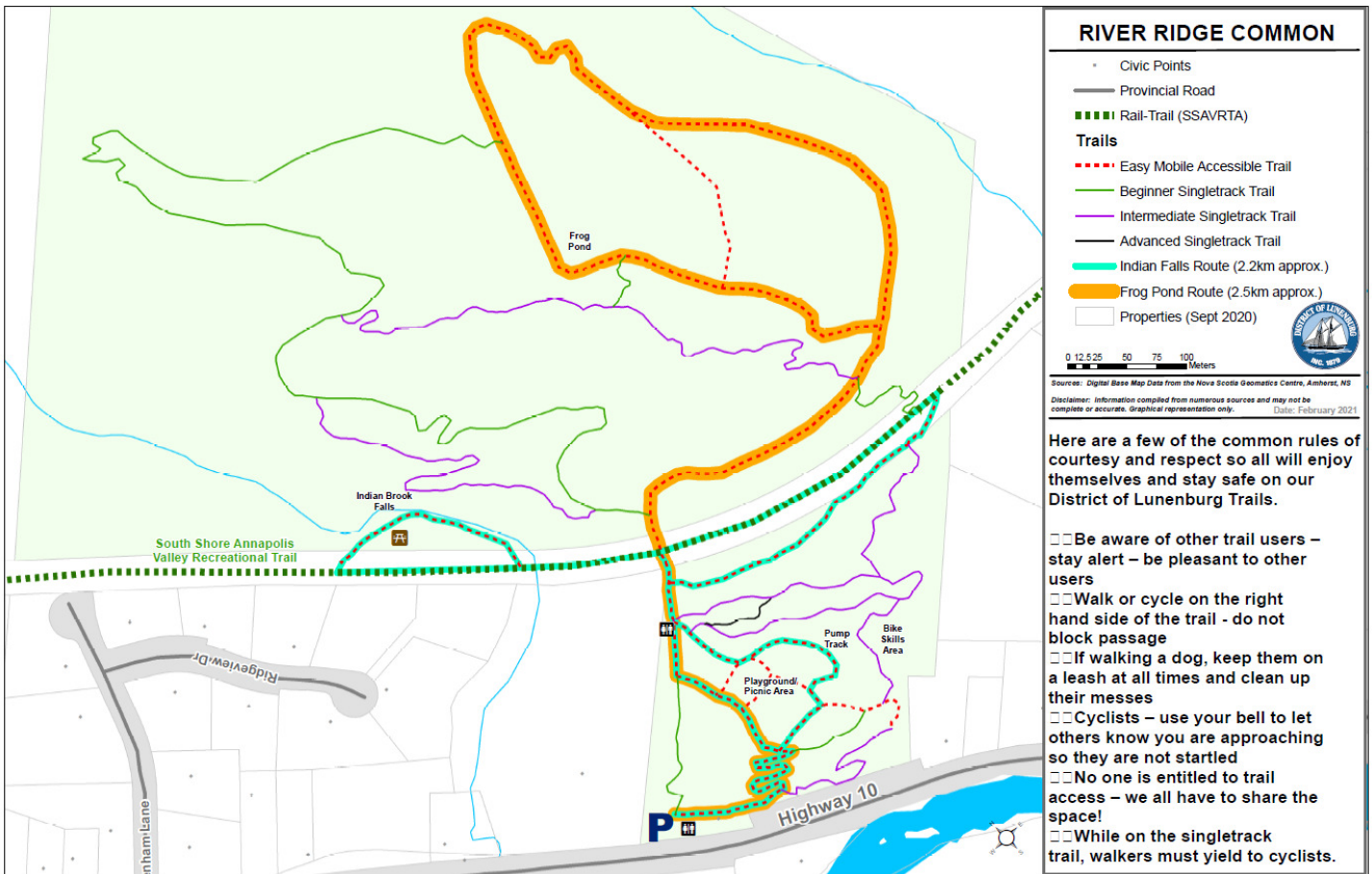
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## South Shore Public Libraries

SSPL's new bookmobile is near completion on site  
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to take delivery of the bus sometime soon.



# Reconnecting with Glen...Reconnecting with History

In 2007 Glen Veinot travelled to Dublin, Ireland on business and his Vice President of Operations, Derrick Bullock, showed him an Irish Stone Castle (probably built around 1200) and commented there was no structure that old in Canada.

That was a wake-up call that got Glen thinking about his community's history.

Two hundred years ago New Germany was basically wilderness with small bands of Indigenous people living peacefully. A few of the early European Protestant settlers who had arrived in Lunenburg in the 1750's had started to move inland along the LaHave River, but there was very little building going on until at least the early 1800's.

In 1999, Glen, with his wife, Anne-Marie, had travelled to Tyumen, Siberian Russia to adopt their daughter, Nikita. That's another whole story he'd be happy to tell you about! As part of that process Glen had started doing research on that Russian city, and was amazed at how much info he could find online.

Those two experiences in Ireland and Russia fueled his interest in the history of his local community, and his desire to see it shared.

He was hooked! Glen started researching the history of New Germany and how it became a village. It has taken him on an interesting path through old maps, old photos and land grants. His post secondary education as an electronic technician had trained him to troubleshoot and find faulty transistors, diodes and capacitors. Digging up history seemed similar to him. Always looking for something, one tangible, the other not so.

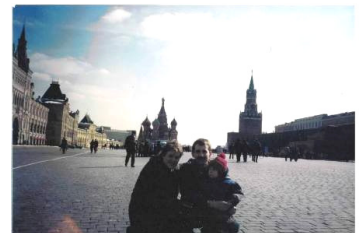
Glen was born, raised, and took all his public schooling in New Germany graduating as the Class Valedictorian in 1983. He lived in New Germany until 1992 when he and Anne Marie married, at St John-in-the-Wilderness Anglican Church at the foot of New Germany Lake where some of the first European settlers would have lived almost 200 years earlier. Glen's father, Bruce, was born in New Germany in the house where Glen also grew up. Glen still owns all of his dad's property in New Germany.

Glen says, "My mother was born and raised in Shelburne County and had the ability to remember much of her childhood growing up and would often recite the 'good old days' but this would bore my father. My father never routinely spoke of the past but as a child I always had a million questions. He would always answer my questions in detail and if he did not know the answer, he would try and find the answer. When my father passed away in 2007 I became close to my godfather John Feindel. Our telephone conversations often revolved about history of New Germany and I was amazed on how much John knew and remembered and how much I was interested in it."

When asked about who he's in contact with to add to his information and who else he knows to be passionate about our communities' history, Glen explains, "Apart from stories my late father told me my biggest sources of information comes three sources: my godfather John Feindel, my friend Rosemary Rafuse (Penney), and my online friend Lloyd Varner. John Feindel was born in 1937, his mother was my grandfather's sister. John taught school in New Germany and has an excellent memory. Rosemary is also a retired school teacher and a book of knowledge. Her mother and grandmother passed many local stories down to her and she, like John, has an excellent memory. Lloyd was born in New Germany but moved away to work. He also has an excellent memory of his youth in New Germany. I credit all three of them for triggering my interest. Lloyd was the first person to tell me my Veinot Grandmother had red hair. I only had black and white photos of her."

On the New Germany website ([newgermany.ca](http://newgermany.ca)) there is a growing collection of pictures and information about the area history. Mary Wagner, who has compiled a great deal of this, cites Glen as a frequent source of information and photos. Glen contributes a lot of the information and photos he gathers to his Facebook account as well and welcomes many 'friends' there.

Glen would encourage anyone interested in local history to start searching, asking questions. "The best way is to talk to your elders and then just start sourcing info any way you can by asking questions, searching the internet, understand how Google Advanced Search works, and how to use Government Databases. Genealogy is also good."



*Meeting Nikita*

There are lots of stories to be uncovered, we have a rich local history. There've been (and still are) lots of interesting characters in our area! In recent years, as in the past 200+ years, many people from a wide variety of places and backgrounds have moved to the area, brought many interesting stories with them and lead full lives here. There are many stories yet to be heard. I encourage you to ask and listen.

When I asked Glen for one of his favorite stories, here's what he told me about the first cell phone call in the New Germany area. "One of my favourites was the day MT&T got cell phone service in Bridgewater during 1988. We worked hard a few weeks getting the equipment all working correctly in a small building on top of a hill outside Hebbville. I drove around Bridgewater that day with a special phone measuring the signal strength and made sure the antennas were propagating correctly.

That evening I headed home to dad's house with the special phone with me. The system was not designed to serve New Germany, Bridgewater plus or minus 15km was the target. I wanted to be the first person to make a cell phone call to and from New Germany. I drove down the Osborne Road and parked in front of dad's 40 acre wood lot which is on the east side of the hill facing Bridgewater. The special phone had all kinds of signal so I initiated the call to dad's home phone. Dad answered and I remember him saying 'this thing is a lot clearer than that other thing you had that you can hear all over the scanner'.

I laughed and told him to now call me. I gave him the number but the Bridgewater cell phone exchange was now 527, not 543 so dad called the wrong number a few times only getting the last 4 digits correctly."

Should you meet Glen and ask him where he's from, "I always proudly say New Germany. I have the fondest memories of growing up, riding my bicycle all over New Germany, playing sports with my friends, school, our church, youth group, mowing lawns for the elderly, and hanging out with friends and family, either at their homes, or in front of the West End Esso. When I am asked my current postal code, I always have to think for a second as B0R1E0 is etched in my mind. Hammond Plains is B3Z1K8."

I've known Glen and his family since my early days teaching at New Germany Elementary, and it's been a pleasure to 're-connect'!

~Catherine Robar for NG Connections

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# Volunteering at the Freshmart

~ Greg Selig and Cathy Moore

It's been over a year since the COVID-19 pandemic has placed us in various lockdown modes, changing the way we live and volunteer. Despite new restrictions, there is an overwhelming response of kindness and altruism from people who wanted to help in any way they could. In fact the pandemic has taught us we are ready to help one another when we need it most.

That's why there are so many stories of volunteers stepping up to help their community directly.

Volunteering can benefit you and your community in several ways. Individually, volunteering can help you learn new skills and gain valuable experience. Volunteering has also been known to reduce the effects of social isolation. Meeting people in person is a challenge during COVID-19 times. On a community level, volunteering is beneficial when it comes to building a sense of social responsibility in your neighbourhood. In turn, this will only strengthen your understanding of the needs within your community. It's one of the best ways to meet your neighbours, which for Greg was seeing and talking to his former students and for Cathy it was communicating with her residents in person of course while masked and 6 ft apart.



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All the libraries are self serve, browse for a book and take it home, for as long as you want or forever. Feel free to leave a book as space permits.

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You will find some great summer reading at the little libraries.



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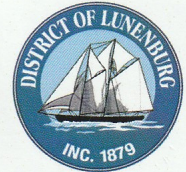
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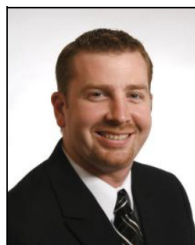
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After consultation of the members of the Canada Day Committee it is with heavy hearts and deep regret that we cancel the 2021 New Germany Canada Day.

Covid-19 and the variants associated with Covid-19 are the reason for cancellation.

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# School Shirts

The elementary students in our area are sporting new school tees. At West Northfield Elementary the School Advisory Council (SAC) gave one to each student and the Home & School Association purchased the tees at New Germany Elementary.



*Ethan (Primary) and Rowan (grade 4) Bolivar proudly wear their school tees.*

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# From the Lions Den

~Lion Deb Featherby

The third Covid wave has hit us pretty hard but like Lions in the jungle, New Germany & Area Lions just don't give up!

First, I have to correct an error in the last edition of Connections – somehow I managed to delete a word – the donation to the Rosedale Home for Special Care bus fund in memory of Lion Mike Crouse was for **five** thousand dollars.

We're still helping people in the community – in the last few months we've given over three thousand dollars to community members in need of help. We've donated two hundred to the Diabetes Tag Day, five hundred to SHAID Animal Shelter, five hundred to New Germany Rural High and a thousand dollars to the New Germany Area Promotion Society. We value the New Germany Connections newsletter and want to see it continue! Members also help with other groups as well and will be helping at the blood collection clinics on June 23-25 at the Best Western. You can book your appointment on line at blood.ca.



*Lions Margaret Eisenman and Melissa Eisner presenting a cheque for \$500.00 to SHAID manager Kelly Inglis*

Preparations for a giant yard sale are continuing, it is tentatively scheduled but will depend on restrictions on outdoor gatherings. Thank you to the many people who have donated goods for the sale or who have bought items posted on line. This will be a major fundraiser for the club.

The New Germany & Area Lions Club has taken on the lease for the Boat Launch area north of New Germany. Plans are underway to do some clean up and have three picnic table areas. We will have new signage and flag poles, as well as some new plants to provide colour and eye appeal. This is a major project but we want the area to be a source of pride for all of the surrounding communities and a great place to have a picnic with an area for the young, and young at heart, to play a little soccer or just to run around. And of course, launching your boat for a day of fishing is a great way to while away those summer hours! A big thank you to Terry Lohnes for tending to the grass at the Boat Launch – your help is so appreciated!

Lion Jesse is beautifying the planter by the Lions sign on the corner before the Anglican Church Hall. It is wonderful to have flowers blooming in the community to remind us that there is beauty in the world, even though these times are pretty depressing. It is also great to see so many homeowners tending flower and vegetable gardens. Thank you to them for providing the rest of us with pleasant surroundings that can bring a smile to our faces.

Our greatest source of pride this spring is the installation of Lion Valerie Gardiner's Book Nook on the main street in New Germany. Before Lion Val passed away she designed and promoted the idea and the club took it on. People in the communities can take a book, and if they want, leave a book. It will be stocked regularly and during these times, it's great to have a reading supply at hand. A second Book Nook will be installed in the Lower Branch area as well.

A highway clean up was held in April with members of the club cleaning up the roads around the community. Unfortunately, it was a success with many bags of garbage collected. We would be very happy not to provide this service if our ditches remained clean! Most of the items collected were cigarette packages, coffee/tea cups and styrofoam/plastic containers. Most of these items do not degrade and would remain in the ditches for years. Some are recyclable and can be put out on collection day. Since we carry shopping bags in our cars for use in local stores, it is easy to use one of them as a garbage bag which can be taken in with the groceries, sorted properly and returned to the car. It is important to note, that over the last few years, the amount of garbage in the ditches has been reduced – we're getting there!

Don't forget - the Lions club collects hearing aids, eyeglasses and sleep apnea machines, as well as postage stamps. (cut a border around the stamps and when you have some saved up call Lion Roger Carver at 902-644-2851). Donations are still accepted at the red bins in front of the Rosedale New Horizons building, of used clothing and small household items. Please make sure the items are clean, with no food items included.

If any member of our many communities requires assistance from the club, call Lion Pat, Health & Welfare Committee, at 902-644-3280. Lion Roger (902-644-2851) can be called for medical aids such as walkers.

Radio Bingo is up and running again so don't forget to buy your books from local merchants - it's a great way to support your Lions Club and possibly win some cash.

I know we are all anxious to return to normal times when we can breakfast at the Pinehurst Hall (I so miss those breakfasts) or a good sit down pork roast supper, but those days will come sooner if we remain strong. The people in the area are to be commended for following protocols and trying to keep everyone safe.



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