



# New Germany Connections

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## Community Events

- Bookmobile Tuesdays
- Community Café Thursdays
- Farmers' Market Fridays
- June 29 NGRHS Graduation
- July 1 Canada Day
- July 6 Intro to Fencing MODL
- July 9 Yard Sale Hemford
- July 11 Artist Extraordinaire MODL
- July 22 Intro to Boxing MODL
- July 23 Summer Break Party
- Aug 2 Master Chef MODL
- Aug 3 Mini Chef MODL
- Aug 8 - 19 Swim Lessons
- Aug 8 Noise & Rhythm MODL
- Aug 9 Noise & Rhythm MODL
- Aug 27 Movie Night
- Sept 5 Labour Day
- Sept 9 Bowling begins
- Sept 10 Movie Night

## Summer 2022

When you read this newsletter, our 60th, you will read about so much optimism, joy and just plain gratitude for where we live and what we are able to do and have in our lives.

We are not immune to all the trials and tribulations in the world. We have our share of miserable people, unhappy people, bored and rude people. Our community newsletter is an antidote to all that. It lets us know about some of the good that is happening in our community.

We get to celebrate our country without being bombed, we get to picnic in our parks (yes we are lucky to have choices) without the fear of exploding landmines from some forgotten conflict and all our children get to freely go to school without someone saying "no" to education. Our newsletter rejoices in all of these and more.

Let's focus on the good and ignore the naysayers!

**Thank you for reading our Newsletter.**

**The mission statement of New Germany Area Promotion Society is: "NGAPS will strive to create a sustainable and vibrant community where people and businesses are encouraged to thrive." We will achieve this mission by supporting communications and partnerships both within and outside our community.**

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# New Germany CANADA DAY 2022

Friday July 1st 2022 - Rain-date – Saturday July 2nd  
Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the day in New Germany

8:00 – 10:00am **Bake sale and Breakfast** at the Anglican Church Hall, 5311 Hwy 10, packaged container of a breakfast sandwich and hash browns, tea and coffee, eat-in or takeout \$5.00

Check the Canada Day facebook page or call Jill Russell 902-298-8899 for list of **Yard Sales** in the area.

9:00 –11:30am– Registration for **Ox Pull** – sponsored by Ultramar. Pulls begin at 12:30pm. Call Brian Nauss 902-212-0832.

12:30pm – Line up for **Street Parade** at NGES. **Parade begins at 2:00pm.** To register, call Sherry Russell 902-644-2116. Throwing of any item, including candy or promotional items, from floats or other parade entries is not allowed. Individual participants may walk in the parade and distribute these items person-to-person. Travelling over lower bridge from trunk 10 to elementary school has a weight restriction of 18 tons. Other accommodations will be made for floats over 18 tons.

4:00 – 10:00pm **Garden Party** - RC Legion Grounds. Mini Donuts, Nellie’s Bus and Curly Fries, Charlies Pizza Slices, Candy Apples, Cotton Candy and more. Colour Wheel, Face Painting, NG Lions Train etc.  
Bouncy Castle, Fish Pond, Blanket Wheel, Sucker Pull, Bean Bag Toss, Captain Hook \$2.00

5:00pm - **Musical Entertainment** – Entertainment and Sound provided by Winston Shatford \* Sweet Sounds \* Country Jam \* Barry Mack and Friends \* Mervin and Tracy \*B.J. Mackay \* Bonded Connection

10:00pm - **Fireworks** launched by New Germany Volunteer Fire Department.

Come back and celebrate with us! This year everything may not be like 2019 but we are doing our best to have fun!

Please watch for updates on [www.newgermany.ca](http://www.newgermany.ca) or visit our facebook page: New Germany Canada Day or call Cathy 902-644-2922 or cell 902-930-3062

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# Connect with Your Community

~ Tikvah Mindorff

On May 14th the New Germany Area Promotion Society (NGAPS) put forth an effort to formally welcome the many newcomers to the area. This event was spearheaded by the not-so-new CFA Ilona Hutchinson. She partnered with Greg Selig and NGAPS, the Community Café at the Anglican Hall and Tikvah Mindorff of Duskwood Farm to showcase what products, services and opportunities the area has to offer.

This included farmers like Honeywoofer Homestead, Soil Mates, Honeywood Farm, Down to Earth Acres and Rocky Moss Farm, representatives from the New Germany Legion, Lion's Club, Anglican Church and Baptist Church, local businesses like Soonih's Asian Cuisine, Oak Grove Yoga and Wellness, local author Bob Bent, 2 Papas Pizzeria, Nasturtium-the Shed Shop, the New Germany Freshmart and New Germany Home Hardware.

The event started at 10am and was an immediate success, welcoming over 90 attendees, even attracting the attention of Susan Corkum-Greek, MLA and MODL Councilors Cathy Moore and Michelle Greek. With the community café in its full glory, offering delicious, freshly baked desserts and hot and cold drinks, tantalizing door prizes donated by local businesses and face painting for the kids, it was a day full of positive energy and enthusiasm for our area.



Photos: Verena Weiss & Tikvah Mindorff

## South Shore Public Libraries Mobile Library

**Barss Corner** @ Mader's General Store from 1:45 to 2:15pm and **New Germany** @ Rosedale New Horizons Club 3:00 to 5:30pm every Tuesday.

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# Livewires 4-H

~Abbie Foster

These past few months have been very busy for our 4-H Club. Woodsmen and Tug Of War have started back up; we had our first woodsmen competition on May 7th at 4-H weekend. Our senior team placed third and our junior team came in fourth.



Tug of War takes place on Tuesday nights at the Maplewood Fair Ground. Pop out to watch us practice.



Ira Pettipas, Olivia Brown and Leah Greek with Regional Speeches and Ambassador

Some other results from 4-H weekend include, Ira Pettipas came in first with his speech, Leah Greek came in third as a thanker and Olivia Seamone Brown was the first runner up for the Senior Hostess. Congratulations to everyone who competed!



We have been told that the exhibition is a go this year and will run from July 26th-31st. We are all super excited to be able to finally show off our projects at the exhibition. Ride vouchers will soon be available to buy, please contact a member if you would like to purchase one. Due to the Avian Bird Flu the poultry/waterfowl project has also been suspended for this year to help prevent the spread of the flu.



County Ambassadors Lily Gregory and Olivia Brown

Our project leaders have been busy meeting with their members and many amazing projects are being planned.



Jeanette Pettipas, Nina Gregory & Terri Foster at National Leaders Summit

# NGES

Children not currently enrolled at New Germany Elementary School for September 2022 from grades Pre-Primary to grade 6, who reside within the NGES catchment area, can be registered by visiting our school website at [nges.ednet.ns.ca](http://nges.ednet.ns.ca). Please register as soon as possible. If you have questions please call the school at 902-644-5020.



# June News from the Legion

Hello and happy month of summer, it's been a long time getting to the nice weather. We had a really busy, productive May and we are thankful for all the support from the dance, the Spring Market, and the Breakfast! In June we've hit the ground running too with our General Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm (It's always the first Thursday of the month) and trivia with the quizmaster on the 3<sup>rd</sup> (it's always the first Friday of every month). Also, did you hear? We now offer debit at the Legion. So you can come and enjoy anything we have going on and not have to worry about finding a place to get cash. We are excited over this.

Now we get ready for July 1<sup>st</sup> - Where we are OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. That's right, we always welcome anyone in the door, but for this day you do not need to be signed in. So come in, enjoy the cool, sit down, play some cards, darts, pool, washer toss, watch TV, or whatever is on for a movie and make yourself at home. For food, we're still working the kinks and wrinkles out of it, but stay tuned to our FB and hopefully we can announce some exciting news from that area as well.

We have started a new fundraiser. We are asking local businesses to sponsor our trivia nights and that way the sales will be completely profit. Thank you Gary Mailman for May's sponsor and Cheryl Nichols Reflexology for June's. If you or your business would like to sponsor one of our trivia nights, please message our FB and we would love to spotlight you on our social media.

As always we thank the community for their support. We always welcome new members, new volunteers or just patrons to our events.



## New Germany Farmers' Market

Friday 2 - 6 PM \* June to Thanksgiving  
Across from St. John in the Wilderness  
Anglican Church (5325 Trunk 10)

farm-fresh seasonal produce, baked goods, honey, preserves, meats, eggs, personal care products, home decor, crafts and more!

**See you at the market!!**



### Want to be involved with New Germany Farmers' Market?

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# New Germany Rural High School News

~Jessica Fancy-Landry, Principal

As I sit down to write this message and reflect upon the 2021-2022 school year, I do so with a happy heart because I have the distinct pleasure of being the principal of this awesome school we call New Germany Rural High and getting to know people in the community. This year brought back a sense of normalcy. Even after having a stint of distance learning, we were still able to provide a wide range of experiences and opportunities to our students.

As the school year winds down, the events and end of the year celebrations are beginning to speed up! The lifting of restrictions has allowed us to once again engage with our community, which we are all thankful for. Whether it was cleaning up the road side litter with the local Reservists, our Agriculture 11 class working with members of the community to plan our Community Garden, and students helping out with our Front Yard Rejuvenation Project, the staff and students have kept busy. Our extracurricular activities are in full swing; showcasing all of the talent that this area has to offer.

As a school community we are working very hard with students on building a positive school culture and climate. Some of these engagement pieces have been bringing in special speakers, such as Karly Church and Moe Green, as well as starting initiatives such a Free2BU, and Healthy Relationships for Youth (HRY) peer mentoring programs. On the academic side of school, our students have completed their course requirements in their Advanced Placements Courses, we were chosen to participate in the PISA International Testing, and teachers participated in a Show and Share presentation where each highlighted the work they have completed this year during embedded (CLT) days for our school's School Advisory Committee.

As we enter the summer months, I know I will look back fondly on so many memories from this past school year. I hope that each and every student can and will do the same. Congratulations to the Grads of 2022!! Our NGRHS Motto is Carpe Diem, "Seize the Day." I also challenge all our NGRHS Grads as you embark on life after high school, to seize every opportunity and experience that awaits you.

Through it all, NGRHS students, families and staff remained resilient and persevered. We continue to strive for academic excellence while lifting one another up through the challenges that we faced as survivors of the COVID-19 pandemic.



**Hon. Susan Corkum-Greek,**  
MLA for Lunenburg

## New Germany Office Hours

*We will be available by appointment every second Friday*



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# West Northfield Elementary School

## Grade 6 grads of 2022!



Danielle Bolivar  
 Jolene Bolivar  
 Benjamin Brown  
 Caitlyn Brown  
 Robbie Budden  
 Rylan Burris  
 Kaylee Carter  
 Logan Coish  
 Tyson Cook  
 Aidyn Corkum  
 Nathan Corkum  
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 Sarah Porter  
 Ethan Robar  
 Eve Savoury  
 Cale Slauenwhite  
 Iain Wentzell  
 Kiptyn Woodsworth



# Class of 2022

## New Germany Elementary School



Veronica Arenburg    Levi Bezanson    Bentley Burgoyne    Ash Churchill    Christopher Goodwin    Peyton Guier



Bradley Horne    Caden Hubley    James Jesso    Dakota Lenihan    Rylie Lohnes    Caylee MacLean-Robar



Lily McGlone    Hugh Morey    Bella Mullen    Sydney Munro    Jesse Patterson    Ira Pettipas



Collin Robar    Alexa Sanford    Tyson Silver    Sadye Simpson    Cyrus Smith    Quinn Smith



Noah Trotter    Keely-Dawn Veinot    Cierra Wentzell    Laken Wentzell    Hayden Zinck



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# New Germany Rural High School Congratulations Grade 12 class of 2022



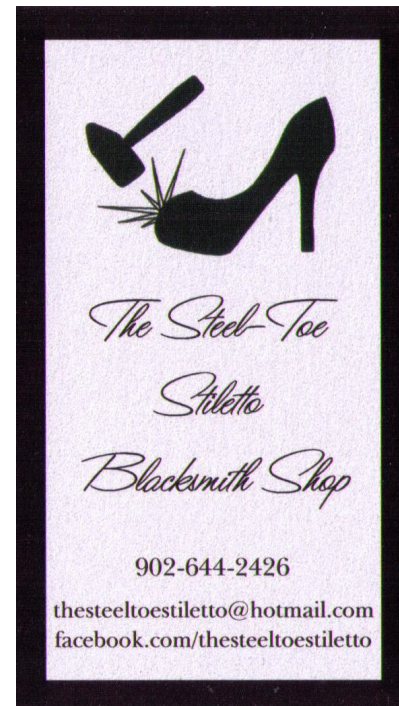
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# Of Note...

Congratulations to Jaylene Nauss and Evan Gibson, this year's Lieutenant Governor Education Medal winners from New Germany Rural High School. Grade 11 students are nominated by their school based on academic performance and qualities of leadership and service demonstrated in their school and community.



At the ATV Association of Nova Scotia Annual General meeting, Central Nova ATV Club president Dave Whycott was awarded the 2022 ATVANS Volunteer of the year. Central Nova is our local ATV club and Dave is one of the driving forces behind our new trail bridge over the LaHave River.

A poem by local author Jan Fancy Hull, "Moss Meditations", has won the Nova Writes Rita Joe Poetry Prize operated by the Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia.



<https://writers.ns.ca/award/nova-writes-result-2022>

*Pictures ~ Facebook*



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## Connecting in our Communities

In 1851 Queen Victoria granted a one hundred acre lot of land to a James William Veinot in what was at the time called Ohio. Veinot's ancestors had arrived in Lunenburg almost one hundred years earlier with the group of 'Foreign Protestant' families invited to settle in Nova Scotia with the promise of free land in exchange for loyalty to the British Crown. As the group grew they expanded inland and the communities of Lunenburg County had their beginnings.

A history project by a grade ten student at the Hemford School in 1953-54, Elinor Freeman, explains that James Veinot, her great grandfather, came with his family from Midville Branch and first built a tent home by a large rock. This was soon replaced by a log cabin under a willow tree, and then the first frame house in Hemford. The first homesteads were built on hills so they could see each other's lights and smoke.

Soon other families arrived .... names like Snyder, Dorey, Russell, Silver, Wile, Mailman, Crouse, Wagner, Zwicker, Smith, Payne, Freeman and the work of building a community began. The next fifty years, saw the beginnings of stores, a school, post office, mills, a church, a cemetery, an undertaker. Sadly, the first two people buried at what became Hemford Cemetery were two children who died of scarlet fever.

At some point, in the early 1900's, the name was changed to Hemford, "said to be named thus because it was bounded by two "fords"" which are now West River Bridge and Smith Bridge which are our boundaries. The "Hem" was taken from the hemlock trees". (B Embree Veinot)

The first train, the 'Halifax and South Western' went through in 1903 and rail service from New Germany to Caledonia continued until the 1970's. The community benefitted greatly from the railroad and the railroad was well supported by the community. Often when there had been a heavy snowfall, the men of the community were summoned by the ringing of the church bell to gather to clear the heavy drifts so the train could get through.

I suspect there were many times when the men were called out as well to help build, maintain, clear the dirt roads that connected the communities; I'm sure there was rejoicing in the fifties when Highway 208 was paved. Probably as there was rejoicing when telephone service and electricity "came through".

By the early 1900's Hemford had become a bustling and well serviced community and continued to be so for many years. Rosemary Wile explains that when she first moved to Hemford as a young bride, even in the 70's, you could buy meat from Harold Barkhouse, Ron Crouse delivered milk, Wagner's Store and Mailman's Store provided most household and hardware needs, pretty much everything else could be gotten mail order from Sears delivered to your door through the local post office. Medical services were available in nearby New Germany through Dr's Crowe and Cunningham (who also made house calls) and dental services through Dr Lent.

Social life flourished as an IOOF was established, a Women's Institute, a Community Hall hosted suppers, card parties, pie socials, wedding receptions, and Christmas concerts. For some years, the younger school grades met at the Hall.

The church and community were closely tied as they gathered to worship and also to socialize, to help each other with farm and building projects, to support each other as their families enlarged, to celebrate life's milestones together and to uphold each other through the hardships and griefs of life.

At various times there was a Sunday School, a Vacation Bible School, a Church Ladies' Group, a church sponsored teen group -Young Peoples' Group, ball games, skating parties and many conversations as folks gathered in the local stores. A yearly event looked forward to was the Annual Sunday School Picnic - for many years this involved a crowd of children and adults driven on the back of a pickup truck(s) to Lake William or Springfield Lake where there would be relays and games, swimming and picnic foods!



Many of these buildings and gatherings are no longer, but there is still a pride in the community and a desire to continue to build community with both longtime residents and those new to the area.

Marjorie (Snyder) and Donnie Russell who have lived most of their lives in the area, spoke to me about the energy and community spirit of the **Fire Department**. It was established in 1952 which makes this a 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year! It has benefitted from the dedication of many volunteers over the years and serves Simpson's Corner, Hemford, Nineveh and Colpton. Along with the much needed work of fighting fires and serving as medical first responders, there are social gatherings and fundraisers - suppers, card parties, bingo, penny auctions.



Jolene Mailman has worked tirelessly with a team from the community to establish the Garber Family **Community Playground**. It's in the centre of the community and is a great place for parents to bring their children to play. There are plans to add a few things that will appeal to older youth. On **July 23<sup>rd</sup> Noon to 4pm**, there will be a **Summer Break Party**. All are welcome to join them for some organized games for all ages, face painting, bouncy castle, hot dogs, cotton candy, sounds like fun. Right next to the playground is **Emmanuel United Church** which has been in the community since 1886. Ron Freeman, a former organist there, tells us they meet for two services monthly (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays 9:30am). They also support community projects including the area Food Bank, the School Breakfast Program, Meals on Wheels. Hemford has a rich and interesting history. If you're new to the area (or even if you're not) reach out to meet your neighbours, drop in at community events, listen to the stories and tell yours. We all benefit as we get to know each other and as we find ways to work together.

*Many thanks to Rosemary Wile, Marjorie & Donnie Russell, Jolene Mailman, Ron Freeman for their info and stories. Thanks to Ron for sharing the genealogy compiled by Betty Embree Veinot, "One Veinot Line"*

*~Ever enjoying the rich stories of our communities, Catherine Robar*




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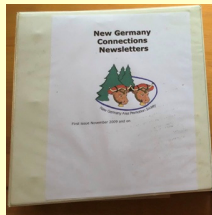
## Community Café

Is open Thursday mornings 9 to 11am, at St John's Anglican Church hall (5311, Hwy 10) with coffee, tea, muffins and other treats, Wi-Fi and great conversations.

There is no charge but donations are gratefully accepted. The Café has supported several community groups this year.

Everyone is welcome to join in. There is a sign up sheet if you would like to lend a hand either at the serving window or with providing some of the morning treats.

Also available at the Café is a binder with all the paper copies of New Germany Connections. It can be borrowed for a week, just check the instructions inside.



## Indian Falls Park

The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg's Indian Falls Park gates are open dawn to dusk for the season! The park is home to a new, accessible trail (approximately 0.5 km), looping from the parking lot, with a view of the falls and back to the parking lot. The stairs leading to the waters edge are found off of the trail. Dogs on leash are welcome in the park. A second porta-potty and a new waste sorting station have been added to the picnic area of the park.

Grab your camera, pack a picnic, and wear your bathing suit (if you're adventurous in the water), for a beautiful day at Indian Falls Park, 1585 Newburne Road.



Michelle Greek photos

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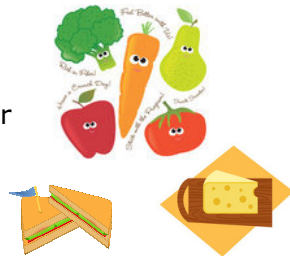
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*Hao (Vietnam), Matilde (Chili), Bianca (Brazil), Lea (France), Natsuki (Japan) and School Ambassador Jaylene.*

Hi, I'm **Bianca**, I am Brazilian, I'm 17 years old and have been living in Nova Scotia for four months. Here are some of the reasons why I chose and like Nova Scotia so far: one of the reasons I really like staying in the New Germany catchment area is that people are so kind and friendly with everybody. They are extremely polite in a good way, something that I don't see every day living in a big city in my country. I love the way teachers and students help international students. They are supportive and patient. I need to confess, I'm not the biggest fan of cold weather, but seeing the snow is something that I really enjoyed here. It makes me feel a little bit "Canadian" and living a "Canadian lifestyle" for a period of time. I love my host family, they have been so nice with me since the first day! I really enjoy my house and going out with my friends. The best part about Nova Scotia is that I could make friends from all over the world and learn about different cultures and a little bit of their languages. I will carry in my heart forever the feeling of being an international student in Canada. Living here made me notice that the world is a lot more than I thought it was. Also I get to know more about myself and what I want for my life.

I'm **Lea** and I'm from France. I've been living here in Nova Scotia for nine months. What I like about Nova Scotia is how close we are to nature. Coming from a big city, I wasn't used to seeing so much greenery. I also enjoy living in a small town because everybody knows each other. That's what I like about our school, everybody is so friendly, even the teachers! I also really enjoyed getting to know the other International students and Canadian students. It's always fun to compare everybody's lifestyle depending on their countries.

My name is **Hao** and I am from Vietnam. I'm in grade 11 and I am an international student. I chose Nova Scotia to study because my brother was in the NSISP Program and is studying at university in Halifax. I was told that Nova Scotia is a good place to live and learn new things. I feel peaceful when I live here and the people around are also friendly too.

My name is **Matilde** and I am from Chile. I chose Nova Scotia because when I was looking for different places to study and live abroad. When I saw the photos of Nova Scotia I fell in love with nature and because it is surrounded by the ocean. I'm a really big fan of water. The best part is that when I got here I could see how beautiful it is in real life, I love living surrounded by nature and by incredible people, like my house family, who were great from the first day I met them. Also I really enjoy living in a small town because everyone is very friendly. My experience has been incredible, I have met spectacular people and I have made incredible experiences.

My name is **Natsuki** Inagaki and I am from Tokyo, Japan. I wanted to come to Canada to experience learning in English and to make new friends. The thing I like best about New Germany is how super friendly people are. A new experience for me was Easter and having an egg hunt. I love Easter! While I live here I want to improve my English and talk to lots of people.

Thanks to the NSISP program, our host families and the school, we have been able to meet new people, explore new cultures and improve our English. Without our wonderful host families, who have opened their hearts and their homes to hosting us these experiences would not be possible. There are many international students who want to come to Nova Scotia to live, study and make their own Canadian memories. We would love to have these students attend New Germany Rural High School. If you would like to host an international student or find out more information to make a student's dream come true, please contact Eva Cook at 902-521-8532 or email [cook@ssrce.ca](mailto:cook@ssrce.ca)

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## What's at the Museum?



This wheel was used to measure around the rim of a wagon wheel. Freeland Minard, who used this wheel, operated a Blacksmith Shop across from Mader's Store in Barss Corner in 1909. In one year Mr. Minard serviced 103 pairs of oxen. He then bought spokes and other wood and fit the metal rims, fashioned at his forge and anvil to be used in wagon work.



Parkdale-Maplewood Community Museum is open for the

season. Open hours:

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## New Germany Mixed Bowling League

~Deb Featherby, President

The New Germany Mixed Bowling League ended a great season on May 6! The teams were able to play all season by following pandemic protocols and were very happy to get out on a Friday night to knock down some pins. High singles for the season were scored by Jane Sawler and Blaine Moffatt, with Cathy Whynot and Blaine Reeves getting high pinfall. The winning team in both the regular season and playoffs was the Misfits, lead by Greg Trethewey. His teammates, Corey White, Tanya White, Nick Whynot, and Coby Joudrey were a powerhouse.



Bowling for the Friday night league will begin again on September 9th. If you would like to form a team and become part of the league call League President Deb Featherby at 902-521-7791. We would like to welcome back any of our old regulars too. If you are an individual who would like to play, call and we will try to place you on a team. The League is always looking for spares as well, for an occasional night, so let the president know if you would like your name added to that roster.

It's great fun, with a little competition thrown in. What better way to spend a Friday night!



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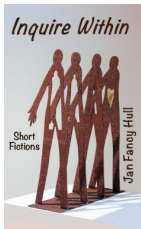
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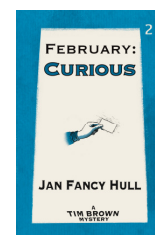
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**And don't forget to check out our MODL Recreational Sports Programs!**

For any additional details on any of our programs check out the Summer 2022 Recreation Guide!



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# Introducing Newcomers Tikvah and Tyler

~Interview by Nancy Radcliff

Looking at our community through the eyes of newcomers can remind us to appreciate the things we already have. Listening to their observations and ideas, can make us excited about the things yet to come.

Some people look at boulders and see heavy, immovable obstacles. Tikvah Mindorff looks at boulders and sees beauty. "There are boulders here that are taller than me," she exclaims. "This is like a provincial park!"

She's referring to the 20-acre former tree farm she and partner Tyler Simpson purchased in Simpson's Corner last July. (The name is a happy coincidence.) The couple moved from south-eastern Ontario to create an off-grid sustainable farm and butcher shop, and escape the trappings of consumerism. "You go to work to make money and you go home to spend money. That's it. That's all you do," Tikvah says. "But here we realized so many people in Nova Scotia don't have to live within those confines."

And that's just one of many differences she's noticed. The couple expected to find "a smaller version of Ontario," but discovered a much different place and pace of life. People are "more reasonable," she adds. "Even at work, people are allowed to be sick, they're allowed to have family stuff come up, they're allowed to not come in if the roads are too dangerous to drive on in the winter. That's not a thing in Ontario."

"We came with our Ontario assumptions that we're going to have to hustle really hard to make anything happen, but it's easier to live here."

As we walk nearly two kilometres of logging road to reach their property, Tikvah hopes I won't be disappointed by what they've accomplished to date. On the contrary. In only 10 months, the couple built a barn, removed many boulders from the road, dug ditches to improve drainage, constructed a goat pen from scrap materials, planted a perennial food garden and started work on a duck pen and pond - all by hand. Tikvah is also in the process of digging a five-foot-deep hole using only a crowbar and a mixing bowl. She's making a Nordic spa - a concrete hot tub that will be heated by wood fire.

The couple did all this and more without electricity, living in a camper and hauling supplies by sled or ATV. They also work other jobs. Tikvah does bookkeeping and office work at DeLong Farms, and operates a small business helping farmers adapt their accounting to incorporate online sales. She also manages social media accounts to share their experiences developing "Duskwood Farm," including a blog and podcast called "2 Kids Off Grid."

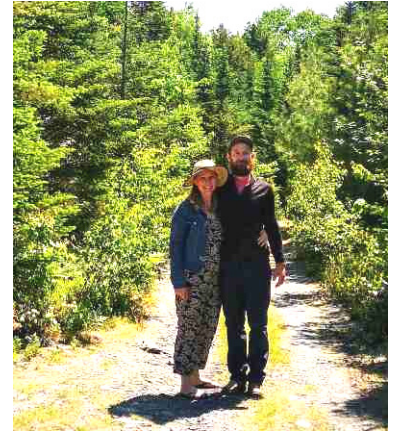
Tyler works as a cooper at Ross Farm Museum, where he's learned to make barrels, snowshoes, buckets and maple syrup using traditional techniques. He previously worked as a carpenter and learned butchering skills working seven years at his parents' butcher shop and smokehouse in Kentville, Ontario. They gave him all their equipment when they retired. It's ideal for off-grid use.

It's the variety that excites Tikvah about their new life. "Farmers get to do so many different things. There are not many jobs that enable you to do that," she says, noting she admires farmers for their passion, work ethic, and creative problem solving. "We just want to hang out with farmers. That's all we want to do."

Tikvah admits meeting locals has been challenging, but she's grateful to neighbours Nancy and Garnet Veinot for their kindness and hospitality. "They sort of adopted us," she says. Tikvah and Tyler also befriended other like-minded New Germany-area newcomers. "What a coincidence that we're all so similar, and we found ourselves here, but we're from all over the country."

The group has begun talking about how to use their diverse skills to enhance community resilience. "With climate change, if things get worse and supply chains are further disrupted, then working together is in each of our self-interest. And if we do it now when everything is still kind of functional, then we'll already have a framework that is ready."

Tikvah predicts the current in-migration of young people to Nova Scotia will someday "be seen as a social phenomenon in Canadian history." Although Nova Scotia's pace of life and environmental priorities, such as curbside composting, came as a surprise, they quickly made them feel at home. "We didn't know any of this before. We come here and we're like, 'we belong in this province.'"



*Tikvah Mindorff and Tyler Simpson are ambitiously off-grid at Duskwood Farm*



## New Germany & Area Medical Centre Association

The Board of Directors for the Medical Centre are responsible for the upkeep of the building and grounds. Plowing and salting in the winter; mowing in the summer. In addition, the Board pays for power, phone services, taxes, cleaning and insurance, while maintaining heating and cooling systems.

The Board regularly inspects the building and grounds noting areas that need improvement or repair. Last year two new windows were installed in the Centre, in rooms without natural light, and the exterior of the building was painted. During the coming months some areas of the interior will be painted.

Although the building itself is the priority for the Board, its members are also looking for ways to promote the Medical Centre and the New Germany area. We are hopeful to have a foot care specialist at the Centre on a regular basis and to increase the number of medical practitioners by working with recruiters with Nova Scotia Health.

The Board meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month and we welcome new members at any time. We were sorry to have **Wilfred Hull** retire from the Board after many years of service to the Centre and we want to say a huge "thank you" to him for his many years of volunteering.

Memorial donations provide some of the funding for the Board and we were also saddened to have **Vivian Meisner** retire this year. Vivian has been taking donations for the Centre since 1993 and she deserves a huge "thank you". If residents wish to make a regular or memorial donation to the Centre, they can mail it to Box 128, New Germany, or drop it off at 4923 Hwy 10, where the treasurer, Deb Featherby will be pleased to accept your donation on behalf of the Board.

The Board would like to thank all those in the community who supported our "Two Grand in the Hand" fundraiser and who continue to support the Centre through their donations.

~ Deb Featherby, Treasurer



## River Ridge Common News

The second phase of singletrack trail development should open entirely sometime in the first week of June, completing a ten-kilometre network of dirt trails for all season use by walkers, runners, hikers, mountain bikers and snowshoers, in addition to the existing easy gravel trails throughout the park. Watch for new and updated signs and maps throughout the park to show the way as the new trails open up to the public.

Mountain Bike Atlantic added River Ridge Common as a featured Nova Scotia riding area on their website at [mtbatlanti.com](http://mtbatlanti.com). Check out the site for a short professional video of the park's highlights, including some great drone footage.

The Off-Highway Vehicle parking and picnic area, next to the South Shore Annapolis Valley Trail, is next on the list for development. Work on this site will start this summer and will feature a new picnic spot and edible forest planted fringe. MODL is also currently working on a design to add more parking facilities to RRC.

Some students and teachers from New Germany Rural High recently had spirit day activities in the park, hitting the trails on the school's new mountain bikes. There are plans to keep local students involved at RRC, including group mountain bike rides and volunteer trail building activities.

The playground area washrooms are now open for the warmer seasons.

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# From the Lions Den

~Lion Deb Featherby

Our Lions motto is "WE SERVE" and it is the reason we exist – to serve our communities and beyond. In the last few months we have helped purchase specialized hearing aids for a youth, purchased a helmet for a youth with epilepsy, helped purchase oil for a family in need,



Lion Deb Featherby presented a cheque to students Chris Beeler and Tyler Mailman who are part of the high school's O2 program.

donated to Souls Harbour, to a family who experienced a fire, to the high school's O2 program to help with their project, to Diabetes Nova Scotia and to Pinehurst Hall. These are the reasons we spend many hours organizing fund raisers and we are happy to do it.

Several Lions did the annual road side clean up in early May – only a few bags of garbage were collected. There has been such an improvement in the amount of garbage in the ditches and speaks so well of how responsible our community members are. Thank you for caring.

The Boat Launch and Day Use Park is coming together. The new sign has been erected. We encourage people to use the park, not just for launching boats but for picnics and get-togethers.



We have one picnic table in place and will soon have two more. New flag poles have arrived and will be installed shortly. The park is a spot for relaxing, fishing and just enjoying the beauty of our area. In order to keep the park as a welcoming place, we ask that users take their garbage/recyclables with them so they can be properly disposed of. There is a container on site to dispose of used fishing line.

As we continue to, hopefully, work our way out of the pandemic, we will be getting back to many of our previous activities. A Penny Auction and Merchandise Bingo were held in May – it was great to see so many people out and to see the smiles on faces as people got together. The Lions appreciate the support shown for our activities.

The Lions club is still collecting hearing aids, CPAP machines, eyeglasses and postage stamps (cut a border around the stamps). Donations are accepted at the red bins in front of the Rosedale New Horizons building, of used clothing and small household items. We receive a commission for collecting these items.

Don't forget to buy your bingo books from local merchants for Wednesday night bingo on CKBW radio. It's an easy way to support the Lions and you don't even have to leave home. Put your feet up, grab a cup of tea and your dauber!

If any member of our communities requires assistance from the club, call Lion Pat, Health & Welfare Committee, at 902-644-3280. Youth groups who need assistance to promote their activities can also contact any member of the club.



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## Janis Rides

Janis Power has been cycling for several years with the Great Cycle Challenge Team to raise money for Kid's Cancer Treatment and Research because cancer is the largest killer of children from disease in Canada and that about 1,700 children are diagnosed with this horrible disease every year.

In 6 years since starting this challenge \$30,858,245 has been raised! This August Janis will be riding again with a goal of covering 600kms during the month and raising as much money as possible. Fundraising includes bottle collection and donations in exchange for plants, seeds, puzzles, books. If you would like to help out, bottles/cans can be dropped off at the Enviro Depot on the Copeland Road, New Germany (be sure to tell them that you want to donate the money to Janis Power's Ride for Cancer. She has an account set up there) or at her house, 36 Barss Corner Road, New Germany (Greg Selig).

The plants, seeds, puzzles and books are available at her home as well. Of special interest might be the Swamp Milkweed (Butterfly Bushes). These bushes attract Monarch butterflies. If you keep an eye on them you will find the egg and then be able to watch as it develops through the stages and finally emerges as a beautiful butterfly! It's amazing to witness and a great educational experience for children. If you would simply like to make a donation a link will be available to do so online or drop off at the house. Contact either Janis or Greg via messenger or call 902-644-2153. Please leave a message. Thank-you for your support! From Janis, Greg, and all the kids fighting this horrible disease.



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