



New Germany Connections

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Community Events

- Bookmobile Tuesdays
- Community Café Thursdays
- Farmers' Market Fridays
- June 30 Karaoke NG Legion
- July 1 Canada Day in New Germany
- July 5 Pickleball MODL
- July 7 Trivia NG Legion
- July 10 Bingo Night MODL
- July 15 Breakfast P/M Hall
- July 15 Penny Auction P/M Museum
- July 17 Creativity Corner MODL
- July 17 Outdoor Explorers MODL
- July 20 NGAPS Meeting
- Aug 2 Artists Extraordinaire MODL
- Aug 8 Outdoor Adventures MODL
- Aug 14 Imagination Station
- Aug 15 Coffee House MODL
- Sept 2 Walden Bash
- Sept 13 Blueberry lunch, P/M Museum

Summer 2023

"The value of an ordinary day."

Often we don't appreciate the ordinary days, the days we can walk on one of our wonderful trails or spend time in our local River Ridge Common or Indian Falls parks. Soon we will be swimming in New Germany Lake or at MushaMush Beach Park.

Spending time with our neighbours at the Farmers' Market, Community Café, or the Parkdale Maplewood Museum; the everyday interactions that we sometimes take for granted.

We are fortunate to have these "ordinary" choices because this is the community where we live.

We have this spring and over the past few years come to realize that an ordinary day is to be celebrated just as much as an extraordinary day such as Canada Day! Sometimes an ordinary day is all we need.

We are pleased to offer you our Newsletter and thank you for reading.

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

Saturday July 1st, 2023 - Rain date Sunday July 2nd
Bring your lawn chair and sunscreen.

8:00 – 10:00 am - **Breakfast at the Anglican Hall** packaged container of a breakfast sandwich and hash browns, tea, coffee, eat-in or takeout \$6.00.

10:00 **Children’s Parade at Rosedale Home for Special Care** sponsored by New Germany and Area Lions Club. Contact Lion Pat Wentzell 902-212-2471

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

12:30 pm – Line up for **Street Parade at NGES. Parade begins at 2:00pm.** To register, call Sherry Russell 902-644-2116. Cash prizes sponsored by Terry Lilly Construction. Candy and promotional items must be passed not thrown from parade entries. 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.



3:00pm – 10:00pm **Garden Party - RC Legion Grounds.** Patticake the Clown and Balloon Animals-- Mini Donuts, Nellie’s Bus, Curly Fries, Turkey Burger, Charlies Pizza Slices, Sizzle Sticks Restaurant, Snow Cones, Canada Day Novelties and Glow products, Cotton Candy, Nachos, Candy Apples, Popcorn, Ice cream, Face Painting, NG Lions Train etc.

TICKETS are required for the following games:

Bouncy Castle, Fishpond, Blanket Wheel, Plinko, Fidget Spin Game, Bean Bag Toss, Captain Hook.

1 TICKET \$2.00 - 3 TICKETS \$5.00 - 10 TICKETS \$15.00 - 20 TICKETS \$25.00

Sold at the Red Ticket Booth on the grounds.

4:00 pm - **Musical Entertainment** – Gibby Munro & The Desperadoes, Bonded Connection, then ROCK IT! with Weather Advisory.

10:00pm – Best **Fireworks** around! ---launched by New Germany Volunteer Fire Department.

Pending Provincial Restrictions

Thank you to all the monetary sponsors for this event – Listed on the grounds July 1st.

Please watch for updates on our Facebook page: New Germany Canada Day or call Cathy 902-644-2922 or cell 902-930-3062

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His desire to improve his community was his motivation.



task!), planting in the spring, watering in the summer and filling them with seasonal cheer in the winter. This year the flower transplants were donated by the **Freshmart**, a great supporter of our community. Please enjoy watching them grow and adding beauty to our community.

With support from several volunteer contributors, NGAPS offers you this newsletter four times a year. We have been asked about funding and here are the financials from last year:

Newsletter income from ads:	\$4,640.
Donations:	\$1,240.
Total newsletter income:	\$5,880.
Newsletter expenses: Printing and postage	\$7,895.19
Loss on newsletter for the year	-\$2015.19



There have been recent price increases on paper and this year the cost of the postage has gone up.

Any community member who wishes to join NGAPS is welcome. Watch our website & Facebook page for dates and times of meetings.



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An Evening with "The Lady in White"

~Emily Bowers

There is a comfort that comes with community, with seeing friends and neighbours in the grocery store or at the farmers' market. The familiarity of routines and expected encounters, which is even more appreciated now, when the memories of lockdowns aren't ever far away.

But what greater fun to be had when those friends and neighbours shake off their day jobs and slide into costumes, into personas that are so unlike what we expect of them, that the characterizations alone are enough for an evening of comedy.



And on top of that, we have Heather Veinotte's reliably entertaining words, her well-placed quips and well-cast actors that know just the right inflection to use when delivering their lines.

"The Lady in White" was based on one of the stories in Heather's latest collection, "Before the Dawn". Jonathan Crouse, radio host and one of the play's stars, said when most authors

launch a book, they'll sit in a corner and read some excerpts. Not Heather Veinotte, he said, who wrote a play to launch her new collection of stories. Heather had her audience laughing knowingly at local-knowledge lines and jokes, at characters who were familiar and fun plot twists that brought continuous comedy.

Running for just two nights in late April at the Northfield District Fire Department's hall, the play was not only a fundraiser for the schools of northern Lunenburg county, but also a chance to sample goodies from the upcoming Hummingbird Cafe. Jay Robar's selection of nibbles served by the in-character cast after the show was a welcome treat that got us looking forward to the cafe's soon-to-be opening in New Germany.



Community is a comfort, and Heather's play brought us comfort at just the right time.

Community Café

The Community Café continues at the Anglican Church Hall (5311 Highway 10, New Germany) and is open from 9:30 until 11:30 every Thursday morning.

There is hot coffee, tea (juice for the young ones) and a selection of baked goodies. All this is free, but there is a donation jar; give what ever you can.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers at the café and the bakers who supply the tasty treats.

The Anglican Hall is also home to a Community Cupboard where you will find food stuff such as pasta, sauces, canned meat and personal toiletries. All is free to anyone in need. Donations to the Community Cupboard can be made at the Café on Thursday mornings.



Farmers' Market 2023

NG Farmers' Market

~Tikvah Mindoff

Something magical is happening in New Germany every Friday night – it's the revamped, revived and reimagined Farmers' Market at the Anglican Church Hall from 2-7 pm!

This isn't your run-of-the-mill market either – we've spiced things up by bringing in live music by local artists to serenade you while you shop for your fresh vegetables from our Monks at the Goose Chase Monastery, some plants from Down to Earth Acres for your garden, a delicious smelling candle from Lisa at the Coconut Box or some treats for your pup with DD Dog Treats. You might realize you are a bit hungry, so you enjoy fresh sushi from Soonih's Asian Kitchen while sitting comfortably at a table in the shade of the beautiful maples outside. Ending the evening on a strong note, you finish off your week with a decadent piece of chocolate cake by Jay of the upcoming Hummingbird Café or/and (let's be real) some freshly scooped ice cream from Duskwood Farm grabbing some sausages and burgers for your weekend grill. And while you enjoy this hodgepodge of local talent, your children or grandchildren can be entertained by the magnificent Maggie Oickle, who generously provides an interactive play space for children of all ages – including face painting! Sound dreamy? All this and more can be found weekly every Friday night now until Thanksgiving. Join us!

If you want to get in on this fun, we are still accepting vendors, musicians and volunteers to join us in the operation of the market. You can join as a market member for \$25 per year. Vendor fees are \$15 per week for members and \$20 per week for non-members. If you want to learn more about how to get involved at the market, please email us at newgermanyfm@gmail.com

The New Germany Farmers' Market is made possible by a team of volunteers, the support of the New Germany Area Promotion Society and the wonderful community at the Anglican Church Hall. We owe our thanks to the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg for supporting our event with a grant from the Recreation Department.

New Germany & Area Medical Centre Association News

~Deb Featherby

We're pleased to announce that NP Matt Mahoney and his wife are now proud parents! We wish all the best to the parents and new addition to the family.

The medical and administrative staff continue to provide the best care they can for the people in the area. Like every other area of the province, our resources are stretched very thin but staff are doing all that they can. The Board is pleased to support them in their efforts to provide a good facility and working environment. If you, as a member of the public wish to help: make a donation to the centre's board for the building, bring a bouquet or treat for the staff and encourage any young people you know to choose a medical profession.



Board Chair Nancy Veinot presented NP Jennifer Riis with a token of our appreciation.

The Board was pleased to recognize NP Jennifer Riis on the occasion of her 11th anniversary working in New Germany. The community appreciates her commitment to the area and hope that she will continue with us for many years.

The Board was also delighted to receive a grant from the Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage in the amount of \$75,000. This grant will allow for the updating of the lighting, heating and water systems, as well as a major upgrading of the driveway and parking areas. As visitors to the Centre can attest, the parking areas are showing their age. Quotes have already been called for and, hopefully, work on the parking lot will be completed in the fall.

Plans are also in place to do some much needed painting inside the Centre. A fresh coat of paint can brighten a room and we want the staff and patients to feel welcome and relaxed during consultations.

Remember that general and memorial donations may be dropped off at 4923 Hwy 10, beside Rosedale Home, or mailed to Box 128 New Germany. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



MLA Susan Corkum-Greek announced a \$75000 grant for the NG&MC. Board members present: LauraLee Seamone, Sue Ward, Blaine Moffatt, Becky Langille, Diane McLean, Danny Ernst and photographer Deb Featherby.

Parkdale-Maplewood Community Museum Celebrates 70 Years



The Museum was founded by Thomas I Spidell II (1873 – 1963)

Thomas loved to read and often wrote for the Bridgewater Bulletin. He was known locally as "Uncle Tom" and travelled to different parts of the world collecting unique curios. Every summer when he & his family visited Maplewood, he would bring part of his collection. His daughter used to say their car was so full of "stuff" they hardly had room for luggage.

Once a year a Field Day was held, Uncle Tom was allotted a room in the barn to exhibit his collection. In 1953 he said if the community would raise money to put up a building for a museum, he would donate part of his collection. They raised \$300 and put up the building which now belongs to the 4-H Club.

The museum has evolved to include the Maccabee Hall, the Lloyd & Muriel Room, Aunt Dinah's Gift Shop & Tea Room, washrooms, storage & office space.

It was his dream to see the fulfillment of a Community Museum. We think he would be proud.

The museum hours are: Tuesday to Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Saturday & Sunday by appointment. Closed Mondays.

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- *Hazardous Identification & Control
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- *Fall Protection
- *Confined Space
- *Lockout/Tagout
- *Fire Safety *Scaffolding Training



Garber Family Playground

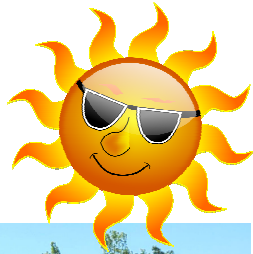
~ Jennifer Gendron

August marks the third year since the grand opening of the Garber's Family Playground, Hemford. Every year the playground committee likes to introduce something new for the community to enjoy. In the past the community has come together to add a ninja rope, climbing wall and multiple play structures. There are a variety of ages that visit the park. In recognition of this a basketball court has been added and keep a lookout for the addition of a badminton space. New substrate has been placed under the equipment to give the playground a fresh look for 2023.

With the success of the little library at the Hemford District Fire Hall, a children's little library has found a home on the steps of the playhouse. Children's books can be found here to take home or enjoy while at the park.

Knowing that times can be tough, especially with the rising costs of food, Garber's Family Playground now has a food cupboard. Found on the side of the playhouse, there are snacks and non-perishable items for anyone. Take something and/or leave something.

With warmer days ahead, the playground is also open for birthday parties. What better way is there to celebrate than out in the sun, running around in the fresh air surrounded by friends and family?



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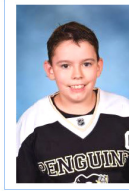
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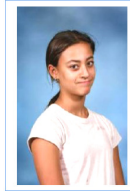
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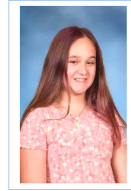
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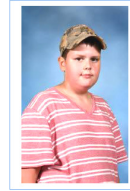
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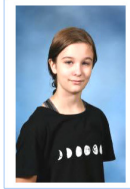
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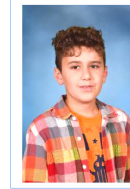
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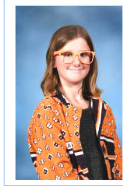
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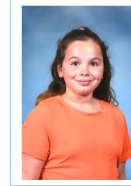
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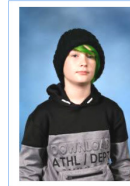
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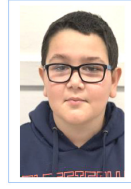
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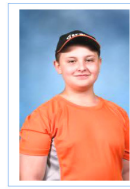
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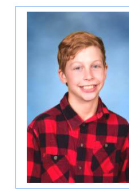
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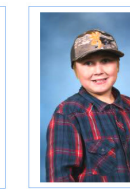
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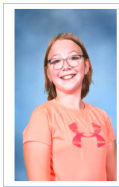
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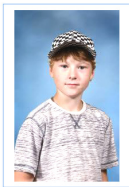
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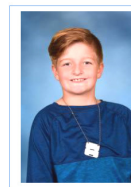
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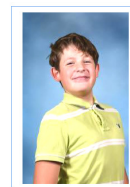
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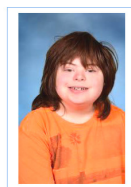
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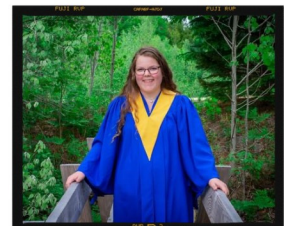
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Connecting in our Communities - An Afternoon in Walden

Up until 2009, I visited Walden at least monthly to worship with the small group of Anglicans there. This congregation and a congregation of Lutherans had at first met in the Walden school and when the school was closed in the mid 1960's, they bought the church and shared it. It was, like the school it was before, one of the community gathering places, until with declining numbers the decision was made to close it.

On a Wednesday afternoon a few weeks ago, I headed to Walden again to talk with a few residents about some of their impressions 'then and now'. It's a quiet road through the community these days, but for much of the 20th century it was a different picture.



A school photo from 1910 class at Walden School indicated a very large class with a single teacher in a single room. In the 50's and 60's there'd have been 20-30 students, but in 2023, there are two school age students, whose parents drive them to Mahone Bay school, since no school bus travels through Walden. Teachers in those one room schools were a brave and energetic lot. Along with the daily challenge of teaching 30 students ages 5-16, there is the legend of one teacher successfully taking the whole school on a year-end outing to Indian Falls. Imagine what the parents, not to mention the insurance company, would say about that now. The school was also a place where the community gathered for such

things as pie sales, Christmas concerts, church services and even funerals.

There was a store which was another community hub. In Stuart Nauss' General Store, he and his wife, Laura, sold all the basic food staples for humans and animals, farm essentials, as well as operated a gas station, the post office, probably one of the first telephones. The first TVs in Walden were mostly purchased at that store where many people kept a running tab, paid it off when they had the money, and started again. The store was a popular gathering spot where news was exchanged, plans made, help offered, cards played. Stuart was known as a very generous man. Children seemed to prefer to buy ice-cream when Stuart was dipping rather than Laura. Stuart was generous as well with his land. His pastures and fields near the school were used as 'playground' areas and as long as they were respectful, young and old were welcome to travel over his land to skate, swim, fish and boat in nearby Sherbrooke Lake. Today the lakeshore in Walden is being enjoyed by many cottage owners and a number of full time residents.

Amazon wasn't a thing in those early days of Walden, but there were catalogues from Eaton's and Simpson's where you could order almost anything you could imagine to be delivered for you to pick up at Nauss' Store. Walden was on the circuit for a grocery truck, a meat man and a fish peddler at various times. One peddler, I'm told, was willing to swap freshly snared rabbits for fresh fish. Residents also travelled to New Germany which bustled with grocery, meat, clothing, feed stores and even a theatre!

It was forestry that brought settlers to Walden. In the late 19th century and well into the 20th century lumber companies expanded into the abundant forests of Lunenburg County, names like the Davison Lumber Company, Hollis & Whitney, Scott Paper and Bowaters. Many men worked for these companies and as harvesting expanded inland, they bought land and established small farms and brought their families to the growing community. Today some small scale forestry continues as well as Christmas tree farms. Walden was well known for many years as a place to pick blueberries. When the wood was cut off an area, it often became a great place for blueberries to grow. Most local farmers would burn sections of their farm land each year and the following year the blueberries would be abundant. Berries were sold locally, delivered to local markets, sold to grocery stores in the city and enjoyed at every family table. Many students found summer employment raking and/or cleaning the berries for sale. It was always a treat for me when I went to Walden for summer church services and found a box or two of blueberries had been quietly put into my car.

Today, Walden has a combination of life-long residents and people who had moved away for work and have returned to Walden to enjoy the privacy, quiet and the natural surroundings. Others have returned to enjoy a community where people still gather in their homes and backyards, to enjoy a visit, some games and perhaps an impromptu barbecue or potluck. Local residents here say they are still welcome to

drop in unannounced to visit friends. New residents will often receive a 'welcome to the community' visit as a first step to establishing new friendships. Most folks here seem to be friendly and welcoming.

The best (and perhaps only) community gathering place is the Fire Department. In the early 1990's local homeowners in the Walden received letters from their insurance companies letting them know they would no longer be eligible for insurance because they were so far from a fire station. The concerned community came together! Their solution was to start the Walden Volunteer Fire Department (1991). In

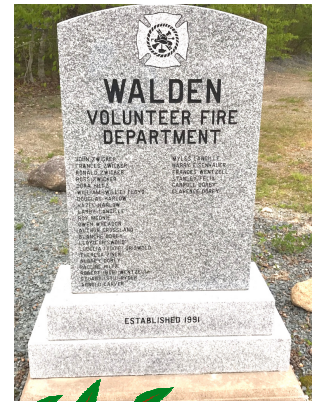


short order, land was donated, funds were raised for a hall and equipment, the Fire Hall was built, co-operation was established with neighbouring departments and the community is now well protected with a team of local volunteers. Currently there are about 20 active firefighters and almost everyone in the community supports their activities and fundraisers. New members are always welcome – just talk to any member or check in at their monthly meeting.

The Fire Hall also provides a venue for community gatherings: card parties, darts, bingo and special family celebrations such as anniversaries, birthdays, receptions. A film crew from CTV visited the Fire Hall some years ago to name their 'Maritimer of the Week'! Curious about that - ask a Walden resident.

And last, but certainly not least, there is an outstanding event unique to Walden. You may want to mark your calendar. On the Saturday of the Labour Day Weekend, the building and yard around the Walden Fire Dept is hopping from mid-afternoon to midnight with the Walden Bash! Long time residents, people new to the area, summer residents and folks from far and wide flock to Walden on that day. There's a gigantic yard sale, a mountain of baked goods, merchandise bingo, garden party games of skill and chance for all ages, raffles, lots of musical entertainment, a wide variety of food with fish and chips being their specialty item. The Walden Bash is a terrific example of what a small community can accomplish when everyone works together.

Thanks to Walden residents Melanie and Jeff Langille, Terry and Norma Dorey, Alister Zinck, Margaret Eisenhauer and Maxine Myler for sharing their stories. ~ever enjoying the rich stories of our communities - Catherine Robar.



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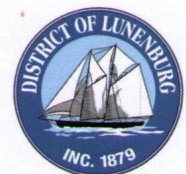


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50 Year Firefighters

Two of our local fire departments have recently acknowledged four firefighters who have served in their fire departments for 50 years. These four firefighters have answered the fire alarm in their department for over 200 years! An amazing record of service and commitment to our communities.



Bruce Veinotte was recognized for his 50 years of service with Northfield District Fire Department in December 2022.

"Over the years Bruce has been on the front line in a number of tragic and traumatic calls with the department. He has been a person who is a stabilizing and compassionate presence at the scene with victims while waiting for rescue or medical care; with families who have experienced a tragedy; with fellow firefighters who have had traumatic experiences. He has been an encouragement and role model to new firefighters. His experience and wisdom has been a great asset in decision making and planning for the future in the department.

Firefighting is a family affair for Bruce. His father, Lester Veinotte, was instrumental in beginning the Northfield District Fire Department and was the first Fire Chief; and Bruce's grandson, Alex, is an active member of the Fire Department. Bruce was newly married when he joined the fire department, and his wife, Heather, has been a strong support in all his commitments as a fire fighter"

In February New Germany **Chief Blair Lantz** was presented with a department award by Deputy Chief Jeff Flemming.

Chief Lantz joined NGVFD in 1973, moving up the ranks as an Engineer, Lieutenant, Captain, Deputy Chief and in 1991 Chief.

"During his 50 years, Chief has answered over 3000 calls. He has dedicated five decades to serving our community, protecting us all, 24/7 365 days a year. Chief has overseen great advances with New Germany Volunteer Fire Department as the fire service has evolved during the past 50 years. From the construction of our new fire hall to the purchase of 10 fire trucks to implementing the Medical First Responder program. What many people don't know about are the hundreds of hours Chief quietly dedicates to our Department each year on administrative tasks, meetings, pre-planning, safety checks on equipment and ensuring our members are adequately trained."



In April Chief Engineer **Mike Snyder** received 50 year service award from the department.

Mike is the very competent operator of the NGVFD tanker.

"Mike's kindness, integrity and loyalty, not only makes him a top-notch firefighter, but also a friend to everyone who has the

chance to be in his presence."



In May **Douglas Veinot** received a plaque from the department.

Douglas served as a firefighter, Lieutenant and Captain over the years.

"Douglas is a vital part of our firefighting family, continuously going above

and beyond to deliver to our community. His expertise, wisdom and kindhearted personality is appreciated by all who interact with him, whether it's fellow firefighters or community members. Douglas truly is one in a million."

Photos: NGVFD and NDFD Facebook pages

New Germany Legion

Hello From the Legion!

Things have been picking up here the last couple months and we couldn't be happier.

Our monthly Trivia Nights with the Quizmaster has a great crowd out to test their general knowledge. Sometimes with success, sometimes with disappointment, Ha! Karaoke has been a huge hit and gaining people, more coming out every month, which we are really excited about. MC Darren does a great job of making sure everyone gets a turn and filling in the holes with his own talented singing when the need arises. We are getting our footing on the live music nights as well. If you are a local band or solo performer, please reach out as we love having talent from our area in our line up. So, thank you everyone who has been coming out and spending your evenings with us. We are open Sundays as well 12-5, if you want to practice your pool or dart game, the place is there to do so, no experience needed.

July 1st is coming up, it's a Saturday. We are open all day to the public. You do not need to be a Legion member; you do not need to be signed in. This is to welcome new and old faces in our door. We have pool tables, dart boards, big screen TV, non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages (for 19+), and we take debit and cash. Or if you just want to get away from the heat, change a baby, or have a quiet moment. All ages and everyone welcome.

We are collecting donations and supplies for the people affected by the wildfires until further notice, during Legion and Sizzle Stick business hours. You can put them upstairs on the stage, thanks for your support

Dates to note: June 30th-Happy Hour from 7-8, Karaoke at 8pm

July 1st - Open to the public all day starting at 12pm

July 7th- Fundraiser Trivia at 8pm



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To learn more about becoming a host family for an international student, please contact Eva Cook the Homestay Coordinator for the New Germany and Catchment Area: Eva Cook Phone: (902) 521-8532 Email: ecook@ssrce.ca or Visit our website at <https://ssrce.ca/host/>

Project Update from MODL: New Germany Wastewater Inflow and Infiltration Mitigation

As you probably already know, much of the New Germany area is serviced with a sanitary sewer system, including sewer pipes, pumping stations, and the wastewater treatment facility. This sewer system is owned and operated by the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (MODL).

MODL is required to maintain the system in good working order and to make repairs, when necessary, to meet provincial regulations. Over the past decade the New Germany sewer system has been experiencing excessively high flows during rainfall events. These high flows are the result of rainwater leaking into the sewer system.

The sewer system is for wastewater only, not rainwater. Rainwater that leaks into the sewer system can cause many problems, such as overflows of raw sewage to the environment, flooded basements, and costly sewer system upgrades to increase capacity.

MODL has been undertaking a review of the sewer system in New Germany to find and repair leaks. We hired Design Point Engineering & Surveying Ltd to complete this work. To date, minor repairs have been made to the wastewater system.

In the near future, we will be making larger-scale repairs to municipally owned pipes, manholes, and pump stations to prevent unnecessary storm water from entering the sanitary sewer system. **At times, this will impact traffic flow on Highway 10, as most of the sewer manholes and pumping stations are within the road right of ways. Safety signage and traffic control measures will be used as necessary to protect the safety of staff and the public.**

If these repairs do not result in significant improvements to the high flows experienced during rainfall events, we will need to move to Phase 2. This would involve identifying private property connections that may be contributing storm water to the sanitary sewer system and eliminating these unapproved sources of inflow and infiltration. This can include roof drains, sump pumps, or yard drains.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact MODL's Engineering Department, we're happy to answer any questions you might have.

MODL Engineering Department: Larry Feener, Phone: 902-530-2845, Email: Larry.Feener@modl.ca



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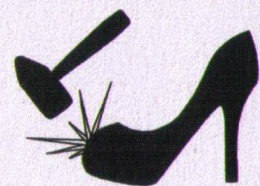
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Lunenburg County Wheels - How Can We Help?

Our pre-booked, door-to-door service to several New Germany area communities has some good news re: fares. We also want to know "How can we serve you more effectively?"

The good news on fares has two parts. All rides are free in June in your included communities. This has been made possible by financial support from the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (MoDL), which has also made possible to cap all fares (after the free June) to \$7.50 one-way and \$15.00 return for rides over 10 km, with rides *under* 10 km capped at \$5 one way and \$7.50 return. Many thanks to MoDL.

Rides are available within your service area (see the map in the ad in this issue) — or to Bridgewater — Tuesdays and Thursdays daytimes. LC Wheels serves residents over 16 (restrictions apply to riders under 16 and to child car seats). We currently have an 8-passenger bus with a chair lift and a 7-passenger minivan. You can book a ride by calling 902 543-2255 at least 24 hours ahead of the help you need. Your pick-up location and destination both need to be in the overall area served by LC Wheels.

Details are available on the LC Wheels website at lcw.ruralrides.ca/find-a-ride . Service updates appear on the Facebook page LunenburgCountyWheels.

Our Operation Manager is Daron Lantz, based in Bridgewater. He can be reached at 521-2202 or info@lcwheels.ca

Now the question, "How can we help?" We have observed that residents in the New Germany area are already very helpful to each other. The Helping Hands organization, for instance, already helps friends and neighbours meet many of their transportation needs. Our non-profit's objective is to help people travel for medical appointments, shopping, recreation or visiting family or friends, so we have been happy to discover this is already being done to a great extent. To what purpose can we put our accessible bus, minivan, and drivers to complement what is already being done?

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From the Lions Den

~Lion Deb Featherby

March was a month! In like a Lion – a New Germany & Area Lion! - because we had a Leprechaun Luncheon! Seniors were treated to homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts while catching up with neighbours and friends old and new. It was a lovely way to spend a March day and was enjoyed by workers and guests alike. The highlight of the day was when a gentleman said it was so nice to see people smile. And it was.

The Lions Club bingos at Rosedale Home resumed this winter on the first Monday evening of the month. These bingos are a great activity for the residents as it gives them a break from routine.

In April the Lions did the spring highway clean-up. There were many bags of garbage collected out of the ditches and we hope that they will stay clean. It's so easy to keep a bag in the car for garbage and then take it in when you arrive home. We are all proud of where we live and want to keep our area in good shape.



Representatives from the Masons, Seniors Club and Lions after the signing of the lease agreement.

April also saw many Lions helping at the refreshment table for the blood collection clinics. We are happy to lend a helping hand so the professionals can concentrate on the important task of collecting blood. The blood collected saves many lives so it is important that people continue to give. The next clinics will be June 20-22 at the Best Western. Appointments can be booked at blood.ca.

In late May the Lions signed an historic lease with the Rosedale Seniors Club and the Masonic Lodge to share the New Horizons building. The building is a landmark and we

are pleased to be able to help to keep it viable and a part of the community.

June saw the giant Lions yard sale which gave residents a chance to pick up great bargains and socialize with old friends. This is a great way to recycle items that may otherwise go to the landfill and to raise

funds for community use. The Lions have given almost six thousand dollars in recent months to local residents to help with medications, utility bills, medical travel and eyeglasses. If anyone is in need of help, or medical aids, call Pat at 902-212-2471. Pat is chair of the Health & Wellness Committee and will keep any information shared in confidence.

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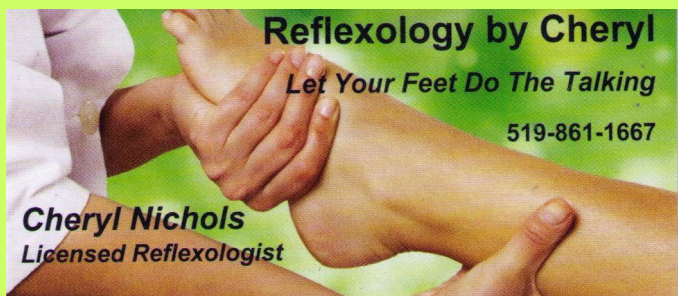
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New Germany Multi-Sport Program

The YMCA of Southwest Nova Scotia was awarded \$50,000 in funding from the Government of Canada, in partnership with Canada Parks and Recreation Association through the Reaching Each and Every One Initiative.



This community-level sport initiative, "New Germany Multi-Sport Program: Building Physical Literacy and Sport Skill Development in Rural Lunenburg County," was launched on May 1st, 2023. It will be used to help remove barriers, increase sport access and participation with an aim to help with retention rates for equity deserving groups.

"Rural communities do not have equal access to opportunities known to support health, socialization and recreation," says Kim Whitman-Mansfield, YMCA Youth Director.

Whitman-Mansfield says this funding provides the resources to develop recreational opportunities and the community champions needed to sustain access to sports equipment and programs beyond this funding.

"The YMCA is committed to partner with the communities in and around New Germany to help build capacity by assisting with program development, certification of instructors and the creation and growth of Youth Leaders. It will be busy, but our Recreation Program Lead Tate Vachon is already consulting with various groups to ensure we provide the recreation programs the community wants."

The YMCA is partnering with the village of New Germany and the surrounding communities for the next four months to support access to recreation and sports for persons of all ages, skill levels and abilities. With a focus on youth, sustainability, and in consultation with the Indigenous and 2SLGBTQIA+ communities, adaptive equipment and qualified instructors for all sports will be provided.

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Introducing the "Noah's Ark" Newcomers

~Interview by Nancy Radcliffe

Miniature horses aren't something you see every day, unless you drive by the home of Karen, Richard and David.

The pint-sized equines make me smile every time I see them. I've watched with interest as other horses and sheep came along to share their pasture, and as geese and ducks took up residency around the pond. In case you're also curious about the Barss Corner Road property across from DeLong Farms, I sat down to chat with new owners Karen and Richard Lane and Karen's brother David Shearing.

It was 10 years ago when the three of them moved in together in David's house in a rural community outside of London, Ontario. "I had two heart attacks and we had fallen on hard times," Karen recalls. "We were like stray dogs and my brother took us in."

Five years later, David decided to come to Nova Scotia for vacation. "I just drove around and fell in love with the place," he says. "I was coming up for retirement, but came to the realization that I could not retire and maintain the house in the country where we were living. So I decided I'd like to move here."

All three vacationed in Nova Scotia the following year and Karen and Richard decided they'd also make the move. "So that was the plan," David says. "I told Karen and Richard that everything would be fine unless something crazy happened and the entire world collapsed. The only thing I got wrong was how crazy it really got."

Covid put their plans to sell the Ontario property on hold, but a neighbour mentioned it to a friend, who took a quick look at the house and made an offer that same evening. The move was suddenly back on.

"Six weeks later, at five o'clock in the morning, we arrived here. And we've enjoyed every single second since," David says.

The property was purchased sight unseen and they knew nothing about the community. "Our entire experience with this area was that we drove down Highway 10 once going from the Valley to Lunenburg."

The move from Ontario to Nova Scotia involved three vehicles, including a motor home, which housed (get ready for it) seven dogs, eight cats, rabbits and guinea pigs. Karen, Richard and David have since expanded their pet family to include five horses, three sheep, geese, ducks, and chickens. "We already had Noah's Ark, so what's a few more?" Karen jokes.

Although the move started as a path to retirement, all three say they have no plans to retire. Jokes about the cost of feeding and caring for the animals aside, they're happy to keep working so they can keep doing it. Richard does most of the cooking and animal care. "I get home from work and then my work day starts," he says. First is medicine and food for the two epileptic dogs. While supper is cooking, he feeds the other animals. "It's a hectic life, but I love it."

Asked why they keep so many pets, Karen replies simply, "We just like them. We enjoy their company."

Each Friday night, Karen, Richard, and David take a break to enjoy the company of other humans as they meet with friends at the New Germany Legion. David says getting to know people has been easy. "As soon as we moved here, everybody was coming to see us, everyone is totally friendly here."

"People here are from a different planet than Ontario," he adds. "In Ontario, you can walk down the sidewalk in town and nobody will make eye contact with you. It's a totally different lifestyle here, which is why I fell in love with the place and wanted to move here."

They've talked about possible names for their new property. Richard likes *Lane-Shearing Diner*. David proposes *Covid Acres*. But then David notes it already has a name and probably always will. He chuckles. "Where we live is not our house, it's Bill and Becky Flemming's house. Everyone in the county knows where that is."



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 Outdoor Explorers - July 17 from 12:30pm-3:30pm at River Ridge Common. It's FREE!
 Artists Extraordinaire - August 2 from 10:00am-12:00pm at Barss Corner Community Hall. \$5
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Ages 55+

Bingo Night - July 10 from 6:00pm-8:00pm at West Northfield Community Hall. \$5
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Will be September. We would like to hear your story ideas. Please contact us.

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Everyone with an interest in our community is welcome to join NGAPS .
NGAPS maintains our community website, publishes this newsletter and the Make a Day of it brochure and organizes several community events. Please consider joining us so we can do even more for our community.

**Are you a business owner?
Do you have a great product or service you want to advertise to the people in our area?**

You can advertise in this newsletter!

- > Catch the eye of your neighbours
- > Support the local community
- > Make new connections....all for one reasonable price.

Sample Ad Sizes	
2" x 3.5"	\$20
Quarter Page	\$45
Half Page	\$90

NGAPS publishes **New Germany Connections** four times a year - March, June, September and early November. Watch for yours in your mail. It is also available in colour on our web site or can be picked up at New Germany Freshmart, Mader's General Store, Village Glassworks and many other places in our area.



Advertising Information: You can advertise in this newsletter. We deliver it to all the households in the New Germany, Barss Corner and Springfield Post Office areas. Single ad sizes vary but can be 1" x 7" or 3.5" x 2" depending upon space and layout. Price per single ad is \$20.00. Multiple ad sizes are available. The revenue from the advertising helps to offset the cost of printing and distributing this newsletter. Thank you to our advertisers for their assistance. New Germany Connections is also available on the community web site, in colour, with all ads included. **Community events are listed on the web site for free.** Please contact ng_cap@ns.sympatico.ca Next issue will be published in September. Ads are limited so they are offered on a first come, first served basis. Please contact NGAPS at the above addresses to book your space.