



# New Germany Connections

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## Spring 2021

Are we lucky or considerate?

Wikipedia defines altruism as "the principle and moral practice of concern for happiness of other human beings or other animals, resulting in a quality of life both material and spiritual." Hmm... 🤔

There is a lot of talk about how lucky we are to live here. And we are, but underlying all our luck is a general willingness to put others before ourselves. Yes, it probably is luck of the draw that we were born here or able to move here, but staying safe here means that so many of us have decided the greater good is stronger than our desire to party, to travel, to gather for concerts and sports. It isn't like we aren't tired or bored or annoyed. And altruism isn't how everyone chooses to live, we have exceptions among us. But then we look at so many other places and what they are dealing with and we need to sigh and just get on. We get on because that is what we do and have been doing for years, decades.

If you are new to our area, a big welcome to you! We are so happy you are here.

These are great communities in northern Lunenburg County, jump in, get involved. There is a lot to see, to do and support, to help our area "keep on getting on with it".

**Attention Community Organizations!**  
*As we are able to gather again you can advertise events on our community calendar or FB page at no charge.*

**We will promote for and with you!**

**Please send listings to:**  
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or our Facebook page [newgermany.ca](http://newgermany.ca)

**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.

# Excitement for the Trail Bridge in New Germany is growing!



The South Shore Annapolis Valley Recreational Trail follows the CN Rail line from New Germany to Bridgetown and New Germany to Colpton, extending 122km, minus the bridge linking the west and the east sides of the LaHave River, which was removed in the early 1990s.

South Shore Annapolis Valley Recreational Trail Association (SSAVRTA) is a non-profit volunteer association, which develops and maintains a safe, accessible trail for ALL users. Currently, trail users are forced to exit the trail to cross the LaHave River travelling on public highway, utilizing the one-lane bridge on the Lower Branch Road. The new trail bridge will eliminate many of these dangers and will present excellent opportunities for active transportation, for students, residents and visiting trail users. When this missing link is in place and the trail crosses the river, it will maximize the well-being of the local students, pedestrians, OHV operators, bicyclists and every trail user as they will have a safer (and legal) way to travel. We will become a safer community for everyone!



Similar bridge located near Oxford, crossing River Philip, NS.  
Picture: Saltwire.com

Baxter Bridges is building the bridge off site. Construction has begun on the 80,000-pound, 220-foot-long bridge. The goal is to have this bridge in place and open for use in Autumn 2021.

We need our community's help to reach our fundraising goal! How you can help:

Purchase 50/50 tickets through ATVANS monthly Rafflebox in support of **Central Nova ATV Club**.

Central Nova has committed to donating its entire Rafflebox proceeds for January, February, March and April to the New Germany Trail Bridge Project. Tickets available at <https://rafflebox.ca/raffle/atvans>



Location of bridge

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 Allee 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. Have your name or business become a visual part of the bridge project.

**Bridge Friends: \$100-\$999**  
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## New Germany & Area Medical Centre

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The New Germany and Area Medical Centre will hold its AGM on **Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. New Germany and Area Medical Centre 100 Varner Road, New Germany, NS**

**Due to Covid restrictions, the board is unable to safely host a public meeting.**

If you would like to know more about the Medical Centre operations or are interested in becoming a board member, please contact:

Thomas DeLong, President (902) 523-0678 or  
Nancy Veinot, Board Secretary (902) 644-7056



## Coffee, Conversation, Connection.....Community Café

9-11am Thursday mornings at St John's Church Hall (5311 Hwy 10) Free Coffee, Tea, Muffins, Scones. In November 2018, Clair & John MacInnis, in co-operation with the Anglican Church, began offering this weekly ministry of hospitality to the community. It has become a popular gathering place for all ages; new friendships are being made; current ones enriched. Donations offered support a variety of community projects and needs. Covid-19 precautions are expected to be followed.

John and Clair have recently moved to Hubbards, and a team of volunteers from church and community are working together to make sure the Café continues. If you'd like to help out with baking, set-up, serving or clean-up, there is a sign up sheet at the Café – many hands make light work and more fun! For more info contact Catherine 902-521-5909 Please join us!



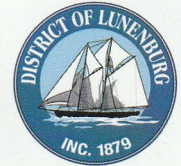
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# MODL2040



**Are you a resident of the  
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**We need to hear from you!**

We've launched a two-year planning visioning project, called MODL2040, and need resident input on the first phase of this ambitious project.

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To fill out the survey, learn more about the project, read the background topic papers, provide feedback, or stay informed on upcoming engagement events, visit [engage.modl.ca/modl2040](http://engage.modl.ca/modl2040)



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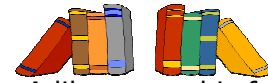


is getting a **new Book Mobile** this year! It is being built from the ground up in Alberta and is on track to be completed for April. Once ready and Mother Nature allows, the Book Mobile will be driven across Canada to its new home here on the South Shore. Thanks to social media,

we will have the opportunity to follow the journey across the country. Don't forget to "like" the South Shore Public Library Facebook page! The new book mobile will be able to better serve our residents throughout our Municipality and the South Shore.

## South Shore Public Library Mobile Library

Will be in 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. Check their website for updated services.



A library card is free.



## Have you Earned a Hike Badge Yet?

MODL recently launched the District of Lunenburg Hike Badge, in partnership with [Hike Nova Scotia](#) and Lunenburg County Hikers.

Hike NS Badges are part of efforts to inspire, motivate and reward hikers - especially new and novice hikers - to get out in the District of Lunenburg to enjoy the beautiful trails.

To qualify for the District of Lunenburg Hike badge, hikers must complete three of five hikes in one year. We are offering the first 50 badges free to residents of the District of Lunenburg, so start hiking now! Residents are asked to email our Active Living Coordinator at [karen.geddes-selig@modl.ca](mailto:karen.geddes-selig@modl.ca) when you have completed your hikes. Don't forget to share pictures of you hiking on our Facebook page!

For more details, locations and directions to the hikes, visit: <https://www.modl.ca/hike-badge.html>

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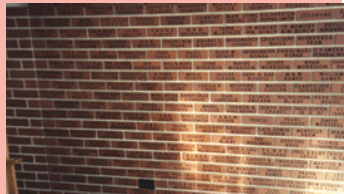
Purchase a Brick in support of the **New Germany and Area Medical Centre**

If you've visited the New Germany and Area Medical Centre, you've noticed the many bricks mortared into the walls of the centre. Its walls are adorned with many community members and organizations who helped put the centre together.

Now is your chance to embed your support in the centre that brings medical care to your community. Purchase a brick for only **\$125** to commemorate your family name, a special occasion or to preserve the legacy of a loved one. Your donation is tax receiptable and will directly benefit healthcare right here in your community.

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# A Long History in the Community

**NEW GERMANy,**  
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These are the words of a prominent M.L.A., at Halifax.

New Germany is in the centre of a large and prosperous farming and lumbering section of Lunenburg County. Trade flows into New Germany from a large portion of the county as well as from parts of Kings, Annapolis and Queens counties.

Among the early settlers at New Germany were the Varners, Feindels, Woodworths, Malmas and one Tom Penney, who carried 90 pounds of potatoes on his back from Bridgewater to New Germany... Try it yourself!

New Germany boasts of 12 up-to-date stores, carrying all kinds of up-to-date merchandise.

Lalage Pulp Mill	Zucker Bros. Ice Factory	R. Mackay Woodworking Factory	Tipter's Saw Mill	Thorn's Garage	One Jewellery Store	Three Barber Shops	Two Doctors	One Dentist	The Royal Bank of Canada	York Theatre	Board of Trade	New Germany A.A.A.	Three Churches	Old Fellows Hall	Masonic Hall
Community Board	C.N.R. Station	Post Office	High School	Deborah Lodge	One Service	Parad Road	Egg Grading Station	"Serrys" "Famous Foods" Restaurant	Pine's Evening House	Shavershire's Boarding House	South Rowdale School	Provan's Meat Market	Central Telephone Office	C. W. Whalen, Farm Produce	

Yes, New Germany is growing! During the past summer, many new houses and places of business have been erected. The latest building to be completed is a New Warehouse Store near the C.N.R. Station.

Erected by George R. deLong, this modern building is 100 ft. x 35 ft. of the construction, conveniently located for the Flour and Feed trade with every facility for the loading and unloading of trucks.

This new warehouse is under lease by the undersigned who will carry a full line of Flour, Feeds, Heavy Hardware and Shelf Hardware.

Poultry Supplies a Specialty

Carman deLong will be the manager of the new store. I feel confident he will make "trading with us" a real pleasure.

Well, Folks, we are all ready to do business! Cars of goods are rolling in every week. Stock will soon be as complete as possible.

Call around and see us! More next week. Thanks!

**Fred C. deLong**

Stores at New Germany and Barss Corner  
 New Germany invites More Industries. Call Board of Trade

Wain Daughters, Inc. Members of the Sunday School

In 1946, while advertising for his stores in New Germany and Barss Corner, Fred C. deLong included a list of some the local businesses, services and organizations in the community at that time. It is an interesting list including the Royal Bank of Canada. While we still have some of these services, the people have changed and many of the organizations have closed or moved.

Of the businesses listed the Post Office would be the oldest (if you consider the Post Office a business and not a public service). "The Post Office operated as Chesley's Corner or Chesley's Corners as early as 1855, becoming New Germany "B" on November 1, 1901." (New Germany Connections November 2017 from C. Lloyd Tancock).

The Royal Bank of Canada is then the second oldest business to ply their trade in the New Germany area. Open for more than 100 years, RBC has a long history in this area, all of it ending this summer.



View at - [newgermany.ca](http://newgermany.ca)  
 Virtual Museum of the New Germany Area

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## From the Tipert Building to the Cement Plant...

~Reflections collected by Glen Veinot

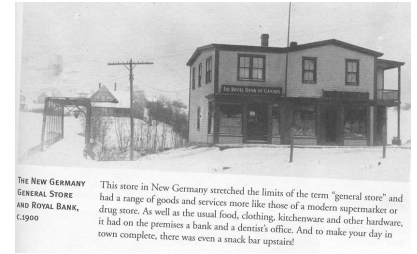
The first Royal Bank was the anchor tenant for the new Tipert Building in April 1917. New Germany grew with the robust Zwicker Mill and the Pulp Mill so the bank easily outgrew its first location. It moved to the Verge Building in 1941 after a bit of a delay which was caused by the vault construction being complicated. The Verge Building also contained the York Theatre and store. The Verge building became the Fielding and Wynn building when the advent of television forced the Theatre to close. The Royal Bank continued to serve New Germany on the right side of the Fielding and Wynn building. At this location there was the shocking death of the manager upstairs in his apartment and one robbery.

New Germany grew even more in the '70s as Michelin brought good jobs to the area and again the bank needed to expand. A deed was pulled in 1978 and the Royal Bank bought the property the former Fielding and Wynn Cement Plant sat on. The move meant better off street parking and a larger interior. Fred Van Iderstine was the manager during the move and welcomed the community to this beautiful new facility. Sadly this is all coming to an end this summer.

As a teen I used to look forward to going into the bank with my paper route and Christmas tree money. Donna, Gloria, Shirley and Fred always made me feel important and welcome regardless of how small the deposit or withdrawal was. One funny story, in Sept 1984 I sold my motorcycle for \$1600. After work at Matt Wright's tree yard, my coworker Vincent went to the bank and withdrew \$1600 in cash, paid me, and took the bike. I then went over to the bank to deposit it. I remember either Donna or Gloria looking at me and laughing saying did that stack of cash just come from Vincent? When I said yes, they laughed and said if we came in together we could have done it all in one transaction and no need for any cash.

As for the site looking back, Freeman's operated a store there, then a cement plant, and then Fielding and Wynn took over the cement plant and expanded it. The cement plant produced small cement made materials like cement crocks. The Royal Bank building will go up for sale, its next use is yet to be written.

With thanks to John Feindel, Rosemary Rafuse, Janet Tipert, Lloyd Varner, Donna and Trina Rhodenhizer



THE NEW GERMANY GENERAL STORE AND ROYAL BANK, c.1900  
This store in New Germany stretched the limits of the term "general store" and had a range of goods and services more like those of a modern supermarket and drug store. As well as the usual food, clothing, kitchenware and other hardware, it had on the premises a bank and a dentist's office. And to make your day in town complete, there was even a snack bar upstairs!

## Looking for Employment Skills & Training?

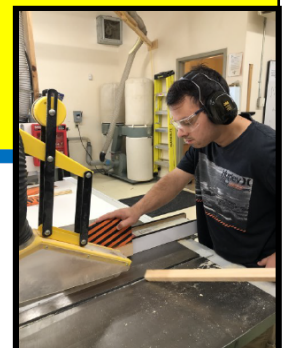
Want to make a change? Need work experience? Not sure what the next step is? South Shore Work Activity Program (SSWAP) assists people from Lunenburg and Queens Counties to improve their employability skills and build confidence for today's job market.

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# New Germany Rural High School News

~Jennifer McMullen, Principal

## **IWK Toy Drive**

Congrats to Mike Wilson for a very successful toy drive for the IWK. \$21,000 was raised this year and over 4 years, he has raised the huge total of \$61,000. This has provided so many sick kids at the IWK and their families with a happy Christmas so a big thanks to him for his passion for supporting this cause.

## **Music News**

Thanks to Evelyn Ernst and senior music students for putting on a Christmas concert for Rosedale residents outdoors before the break.

## **Grant for Bikes**

Geoff Marshall secured a \$6,000 grant from health promoting schools partnership toward the purchase of more bikes and ongoing maintenance.

**Second semester** began on February 1st and **Spring break** will be the week of March 15th.



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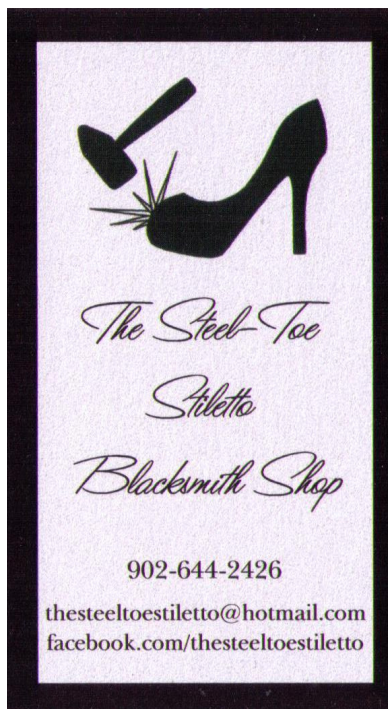
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# River Ridge Common News



River Ridge Common Park is a fresh air hub this winter.

Supported by the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg with winter parking maintenance and a seasonal restroom facility at the Highway 10 entrance area, community members are benefitting from an all-season active lifestyle at River Ridge Common.

Many tracks in the snow all over RRC's trails and features show traces of walkers, snowshoers, fat bikes, skiers and off-highway vehicle users making the most of the winter months in our park. There has been plenty of fresh air, exercise, waterfall picnics and even some wild Christmas tree decorating to celebrate.

River Ridge Common has been a great place for safe outdoor community activities during this 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.



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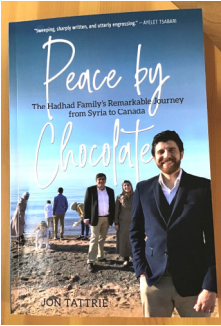
- \*Provide an Overview of the Occupational Health & Safety Act
- \*How to Establish a Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee + Roles & Responsibilities of the Committee/Safety Rep.
- \*First Aid + CPR- Emergency, Standard & Marine
- \*WHMIS 1988 & W.H.M.I.S. 2015/GHS
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- \*Safety Audits (Internal/External)
- \*Industrial Hearing Testing
- \*Fall Protection
- \*Confined Space
- \*Lockout/Tagout
- \*Fire Safety



# Reconnecting with the Tattrie Family

PEACE BY CHOCOLATE – The Book by Jon Tattrie

The true story of a Syrian family who lost their home and chocolate factory in the war, then rebuilt it all in rural Canada. And **a Connection to New Germany!** Read on!



Isam Hadhad grew up in the midst of a large supportive family and community in Damascus in the 60's and 70's, studied engineering, and completed his required military service. In the 80's he began to follow his dream to make chocolate. His family and his business grew over the next twenty years as did the political unrest in Syria. In the devastation, they lost their home, factory, savings, some family members and were forced to flee to Lebanon and live as refugees.

After almost three difficult years there was a glimmer of hope that the family may be accepted as immigrants to Canada. Just before Christmas in 2015, Tareq Hadhad was among 214 Syrians greeted at Toronto's airport by Canada's Governor General, David Johnston. Two days later, Tareq flew to Halifax where he was met by a group of 20

people from Antigonish who had been preparing to welcome their first Syrian family. The rest of the Hadhad family followed two weeks later.

*Peace by Chocolate* is the story of a remarkable family rebuilding their life and the remarkable community who welcomed them. The people of Antigonish show what the best of Nova Scotia can look like today. They call it ABC – Antigonish By Choice. They love people who love their community and make it better, whether they trace their roots back 10,000 years or ten months. Similarly, here in New Germany we like to welcome HBC's – Here By Choice.

Jon Tattrie had followed the Hadhad story from the day Tareq arrived. As he got to know the family, trust developed and they shared their vulnerable, deeply personal story. It is a powerful story of joy, hope and new beginnings after so much sorrow and loss. Tima Kurdi, author of *The Boy on the Beach*, says *Peace by Chocolate* will open your heart and mind and move you to reach out to people in need.

**The New Germany Connection?** The author, **Jon Tattrie**, wrote this touching note when I asked him how he perceives the area and his connections to it.

"Well, Cathy, I'm going to have to break the fourth wall here and say how important you and your family have been to me! My father, Jack, was the Anglican priest in New Germany(1972-77) when I was born and I spent just six months there before moving to Halifax as a baby. We (mother Gail, brother Scott, sister Heidi) moved every few years, so no one place in Nova Scotia feels like home. Except for New Germany!

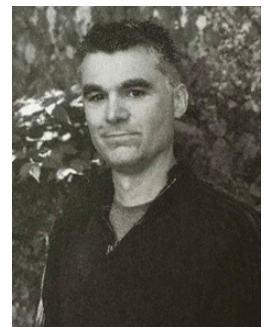
My parents wisely asked you and Foard to be my godparents, and you kindly agreed. To me, that made you family. You and Foard were an aunt and uncle, and your children our cousins. And New Germany will always be my hometown."

Jon works as a journalist for CBC News in Halifax; his writing has been published in the Chronicle Herald, Globe and Mail, Canadian Geographic, Saltscapes, and Progress Magazine; and he has appeared on numerous radio and television programs. His books have drawn attention to some of the fascinating and important Nova Scotia history that's not been well known. His non-fiction books include *The Hermit of Africville*; *Cornwallis: the Violent Birth of Halifax*; and *Daniel Paul: Mi'kmaw Elder*, and he has also written two novels; *Black Snow* and *Limerence*.

Jon lives in HRM with his wife, Giselle, son, Xavier, 8 and daughter, Roslyn, 5.

You may wonder about the rest of the family – Scott, who also joined the family in New Germany, lives and works at L'Arche in Wolfville; Heidi, for several years wrote a blog for families with young children and works in marketing at Nevermore Press. She and her husband Ed, have two children, Madeleine, 9 and Max, 7. Jack has now retired after many years as a much loved parish priest and hospital chaplain. Gail, who helped organize New Germany's Co-Op Nursery School (you may remember it at the Legion Hall first with Ferne Selig and then 'Teacher Gloria') has also retired after a number of years working with youth and then libraries in HRM. Grandparenting is their favorite role these days and they still do make the occasional visit to St John-in-the-Wilderness, New Germany.

~Catherine Robar, still enjoying and sharing the many NG Connections



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To qualify for this badge, choose three hikes from the below list of five to complete in one year. Customize your challenge with a total distance from 11 km to 20 km. Throughout this challenge, discover and explore the District of Lunenburg's spectacular scenery including: ocean vistas, river falls, ocean and river lookouts, calm ocean basins and lush forests. You will find hiking trails that suit all levels of skill and ability to enjoy.

### 1. Gaff Point Hike ~ 8km

Start from Hirtle's Beach (from parking lot turn right) which is off Hirtle's Beach Road in Upper Kingsburg. Gaff Point and Hirtle's Beach Hike is a loop trail that features a great forest setting with spectacular ocean views and is good for all skill levels. Dogs are also able to use this trail but must be kept on leash. In 2002, the 124-acre property was designated as a **protected** coastline and wilderness area with the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

### 2. Indian Path Commons Hike ~ 6km

Start from Indian Path Commons parking lot off the Fish Peddler Road, East LaHave. Indian Path Commons Hike is an out and back trail which features a lake and elevated look offs and is good for all skill levels. The trail offers several loop routes for you to choose from. Dogs are also able to use this trail but must be kept on leash.

### 3. Dynamite Trail Hike from Martins River to Narrows Bridge ~ 4km or more

Start from the Dynamite trail parking lot off Station Road (across from Martins River Fire Department). Martins River to Narrows Bridge is an out and back hike through a forest of pine trees which leads to the Narrows Basin with a bridge over a sheltered ocean inlet; a nice place to stop to take a deep breath of the fresh coastal breeze.

**4. River Ridge Common Hike ~ 3km or more** Start from the River Ridge Common parking lot off Highway 10 in Pinehurst. River Ridge Common Hike is a loop hike through wooded forest and a waterfall trail. River Ridge Common also has a natural playground, single track mountain biking trails and connects with the South Shore Annapolis Valley.

### 5. LaHave River Trail Hike ~ 5km or more

Start from the Arthur Young Trail parking lot, off Highway 10 beside Best Western Plus, Cookville. The LaHave River Trail Hike is an out and back hike which follows along the LaHave River Trail with its riverbank water views. Enjoy a rest at the lookoff along the Arthur Young Trail.

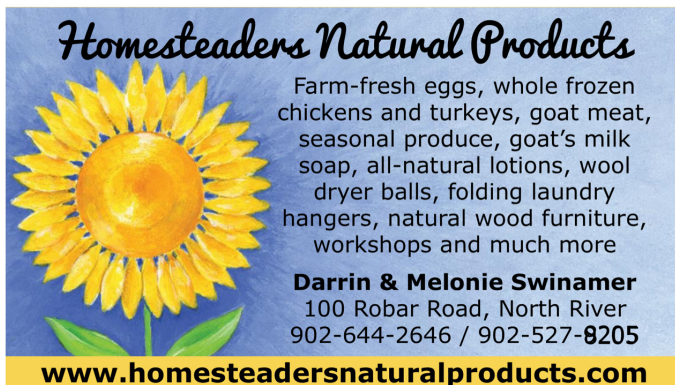
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### Upcoming Hikes:

- **Thursday, March 18, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm – River Ridge Common\*** A great way to spend family time this March Break is at our newest park, River Ridge Common. Enjoy a casual walk through approximately 3km of accessible trails and enjoy play time on the natural playground as well. Fun for all ages!
- **Saturday, March 27, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm – Gaff Point\*** This beautiful coastal hike is a fan favorite! Stunning views and moderately difficult terrain make up this approximately 8km hike. Meet at Hirtle's Beach parking lot.

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# Introducing Newcomers

*The joy of rivers and old chickens*

~Nancy Radcliffe



*"Do not forget to entertain strangers,  
For by so doing some people have  
Entertained angels without knowing it."*  
- Hebrews 13.2

This passage greeted visitors at the Community Café in February. Placed on green doilies, alongside angel figurines, the slips of paper captured the welcoming spirit of these Thursday morning gatherings, and provided an ideal opening for a new feature dedicated to introducing newcomers.

I went to the Community Café in search of strangers, while being a stranger myself. To be honest, I expected to find a small gathering of mature ladies, huddled close, sharing local gossip, while a few awkward newbies orbited the group. Instead, I found the Anglican Church hall abuzz with the exuberant conversations of about 30 people seated in groups of four or five around well-spaced tables. It only takes one person to reach out and open the door to new friendships. Madelyn Bowers was my person. She promptly introduced me to my first newcomer.



## **For the love of nature**

What makes Denise Stoll most happy about her new home? "The river," she replies without hesitation. Denise and husband Blaine spent their entire lives in Saskatchewan. Now retired, they're spending their first Nova Scotia winter on Gully River in Barss Corner.

Rivers are often used as a metaphor for life – rejuvenation and renewal, constant and sometimes dramatic change, connection to the past and the rhythms of nature. Denise touched on all of these more literally during our chat.

She fell in love with Nova Scotia and the New Germany area while visiting her daughter and three summers spent house sitting in Simpsons Corner. The friends she made there inspired an appreciation for community roots that run deep. Denise delights in listening to her new friends recount distant past events and people with vivid detail. "In Saskatchewan, you'll never find such a thing as a 200-year-old home, let alone a family history that has been there just as long," she says, noting the younger province has a "newer culture" where neighbours interact less and don't look out for one another in the same way.

Denise says she's grateful for their new, "wonderful neighbours," as well as Nova Scotia's fewer Covid-19 cases and milder winters. She also enjoys quick access to both the Fundy and Atlantic coasts. But the conversation never strayed long from her love of nature. "The river, lakes, and trees, I get them all in my back yard. And they're all so pristine." Blaine would be content just about anywhere, she adds, but the New Germany area "fits me."

## **A retirement home for chickens**

Marielle Troke rescues chickens that have passed prime egg production. These are very fortunate birds. As a Clinical Social Worker, Marielle's career took her into a range of mental health disciplines, including addictions, sexual abuse, and domestic violence, all from a feminist approach. Trust me when I say she brings this same compassion to caring for aging chickens.

Marielle bought her house in Barss Corner this past October. It was both a new start and the return to a familiar community.

"A gypsy at heart," Marielle was raised in Ontario and spent 30 years in Alberta. In her 50s, she moved to Salt Spring Island, BC. Eight years later, she pared her belongings down to what fit inside her Honda Civic and moved to Cherryfield to create an "intentional community" with friends. Unfortunately, the group's great ideas didn't translate into a workable plan, so she moved to Canning, and then briefly returned to Salt Spring Island before settling back in the New Germany area.

"There's an old saying on Salt Spring Island: 'When you're done doing your healing, it kicks you off.'"

Part of Marielle's healing journey involved a serious health issue 15 years ago that made her "sit back and reflect on what is most important." But that's just one of many interesting snapshots. We talked about her return to school in her 40s to get a Masters degree, while juggling the demands of single motherhood. We touched briefly on her experience participating in indigenous ceremonies, and her dream of shaping a supportive, sustainable co-housing situation. I marvelled at her humble wisdom and found the entire conversation fascinating. But it's the darn chickens she insisted I write about. Marielle is eager to provide a retirement home to more of them, some of which she has convinced me to adopt.



I intended to write about three newcomers, myself included. But my story will have to wait. Something much better happened during my first visit to the Community Café – by entertaining two strangers, I was thoroughly entertained. I also have to tell my husband we're expecting additions to the family and he needs to build a coop.


*If you would like to retire chickens, please reach out to the New Germany and Area Promotion Society for Marielle's contact information.*


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# From the Lions Den

~Lion Deb Featherby

Winter - a time for many animals to hibernate and sleep through the wintry storms. But not lions! The New Germany & Area Lions never hibernate! Although our activities have been curtailed by the Covid restrictions we are still active!

During the Christmas season, the Lions helped many families have a good Christmas through our donation of gifts to the Salvation Army for children in the area. Several local families were helped with donations for a Christmas dinner and gifts. Christmas mugs were decorated for the residents of the Rosedale Home to have a little bit of cheer in their rooms and gift bags were distributed to the residents of the seniors' apartments. A beautiful poinsettia was presented to the Rosedale Home, as well as a thousand dollar cheque for the bus fund, in memory of departed Lion Mike Crouse. Several community members were helped with financial aid because of medical travel and medical needs.

These winter months are quieter than usual, but the Lions are still volunteering where needed - at blood donor clinics, the Health Services Foundation Radiothon 2021, Helping Hands, and the Food Bank. We are planning activities for the spring that will meet the covid restrictions in place, including our yard sale!

We are still collecting hearing aids and eyeglasses - Nova Scotia Lions recycled 321,000 pairs of eyeglasses last year alone! Lions also collect 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.

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. And don't forget to buy your Radio Bingo books from local merchants - it's a great way to support your Lions Club and possibly win some cash. You can also purchase 50/50 tickets on line by going to Lions50/50. Be sure to indicate that you're supporting the NG&A Lions Club - we appreciate your help!



Lions Jesse Dexter and Debbie Lowe decorating the Christmas mugs for Rosedale residents.



Lion Deb Featherby with the toys purchased by Lion Debbie Lowe for the NG&ALC donation to the Christmas toy drive.



Lions Danielle Wile, Bernice Brown & Betty Ann MacKay, with photographer Deb, decorated our annual Christmas tree on Main Street to support the Live-

Lions Danielle Wile & Brenton Wagner presented a thousand dollar cheque for the Rosedale Bus fund to Staff member Crystal Leary and resident Carroll Daniel.



Lions Carla Carver and Betty Ann MacKay were pleased to be able to present a two thousand dollar cheque to the South Shore Health Foundation's 2021 Radiothon - From the Heart. This year's Radiothon raised money for a new ophthalmic microscope for SSRH.

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We must respect the safety of our volunteers and the attendees of such an event.

We trust that everyone will be safe and well.

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New Germany Canada Day Committee



## What's at the Museum?



Pricket lights were used as light sources by miners. It didn't give much light but it was easy to use. It was a wrought iron rod, pointed at one end and curved in upon itself at the other, and held a tallow candle. The curved portion could be hooked over a beam, the pointed end allowed the miner to wedge it into a hole or crack in the wall or beam. This particular one was used in Star Mine, Lunenburg County.

The Parkdale-Maplewood Community Museum is presently closed.

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# 4H Countryside Christmas Forest

~Abbie Foster



What started back in 2017 as a way for our club to have community involvement has become a tradition in New Germany. Three years later we were able to light up Main Street New Germany during what would have been a dreary Covid Christmas for some. One gentleman sent us a letter saying that he was filled with joy after seeing the trees lit up.



There were quite a few changes to the way our Christmas Tree Forest was organized this year. We work along with the New Germany Area Promotion Society who generally have other events. Unfortunately this year, they were not able to hold their Christmas events. General Leader Terri Foster and leader Tammy Wentzell organized donors and buyers online. What we thought might be a challenge was not too bad. Community members stepped up to the plate to put our trees up as it was during our 4H no in-person phase. It was sad to see our members and leaders not involved but our goal is to keep them safe.

The trees are bought by community members in memory of a loved one or by businesses who would like to show their holiday spirit. Each tree is uniquely decorated by the purchaser. Again this year, we had generous tree growers in our area donate trees for us to sell. This year was the largest year ever for sales with 34 trees being decorated! Previous years funds from the sale of our trees were used to help offset registration costs for our club. However this year, we wanted to give back to our community so we used the funds to provide Christmas gifts to two families and financially helped a family who is travelling back and forth to Halifax for medical reasons.

Our 4H year has been cancelled again this year. It was a hard decision for the General Leaders in our county to make but next year we hope to be back better than before.



# Community Planters

~ Greg Selig

In November I started to talk about putting brush in the planters around the community. As soon as I put the word out that I needed brush and berries, the offers to help started to come in. People also dropped off bows and other decorations that I can use again next year.

This year we also had a young family offer to help decorate. This was a wonderful way to start teaching their children that it is good to help/volunteer in a community.

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# Looking Back - Christmas 2020

Christmas 2020 may not have looked anything like a normal Christmas season in our area, but there were still some special happenings.



*Bridgewater Fire Department Band offering Christmas music at New Germany Home Hardware*



*Drive by Christmas parade in Upper Northfield*



*Harpist Gail Hewitt at Community Cafe*



*NGAPS partnered with MODL to deliver a treat bag for each child at NGES. All treats were purchased at local businesses.*

*Maders Store, New Germany Freshmart, New Germany Shoppers Drug Mart and Maplewood Maple Syrup & Christmas Tree Farm*



*River Ridge Common*

## Christmas Cheer

~ Greg Selig

Once again people near and far have helped me to give out Christmas Dinners to people who might need some help. As a result of your donations, I received about \$1700! With this money along with other food donations 17 people, who were identified as needing or otherwise deserving, received a good Christmas Dinner. Complete meals, not cooked, were delivered to them just before Christmas. I also had 3 families who were willing to cook for 3 other people/families, so we were able to provide food for those people to prepare. In total more than 30 people enjoyed a complete Christmas Dinner with all the finishing touches, including a chocolate treat! I still had some money left so we were able to identify several more folks who could use some help. I turned the remaining money into Gift Cards for the Freshmart here in New Germany and distributed them accordingly.

Thank-you to all who helped to make so many people feel happier this year. We all need others to show us kindness during this very strange time. Please consider what you can do to lift people up and make our community an even better place to live!



*Lorraine's Rosedale Kids made and hung decorations at both Rosedale and Lohnes Rest Home.*



# The Back Page

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