



New Germany Connections

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Community Events

- Tuesday Afternoons Bookmobile
- Thursday Mornings Community Café
- Mar 19 NGVFD Smoke detectors
- Mar 28 Canada Day meeting
- Apr 1 Legion Trivia night
- Apr 5 Employment Solutions meeting
- Apr 7 Pap Clinic
- Apr 15 Good Friday
- Apr 17 Easter
- May 2 P/M Museum opens
- May 19 Pap Clinic
- May 23 Victoria Day
- June 3 Farmers Market opens

Spring 2022

It probably won't quite be spring when you receive and read this newsletter. But within days your calendar will tell you that it is "the first day of spring" and we can have some new things to look forward to: warm, sunny days, flowers popping out of the ground, busy bird song and maybe a few community events.

Even if you feel good fortune is avoiding you, it is hard to not look around in our province, our country and the world and see others who are not going to enjoy any of the optimism of the changing season.

There are many reasons from personal illness to family tragedy and war. When we look at what others are living with, does it make us more grateful for what we have? And missing less what we don't have? What would you do for your country? Maybe we can encourage gratitude for what we have and support our community with at least one unselfish action in Spring 2022! There are lots of "suggestions" in this newsletter.

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 Trail Bridge

On November 16, 2021 the New Germany Trail Bridge was lifted, by two cranes, in place across the LaHave River where the train bridge crossed the river. It was very exciting to watch and equally exciting to have this infrastructure in our community. David Whycott, Project Leader, answers some questions about the bridge.

Whose project is this? South Shore Annapolis Valley Recreational Trail Association (SSAVRTA).

Who owns the bridge? The Province owns the trail bridge but the SSAVRTA manages the bridge through a letter of authority.

Estimated Cost? \$500,000 plus. Some of the major expenditure were associated with materials. Examples: 90,000 lbs. of steel at almost a dollar per pound, two layers of treated decking, engineers, surveyors, contractors and the bridge builders.

How long was the project planned? This basically started in 2018 with a preliminary bridge assessment by an Engineer who supplied info regarding what was there originally and some of the best options for replacement. A team was created in 2019 to focus on what the replacement should be and what the justification would be required to get funding for a fairly large undertaking. The team consisted of MODL, TIR, DNR, ATVANS, an engineer and several SSAVRTA members. In the end it was decided the bridge replacement would allow a safer mean for all trail users, instead of using the Lower Branch Road and one lane bridge to make the connectivity. It would also allow a legal connection for the OHV (Off Highway Vehicle) community.



Who were the partners in the project? There were many partners, the financial part was basically covered by the federal, provincial and municipal governments, however, the community and local trail clubs also contributed what they could in terms of financial support and a huge moral support throughout the entire process.

Info about bridge such as size, length and what vehicles can use it. Who built it? The bridge is a truss style bridge, 220 feet long x 8 feet wide x 10 feet high. The only vehicles allowed on bridge would be Off Highway Vehicles sharing the bridge with all other trail users, walkers, bicycles and baby carriages. Not allowed would be trucks, cars, vans and motorcycles. The bridge builder was Baxter Bridges and Trails, Amherst Nova Scotia. The bridge build started early January 2020 and was completed November 30, 2021. Landowner permission to open the bridge happened on December 30, 2021.

Quotes and comment to myself as the Project Leader have all been positive regarding safety for all trail users, legal connectivity for OHV and a wonderful asset for the community. This

project was well overdue and to date there have been no negative repercussions.

There were 328 volunteer recorded hours on this project, landowner discussions, trail clearing, crane pads constructed and sign placement. There was also discussion on a spring 2022 clean up and fix up of both ends of the bridge, maybe a few benches and tables making it into a park like setting.



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River Ridge Common News

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The second phase of singletrack trail development is expected to open in the next few months, 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 travels throughout the park. As the snow and ice melt away, keep an eye out for a few of the new trails that are already open, with the rest being opened in stages as they are completed. There will also be some helpful new maps and updated signage to show the way before the entire new trail system is opened up to the public.

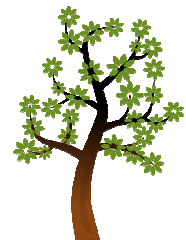
The Off-Highway Vehicle parking and picnic area, next to the South Shore Annapolis Valley Trail, is on the list for development in the near future. This site will feature new picnic spots and an edible forest planted fringe. The Municipality is also currently working on a design to add more parking spaces.



Working with New Germany Rural High School, plans are also underway to keep local students involved at River Ridge Common, including group mountain bike rides and volunteer trail building activities.



Until winter draws to an end, when the playground area washrooms can be opened for the warmer seasons, the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg will continue to maintain the seasonal washroom facilities in the Highway 10 parking area.



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New Germany and Area Medical Centre

We Thank You for Your Continued Support!

The New Germany and Area Medical Centre would like to thank those who supported our recent fundraiser, "Double Grand in Your Hand". The medical centre is not government funded and relies solely on the financial support of our kind community. We sincerely thank those who have generously supported the medical centre in the past, present and those who will continue to support rural health care through volunteer hours, monetary donations, serving our board and much more. Money raised will enable the Board to proceed with needed updates inside the facility.



On February 15, 2022, members of the Board of Directors for the New Germany & Area Medical Centre Association gathered at Shoppers Drug Mart for the drawing of the winning ticket for the "Double Grand in the Hand" fundraiser. From the 400 tickets sold the winner of the \$2,000 was Mark Stoll of Saskatchewan! Mark is the brother of Board member Blaine Stoll.

Tara Haines at Shoppers Drug Mart with the winning ticket for the Two Grand in the Hand fundraiser. Deb Featherby Photo

Call for Board Members

The New Germany and Area Medical Centre is seeking board members!

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~Abbie Foster

Our 4-H year has finally started!

This year we have thirty seven members and eight cloverbuds, this is the largest our club has ever been. Some of the projects we are offering are foods, waterfowl, oxen, floriculture and many more. There is something for everyone.

We have had three general meetings so far and will be starting project meetings very soon. This year is the 100th year for 4-H so the 4-H council has been planning lots of fun activities for all the members.

Our club has a new executive council that is as follows, Madelyn Simpson as our President, Rhys Corkum as Vice President, Abbie Foster as Secretary and Jack Slauenwhite as the Treasurer. Olivia Seamone Brown and Spencer Simpson will be our club representatives for the county council meetings.

This year for our Christmas Tree Forest we sold thirty trees. Five dollars from every tree we sold was put towards buying toys for Mike Wilson's IWK Toy Drive. Our club executive picked out toys for all the kids. Some events that have been planned so far are our club speech day held on March 5th and the County Rally which is March 26th. Regionals for public speaking will be held April 9th and our 4-H weekend will be held on May 7th this year. We won a Farm Credit Canada grant so we are planning some fun events with that as well. Everyone is super excited to see what this year will bring!



New Germany Legion

We're back.

As of March 4th we will be back to our regular hours of every Friday opening at 6pm. For the month of March we are going to get our bearings and get back into our good groove. In the meantime feel free to pop by and pay your 2022 dues, we really need the support from your memberships. You can also do this online if it's easier for you: <https://legion.ca/join-us>. Don't forget we have pool, darts, cards, several games, music, and a large TV with the latest movies and sports.

April will be a big month as we will return to our 1st Friday of every month hosting TRIVIA with the Quizmaster. That starts at 8pm with pizza by the slice for sale. We have our general meeting, open to all Legion members on April 7th at 730pm. And then hopefully we can host a social event, with music...dare we say...a dance... but stay tuned. We want do everything properly and not rush, but we're excited to see everyone again. Any ideas for events and social gatherings let us know! We love feedback and suggestions.

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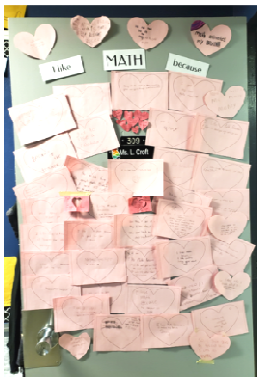
New Germany Rural High School News

As we reach the mid-point of our year here at NGRHS and with COVID restrictions soon being lifted, there is an aura around the school as to what our new "normal" will be and what kind of fun we can have as a collective group of SAINTS.

Over the last couple of months we have some very noteworthy programs and initiatives going on here at NGRHS. In November, we had two male staff members attend a Mo Green, retired Youth Health Coordinator, seminar and then later present a two-day workshop on the theme of toxic masculinity to our Grade 9 boys. He has worked with teenagers for 35 years across a wide range of youth health issues, including injury prevention, alcohol misuse, physical activity and healthy eating. This workshop was very well received by the group of young gentlemen. As a staff we are challenging unacceptable behaviour in a reflective and restorative manner, which allows for learning in the fullness of time.

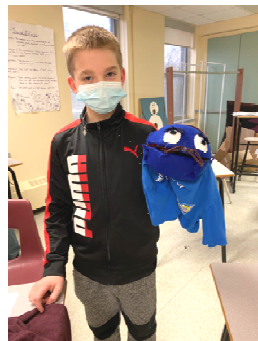
Grade 7s took part in the HEADSTRONG Program, which is a youth leadership initiative to champion mental wellness. Focusing on resilience, recovery and positive social action, HEADSTRONG's mission is to equip and inspire young people to Be Brave, Reach Out, and Speak Up about mental health. Staff members Chris Wentzell, Erin Seamone and our Interagency team Alex Acton-Bond, Cicley Smith, and Rebecca Guest completed a three-day workshop with our Grade 7s.

Erin Seamone also facilitated HRY (Healthy Relationships for Youth). Liz McCurdy at Second Story Women's Centre in Lunenburg provided training to Erin and three NGRHS students to become peer mentors.



Ms. Croft's Math Valentines.

This past Valentine's Day, students created personalized Valentines for the residents of both Rosedale Home for Special Care and Lohnes Care Home in a purposeful writing initiative throughout the school. Students also created a Valentine's Day video message, which can be found on our NGRHS Student Council Facebook Page. With the news regarding loosening of restrictions, we are excited to provide even more experiences for our students and create our own "new normal" here at NGRHS. Go SAINTS!



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Grade 8 Students creating puppets, where they also created and performed skits.

Grade 7 Drama students participating in team building skills

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Many thanks to New Germany Fire Department.

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New Germany & Area Medical Centre

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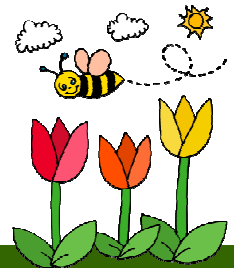
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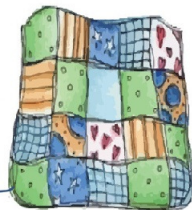


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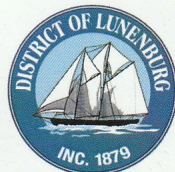
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A creative Jill-of-all-trades with a background in education, non-profits and communication, is how Julie Veinot describes herself.

I had the pleasure of meeting up with Julie for coffee and lunch, on a cold snowy afternoon recently to discuss an award she received for innovative work in her role as Executive Director for South Shore Sexual Health. I had read the article about an award that she received and I thought that it would be very interesting to meet with Julie and hear about her work and award.

I have known Julie for close to 20 years, but other than her love of cats, books and photography, I really did not know her very well. It was great to talk to her and learn about her and her work and why she loves it so much.

Julie was born and raised in New Germany, attending New Germany Elementary and High School. She went off to UPEI, Holland College and then Acadia to further her education, with the hopes of being able to stay and work in the community she loves and calls home. Julie studied journalism in PEI and then obtained her Bachelor's degree in English and History before she went on and completed her Masters in Literature and Letters. She then completed her Bachelor of Education in teaching.

Julie now resides in Barss Corner with family, her cats, books and love of coffee, chocolate and the outdoors. She says that being able to see the deer outside your home, the fresh air, green spaces and places to swim is what it is all about. She describes herself as a homebody and was always mindful of finding and developing her skills to enable her to remain near to home on the South Shore.

Julie loves to work at a non-profit because the focus is not on "making money" but helping people and contributing to the community. Her love of what she does is very evident as she talked to me and shared about what she does and how much it helps people.

Working as a wreath maker, substitute teacher, blueberry picker, journalist, radio ad writer and photographer are all jobs that helped to make her the person she is today and doing the work she loves. Being a part of the community is very important to Julie and it is very evident when you get a chance to sit and talk with her.

Working as a supply teacher in local schools, she taught English, Social Sciences and worked in the Resource/Learning Centre. All of this has proven helpful in her present position with the South Shore Sexual Health Centre. Julie very strongly believes in "Inclusive Education" for all. That philosophy is of the utmost importance in her current position, where she supports youth and adults daily to ensure pro-choice and support healthy sexuality. Tie that belief in with her experience, and it is no surprise that she won an award this past December for a special project she spearheaded and brought to fruition.

I can remember a few years ago, participating in the Health Fair at New Germany Regional High School and hearing the students talking about "the condom lady" yes, Julie had free condoms for the students. Although she said most were used as balloons, the kids had fun while learning.

That is only a very small part of what she does in her role as Executive Director South Shore Sexual Health, a job she has had for almost 8 years.

South Shore Sexual Health is open to all ages, but the focus does lean towards pre-teens, teens and young adults. At Acadia Julie studied feminist "stuff" and "queer theory" all of this is very advantageous in her role at the center. Also, while at university, she worked with the Second Story Woman's Centre and Planned Parenthood. It appears that she was always headed in the direction to where she now finds herself.

It is never too late to learn but Julie feels it is very important to target the young and start the education before it is needed. Prior to the pandemic, she did get out to a lot of schools to do presentations. She was like a one-woman traveling road show. This is something that she hopes to get back to when it is safe to do so. Both Grade 7 and 8 kids have lots of questions and need good basic information. There is a plethora of information on the Centre's website that is both useful and educational, but not over the top.



Julie has done extensive research into current best practices on gender diversity. As a result she identified a need for a supportive, accepting environment in which transgender youth, teens and adults can get supplies and support as they navigate the changes that they are going through. Julie identified the need for something for the transgender people of Lunenburg and Queens County and beyond. Previously they would need to order any items required for their transformation online and could not see them or try them. Out of all of this came the idea for the TRANSFORMATION Closet that started over 2 years ago. The closet offers gender-affirming items to youth and adults for free or a nominal charge. It is all private and confidential. Located in the Centre on Logan Road, the closet has binders, underwear and other items required by youth who need to transition or express their gender identity. They can come in and pick it up or order.

In the first year 32 clients were helped by this project.

This project was recently recognized when Julie and her work won the top award from the **Helen and Fred Bentley Award of Excellence**, which recognizes Sexual Health Innovation and Leadership. With this award came a \$9,000.00 prize. This will be of tremendous help to stock supplies for the closet. Julie says this will allow her to help provide clients with supplies that are needed.

The Helen and Fred Bentley Award is an annual award given out to 3 Sexual Health Programs in Canada. How impressive that one of our own local community members saw the need and acted on it. Then won the top place award. This program is truly inspiring and definitely boundary-pushing as well as needed.

Humbling is how Julie describes receiving this recognition and says that obtaining items that allow people to authentically express their gender can make a big difference in mental health.

Julie enjoys her job and says that the best part is "helping people" whether it is providing information, support, help and/or products. Most of the people who contact her are in a vulnerable situation. She is so grateful to be able to help and hopefully make a small difference in the lives of the people who reach out to her for help or to those who she does presentations to. She also finds it very difficult and at times

frustrating when she is not able to help the clients. She has worked hard to compile a list of resources and knows where to direct people for the help that they are requiring.

A majority of what she knows in this role is self-taught though research and education. She is always learning and growing.

Julie loves that she gets to teach youth and others in Lunenburg and Queens counties about health and well-being. It is very rewarding to give something to someone that meets a need in their life or helps them in a crisis situation.

Julie has certainly found her niche and the people of both counties are very lucky to have her in this role. I certainly learned a lot about not only Sexual Health Education, but Julie as well.



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Connecting in our Communities

George Bernard Shaw said, "I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can."



We have people in many of our local communities who seem to be of that same opinion. **Warren and Iris Veinotte** of Newburne certainly fit the description. They were both born in Newburne and could see no reason to live anywhere else. Their ancestors were among Newburne's earliest settlers of European descent who arrived here around 1840. There is a book, *Newburne Then and Now, 1837-1987*, written by Pauline Veinotte (Iris' mother) which tells much of the rich story of Newburne.

Growing up in this rural community Iris and Warren enjoyed the fields to play ball on, the ponds to skate on, and the trout hole to swim in; they gathered with their families and neighbours for community, church and Sunday School events; they knew that neighbours helped neighbours, and that the forests, fields, lakes and rivers were essential to life and needed to be responsibly used and protected.

There was a one room school in Newburne which both attended, though when Warren was in what we call the junior high years, his courses were only available 'by correspondence'. Does that sound a bit similar to what our young people have been facing these past two years with 'online learning'? As a young man, Warren tried his hand at various jobs on farms, in the woods, on the highway. When he was just 21, John Mader asked him to consider coming to work at Mader's Store in Barss Corner. He described that as a great job. He was a clerk, delivered groceries to homes, hauled feed and flour (which was sold in 100lb bags) from the train in New Germany, worked as a handyman, builder, mechanic, pretty much a 'jack of all trades' and he felt he had a great boss. It was truly a family business and he became part of the family including having the noon meal with the Mader family almost every day he worked there. He also got to know pretty much everyone who lived within a 20 mile radius of Barss Corner. He retired at 65 in 2001, but makes a visit to the store almost every day 'just for fun'.

Iris attended not only the Newburne school, but also the school at Walden when her mother taught there. After graduating from New Germany Rural High, Iris went to 'Normal College' which then became Teacher's College, and she came back to NGRH and taught for 20+ years. Interestingly some of her years there overlapped with her mother's – and I was a student of both. Did you know that back in the 60's girls (teachers and students) were required to wear skirts. Jeans and dress pants? Forget it! And no high heels!

While they were getting settled into their careers, Iris and Warren got married, built their house (by themselves with help from a few friends) in Newburne, and had a daughter, Karsa, and a son, Chad. These were very busy years in the Veinotte household. Since then the family has grown to include a daughter-in-law, Tracey, son-in-law, David, and two grandchildren, Junqueira and Jensen. Their house, where the community is often welcome, has a few distinctive features including a full wall painted mural of Indian Falls (Warren's handiwork) and a fine mosaic of Intarsia woodworking (Iris' work) displaying many local animals, birds and trees. Intarsia you ask? "Intarsia uses varied shapes, sizes, and species of wood fitted together to create a mosaic-like picture with an illusion of depth."

In the late 1980's, Warren and Iris had an idea that would enable so many more people to enjoy the beauty and peacefulness of Newburne. They bought a piece of land by the river near their home and set to work developing an area which opened in 1990 as the LaHave River Campground. At its peak, they had about 35 seasonal campsites, 65 other sites and several slumber huts. There was a store, laundry area, playground with a 40ft slide, mini golf, shuffleboard, basketball net and a blockhouse to play in. There was The Shelter which offered space for many community activities including cards, bingo, dances, potluck meals, contests and competitions and some very creative seasonal celebrations. It was definitely a 'community within a community'! It was sold in 2009, and then again in 2021 (Read about the new owners on pg 15 of the November 2021 issue of NG Connections).



Without the responsibility of the campground Warren had time to delve into some of his other hobbies. After shoulder surgery, he decided that instead of going for physiotherapy sessions he would build a mill. With careful attention to how he moved and lifted the various parts and pieces he thought he could rehabilitate his shoulder. It worked –both the shoulder and the mill. Now he is able to saw logs for many more projects – a workshop and a garage. A current project is building a replica of a Model T. He started with an axle and two wheels. From there it's a matter of ingenuity. Much of the original car was actually wood – his project is generating lots of interest among antique car buffs!

Snow doesn't stop him. Or his neighbours. After a storm you'll find him plowing a large number of driveways for his Newburne neighbours, not charging for his work, but giving them an opportunity to 'pay it forward'.

He's been active in the local Lutheran church congregation since he was a child and helping out wherever he was needed, singing in the choir, serving on Councils, helping with building projects and serving in the community. If you look on Facebook, you'll hear him often joining his daughter in her weekly Hymn posts. Iris, also active at St Matthew's, has been known for her children's talk at Sunday services; helped organize the annual Newburne Christmas concert and worked with the all-ages Sunday School. When most area churches were struggling with Sunday Schools closing, Iris felt a call to encourage all our local denominations to work together. What resulted was a Friday after school program at New Germany Elementary called Messy Saints that began in the fall of 2010 and continued at the school until March 2020, and now has resumed with a team producing a video which families can access online. And...if you're wondering who might be building a



Ladies afternoon at the Veinotte's

few props and teaching aids behind the scenes – you guessed it, Warren!

Iris and Warren are always among the first to welcome new residents to Newburne inviting them to join in community activities. And if there are no community activities to meet a particular need – they just might start one. For instance the 'Ladies Afternoon'. More than 15 years ago a few ladies got together in Newburne to watch a movie together. They had a great time and all agreed they should get together more often. Within weeks, Iris had invited them to her home. That began a regular weekly gathering each Monday in January, February and March that lasted until Covid restrictions closed things down in 2020. The group grew up to 20 with women of all ages, both longtime residents and those new to the community. They enjoyed games, skits, contests, discussions, crafts, silliness, cooking demos, snacks, an annual outing (bowling, museum visit, sleigh ride....) and always an elegant Afternoon Tea to end the season.

Iris and Warren have enjoyed their many opportunities for encouraging Newburne to become a connected and caring community; and they've enjoyed and co-operated with the efforts of many others who've worked in so many ways to keep the fires of community spirit ever New- 'burning'.

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



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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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Who should attend:

- Upcoming high school or college grads
- Recent grads
- Job seekers
- People exploring changing careers
- Those thinking about adult upgrading or taking a college course
- New community members looking to hear about community services
- People interested in exploring self employment
- Those who are interested in mentoring or volunteering their skills

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Skating at the pond

Hi! My name is Leah Greek. I am ten years old, in grade five and live in Barss Corner.

During the winter, my family and I go to the pond behind our neighbour's house. It is really fun and a great pond for skating. I learned to do many things on skates there. For example, I learned how to skate on one blade there. Usually, we ask our neighbours and friends if they want to come with us. It takes under 5 minutes to walk from our house to the pond. We walk over the field, across the bridge and down the trail, done! It's only just over a 150 meter walk. In the spring, it is fun to watch the frog eggs hatch. When we get to the pond, all of us get our shovels and clear the snow. Then after a little while, my sister Alex, my brother Joseph and I get our skates on and shovel while skating. Not very often, but sometimes, just sometimes, Alex and I can go skating alone. (again, not very often).

When I grow up, I might be a figure skater. And if I do become one, I would try to learn on the pond. Unlike the LCLC, it is not crowded. It is kind of bumpy, but it has space. It is very fun skating at the pond. It is local, spacious and fun. That pond might have been where I learned how to skate. Ever since we got hockey sticks and pucks, we play hockey on the ice. We would shovel a small, little area on one side of the pond and one of us would be the goalie and the other two would shoot our pucks. That is what it is like skating at the pond. It is one of my favourite things to do outside in the winter.



The Woodland Conferences 2022

Western Woodland Conference

Saturday, April 23rd, 2022

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- NS Dept. of Natural Resources & Renewables Updates
- 2021 Woodland Owner of the Year Award Winners
- Ecological Forestry
- Impact of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid and Strategies for Helping Hemlock Forests in NS
- Woodlot Stewardship
- Wildlife and Biodiversity
- Timber Loan Board: Equipment Funding
- Forestry Sector Council: Training and Self Employment
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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK APRIL 24-30, 2022

The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg appreciates and celebrates volunteerism in our communities.

The Municipality proudly acknowledges Jon Allen of Oakland as this year's Provincial Representative Volunteer.

Jon has been volunteering for 26 years with South Shore Players. He is the President of the organization and spends a lot of his time directing, writing, and acting. His positive approach is contagious. He also volunteers on different committees and council groups. Jon and his wife offer the Sarah K. Allen Memorial Bursary (\$1000.00) each year to a person pursuing post-secondary education in theatre arts. Under his leadership the SSP produced and presented free entertainment during one of our lowest periods when COVID hit. He always volunteers with a big smile and heart.



NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN!

Do you know a deserving volunteer in your community we should know about?

Nominations are being accepted for the following:

Representative Volunteer - One volunteer (individual, couple, or group) will be selected to represent the District of Lunenburg at the 48th Provincial Volunteer Award Ceremony in September. **Deadline for nominations is Thursday, March 24, 2022.**

Municipal Awards and Reception - Community organizations are invited to nominate and send two representatives to the Municipal Reception to be held during Volunteer Week. Please complete a nomination form and submit it by **Thursday, March 24, 2022.** The form is available on www.modl.ca by calling (902) 541-1343 or emailing recreation@modl.ca.

We wish to thank all our community volunteers for their passion, their action, and the impact they have in making MODL a great place to live, work and play.



SUMMER EMPLOYMENT DEADLINES

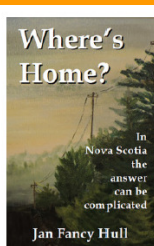
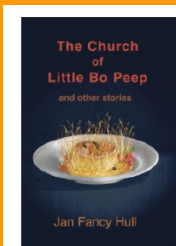
We are looking for strong, creative leaders with energy, motivation, and communication skills to deliver our summer recreation programs in a fun, safe and inclusive environment. Our summer programming spans across the District of Lunenburg encompassing all ages and abilities. Reliable transportation is required to travel to different locations daily. We welcome applications from all who feel their knowledge and skill sets align with the goals of our department.

April 1, 2022 (Program Leaders, 14 to 17 weeks)

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Introducing Newcomers

~Interview by Donna Finck

On a brilliant crisp cold snowy day in February I visited Jessica, Jon and Thorin (3) Wardell at their farm on the Ridge Road in Springfield. They will soon be celebrating their first anniversary in their new home. Sitting here enjoying the heat from their new wood stove with Muscovy ducks and a variety of chickens wandering past the windows outside, there is no evidence of the hard work that they have done to make this house and property so nice.

Just over a year ago they were living in Listowel, Ontario. Jon was managing warehouses and Jessica was doing on-line studies at Verge Permaculture in Alberta and looking after Thorin. With escalating prices for houses in the area and limited opportunities to get into agriculture they started looking elsewhere in the country.

They knew people in the New Germany area, Jane and Dave Griffin. Jon had been in the Maritimes to hunt and fish over the years and enjoyed his visits. Relying on the advice of friends they began looking in Nova Scotia for a place that would be suitable for them. That's how they came upon this place; a rural acreage with forestry and farming potential and a house in need of lots of tender loving care.

As spring arrived, so did they. It took a few months to get in to their new home because it was in a complicated rental arrangement. That gave them the 'opportunity' to spend time in the town of Lunenburg in the middle of the pandemic. I had to ask: "How did you meet people under these circumstances? They answered that social media connected them to different events that were still happening in our area during the pandemic. The New Germany Community Cafe and the New Germany Farmers Market to name two. They have met young families of similar age and circumstances, some are locals and some recently arrived, all trying to sort out what the possibilities are for making a living in agriculture.



Both Jon and Jessica are very committed to living closer to the natural world and in seeking kinder more sustainable ways to work with nature to provide for themselves and the broader community. They come with enthusiasm and determination and new ideas to tackle old problems; teaching and learning. They are enjoying discovering all that we have to offer and it is a delight to get to know them. On behalf of the locals, welcome Jon, Jessica and Thorin!



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New Germany Farmers' Market



The market reopens on June 3, Fridays 2-6 pm and still across from St John's Church, Hwy 10 where we ended last year.

We are already receiving applications for new vendors along with many of our regulars from previous years. We are looking forward to a great market season.

Facebook page is FM644, website is FM644.square.site and we are working on Instagram for the market as well. The vendor application can be found at <https://bit.ly/2UrvuSy>

New Germany Volunteer Fire Department



Construction of our two new trucks is almost complete! The Tanker has been delivered to the dealer in Bridgewater and should be in service in a few weeks. The Aerial should be delivered in the next two to three months and is expected to be in service by early summer.




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From the Lions Den

~Lion Deb Featherby

The winter will soon be over and with the lifting of many of the pandemic restrictions, the Lions Club members are raring to go! It has been a very long winter without our suppers, theatres and projects so we are looking forward to spring and, hopefully, some return to normal activities.

Even without our normal activities, we are still raising money through our on-line sale of yard sale items. This has been a big boost to our fundraising and many thanks to those who have so generously donated items to the club, and a thank you to those who have purchased items. With this money we have been able to donate over \$8,000 in the last few months to members of the community who have needed support for the purchase of medical items, travel expenses because of medical issues, fires, and power and heating bills.



Lions Carla Carver and Bernice Brown with the Lions Club Christmas tree.

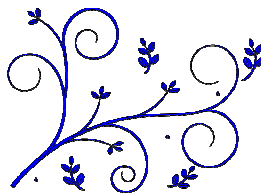
The Lions club members have given funds to the schools to help with Christmas hampers for those in need, donated \$1,000 to the Rosedale Home bus fund, and given the residents of the Riverview Manor a Christmas treat. Members supported the Live Wires 4H club by decorating a Christmas tree along Main Street, to add to the charm of our community at Christmas time.

On Valentine's Day, \$2,000 donation was made to the Health Services Foundation "Gift from the Heart" Radiothon to support the purchase of a sanitizer for medical instruments.

The Lions club is still collecting hearing aids, CPAP machines, eyeglasses and 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. We receive a commission for

collecting these items and we appreciate your support.

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. Youth groups who need assistance to promote their activities can also contact any member of the club. 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 by playing on Wednesday evenings - just tune in to CKBW radio by 7:00 pm.



New Germany & Area Lions proudly showing their \$2,000 donation to the Radiothon. L-R: Carla Carver, Betty Ann MacKay, Bernice Brown, Donnie Fancy, Carol Knell and Kelly Hansen.

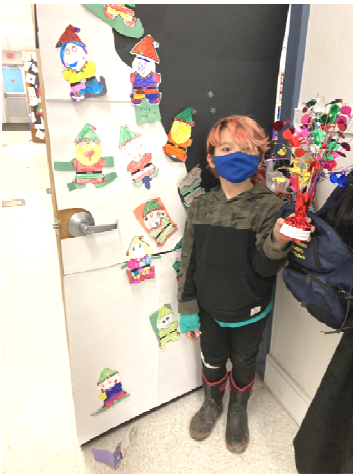
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The New Germany & Area Lions and Leos placed wreaths on either side of the cenotaph to honour those who fought during the World Wars and Korean conflict. All photos by Deb Featherby

New Germany Elementary School News

10 days of December Connections – thanks to Mrs. Monahan, the Grade Six Leadership Group and the staff for providing school-wide activities during the month of December such as creating gratitude trees, making natural tree decorations for the birds, door decorating, virtual story time with Mrs. Wagner and more.



Christmas Concert – Ms. Sheffield was very creative with bringing the entire school together for the finale outside. What a magical time to see all together singing while it was snowing!

It was a perfect day for the winter walk in nature and hot chocolate class-by-class.

The Christmas dinner was a huge hit! Staff and volunteers were so excited to help prepare the meal and eat with the students.

Thank you to the community for your continued support for our school and students. It is greatly appreciated by all.

~ Peta Wagner, Principal NGES



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