



New Germany Connections

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Community Events

- Bookmobile Tuesdays
- Community Café Thursdays
- March 30 Fed & Nourished, Upper Northfield
- March 17 Music @ Legion
- April 9 Easter
- April 12 Diffuser Bracelet Workshop, @ Barss Corner, MODL
- April 14 Trivia @ Legion
- April 15 Union Square Hall Roadside Cleanup
- April 20 Pap Clinic NG&AMC
- April 25 Adult Literacy
- April 27 & 28 Play @NDFD
- May 5 Trivia @ Legion
- May 6 Open Studio Kedge Weavers @ Barss Corner Hall
- May 21 Walk RRC with MODL
- May 27 Union Square Hall Plant Sale
- June 2 Trivia @ Legion

Spring 2023

The one thing that is hard to miss when you read our newsletter is the many "Givers" who live in our area and contribute to making our communities strong.

From the free treats at the Community Café on Thursday mornings, the music instruments and instruction with the high school band project, loans of medical equipment from the Lions Club, this community we call home does not have a problem sharing.

When you read our Connecting Communities article you will see that helping others is a foundation of our communities.

And when you look around you will see so many others who are donating time, energy and money to keep our communities vibrant and alive. We see it all the time: how places can struggle, lose too much to keep going and growing. Sometimes you need the hand up and be a taker but every opportunity to be a giver makes your community better.

Having a sturdy cache of givers will help keep our communities the best places to live we all want.

We are pleased to give 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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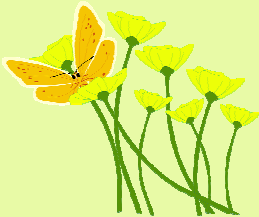
Community Café

The Community Café at the Anglican Church Hall (5311 Highway 10, New Germany) is open from 9:30 until 11:30 every Thursday morning. Please note our new times!

There is hot coffee, tea (juice for the young ones) and a selection of muffins and baked goodies. All this is free, but there is a donation jar; give what ever you can. Community Café donations supported two mothers and their four children with food and presents this past Christmas season. A donation was also made to the Health Services Foundation of the South Shore to their annual Radiothon. Thanks to all café patrons for their generosity.

Drop by the Café, stay for awhile, have a conversation, have a treat. A big thank you goes out to everyone who volunteers at the café and the bakers who supply the tasty treats.

If you want to be part of the behind the scenes action check with the "staff", they will let you know how you can help.



New Germany Adult Literacy Program

Do you want to improve your literacy skills? Do you know someone else who could benefit?

Lunenburg County Adult Learning Opportunities is offering a free adult literacy program in New Germany. Our program will help adult learners gain valuable skills in reading, writing, math and digital literacy.

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By attending this program, you will improve literacy skills for work and home, be able to support your family or children and feel more confident getting through life.

The program will be held at the Anglican Church Hall (5311 Highway 10) and will run for 8 weeks. Classes will start April 25 and will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-4:00.

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The People We Meet in Our Communities

Hande Barutcuoglu was born in Istanbul, Turkey coming to Ontario in 2005, settling in Nova Scotia in 2013.



She is a retired veterinarian and keeps chickens, goats, quail and Angora rabbits. Her personal companion (always at the Thursday morning cafe) is her terrier, Radar. She is in her second year of being a project leader in our local Livewires 4-H, helping where there is a need. Right now, it is "Food Projects," where she teaches gardening and cooking skills.

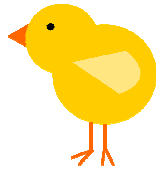
She will also give tips on juggling, a skill she developed while attending the Circus school in Halifax-Dartmouth. She used to teach piano, but now, just for fun, she will don her Chicken Hat and read your palm for your Chicken Fortune.

She runs the only Guinea Pig Rescue in N.S. Over 100 of the little critters arrive every year, needing a new home and/or medical attention. Before Hande people used Kijiji to re-home them or sent them to the SPCA. They all find homes within a few weeks.

Hande enjoys New Germany and area because the people have been "open" to her. Sometimes us humans have so many lifetime friends and family members, we don't feel the need to add to an already full circle. We forget to open our hearts and homes to someone new. But Hande said that didn't happen to her.

So nice to hear that, since I have experienced that as well.

~ Interview by Denise Stoll



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- *Fire Safety *Scaffolding Training



Confessions of a Trivia Night Addict

~ Nancy Radcliffe

Since we first walked into the New Germany Legion on Sept. 2, my husband and I haven't missed a monthly Trivia Night except the one in February. As I write this, it's been 50 days since our last trivia game. Only six days until the next, but who's counting?

When we confess to city friends that playing trivia at the Legion is the highlight of our month, they pity us. *You're getting old*, their sad eyes seem to say. *You've become country folk*. True and true, but like much about living in this community, you have to experience it to discover the joy.

"What would you do if you could not fail?" This motivational quote hangs in Hester Gibson's kitchen. It's an interesting question that leads to another: Would you play trivia if you were guaranteed not to fail? I'm here to give you that guarantee. You can't fail, because the entire point of the game is to have fun.

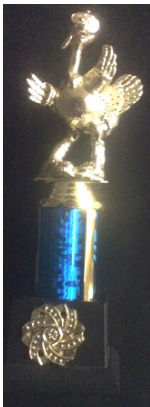


Let's start with the stickers. "Who would have thought stickers could be so important in life?" Hester jokes. Each category has five questions. When your team gets all five correct, you earn a sticker. These super silly moments of pride (or disappointment) prompt friendly teasing between and within teams.

As Quizmaster, Hester structured the game based on those she and husband Howard played in British pubs. "We were terrible," she admits, showing me a score sheet she saved from 2018. They scored 17 out of 50. "But we had the greatest time and everyone thought we were hilarious. We met some of our best friends on quiz night."

Hester spends about nine hours each month creating 50 questions, plus the Beer Round. Name the top 10 dog breeds, for example. This is when things get serious. The stakes are high. The winning team gets four complimentary beverages.

A teacher by passion, profession, and genetics, Hester says being Quizmaster is "like giving a test without having to teach the material." But there are terrific moments of learning, such as:



Why did pirates wear earrings?

- A) to show their wealth
- B) to improve their eyesight
- C) to show their sexual orientation
- D) to sell if they got caught as bribes.

The correct answer is B. It was a common superstition that precious metal had healing properties.

Laughter, learning, making new friends and free beer are great prizes, but the ultimate goal is Asaph the Trivia Ace, a truly goofy trophy with an adorable backstory.

You'll have to come to Trivia Night to find out why Loki, the Norse god of mischief, turned Asaph into a chicken, but I will tell you about his name. Asaph means "a gatherer of people," an apt symbol for what motivates

Hester and Jillian Russell to organize these events. "They get people into the Legion," Hester says, noting support is critical. "If that Legion is closed, there's not another community hall of that size in the area. And if it's closed, it's sold and the money goes to Ottawa. It doesn't stay in our community."

Trivia night is the first Friday of each month. The cost of \$2 per person goes to the Legion. All are welcome. No membership required.

A special shout out to our teammates Avan and Lisa Joudrey. We won Asaph in December. It was the proudest moment of my life. I'm kidding, but it was definitely fun.

Speaking of beer, here's a sample question from December: In the classic 12 Days of Christmas song, the first gift is a partridge in a pear tree. On SCTV in 1982, Canadian actors Rick Moranis and Dave Thomas play Bob and Doug McKenzie. Their sketch of drunken brothers features what as the first gift?"

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New Germany & Area Medical Centre Association

The children of the late Bill Alexander recently attended a Board of Directors meeting where they were presented with a plaque in honour of their father. Bill Alexander was the driving force behind the building of the Medical Centre to serve the needs of the people in this area. The Centre was built through donations of cash, materials and labour, and has never needed a mortgage or loan in order to continue to operate. The plaque will be in the Medical Centre waiting area where it can remind those waiting to see a medical practitioner that the efforts made on their behalf by this dedicated man and his family, as well as numerous others, has provided the Centre for them.

The day to day expenses and maintenance of the Centre are paid by the Board of Directors, which relies on donations, grants and rent. Over the past few months expenses included the upgrading of the air and water systems, as well as the safety and security systems. In the coming months the Board will be painting areas of the interior of the building. Long term plans include the repair of the parking areas and repaving.

The Board of Directors meets monthly to approve expenditures and plan future work. Board members have started meeting with Nova Scotia Health personnel in order to promote our Medical Centre with a view to increasing the medical practitioners providing care. Our current medical practitioners are all full time employees of NS Health, and because of the shortage of medical practitioners across the province, all have additional duties outside of New Germany.

We are pleased that we now have a foot care professional serving the New Germany area at the Medical Centre. Appointments can be booked with Mary Ann Zinck by calling 902-527-7772.

If anyone wishes to make a regular or memorial donation to the Medical Centre, you can contact Deb Featherby at 902-521-7791 or stop at 4923 Hwy 10 (next to Rosedale Home) to make your donation. Those residents who are attending appointments at the Medical Centre can make a donation by putting their spare coins or bills in the money jar at the reception desk.



*The children of Bill Alexander accepting a plaque to honour their father, the late Bill Alexander.
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If you have ever wondered about making cloth, how a loom or a spinning wheel works, this is your chance to find out. There will be hands-on demos in weaving and spinning. There will be displays and sales of hand woven or handspun items.

We will have several kinds of looms and wheels, working or on exhibit. And the colours and textures of the finished goods on display will be a treat to your eyes and your soul.

This is a free event. Light refreshments will be available and donations are appreciated.

Please join us on **Saturday May 6 between 10am and 4pm.**

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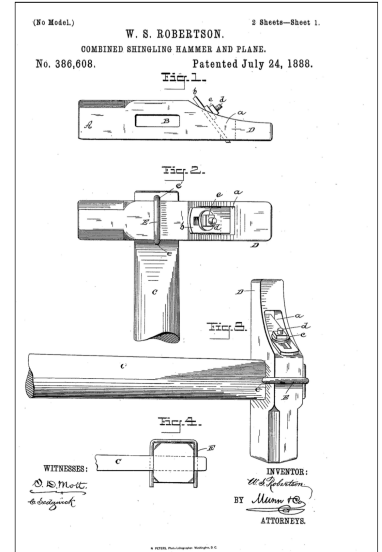
Finding a New Germany Patent

On July 24, 1888 New Germany resident William S. Robertson registered a patent in the United States Patent Office for a Combined Shingling Hammer and Plane.

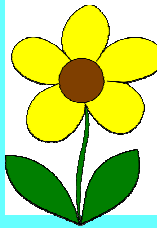
This information was shared with us from Philip Nendel of Oskaloosa, IA who is doing research in the US Patent Office archives. It is only patent he has found relating to New Germany.

A detailed description of the shingling hammer and plane can be found using Google's patent search engine and searching for US386608.

It is not surprising that a tool invented in our area involves working with wood. The past and present major exports from this area are forestry related - box mill, pulp mill, Christmas trees, for a few.



Are there any other New Germany area inventions? Did William Robertson manufacture his Hammer and Plane? Was his combined shingling hammer and plane ever used in local shingle mills?



There are interesting bits of history to be found in so many places.

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Tim Brown has taken a year off from his job as editor of South River's weekly newspaper hoping to learn something new. He bumps into challenges in the town, on a trail in Blockhouse, on the LaHave Ferry etc., while trying not to bump into Stella, the MLA for South River and the Harbours.

March: Enigma, #3 in the **Tim Brown Mysteries by Jan Fancy Hull**, is now available from the publisher, www.moosehousepress.com, & Village Glassworks, New Germany.

Band Returns to NGRHS

~ Jason Greek

The halls are alive with the sound of music!

After-school band has returned to New Germany Rural High School. Thanks to the work of volunteers, and with the enthusiastic support of the school administration, things are progressing very well. Music has always been an important part of my life, but nothing has played a bigger part in shaping my passion for it than the school band program at NGRHS, under the direction of Marlene Blezy. It was through her providing the opportunities to challenge myself and explore music that I found the Lunenburg County Band Camp, and it was at Band Camp that I was introduced to the Bridgewater Fire Department Band, which I joined in 2003.

In 2010, when life got busy, I stepped away from the band. I did this knowing that I planned to return one day, to introduce my own children to the music that inspired me. In the fall of 2021, with my then 10-year-old daughter in tow, I returned.

In a conversation with another band member one evening, I mentioned that I was grateful that the band was providing Leah lessons in alto saxophone, as it would give her a solid foundation when she got to music class in junior high. This was when I learned that the program had been cut a few years prior. I took this news particularly hard; I know for certain that I would never have completed my high school education at NGRHS if that music program hadn't been there. This conversation set in motion a chain of events that I am very pleased to say have gotten us where we are today.

After speaking to the principal last June, and receiving her blessing to proceed, I set out to find others to help. Fellow BFD Band members; Charlotte Haase, her son Luca, and Damian Haddad have all graciously offered their assistance, as well as fellow NGRHS alumni Sam Tidd. This fall was spent sorting and repairing instruments, finding music and preparing to start after Christmas.

The first week after the holiday break we met on Thursday afternoon with the students who had signed up. We were greeted with a great deal of aspiring guitar players and drummers. This was a concern, that students may not be interested in a concert/marching band format, and that we wouldn't be able to convince them to take on wind instruments or percussion instruments beyond a drum set. Thankfully, that was certainly not the case! After some instrument demonstrations and an invitation to try them out, we ended up with a very well-rounded group, which continues to grow in numbers each week.

As a group we definitely have our work cut out for us this spring. The students have a lot to learn and we as leaders have at least as much to learn about teaching them. But these young musicians are wonderful. The positive attitude, the willingness to try new things and the support of peers is what makes school band the wonderful thing that it is.

There will be no cutoff date this spring for any new members who wish to join. I encourage any students who have an interest to come by and check it out. Also, any parents, siblings or community members who may have an instrument collecting dust in a closet, there's room for more. We meet Thursdays at 3:00 for rehearsal. I can be reached at greek_jason@live.ca or 902-298-9543 for more details.

I want to express my deepest heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has helped make this a success. Particularly, thank you to the New Germany and Area Lions Club for your generous \$2,000 donation. This money is going to make an immediate impact on what the students will have to work with. Method books, instrument care supplies, reeds, percussion supplies and we will even be able to replace a few badly needed instruments. Also, thanks to Principal Jessica Fancy-Landry for putting trust in us to take this on and thanks to Marlene Blezy for her support and encouragement along the way, as well as keeping a watchful eye on the music supplies to ensure they'd be here when needed.

To the parents and community members who continue to advocate for music in the high school, I thank you, and encourage you to continue to speak up! The SSRCE is listening and the more voices they hear, the more we can make happen.



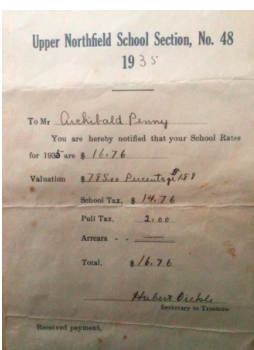
Connecting in our Communities

"You can't really know where you are going until you know where you have been." Maya Angelou

Trust of one's neighbours is one of the cornerstones for the foundation of any community but for farming communities in the past (and present), trust was essential for survival. **Upper Northfield** began as a farming community. First settlers arrived here with grants from the Crown in the mid 1800's to clear the land and create the fields that were used by generations to feed their families and to sell what produce they could. Working together accomplished huge tasks. Neighbour helped neighbour with no expectation of being "paid". Between the fields and the forest, a life was created with the help of community. The key to that success in farming was the support of neighbours. Everyone willingly pitched in to help a neighbour (literally, they "pitched" in with a pitchfork to help get hay in barns, help a neighbour with barn chores, etc.). A barn still standing and in use in Upper Northfield (sadly, many barns are being torn down) was built, according to a diary, with the help of over 100 men in a single day (imagine that happening today). The women's hands would not have been idle either as those men would have had to have been fed. It would have been quite the day in a small community.



Those same hardworking people built two churches. The first was a Methodist Church (becoming United in 1926) with construction beginning in early 1879 and finished that same year. The Lutheran Church, just back the road within "spitting distance," was begun in June 1901 and finished 18 months later in November 1902.



The Upper Northfield School, No. 48 was built by the community and paid for through community taxation. A tax bill for 1934 shows a valuation of the school set at \$750.00. The shared cost was \$12.52 per household in Upper Northfield (a lot of money then) plus a poll tax of \$2.00. The old schoolhouse had a second-floor hall which was used regularly for community events. The Star of Promise Lodge No. 222 met there. A Temperance Society who promised to drink no alcohol, male and female members, met there together weekly. Upper Northfield had baseball teams that played against other communities. There was a park with picnic tables for community picnics and socials back in the appropriately named Flat (the area that was forested and houseless leading to flatland by the river bridge to Watford) on Jacob F. Penney's land. The old cemetery was created in the early days of the

community. Back a country lane, over a brook, and surrounded by forest and fields where so many earned a living, it is today a place of tranquil peace.

The community grew and prospered. The United Church Women met weekly for the Ladies Aid. The Lutheran Church women met weekly for the Ladies Circle (Upper and Lower groups, referring to Upper Northfield and the ladies who lived in the Flat). Each church had suppers and fund raisers supported by everyone in the community. The women's groups knit, hooked rugs, embroidered, and tatted (made lace), selling their work at a fraction of the time and energy put into in order to raise money. Spinning, quilting and apple peeling parties (apples were peeled, put on string with a darning needle, and hung to dry for winter use) were an excuse for women to get together. In the summer hay had to be made, fruits and vegetables grown and then preserved, plus all the countless necessary tasks on a farm completed.



As self-sufficient as people tried to be, they still relied on the help, in times of need, from friends and neighbours. That has never changed.

On Jan. 10, 1955, the Upper Northfield Women's Institute met for the first time with fifteen members. That same year, the "Institute" (as the women always called it) created a time capsule album of photographs with notes on everyday life in Upper Northfield in 1955. The community was quite self-sufficient with the Co-op Store at the corner run by Shirley and Debney Oickle providing gas, feed for the animals on farms, fertilizers and basic grocery items. Prior to the Co-op Store, across the road at Clarence Minnick's, there had been a store run by Clarence's father Newt (short for Newton) Minnick.

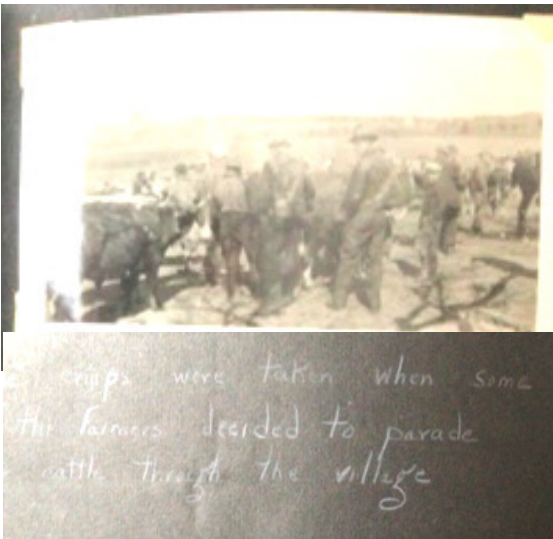
Before that there was a store at the corner by the schoolhouse run by William Ramey that had general groceries and advertised "Ice Cream A Specialty" in 1929. The Flat had a store as well in a small building run by Gerald Oickle.

That 1955 Women's Institute album captured times long gone: the men in the "village" deciding to have a parade of their animals (the album refers to Upper Northfield as a village), an ice cutting party at the Little Lake (never ever called Sucker Lake here) for the community ice house at Mary and Reggie MacKay's, the quilts made, the rugs hooked, and much more. With a growing community, it was decided to build a hall larger than the upstairs of the old schoolhouse. With a kitchen of generous proportions, community suppers, garden parties (with ice cream being a specialty) and fundraising events were held in the new hall on the road to the Back Settlement, also part of Upper Northfield. There were even swings for children to play on. The new cemetery out the Hills Road (no one in Upper Northfield ever called it the Penny Road) was bought, created and paid for by the Women's Institute of Upper Northfield.

Fast forward sixty years and the United Church has closed, the Co-op store is gone and the road is paved. Fewer and fewer people are farming but food prices are causing a gradual return to gardening and farming. For people new to the community, there are ways to participate and meet your neighbours. A pandemic stole many of our times together away from us but a gradual return to "normalcy" is happening. The Lutheran Church holds regular services on Sundays at 9 AM and there are plans to restart Sunday School. The community Young Peoples Group hopes to start meeting monthly once again. "Fed and Nourished", an initiative of the Lutheran Church, provides monthly meals with a pay what you can price tag. February was chili and a roll. March 30th will be mac and cheese. At the "Hall" (we know which one we are referring to), it is hoped to start some programs to gather community together once more. Stay tuned for an update on that at Upper Northfield Community Hall on Facebook. For "Hall" rentals the contact person is Bruce Hyson at 902-543-0047.

In life, there is strength in numbers. Communities are stronger when they pull together and care for each other. In times of trouble, it is nice to know there is a neighbour that will arrive to help you out. To steal part of a quote from John F. Kennedy, "Geography has made us neighbours. History has made us friends." He was talking about the States and Canada but he could have been talking about Upper Northfield. As more people move in, there is always room to add another neighbour and friend.

~Hester Gibson, February 2023



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Livewires 4-H

~Abbie Foster

Our 2023 4-H year is officially underway and Livewires is the largest we have ever been. This year we have 57 members and Cloverbuds. The number of livestock from our club is also way up. It will be great to see 4 teams of oxen and beef cattle on display.

On February 4th we held our speech day. Congratulations to our members that are moving on to compete at county level with their speeches and demonstrations. Moving on for demonstrations we have Isaiah and Ira Pettipas with their senior double demo, Lily Gregory and Wren Boudreau with their junior double demo. For speeches we have Olivia Brown moving on with her senior speech and Rachel Lowe moving on with her intermediate speech.

We would like to congratulate Lily McGlone and Leah Greek who will represent Lunenburg County as junior ambassadors for the county this year. There was a Leader's Retreat held at the Old Orchard Inn this past weekend and our leaders Kim, Lorraine, Tammy and Terri attended. It was a fun weekend filled with lots of amazing workshops and presentations by guest speakers. Marcella Wentzell will be attending the Atlantic Conference in Debert. We are excited to see what new ideas she brings back from this conference.

It was announced a few weeks ago that this year's Provincial Show will be held in Windsor. All of our members are slowly starting their projects and are super excited for what this year will bring. Tug of War and Woodsmen will be starting up in the spring. We are working at building a tug of war practice ring for the county at the Parkdale/Maplewood Community Hall grounds.

In closing our club executive would like to thank our leaders and parent volunteers who go out of their way to make Livewires such an amazing club.



Lily McGlone and Leah Greek Lunenburg County Jr Ambassadors



Lunenburg County Leaders at the Leaders Retreat

New Germany Legion

Hello everyone...we're on the tail end of winter (sorta, or that's what we like to tell ourselves)... either way, we have lots on the go for you guys to participate in!

Coming in on the regular rotation is Trivia, always being the first Friday of every month at 8pm, hosted by the Quizmaster. Every Sunday from 2-5pm we have darts and pool going on as well.

March 17th - we have live music downstairs with Zakary Miller, \$2 entry fee, come grab a seat and enjoy his show. We have Karaoke with Darren at the end of March, we're not sure of the date yet but it's happening cause everyone seems to love it. So lots on the go in March!

April is around the corner too, so we have things in the works, more live music from a band called "two in the morning trio," so look for that. And we are planning our Spring Market for some time in May.



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New Germany Rural High School News

~ Jessica Fancy-Landry, Principal

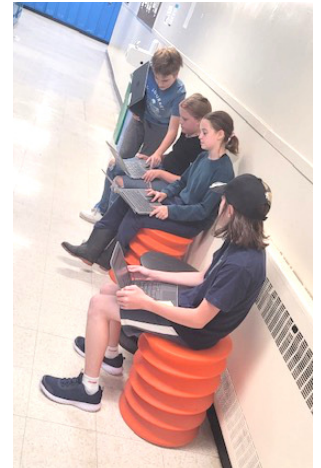
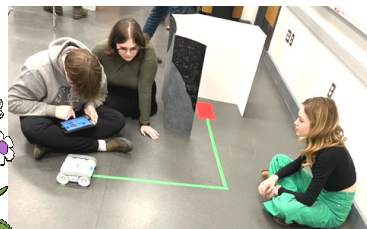
Welcome New Germany Families to 2023! The Saints have been very busy at 44 School Street with lots of activities. Over the course of the last couple of months the following projects have been launched at NGRHS.

Mr. Wilson, with the help of fellow staff, the Brilliant Lab and support from our SAC, has received money for our Community Garden Project for the next step of our garden, an orchard and indoor propagation system. Schools Plus also received an Active Living Grant, valued at \$50,000. Part of this grant will see a swing set built and an increase in recreational programs for our students and greater community.

We have our Band Extracurricular Program up and running with the help of Jason Greek and Sam Tidd. The Local Lion's Club has also graciously donated \$2000 to help fund this program so that there is no cost for student participation. Andrew Dixon, local rugby coach, is also in the process of recruiting NGRHS students for a recreational rugby team (both males and females). Now that Covid restrictions have lessened, we are taking full advantage of field trips and experiences. Groups of students have attended such experience as the Museum of Natural's History's Body World Exhibit, the Discovery Centre's Racism Exhibit; O2 students have hosted many guest speakers and have explored local NSCCs and Universities.

Our staff are diligently working on our Student Success Plan (SSP) Goals during our embedded time and recently held a Show and Share, with School Advisory Council (SAC) invited, to highlight their own

personal goals to further drive their instruction for our students. Our Student Council have held many successful spirit weeks and hosted some of the best attended dances in the school board. As you can see NGRHS has been very busy in engaging students in their learning and it is the help of its wonderful staff and community that makes this such a special place to raise kids.



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What's at the Museum?

Basket

This basket was made by Cyril Mooers who was a regular visitor to the museum bringing his baskets to sell and demonstrating his craft for visitors at the Blueberry Festival. Baskets were an important part of Native American life.



Parkdale Maplewood Museum is closed for the season. They will reopen in May 2023.



Visiting at Lohnes Rest Home

~Leah Greek

Let me tell you about something I love to do! Hi I am Leah Greek and I am 11 years old. I love to go to Lohnes Rest Home and help out and spend time with the kind residents who live there.

At Lohnes Rest Home, everyone seems like family. It is like a whole community in 1 building. Normally, when I go to Lohnes Rest Home, I immediately go to play a game with one of the residents. We usually play a round of crib and a few rounds of 7 up and crazy 8's. I go to help out with supper and when they do other things, I try to be as much help as I can. Of course, when I go, I go to spend time with the residents.

There are 6 residents at Lohnes Rest home. All of them are really nice. I don't even see them more than 3 hours a week and they still seem like really close friends to me. They all know me and I know all of them. I enjoy going to volunteer at Lohnes Rest Home.

The other thing I like about Lohnes Rest Home is the nice staff. All the ones I have met are really caring and funny. They make it feel like family too. Maybe someday I will work there too.

That is what I like to do. Spend time with people that I know well enough to feel like family. Like the residents at Lohnes Rest Home.

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Let's Go to the Movies

~Sandra Matchett

Did you know that New Germany used to have a movie theater? The York Theater opened in New Germany in 1939 in what was then known as the Verge Building. The building was later purchased by A.A. Fielding and then by Elden Wynn who owned it until 1986. This building is now an apartment building and is located on the main road across the street from the current Bell Aliant building. This building housed the theater, the Royal Bank of Canada and a small hardware store.

In 1946, Elden Wynn came to New Germany to be the projectionist for the theater. The theater ran a Friday evening show, a Saturday afternoon matinee and a Saturday evening show. The attendance for these 3 viewings often ranged from 400 to 800 people. Saturday evening was a booming time in the village. All the stores were open and you could get your groceries, meat from the meat market, men's and women's clothing, shoes, boots, fabric, sewing materials and whatever else you needed. The village was alive!

As television came on the scene and people started travelling more to Bridgewater, the bustling life slowed and the theater's last show was on July 6, 1957. This last show was "The Littlest Outlaw" and the total attendance for Friday and Saturday was 364 people.

When the theater closed, the space was converted to apartments and the hardware store now known as Fielding and Wynn Ltd. expanded.

The number of businesses in the village has decreased but the community spirit remains strong making it a great place to live.



On Screen in 1950 at the York Theater New Germany

March 31 - April 1 **Feature:** Buffalo Bill Rides Again (1947) starring Richard Arlen, Jennifer Holt, Lee Shumway. **Short:** Nothing But Pleasure (1940) Buster Keaton, Dorothy Appleby. Attendance 369, ticket sales \$101.10

April 7-8 **Feature:** I Shot Jesse James (1949) John Ireland, Reed Hadley, Barbara Britton. **Short:** Can You Top This. Attendance 376, ticket sales \$100.01

April 14-15 **Feature:** Daughter of the West (1949) Martha Vickers, Phillip Reed. **Short:** He's in Again (1918), silent comedy, Oliver Hardy, Billy West. Attendance 416, ticket sales \$115.47

April 21-22 **Feature:** Last of the Wild Horses (1948) James Ellison, Mary Beth Hughes, Jane Frazee. **Short:** Who Done It (1942) Abbot and Costello. Attendance 425, ticket sales \$116.62

April 28- 29 **Feature:** Adventures of Gallant Bess (1948) Cameron Mitchell, Audrey Long. **Short:** Struggle for Oil. Attendance 452, ticket sales \$129.86



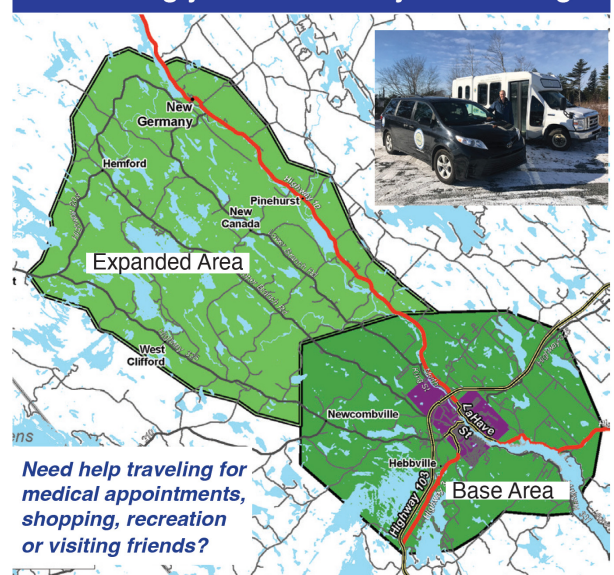
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From the Lions Den

~Lion Deb Featherby

What a winter we are having! From an Arctic Vortex that brought record breaking cold to thaws that brought spring like temperatures!



Lion Betty Ann Mackay, teacher Mike Wilson, Lions Deb Featherby and Roger Carver with the gift cards.

But Lions never waver in their determination to help others regardless of the weather. We donated to Mr. Wilson's Christmas Drive with gift cards for gas and food to help families with children at the IWK. We made our annual donations to the Rosedale Home of a poinsettia and \$1000 for the bus fund. The residents at the seniors' apartments received a card and gift card, and families of elementary students were helped with Christmas hampers.

The club made an \$8000 donation to the South Shore Regional Hospital's Brighter Days campaign. We asked that our donation be directed to the creation of the dialysis unit. This is particularly important to the club, as one of our members was travelling to Halifax multiple times a week for dialysis. We are so sorry to report that our much loved member, Lion Lester Wentzell, has recently passed.



NG&A Lions donated \$8000 to the South Shore regional Hospital Brighter Days Campaign, to be used for the new dialysis unit.

Our Health and Wellness committee has helped numerous members of our communities in the last few months with medical transportation, glasses, power bills and medical aids. Any local residents who require financial help or medical equipment should contact Lion Pat Wentzell at 902-212-2471. All requests are kept in strictest confidence - only the chair of the committee knows which residents are requesting assistance.

In January the Lions were delighted to host a free meal for seniors. This was designed to be a thank you to the seniors who have supported the work of the Lions Club over many years and to give them the opportunity to get out of the house and socialize. Those who were able to attend had a grand time - catching up on the news and sharing some amusing anecdotes. A second meal for seniors is planned for March - a Leprechaun Luncheon! - which hopefully has taken place by the time you read this. We hope this will become an annual event as the Lions enjoyed it as much as those in attendance.



Lions Carol Knell, Donnie Fancy and Carla Carver were pleased to donate \$2000 to the band program

The Lions were able to show some support for our local high school by donating \$2000 to the school band program. Musical instruments are expensive and being involved in band provides such a great experience for young people.

Don't forget to check out the Book Nooks in New Germany and Lower Branch. The Lions Club had the Book Nooks built to honour the late

Valerie Gardiner, a Lion with a passion for reading. The Book Nooks are maintained by the Lions, with books put in at regular intervals. Users will often leave books as well, so there will always be a book there to catch your interest.

If becoming a member of the Lions Club is on your list of things to do, don't hesitate! Call Evelyn White, Membership Chair, at 902-644-1372 for information. Members give what time they can to our many activities. Although we are here to serve others, we have a great time doing so!

Remember Lions collect glasses, hearing aids and sleep apnea machines which are recycled and donated to those in need. Check out our website for the names of members and any upcoming activities, as well as the list of merchants selling bingo books for the Wednesday night radio bingo on CKBW radio.

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This service will eventually expand to all parts of our area.

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Details of rates, distances and other travel information is available on the LC Wheels website at lcw.ruralrides.ca. Service updates appear on the Facebook page LunenburgCountyWheels.

Lunenburg County Wheels is an expansion of the "Senior Wheels" service, which provided a valuable transportation option for seniors and persons with disabilities in Bridgewater and immediate surrounding area for 31 years. In January rides became available to *all* residents in the original service area. February saw the current expansion northwest.

As part of the current transition to broader service, Lunenburg County Wheels' 10-member volunteer Board of Directors has hired a manager, Daron Lantz, based in Bridgewater. He can be reached at 521-2202 or info@lcwheels.ca. The Board is led by President Jerome Tanner, 144dublin@gmail.com.

Funding for the overall expansion project has come from Nova Scotia's Department of Public Works; the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (MoDL) provided a grant for the purchase of the van (as did the Community Transportation Network); and the federal government's Rural Transportation Solutions Fund will be supplying additional accessible vehicles.



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Introducing Newcomers Mark & Jen

~Interview by Nancy Radcliffe

Mark Handy and Jen Machan had an eventful arrival. After a long journey from Ontario to Nova Scotia, in a car full of pets and hauling a trailer full of belongings, no sooner had the couple arrived at their Barss Corner home, when they quickly switched gears to prepare for Hurricane Fiona's arrival.

Mark was chasing a deadline when we connected. To accommodate scheduling conflicts, we switched our own gears from a feature story to a question and answer interview format.

Tell us about yourselves.

Mark: I was born in Scotland and moved with my family to Canada in 1974. Jen was born here in Canada. We moved here from Kitchener, Ontario. I'm a web developer and working on building a local client base. Jen is also working on her own hand-crafted business. She is already known in Barss Corner for her cork purses.

What motivated your move here?

Mark: We had talked about moving here for years, as we knew we wanted some property to become more sustainable. It was not until the last couple of years that this became a possibility. Neither of us had been here before or have connections here.

What attracted you to the Barss Corner property?

Mark: Though we were not looking at this area specifically, the property here, 40 acres, appealed to us at the time we were looking. We are planning to have a hobby farm, starting with some chickens, and possible adding other livestock in the future. We are also going to build a greenhouse this year, as well as a garden.

When did you arrive and have you made any observations about the community since your arrival?

Mark: We arrived two days before Fiona made landfall, so end of September. Jen, a dog, four parrots and myself. Towing a trailer. A long, stressful drive that I do not plan to do again. Once we got here, we had to run around getting the basics, food, water, flash-lights.

We have met our neighbours and we have been to the Thursday Community Cafe. Everyone has been friendly and welcoming. There is an openness here we did not experience in the city, and it is what we were both looking for. *Welcome, Mark and Jen.*



*Indian Falls
Newburne*

~Michelle Greek photos





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- Nature and Landscape Photography @ Blockhouse Fire Hall - April 25 from 6:30pm-8:30pm
- Bargain Shopping Trip to the French Shore - May 9 from 8:00am-6:00pm
- Kayak to Andrews Island - May 13 from 10:00am-2:00pm
- Family Fun Day @ MARC - May 20 from 1:00pm-4:00pm
- Guided Plant Walk @ River Ridge Common - May 21 from 2:00pm-4:00pm
- Miller Point Peace Park Day - May 22 from 2:00pm-3:30pm
- Fishing Derby @ MARC - May 27 from 9:00am-12:00pm
- Paddling for Beginners @ Wile's Lake Park - May 28 from 1:00pm-2:30pm
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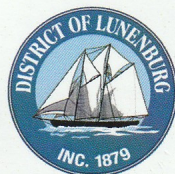
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