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## Spring 2015

The Power of One. Sometimes it is just one person with one good idea who can make a difference in the community. Maybe it is a music show, a chance for a parents and tots to play together, an artist gathering, or the opportunity for grown ups to play; this is our community. And one person made each of these happen. Sometimes alone, often with help, they took the chance. It is always easier to let "someone" else do it, but it is always better to just do it!

## NGAPS Programs & Events

- NGAPS Regular Meeting** the first Tuesday of each month @ 7:00pm. Everyone welcome to attend. Check our web page for more details.
- Garden Club Regular Meeting** at the NGRHS Library the fourth Wednesday of the month @ 7:00pm. Please check our community website.
- Spring Walks @ 6:30** April 23rd and 30th, May 7th and 14th. See page 14 for details.

### Community Events

- Apr 22 Garden Club
- Apr 23 Walk @ 6:30
- Apr 25 Babysitters Course
- Apr 30 Walk @ 6:30
- Apr 30 - May 2 Drama NGRHS
- May 2 Flower Basket class
- May 5 NGAPS
- May 7 Walk @ 6:30
- May 9 Craft Show, Legion
- May 9 Waterfall Walk
- May 10 Mother's Day
- May 14 Walk @ 6:30
- May 20 Garden Club
- May 21 Senior's Fun, North River
- May 23 Breakfast, Legion
- May 30 Plant Sale, USCH
- June 2 NGAPS
- June 20 Penny Auction
- June 20 Paddling NG Lake

*Is your community group organizing an event, a fund raiser or celebrating a special occasion? Did you advertise on the NGAPS Community Calendar? It's FREE!*

New Germany Area Promotion Society maintains a New Germany Area Website including a Community Calendar page. Any group or organization in our area can advertise their event on this page at no charge. Please send listings to: [ng\\_cap@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:ng_cap@ns.sympatico.ca) or drop off to Village Glassworks during open hours.

Let's work together.  
<http://newgermanyapromotionsociety.ca>

Also check out our Facebook page!



**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.**

## *The One Room School in Stanley Section*

~Alice Wile

The earliest records located for this one room school were from 1901. The teacher for that term was E. Daisy Hebb at a yearly salary of \$65. At that time many young girls were allowed to teach school without a license and were called 'permissive teachers'. Permitted to teach provided they had themselves reached a certain level of education. Such was the case with E. Daisy Hebb, and this was her first year in a classroom as teacher. She had 22 students enrolled for the 1901 school year.



Students began school in Grade 1 at the age of 5 years. A hand written day plan by Ms. Hebb indicates what a typical school day might look like:

Devotion and singing – 10 min.

Reading – 20 min.

Oral readings

Geography

Recess

Arithmetic

Noon Break

Afternoon Class:

Writing – 20 min.

Reading – 20 min.

Hear reading and spelling

Recess

Grammer/English

Singing

Students were at school for a total of 5 1/2 hours. A register was kept by the teacher which recorded the daily attendance, parents names and any visitors who came by the school along with the length of time the visitor stayed. A record was kept in the same register of local nature observations. For example, the date each spring flower was first observed, and the names of birds seen in the spring.

This little one room school provided seating for 30 students, however, enrollment never went higher than 25 students in one year.

By 1923 teachers at this school received \$305 per year, even though enrollment seemed to be dwindling. The 1929 Register shows there were four boys in grades 1 to 8, and nine girls, for a total enrollment of thirteen. The school library had six books at a total value of \$7.00.

By 1950 teachers salary had risen to \$1,260. The library now had 390 books at a total value of \$194.

The first enrollment of a primary class was in 1952 and at that time was called "Primer". From 1901 to 1958 there had been 28 different teachers who taught at this school, and the average yearly enrollment was 16.

In 1954 grades 7-12 students went to New Germany Rural High School, and in 1965 elementary students began being bussed to New Germany Elementary School.

Though in a deteriorating state, this little one room school is still standing. It was purchased following it's closure by individuals from outside the community to be used as a summer residence.

Several former students still have connections to the community, and while they have many fond memories about their school days, they also remember the strict rules and corporal punishment metered out when these rules were broken.

Do you have a story about a school in your community? For many, these buildings were the heart of the community. We would be interested in having more stories about the one and two room schools which used to dot our countryside. Get in touch, contacts on page 16.

### **Cathy's Beauty Salon**

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## Drama at NGRHS

Local teacher, Hester Gibson, presents her 20th major production: **Spook House**.

"Spook House is the home of ten nice monsters who, unfortunately, are misunderstood. (Sniff.) Tax assessor Abraham Van Helsing VI tries to wrest the property from its ghoulish, yet loving, protectors. However, Vickie Stein, a descendant of Frankenstein (Yes, THE Frankenstein!), and her boyfriend, Roger, throw a 'monster mash' to raise the money for the payment of taxes. Wild unexpected guests include a bank robber and his moll and a pair of comic cops. While disguises lead to mistaken identities, mixed-up bank bags abound. Subtly wrapped with the sensitive message that it's all right to be different."

Production Dates are April 30th at 7pm  
May 1 at 7pm  
May 2 - matinee at 2pm and at 7pm  
Cost is \$5.00 for students and \$7.00 for adults.

The set is being built and designed by Howard Gibson and will be a fascinating construction to support this play filled with exits and entrances. Cast members are learning dancing skills and the make-up costuming will be key to the success of the show.



## What's at the Museum?

Stereoscopes were introduced in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. They use two nearly-identical images, each taken a few inches to the side of the other. When viewed through two lenses set 2.5 inches apart, approximately the space between the eyes, the result is the illusion of a three-dimensional picture.

Parkdale - Maplewood Community Museum will open May 4th for the 2015 season. Check their website for events.

<http://parkdale.ednet.ns.ca/>



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## *Seventy Years of Volunteer Dedication*



April of 2015 will mark the seventieth anniversary of the founding of New Germany Volunteer Fire Department.

In April of 1945, a 12 member fire brigade, headed by local mechanic Clarence Mosher, was organized in New Germany and set about fundraising for the purchase of equipment. A committee chaired by Roger Varner canvassed residents that same month and the goal of \$600 was quickly realized.

In 1960 local physician Dr. J. Bruce Crowe became Chief and over the next 28 years the Department would embark on an ambitious plan of modernization and innovation that continues to make New Germany one of the leaders in the County's fire service.

Elected in 1991 our current Chief Blair Lantz has served for over forty years and stresses regular training and upgrading for all members as well as the need for pre-planning. Strong fire prevention initiatives have made our entire community safer over the years. Many members have achieved the NFPA Level 1 training standard and many more have achieved certification in such advanced areas as Fire Ground Management, Rapid Intervention and Thermal Imaging Camera Operation.

NGVFD is a truly volunteer Department, members do not receive payment.

Please visit our website for a detailed history of the Department, including many historical photos: <http://newgermanyfire.ca>

### **Recruiting new Fire Fighters**

NGVFD is always looking for new members and we welcome applications from area residents. If you like helping people, working as part of a team, being involved in continuous learning, are physically fit and at least 19 years of age, then you may be an ideal candidate. Please visit our website for further information and to access the membership form: <http://newgermanyfire.ca>

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## Municipal Recreation News

There are many opportunities for you and your family to have fun, get active and take part in your community this spring. Take a look in the Spring Recreation Guide!

### Upcoming Events/Programs:



- Seniors' Mini Putt, Bocce & Shuffleboard – April 22
- Babysitter Course (NGES) – April 25
- Flower Basket (Newburne) – May 2
- Waterfall Walk (New Germany area) – May 9
- Youth Running Series (MARC) – May 10
- Bargain Shopping Bus Trip to French Shore – May 14
- Food Handlers Course (MARC) – May 13 & 14
- North River Fun & Games for Seniors' – May 21; Children's Fishing Derby (MARC) – May 23
- Family Outdoor Day - Archery, Canoeing & More! (MARC) – May 31
- Wooden Spoon Carving (MARC)– May 30; Putt & Play at Osprey Ridge - June 14;
- Paddling Outing, New Germany Lake – June 20; Garden & Winery Tour to the Valley – July 17

**For more information call 541-1343 or visit [www.modl.ca](http://www.modl.ca)**

Watch for our weekly listing in the Lighthouse Log

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**NGAPS** maintains our community website, publishes this Newsletter, organizes the New Germany Health & Wellness Expo, the Spring & Fall Walks , Countryside Christmas and other community events. Please consider joining us so we can do even more for our community!

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## Events @ New Germany Legion Branch 102

**Spring Craft Show** - May 9th - 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. Free admission, Free parking.

**Breakfast** - May 23rd. 7:00 to 11:00 a.m. Sausages, bacon, eggs, hash browns, baked beans, toast & jam, juice. \$7.00 - age 5 to 12 \$3.50. Belgian waffle with strawberries and cream, \$3.00.

Info at 902-644-2320

Come out & support your local Legion.

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## Vial of Life

### Hemford Fire Department Participates in Vial of Life Program

Picture this you are at a neighbour's house and for some unknown reason he passes out and falls to the floor. You phone 911 and get help on the way. One of the first things ask after what has happened is what is the medical history of the person. You may know some medical history but chances are not all if any. Now the same thing happens except when the ambulance crew arrives they see a vial of life sticker on the window of the door. While they are looking after the patient they ask you to go to the refrigerator and get the vial of life bottle on the inside of the door. The paper inside this container contains a list of medications and pertinent health information on the patient. This vial of life is available free of charge from various locations. If you live in the Hemford Fire Department district you can contact Gordon Hunter at 902-644-3965 or Barry Colp at 902-644-2293 and they will be more than willing to assist you in obtaining one. The vials and forms are available by contacting the Seniors' Secretariat at 1-800-670-0065. There is, however, one very important requirement. You need make sure the information on the sheet is up to date. The sheet can be updated at least twice a year or when the smoke detector batteries are replaced. This way when something happens it will save time and nothing will be forgotten through all the excitement of what has happened.



## Volunteer Connections

Is your group or organization looking for new members or volunteers? Send us information about your needs and we will include your request in our Newsletter as space permits. A short outline of your organization's goals, the type of volunteer you are looking for, the time commitment and contacts should be included. You can send your information to NGAPS by mail or email to the address on page 16.



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## *New Germany & Area Lions Club Sponsors Basketball Tournament*

The New Germany Elementary School Tigers were tournament winners following play on March 7 against teams from Bayview Community School, Lunenburg Academy and Hebbville Academy. The tournament was held at NGRHS. The final game was played between NGES and HA with a final score of 36-14. Shown in the photo are players from the top two teams along with NGES coaches Pam Deamond and Vance Grimm and Tigers mascot.

New Germany Girl Tigers were undefeated all season. The tournament was sponsored by the New Germany and Area Lions Club who provided medals to all finalists. Lion Club members in the photo include Donnie Fancy, Carla Carver and Roger Carver. (NGES - gold uniforms; HA - red uniforms)



(NGES - gold uniforms; HA - red uniforms)

Read this newsletter in colour on the web @ <http://newgermanycapecap.ednet.ns.ca> Also available at New Germany Freshmart, Mader's Clover Farm Supermarket, Village Glassworks, Bordens in the Woods, Tammy's Country Stop and other locations.



Spring is here and sweet pure maple sugar flows from the trees in the forest in Maplewood. This year we are offering guided tours and wagon rides of our award winning woodlot and our maple sugar Farm. If you're looking for some really great 100% pure maple syrup, cream or butter, a guided tour for your Family, Friends or Group; or just a visit to the sugar shack please contact:

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In this issue we are pleased to present a story by one of our younger readers. We hope you enjoy it.

## *Skittles' and Coco's adventures*

~Madison H

Once upon a time there was a cat that lived in a big white house with a little dog and their owner. The little cat was really excited and sad at the same time. They were sad because they were going to be separated, their owner named Peter was going to send them to two different homes. He was sending them away because he couldn't take care of them anymore, he couldn't afford to feed them. The little cat and dog were really sad because they were best friends and didn't want to be separated. They cried and cried wanting their owner to try to call the buyers and tell them not to come and pick them up. Their owner knew they were sad, he was sad too, he loved his little pets, he didn't want to let them go. He tried to make his pets happy by feeding them and letting them chew on whatever toy they wanted, but that just made them even more sad than before. Peter didn't know what to do with them he tried almost everything. He put them outside in case they needed to use the bathroom. Peter left them outside, they were out for so long they were getting bored. Coco would run and roll around in the grass, she thought that it was pretty fun. Skittles on the other hand thought playing with a ball of yarn was more amusing. When Peter let them in it was time for bed. Skittles and Coco were tired but they didn't want to go to bed, today was their last day together. When they got really tired they finally fell fast asleep. In the morning Skittles and Coco were getting ready to go to a different house, away from each other. They were very sad. Their new owners had come to get them. One of the owners was a pet specialist who can see if anything is wrong with a pet. When Coco and Skittles walked over to their new owners, Coco's owner looked at her very carefully, she asked the man if anything has been going on with them and he said that they have been very sad lately. She picked up Coco and went over and put her into Peter's arms. He said "what are you doing?" She said that she can't take them away from each other, they have to be together. Then Skittles' owner picked up Skittles and put her into Peter's arms. She gave him some money so that he could take care of them. They were all very happy. Skittles and Coco were never separated ever again. The End.

## @ the Union Square Community Hall

### *Plant Sale Extravaganza - May 30* - Several local

sellers offering new plants to put in your gardens.  
Sale starts at 9:30-1:30. Canteen available.

Think gardening and forget the snow!

There will be a limited number of tables available to rent to plant sellers. Contact Mary at 644-3459 if interested.



*Penny Auction - June 20* - Our annual penny auction is back again with all new items for you. Doors open at 10 a.m. and the draws take place at 1 p.m. Canteen lunches available.

### *Monday Art Group*

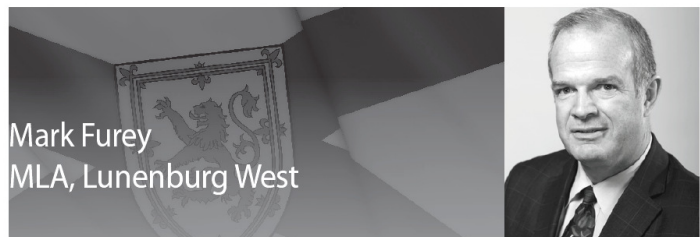
The Art Group provides time and space away from the distractions of home to work alongside other artists. It's a chance to share ideas, give critiques, and help each other. Mondays from 10:00 to 1:00. Fee \$20 per month, or \$5 drop in.

For more information, contact Mary Sims-Morey at 644-3459.



### South Shore Public Library Mobile Library

is at New Germany Freshmart every Tuesday from 3:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. A library card is free and so is using the library.



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## *New Germany Garden Club*

The Garden Club held its annual meeting on March 25th in the library at NGRHS. After being "stormed out" in January and February it was good to get together.

We approved a new slate of officers and dues of \$5.00 per person. Members will soon be receiving a custom New Germany Garden Club membership card incorporating our logo. It was also decided that members will be welcome to attend any special programs or guests speakers at no charge (unless there is a charge for supplies), but we will have a non-member rate of \$2.00 per program to help with costs of these events. There are benefits to membership!

Several upcoming programs were planned. David Silver of Land Care Nursery has invited us to his greenhouse on April 22nd. We will meet there at 7:00pm rather than our usual meeting location. On May 27th Ron Smith has agreed to offer us a program on photographing our gardens. Our June meeting will be a plant exchange.

Please contact our president Sandra Matchett at 644-2740 if you need more information. We generally meet the forth Wednesday of the month at NGRHS. New members are always welcome to join.

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T	U	A	R	K	R	E	U	A	S
I	R	O	A	P	L	T	K	P	A
S	K	A	B	A	S	A	J	L	U
E	E	S	O	F	D	L	H	E	S
I	Y	W	M	G	N	O	G	S	A
R	B	O	I	Z	M	C	F	Y	G
R	U	L	A	Z	Q	O	D	R	E
E	R	L	N	L	U	H	S	U	S
B	G	A	A	E	P	C	A	P	A
E	E	M	N	T	W	T	E	U	X
U	R	H	O	T	D	O	G	N	E
L	A	S	L	U	S	H	I	E	S
B	S	R	S	C	O	N	W	T	E
D	F	A	R	E	G	G	S	Y	U
C	C	M	Y	U	I	V	A	R	K

1. Barss Corner - Just because you find them there. (4)
2. Cookville - A tradition since 1953. (12)
3. Maplewood - The most obvious match up of all. (10)
4. Newburne - They're round, they're blue...(11)
5. New Germany - A nod to our heritage. (10)
6. North River - A tasty drink after you finish skating. (12)
7. Parkdale - A baseball game, a summer day and a..(6)
8. Pinehurst - What's a breakfast without these? (8)
9. Scarsdale - A lake, a campfire and toasted ... (12)
10. Simpsons Corner - They're icy & colourful, with a TV connection. (8)
11. Springfield - The first planting of the season (7)
12. Union Square - A yummy no bake dessert treat. (11)

Answers:

- |          |           |
|----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 7. _____  |
| 2. _____ | 8. _____  |
| 3. _____ | 9. _____  |
| 4. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 12. _____ |

Send your answers (to the address on page 16) by May 25th for a chance to win. Email entries also accepted, please put contest in the subject line. Only one entry per person please.

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Community \_\_\_\_\_

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If you are our winner from which advertiser would you chose your prize?


Do you have any comments about the Newsletter?

Answers to the February contest: warming, scarf, growth, cool, cool, carrots, nose, water, stopping, sun, white, bottom, hang, front, time.



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## *From the Lions Den*

From the Lions Foundation of Canada

"Lions Foundation of Canada was founded in 1983 by Lions Clubs across Canada. The vision was to provide Dog Guides, at no cost to Canadians with visual disabilities, helping them to achieve freedom and independence. The Lions Foundation began with the Canine Vision Canada Dog Guide program in 1985, ensuring its graduates would "never walk alone" again.

In 1988, the Foundation expanded with the Hearing Ear Dog Guide program, providing Dog Guides to Canadians who are deaf or hard-of hearing. This addition ensures new Dog Guide handlers would have a "link to the world of sound".

In 1991, a third Dog Guide program, Special Skills Dog Guides, was added to extend Dog Guide capabilities to individuals with other physical or medical disabilities, such as cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, or injury due to accidents. These Dog Guides ensure their handlers "will never be alone".

The Special Skills program recently expanded with the introduction of the Seizure Response Dog Guides. The Dog Guides are trained to assist people with epilepsy by responding to their seizures.

The Foundation's newest program is Autism Assistance Dog Guides. These Dog Guides help provide safety, companionship and unconditional love for children 4-12 years of age who have autism. As well as providing comfort and consistency for both the child and their family, Autism Assistance Dog Guides provide calming relief for children in high anxiety situations, and reduces the stress commonly experienced in public places. Bonding with the Dog Guide helps both the child and their family gain increased independence and social interaction.

Each Dog Guide costs the Lions Foundation approximately \$20,000, yet they are provided at no cost to Canadians with disabilities. This incredible gift of freedom and independence is made possible only through the dedicated support and generosity of several groups. From the foster families who raise the puppies, to the Lions Clubs, Lioness Clubs, Leo Clubs, individual and corporate donors who provide the financial backing, each pillar of support makes the Foundation's work possible.

All of the Canine Vision graduate teams have sponsors from Lions, other service clubs, individuals and corporations. We are hoping for more sponsors for the rapidly growing Hearing Ear, Special Skills, Seizure Response and Autism Assistance programs. Sponsorship helps offset the true cost of a Dog Guide team.

More specifically:

Canine Vision Dog Guide team sponsorship is \$6,000

Hearing Ear Dog Guide teams are \$4,000

Special Skills and Seizure Response Dog Guide teams are \$10,000 Autism Assistance Dog Guide teams are \$12,000.

Each sponsorship is vital in offsetting the \$20,000 true cost to the Foundation.

Over the past five years, the Lions Foundation has worked to increase the number of graduate teams. Each Dog Guide program has grown in demand, in particular the Special Skills and Seizure Response Dog Guide program as it appeals to a wide range of disabilities and includes graduates as young as 10 years of age. The waiting list for the Special Skills Dog Guide program has never been higher, and the Foundation is doing its best to reduce what can be a lengthy wait for a Dog Guide.

While we are encouraged that greater awareness and demand for the Dog Guides is ever increasing, we need to ensure that we have the funding to achieve our goals.

- To date over 1400 Dog Guides teams have graduated
- There are 565 active right across Canada
- There are 183 people currently on the waiting list for a Dog Guide

To meet these ever growing needs we need increased funding. We encourage you to join in our mission of providing freedom, independence and confidence to Canadians with disabilities. Your support helps the Lions Foundation of Canada to achieve our commitment of service. Together we can make an incredible difference.

The future Dog Guides are bred at our facility in Breslau and then placed with a foster family for approximately a year with specific and strict training guidelines before they are again tested for suitability in their role. Those individuals in need who are partnered with a dog are trained in Oakville at no cost. Over the past many years the Lions Club of Kitchener has contributed over \$600,000.00 to this valuable program much coming from revenues of our Magic Show held in November of each year."



*Recently the New Germany and Area Lions Club presented a cheque (\$4,000.00) to Derwin Bartlett, Nova Scotia director for the Lions Foundation of Canada, for the sponsorship of a Hearing Ear Dog. Lion Pat Wentzell presented the cheque at the Winter Cabinet Meeting in Enfield.*



## *A Year on the Road*

~Catherine Voysey Fourdraine

I am updating our travel report from Picacho, Arizona. We spent two weeks in Tucson, then three weeks in New Mexico: six days in Silver City, a week in Carlsbad and ten days in Bernalillo.

During our two weeks in Tucson, we visited museums and art galleries, and spent many hours outdoors basking in the sun and enjoying the Sonoran desert. The Sonoran desert has a variety of unique plants and animals, such as the Saguaro and Organ Pipe cactus. At the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, we met some desert animals such as snakes, javelinas and prairie dogs. On a shuttle ride through Sabino Canyon, we enjoyed some breathtaking views of the Sonoran desert. We also visited the Biosphere 2 near the Catalina Mountains, north of Tucson. It is called Biosphere 2 because the structure is modeled on Earth, the first biosphere. Within a glass structure, there are 3.14 acres of eco-systems from the ocean, mangrove wetlands, tropical rainforest, savanna grassland and fog desert.



Saguaro Cactus in the Sonoran Desert

It does not rain often in the desert, but when it does, it rains steadily. The rain began during our last day in Tucson. The desert ground does not absorb rain and drainage systems are easily overwhelmed. Some roads were closed due to flooding. It rained most of our drive from Tucson to Silver City, New Mexico. After the deluge, the sun returned for the remainder of our visit in New Mexico. In Silver City, we hiked a trail with some ancient petroglyphs and a trail with huge rocks formed by ancient volcanoes. We visited some cliff dwellings at Gila Cliff, named after the nearby river. It is believed that the Ancestral Puebloan people that left their cliff dwellings in Mesa Verde, Colorado may have migrated to this area.



Stalagmites in Carlsbad Caverns

From Silver City, we drove to Carlsbad, a six and a half hour drive. During our visit, we explored the city of Carlsbad and nearby Artesia. One of the highlights of our Road Rave is the Carlsbad Caverns. We spent two days in the caves. The first day we spent three hours underground. It took us an hour and half to descend to the cave's main level. The trail is paved and is lit. Otherwise, the cave is naturally dark! We ate in an underground cafeteria, then, we explored another area of the cave called the Big Room. It is the largest known limestone chamber, 6000,000 square feet. It has an incredible array of cave formations such as stalactites, stalagmites, columns and speleothems. Later in the week, we returned to the caves for two guided tours. Our first tour, we visited King's Palace, a tunnel only accessible to guided groups. It is near the Big Room. In 1898, Jim White, a 16 year-old ranch hand, went to investigate what he thought was smoke on the horizon. He realized it was thousands of bats flying out of a cave. Over the next several years, Jim explored the cave, often alone and only guided by his candle lantern, which lit his path 15 to 20 metres ahead of him. White discovered several tunnels like the one that leads to King's Palace. Within King's Palace, there are four chambers,

each with a diverse variety of cave formations, and a flat floor, an unusual feature in caves. For our second tour, we explored Left Hand Tunnel, from the main level of the cave. We walked with candle-lit lanterns around cavern pools and cavern formations.

During our stay in Bernalillo, we visited the Georgia O' Keeffe museum and the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture in Santa Fe. We toured the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and the Petroglyph National Monument in Albuquerque. We hiked a trail at Kasha-Katu Tent Rocks National Monument. Tent rocks are also referred to as hoodoos. We had not seen these vertical columns of rock since our time in Utah! We also visited the Pueblo of Jemez, one of nineteen pueblos in New Mexico. We learned more about the impact on the Native American culture when the Spanish Conquistadors, in the Coronado expedition, arrived in 1541.



Kasha-Katu Tent Rocks National Monument





Catherine with Joseph Waquie from Pueblo Jemez

During the next eighty years, numerous conflicts occurred between the Jemez and the Spanish. The Spanish attempted to Christianize the people by force, and move them into villages where the Franciscan Missions were located. In 1680, the Pueblo Revolt expelled the Spanish from what is now New Mexico. This was the first and only successful revolt in American history. In 1692, the Spanish resumed control and moved the Jemez people into a new village. Under the new governor, the Pueblo people were granted freedom of religion and were allowed to form their own government. We visited the Ancient Ruins of Gisewatowa Pueblo. In 1621, a Spanish Franciscan priest and a Pueblo people built a church and a community. Before European contact, Giusewa was one of the largest pueblos in the Jemez area.

For the past two weeks, our home has been in Arizona. We spent the first week in Apache Junction where we reconnected with friends we met earlier in our journey. With one friend and his family, we explored Apache Trail. We also hiked a local trail into the Superstition Mountains. We visited the Heard Museum in Phoenix, which tells the history of the Native Americans in Arizona and New Mexico. There are also exhibits of contemporary art, including jewelry, painting and pottery. From Apache Junction, we travelled to Picacho, our current home. On Saturday, we are flying to Hawaii for a two week visit. My friend from Nova Scotia is joining us for this adventure. My next travel report will share details about our final seven weeks on the road.



Catherine & Jonathan on the Apache Trail

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## Walks @ 6:30

Join NGAPS for an early evening walk. 4 walks 4 different routes. Unless noted, the walks are about one hour each.

Thursday **April 23<sup>rd</sup>** - **Route 1:** Meet at the New Germany Elementary School parking lot. We are heading for the New Germany / Caledonia Trail. Follow the trail until it intersects the Lower Branch Road. Turn and follow route back to the Elementary School.

Thursday **April 30<sup>th</sup>** - **Route 2:** Meet at the New Germany Elementary School parking lot. We are doing the "Square" around the village, a combination road and trail walk.

Thursday **May 7<sup>th</sup>** - **Route 3:** Meet at the New Germany Freshmart parking lot (please park in the rear or to the side of the store) and join the South Shore Annapolis Valley Trail behind the store. We will follow the trail for about a half hour walk then return. On this walk we will travel through River Ridge Common.

Thursday **May 14<sup>th</sup>** - **Route 4:** Meet at parking lot at the intersection of Wentzell Road and Highway 10. We will follow the LaHave River trail along the shores of Wentzell Lake to the Rod & Gun Club and then turning to return to the parking lot. The LaHave River Trail is maintained by the LaHave River Trail Association. More information on their website <http://lahaverivertrailassociation.blogspot.ca>. (This walk may be longer than an hour. Please walk only the distance you are comfortable.)

All ages, everyone welcome, no charge. The routes are stroller friendly and your dogs, on leashes, are also welcome. This is a great way to explore the trails around the community in the company of others. So put on your sneakers, grab your water bottle and join us for the adventure. If it is rainy we will skip that walk and go to the next one. Walks may vary from schedule pending road and trail conditions. Check our Facebook page or website for updates.

The fine print: NGAPS assumes no responsibility for any harm or injury you may encounter on these walks.  
All risks are the responsibility of the participant.



MODL hike to Carver's woodlot this winter.

### Update from Janis Power @ the Boston Marathon

The Marathon is on **April 20th**. I run at **10:50**. I can be tracked by going to the Boston Marathon website. (This is available on race day only). You need my **Bib # 23,305** (maybe my name "**Janis Power**"). You can also follow the Marathon on TV or online at [www.universalsports.com](http://www.universalsports.com)



Post race report to follow in next newsletter!

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## Postcards from New Germany #2

Congratulations to our newest NGAPS Postcard Photo Contest winner, Margie Taylor! Margie submitted a beautiful winter-y scene of her trees and farm on the Farmington Road in Barss Corner. The theme of our contest was the Christmas Tree Industry. As the winner of our contest, Margie's photo is featured on a New Germany post card and Margie received a \$100 gift certificate from her choice of New Germany Connection advertisers. Margie chose a Discovery Toys gift certificate.

Margie's winning postcard, as well as our first winner of the Local Landscape theme, Donna Veinot's post card are on sale at Village Glassworks and Cathy's Beauty Salon for \$0.75 each or three for \$2.00. NGAPS also has lapel pins on sale at these locations for \$3.00 each. Proceeds from postcard and lapel pin sales help support NGAPS activities and events such as the Health and Wellness Expo, Community Meet and Greets, Beautifying Main Street, Countryside Christmas and New Germany Connections.

Do you have a theme idea for the Postcard Photo Contest? Send us your ideas! Stay tuned to our Facebook page for the dates of our next Postcard Photo Contest.



## Early Years Centre for NGES

As a follow up to our article in February Connections here is an update from NGES:

Recently two Early Childhood Educators were hired by the School Board. Renovations are expected to be completed by the first of August. The Early Years Centre will be open the first of September.

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### Next Issue:

Will be mid June. We would like to hear your story ideas. Please contact us at the address or phone number on this page.

### Thanks for entering our contest!

In the February issue of the Newsletter, we gave you the chance to win a \$20.00 gift card from any one of our advertisers - your choice. The draw was made and the winner was Barbara Veinot. She chose a Gift Card from Village Glassworks. Congratulations Barbara.

Enter our contest on page 10 and send your answer to the address above. You may be our next winner!

### NGAPS Meeting

NGAPS holds our regular monthly meetings the first Tuesday of the month @ 7:00pm. Everyone with an interest in our community is welcome to join.

Please check website for location or call 902-644-2922 for more information.

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### New Germany Area Website and Facebook too!

Check out our community website for information about the events in our area.

**Listings of community events and local business** are **FREE**. Please email [ng\\_cap@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:ng_cap@ns.sympatico.ca). We are always looking for updates. If you see that something has changed, send us that too. Thanks for the support.

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