



New Germany Connections

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Winter 2018

Welcome to 2018! Did you make any New Years resolutions? Many people do. A promise to eat better, get fit, try something new?

This year how about a resolution to do something for your community? That could be your "try something new". And don't worry about "What's in it for me?" There may be nothing in it for you, not in the usual way, but maybe surprising ways. It might not make you any money but bring joy. It might not put wood in your furnace but provide a warmth that is hard to beat.

Just one thing, not a big deal, but what a difference it could make to our community if everyone did just one thing.

We have redesigned our newsletter. Let us know what you think. Thanks for reading.

Community Groups / Organizations in our area can advertise their events on our community calendar or FB page at no charge.

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We will promote for and with you!

Please send listings to:
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Photo ~ Michelle Greek

Community Events

- Feb 11 Valentine's Lunch
- Feb 11 NGVFD Open House
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 16 Soup Kitchen
- Feb 17 Breakfast
- Feb 17/ 18 Ice Fishing
- Feb 18 Snowshoe Hike
- Feb 21 NG&AMC 25th meeting
- Feb 23 Soup Kitchen
- Feb 25 Snowshoe Hike
- Mar 2 Soup Kitchen
- Mar 6 NGAPS Meeting
- Mar 9 Soup Kitchen
- Mar 16 Soup Kitchen
- Mar 18 NGVFD Open House
- Mar 23 Soup Kitchen
- Mar 31 Turkey Supper
- Apr 1 Easter
- Apr 3 NGAPS AGM
- Apr 15 NGVFD Open House

NGAPS Programs & Events

NGAPS Regular Meeting Generally the first Tuesday of each month. Everyone is welcome to attend. Check our web page for more details.

NGAPS AGM April 3rd

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.

Lahave River Trail News

Along the LaHave River from Bridgewater to New Germany - 1867 to 2017.

The LaHave River Trail's Canada 150 project has found a permanent home at the South Shore Regional Library. Its a new system called 'Community Collections' where community groups can electronically publish collections for stories, pictures and videos. The Canada 150 project was the first group to use the system and takes much of the information from the original Facebook project. To see the Canada 150 project, go to the South Shore Regional Libraries website or directly at www.bit.ly/lahavecanada150 And if you have a community collection that you would like to see published, contact the library.



Banner image : Checking out the LaHave River from the Old Train Bridge -- now part of the Centennial Trail -- just north of Bridgewater. (c) Heidi Jirotko

Along the LaHave River from Bridgewater to New Germany - 1867 to 2017 is a Canada 150 Project coordinated by the LaHave River Trail Association that includes photos and stories from along the LaHave River Valley between Bridgewater and New Germany from 1867 to 2017.

New Germany and Area Medical Centre - 25th Anniversary



The community has been very fortunate to have a medical centre for almost twenty-five years - built by volunteers and paid for by the community. We are looking for people who will form a committee to plan a celebration. We want your ideas. Please attend an organizational meeting at NGES Community Room on February 21st @ 1:00 pm Call Bill Alexander for more details - 902-644-2217.

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Parkdale Maplewood WI

At the January meeting of the Women's Institute, bird feeders and candle holders were made out of teacups. We were privileged to have received tea cups belonging to our past president, Pearl Foster, who recently passed away.



New Germany & Area Interdenominational Soup Kitchen Fridays during Lent

41st Year

February 16, 23

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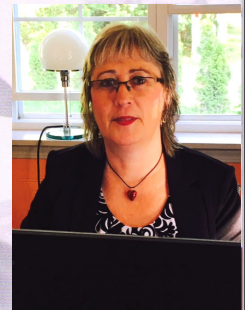
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Hillcrest Masonic Lodge #93 Presentations



On the evening of May 25, 2017 Hillcrest Masonic Lodge #93, New Germany in tandem with the Masonic Foundation of Nova Scotia (Shared Funding Program) was pleased to present a cheque to the River Ridge Common Society in the combined amount of \$1,000. Receiving the cheque from Ernest Carver are Municipal Councillor Cathy Moore (Chair, River Ridge Common Society) and Board Member Donald Fancy.

The funding will be used to assist in the creation of an outdoor recreational space that can be enjoyed by all.

The Shared Funds Program enables Masons, through their Lodge or District with financial assistance from the Foundation, to meet a social or financial need within their community. Lodges or Districts must initiate the program by first identifying a community need, determining the cost and then applying to the Foundation for funding.

Within any community there are a wide range of programs that will meet the criteria for shared funding. As much as possible, Shared Funds Programs should be directed to community based registered charities.

The Masonic Foundation strongly encourages Lodges to participate in these programs which both benefit their community and promote a positive image of the Fraternity in that community.

At the New Germany Rural High School graduation exercises held on June 28, 2017 Rogan Schofield received the Masonic School Bursary in the amount of \$500 which was provided through Hillcrest Masonic Lodge #93 and the Masonic Foundation of Nova Scotia. Rogan is attending NSCC - Springhill where he is enrolled in the Lineman Course. Rogan is the son of Terry Schofield and Cindy Croft.

The Goal of the Bursary Program is to assist graduating senior high students financially with their education at the university level (Atlantic Provinces) and/or Nova Scotia Community College.

The students apply to a Lodge in their area, usually through the local High School Guidance Department, and the Lodge's Bursary Committee decides who will receive the award.

The criteria for the bursary is a good academic standing, community involvement, need, etc.

The Masonic Foundation of Nova Scotia is proud to be able to assist our youth in their educational endeavors.

Pictured is Worshipful Master Neil Robar of Hillcrest Masonic Lodge #93, with bursary recipient Rogan Schofield.





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Leah's Fundraiser

My name is Leah Greek. I live in Barss Corner. I am six years old. I had a dance on January 20th. It was called a Snowflake Ball dance. It was for pre-primary to grade 4 and grown ups could stay if they wished. It was fun. We had tons of paper snowflakes and snowflake lights. There were cool colourful rainbow snowflake lights on the walls. It cost \$5 for kids to come to the dance. The money was for the Radiothon. Everyone got a glow stick, a bottle of water and popcorn. My favourite song was "Hello" from Go noodle. Thirty six kids were at my dance. I raised \$264.55 from my dance. I can't wait to give it to the Radiothon. I want to raise a bit more to get to \$300 for the Radiothon. Last year I raised \$275 for the Radiothon from selling cake pops. I love helping the Radiothon at Bridgewater hospital. I've done it my whole life.

Thank you to everyone who came to my snowflake dance.

IT'S COMING!

FEBRUARY 14, 2018



New Germany & Area Medical Centre

Unfortunately Dr Pugh's return has been delayed until the spring. The date has not yet been confirmed. We are sorry for the inconvenience to our patients. In the interim, there is a physician covering one day per week until his return.

Patients of Jennifer Riis, Nurse Practitioner, can call to arrange appointments during normal office hours (Monday-Thursday 9-12:30; 1:30-4, Fridays 9-12).

If you require care, please contact 811 to speak with a nurse or visit the walk-in clinic at South Shore Regional Hospital (Mon-Fri 5-7:30pm and Sat, Sun & holidays 10-12:30). If you require emergency care please call 911 or visit the Emergency department at your nearest hospital.

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Post Marks from our Area

From Lunenburg County philatelist C. Lloyd Tancock's collection. This is the final installment in our series. We appreciate Lloyd's generous sharing of his collection. If you have any details about any Lunenburg County Post Office he would like to hear from you. You can contact us (last page) or Lloyd at (902)543-9110 or stampguy48@hotmail.com



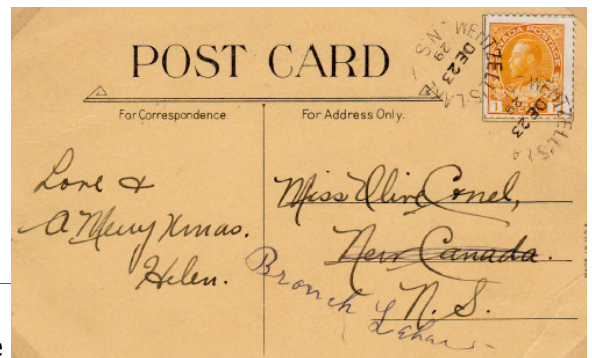
Mossman's Grant and Pinehurst

One kilometre north of Wentzell's Lake on the LaHave River and Highway 10 and 16 kilometres northwest of Bridgewater, this was known for a time around 1880 as Riverdale and then Mossman's Grant until the final name change in 1921 to Pinehurst, perhaps because of an abundance of pine groves here. Grantees of 1700 acres of land on March 21, 1811 were Mossman, Lohnes and Himmelman. A Halifax merchant, Daniel Fraser, received a land grant here in 1809. A Way Office operated here until June 2, 1873 when the Post Office opened as Mossman's Grant with James Mossman as postmaster. It changed its name to Pinehurst on April 21, 1921 and continued operations until closing on February 11, 1950. Postmasters succeeding James Mossman were Reuben Baker (1885-1896), Elkanah Knock (1897-1937), Mrs. Bridget Knox (1937-1941), George Alexander Ross (1941) and Claude Percy Ross (1941-1950). The area subsequently became New Germany RR#2.

New Canada

Five kilometres west of Highway 10 and 17 kilometres northwest of Bridgewater, it was likely named in honour of the Dominion. Grantees of land in February/March of 1845 were Joshua and Henry Kaulbach.

The Post Office was in operation here by July 1, 1868 and was open until December 10, 1949 after which it continued as Bridgewater RR#1. Joseph Rowland (1868-71) was the first postmaster, succeeded by Jeremiah Mader (1872-74), Mrs. Sarah Mader (1875-84), Michael Semon (1885-1914), Johnson Semon (1914-34), Wilfred Bennie Henley (1934-46), Mrs. Melba Lyon Henley (1940), Raymond Wallace Jodrey (1941) and Raymond Wallace Jodrey (1946-49). The two single year postmasters in 1940 and 1941 were acting positions while Wilfred Henley was on military service leave.



Wentzell's Lake

About 12 kilometres northwest of Bridgewater and on the north shore of the lake by the same name, this community was named for early settlers in the area.



A Post Office operated here from May 1, 1900 to November 21, 1947 and then again from January 1, 1948 to October 31, 1949. Postmasters serving this office were Titus Wentzell (1900-08), Wm. B. Wentzell (1908-43), Mrs. Jennie Wentzell (1943), Mrs. Gertrude Leggie (1943-45), Mrs. Muriel Leona Sawler (1945), Mrs. Gertrude Leggie (1946-7), Mrs. Dorothy Hirtle (1947), Mrs. Hilda Elizabeth Wentzell (1947) and Mrs. Dorothy June Hirtle (1948-9). This area became New Germany RR#2.

Giants of Lunenburg County

Do you know any Giants in Lunenburg County? Giants are trees -- either big in size or their importance to the people around them. We're collecting stories and pictures of the Giants to produce an electronic 'coffee table' style book to be published later this year as a Community Collection at the South Shore Regional Library. For more information, go to www.giantsoflunenburgcounty.com



Business Buzz



After the busyness of the Christmas season and all the trees, wreaths and other fir products which left this area, things are quieter now.

There has been some activity at the former R&V Meisner garage on the Mill Road. Soon there may be another mechanic working out of that space. They will follow in some solid footsteps in the vehicle repair business at that location.

DeLong Farms continue their build in Barss Corner. It is certainly one of the biggest projects in this area for a long time.

The **New Germany Enviro Centre** has completed their move to the Copeland Road and the transition from Wentzell's Bottle Exchange. See page 10.

The Maple sap will soon be flowing at the **Maple Syrup Farm** in Maplewood. It may be winter now, but soon it will be spring.

We have noticed or heard about a few new home based businesses including a long arm quilting service in Barss Corner, a possible pottery/ sculptor studio in Maplewood and a yoga studio in Upper Northfield. Exciting!

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Parkdale Maplewood Community Museum is closed for the season and will open in May.



Reconnecting...

Is an occasional feature in Connections where we catch up with former residents of this area.

Do you know someone we might feature? Please get in touch, the contact information is on page 20.



New Germany and Area Autism Support Group

Meets the first Wednesday of every month in the Community room, at New Germany Elementary School, 6:30-8pm. Contact Holly 523-0488 for more information.



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- *WHMIS 1988 & W.H.M.I.S. 2015/GHS
- *Principles of Loss Control
- *Accident & Incident Investigations
- *Hazardous Identification & Control
- *Safety Audits (Internal/External)
- *Industrial Hearing Testing
- *Fall Protection
- *Confined Space
- *Lockout/Tagout
- *Fire Safety



New Germany Elementary School Early Years Centre



Pre-Primary Program

Registration is open for the September 2018 Pre-Primary Program at New Germany Elementary School.

Important Information

- Children who are four years old on or before December 31, 2018 are eligible for this program.
- Your family must reside in the New Germany catchment area.
- Your child's birth certificate and up to date provincial health card are required to be presented when you come to the school office to complete the registration forms.
- Your child does not need to accompany you when you come to fill out the forms.
- There is no fee for this program.

For more information, please contact the office at New Germany Elementary School, phone (902)644-5020 or email ngelc@gnsps.ca

Visit our website ngelc6.wixsite.com for updates, ideas and information. You will find links to our Facebook and Twitter on the Contact Us tab.



New Germany Fire Department

invites you to join us for a fun afternoon of activities and demonstrations at the Fire Station,
12 Fire Hall Road in New Germany.

Three Dates to choose from: Sunday, Feb 11th,
Sunday March 18th or Sunday April 15th

Times: 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Light refreshments, door prizes, kids activities,
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Bring the whole family and learn what your volunteer
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NGAPS Meeting

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District of Lunenburg Recreation Programs

Lunenburg Municipal Recreation has opportunities for you and your family throughout the Municipality!

Take the Roof Off Winter – Every Saturday from 10:00am-4:00pm at the MARC in Dayspring until February 24. Free ski and snowshoe loan, warm up room, and hot chocolate. Lots of winter activities. As conditions allow.

Red Cross Babysitter Course (ages 11-14) – Saturday, February 17 from 9:00am-4:30pm at the Mahone Bay Center. \$35 (includes booklet and certification card)

Fire Starting Demonstration – Saturday, February 17 from 2:00pm-3:30pm at the MARC in Dayspring. Sam Wentzell will use the bow drill method and then cook your own bannock.

Intro to Ice Fishing – Saturday, February 17 from 9:00am-2:00pm at Sucker Lake, Upper Northfield and/or Saturday, February 18 at Springfield Lake Beach area, Springfield. **Free!**

Snowshoe Hike: Osborne Road – Saturday, February 18 from 2:00pm-4:00pm. Meet at New Germany Rural High School. Approximately 6kms of relatively flat terrain.

Snowshoe Hike: River Ridge Common – Sunday, February 25 from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Meet at the end of Falkenham Lane off Highway 10 in New Germany. Explore old logging roads by headlamp. Approximately 3kms of hilly terrain. Bring flashlight or headlamp.

Snowshoe Hike: MARC Trails – Saturday, March 3 from 3:00pm-5:00pm at the MARC in Dayspring. After the hike, we will have chili over a bonfire. **\$2/pp or \$5/family**. If there is no snow, we will have a winter hike.

Paint Night for PRO Kids – Friday, March 9 from 6:00pm-8:30pm at the MARC in Dayspring. **\$35/pp**. "Boat on a Beach" painting.

Family Fun Day – Monday, March 12 from 10:00am-12:00pm at the MARC in Dayspring.

March Break Fun at the MARC – Tuesday, March 13 and Thursday, March 15 from 1:00pm-3:00pm. **\$5/pp**.

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, March 24 from 2:00pm-3:30pm at the MARC in Dayspring.

Bus Trips – Bargain Shopping to the French Shore on May 23; Local Beverage Tour on August 24; Bargain Shopping to Metro on Sept. 27; Bargain Shopping to the Valley on Oct. 11; and Christmas Shopping in Metro on Nov. 14.

Summer Employment deadlines – Friday, March 2 for manager positions and Friday, April 6 for leader positions.

MARC Softball Field Booking Deadline – Thursday, March 29.

Municipal Volunteer Reception Nomination Deadline – Tuesday, April 3.

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River Ridge Common News

Work continues at the River Ridge Common outside of New Germany! For those who are not aware, this beautiful piece of land (#4668 Highway 10 - 115 acres) was purchased by the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg to create an outdoor space for residents and visitors to the area. Since that time, Municipal staff have been working closely with a community committee to help guide this development process. A plan was created and work got underway.

Last fall, MODL began by having a significant erosion problem fixed in the centre of the property. Our efforts were successful and so the project was able to proceed to the next step - creating an accessible trail system on the upper part of the property. This includes installing switchbacks on trails to reduce the steepness of the trails and applying a fine gravel surface so that those with mobility concerns will be able to have access. Currently, the material is being stockpiled on-site so when the ground warms up, this part of the project can be completed.

Next steps include completing an OHV pull-off area to welcome those travelling on off-highway vehicles to stop and use the picnic tables while they are out enjoying the South Shore Annapolis Valley Trail. There will also be an access trail that can be used for those who need less slope (like wheelchairs, walkers, and those pushing strollers) and plans to complete the last leg of the Indian Brook Trail that was started by participants from our local high school

There are certainly lots of exciting changes underway, so stay tuned as the project evolves and more updates are made available!

For more information, please contact the Trails and Open Space Coordinator for the District of Lunenburg by email at laura.barkhouse@modl.ca or by phone at 902 541-1352

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Livewires 4H

~Adrianna Langille

On January 10th the Livewires 4-H club held its general meeting at Parkdale/Maplewood community hall with Ryleigh Flemming calling to meeting to order. Following the 4-H pledge and roll call, the reports from November and December were given. It was a very busy time with fundraisers and Christmas activities.

We would like to thank everyone who supported and helped in any way with the Livewires 4-H Countryside Christmas Tree Forest. It was very beautiful. We had a few problems with Mother Nature and the electrical plug on the pole but hope everyone enjoyed the beautiful trees along Main Street Maples, New Germany. Thank you to the Christmas tree growers: G.A.R tree farms, Marshall and Tom Zwicker, Pear Lake farms, Allen Foster, Wayne Sliver, and Willard J. Wagner who donated the wonderful trees. It's also nice to see that trees were put to use afterwards as Kevin Johnson's goats and llamas enjoyed them very much.



We would also like to thank everyone who came out and supported our merchandise bingo. It was a huge success.

In our 76th year our little club is growing. We have 30 members, 17 leaders, and 5 cloverbuds.

In December our club enjoyed a Christmas party at the LCLC and our little cloverbuds had a fun party at the Parkdale/Maplewood hall with the residents from Lohnes rest home.



Abbie Foster & Marcella Wentzell having fun in the therapy pool

On the 27th of December, Lunenburg Country 4-H held a family skating party at the Lunenburg arena which was enjoyed by all.

On January 20th, Livewires had their own speech and demonstration day as all members have to do one to complete at a gold standing.

Officials for this year are: President- Ryleigh Flemming, Vice President- Victoria Penny, Secretary- Laura Isaacs, Treasurer- Joshua Foster, Council meeting senior rep- Joshua Foster, club reporter- Adrianna Langille

Upcoming dates:

February 10th- Hosting competition Wileville fire hall @ 1:00

February 24th- Our club is having a sledding, indoor games, and potluck supper. Parkdale/Maplewood hall @ 2:00

March 24th- Lunenburg Co. Rally, Wileville fire hall

April 7th- Regional rally, Wileville fire hall.



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News from New Germany Elementary School

~ Angela Gladwin

Student learning remains our number one focus at NGES no matter what the season. We believe that our students can achieve and are setting our goals high for reading, writing and math. There has been huge growth in the areas of reading and writing since last year and we continue to stay focused on improving our teaching to support student learning. Success in these areas is a key to future success! Working together during CLT afternoons is a key to this school improvement.

It was a busy end to 2017 at New Germany Elementary as we worked hard and celebrated the learning of our students. There's so much we could say but we will highlight a few special events. We had our second annual successful Meet the Staff Supper, followed by the second annual Home and School evening of Family Fall Fun with many families participating in pumpkin carving and other festivities. Our school wide turkey dinner organized by staff and Home and School was a highlight in December for all involved. As always we are overwhelmed by the community support by way of money donations and supplies from New Germany businesses and organizations. Thank you for all that you do for our students!

Our Home and School is busy planning our NGES Sizzler event for June 9th. We always welcome new volunteers who are interested in supporting our students, whether that is with special events or helping by reading with a student. If you have time please contact the school for possibilities!

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

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From the Lions Den

~Lion Deb Featherby



Christmas 2017 was an exciting time for the New Germany & Area Lions as we presented a \$1000.00 cheque to Rosedale Home for their van fund and a beautiful poinsettia to add to their Christmas cheer. The seniors in the Riverside Apartments had a visit from Santa and his Lion Elves who had a goody bag for every resident. \$500.00 was



Christmas Elves: Lion Margie Riley, Lion Christine Zinck, Santa (Lion Roger Carver) and Lion Kelly Hansen as they get ready to deliver goody bags to Riverside Apartments.

donated to the Christmas Daddies organization, Lions helped man the Salvation Army kettle, a Christmas tree was decorated to support the Livewires 4H club, a donation was made to the Messy Saints after school program and the biggest event of all was Operation Snow Pile. Organized by New Germany Rural High teacher Michael Wilson, Operation Snow Pile was an effort to provide



Lions Carla Carver, Kelly Hansen, teacher Mike Wilson, Lions Roger Carver and Deb Featherby with the toys for Operation Snow Pile

parents of children at the IWK with a chance to have a real Christmas with presents for the children who couldn't be home for their Christmas celebration. The New Germany & Area Lions, the high school Leo Club and Michael Wilson went all out for this event, collecting donations of new toys and money. With the support of the surrounding communities, we were able to deliver nearly \$900 in gift cards and nearly \$10,000 in presents for all ages of children at the IWK. King Lion Donnie Fancy was fortunate to meet a gentleman whose grandchild was at the IWK at Christmas time and he was grateful for the Christmas Room where his son could get presents to make a Christmas for his grandchild. Our communities should be so proud of the support they gave to this project and know that it showed the true spirit of Christmas.

New Germany Lions also gained two new members – Valerie Simms and Mike Crouse, who are great additions to our Lions Club. We were also fortunate to have a visit from the District Governor for the Lions Clubs of Nova Scotia, Rhonda Trickett. DG Rhonda presented a banner patch to King Lion Donnie Fancy as New Germany & Area Lions had completed all parts of service work for the centennial of Lions Clubs International. Lion Kelly Hansen was presented with a gold Centennial pin for her work in sponsoring a new member for the club and several members received the District Governor's pin.



Newly inducted Baby Lion Mike Crouse has the privilege of taking King Lion Donnie Fancy's supper!



King Lion Donnie Fancy is presented with a banner patch by District Governor Rhonda Trickett

Members of the club continue to help with the breakfasts at the Pinehurst Community hall, held on the first Saturday of the month and the Wednesday night Radio Bingo. Bingo cards can be purchased from local merchants and play takes place every Wednesday night at seven on CKBW radio. Donations have been made to local community members who were in need of help with medications, travel, home issues, and fuel. As well, a diabetes Awareness day was held to support the Diabetes Society and a donation was made to the society. A donation was also made to the Heart & Stroke foundation.

The New Germany & Area Lions will also continue their service work and fundraising in 2018. A Valentine Luncheon will be held on February 11 at the Pinehurst Hall from 11:00-1:30 with homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts. A fundraiser is planned for Mary Ann Conrad on February 17. This will be a breakfast at Pinehurst Hall from 7:00 – 11:00, with donations taken at the door. On March 31 a turkey supper will be held at the Anglican Church Hall to raise funds for Camp Lion Maxwell, held at Camp Kadimah each August. This is a camp for children with diabetes and New Germany Lions help provide funding for the Camp so no child is turned away.

On February 28, at 6:30 at the Anglican Church Hall, the Lions will be hosting their annual Speak Out competition for any students in grades nine through twelve. Students choose their own topic and speak for four to six minutes. Prizes of \$75, \$50 and \$25 are awarded to the first, second and third place finishers and the winner goes on to the zone competition on April 11. Students who are home schooled are also eligible to enter. Any students interested should contact Lion Deb Featherby at 902-521-7791 or dfeatherby@ns.sympatico.ca. The Club is sponsoring a FREE public skate at the LCLC on Saturday, February 24 from 5:15 – 6:15. All are welcome!

Make sure you check out the New Germany & Area Lions website to learn about upcoming events and to learn more about the Lions Club. Our motto is "We Serve" and we are here to serve our communities.



Messy Saints

is a fun, convenient way for children in the New Germany area to learn about God and the Bible. We use the facilities of the New Germany Elementary School, after hours, with roughly 30-60 children attending each session. The program runs from 3 to 4:30 pm, the first two Fridays of each month, from October to May.

If you have questions, or to register, please contact our director, Iris Veinotte.

Phone 644-1022 or email irisveinotte@outlook.com

Canada Day Meeting

The Canada Day Committee consists of a group of people who have served on the committee between 10 and 30 years. A few members have moved on and two others have taken on another project. New committee members are needed.

Many volunteers reach out to help make Canada Day possible. Some of these people might be willing to step forward and serve on the Canada Day Committee. We need them as well as a representative from each group or organization that plans to participate in Canada Day 2018 with a booth or other event. Please plan to attend an organizational meeting on February 15th at the New Germany Fire Hall at 7:30 pm. Questions – call James at 902-644-2918.



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Sugar Shack @ Farm

Parent/Caregiver Self-Reg Group at NGES EYC

NGES Community Room

Fridays. once a month 9-10 a.m.

Grab a coffee and join us to chat about the challenges that parenting brings! This group is aimed at building resilience in ourselves and our kids as we explore the topic of "Self Regulation" in support of more calm, alert and focused kids at home and at school.

Parents and caregivers are welcome as we connect and inspire each other by sharing stories that we can all learn from. Our discussions will relate to the work done by Dr. Stuart Shanker (www.self-reg.ca) and others around understanding behavior as communication and strategies we can all use to better understand how to overcome some of the stressors in our lives to be more "available" for those around us.

This is an informal group, drop in and out as your schedule permits. There is no need to register.

Looking forward to meeting you and swapping parenting stories --including our challenges and triumphs alike! If you have questions, feel free to drop me an email. kseamone@gnspes.ca

Karen Seamone, Social Emotional Learning Facilitator, South Shore Regional School Board


NGRHS Grade 9 Entrepreneurship Expo.

~ Jeff Rhodenizer

Starting last year, and continuing again this year after the great success the grade nine students at New Germany Rural High School have the opportunity to play out Social Studies curriculum in the real world through the New Germany Junior High School Grade 9 Entrepreneurship Expo. This expo, coinciding with the grade nine Social Studies economics and budgeting outcomes allows students to explore the world of business, and actually see the entire process from planning to delivery come to life. Students last year began planning their potential products in early February, after pricing out materials and production times, students wrote proposal letters to the administrative team and their teacher for approval to sell their item at the Expo. After approval, the process of production takes place, and after learning some of the basics of advertising, students completed the finishing touches of their billboards and prepared for the big day. Last year many students saw their bottom line in the black and learned how rewarding creating, managing and selling a product can be. This year's expo hopes to replicate the over 30 successful booths from last year that sold everything from baked goods, hot foods, key chains, slime, t-shirts, temporary tattoos and more! The Expo is expected to take place the week before March Break and is open to the public. Be sure to check the New Germany Rural High School website for exact dates and times in the coming weeks.



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Quilt of Valour Presentation

Adam Trethewey was presented with the Quilt of Valour as a thank you for his service with the Canadian Navy, at New Germany Rural High School on November 10th.

In 2011, while Adam was posted in British Columbia, he was attacked. He was hospitalized in BC for a month then spent several months in rehabilitation. It's been a long journey with lots and lots of specialists, therapists and TONS of rehabilitation.

He now resides in New Germany with his 5 children and fiancé Amanda McCarthy, who is a school bus driver.



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Belated Christmas Joy

One of our Connections readers from Dartmouth, former Hemford resident Gertrude Urquhart, forwarded to us an email written by her sister about her quest each year to find a Lunenburg County Christmas tree and her success this year.

December 19 2017

Hello Mr. Seamone:

You don't know me, but I now own a tree from your Christmas lot. I know this because there was an actual - not torn, not wet, but fully legible red tag - on the tree which we bought yesterday from Rona in Conception Bay South, Newfoundland.

I have lived here for 37 years, and every year I demand that we put up a Nova Scotia tree. These Newfoundlanders couldn't grow a comparable, aromatic, perfect limbed tree if they tried. Now granted, the climate and the winds and the soil play a role.

Every year we go to the tree lot and every year I embarrass my husband, when I go through my usual questions, for which I know there are never the answers I want. It usually goes like this:

"And where was this tree grown?"

"Nova Scotia"

"I know that, but what part of Nova Scotia?"

"Don't know, Missus. Maybe Cape Breton."

"And what part of Cape Breton?"

"Don't know Missus."

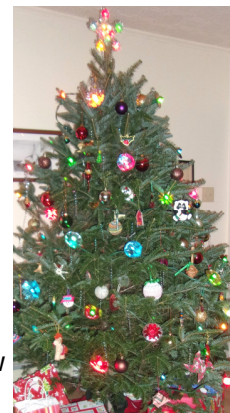
"And how long ago was it cut?"

"Don't know Missus. Do you want it or not?"

So we buy it and I grumble. My father grew trees in Hemford, my grandfather grew trees in West Clifford. I come from Christmas tree country. Of course I grumble.

Yesterday, when we brought this tree, unbeknownst from your farm, we'd just come from dealing with a pet emergency and my heart was as black as the Grinch's. We bought the closest, smallest tree that stood out because it wasn't covered with snow. And for the first year ever I didn't embarrass my husband with my usual show off questions. And today to find out that not only is it a Nova Scotia tree, but a Lunenburg County tree, but a New Germany tree, my heart swells with pride. You have made me very happy.

Cheers, Gayle Garber, Daughter of Aubrey Garber



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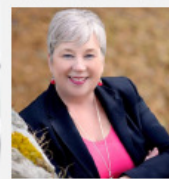
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Looking Back ~ Christmas Festival 2017

As part of NGAPS Countryside Christmas a very successful Christmas festival was held at New Germany Elementary School on the first Sunday in December. Well attended by not only local families, it was the place to be for many county residents with young children. Christmas Bingo, face painting, mini trees, Lions train rides were just some of the events highlighted by a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

All photos by Ron Smith





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