



# New Germany Connections

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## Summer 2020

In March all routines, all community events, our world was turned upside down and shaken. In April, if it felt like we were finding a "new normal" by staying home and social isolating, we were once more tipped upside down and shaken, this time really, really hard!

If you look at March's newsletter, only the community events which happened very early in that month took place. Everything going forward was cancelled; months worth of gatherings, fundraisers and community events cancelled or postponed.

Where we go or what our communities look like next week, next month or next year is a very big unknown. The one thing that holds true is that the kind of place we live in is determined by us. We can be kind to each other, we can support local businesses, we can donate to local charities even when they aren't running a breakfast or a penny auction because it is important they be part of our communities.

There is so much we can't control but we can choose how we will be.

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**"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.**



~ Ron Smith photo

# Easter Bunny Visits Rosedale

A lockdown is not going to stop this Hopper from visiting friends at Rosedale!



Photos ~ Ron Smith



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# New Germany & Area Medical Centre

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## What's at the Museum?



### Collar

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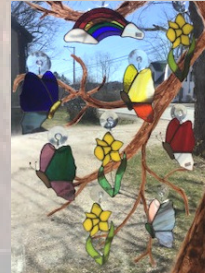
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# Seeds for Food

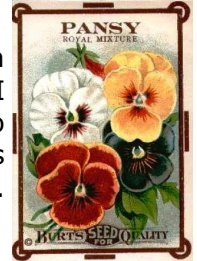


~ Greg Selig

Way back in February a few of us at the Community Café were discussing swapping some seeds. The next week we showed up with various types of both flower and veggie seeds. Sweet!

After we left, I went home and posted on FB that this was going to happen each Thursday for however long it was working. Little did I know what would happen next. I got an offer from a former student, Amanda Meisner, who is a manager of a garden centre in Lower Sackville. She had all the leftover seeds from last year. WOW. There were so many packages of seeds that I knew I had to do something with them: thus was born "seeds for food".

I offered seeds, any number, for a donation to our Food Bank. Then the pandemic shutdown started and no more Community Café! I had hundreds of packages of seeds to get rid of. Over a period of 2 months I was able to trade all those seeds for donations, both monetary and articles, for the Food Bank. All was greatly appreciated and this also led to several straight cash donations to the Food Bank. Roughly \$2000.00 was raised for our Food Bank!



So great to have a few first-time gardeners show up and some because they wanted to learn to grow food for their families. One thing we might have learned from the pandemic.

Thanks to all the people who wanted to help the Food Bank in New Germany. Our bank account is healthy. If you wish to donate to a worthy cause as we go through this pandemic, I suggest the United Way of Lunenburg County, which has been greatly involved in helping many, many people make their way thru this pandemic. Thanks to them, the VON and the Red Cross for helping many of our seniors, at this time. Take care, stay safe and enjoy the seeds!



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## Hello all you Community Café Patrons

We long for the connections, the bubbling cacophony of voices raised in greeting.  
Joining in conversation and collective ideas with old friends and new.  
Older generations long rooted in the land blending with  
Eager arrivals revitalizing neglected or forgotten places.  
Thursday mornings marked our week somehow;  
Set us in place, with an ineffable purpose and energy rising collectively among us.  
These trying times have cleaved us from one another.  
If we all imagined ourselves there as we drink our isolated Thursday morning cups of tea and coffee  
Perhaps we might find some solace in the collective mental space we create.



The annual ratepayers meeting for the New Germany Volunteer Fire Department will be held at the New Germany Fire Station on Wednesday, July 15th at 8pm.

There will be an over view of the Department's yearly budget and a vote on the area rate for this year.



Please check our website or Facebook page for any update.  
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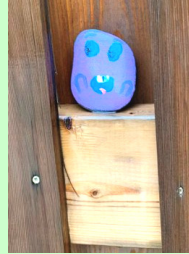
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West Northfield  
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Hailey Russell James Thomas-Mahar



Ethan Veinotte

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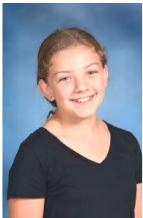
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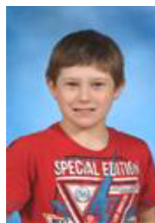
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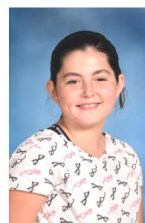
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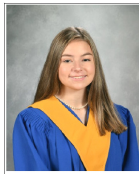
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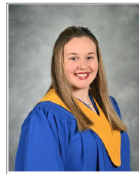
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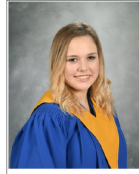
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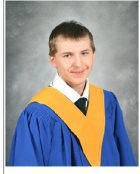
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Josie Skinner



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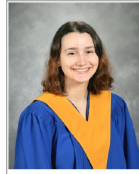
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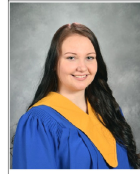
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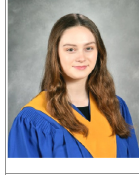
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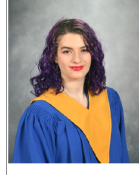
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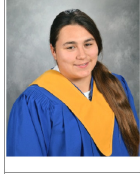
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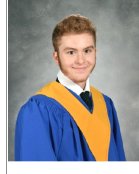
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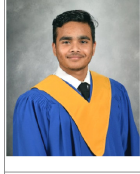
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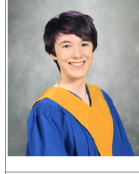
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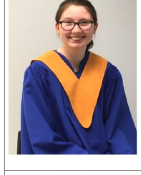
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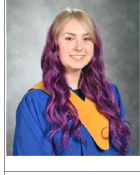
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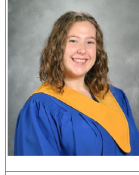
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Christie Hubley



Jessica Keddy



Matthew Mailman



Logan Veinot



Madison Whalen

**Congratulations**  
**Grade 12 class**  
**of 2020**

# Reconnecting with New Germany Rural High School

compiled by Catherine Robar, Class of '68

"**Hindsight is 20/20**" was the theme set for this years' New Germany Rural High School Alumni Reunion planned for the first weekend of July. Unfortunately, like so many other events, it has had to be postponed, hoping to meet in 2021. Though we are unable to 'Reconnect' in our planned way, we are fortunate to have so much technology available which enables us to keep in touch with friends far and wide. BTW the Alumni Association has a Facebook page - New Germany Rural High School Alumni.

As we look forward to the next Reunion, let's be creative in our efforts to reconnect with our friends, classmates, staff. May I suggest you take some time to think about your years connected to NGRHS, the people with whom you shared those years, the outstanding and fun times, the challenging and difficult times and then decide who and how to connect. You just might make someone's day!

The original school opened in the fall of 1954; the high school entered the new building at Christmas in 1964; the elementary schools were consolidated in 1965; the first Alumni Reunion was organized by Harald Weiland and a team of students on Christmas Break in 1967; the high school flag carried at graduations and other official functions was presented by the alumni at that reunion and received by me, Catherine (Veinotte) Robar, Student Council President. I haven't missed a reunion since then.

Let's take a walk through Memory Lane. We offer some reflections: **From Norma (Smith) Veinot** (1954-1960). My fondest memories are the friendships made at school and many continued for many years and some to this day. One thing that comes to mind is winning the Nova Scotia Provincial soccer championship. To think that a small school like New Germany had the students with the soccer skills to achieve this was very amazing and exciting! Our coach was Miss Maxine Best, and some of my teammates were Sandra DeLong, Sandra Lohnes, Rose Lohnes, Merna DeLong, Florence Bell, Linda Legge, Dianne Zwicker, Alice Moore, Ferne Conrad, and Irene Wagner.

**From Anzil Blackadar.** I remember vividly when we won the junior boys basketball championship at West Kings. I believe it was during the 1958/59 school year. Buddy Holly's song "Peggy Sue" was played non stop at the Gym. Some of the guys on the team were myself, David Zwicker (Pinehurst), Lawrence Bolivar, Dale Veinot, Bobby Veinot and Angus Meisner. Either Cormick Baxter or Stanton Sarty was coach. Those were the days!

**From Kim (Feindel) Mayo** Class of '89. Being a teacher, I would like to think that students look back on their years of schooling with fond remembrance of all the enlightened knowledge and educational skills I have shared with them. However, over my years of teaching, I have come to realize the most important thing I truly want my students to remember is how I made them feel. When I think back to my time in school at NGRHS, the first thing I remember are the relationships that I shared while I was in school, with my classmates, friends, teammates and teachers. I have always believed that NGRHS is a great size school. It has its own culture. I remember a colleague of mine that worked with the school board commented to me that it was the only school he visits where the students will open the door for him or a stranger when they arrive. Teachers all get to know their students and teach siblings, building relationships with families. Students see each other often throughout the day and have a chance to get to know one another well. Some of these relationships began back in Nursery School. I feel very fortunate that my own two children are NGRHS students.

I am very proud to be a NGRHS grad and enjoy being part of the alumni. My parents were high school sweethearts at New Germany and frequently share many memories of their time in school. They often talk about the friendships they developed with their teachers, friendships that have continued for them to this day. Back in the 50's they even danced with their teachers at school dances. Schooling has changed a lot over 3 generations but there is one thing that has not. This year my son, Rylan, graduates from NGRHS, however he will not get chance to walk across the stage in the gym together with his classmates. What bothers him the most is not that he will have to receive his diploma in a non-traditional way, but that he will not be together to celebrate with his friends and teachers, because for him his years at NGRHS were all about the relationships. For me that is especially true, as, like my parents, I married my high school sweetheart, Cy, and walked out on his arm graduation night. Obviously that will not be Rylan's story! My hope is that both my children will always look back on their time at NGRHS as my parents, husband, mother-in-law and myself do, with a smile and continue to enjoy relationships they made while at school. *"Make new friends but keep the old, for the new are like silver but the old are like gold"*.

**From Wendy (MacKay) Looke** Class of 1976. She loves the reunions because it's always a good time to talk, get together with friends, to reminisce. Wendy's three siblings, Winnifred, Clayton and Teena, attended NGRHS as did her three children, Alana, Megan and Daniel. Her uncle, Merle Veinot, was a well-respected teacher. Wendy's life changed quite dramatically when Andy Looke came back to school for grade twelve after working for two years. The Class of '76 is one of the classes that gets together on significant anniversaries of graduation for class events – some of her classmates were Ernie Carver, Royce Slauenwhite, Bill Bruhm, Mary Ann (Veinot) Eisener, Hester (Gibson) Penney, Brenda (Oickle) Fancey, Janice (Roberts) Joudrey, Janice (Joudrey) Wilson, Diane (Joudrey) MacLean, and Twila Dorey. Wendy is Treasurer of the Alumni Association.

**From Lana (Poole) Veinotte** The Class of '65 was the first class to graduate from the present day high school. Our class has been active in all reunion celebrations. We have even assembled our class photo for the display at the high school.

During some discussions about junior high we cannot forget about the days at school that did not go exactly as they should have. Our teachers persevered and taught us to be the best we could be. Perhaps it was those trying days that helped shape us to be proud graduates. From the class of '65 we have many professions – banker, carpenter, designer, electrician, engineer, entrepreneur, farmer, forester, health care worker, heavy duty equipment operator, law enforcement officer, lawyer, mechanic, nurse, office administrator, retailer, sports enthusiast and teacher. We certainly have contributed to be great Canadians.

We were fortunate to have had teachers share their personal experiences of hardships, the importance of foreign languages, their love of nature, their passion for science experiments, their fascination of numbers and mathematical calculations, their enjoyment of sports and team participation and the importance of caring for others. All these things have certainly left lasting impressions on us and helped us to be the best we can be.

**From George Bush** (1954-1957) "I was a member of the air cadet squadron in 1956 (I believe the late Principal Mr. Don MacPherson had formed it) and had the opportunity to fly on a Beechcraft-18 (RCAF Expeditor) for a run from CFB Greenwood to Blomidon and back to Greenwood. A real thrill for a kid from Dayspring. This may have helped in my decision to join the R.C.A.F in 1958 where I spent an enjoyable 27 years. During that time I had the pleasure to work for the late Capt. Lyle Morton at CFB Greenwood in the early 1970s."

**From Coline MacDonald** (Teacher from 1967) It is strange that I said to Marsha after the last issue of the New Germany Connections that if Warren Meisner and I ever got together to share the stories of our 15 or so years of teaching Phys. Ed. and coaching we could have a book printed.

Needless to say I have many, many fond memories...

First and foremost are the memories of all the positive interactions with students and staff of all types (teaching, custodial, bus drivers, office etc.) and the parents. I learned so much from all of them - things that helped me become a better human being. I was blessed to make life-long friends in my teaching and coaching days - although many haven't been seen in years, very often the wonderful memories come flooding back.

I also have a special memory of you (Catherine Veinotte) scoring a goal from a corner kick. It is a memory that resurfaces often along with the fact that the first soccer game I had ever seen was one I coached that first year at NGRHS. Thankfully my senior players (yourself very much included) taught me a great deal as they literally coached themselves through that first season.

Another soccer memory happened in the mid-seventies when our senior girls went to Lunenburg on a cold fall Saturday for league championship. Those were the days of eight high schools in Lun. Co. Well, it had rained for days previous and despite a valiant effort to improve field conditions, we were still faced with a mini lake in the middle of the field. I noticed early in warm-up that when the ball hit the water it would skid to a stop and my girls would gingerly go into the water to retrieve the ball. That wasn't going to work during the game so I had them run through the water a couple of times to get them ready. I'm sure if they had the chance today they would have insisted the coach accompany them through the cold muddy water. Anyway, we won the game and were scheduled to play in the championship game a few hours later. The girls showered and dressed in civvies. We put tops, shorts, socks in a plastic bag and drove to the laundromat in Bridgewater where we washed and dried the uniforms. Our team came out for the championship game spotlessly clean and looking spiffy. I think we even won the championship.

I have great memories of Athletic Banquets (the precursor to today's year-end Awards night). The parents, staff and friends provided food. We had some great guest speakers over the years. One I recall was Colleen Jones, fresh from winning her first Canadian's Scotties. Alumnus, Bruce Tubbe, was another and I can still see him running the perimeter of the gym as part of his presentation. And, of course, Alumnus Dr. Robert Clattenburg was one of the best, he kept us in stitches for his whole presentation.

In the early days we usually played our basketball games on a Friday night with all four teams playing. It made for a long day and night. One such trip was to Hebbville and we had a brand new bus. George Feindel was our driver. He went out to warm up the bus during the final game of the night and the bus wouldn't start. We had to wait in Hebbville until another bus could come to pick us up - it was a VERY long night. I recall all that our custodians would do to help us with sporting events. Each school was responsible for its own grass mowing so we would often see Harold Risser out the day of the game making sure the field was in tip top shape.

I recall the problem with soccer balls going over the fence into Oscar Feindel's field and yard. I learned my first year that he collected many of them, refusing to return them. Being new I had not yet learned of the controversy that had taken place over the land on which the school was built. When possible the players or students would scale the high fence and retrieve the ball but we weren't always successful. Also being new, Murray Ward figured I'd be a perfect pawn for going to Oscar to ask for the balls back. I did and found Mr. Feindel to be a reasonable chap who was annoyed with the taunting of kids. He returned many soccer balls on that occasion.


In the early days the Phys. Ed. teachers did the coaching which meant Jr. and Sr. teams in soccer, volleyball and basketball as well as badminton and track and field. We were also responsible for raising the money for the athletic budget. Lots of stories good and bad about the variety of ways we attempted to do that over the years.

I could write volumes of fond memories - definitely not all of which were related to Phys. Ed. and sports. So much could be written about two special people, Harold Risser and Merna Cox. The ways that those two people helped us over the years would take a long time to relate.

**From Jonathan Crouse** "I have so many memories from NGRHS, mostly good ones. The one activity that turned into a career due to some guidance sticks out though. There were four of us, Nadine Nauss, Jessica Corkum, Chris Cox and myself that entertained with NGRHS Radio during noon hours. When it came time to look at leaving high school and heading out into the real world, my plan was to graduate from Agricultural College. Miss Rafuse, my guidance counselor insisted that I apply for something else as a backup. She suggested radio, which I never thought of as something you could do for a living. Well as it turned out, I got in the program and decided a break to learn radio would be fun before college. I was hired after my first year to a weekend position on CKBW and never made it to college for anything else. I owe a big thanks to NGRHS for guiding a shy guy to a great career.

Jonathan is President of our Alumni Association.

Please don't let this article end here. Remember to reflect on the good times and the not so good times of your high school years, keep learning from them; share them with friends or family; call that friend or teacher you've been meaning to call. And as our motto challenges us - Carpe Diem! (Seize the Day!)



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# River Ridge Common News

River Ridge Common Park has seen a lot of visitors since the summer 2019 grand opening and some great new additions are coming throughout 2020.

The park recently opened 3.5km of new singletrack trails with more to follow over the next year or so. This network of natural-surface trails offers rustic woodland adventures with a back country flair and something for mountain bikers, hikers, joggers, snowshoers and other users of all abilities. The new trails currently have some basic temporary signage with permanent maps and signs coming soon.

The Adventure Pit natural playground is going to add several new swing installations and shaded rest spots by mid-summer.

On the other side of the Adventure Pit the park will also be getting a bike skills area with many accessible features right next to the pump track for even more all-ages fun.

River Ridge Common is also developing a trailside parking and picnic area to welcome visitors arriving on the South Shore Annapolis Valley Trail.

Thanks to everyone who has enjoyed River Ridge Common while practicing social distancing during the time of COVID-19, coming together to have good, safe fun outdoors.

## South Shore Public Library Mobile Library

Will be in New Germany 11:00 to 12:30 Tuesdays and Barss Corner June 23, July 14 & Aug. 4, 10:15 to 10:45. Check their website for updated services.



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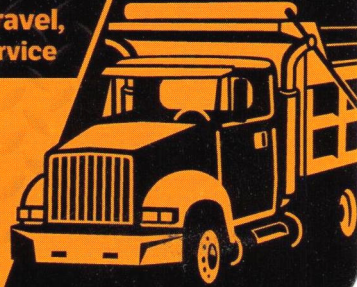
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# Flowers to Rosedale and Lohnes

Organized by Lorraine Snyder, she cut the petals and centers for wooden flowers. Lorraine delivered them to the children in her Saturday group for painting, retrieved them and put them together as flowers. Then Lorraine organized outside visits to both Rosedale and Lohnes Rest Home with the children and placed the flowers, butterflies and such around the outside of the Homes as garden art.



~Ron Smith photos



## MODL Responds to COVID-19

Though our office and associated buildings closed on March 16 to help in the efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19, the Municipality has continued to provide important services to residents. While staff work remotely, we continue to accept building permit applications and conduct building inspections. Council meeting recordings are available at [modl.ca](http://modl.ca), and Public Hearings are available on our Facebook page.

In order to offset the financial impact on residents and businesses during the COVID-19 situation, the Municipality has delayed the interim tax deadline by 90 days. The interim tax deadline is moved from May 31, 2020 to August 31, 2020. If your account includes arrears, daily interest will continue to be applied on those arrears. Interest on the newly issued interim invoice will not be applied until September 1, 2020. We encourage those residents who are able to pay their tax bill upon receipt to do so.

Do you pay your property taxes by Tax Installment Payment Program (TIPP)? We have an important notice for those who have signed up to have your tax bill payment automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the due date.

If you have signed up for the full amount of your tax bill to be withdrawn on the due date, that date has been delayed from May 31 to August 31. The full amount of your tax bill will be withdrawn on August 31.

Are you applying for the 2020-21 Property Tax Rebate? For the 2020-21 fiscal year, you do not require a Commissioner of Oaths to sign your Statutory Declaration. An unsworn Statutory Declaration will be accepted for the 2020-21 fiscal year only.

River Ridge Common trails are open; however, the playground is currently closed. Our Recreation Department is supporting the recreational and cultural pursuits of residents while showcasing the incredible talent within our communities through their Recreation at Home program. Since the program's launch on March 24, hundreds of people have taken part in Zumba, kids CrossFit, chair yoga, kids art, cooking and nutrition classes, gardening classes, and music performances. These courses and classes are led through videos and live classes by local instructors, musicians and organizations. Visit their page at <https://www.facebook.com/LunenburgMunicipalRecreationDepartment/>

We hope to reopen in the near future, and look forward to welcoming residents back to the Administration Building and the MARC.

# Local Fire Departments Tribute

On April 22nd local fire departments opened their bay doors. With fire trucks out, lights flashing, flags waving and a brief wail of their sirens, local fire departments paid tribute to those who lost their life on April 18th and 19th.



Pictures from Fire Department's Facebook pages.

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# From the Lions Den

~Lion Deb Featherby

We certainly are living through interesting times! Although the Lions Club has had to curtail its activities and meetings, we still have many members working on club projects.

Lion Kelly and her faithful crew have been getting items ready for the Lions Yard Sale. Yes, we will be having a yard sale, as soon as provincial protocols allow us to hold a group activity, and by what I hear, it will be fantastic with a wide range of items to choose from.

Lion Melissa has been making rag quilts and baby quilts for auction or sale and they are sweet. Many of our members are still working with Helping Hands to deliver groceries and medications to those who are unable to get out on their own and with the local food bank. Members volunteered at the last blood donor clinic with safety measures in place.

The club is still helping members of the community who are in need through the Health & Welfare Committee. If you are aware of anyone who requires assistance, please contact Lion Pat at 902-644-3280.



We are always pleased to be able to present a donation to the Health Services Foundation Radiothon on Feb. 14. Show presenting the club's \$1000 donation are Lions Deb Featherby, Betty Ann MacKay and Evelyn White. Also shown are radio personality Jonathan Crouse and Health Services Foundation staff member Arleen Stevens.

Medical aids, such as walkers, are still available to be borrowed from the club's inventory as well. Call Lion Roger at 902-644-8251.

A roadside clean-up is in the planning stage and from what I see on my walks, it is needed. Once the restrictions on gatherings are lifted, the club will be making plans for fundraising activities. As soon as they are made, we will be posting details on our website, in the paper and on available events calendars. It will be wonderful to see old friends and the community members who are so supportive of the Lions Club activities. The club members miss the service work and the good fun we had helping others and making our community a better place. And if you want to share in that fun and the great feeling of being able to help not just our communities but national and international causes, come to a club meeting when we are able to meet again.



District Governor Debbie McGuinley inducted new Lion Keith Drummond during her visit. Also shown is Keith's sponsor, Lion Carla Carver. As the newest member of the club, Baby Lion Keith will get to wear his bib and bonnet when the club is able to meet again.

We are looking forward to seeing you at a New Germany & Area Lions Club function; hopefully in the near future.



At the Lions Club Speak Out in February, first place was taken by Laura Isaacs, Second place by Victoria Penney and third place by Justin Buckmaster. Laura was chosen to represent all of the South Shore Lions Clubs at the provincial competition which, of course, had to be cancelled. All of the students presented exceptional speeches.



In February, district governor Debbie McGuinley attended the Lion Club meeting to present long services awards to members Lion Blaine Moffat, Lion Roger Carver, Lion Carla Carver, Lion Wayne Sears and Lion Brenton Wagner.

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# At the Pond

Hi, this is Leah, Alex and Joseph Greek. We are 9, 8 and 4 years old and live in Barss Corner. There is a pond behind our neighbour's house that we like to visit. We have gone almost everyday since April 14<sup>th</sup> to watch the pond life develop. On April 14<sup>th</sup> we could hear lots of frogs from our yard and went to investigate. When we got to the pond, we saw frogs, big tadpoles, lots of eggs, turtles and newts. We watched the pond for hours that day.



Over the past six weeks we have witnessed the pond wake up from winter. We like to visit the pond the most on sunny days because we can see lots of turtles basking in the sun and we can see into the water on clear days. There are too many reflections on the water to see into the pond on overcast days.

When we started our daily pond visits, there were no lily pads. On May 6<sup>th</sup> there were three lily pads. Nine days later there were 18 lily pads and now there's too many to count!

We have seen two types of eggs in the pond, both types of eggs were plentiful in the pond. One type were black egg sacs containing spring peeper eggs. The other type were white egg sacs. The Museum of Natural History helped us identify them as yellow-spotted salamander eggs.

Up until May 11<sup>th</sup> we had only seen painted turtles in the pond. On that day as we approached the side of the pond with the most of spring peeper eggs, we saw something amazing! We realized the eggs were hatching. We crouched down close to the pond's edge and watched the tiny tadpoles swim free from the eggs. There were thousands of the tadpoles. When we stood up and took a step back, we realized there was a big snapping turtle hanging out near where the tadpoles were hatching. We think it was there to get a good meal out of those freshly hatched tadpoles. The snapping turtle stayed near the hatching eggs for two days. On the second day, the snapping turtle was frightened by us and we watched it burrow under the pond sediment. It was exciting for us to watch it disappear right before our eyes. We know it was hiding from us because after we saw the snapping turtle the day before, we researched local snapping turtles and their behaviours using the Nova Scotia Museum website. That website has answered many of our pond creature questions.



There are newts that we can see swimming in the pond on sunny days. At first, we thought they were salamanders but have come to know they are newts because of their webbed toes.



The only day we have seen frogs in the pond was that first of our daily visits. We think they live in the swamp near the pond and only went into the pond to lay their eggs. We can hear the frogs so we know they are alive. We also didn't see much of the bigger tadpoles that were swimming on April 14<sup>th</sup> after that day. We wonder if they were eaten or if they moved to where the frogs are.

We love watching the painted turtles at the pond. Sometimes they are basking on the edges around the pond and they quickly slide into the water when we approach. We like to count the turtle heads. Six is the most we have seen at one time. We are sure there are more than six turtles in the pond, but they pop up and down so quickly that it is hard to spot them all at once. We have been trying to be quiet and still at the pond, like scientists, but it is a challenge! One day while we were at the pond, we could see a painted turtle use its front legs to pull open a salamander egg sac to get its mouth to the eggs. The salamander eggs have not hatched yet.

Visiting the pond each day with our family has been a highlight while we "Stay the blazes home." We love learning about pond life.



# The Livewires Report

~Abbie Foster

This year is over before it has even begun. Due to Covid-19 our 4-H year has been cancelled, just as we were starting projects and general meetings. For many members this would be their very last year, because they would be ageing out. For others it might be their very first year. This summer will seem empty without the exhibitions. For tug of war we traveled to a new exhibition every weekend. I have met a lot of great people through 4-H, some of these people I only see during the 4-H year because of attending different schools. Some of my 4-H friends are even home schooled. The leaders had many fun activities planned for us, but now those won't happen. This is the very first time that the 4-H year was cancelled, it was not an easy decision. 4-Hers are tough; we held our Provincial Show one year even though there was a hurricane on its way. I didn't have anything to report about so I have asked some members and leaders about what they think about this year being cancelled and what they will miss most.

Tess Raymond from Two Bays said that she would miss being able to do the fun stuff with her friends and the animals. "I will miss being able to be silly and do random stuff with kids my age." says Tess.

Anya Kelley from Lapland said that she would miss being able to talk and hang out with people that she usually can't talk with. "It is a way for me to get away from my siblings and hang out with kids my own age." says Anya.

I talked to Shelby Crouse from Hill n Dale who is a member who would be ageing out this year. Here are her thoughts. "Being a senior member who was supposed to age out and not able to have that opportunity this year is really disappointing. I have spent the last fourteen years as a dedicated member and to have my final year taken away from me and not be able to go back next year to have my last go, is really sad. I won't be able to have my last lap around the ring with my horse, I won't be able to give my reasons for judging for the last time and I won't be able to coach my tug of war team to victory for the last time.

Margaret Raymond from Two Bays said that she likes how 4-H gives members the opportunity to learn new skills. "I like how it is a supportive group," says Martha Raymond from Two Bays. This would have been her brother John's first year in 4H he is pretty disappointed.

I then asked Marcella Wentzell what she thought. "I was really looking forward to my third year as a 4-H member in Livewires. I feel sad and disappointed that there will be no 4-H this year. 4-H has been so much fun and I enjoy it very much. I was especially looking forward to the exhibitions. I love showing my rabbit S'more and competing in competitions.

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Based on available funding, the project will be split over two years, with the bridge being built the first year, 2020, and then installation taking place in June 2021. Baxter Trucking Ltd, from Amherst, Nova Scotia, was the successful bidder for the project. This company has significant experience constructing and installing bridges all over Nova Scotia, and we are excited to have them on board.

As many people already know, trails promote and provide opportunities for all kinds of activities. They foster community involvement and a sense of community pride. In addition, trails are accessible to all income groups and are an affordable recreational alternative to those on low or fixed incomes – especially in rural Nova Scotia.

Trails provide an opportunity for people to improve their level of physical fitness and reduce the instances of stress related disorders.

This new trail bridge will be a wonderful addition to our local trail system and will provide opportunities for a safe and accessible route besides using a highway shoulder for recreation.

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