



New Germany Connections

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Spring 2020

Let's consider the phrase "point of view." It is defined as a particular attitude or way of considering a matter.

Sharing the stories in this newsletter is like sharing a variety of points of view. When looking for stories for the newsletter, it is easy to think that everyone already knows everything we publish. But why assume that? If you don't have any elementary aged children in your life do you know about the Whimsical Store and the joy it shares? If you aren't a weaver do you know what is involved in making cloth? Do we all know the story of our medical centre?

This is why our newsletter exists, to share points of view. Happy reading.

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Community Events

- Mar 6 Soup Kitchen
- Mar 8 Luncheon
- Mar 13 Soup Kitchen
- Mar 20 Soup Kitchen
- Mar 21/22 Open Studio
- Mar 27 Soup Kitchen
- Mar 29 Community Pot Luck
- Mar 31 Pap Clinic
- Apr 3 Soup Kitchen
- Apr 8 NGAPS AGM
- Apr 12 Easter
- Apr 18 Roast Pork Supper
- May 2 WNES May Day
- May 4 Museum Open
- May 9 Spring Market
- May 26 Tomato Night
- May 30 Plant Sale
- May 30 Penny Auction
- June 1 Bingo
- June 6 Plant, Bake, Yard Sale
- June 13 Lucky Duck Day
- July 4 NGRHS Reunion

NGAPS Programs & Events

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

NGAPS Community Pot Luck @ Barss Corner Community Hall, March 29th. Meet at 4:00pm for supper at 5:00pm. Details page 7.

NGAPS AGM April 8th, NGRHS Learning Commons, 6:30 followed by regular meeting at 7:00pm. Everyone welcome.

Tomato Night @ NGRHS Learning Commons, 6:30 pm, May 26th. Details page 17.

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.

Hillcrest Masonic Lodge # 93

The year 2019 has proven to be a busy one for the brethren of Hillcrest Lodge. During the winter it was decided to continue the annual practice of offering a bursary to a worthy graduating student at New Germany Rural High School.

The bursary was created during the term when Harald Weiland was the Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia. It requires the joint participation of both a Constituent Lodge and the Masonic Foundation. It was first presented to a worthy graduating student at New Germany Rural High School in June 1993. This practice has continued uninterrupted since its inception.

At present the bursary amounts to \$750 but may be doubled depending on the post secondary institution attended and the academic achievement of the recipient during their first semester.

Our School Bursary Committee selected Jacob Foster. He received his bursary during the graduation exercises on June 27, 2019.

If you are a NGRHS student graduating this year, please check with your guidance department.

NGAPS Donation

New Germany Area Promotion Society was pleased to offer a donation to the New Germany Elementary School Breakfast Program. This money was raised by NGAPS from ticket sales at our Victorian Christmas Tea. Hosted by Jackie and Peter MacDonald at their Aspen Grove Farm, this unique event reflects the generous spirit of this family.

Jackie, an NGAPS member, is the force behind the tea, baking and decorating, and with the help of servers Fiona, Laura Lee and Cathy, everyone enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Tea.



Alex Greek presenting the cheque to Breakfast program volunteers Ronan and Tracy Wile.

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Kedge Weavers Open Studio Days

On March 21st and 22nd Kedge Weavers Guild is inviting everyone to their Open Studio Days at the Barss Corner Community Hall, 891 Barss Corner Road.

After a weaving course in the Caledonia area, Kedge Weavers formed in 1975 and grew over the years to include weavers and spinners from Lunenburg and Queens counties. We meet monthly where the highlight of the gatherings are often show and tell when newest projects are unveiled or great discussions are held over some question of "how do I do...?"

If you have ever wondered about making cloth, how a loom or a spinning wheel works, this is your chance to find out. There will be hands on demos in weaving and spinning. There will be displays and sales of hand woven or handspun items.



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

This is a free event. We will offer light refreshments by donation. Please join us on Saturday March 21st between 10am and 4pm or March 22nd between noon and 4pm. Maybe this will be your inspiration to become a weaver or a spinner. We will be glad to help you!

If you have any questions please email kwi@kedgeweavers.ca

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What's at the Museum?



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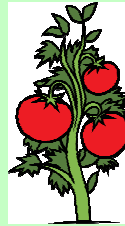
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New Germany & Area Medical Centre

Pap Clinic (by appointment only)

March 31st

Please call the centre for an appointment. Appointments may be made by any woman living in the New Germany area wishing to have a Pap test.

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Welcome Dr. Nathan Maguire

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Reconnecting...

Is an occasional feature in Connections where we catch up with former residents of this area. Hope you enjoy our Reconnecting feature this issue on pages 10 & 11.

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

New Germany and Area Medical Centre

A medical pillar in our community

If you are lucky enough to be a resident of the neighborly community of New Germany, chances are you know that at the end of a residential street in the heart of the town, you'll find the New Germany and Area Medical Centre. Although many residents know the medical centre is tucked cozily at the end of Varner Road, many may not know the history of how the community pulled together to make the idea of a rural medical centre a reality.

Did you know?...

- The New Germany and Area Medical Centre fundraising sign was erected at the site of the centre in April of 1993 and by December of the same year, the community and partners raised \$100,000.

- The land the medical centre sits on was donated by New Germany residents Rollie and Pat Smith with sod turning June of 1993.

- The building was designed by New Germany resident Greg Varner.

- Community member, Bill Alexander, acted as Project Manager and construction of the centre began on July 6, 1993.

- On August 14, 1993 the first shingle was laid at 9:30 a.m. and the last at 2:30 p.m. with 111 bundles of shingles used to complete the job.

- The centre was completed on October 30, 1993.

As the building was funded and erected by volunteers, it is also maintained by a volunteer Board of Directors. If you would like to be part of continuing the New Germany and Area Medical Centre legacy by becoming a volunteer or making a financial donation, please contact Thomas DeLong at (902) 523-0678 to see how you can make a difference.



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**New Germany &
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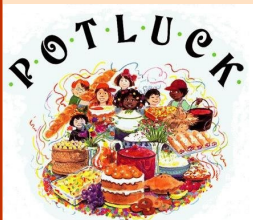
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Celebrate the end of winter and the coming spring with **NGAPS** at the
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plates, plastic cutlery and cups
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be available.

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attend.

Invite your neighbours, help us make this a great
Community Connection event!



One of the new trails that will be open this year
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approximately 2.5 km of trails that are already
being used. Check out these trails and the
natural playground and art park soon.

2020 Waste Collection Changes



Starting April 1: Two Bulky landfill items will be collected every two weeks on your regular pickup day. Collectable items include: Couches, mattresses, box springs, rugs, upholstered chairs, vacuum cleaners, plastic furniture, toilets, sinks and windows. Wood and metal will be picked up in fall only.

Fall 2020: Wood and Metal Collection will take place once a year during a two-week period, on your regular pickup day. Check your 2020 Waste Collection Calendar. Collectable items include: wooden furniture, wooden doors, pallets, boards, barbecues, washing machines, dryers, stoves, metal furniture. Drop off de-humidifiers, freezers and fridges at 908 Mullock Road, Whynott's Settlement for free. Gases will be drained from appliances. Do not put roadside unless drained and stickered. **Wood and metal items will not be collected every two weeks with bulky landfill waste.**

Two trucks will collect your waste. One truck will take garbage, bulky landfill items and empty green carts. Another truck will take recyclables, paper and cardboard. **Place waste roadside by 7:00 am.**

CHECK COLLECTION LIMITS & GET MORE INFORMATION in your 2020 Waste Collection Calendar, call (902) 543-2991 or visit www.communityrecycling.ca.

800 Gifts...One at a Time at the Whimsical Store

The Whimsical Christmas Store at the New Germany and Area Christmas Festival is an event that just keeps growing!

It began as a fundraiser for Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Upper Northfield to raise funds for shipping the boxes packed for Operation Christmas Child. After the first year we all agreed it was so heartwarming that we no longer could see it as a fundraiser.

Although we charge a nominal fee for the gifts, we see it not only as meeting a need in our community but also changing the perspective on gift shopping. This past Christmas children shopped with the assistance of approximately 40 volunteer shopper and wrapper elves.

It gave children an opportunity to choose their own gifts for their families. Families tell us that the children can hardly wait for Christmas morning to have their parents or family members open the gifts they have chosen.



Courtney MacKay pondering what she will buy for her Dad.

We sold 800 one dollar gifts and wrapped over 700 of them. Special thanks to all who donated giftware and wrapping supplies and to our amazing elves for helping to create this experience for the children.



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New Germany Rural High School News

~Laura Isaacs

The past couple months at New Germany Rural High have been once again very busy and exciting. Here are some of the highlights of our winter so far!

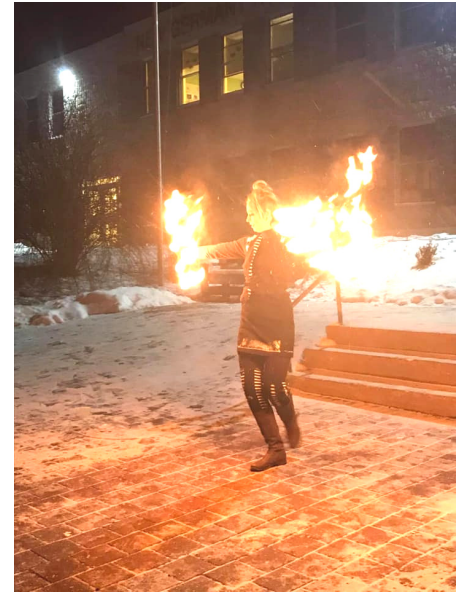
We kicked off the holiday break with an incredible semi-formal dance. This dance was one-of-a-kind because it included a performance from some fire dancers. The show was very entertaining and was highly talked about. This dance had one of the greatest turn-outs of the year, and it was a great way to get into the holiday spirit.

Our school's green team took on a great initiative to help raise money for the damage caused by the devastating Australian wildfires. They held a bake sale in January and were able to raise \$368.50 in support of the relief efforts. It's great to see our small school community take interest in such efforts, and for us students to know that we can even make an impact on international issues.

Our Leo Club held a super exciting fundraiser in support of the IWK Toy Drive in November. The students all generously participated, and as a result one of our super teachers, Mr. Rhodenizer, was duct taped to a wall. Although he didn't stick for very long everyone was very amused by it. There's nothing like a great laugh to help ease the stress of mid-term exams!

We are also super excited to have received a grant to create a disc golf course at our school. This is an exciting opportunity that will allow both students and community members to engage in a fun, outdoor recreational activity, which is very important. The construction will be beginning in the early spring.

As you can see, life at NGRHS is busy as usual, but at least it's not always studying and class work. It's great that as students we always have ample opportunities to get involved and have fun in our school. I'm sure that as the year continues, there will be even more excitement to come!



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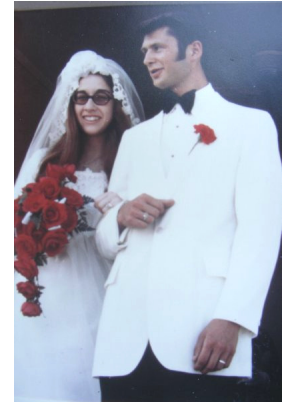
Reconnecting with the Weavers

~An interview with Catherine Robar who taught with both Weavers!

From the time she started school in Gabarus, Cape Breton, Sandra (Sandi) MacGillivray always wanted to be a teacher. At the opposite end of the province, a young Kevin Weaver, growing up in Barrington Passage, was thinking the same thing. Their dreams brought them together to Nova Scotia Teachers' College in 1969, where Sandi and Kevin later met, and where Kevin, interestingly enough, shared a room with another young aspiring teacher, Barry Conrad, from New Germany.

After Teachers' College, Kevin went to St. Mary's University to complete a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Biology and a minor in Paleontology which he would need to be able to teach at the High School level. They were married in 1972, and lived in a married student apartment at SMU while Kevin studied and Sandi taught at Porter's Lake. In 1973, Sandi was offered a job at Hebbville Elementary, Kevin was offered a job at New Germany Rural High, and roommates (Barry & Kevin) became colleagues.

Mr. Weaver continued at NGRH for the next 33 years, teaching General Sciences, Geography, Biology and Computer. Kevin coached badminton, taught Driver Education and for many years was staff advisor for many Grad committees. His entire teaching career was spent here in New Germany and he retired in 2004.



After a year at Hebbville, Sandi began substituting at New Germany Elementary and then began a full-time position teaching Primary and One. After a few more years she moved to a Grade Four classroom, which became the grade level she most enjoyed. Teaching was interesting and challenging, and rewarding on so many levels. Sandi enjoyed her days with her students, appreciated the support and involvement with their parents, and made life long friends among the staff. Sandi was corresponding secretary of the NSTU Local for many years.

The Weavers first lived in a Bridgewater apartment then in a Fielding & Wynn apartment, before buying their home on the Old Barss Corner Road. They loved the country setting, where they enjoyed gardening and raising turkeys, chickens and pigs and Kevin puttered happily in the workshop and yard. Their neighbours, Gary and Laura Lee Seamone, enjoyed a shared path across the field which linked their yards. Their arrangement worked well as neighbours helped each other and shared many social and family times. Kevin used the snow blower in the winter and Gary mowed in the summer to keep their path always open! Kevin served the community as a Volunteer Firefighter, and was instrumental in encouraging his neighbour, Gary, to do the same.



Their home was the site of many happy memories there raising their two daughters, Andrea and Janet. Both girls attended New Germany Elementary and graduated from New Germany Rural High School.

When Kevin and Sandi became 'empty nesters', they decided it was time to find a new home. Kevin was still teaching here when they moved to Bridgewater where they are now enjoying their retirement years. They keep in touch with many friends, staff members, and former students and have a large Facebook community. Life is full and busy for the Weavers. Sandi enjoys knitting, scrapbooking and card making; Kevin ties fishing flies, and dabbles in carpentry on his own and with his grandson; they make a trip south every winter to enjoy the beaches, and the warm sun.

They consider themselves so fortunate that their daughters both live in the province, and they are able to spend time with their three grandchildren. They both continue in good health.

Whenever they are out and about, wherever they travel, they are delighted when someone who calls out a friendly hello to 'Mr. Weaver'..... and a bit less often to 'Mrs. Weaver'.... seems it's easier to remember those high school teachers than the ones who

taught in our elementary years. In 30 years in a community school a lot of students get to know you.

Our New Germany schools are quite unique in our well organized High School reunions every five years since the first one in December 1967. The tradition continues and the next reunion is planned for this year on July 4th – a wonderful opportunity for all who attended, taught, and or worked at our High School to renew our New Germany CONNECTIONS! Hope to see you there!

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The Livewires Report

~Abbie Foster

We have started off for the year. Many project leaders have started meeting with the members and talking about this upcoming year. On January 26, we had our speech day, thank you to our judge Michele Meaney. Congratulations to all who are moving on to County Rally. Those members are Isaiah Pettipas with his Junior Speech, his Introducer who is Ira Pettipas and his Thanker Sayde Simpson. Olivia Seamone Veinotte who is moving on as Intermediate Speaker. Also congratulations to those moving on for demos, Madelyn Simpson with her Junior Single Demo and Victoria Penny with her Senior Single Demo. Shiloh Carey and Abbie Foster moved on for Junior Ambassadors. On February 15 they competed along with many other members. Congratulations to this year's Ambassadors Shiloh Carey of Livewires and Martha Raymond of Two Bays. Donovan Gillis from Lapland 4-H Club and Anna Barry from Hill n Dale 4-H Club are this year's Lunenburg County Senior Ambassadors. Everyone who competed did a great job!



Livewires Jr Ambassador Competitors Abbie Foster and Shilo Carey along with last years winner Madelyn Simpson of Live-

On February 29th Livewires 4-H Club held a games afternoon for all 4-H members at the Parkdale Maplewood Hall, from 2-4 pm. It was a fun afternoon with favourite board games and meeting members from other clubs.

Fun Fact! Did you know that the 4-H colours are green and white? Green stands for growth and youth. White stands for purity.



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Dr. Freeman is very proud to join the compassionate team at Dietrich Family Dentistry. She is thrilled to be a part of her local community and looks forward to working with her patients, providing customized and preventive care. Making dental treatment as comfortable and relaxed as possible is her passion.

When she is not in the Dental office, you can find her with husband Jon and three children, enjoying the beautiful beaches and camping in the summer.

A Small Change

NGAPS is pleased to be a supporter of Livewires 4H Countryside Christmas Tree Forest at Main Street Maples on Highway # 10.

In 2016 the 4H club approached us with the idea of hosting a Christmas Tree Forest as part of Countryside Christmas, but they needed a place where power would be available. Main Street Maples seemed like the ideal place to light up over the Christmas holidays.

With financial help from MODL, a power connection was made and the planning went forward.

The first year, 2017, about 25 trees were lit up from the end of November until early January. All the trees had energy efficient LED lights, using **402 kilowatts**, the power bill being paid by NGAPS. The Christmas trees were lit 24/7 during this time. NGAPS requested the 4H club put timers on the trees so instead of being lit all day (who even knows the Christmas lights are on in the daytime?), that they be on for 6 to 8 hours in the evening starting at sunset.

In 2018 the Christmas Tree Forest used **134 kilowatts**, even though there were more trees. That is the difference the timers made to the power usage!

Sometimes it is the small changes that make a big difference in our use of energy. While it probably won't be small changes which halt global warming and climate change, if we make enough of them maybe it will help.

If you have a local story of things happening in our area, in your home or business, where you are reducing your energy use or making your carbon footprint smaller, we want to hear about it. Please contact us, page 20 for details.



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~Lion Deb Featherby

From the Lions Den



Lion Mile Crouse presented Rosedale Home Program Director, Crystal Leary, with a cheque for \$1000 for the bus fund and Lion Betty Ann MacKay presented the home with a poinsettia for their common area.

Christmas may be just a pleasant memory now, but the spirit of giving lives strong in the hearts of the members of the New Germany & Area Lions Club. At Christmas, the members helped man the Salvation Army Kettle to raise money for needy families and we want to thank the community volunteers who came out to help us; your help is much valued by the club. We donated another thousand dollars to the Rosedale Home bus fund. The new bus has made it possible for residents to go to the movies and shopping, to see the Christmas lights and to attend a variety show. What a difference this has made to their quality of life. There is still money owing on the bus so any contribution is gratefully received by the home. Members



Lion Jesse Dexter with the Christmas bags for seniors.

also put together Christmas bags for the residents of the Riverside Apartments, donated to the IWK toy drive and helped six local families with funds to buy presents and Christmas dinner.

We continued giving in the new year too, with a donation made to a local student who has been accepted for the Encounters Canada program in Ottawa, a donation made to a family for medical expenses, and a donation made to the Alzheimers Society by sponsoring three seats at their recent breakfast. We support the hospital Radiothon each year in February. We will be sponsoring a free skate at the LCLC and free bowling at the Bowl More Lanes in Bridgewater during March Break. We will also continue to support those in need through our Health & Welfare committee loaning such medical aids as walkers.

How do we do all of this? By fundraising at community events. Without the support of our communities we would not be able to give to many different health organizations, local groups or individuals. But we enjoy doing suppers as we see how much the community likes to get out and see their neighbours, especially during the winter months. And we not only raise funds through suppers – we entertain as well! The dinner theatre in the fall was a great success and the hypnotist show in February was a howl. Lion Relish (Dave Whynot) certainly provided good value for the cost, as did the other brave volunteers who went up on stage. A big thank you to them.



Lion Marc Lapointe gave free rides on the Lions Express to the children at the NGES Christmas Festival.

Many of our Lions volunteer with other community groups, such as the Food Bank, Helping Hands, blood donor clinics, Pinehurst breakfasts and the Medical Centre Society. We



Lion Relish (Dave Whynot) being consoled by Blair Veinot after he thought he had cut himself shaving – many times- during the hypnotist show!

continue to collect used eye glasses, hearing aids and sleep apnea machines which are refurbished and given to those who cannot afford them.

We will have several fundraisers in the coming months – a Soup & Sandwich Luncheon on March 8 at the Pinehurst Hall, a roast pork supper on April 18 at the Legion, a Penny Auction at Pinehurst on May 30 and a merchandise bingo on June 1.



Lions Margaret Tarr and Debbie Lowe manning the refreshment table at the blood donor clinic.

Our big Lucky Duck Day will be on June 13 at the Legion where there will be many free games for children, the monster truck, balloon man, train rides, face painting, barbecue, the bouncy castle and the draw for our Lucky Duck winners. We also do catering for special events and suppers for organizations. And I heard the rumour that we might be having another giant yard sale. Check out our webpage (Google New Germany Lions) to get details or call Lion Carla at 902-644-2851. We also put posters up around town to advertise our events.

It will be a busy winter and spring and if you think you would like to be part of the fun – come and join us! Kelly Hansen is the Membership Chair (902-644-7711) and she can give you all the details about joining the largest service organization in the world.

In Memory of Lion Valerie Gardiner

In December, 2019, the New Germany & Area Lions Club lost one of its cherished members—
Lion Valerie Gardiner.

Lion Valerie loved being a Lion. She gladly donned the Baby Lion’s bib and bonnet and stole the District Governor’s dinner. She participated in each and every activity that she could. She peeled vegetables, took money at the door, made gravy and pies, manned the bake table.

For Lion Valerie believed in our motto “We Serve.” She believed in helping others, whether it was as a Lion or a volunteer with the food bank or Helping Hands. She helped with Special Olympics bowling. Lion Valerie had a big heart and wanted to share her love of reading and thus was born the idea for the Book Nook lending library. She believed in being kind to others, although she didn’t suffer fools gladly, and she didn’t believe in mollycoddling. She believed in getting on with it!

Lion Valerie ended her days surrounded by her friends and family. She died with dignity and left us with a lasting legacy of kindness and service.



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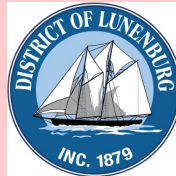
Catching up is an occasional feature for New Germany Connections. If you know of a graduate who is off on an adventure and wants to share their story, tell them to get in touch. We love to hear their news. We will print as space permits.

District of Lunenburg Recreation Department Step into Spring with the Recreation Department

As we look forward to warmer, sunnier weather, we have been busy planning exciting new programs for all ages to enjoy! It's a perfect time to shake off the winter blues, get out, get active, and meet new people. Join us at any of our upcoming events!

Mark these dates on your calendar:

- Easter Egg Hunt @ MARC - April 4 from 2:00pm-3:30pm
- Stay Safe! Course @ MARC - May 2 from 9:00am-1:00pm
- Disc Golf @ MARC - May 5 from 6:30pm-8:30pm
- Hike Gaff Point - May 9 from 9:00am-12:00pm
- Food Handlers Course @ MARC - May 12 from 9:00am-4:00pm
- Bargain Shopping Trip to the French Shore - May 21 from 8:00am-6:00pm
- Children's Fishing Derby @ MARC - May 30 from 9:00am-12:00pm
- Babysitters Course @ MARC - June 6 from 9:00am-3:00pm
- Soap Making Demonstration @ MARC - June 7 from 2:00pm-4:00pm
- Food Handlers Course @ MARC - June 9 from 5:00pm-Finish
- Bridges of Lunenburg County (cycle) - June 13 from 9:00am-2:00pm
- Miller Point Peace Park Day - June 14 from 2:00pm-3:30pm
- 55+ Ice Cream Social - June 18 from 1:30pm-3:00pm
- Intro to Stand-up Paddle (SUP) Board for Women - June 30 from 7:00pm-9:00pm
- Destination Lunenburg County & Beverage Tour - July 25 from 8:00am-6:00pm
- Valley Harvest and Shopping Tour - September 29 from 8:00am-6:00pm
- Christmas Shopping Trip to Halifax - November 13 from 8:00am-8:00pm

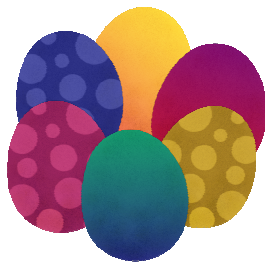


Watch for our Spring Recreation Guide in your flyers the end of March for more program options and further details on those listed above

Program Registration opens March 25, 2020

For registration, information, or facility bookings, call (902) 541-1343 or visit www.modl.ca

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May Day @ West Northfield Elementary School.



Penny auction, live auction, bake sale, fun and games for the kids and a BBQ.

May 2nd - 10:00am to 1:00pm

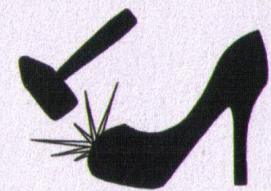
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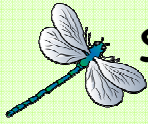
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Spring Market

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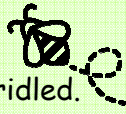
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Are you a "tomato gardener"? Come out and share your expertise!

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Tuesday May 26th

6:30pm

Learning Commons

NGRHS

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Sewer Rate Reduction

~Sarah Kucharski, Communications Officer, MODL
A reduction in the sewer tax rate is on the way for residents of New Germany.

Five years ago, Council approved area rates for municipally run sewer systems with a subsidy from the general tax rate of up to \$0.03 per \$100 of assessment. This rate structure was based on identifying the full costs of operating the municipal sewer systems, generating revenue through area rates for sewer, and providing up to \$0.03/\$100 assessment of general rate revenue in recognition of the environmental and economic development benefits of the systems. Council agreed that rates would be reviewed every five years.

Before the five years were up, the Municipality reviewed the rate and determined that the rates set were higher than required based on declining loan interest costs that were not anticipated in the original model. In 2017/2018 rates were reduced by \$0.02 to \$0.73/\$100 assessment for properties located in New Germany, Conquerall Bank, Cookville and Shore Drive.

This fall, staff recalculated costs and revenue for another five-year cycle and presented three options to Municipal Council based on the same principles and approaches as the original model.

Municipal Council approved the proposed Sewer Rates of \$0.43/\$100 assessment for those in New Germany, Conquerall Bank, Cookville and Shore Drive, effective April 1, 2020. This is a 41% reduction in the Area Sewer Rate.



*New Germany sewage treatment plant
November 2005*

Main Street Maples

Main Street Maples is a project of New Germany Area Promotion Society and community volunteers. Several years ago we undertook a clean up under the trees along highway #10 from the junction of the Barss Corner Road to Maple Drive. With the help of area neighbours, plants and flowers were planted and tended. We also had a power connection installed and it is now the site of the 4H Christmas Forest and the community tree. In September we host a community picnic under the trees.

Again this year there will be a clean up night. Please watch our website and Facebook page for the date sometime this spring. We are also exploring options for replacing our mower.

Anyone who is interested in helping to keep Main Street Maples looking good is welcome to pitch in, you don't need to be a neighbour. We have received many positive comments about this project and are excited to see it continue.

Community Website

www.newgermany.ca

Check out our community calendar, see the latest Connections newsletter and other info. Be sure to watch for updates and new pages as they get added.

And don't forget to send us your local community events!

NGAPS

NGAPS holds regular monthly meetings the second Wednesday of the month. Everyone with an interest in our community is welcome to join. Please check the website for more info.

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

Helis on Ice



Christie and Jeremy Dann started hosting Helis (and other flying machines) On Ice 10 years ago at their cottage on Kill Dog Cove, Sherbrooke Lake. Mid-February tends to be a challenging time weather and ice condition wise and we have actually been able to pull it off 7 times, often with multiple date changes. In the early days it was just for RC helicopter flyers but has expanded to include all types of RC flying machines. Up until last year it was for Radio Controlled pilots. Jeremy's interest has expanded and with a return to full size

aviation it was a natural extension to invite fellow full scale pilots who either drive or fly their own plane or helicopter into the event. The Wings of Wellington RC club and the Bluenose Flying Club have been very supportive of Helis on Ice. It is a nationally sanctioned event now and insured through the Model Aeronautics Association of Canada.

We provide cider and hot chocolate throughout the day and lunch for the pilots. More than 30 lbs of pulled pork and chili along with 15 dozen chocolate chip cookies came at of their kitchen at home in the valley this year to feed everyone. And our biggest fan Merna Cox is always on hand with some of her excellent homemade cookies for everyone as well.

Last year more than 60 folks come out, including interested neighbours. This year was very cold. At -22 C first thing in the morning we were wondering if anybody would be crazy enough to make the trip. In fact we fed 35 at lunch and with the sun shining it was not to bad out on the ice. Christopher Ball wins the contest for most dedicated pilot, he flew in in an open cockpit ultralight.

~ Story and photos contributed by Jeremy Dann



New Oil & Glycol Recycling Program



A new Oil and Glycol Recycling Program started in January 2020.

Accepted: used oil filters, used oil, ethylene or propylene glycol (antifreeze) and diesel exhaust fluid containers of 50 litres or less and aerosol containers for automotive parts cleaners and aerosol lubricants.

Items will be banned from landfill as of March 1, 2020. Drop items off at the Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre, 908 Mullock Road, Whycott's Settlement. Garages can register for on-site collection. Antifreeze and oil jugs 20 L or less will still be accepted in the blue bag (with cap on).

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We are always interested in your story ideas, stories with local connections.

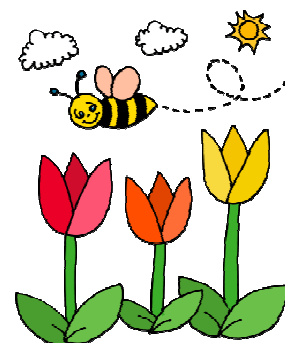
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NGAPS Annual General Meeting

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Check our website for details or call 902-644-2922 for more info. Please join us!



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