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New Germany Area Promotion Society



Autumn to Winter 2017

Community. What does community mean to you? The place you live, the people you socialize with, family, the groups you belong to? Or is community a word you just don't use?

In this issue of the newsletter you will see how we define community. We have collected events and activities happening in our area over the next few weeks. From coming together to remember veterans, to celebrating the Christmas season with children singing, what better way to define community? Come out, join in and you will understand community!

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.

Countryside Christmas November 25th to December 3rd, pages 12-13.

Family Christmas Movie Afternoon @ Rosedale November 25th, 2pm.

<u>Tree Lighting, Carol Sing & Snacks</u> November 26th @ 6pm Main Street Maples Park.

PopUp Christmas Markets December 2nd Various locations.

<u>Christmas Festival @ New Germany Elementary School</u> December 3, 1-4pm.

Are you a Community Group or Organization in our area? Share your events, fundraisers or special occasions with us!

We will add it to our Community Calendar page.

We will put it on our Facebook page.

We will promote for and with you!

Any group or organization in our area can advertise their event on our sites at no charge. Please send listings to:

ng_cap@ns.sympatico.ca, our FB page or drop off at Village Glassworks during open hours.



Check out our Facebook page! Follow us on Twitter!



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

Remembrance Day Services

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 08-102 New Germany

Week of Remembrance Events 2017

Sunday Nov 5th Springfield United Baptist Church

Church Service 10:30am

Thursday Nov. 9th West Northfield Elementary School

10:00am

Friday Nov 10th New Germany Elementary School

11:00am Veterans only

New Germany Rural High School

1:00pm. Combined service with Elementary School

Saturday November 11th

10:30am Parade lines up at New Germany Fire Station

11:00am Church Service at Epworth United Church.



Remembrance Day Service Parkdale/Maplewood @Emmanuel Baptist Church

Cenotaph is located in front of the church

10.40am **Gathering at the Cenotaph** - Singing of "O Canada", placing of Wreaths

11.00am **Two Minute Silence/Last Post/Prayer**

On completion of the ceremonies at the Cenotaph the veterans will be piped into the church, followed by those in attendance.

The service inside the church will be as follows:

Opening remarks

Choir selection

Introduction of veterans

Poem - In Flanders Fields

Tribute - Military Veterans/RCMP Officers lost over the last year

Message - Tietje Zonneveld - Canadian Liberation of Holland and the Netherlands

Expression of Appreciation for Participants/Organizers

Singing of "God Save the Queen" Benediction and Grace

Veterans are piped from the church

Following the service, a time of fellow-

ship and refreshments will occur at Parkdale/Maplewood Community Hall (All are invited).





River Ridge Common News

Cathy Moore accepted a \$1000 cheque on behalf of MODL from Michele Beck, manager of RBC New Germany. The gift was given in recognition of the 100th anniversary of RBC's New Germany Branch. The funds will be used towards a sign for River Ridge Common, the new municipal recreation area under construction in New Germany.

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Hemford & District Fire Department



Retired Chief Hunter Celebrated

On Sunday, September 17, 2017 the members of the Hemford & District Fire Department proudly hosted a Retirement Celebration to honour our Fire Chief M. Gordon Hunter for his 39 years of service in our fire department. Sincere gratitude to Mr. Hunter & his wife Grace, who is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, for their ongoing commitment to our department. Effective July 1, 2017 Mr. Hunter became an Active Honorary member with our fire department.





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Journey Well!

~ Catherine Robar, Meisners' Section

Good advice for life in general, but in July it was said to me as word of encouragement to us as I set off with a group of 15 other pilgrims to walk the trails from Mahone Bay to Halifax.

The brochure from Atlantic School of Theology description read "Pilgrimage is a special opportunity in our lives to reconnect with nature and with God. Camino Nova Scotia is designed specifically to provide times for personal growth and spiritual nurture, even in the midst of a physical challenge."

The timing was perfect for me – my life circumstances had changed drastically with the deaths of my husband, sister-in-law, and brother within the space of three months. I welcomed an opportunity to go apart and attend to my emotional and spiritual health; I was ready to get back into more walking; so I signed up and started walking to get in shape!



Beginning on Monday noon and ending on Friday at suppertime, we walked through beautiful wooded areas and past ocean views between 12 and 31 km each day; we listened and talked with each other along the way in conversations that were fun, informative, and healing; we ate and slept in churches and church halls along the way; and we all helped out with the cooking, cleanup, and packing the van (which thankfully carried our extra clothing and sleeping bags). Each day began with an informal worship and ended with a sharing of the day's insights and night prayers.

It was all I hoped for and more in terms of the exercise, meeting new people, and in the spiritual nurture I experienced. I finished the journey feeling refreshed and free...ready for the next leg of life's journey!

New Germany and Area Medical Centre

Flu Shot Clinic

November 14th, afternoon appointments.

Anyone with a valid Health Card please phone 644-2361 for an appointment.



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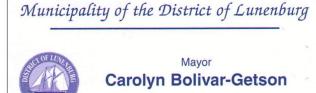
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Chesleys Corner, Chesley's Corners, New Germany



Twenty seven kilometres north of Bridgewater on Highway 10 Chesley's Corners was once a community within the greater New Germany area and was named for John Chesley who settled here in 1835 from Annapolis. The area was known by both names until it officially changed to New Germany in 1901. Early German settlers around 1805 were Feindel, Varner, Mailman, Woodworth and Penny and the name New Germany was given in recognition of their homeland.

The Post Office operated as Chesley's Corner or Chesley's Corners as early as 1855, becoming New Germany "B" on November 1, 1901. Nelson Chesley was the first postmaster and John F. Chesley was postmaster at the date of the name change. A Post Office continues to operate in this village.

Barss Corners & Barss' Corners



Five kilometres east of Highway 10 and 5 kilometres northeast of New Germany, it is named for its location at the junction of roads leading to New Germany, Watford and Lake William. An early name was Centerville and was settled in the late 19th century by second generation Foreign Protestants who relocated from the Lunenburg area.

The Post Office, with William Nicholls as the first postmaster, opened as Barss Corners on April 1882 but had been operating as New Germany "A"

prior to that time, perhaps as early as 1855, at least with Way Office status. This Post Office continues in operation today. Note the two spelling with / without apostrophe.



Stanburn

Nine kilometres north of New Germany, it was likely named for a village in England. Early grantees of land here included Samuel Moore, 100 acres in 1857, J. Tretheway, 100 acres in 1865 and R. Lindsay, 111 acres in 1867.

The Post Office opened on June 16, 1896 with S.G. Moore as the first postmaster, followed by Isaac C. Moore on July 1, 1905 and finally Mrs. Archibald Kedy on October 1, 1909 until this office closed on September 30, 1914. This area ultimately became Barss Corner R.R.#2.



Thank You

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Your generosity is well appreciated.

Lions Apple Pie Day



Business Buzz

Tis Christmas tree season in our area. Soon truck loads of trees will be leaving our forest, finding new homes for the holiday season, spreading the Christmas

smell around the world.

The new sign spotted on Highway #10 for JK Christmas Trees nicely sums up the Christmas feel-

ing with its row of green trees with stars on top. Just one of the many busy tree and wreath exporters in our area.

Don't forget to visit local businesses during Countryside Christmas. Many of them have great specials and are in this newsletter.

On Thompkin Road you will find Jackie MacDonald, a recently appointed NS Commissioner of Oaths. Look for her ad in this newsletter.

Stacy's Place child care is moving from their present home to Hemford and will up and running by December 4th. Congrats Stacy on your new home.

And check out the renovations at NSLC when you are buying your holiday spirits!







Autism Supports

~Lisa Joudrey

For many parents with children on the autism spectrum, life can seem very different and distant from the experiences of other families and it can be possible to feel that there is no way that they can ask for or expect other people to understand their experiences.

The mothers that I spoke to recently at the New Germany Autism Support group described the importance of being able to attend this albeit small support group as a time together for parents to share experiences, to get information and advice and to make new friends. This group held its first meeting in May 2016 and meet monthly in the community room at the New Germany Elementary School.

Holly Conrad is a self-employed mother in New Germany. She became very interested in starting a local support group and was inspired by Margaret Carver who started a support group in Bridgewater approximately 20 years ago. Recently Catherine Rahey, the South Shore Regional School Board's Autism Consultant, presented a session in New Germany on the topic of "Navigating the School System". She will

return in the future to provide a session on interoception, which another mother, Laurie Frank explains as recognizing and learning about the feelings you have in your body. The South Shore Regional School Board was introduced to interoception this year and is the first school board in our province to get this going. Jennifer Jesso, is also a mom and a member of the New Germany Autism Support Group and says she is interested in seeing how the program is going to grow and strengthen. Holly says that, "although we don't run an official agenda, there is always lots to talk about". It is at these meetings that they share information on such topics as socialization, education and parenting.

In June of this year several families from the New Germany area attended the "Autism Walk" and found it very rewarding to be together as a group.

The group invites anyone in need of support to their monthly meetings and for more information you can contact Holly Conrad via email _{Holly} Conrad, Jennifer Jesso, Virginia Dunn and Laurie Frank holly.annette.conrad@gmail.com or on Facebook.



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heated by a fire or on a stove. Metal handles had to be gripped in a pad or thick rag. Some irons had cool wooden handles, and in 1870 a detachable handle was patented in the U.S. It took 1.5 hours to heat a 6 pound iron. So you would need at least two irons on the go together for an effective system: one in use and one re-heating.

The Parkdale - Maplewood Community Museum is closed for the season and will open in the Spring 2018.



Keconnect

an occasional feature 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 24.





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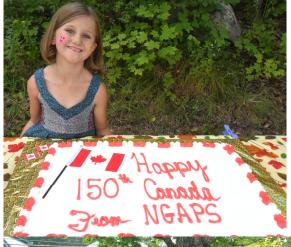
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Main Street Maples Community Picnic

On a beautiful Sunday in September, NGAPS was joined by the New Germany & Area Lions Club and the New Germany Volunteer Fire Department at our Community Picnic under the trees. Attendees enjoyed a potluck picnic, games, conversations, a Canada 150 cake, rides on the Lions Train and tours of the new NGVFD truck. We appreciate the assistance from MODL in providing some of the funding.

Plan to join us next year for this fun community event.







NGAPS Meeting

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Picnics Past

Community picnics have been popular in this area for many years. NGAPS recently hosted our annual Main Street Maples Picnic. Farmers picnics were popular in Pinehurst for many years.

The Farmers' Picnic

This annual event was sponsored by the Lunenburg County Federation of Agriculture and was first held in July, 1947. The picnic site was located near the bridge on the number 10 highway, on interval land and around a tall elm tree as seen in the picture. The picnic itself was like a big "garden party" that began mid-morning, went all day long and continued well into the evening.

Hundreds of people of all ages came to Pinehurst for this event and the fun that it offered. Games of chance, Bingo, and the canteen were popular spots to linger and perhaps win a box of chocolates or

other prizes or to enjoy your favourite snack and drink. Evening entertainment included music, square dancing and boxing matches.

By 1950 a building that housed the canteen and an outdoor stage (with railings around the perimeter) had been built, giving the site a more permanent appearance.

The Farmers' Picnic became a very successful event that was enjoyed by people of all ages and continued to operate each year until about 1960.

From: "Pinehurst Nova Scotia A LaHave Valley Community" By Ronald Wile





District of Lunenburg Recreation Programs

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

Men's Drop-in Basketball - Tuesdays, 7:30 - 9pm, Bayview School. \$5 per night.

Women's Drop-in Basketball - Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, YMCA. FREE!

Christmas Shopping Bus Trip to Hfx. - November 16, 8 am - 8 pm. Waiting list.

Adventure Tales – Friday, November 17, 7pm, at the MARC. Speakers share their adventures that will inspire you.

Red Cross Babysitter Course – Saturday, November 18, 9am – 4pm, Mahone Bay Centre. \$35 **Municipal Matters Community Events** listing deadline November 17. Call in your event to be included. Community organizations may also submit events for listing on the Community Calendar on www.modl.ca

Check out South Shore Connect to list your programs and events, visit www.southshoreconnect.ca. The Municipality is pleased to support New Germany's Countryside Christmas!

Family Lantern Walk – Tuesday, November 28, 6pm, make your lantern at Epworth United Church, New Germany, then walk among the Main St. Maples. Supplies provided. FREE! Call 541-1343 to sign up. **Seniors Christmas Party** – December 14, 11 am – 2 pm, Oakhill Fire Hall. Waiting list.

Family Christmas Wreath Making – Sunday, December 3, 3 – 5 p.m., MARC, Dayspring \$5 pp family. **Winter Solstice Lantern Walk** – Thursday, December 21, 5:30 pm, MARC, Dayspring. FREE!

Visit www.modl.ca for a full listing of recreation programs. "Like" us on Facebook!

We welcome your ideas for winter/spring programs in our community; please contact Janice Rand at 541-1335.



-Breakfast at the New Germany Legion, 7-11am
-Christmas Penny Auction at the Pinehurst Community Hall,
11am-2pm

-Christmas Tea, Craft and Bake Sale at the Springfield United Baptist Church, 2-4pm

-"Home Alone" family movie afternoon at Rosedale, 2pm

Tuesday, Nov 28th

-Christmas Advent Service at
Rosedale 2pm
-Family Lantern Walk with
MODL, meet at United Church
to make a lantern, 6pm

ALL WEEK

-Admire the 4H Countryside
Christmas Forest, Main Street
Maples Park
-Crabapple Creek, open daily
with \$5 lunch and cheesecake
specials, call for hours

Saturday, Dec 2nd

-Candlelight Christmas Breakfast, Pinehurst Community Hall, 7-11am
-Cider Saturday at New Germany Building Supplies
-Christmas Open House at Village Glassworks, 10-5pm
-NGAPS Pop-Up Markets: 1) Pre-Christmas Sale at 36 Barss Corner Road
2) The Wool Room at 756 Tompkin Road
3) UnBridled at 3640 Northfield Road
4) Zwicker Mill Vintage at 18 Zwicker Mill Road
-Christmas Market at New Germany Legion, 10-2pm
-Customer Appreciation Day at the Freshmart with Santa visits 1-3pm
-Christmas Concert at the Parkdale/Maplewood Community Hall, 7pm,

-Christmas Bingo at the North River Community Hall, 7:30pm

Sunday, Nov 26th

-Mader's Clover Farm Supermarket Customer
Appreciation Day, 10am-5pm
-NGAPS Community Tree Lighting, Main Street
Maples Park with a performance by the
Children's Christmas Choir (in case of inclement
weather, the choir and refreshments will be held
in the Epworth United Church basement), 6pm

Monday, Nov 27th

-Christmas Merchandise Bingo at the Pinehurst Community Hall, 7pm

Thursday, Nov 30th

-Christmas Zumba, Anglican Church Hall, 6:30

Friday, Dec 1st

-Food Bank Drive & Customer Appreciation at NG Post Office -Livewires Merchandise Bingo, Anglican Hall, 6:30

Sunday, Dec 3rd

-Christmas Festival at NGES, silent auction, Lions Train, canteen, Santa's Village, cookie decorating, games, 1-4pm -Whimsical Store at NGES, 1-4pm

-Variety Show, Anglican Church Hall, 1:30

Countryside Christmas

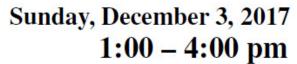


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New Germany Elementary School

* Monetary and non-perishable items gratefully accepted for the New Germany Food Bank.



Whimsical Children's Store (\$)

Canada Post on site! Bring your letters for Santa

Lion's Club Train (free)

Mini Trees for children (free)

Face painting (free)

Home and School Canteen (\$)

Christmas Picture Bingo (\$)

Cookie Decorating (free)

Family Christmas Photo Booth (free)

Christmas Card Making (free)

Sucker Pull (\$)

Home & School Silent Auction

Canteen Menu: Chili & Roll, Hot Dogs, Chili Dogs, Nachos, Egg Nog Cupcakes, Warm Gingerbread with Whipped Cream

Sponsored by the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg in partnership with New Germany Elementary Home & School and community organizations.

For information contact Cathy Moore, 644-2922 or Michelle Greek, 298-9547











Children's Christmas Choir

New Germany Area Promotion Society and Rosedale Home for Special Care Recreation Department teamed up to form a Children's Christmas Choir again this holiday season. Children who love to sing joined our choir. Practices will be held at the Barss Corner Baptist Church on Wednesday evenings in November. Performances will be at the Community Tree Lighting at **6pm** on Sunday, **November 26**th and at Rosedale Home for Special Care at **6pm** on Wednesday, **December 6**th





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Saturday Dec. 2nd

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for Saturday only!

Dec 2nd Countryside Christmas PopUp Markets

- Pre Christmas Sale, 36 Barss Corner Road with Pampered Chef, stained glass by Janis, Valley Flax Flour
- The Wool Room, 756 Tompkin Road, yarn, fleece, Christmas wreaths
- Unbridled, 3640 Northfield Road, beads & bath, wooden Santas, wreaths, knitting, country kitchen, coffee is on.
- Zwicker Mill Vintage, 18 Zwicker Mill Road with Christmas collectables

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Nov 4 Newcombville Fire Hall, 11 – 3

Dec 2 PopUp Market, 36 Barss Corner Road.

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Christmas Open House



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Let 4H Reign Supreme in 2018 - Livewires 4H



~Adrianna Langille

I would like to start by congratulating everyone who participated at the 4-H Provincial show in Lawrencetown this year. We had a great weather weekend and everyone did very well.

I would like to welcome all new members, leaders and their families and welcome back to all returning members, leaders and their families.

For anyone that would like to register for this year you can call Donna Simpson @902-644-3465 or Kevin Nickerson @902-644-3277. Registration forms are to be passed in at the next meeting November 8th @ 7:00.

November is 4-H month!

On November 1st we were asked to wear 4-H colours. The colour of the clover is a visual symbol of 4-H.

Members of 4-H clubs are offered opportunities that they would otherwise be unable to enjoy without being part of the organization.

In addition to the chance to learn and grow in an environment that is open and non-judgmental, members are given every opportunity to improve their self-esteem.

4-H members are youth who want to part of a club and a community that endeavours to develop leadership, communication and life skills. Our members are involved in programs that are dynamic and provide "hands on learning", from how to run a meeting as a club president to preparing a main course in the foods project. The program is well rounded and participants are learning skills that they will carry with them throughout life.

With November being 4-H month, there is no better time to become educated about the organization. Membership is still open to all interested youth between the ages 7-21.

Livewires 4-H is also fundraising during the Countryside Christmas in New Germany. Please come out and support our Livewires 4-H club.

Bloggers Alert!

Are you a local blogger or have a connection to this area? Do you have something you would like to share? Get in touch and we might feature your blog

in the next New Germany Connections.

(Non commercial blogs only please.)

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New Germany & Area Outdoor Recreation Club

The New Germany & Area Outdoor Recreation Club has started up again for another year of outdoor adventure. There is no cost to be a member of the club, just simply show up! In most cases we supply the equipment and the expertise. We enjoy all types of outdoor activities and are open to new ideas. This fall

we held community paddle sessions at New Lake Mushamush, Germany Lake, Wentzell's Lake, and down the Lahave River. Thanks to New Germany Rural High School we are also able to provide adaptive paddling equipment so that all ages and abilities can comfortably learn to paddle a canoe. A special thanks as well to local businesses, Bluenose RV, Dietrich Family Dentistry, and the New Germany Shoppers Drug Mart, for their sponsorship of the NGRHS Canoe Program from whom we borrow canoes. As we transition from Fall to Winter keep your eye on our Facebook Page for Archery nights! We are in need of event planners and leaders, if interested in supporting in any capacity please email marshall.g2@eastlink.ca.





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DeLong Designs is launching into its second year of partnership with the Kidney Foundation of Canada! Here's our new line-up of designs for the Christmas season. They're \$24 each, taxes included. \$1 from every ornament sold goes toward patient care in Nova Scotia.



New Germany Elementary School

We still have an Early Years Centre!

This past July the Liberal government announced the launch of a new Pre-Primary Program to be introduced province-wide gradually over the next four years. The only change made to our EYC is the name of the four year old program; the Early Learning Program is now called Pre-Primary. Everything else about the program remains the same. We still offer a play-based, developmentally appropriate program built on the interest of children.

The Community Room is available for booking. Contact us at ngelc@gnspes.ca for details.





NGES Home & School sponsored Family Fall Fun



From the Lions Den

~Lion Deb Featherby

Another busy fall for the New Germany & Area Lions Club! Our Lions Express was on hand at the Main Street Maples community pot luck and the Caledonia Fair to provide some fun for the young. The Express was also a hit at the Caledonia Parade – everyone loves to see the Lions Express when the teddy bears are on board. We hosted our annual corned beef and cabbage supper in September and were so pleased with the community support for this event, especially to the community members who so generously donated items (like beautiful cakes) to our supper. Support from the community makes it possible for us to provide support for our community individuals in need and our schools.

October saw the Lions out on the roads for the fall clean-up as part of the Adopt A Highway program. Only eight bags of garbage were collected – a great result and it shows that the residents of New Germany are taking care of their area. It was gratifying to have many motorists slow down to provide us with a safe work afternoon and many expressed their thanks for the great job we do. The annual turkey supper was also a great fundraiser for the club – thanks to all who attended. We attended the Health & Wellness Expo to show our pride in our club and to show the community what we are all about. Working with a great group of volunteers and helping your community is a great way to promote your own wellness and health – and we welcome new members at any time. Each member gives what time they can because every contribution allows the club to be successful in helping others.

The Leo Club at the High School is up and running. This is an opportunity for students to gain leadership skills and support their communities. Students can join at any time and be part of this youth initiative. The Club is planning a toy drive for the IWK and a haunted house for Halloween. The Leos have a great executive and will have many projects over the coming months.

One of the highlights of the fall for Lions is the Fall Cabinet for all clubs in the province. The New Germany & Area Lions took the trophy for the best club in the province and the trophy for the best club Bulletin in the province! Our members work hard for their club and community and it's great to see their efforts recognized. They truly live the Lions motto "We Serve".

The New Germany Lions also play a role in Remembrance Day ceremonies around the area. As Lions, we pledge allegiance to our country and to the cause of peace around the world, so Remembrance Day is a special day for us to honour our Canadian contribution to bringing peace to others in the world.

Throughout the fall, New Germany Lions visited many other clubs in the area to show our support for their work and to renew our friendships with their members. We have many great meals and develop a rapport with our fellow Lions when we visit or host other clubs.



King Lion Donnie Fancy shown with the trophy for Best Lions Club in the province and Lion Deb Featherby shown with the trophy for Best club Bulletin in the province.

We also continue to provide support on an on-going basis to members of the community when they are in distress. Those requiring support should contact Pat Wentzell at 902-644-3280. Personal information is kept confidential.

One of Lions club projects is supporting the Diabetes Society through the bins placed by the Seniors Club. Support has been terrific but we ask that you don't include any food items as we cannot use these and they may encourage rodents. Gently used or new clothing items, as well as small household items are welcome. Thank you for your support of this project.

Students need to start thinking about the Lions Club Speak Out! The Speak Out will be held in early February and all students in grades 9 -12 are able to enter. Speeches should be between four and six minutes in length and the topic is the student's choice. Students are judged on presentation, development of the topic and response to a question that they will be asked at the end of their speeches. Cash prizes and trophies are awarded to the top three finishers and the winner goes on to the Zone Speak Out in April. This is a great opportunity to share your views or persuade the audience to share your views.



King Lion Donnie Fancy shown receiving a certificate of appreciation from the Diabetes Canada rep Christine Spears. New Germany Lions supported the "Send 100 Kids to Camp Program" which allowed children with diabetes to attend Camp Lion Maxwell.



New Germany Lions cleaned the roads around New Germany as part of the Adopt a Highway program. Shown: Lions Ainsley Acker, Roger Carver, Carla Carver and Deb Featherby. Missing from photo: Lions Helen Acker and King Lion Donnie Fancy.



New Germany Lion Christine Zinck received an award from Zone Chairman Peter Wagner for her work in



sponsoring new lions, with King Lion Donnie Fancy.



Newly inducted Lion Kyla Countway with her sponsor Valerie Gardner.

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Meet Louie: From China to NGRHS

~ Jackie MacDonald

Earlier this year, *New Germany Connections* included two articles¹ on visitors to our community. This article continues this series. Xinyu (Louie) Lu is an international student who for the past three years (Grades 10-12) has lived in the New Germany area during the school year and spent summers at home in China. Last year his family came from China to spend Christmas with him here. Louie will graduate from New Germany Rural High School (NGRHS) in June 2018 and attend Dalhousie University next fall.

Louie's home is Changzhou, a city of 5 million on the southern bank of the Yangtze River, about 200km from the South China Sea. Part of Changzhou is on the site of an ancient walled city dating back 3,000 years. Changzhou is also the home of China Dinosaur Park, a theme park that includes a dinosaur museum, a forest with 4,000 different plants and 70 different kinds of trees and amusements. China Dinosaur Park is a favourite annual school trip for Changzhou students.

Changzhou students begin studying written English in school, in Grade 3, so Louie was comfortable reading and writing English before coming here, but rated his spoken English as "not very good". As there are few people in the New Germany area who speak Mandarin, his first language, he has greatly improved his spoken English while he has been here.



Xinyu (Louie) Lu and the Tin Man, Mahone Bay, October 2017

Louie's experience studying at New Germany Rural High School has been positive, the teachers have been patient, kind and helpful. The schools he attended in China were larger with multiple buildings and facilities, for example there were several sports fields. The school day began at 7am and ended at 6pm. He much prefers Canadian school days that run from 9am to 3pm, allowing students time for hobbies and sports, including basketball, which he loves and will continue to play after graduation, if only for fun. He enjoys watching the Halifax Hurricanes play basketball, looks forward to seeing a game in Halifax over the Christmas holiday season, and has become a Toronto Maple Leafs fan, influenced by his host family from whom he has learned a great deal about hockey.

From living here and travelling within Nova Scotia, including to Cape Breton, Louie has noticed some differences between Canada and China. Hunting is very popular in Canada, and deer hunting is especially popular in the New Germany area. Chinese citizens do not own guns, few are able to hunt. China has one of the best public transportation systems in the world with double decker buses a feature of Changzhou's excellent public transportation system.

If Louie were to tell his younger Grade 10 self something helpful to know when he first came to the area, he would say that learning the culture here well enough to make friends can seem to go slowly at first. But it will happen, he has made good friends here, the best.

If we were to learn to speak Chinese, we might start with Xiè xiè - Thank you in Chinese - one of the first most useful phrases to learn. With thanks to Louie for sharing his experience with *New Germany Connections*, and to Eva Cook for arranging the interview.

1. "Visitors to our Community" in April 2017 <u>New Germany Connections</u> 9(2) p.20 introduced some of the programs that encourage international relationships by facilitating work or study here while "International Study Program" by Eva Cook <u>New Germany Connections</u> 9(2) p. 21 gave a more in depth look at that program.



7th Annual New Germany Community Health and Wellness Expo

~ Greg Selig, Chair

On Wednesday, Oct.25th, the Health and Wellness Expo was held at the High School in New Germany. Under a sunny and warm October sky, a large turn out helped to make this the biggest and best Expo to date!

With the help of 25 sponsors and the O2 students at NGRHS, we were able to attract 65 booth holders, and over 100 booth workers to the Expo. Thanks to the hard work of the students, booths were set up and ready to go by our 1:00pm start time.



All the students and some community people were the first to go through the rows of booths, stop and chat, and fill out ballots for the many prizes being offered at the booths. Lots of excitement when you get that many people in the same room.

The variety of booths this year is a testament to the large number of ways we can work at improving our health – from better eating habits to ways of becoming more active in our lives. We also had several booths this year that were directed at good mental health. As well, we had some who talked about ways of slowing down, taking control of our lives, and living in the moment without dwelling in the past.

This year we even had a booth set up in the parking lot. LunenburgNOW, with Tina Hennigar, was busy talking to people about her cross-Canada trip this past summer. It is an attempt to show and tell people what Lunenburg County has to offer in jobs and a great way of living. She also did a Q & A and a viewing of her 20-minute video in the cafeteria at 2:00pm.

Thanks to the school staff for their help in allowing us to use the facility and interrupting their schedule for the afternoon. As an educational Expo, it is important to hold it in our local school so we can start teaching our youth the value of healthy living, in all ways.

Thank you also to all the community members who took the time to come to the Expo. There was a lot to see and most people needed more than 30 minutes to make their way to all the booths. Thank you to the booth holders and the companies or organizations they represented. A lot of work, energy, and in some cases money, went in to set up and have people work in the booths.

Next year we will be holding the Expo on Wed., Oct. 24th as the last Wednesday of the month is Hallowe'en.





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