



New Germany Connections

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Autumn 2020

If you were to survey one hundred of your family and friends who live here, I would be willing to bet that a majority of them would chose Fall as their favourite time of year. The outside colours are lovely shades of gold, red and oranges. The weather is so pleasant, nice for adventures or outside chores. So downright reasonable!

Some of the challenges of summer are easing, hopefully those who need water in their wells will see some and the gardens are being harvested.

This year, no matter the season, we have added a new layer to our everyday. Wearing masks, social distancing and washing hands (although we should have been washing hands and covering sneezes as part of our old normal) are now constants.

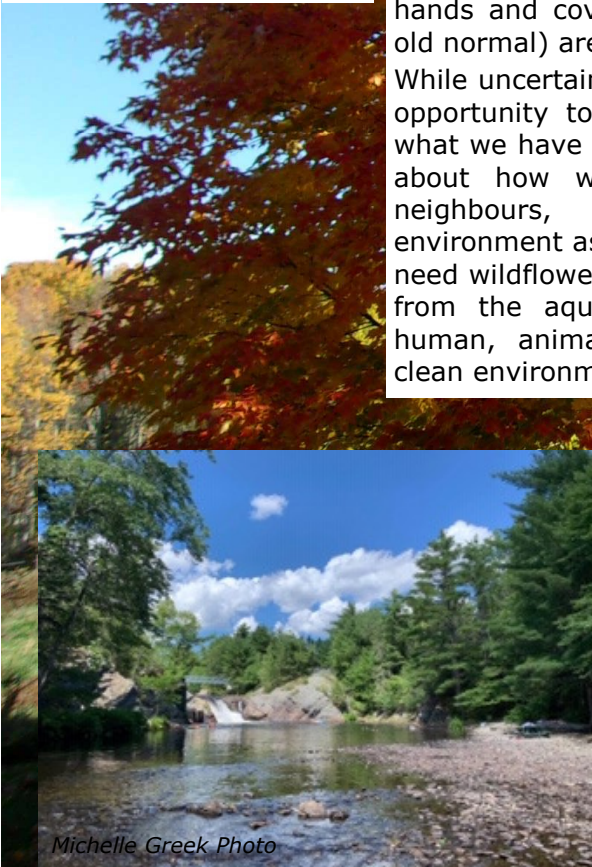
While uncertainly abounds, we also have the opportunity to look at what was usual, at what we have done "just because" and think about how we can do things with our neighbours, our community and our environment as our priorities. Our pollinators need wildflowers, our neighbours need water from the aquifers we share and we all, human, animal and insect, need a safe, clean environment for life.

Attention Community Organizations!
As we are able to gather again you can advertise events on our community calendar or FB page at no charge.

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 or our Facebook page
newgermany.ca

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.



Michelle Greek Photo



Garber's Family Playground

~Gertrude and Gale, daughters of Aubrey and Charlotte

The land in use for the Garber's Family Playground, Hemford, was the long-time site of a large vegetable garden belonging to Aubrey Garber who inherited the property from his father-in-law Walter Silver. Dad was deeply committed to working in the garden every hour that he could spare, and that meant six



months of sometimes very hard work. But it was a hobby that he was devoted to. Our mother Charlotte would help pick peas and lettuce etc. and we all would benefit from the fresh produce, especially the hodge podge dinners. Likewise, the neighbours to whom he handed out rhubarb, green beans, etc. He took great pride in his onions, potatoes, root vegetables and his row of giant sunflowers that graced the back border, which could be seen from all over the Hemford corner.

The garden fell silent on October 4th 2005, when Dad died on a beautiful, sunny, autumn day. He had gone to the garden, with his tractor, in the morning to harvest his onions. He managed to get back to the house where he collapsed in his rocking chair. It was a time of deep sadness for us. But years later, on reflection, we believe his death at this time could not have been more fitting as he spent his last moments at work in the garden he so enjoyed.

We know Mom and Dad would be happy that this space is being used again. The tradition of our family garden will continue in Mom and Dad's memory now as a much needed community playground for the children and adults of Hemford to enjoy. We commend Jolene and her committee of community friends for their initiative, energy and desire to better the community in this way.



Cleaning the donated equipment

The community celebrated the grand opening of the Garber's Family Playground (2076 Highway 208, Hemford) on August 22nd. There were approximately 100 people in attendance including MLA Mark Furey; Councillor Cathy Moore and Recreation Program Coordinator Tissy Bolivar. The Garber Family Playground Society was presented with a recognition plaque from Major Carolyn Bolivar-Getson, MODL; and a sign was erected acknowledging the local businesses who supported the project.

A special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Robbie) Veinot for providing funding for the beautiful fence that embraces the children while at play.

Thank you to all the community members for their donations and dedication to provide a play area for the neighbourhood.

Your Playground Committee: Jolene Mailman, President, Diane Smith, Vice President, Tabitha Walker, Treasurer, Jennifer Gendron, Secretary, Jeff Murphy, Andrew Kingdon, Dwight Woodworth, Darlene Woodworth and Richard Smith



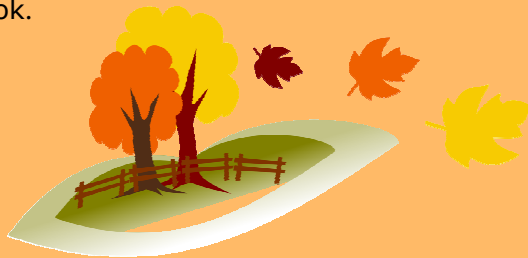
What's at the Museum?



Cigarette Case

Handmade by a prisoner of Dorchester Prison with different strips of light and dark wood to form a diamond design. They are used to store small numbers of cigarettes and prevent them from being crushed.

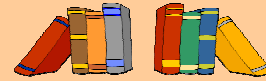
The Parkdale-Maplewood Community Museum has remained closed for the 2020 Season due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are missing all our members and friends and are looking forward to opening next year for the 2021 Season. We are still here working behind the scenes trying to catch up on paperwork, etc. If anyone needs us for anything they can contact us at 902-644-2893 or e-mail at p-mcm@hotmail.com or find us on facebook.



South Shore Public Library Mobile Library

Will be in Barss Corner @ Mader's General Store from 1:45 to 2:15pm and New Germany @ Rosedale New Horizons Club 3:00 to 5:30pm every Tuesday.

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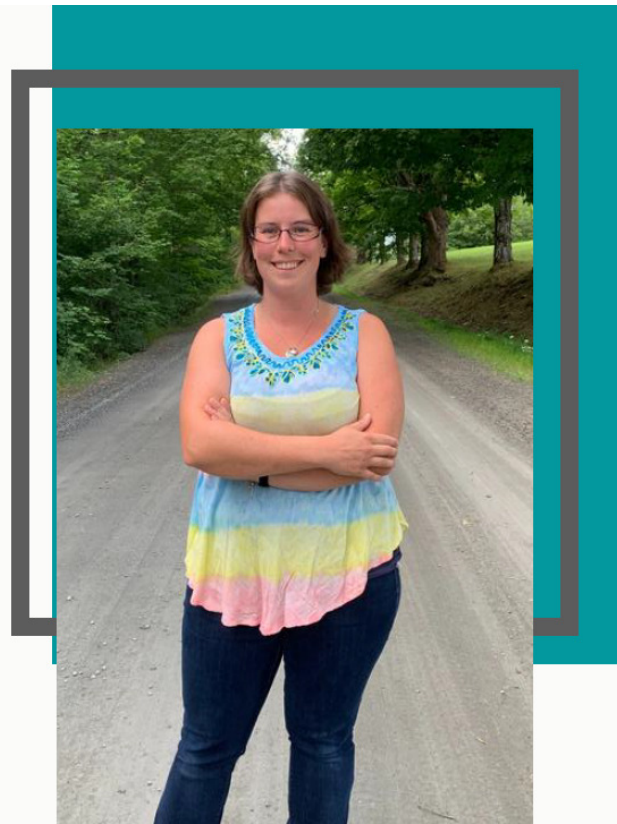
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Authorized by Michelle Greek

Community Graduation Celebration

On June 27th the community rallied around and hosted a graduation celebration at the New Germany Legion for the New Germany Rural High School Grads of 2020. Many businesses, organizations, alumni members, parents, families and individuals helped to make this a great event.

- Royal Canadian Legion, NG Branch 102
- Cathy Moore & Carolyn Bolivar-Getson
- Seonaid McFarlane, bagpiper
- Alumni member and photographer, Ron Smith
- New Germany Canada Day Committee
- New Germany Lions Club
- Decoration Depot
- Charlie's Pizza, NG
- Municipality of the District of Lunenburg
- New Germany & Area Promotion Society
- New Germany & Area Fire Dept.
- Robar's Irving NG
- Freshmart
- Lahave River Metal Works
- Leah & Cragg Seamone
- New Germany Rural High School Alumni
- Roger & Carla Carver
- Peter & Diane Silver for sharing their yard for parking
- Gloria & Linwood Feindel for sharing their yard for class photos

Please forgive us if we have forgotten to mention any names. There have been so many that have come forward to offer their support in many different ways.



Ron Smith Photo

- Shoppers Drug Mart
- Meisner's Construction
- Raven Creative Designs
- Ridgewood Assisted Living, Bridgewater
- Lohnes Rest Home Barss Corner
- Jonathan Crouse, MC & Alumni President
- Cathy Robar, MC & Alumni Member
- All the parents

IT'S MUNICIPAL ELECTION TIME AGAIN SATURDAY OCTOBER 17, 2020

*I have been honoured to serve you as your
Municipal Councillor and hope to continue to do so
in the future!*

Unfortunately due to COVID-19 and the safety of the residents there will be no paper ballots and polling stations this year. The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg is holding this year's election by telephone and electronic voting for both the Advance Poll and on Election Day.

**Voting will be open from 8:00 am Thursday, October 8, ending at 7:00
pm Saturday, October 17.**

Please see information on page 16

*I am dedicated to working for the improvement of our area
and our Municipality. Your support is greatly appreciated.*

**Authorized by: CATHY MOORE
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Where's Home For You?

~Jan Fancy Hull

My first book, *Where's Home?*, has just been published. Readers of *NGAPS Connections* may be interested to know a few things about it.

I had interviewed a couple dozen Nova Scotians about their experiences of being at home or making others feel at home, and their stories vary widely. I visited with Greg Selig and Janis Power of New Germany while they were campground hosts at Keji. It made me wonder why we didn't have community hosts. Newcomers wouldn't have to wonder who to ask about local things; they could just look for the welcome sign at a local driveway.

I talked with Kathy Rafuse in Middle New Cornwall, and she shared some of her family history going back centuries. Her ancestor was welcomed by indigenous people in the seventeen hundreds, and Kathy gives several examples of how continuing to welcome newcomers has built her community, one person at a time.

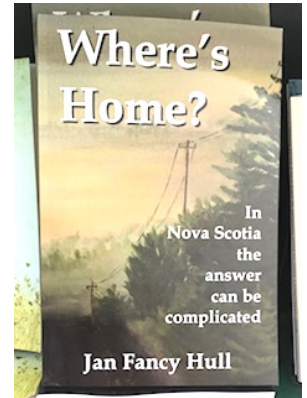
The book also contains poems and art that I thought would illustrate what home means better than I could. One of those is a great essay by Michelle Greek in which she sings the praises of living and raising her family in Barss Corner.

And I couldn't help mentioning that I love my home in Newburne.

I wove these and other stories together to make a virtual conversation among people from the District of Clare to Glace Bay. It's an easy read, but it's not all just happy-talk. Not everyone is at ease in their neighbourhood and not everybody thinks alike. You knew that already but you may learn how many different ways people do feel at home in Nova Scotia. Or don't.

My publisher, Moose House Publications, started up a year ago to publish books by or about rural Nova Scotia. This is a refreshing focus, and I'm delighted that my book found its home in their fast-growing roster.

Copies of *Where's Home?* are available at the Village Glassworks in New Germany and at the Boulangerie la Vendenne in Blockhouse.



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Community Café

The Community Café is open again to serve fresh muffins, tea and fair-trade coffee at the Anglican Church Hall in New Germany on Thursday mornings, from 9-11. A gluten free option is always available. Since our re-opening on July 2nd, our returning patrons have been looking forward to our new warm from the oven scones. Eaten plain or with jam, a real treat. Soonih Kim is with us each Thursday with her delicious Asian cuisine, sushi, dumplings, japche and kimchi. Good, fast, reliable Wi-Fi is accessible at the Hall.

Hand sanitizer is placed at the entrance and exit doors. Our tables are spaced the required 2 meters/6 feet apart. You are welcome to sit with your bubble companions or physically distance from a new friend. The mandatory masks can be removed once you are seated and masks are available if needed.

Please join us on Thursday mornings to have a coffee with a friend, catch up with a neighbour or meet one of the many new residents to our area. Meetings can be booked ahead. There is no charge, just bring yourselves and a smile.



New Germany & Area Medical Centre

During the COVID-19 pandemic NP Riis, Dr. Pugh and Dr. Maguire are still available to patients of the Centre. Please call the clinic to schedule a telephone visit. We ask that you do not come in person, but phone with your health concerns. 902-644-2361

For questions related to the Covid-19 virus please phone 1-833-784-4397.

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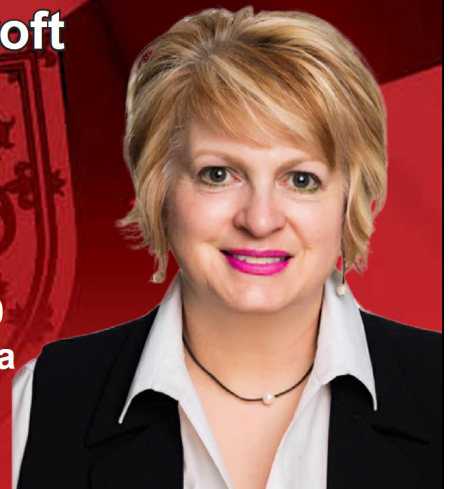


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Marcella's Magnificent Masks


My name is Marcella Wentzell and I'm the creator/maker of Marcella's Magnificent Masks. I am 12 years old and will be attending my first year at NGRHS.

I've had a passion for sewing ever since joining Livewires 4H 3 years ago. Since the 2020 4th year was cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I decided I wanted to help others be safe. I used my sewing skills to start creating masks. I never dreamt I would have made 125+ masks and continue to have orders.

My parents have been great supporters by helping to buy fabrics and do deliveries. For each mask sold, I plan to donate \$1 to the NGRHS free store. I want to send out a special thank you to my 4H sewing leader, Barb Ross for helping me grow my skills and to all my buyers who purchased many masks. Thank you, Marcella Wentzell




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New Germany Farmers' Market

In Spring 2019, a group of local farmers and artisans got together to form the New Germany Farmers' Market. The market was held in the parking lot of the Anglican Church Hall, Thursday mornings along side the Community Cafe which was held inside the hall until 11.

On June 19, 2020, the New Germany Farmers' Market was reborn as a Friday afternoon outside event, still in the Hall parking lot, 3 - 7 pm. It started small, with only three vendors the first two weeks. However, the market quickly grew to as many as 10 vendors some weeks and in July the Dash Cafe arrived and is open along with the market. We even have entertainment most weeks as well.

With restrictions due to COVID-19, the market has hand sanitizer available at both entrances and ask that visitors social distance and recommend wearing a mask, although it is not required outside.

Many local residents have commented on how they like the new market day and time, since they were



unable to attend the market on Thursday mornings. Having the market on Friday afternoons also allows people to stop by on their way home from work or driving through to their cottages for the weekend.

Vendors include local farmers of produce, honey, meats/poultry, and eggs as well as artisans with hand-made products such as baked goods, candles, woodworking, art, decor, apparel, personal care items and more. For a full list of vendors each Friday, visit www.facebook.com/FM644.



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The market is always accepting application for primary and secondary producers (no resellers). To apply for the market, please fill out the form available on the Facebook page or at <https://bit.ly/2UrvuSy>

This year the market will continue until Thanksgiving weekend, with the last market of 2020 on October 9th. We are already planning to start up again in June 2021! Applications with continue to be collected throughout the year for the 2021 season.

There may also be some events throughout the off-season and opportunities for members of the community to get involved with a board of directors as the market grows. Follow the Facebook page for updates. For more information about the New Germany Farmers' Market, please contact the market organizer at newgermanyfm@gmail.com or at www.facebook.com/FM644

See you at the market, Fridays 3 - 7 pm (June - Thanksgiving) at the Anglican Church Hall parking lot, 5311 Hwy 10 in New Germany!



Reconnecting with the Langille Family

'Music is very spiritual. It has the power to bring people together.' Edgar Winter

In the days of the one-room schools in Lunenburg County, the annual Christmas concerts were always a highlight. People came from neighbouring communities as well and the tiny schoolhouses or halls would be packed as the local children displayed their talent and shared the Christmas joy! And sometimes, the seeds of romance were sown.

At one of these concerts in the mid 1950's in Maplewood there was a young boy from Newburne who was very taken with a young girl from Maplewood as she sang on that stage. Just weeks ago Harold Langille told me that he knew that evening 'she was the one'. It was a few years later at the then still 'new' New Germany Rural High School, that MaryAnn (Wentzell) began spending time with this young man, and they've been making music together ever since.

Harold, the son of Josh and Helen (Carver) Langille, grew up in Newburne, went to the one-room school there until he could go the high school in New Germany. From there he went off to Truro to Teachers College, which strangely enough in those years was referred to as 'Normal College'. MaryAnn, daughter of Laurie and Ruth (Grimm) Wentzell, was the girl singing at the Maplewood school concert. After high school at New Germany MaryAnn studied nursing at the Halifax Children's Hospital.

Harold's love of music was fueled through his mother, Helen, who played the organ at both St Matthew's Lutheran and Transfiguration Anglican churches in Newburne. He learned to play guitar and loved the Sunday evening gatherings at his uncle's where music filled the house. His love of fiddle music grew and as teenager he learned to play that as well. He was mostly self-taught but had an opportunity to take a Suzuki Violin course while at Teachers' College and the rest is history.

MaryAnn learned to play piano through her grandmother's influence and played at Baptist churches both in Maplewood and in Upper Cornwall.

Harold and MaryAnn, who dated in high school, stayed together through their separate study years, got their first jobs in the Annapolis Valley. Harold taught at Bridgetown Regional High School and MaryAnn nursed at Soldiers' Memorial Hospital in Middleton. When MaryAnn turned 21, (parental permission no longer required) they were married at the Parkdale-Maplewood Baptist Church on June 29, 1962.

They returned to the Valley and continued their jobs until the fall of 1964 when they moved and Harold began teaching at New Germany Rural High. (1964-67). It was then back to Bridgetown until he had to retire due to health reasons suffering from myasthenia gravis. These were busy family years, as John, David and Cheryl were then part of the family.

In their Bridgetown years Harold offered fiddle lessons in their home and MaryAnn learned to play fiddle and was often the piano accompanist. She also began to train others. The Bridgetown Fiddlers developed and when a community group asked for help with a fundraiser, the Bridgetown Fiddle Festival was begun. In 1987, the Langilles left Bridgetown and moved to Maplewood, but the Fiddle Club there continued with new leadership.

Within a year, Harold was connecting with local fiddlers, including Lorimer Higgins, Jim Hamm, St Clair Wentzell, Clell Joudrey, Doran Spidle to name a few, and offering the opportunity for interested folks to take lessons. He and Mary Ann taught fiddle, guitar, and keyboard. There was great enthusiasm from long time and newer fiddlers, and the Lunenburg County Fiddlers was established. They met first at the Midville Fire Hall and when that was outgrown they moved to St Paul's Lutheran Church in Bridgewater and later to St Joseph's. Over the years there have been over 150 members, with about 50 active members at any given time and performances usually involved about 30 players – fiddles, guitar, piano and bass.

The Lunenburg County Fiddlers have played in almost every small community in Lunenburg County and beyond. They are always welcome guests at homes for special care, churches, community halls for regular and special occasions. They have played at the exhibitions at Bridgewater, Caledonia, Shelburne and Lawrencetown. They have played at Exhibition Park, the Metro Centre, the openings of the Casino in Halifax and Pier 21, and the Folk Harbour Festival in Lunenburg. They performed multiple times at the Maritime Fiddle Festival in Dartmouth and at the International Canoe Festival at Lake Banook. There is great joy in performing as part of a group, and great joy in being in the audience.

Music has been a great joy for Harold and MaryAnn throughout their life. Their living room provides a

home for their many musical instruments – fiddles, guitar, piano, ukulele, omnichord and mandolin.... MaryAnn showed me a book she'd made with the accompaniment chords for hundreds of fiddle tunes. Harold says, **'Music has kept us together!'** and he says quite thankfully, **"We've made a lot of friends through music- never met a musician I didn't like."**

Harold and MaryAnn have received the Ivan Hicks Award for their outstanding contribution to Fiddle Music and Harold has received a Provincial Volunteer Award for his outstanding contributions. Both the Bridgetown Fiddlers and the Lunenburg County Fiddlers have been well recognized and appreciated. On Facebook you can find this well-earned tribute to the Lunenburg County Fiddlers – "The most progressive Fiddle club in the Atlantic Provinces. THANK YOU Harold Langille, you have done so much to promote the Down East Style of music in the Annapolis Valley and South Shore of Nova Scotia ..." You can find more info and links to videos on the Fiddlers of Lunenburg County Facebook site.

Their son, John, continues the family musical tradition as he serves as Church Organist and Choir Director in Huntsville, ON. Their son, David (Darlene) serves in Canada's armed forces. Their daughter Cheryl (Darren) lives in Bridgetown. They are grandparents to four grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. The Langilles have been active in the Baptist Church in Bridgetown and at Emmanuel Parkdale-Maplewood. Harold served as deacon and in finances; MaryAnn as organist and Sunday School teacher. For many years they enjoyed camping, and as you can imagine there was often music around the campfire. They actively served the community with the Lions' Club in Kingston and New Germany, Harold as King Lion and in Zone leadership positions, and Mary Ann often at his side helping out with many projects.

Harold and MaryAnn now live in Bridgewater. Harold's health makes it more difficult to play, but hasn't stopped him. They continue to keep in touch with many of their 'musical friends', and find joy in each day. They appreciate phone calls and visits from friends and acquaintances – you'll find them 'in the book'.

It was a great joy to have the opportunity to hear their story, and reconnect with my Grade Nine Math teacher at NGRHS who helped fuel my love of mathematics as we 'piloted a new math' program that year. Harold and Mary Ann loved music and I'm sure they would agree as Confucius says, **"Music produces a kind of pleasure which human nature cannot be without."**

~Interview by Catherine Robar



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River Ridge Common News

River Ridge Common park received many visitors and some great new additions in the summer of 2020. The new singletrack trails, which opened in the spring, have been a big hit with many trail users making tracks through the diverse Acadian forest in the park. Tots on push bikes, seniors with hiking poles, family groups and lots of mountain bike fans from far and near have all been spotted sharing our trails.

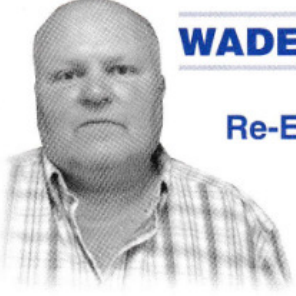
The Adventure Pit natural playground area now has several swing installations for kids of all ages. There are also some new shade trellises nearby in the picnic area and over the lookout tunnel feature.

On the opposite side of the Adventure Pit there is a new accessible bike skills / play feature area and a sweet pump track for all riders, from beginner to advanced. Riders can hit this zone to have fun and work on their moves, then hop right onto a direct connection to the singletrack trail system when they are ready to take new skill into the rest of the park.

Best of all there is still more to come at River Ridge Common into 2021, including a trailside parking and picnic area to welcome visitors arriving on the South Shore Annapolis Valley Trail. There are going to be even more cool additions to the Adventure Pit area and the singletrack trails too.



River Ridge Common has been a great place for safe outdoor community activities and exercise during the time of COVID-19, so lets give many thanks to everyone who has been out safely enjoying and supporting our park.



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I am married with a daughter and son-in-law in Edmonton and a son and daughter-in-law and two granddaughters in Grande Prairie.

I have held my Private Investigator, Provincial Civil Constable and Commissioner of Oaths license for 20 years. I am a licensed mechanic and

former business owner.

Council has been helping community halls and fire departments due to the pandemic.

I never put signs up. I give to people for cancer travel or other crisis. We work for high speed internet, cell phone service and health care.

I will do my best to work for the people and with the MLAs and MPs. Council works hard to keep from raising the property tax rate. I am on call 24/7 for District 7 and stay safe.

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Authorized by Wade Carver

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We Welcome YOU!

The pandemic has changed many aspects of our lives, including how we recreate and spend time together. Across North America, as our shops, cafes, and facilities have been forced to shut and change the way they operate, there has been a marked increase in the number of people walking and enjoying time outdoors.

We are pleased to provide our community with beautiful places to spend time in nature, get active, and stay connected with each other.

To help ensure that our outdoor spaces continue to be welcoming to all users, we want to clearly state that everybody, regardless of race, gender, ability, or sexual orientation, are welcomed in our parks and open spaces. We are embarking on a plan to ensure that our parks and open spaces better reflect the diverse population of people that enjoy them. Incidents of racism, discrimination or intolerance will not be accepted in any MODL recreational space or facility.

Please reach out to let us know how we are doing and provide us an opportunity to serve you better - (902) 541-1343 or email recreation@modl.ca



Upcoming Local Opportunities:

Bicycle Scavenger Hunt

A great opportunity for families to ride the trails together, on your own time, to find up to six colorful pinecones hanging in the trees at River Ridge Common. Send District of Lunenburg Recreation a picture of your family biking along the trail to be entered to win gift certificates! Send all entries to: karen.geddes-selig@modl.ca

September 18 – October 16 River Ridge Common, New Germany

Ride to Devil's Hook Falls

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Children's Author or Novelist?

~Laura Best

Most people who know anything about my writing life would recognize me as being a children's author and that is true—sort of. While I've had three children's books published in the past, this year my first novel for adults, *Good Mothers Don't*, hit the bookshelves in June and, now suddenly, I've been told that I'm a novelist.

Many people might not know that, when I began my writing career, I didn't start out writing stories for kids. I was actually writing short stories for adults—lots of stories. My first book didn't come about because I suddenly decided that I was tired of writing short stories and wanted to start writing for kids. When I wrote *Bitter, Sweet* I simply had an idea for a story that had been brewing for a very long time. The story was about a family of kids living on their own after being abandoned by their father and the death of their mother. It seemed only natural that the person to tell this story was the daughter Pru. After that, two more children's books followed. So, did that mean that after all the short stories I'd written I had become a children's author? Maybe.

Here is how I see it: for me, a story is a story. Some are best told through the perspective of a child; others need an adult's viewpoint. There are aspects about writing books aimed for kids that I really enjoy. Remembering what it felt like to be a kid again is always fun. On the other hand, writing stories for adults allows me to write about more complicated subject matters, to delve into areas that are new and interesting to me as an adult. *Good Mothers Don't* is the story of a young mother's struggle with mental illness. Working on that book was often very thought-provoking.


So, what does that mean for me as a writer? Am I still a children's author or am I now a novelist? In all honesty I'm not so sure I can answer that. My next three novels are for kids. The first one, *The Family Way* is due out in the spring of 2021 and is the prequel to the two Cammie novels. Another book is to be published in 2021 and yet another in 2022. All of them are for the young (or young at heart as I prefer.) But wait! I have another novel for adults that I've been working at off and on for some time now.

So maybe, just maybe, I'll keep writing for both kids and adults. Will this new story for adults that I'm working on ever get to that place where it's ready for publication? I can't honestly say. What I can say it that, as long as I write, I will write the story that needs to be told from the perspective that suits that story best. And for now, I'll simply call myself an author.



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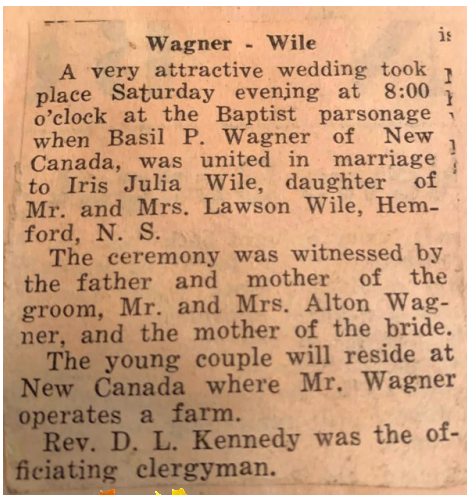
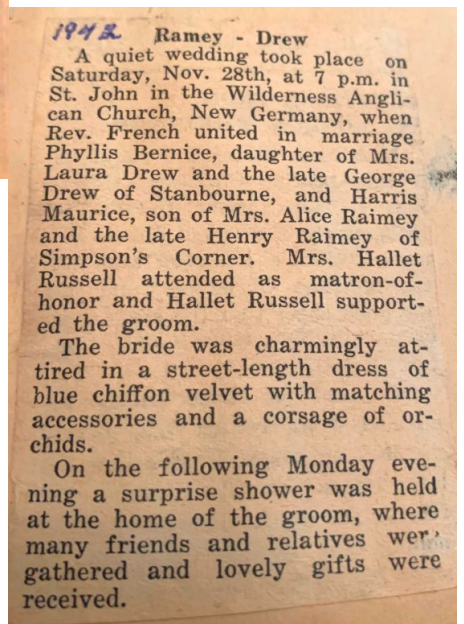
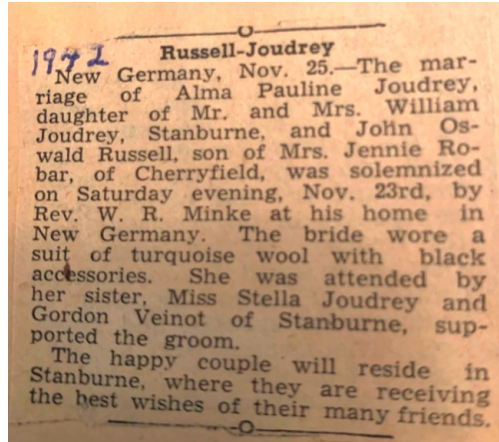
Old and New Again

In the early 1940s we were in the middle of World War II. While not a pandemic, it was a major upheaval to ordinary life for many and there was a lot of wishing for "normal". But people did carry on and there were marriages, births and in some cases a new kind of family life.

It was common to publish details of marriages in the local newspaper. Here is a peek at some local marriage ceremonies in the 1940s from a scrapbook collection.

Marriages were often simple, no large guest list, no elaborate wedding dress, although it seems the attire of the bride was of great interest.

Maybe COVID-19 will have us rethinking weddings and they become more intimate, family focused occasions, as they once were.



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When can I vote?

Voting will be open from 8:00 am Thursday, October 8, ending at 7:00 pm Saturday, October 17.

How can I vote?

All qualified electors who are on the List of Electors with a correct mailing address will receive a Voter Information Letter in late September. This letter will contain a unique PIN identifier which will be required to vote either by telephone or by internet.

How do I know if I'm on the list?

We encourage all electors to ensure that their information is correct by 4:00 pm on September 3, 2020, to ensure they receive a Voter Information Letter in late September. To find out if you're on the list, please email elections@modl.ca or call (902) 530-3268.

Revisions to the List of Electors will continue throughout the election period. If you do not receive your Voter Information Letter by the end of September or if the information received is incorrect, please contact the elections office.

Does this mean there are no polling stations?

Yes. We will have one voting kiosk consisting of a telephone and computer set up at the MODL office for those electors who do not feel comfortable voting at home, or for those who may not have the resources such as phone and internet service but still would like to cast a ballot. An election staff member will be available to provide assistance if required. The kiosk will be set up during regular business hours of the voting period, as well as from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm on October 17 and will follow all Public Health protocols.

What if I'm not comfortable voting online?

If you're not comfortable voting online, a helpline will be available every day during regular office hours to answer any questions you may have and to assist you during the voting process. More details will be available at modl.ca/Election in the coming weeks



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From the Lions Den

~Lion Deb Featherby

To say our Lions' roar has been reduced to a soft purr due to the COVID-19 pandemic would be an understatement! However, we are still doing what we can to maintain our community relations and support.

In June, a special ceremony was held, following all provincial protocols, to award Leo of the Year trophies and cheques to two of our graduating Leos – Laura Isaacs and Chloe Hiltz. These two young women have been the mainstay of the high school Leo Club for several years and will be sorely missed when the Leo Club is able to start again after restrictions are lifted at the school. Leo Laura was also awarded a thousand dollar bursary by the New Germany & Area Lions Club for her excellent academic standing.

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. 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. Lion Jesse has been doing some planting to enhance the beauty of our community and, as well, many Lions are volunteering at the blood donor clinics to oversee the refreshment table. Donors can check the blood.ca website to check on dates for upcoming clinics and to book an appointment. We are also continuing to support local and national charities.

There is a saying that when life hands you lemons, make lemonade. Which we did! We hosted two cold plate take-outs in July and August which were hugely successful, thanks to the support of our communities. We also have a roast pork take out scheduled for Saturday, September 26. The meal will consist of roast pork, potatoes, dressing, turnip, peas, carrots, coleslaw, applesauce and gingerbread, all for the price of \$13.00. Take out times will be 4-5 and 5-6. Orders must be prepaid. To reserve your order and pay, call Lion Carla at 902-644-2851. Please bring a box or sturdy bag in which to pack your containers for the trip home.

New Germany & Area Lions have joined with other Lions Clubs in NS to operate a 5050 style draw. With COVID-19 restrictions, our fundraising capacity has been severely limited, so we are offering anyone in NS the chance to win money and help our club. Just go to Lions5050.ca and chose the club you wish to support, the number of tickets you wish to purchase, and fill in your credit card info. It's that easy and you could win a nice pot of money. The more tickets sold, the bigger the jackpot and the more money clubs will raise to help them serve their communities.

We are also looking to plan future events – keep up to date by checking the New Germany & Area Lions website. New Germany Strong Lions Club!



Laura Isaacs, recipient of the New Germany & Area Lions Club Bursary



Chloe Hiltz and Laura Isaacs with their Leo Awards. In the background, Lions Donnie Fancy and Deb Featherby. Far Background: Lions Carla Carver, Dave Moore and Betty Ann Mackay.



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Paper Leaf & Yard Waste Bags : Residents are now required to use paper bags for leaf and yard waste collection starting this fall. Plastic bags will no longer be accepted. Paper bags are sold at local grocery, hardware and department stores. Switching from plastic to paper leaf bags will reduce plastic contamination in the organics stream.



Curbside Electronics Collection will take place once every year, in the fall. Electronics will be collected on your regular collection day between September 21 – October 2. Each household can put out **three** electronics for pick up during that time. Electronics must be dropped off at a depot during the rest of the year.



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