



New Germany Connections

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Community Events

- Tuesday Afternoons Bookmobile
- Thursday Mornings Community Café
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day
- Nov 15 Craft Show Legion & Unbridled
- Nov 29 to Jan 2 Countryside Forest @ MSM
- Dec 25 Merry Christmas
- Jan 1 New Year 2022
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day

Winter 2021

We are moving headlong into "Tradition Season." What are your holiday traditions? As we find our way through this journey, we also find we are making changes to the things we normally do both everyday and in celebrating holidays.

In other years this newsletter would be filled with Christmas breakfasts, festivals, teas and so much more. Last year and this year these events are missing, replaced with virtual parties and socially distanced gatherings.

If you are a lifelong resident or new to the neighbourhood think about adding some of these traditions:

An evening walk among the trees in the Livewires Countryside Forest.

A hike (or maybe a snowshoe) in one of our great local parks - River Ridge Common or Indian Falls.

Hunting for a locally made Christmas wreath.

Or the perfect Christmas gift from a local business.

A tour to check out all the beautifully decorated homes in our area.

Thank you for reading our Newsletter!

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.

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Remembrance Day Services



COVID-19 has changed Remembrance Day Services in our area. It is still important to remember and honour our veterans on November 11th.

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 08-102 New Germany

Members will be gathering on Wednesday, November 11th at the Cenotaph, Epworth United Church, starting at 10:50 am.

There will be no parade or church service.

All the wreaths will be pre-laid except the one in Memory of Fallen Comrades which will be done during the brief service.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and will need to follow all current Covid 19 restrictions.

Please check the Legion's Facebook page for updated information.

<https://www.facebook.com/nglegion102>



New Germany Branch 102 was invited to send a colour party to a Remembrance Service at West Northfield Elementary School on November 9th.

Remembrance Day at Parkdale/Maplewood Emmanuel Baptist Church in Parkdale

The Remembrance Day Service that normally occurs at the Cenotaph in Parkdale WILL NOT OCCUR on November 11th.

The associated risks from the Covid Pandemic, the need for those in attendance to be fully vaccinated and contact tracing requirements, do not make this event feasible this year.

Individuals who normally lay a wreath at the cenotaph are encouraged to come and lay their wreath, at their convenience, during the day on November 11th.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Cenotaph at Mt Calvary Lutheran Church Upper Northfield

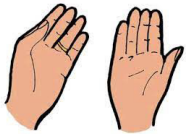
There will be a virtual service held on November 11th. It will be available online, check out their Facebook page for a link.



Eleven of the Rosedale Kids painted pumpkin logs for Thanksgiving and Halloween delivering them to their friends at Rosedale and Lohnes Rest Home.



New Germany Helping Hands - Potential New Project



Our volunteer group has been approached to see if we would consider making daily **"check-in phone calls"** to individuals who are living alone and would appreciate having a call during a designated time of day just to make sure they are okay and able to continue on with their day. This program would be specifically helpful for those who have very limited or unfortunately, no family/friends making regular contact with them.

This would be a short daily call to touch base to ensure that all is OK with the individual; not meant to be a lengthy social chat. In order for this program to be initiated, hopefully starting for the winter months, we are soliciting the community and surrounding areas (15 km radius of New Germany) to see if there is any interest in this new project. Program success depends on outside interest and cooperation of the community members. If you believe this would be a worthwhile program for yourself or someone you know, please send us an email at nghelpinghands1@gmail.com or leave a message for Coordinator, Cathy Joudrey, on the Helping Hands phone line 902-644-1399.

As a reminder, with the approaching winter months, we are continuing with our grocery/pharmacy deliveries on each Tuesday. Also, if you have any small inside/outside chores requiring assistance (not regular household cleaning) please give us a call to see if we can match up a volunteer to give you a helping hand.

NOTE: Our volunteers have Police Clearance Certificates and have privacy protocols to follow. We also respect COVID-19 protocols.



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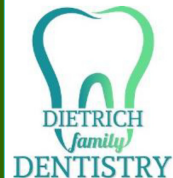
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The toy drive team has recently received incorporated non-profit society registration from the Nova Scotia government and the group is now officially called The New Germany and Area Christmas Toy Drive Society. Society members will be out and about in the community picking up and collecting donations and making purchases as well as spreading the word about the toy drive.

Fundraising events for the toy drive will be happening around the community up until delivery to the IWK in early December. One such event was held on October 5th at the Lohnes Rest Home. Staff and residents organized a pie in the face event that raised an impressive \$1,200.00 that will be used to buy toys at local businesses. Stay tuned for more fundraisers in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions about what or how to donate or if you would like to arrange a toy drive donation pickup, please email Michael Wilson at ngtoydrive@gmail.com. Thank you to all who have donated to the toy drive and the IWK in the past and the present. It is amazing what we can accomplish when we work together as a community.



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New Germany Rural High School News

Happy Fall everyone! How the first month of school did fly. We are happy to head into this next month with some sense of stability. We have sorted through many of the kinks and hiccups that come with school start-up and are on a roll.

Over the summer we established an Interagency Hub in the Student Support area of the school. This Hub includes four office spaces to home our Mental Health and Addiction Personnel, our School Plus Facilities, our School Supports Workers, School Counsellor and other Regional Staff. This is a big deal, because a lot of these support staff are working directly and exclusively in our catchment area to better support our students. We are already seeing the impacts of this Hub in our school and greater community.

September and October brought us a great number of exciting things. We started our year off with activities such as soccer, volleyball, school clubs and our first dance in over 18 months! As we head into November, we are excited to be starting up basketball, some clubs and hopefully more after school activities. Our outdoor and place-based education initiatives are alive and well here at NGRHS and have become a template for other schools in our province. Students have participated in numerous paddleboard, canoe, landscape art, outdoor classroom and field trips experiences this fall. Students and staff have also participated in the Terry Fox Walk, Spirit Weeks, and Instructional Practices PD. Our Free Store is also up and running and we (NGRHS and NGES) are now taking donations.



Grade 7s learning about Petroglyphs in Citizenship class.



Tyler Zinck shows knowledge with the other Forestry 12 students.

In the past two months we have also had over a dozen new enrolments, making our enrolment now 241; this is exciting news. The big announcement that came out for

October 4 is around vaccinations. If you are aged 12+ and are participating in extracurricular activities, we will be expecting full vaccination from both students and parents attending those events.

Finally, I ask that if you have a concern, please bring it to the school level. It becomes hard to support when we do not know about issues. I continue to be amazed at the work of our staff and community to make this school amazing, as we all work diligently to put students first. I am sure this will be another great year at NGRHS and please do not hesitate to say hello.

Go Saints!

Jessica Fancy-Landry
Principal, NGRHS (902) 644-5000



Mr. Marshall and Colby Cross paddle boarding.



Outdoor classroom use is alive and well at NGRHS.

Brenda's Baked Goods

Now that the farmers markets are over I would like to thank all my wonderful customers for their support and to let you know that I'm still available to make your favourite breads, cookies, scones, pies, cinnamon rolls, and squares. Gluten free baking is also available. Two days notice would be appreciated. All orders can be picked up at my house



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Support the Livewires 4H Club by purchasing and decorating a 4-5 foot tree in memory of a loved one, to promote your business or simply to celebrate the holidays. Cost of trees is \$30



Deadline to purchase your tree will be November 16th.

Decorating will take place before November 27th. Due to Covid

restrictions please contact us for information regarding purchasing and decorating your tree.

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Thank you for your support by purchasing a tree from Livewires 4H Club. Money from this fundraiser goes to help pay for special functions held within our club. This year due to covid we have had to make some adjustments with the way you purchase, decorate and remove the decorations at the end of the fundraiser. If you have any questions or concerns please contact one of us, we can help you.

- ◆ Located at Main Street Maples, New Germany
- ◆ Trees can be decorated between November 23-27th.
- ◆ Tree lighting takes place on November 28th.
- ◆ Tree lights will be shut off on January 2nd.

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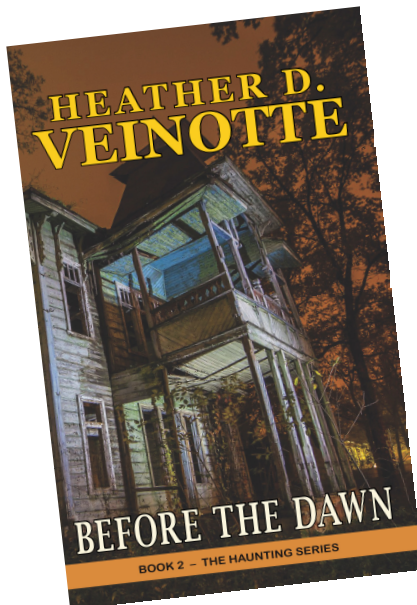


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West Northfield author and playwright Heather D. Veinotte has written and directed more than 26 plays. *Before the Dawn* is her fifth novel.



West Northfield Twirlettes

would like to welcome your children to our dynamic group!

West Northfield Twirlettes is inviting the public to join our majorettes group.

Our group meets Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at West Northfield Elementary School while strictly adhering to covid regulations. Our group accepts registrations from age 3 and older. Majorettes over 12, along with guardians, must provide proof of vaccination. Masks are mandatory.

If you are interested in observing a class or for more information please contact

Heidi Brown at heidirs@live.com or phone (902) 529-2602.




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It's not too late to get pictures for the holidays!
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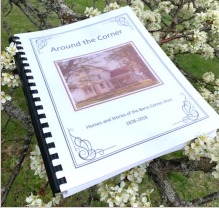
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South Shore Annapolis Valley Trail Association

New Germany Trail Bridge Update

We know that you have all been patiently waiting for more information on what is going on with the New Germany Trail Bridge. There has been a lot of behind the scenes work taking place over the last several months moving this project forward.

We are very excited to say the work onsite is beginning, things are going to get very busy. Over a couple weeks as the abutments are installed, bridge panels will be brought down from Amherst. Baxters Bridges will be on site and the 220-ft bridge will be completely assembled on site. Then prep work will begin to prepare for the arrival of the cranes. The cranes will then set up one on each side of the river, they will then pick the bridge up and set it in place on the abutments.



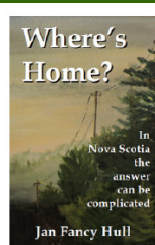
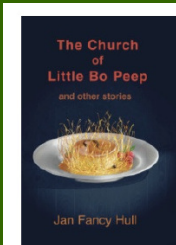
If all goes well the bridge is expected to be in place by November 15th at the latest. As work gets started we will be shutting down this section of trail to all traffic for the safety of everyone.

SSAVTA would like to say Thank You to all that have supported this project.

Become a **"Bridge Friend"** by making a \$100 donation to the New Germany Trail Bridge project. Bridge Friends will receive a tax receipt and a commemorative pewter keychain. Contact Cathy Moore 902-930-3062, Michelle Greek 902-930-3064 or Lisa Penney 902-529-0141 for more information.



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New Germany Legion

Hey....From the New Germany Legion again. Can you believe we're already looking into November?! It's crazy. As you can imagine this is a big month for us here at the Legion with Remembrance Day and the poppy campaign, but since Covid it's been different for us.

Going forward into upcoming years, if you would like to have a memorial for a loved one, contact the Legion and we will set that up for you. We're having a lot of issues with landlines being disconnected for cell phones, so please reach out and we will update our contact info.

In November pool, darts, cards and movies are on the go as always! November 13th from 10am until 3pm is our Christmas Market, where we can showcase lots of local talent in one spot, canteen with warm meal and refreshments there as well. Any questions about the Christmas Market please contact Lacey at 644-2999

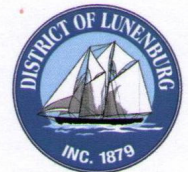
For Members – don't forget that our monthly general meeting is the first Thursday of the month. We encourage all members to participate.

We would like to mention that one of our local Veterans had a birthday recently, 99 years young, Atwood Meisner! Thanks for your service, and we hope you had a great day.

Always looking for new members, and volunteers, all welcome!



Photo - Ron Smith



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Connecting in our Communities

An Interview with Genealogist, Marlean Rhodenizer

At a Robbie Burns Day Banquet and Dance in Victoria in January 1995, a Nova Scotia tartan tie sparked a conversation. The lady from Victoria, who sat just two seats down the table, guessed correctly that Robert Rhodenizer, the man with the tartan tie, and his wife, Marlean, were from Nova Scotia. The adventurous couple were spending six months in Victoria, BC on a house exchange.

We Nova Scotians are familiar with the questions that would inevitably follow...‘So, where in Nova Scotia are you from? and‘Would you happen to know...?’ What happened as a result of those questions that evening was nothing short of astonishing!

It turned out the lady who asked the question pressed until their home was revealed to be Barss Corner. She knew Lake William well, because she’d lived in a cottage there, and was delighted to find that the person wearing the tie was the very person who had plowed her winter snow! The lively exchange that followed resulted in an invitation to dinner and many more connections were discovered. During the visit she offered to show Marlean her quilts. Marlean was moved when she noticed that the hand quilting on the beautiful red and white quilt looked just like her grandmother’s fine stitches. A closer look found that the quilt was signed by Marlean’s great grandmother, Susan Webber; daughter, Bessie Spinney and Bessie’s daughter, Zelda Etter in 1916. Overwhelmed, Marlean asked for first dibs if she ever decided to sell it and the owner told her that she’d already promised it to her daughter. However, when that daughter heard the story, she, without hesitation, said the quilt belonged in Nova Scotia. I know my heart warmed and I’m pretty sure my jaw dropped when Marlean’s daughter, Pat, brought out this same quilt last week at Marlean’s Scarsdale home where I was enjoying their many stories and the breathtaking autumn view of Lake William.

This ‘quilt story’ is only one of numerous wonderful encounters Marlean has experienced as she has sought and shared information and stories of family and community connections over many years. As so many people searching for family history in Barss Corner and surrounding areas ask questions, friends and neighbours immediately send or bring them to Marlean. She is always delighted to listen and to share. So often she has the information these visitors are looking for and many have helped expand hers. In fact, she has diligently searched locally and in far off places, including Salt Lake City and the British Isles and she has spoken with genealogists from all across Canada, the US and beyond. She has had so many extremely fortunate encounters as she searched that people often refer to her as the ‘Lady with the Golden Luck’. As I reflect on this, it seems to me that her work in history and genealogy is not just a pastime but a mission which gives her joy and also enriches so many other lives. And knowing Marlean’s deep faith and commitment to God, I suspect that what many may call co-incidences could also be thought of as God-incidences.

Marlean was born in Farmington in 1936, the only child of Evelyn (Spidle) and Caleb Taylor and she was young when they moved to what was known as the Crandall Farm in Barss Corner. It was in that same large double house which, after her father’s death, they purchased and continued to share with her mother, that Marlean and Bob raised their five children, Kay (Ralph Gass), Pat (Blair Richards), Donna (Andy Duinker), Gordie (Lisa Chandler), and Debbie (Sterling Zwicker). In 1955 she had married her childhood sweetheart and life-long teammate, Robert (Bob) Rhodenizer of Parkdale-Maplewood, one of the seven children of Ira and Ethel (Wentzel) Rhodenizer. Between them they were descended from many of the local surnames – Rhodenizer, Taylor, Spidle, Dorey, DeLong, Wentzell, Webber, Rafuse.... Appreciation of their ancestors’ contributions to the fabric of these local communities helped fuel Marlean and Bob’s life-long interest in family, genealogy and community.

Marlean began listening intently to the family stories, collecting information, and making notes at a young age. After the busy and full years of working, raising a family, working on the family farm, helping with the family business, participating in many church and community activities, teaching and performing music, there was time for travel, research, and writing. Marlean is dedicated to collecting, recording and sharing history. Her records began with handwritten notes, lists and charts, and some years ago she embraced the benefits of the computer age. Now with two computer screens side by side on her desk, much of her research is done online and using the Roots Magic Program she has now entered 72,000 names!



Her joys are in the people she has met who so freely share their stories, the genealogists who work together to compile accurate records, the knowledge that the early history of her communities is in writing and will be available for future generations, the co-operation and interest of so many people; and the teamwork she so long shared with her husband and now continues with her daughters who also share her passion.

Our local communities are rich in history, many of our communities still have people who carry these stories. Let us listen and record as much as possible while we have these historians with us. It is important to understand and learn from our history as we move into the future. Marlean shared this quote from Chris Green, "The future will be as good as the telling of our past is truthful."

The recently revised book, [Around the Corner – Homes and Stories of the Barss Corner Area, 1838-2021](#), conceptualized by Robert and Marlean, compiled by Marlean with the editorial assistance of her daughters, Pat, Donna and Debbie takes the reader on a trip through the Barss Corner and Union Square area with photos of each house along the way (including photos of now non-existent buildings) and it attempts to chronicle house owners since 1838. (You'll see the ad elsewhere in this Newsletter) It credits many sources including an earlier history of Barss Corner, [And Now We Remember](#), by B.K.Langille (1971). Other writings are in the works by Marlean's daughters, including Pat's collection of Crown Deeds for area properties and Debbie's stories of local people who have served in Canada's wars.

The story of our communities continues. Many new people are moving to our communities and we look forward to new relationships, contributions and development. It is my hope that we will be open to meeting each other and listening to each other's stories; that we will treasure what we can learn of the past; and that we will always be open to ways we can continue to enjoy and enrich life together in communities.

~compiled by Catherine Robar from printed materials and conversations with Marlean and Pat



L-R Debbie (Rhodenizer) Zwicker, Gordie Rhodenizer, Donna Rhodenizer, Bob Rhodenizer, Marlean (Taylor) Rhodenizer, Pat Rhodenizer, Kay Rhodenizer (in 2015 on the occasion of Bob & Marlean's 60th wedding anniversary)



SHAUNA SELIG Consultant

You may recognize my face and, more than likely, my last name. I always proudly tell people that I grew up in Barss Corner, graduated from NGRHS, and that Greg Selig is my Dad.

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With 120 years of volunteer fire service among them Paul Veinot, Tim Robar and Carson Lowe are some of the longest standing active members at the Springfield and District Volunteer Fire Department. They have shouldered a similar fear over the years- not making it home safely- but their love of the job and the solidarity of their fellow firefighters has kept them coming back. Together they have faced tragedy which they describe as arriving at a family's home already destroyed by fire or performing extrication at an un-survivable motor vehicle collision. But they have also shared triumph when they have been able to use their medical skills to save a life or their technical training to snuff out a chimney fire before it could spread. Their

dedication to the safety of their community is an inspiration to everyone at the fire hall.

After an incredible 45 years of service, Carson has made the difficult decision to hang up his helmet and pass the hose this winter. With a promising increase in department membership recently, he can feel confident that his community will continue to be protected into his retirement. In addition, his long-time comrades, Tim (31 years service) and Paul (44 years service), are both continuing with their roles as Deputy Chiefs for the time being. Carson was originally inspired to join the department by his father, one of the founding members of the Springfield Department in 1958. Carson would then go on to hold the position of Fire Chief for a time and currently serves as one of the department's most experienced designated drivers. He has seen many changes in fire apparatuses, gear and equipment, but also in policy and procedure. There is now a clearer focus on making sure every firefighter goes home after a call, as well as have the support they need to get back in the truck next time.



Firefighter Carson Lowe- the Springfield and District Fire Department thanks you for your service. We are honoured to follow in your footsteps.

We will take it from here.

Curious about joining your local volunteer department? There are many roles to be filled that are suitable for various levels of agility and aptitude. Contact them today- they are always hiring!

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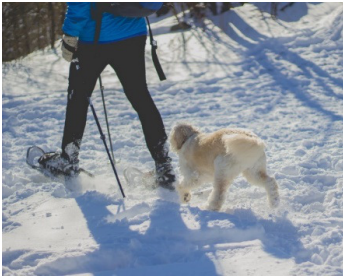
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Volunteer Awards 2022



The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg appreciates and celebrates volunteerism in our communities. Do you know a deserving volunteer in your community we should know about? Nominations are being accepted for the following:

Representative Volunteer - One volunteer (individual, couple, or group) will be selected to represent the District of Lunenburg at the 48th Provincial Volunteer Award Ceremony. **Deadline for nominations is Friday, January 21, 2022.**

Municipal Reception - Community organizations are invited to send two representatives to the Municipal Reception to be held during Volunteer Week. Please complete a nomination form and submit it by **Thursday, March 24, 2022**. The form is available on www.modl.ca or by calling (902) 541-1343 or emailing recreation@modl.ca

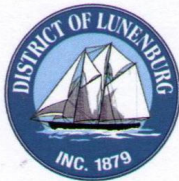
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Introducing Newcomers Jamie Lee, Kalen, and Dewey

~Nancy Radcliffe

LaHave River Campground's New Owners Greeted with Warm Welcome

Imagine buying a 15-acre campground sight unseen. That's what Jamie Lee Arseneau, Kalen Hamilton and Dewey Prevett did. The trio left their jobs and families in London, Ontario in August to own, operate and live year-round at LaHave River Campground. "After a few days of traveling," Jamie Lee recalls, "we drove down that hill at night, in the dark, not knowing what to expect. We were just so happy when we woke up and saw how beautiful everything looked here and the people were really, really warm and welcoming."

The adventure started as a 5-year plan, Kalen explains. While converting a school bus to a tiny home they started looking for land in the Maritimes. They intended to build from scratch, but discovered campgrounds for sale. "So we thought, instead of starting at the ground up, we could start with something that was already somewhat established." They wanted a rustic, natural setting and a situation that enabled them to put their skills to work doing something they love.

"Between the three of us, we can do a lot, and now can put that toward our own business," Jamie Lee says, noting each has adopted roles that have a natural fit. Kalen, a welder and former shop supervisor, is "Mr. Fixit." Dewey is also "awesome" at facility maintenance, while being the "hype girl." "I'm the social butterfly," Dewey explains, "so I do a lot of socializing with the campers and get them excited about events."

Jamie Lee manages the office work and marketing, a natural segue from her former work in fundraising and event planning for a youth-serving nonprofit. Dewey worked at the same nonprofit, focused on employment program development. Dewey and Jamie Lee naturally find themselves engaging with young campers through informal mentorship and play. "We're looking forward to doing more of that," Jamie Lee says.

In fact, the enthusiastic team has an ambitious list of things they're looking forward to doing, such as "beautifying spaces," including renovating overnight cabins, washrooms, games rooms, and the office - to ensure visitors' first impression is of a campground that is "well loved and well taken care of." But the real beauty in their plan goes deeper than aesthetics. They intend to nurture and expand the strong sense of community they've found at LaHave River Campground.

"We lucked out with the people," Kalen says. "They've been so good to us - bringing us food and so welcoming and willing to help out with stuff around the campground."

"I don't even buy groceries going into the weekends," Jamie echoes, "because people just bring us so much. They take care of us while we're taking care of this place."

"But we don't want this campground to be exclusive to our campers," she adds. "We want to welcome the community into this space." A large part of marketing and outreach efforts for next season will focus on encouraging residents in surrounding communities to pop in for events like live music and fireworks, attend movie nights, play mini-golf, eat ice cream and participate in dart and horseshoe tournaments. "And this isn't just our goal," Jamie Lee adds, "we're hearing this time and time again from our campers. This site used to be booming and events used to be packed. We would love to build that back up again and feel that entire sense of community."

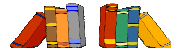
Their excitement is contagious and their passion inspiring. LaHave River Campground is now their business, but it's so much more. "I think all of our hearts live here," Dewey says. "When we woke up that first day, it felt like our souls were aligned with what we were doing."

Jamie Lee agrees. "We all feel like we're in the right place at the right time."



L-R: Dewey Prevett, Jamie Lee Arseneau, Kalen Hamilton (and Tundra) are the proud new owners/residents of LaHave River Campground. Drop by and say hello.

South Shore Public Libraries Mobile Library



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<https://www.southshorepubliclibraries.ca>

New Germany Volunteer Fire Department



Has two new fire trucks on order from Rosenbauer. These units are being custom built for NGVFD and are expected to arrive and be put in service in 2022.

The new tanker will have a 2500 Imperial Gallon water tank and will replace their 30 year old tanker truck presently in service.

The second unit is a four door, six person Aerial with a 400 US Gallon water tank and a 78' Viper galvanized ladder with Smart Aerial operating system. This will be the department's first aerial truck.

New Germany Farmers' Market

and our vendors would like to thank the community for your support. You made 2021 our best year yet!!

Thank-you to St. John's in the Wilderness Anglican Church for the use of their hall and parking lot.

The market vendors increased this year and when we outgrew the hall parking lot, Royce and Janet Slauenwhite offered the use of their parking lot for the rest of the summer. Thank you!!

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From the Lions Den

~Lion Deb Featherby

Fall – such a beautiful time of year with the red and gold leaves signalling the end of summer. It’s a time for many forest creatures to think about hibernation but not Lions. Even with the covid pandemic still keeping us somewhat isolated and apart, we are continuing to help others. The Health & Welfare committee has helped community members with medical needs and provided funds for gas to cover medical trips to receive therapy and treatment. We have helped



The Lions ready to set out on road clean up – Lions Donnie Fancy, Bernice Brown, Mary Catherine Turton, Kelly Hansen, Dave Moore, Roger Carver, & Betty Ann MacKay

with some unexpected household costs as well. Pride is very much a part of our South Shore culture, but I encourage anyone who needs help to ask for it. I’m sure everyone, at some point in their lives, has needed help, whether from family or friends, and the Lions Club is part of that circle too.



The Lions Club “Book Nooks” are both up and running – on main street in New Germany and by the community centre in Lower Branch. Lions Kelly and Deb refresh the books on a regular basis and community members have added some of their favourites to the collection. The Book Nooks were the brain child of the late Lion Valerie Gardiner and we are pleased to see community members use the book nooks – she would be pleased as Lion Valerie was a great reader.



A second yard sale was held in September with great support from the community for donations and for purchases! The money raised enables us to give back to community groups and individuals.



Our annual Apple Pie Project was a great success again this year, due to the many community volunteers who come out to roll dough, peel apples and bag up the finished products. Thank you so much. A special “Thank You” goes out to the students from New Germany Rural High School’s O2 Class who came to help. The younger generation is often thought of as shiftless and only wanting to be on their phones, but these students were terrific. When you see a 16 year old youth rolling out dough – and doing a great job – you know they will grow into great adults.

Apple Pie Day

Lions and community members working side by side – a beautiful picture

Students from NGRHS peeling apples – great workers!

Lion Helen Acker rolling dough – she is an expert!

Nathan rolling out dough – he did a fantastic job

A group of New Germany Lions did a road clean up in early October with great results! Only a few bags of garbage and a few tire parts were collected. Residents are doing a fabulous job of taking garbage home with them where they can sort, reuse or recycle items. Let’s keep it up.

The Lions club collects hearing aids, CPAP machines, eyeglasses and postage stamps (cut a border around the stamp and when you have some saved up call Lion Roger at 902-644-2851). Donations of used clothing and small household items are accepted at the red bins in front of the Rosedale New Horizons building. We receive a commission for collecting these items and we appreciate your support.

If any member of our many communities requires assistance from the club, call Lion Pat, Health & Welfare Committee, at 902-644-3280. Lion Roger (902-644-2851) can be called for medical aids such as walkers. Youth groups who need assistance to promote their activities can also contact any member of the club. Don’t forget to buy your Radio Bingo books from local merchants – it’s a great way to support your Lions Club and possibly win some cash by playing on Wednesday evenings - just tune in to CKBW radio by 7:00 pm.

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International Students at NGRHS

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Here at New Germany Rural High School we are very lucky to have such an active and unique program that allows students to experience other cultures, learn about different traditions and meet new people from around the world. The NSISP has given the students here so many exciting opportunities, such as activities around the community which include visiting Halifax, skiing, skating, potlucks and much more. International students planning on coming to New Germany can count on always having friendly faces to talk to and plenty of chances to get out and experience all the amazing things that make this place so special.



L-R Paige (Ambassador), Kaede (Japan), Lea (France), Jaylene & Evan (Ambassadors)

Kaede Onishi

As one of the international students from Japan, I have experienced so many unique things throughout my two years of high school at NGRHS and living with Canadian families. One of the things that amazed me was Christmas. Although the concept of the event throughout the year is almost the same as what we have in Japan, the scale is totally different. Real Christmas trees, getting Christmas cards and countless gifts, big feast, and outdoor Christmas lights that you see everywhere, really make me smile. In Japan, Christmas is considered less important than New Year's Eve and Day and also is commercialized. Believe it or not, we eat KFC instead of actual turkey, none of the stores are closed, and even Japanese public schools usually put the last day of school on Christmas day. I would say that the Christmas we see here is more likely to be similar to a New Year's celebration in Japan. Except there are no trees, no lights, no gifts, nor fireworks. I love both cultures and respect them a lot.

Lea Reinhard

Coming from a big city like Paris, living in Nova Scotia for more than a month is quite different but I love it! While being here, I look forward to discovering more about Canadian culture and learning English obviously. Since I arrived here, I got to see my first football and hockey game and celebrate my first Thanksgiving ever. Halloween is not celebrated in France so I was really amazed by all the houses decorated with lights, pumpkins, scarecrows and much more, I even made my own scarecrow!

As for Christmas, I believe that this event is pretty similar in France and in Canada, however, I look forward to seeing how people are going to decorate their houses and the snow!

Thanks to the wonderful NSISP program we have been able to meet new people and explore new cultures. Not only has it been great for the ambassadors, but it's also given the students and community the chance to understand more about different cultures and lifestyles. Learning all the similarities and differences in how we live can make us better people. Now that we are slowly allowed to have more international students, we can improve our community in countless ways. Thank you to the NSISP for putting on this amazing program and making us all better people.

If you would like any information on hosting an International Student, please contact Eva Cook at 902-521-8532 or email ecook@ssrce.ca



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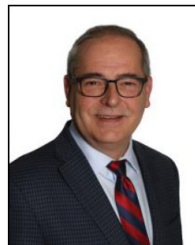
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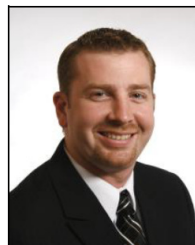
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