



New Germany Connections

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Community Events

- Bookmobile Tuesdays
- Community Café Thursdays
- Farmers' Market Fridays until Oct 7th
- Sept 17 Breakfast PM Hall
- Sept 17 BBQ Lunch US Hall
- Sept 18 NGVFD Open House
- Sept 30 PM Museum closes for the season
- Oct 6 Pap Clinic
- Oct 7 Trivia Night
- Oct 10 Thanksgiving
- Oct 12 4H Registration
- Oct 15-16 Tollermania
- Oct 18 MODL Hug a Tree
- Oct 22 MODL Family Pumpkin Party
- Oct 24 Advertise in next NG Connections
- Oct 29 Dance @ Legion
- Oct 31 Halloween
- Nov 20 RRC Walk with MODL

Autumn 2022

Any writing mentor will tell you that a story needs a beginning, middle and an end. Where you start the story is up to you as the creator.

And maybe a year is like that too. It doesn't have to start in January just because we put up a new calendar, for many the year starts in September.

True we are a bit more than halfway into the middle of the calendar year, but so many new beginnings happen in the autumn. A new class, a new school for some, start of a new season with a community group (see the 4H, Lions Club and Bowling League notes in this newsletter), time to take up a new hobby or join a walking group.

The flip side of this hypothesis is that since summer has ended there are many things that are finished. Gardens are being put to bed when frost nips, the hardwoods are gifting us with their end of season display and we look back with fond memories of summer events.

Stories can start any time.

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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NG Elementary School

NGES welcomes new principal Angela Stewart.

After twenty-five years in education, I can honestly say that I have not lost my passion and love for teaching and learning.

It is with exceeding joy that I have answered the call to become the principal of New Germany Elementary School and return to my roots. Born and raised in Newburne, as a student at NGES, I have fond memories of my elementary school years. This school and community are near and dear to my heart, and worth the investment this new role will entail.

I started my career at Blockhouse Elementary School (three years). I spent the majority of the next fifteen years at Bayview Community School teaching mathematics (which I love, love, love!). I then served as a P-3 Mathematics Coach with the SSRCE for four years before returning to Bayview Community School as Vice-Principal.

I have a Bachelor of Applied Arts (Child & Youth Study) integrated with a Bachelor of Elementary Education from MSVU, a Lay Pastor Diploma from The Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches, a Master of Education (Educational Studies) from Lakehead University, and a Diploma in Instructional Leadership from The Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development in partnership with the Educational Leadership Consortium of Nova Scotia. I was awarded the Governor General's Gold Academic Medal in 2018-2019 from Lakehead University for the highest academic standing at the graduate level.

From the little girl in Grade 3 who dreamed of becoming a teacher, I have come full circle, living the motto, "DREAM. PLAN. DO." I believe education is a tool for changing the future of every single one of our students. I became a principal because the students, staff, and school community of New Germany Elementary are worth the investment of my time, energy and love. Everyone needs love, safety and connection as we progress from surviving a global pandemic to thriving and reaching our full potential. As a school community, let's empower our kids to be agents of change who make the world a better place.



Angela Stewart
Principal, NGES
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New Germany Rural High School News



On September 6th we kicked off the 2022-2023 school year! We are thrilled to welcome all students back as we continue learning and growing. Our goal at NGRHS is to continue to build partnerships and relationships with our students and families.

Our skilled and devoted staff are planning and preparing for your child(ren). Our enthusiastic office team is registering new families, ordering needed materials and updating student files. Our hard working and conscientious custodians have spent the entire summer thoroughly cleaning the facility. And our much appreciated Student Council Executive is gearing up to welcome students back! We are indeed a joyous and caring community with the common goals of nurturing responsible, caring students and promoting high-level learning.

Joining our NGRHS Team this year are the following friendly faces: **Morgan Hebb**: CYCP. Morgan is our new Child and Youth Care Practitioner. Morgan comes to us from NQCS and has a true passion of working with students and families who are experiencing social, emotional, behavioural and mental health issues in a variety of settings. **Marc Breauh**: Guidance. Mr. "B" is our new School Counsellor at NGRHS. Mr. B specializes in community connections and comprehensive guidance. Our New Grade 9 Team: **Owen Christian**, Grade 9 ELA, Citizenship, Health, and Outdoor Ed Elective. Mr. Christian comes to us from Hebbville and is a true proponent for Outdoor and Place-based Education. **Hilary Alexander**, Grade 9 Math, Science, and Grade 10 Math. Ms. Alexander has a very hands-on approach to learning and believes in meeting kids where they are and helping them build on their skills. **Elissa Frail**: Sr. High ELA. Ms. Frail also comes to us from Hebbville and prides herself in creating an inclusive learning environment, providing clear and relatable expectations in the classroom and has an extensive background in Learning Support. **Kelton Ross**: Grade 8 ELA, Social Studies, Health, and Drama Elective. Ms. Ross comes to us this year from Bayview, is super keen with engaging lessons and can't wait to form relationships within the community.



Leadership 12 Class on a canoe and camping trip during the last week of June. Organized by teachers Mr. Marshall and Mrs. Slaunewhite.

Our NGES/NGRHS Free Store is open to the community and is located in our Interagency Hub in the Guidance Wing. If you are a family in need, please do not hesitate to utilize this community resource, no questions asked. We are also taking Free Store donations. We have a donated freezer in the store this year and are open to frozen food donation. Items can be dropped off in the office.

I also want to take the time to publically welcome Angela Mader-Stewart as the new principal of NGES, and Sarah Baker as the new principal of WNES. Both women are strong educational leaders and I cannot wait to work closely with them to help serve your community. I would also like to acknowledge the New Germany Schools Plus Team for their hard work and dedication over the summer in providing many resources and services to many families in this community. It is my firm belief that healthy children are the barometers of a thriving community. As principal of NGRHS and a rural school advocate, I am also committed to using all the resources available to help your child learn, by not only meeting the standard, but also excelling at their highest potential. We are also currently looking for two parent representatives who wish to serve on the NGRHS School Advisory Council (SAC). If you wish to volunteer for this two-year appointment, please contact Ms. Fancy-Landry with the email below. Our SAC meets once a month, starting in October.

Go Saints!

Yours in Education,
Jessica Fancy-Landry
NGRHS Principal

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NGRHS Techsploration Group at COVE International Water Conference with an astronaut who they had the privilege of meeting.



New Germany CANADA DAY

The New Germany Canada Day Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make Canada Day 2022 such a huge success. Without all the hard work of the volunteers this day would not have happened.

The planning takes months, if not a full year, which we did not have this year once the state of emergency because of Covid-19 was lifted by the province. We are already brainstorming for next year! The setting up and taking down of the grounds is a lot of heavy lifting so thank you so much to those people (don't want to name names because we might miss someone but you know who you are!!).

Thank you to all the parade entries -- our goal next year is to make the parade bigger -- to the vendors that participated on and off the grounds and to the Legion for always making sure the venue is available on this day.

To Winston Shatford for lining up the entertainment and Brian Nauss for the Ox Pull and Ultramar for sponsoring the Ox Pull.

Thank you to Heritage Canada, MODL and New Germany & Area Lions Club for the grants.

Plus the \$5000.00 donation from former resident Rossy Mader.

It costs way over \$20,000.00 to put this wonderful event on in our community so stay tuned for some of our fundraising efforts for next year. Watch our New Germany Canada Day Facebook page for notice of meetings and fundraising events.

Thank you to the New Germany Volunteer Fire Department for parade assistance and fireworks display which we are so famous for.

Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts

See you next year!

New Germany Canada Day Committee



New Germany Farmers' Market

We will continue every Friday 2 - 6 PM until Thanksgiving.
THANK-YOU for your support!!

Come and enjoy the **abundance** that our vendors have to offer. For the weekly lineup visit our Facebook page at Facebook.com/FM644

We will be hosting a **holiday market** this fall. The details were not confirmed at time of printing so watch our Facebook page and look for posters locally when details are confirmed.

We are looking for **volunteers** for the remainder of this season and for the 2023 season starting in June. Lots of opportunities available, please fill out the form at <https://bit.ly/3FWvvEG> or call/text Melonie at 902-527-8205

See you at the market!!



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Tollermania Happening in October

~Daniel Barnhill

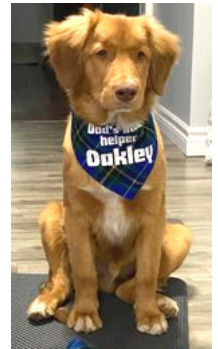
I guess to tell this story I'd have to go back to July of 2007. This is the date an eight week old Nova Scotia Duck tolling retriever came into my life. At the time Diesel and I resided at Whites Lake, a small community outside Halifax, but our best memories were made at my property in New Germany where we spent every weekend. Diesel enjoyed our weekend adventures so much; the property became known as the Diesel Dog Ranch. Being an active outdoors person, I shared many hunting and fishing adventures with Diesel and owning my own company gave me the freedom to take him to work with me everyday. Our adventures together were often shared on social media and enjoyed by many. We had almost fourteen years together, until I lost him to pulmonary hypertension on April 2, 2021. Having lost my constant companion I was completely devastated.

I received a lot of support on the various forums on social media from people who were our loyal followers. These people reached out to me and urged me to continue to share stories of my adventures with Diesel, posthumously, and I did because it helped ease the pain of his loss. In September 2021 one of our followers posted a comment saying they were visiting Nova Scotia in the fall and could they come visit the Diesel Dog Ranch? I responded and said let me know when you're coming and we will arrange a visit and a barbecue. Within the next five weeks the one on one meeting turned into a global gathering with people attending from all across Canada and the USA from as far away as British Columbia and California; we also have people coming from Germany, Norway, England and even Australia. As the event rapidly grew I chose to make it a fundraiser for the Toller Rescue who does amazing work re-homing Tollers that have been surrendered to shelters or given up by their owners. Through sales of t-shirts for the event and several online auctions I have raised in excess of \$4000 for the rescue.

The event, **Tollermania**, will be held at my property in New Germany on October 15-16th, this could possibly be the largest Toller gathering in Canada. It will be mostly a social event, but Aqua Terra kennels will be here for the weekend putting on field trials demonstrating the abilities of these wonderful dogs. Spindrifft Brewery, the company that makes Toller beer, will also be attending, we will have a live auction of items donated by individuals and companies to raise money for the cause. Initially my goal was to raise \$5000 for the Toller Rescue. It looks like my goal will be exceeded so eighty percent of the money raised will go to the Toller Rescue and twenty percent will go to ElderDog Canada Lunenburg.

On April 9th of this year we welcomed a new companion, RCTOLLERS Oakley Knight Errant, Heir to the

Throne. Oakley has some big paw prints to fill but has been stealing hearts around the world, including mine. Oakley has had many adventures with me and has been by my side preparing for the event including building the pavilion that has the wall of fallen angels, a wall dedicated to photos of Tollers from around the world that have crossed the rainbow bridge. People who are unable to attend this year are asking if it will be an annual event and it's looking like it will be.



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Service Dogs in Training

Mary Catherine Turton is known to a few local people as the lady with the black Labrador pup, wearing its "Service Dog in training" vest. M.C. moved to the New Germany area two years ago when she purchased a home on Chesley Road that had been unoccupied for several years, before being lovingly restored by former owner Melissa Eisnor.

M.C. says that the people in and around New Germany have been very kind and welcoming to her and her service dogs. M.C. started raising pups for the Guide Dog Foundation when she and her family moved to Atlanta, Georgia. For forty-five summers the family returned to a cottage in Newburne because they all loved this area.

She follows educational requirements for all her canine trainees, exposing them to small and large groups of people. So into stores they must go, theaters, musicals, dances, weddings, etc. There isn't a lot of traffic in New Germany, but walks, shopping at the Freshmart, attending the Thursday morning Community Café at the Anglican Hall, various eateries, etc. all make for good training locations. All training is recorded and sent monthly to the G.D.F. Dogs eventually learn to notice, but not to react, to people, noises or to other dogs. Which is difficult for a pup who wants to play. When the vest goes on, it's work time. However, for those that can't resist the eyes of a pup, ask their handler then, sometimes permission can be given to pet.



To date, M.C., together with her daughter and granddaughter have fostered and trained 13 pups for service. Some have become Seeing Eye dogs (such as Mara, her retired Golden Retriever) or arson detectors, or support dogs (for the disabled or health challenged).



Cleo in training at the Community Cafe

Handing a dog over after loving it for 12 to 16 months is sad for M.C. but very fulfilling. She knows it's going to make a huge, positive change in a person's life. And in the case of Mara, her Golden Retriever, the dog comes back! Mara developed eye issues of her own and had to be retired early from being a Seeing Eye Dog. The foster parents get asked first and M.C. said "Yes".

Presently, M.C. has 12 year old Mara, Keji, her personal Spaniel and Cleo, her foster pup-in-training.

So, welcome to New Germany Area M.C., and may you and your canine family always find friends.

~Interview and photos Denise Stoll



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Community Cupboard

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How did this come about? The idea was suggested during a conversation at one of our Sunday morning Worship Gatherings. We discussed the question, 'How might Jesus ask us to 'feed His sheep' in our time?' One of our younger members suggested we offer a free Community Cupboard. A few people volunteered to look into it. Less than a month later, by early July, the cupboard was built and installed. It was built by Bruce Veinotte & Walter Joudrey, from the kitchen cabinet materials that were saved during renovations to Pauline Veinotte's home after her death. Pauline was a volunteer who gave generously to many community projects and it seems fitting that her cupboard now is being used to serve the community. It has been lovingly referred to as 'Pauline's Cupboard'.



The Anglican Parish of New Germany sees its Mission to be Connecting with God and Connecting with Community. This Cupboard is an example of our commitment to try to listen and to respond.

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Community Roots Day Camp

Experiments, Explorations, Observations Singing, Stories, Snacks ... Games, Conversations, COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS! For 5 fun-filled days in August, 17 children, between the ages of 5 and 12 gathered at St John's Church Hall for our church's first **COMMUNITY ROOTS DAY CAMP**.

Promoted as a 'fun-filled week of playing, creating and discovering all the marvellous things about God, community and the world around us', the week was all that and more. Before lunch on the first day, we had learned some actions songs, listened to a story about Creation, walked through some neighbours' yards to visit our Fire Department where two fire fighters welcomed the group, helped them explore the fire trucks, equipment and gear and answered a host of questions about how our fire fighters serve our community. On the way back there was a quick exploration of the ball field, a brief stop to talk about some of the ways our Legion serves our community.



The week continued with simple science experiments, art projects, indoor and outdoor games and many conversations. The Slauenwhites generously offered the use of their backyard and garden as a place to play and explore. Several times we walked a bit in the cemetery where children noticed familiar surnames, the variety of headstones, the evidence of family visits which led to many thoughtful questions and comments about the history of the village, Indigenous activity by the riverside, the new settlers and the people who have built and cared for our community.

The program was offered by the Anglican Church funded through an Anglican Foundation 'Say Yes to Kids' campaign; three staff members, including Allie Colp, formerly from this community, who is Youth and Family Ministry Co-ordinator for the Anglican Church in NS&PEI, organized and led the program. The local church provided volunteers – a young mom and three grandmothers. Children brought their noon lunches and church members provided delightful morning and afternoon snacks including 'make your own mini pizzas' and ice cream sundaes.

Campers helped bake the Cranberry Orange Scones for and attended the Thursday morning Community Café. During the Café, some of the café regulars took advantage of the opportunity to listen with the children to the Godly Play story which was part of that day's program. This method, new to most of us, is an engaging telling of faith stories which uses pictures, figures, models, etc. The children and volunteers were held spellbound during these daily story sessions and the follow-up conversations!

The importance of Community Building was a key part of the week, and the children engaged in a conversation with Greg Selig on some of the ways they could help people feel welcome and included, especially people new to our schools and communities.

It was a joy to be with these children as they enjoyed the week of learning, fun and friendship and there were many sacred and special moments. As we entered the church for worship, one 5 year old quietly asked, 'Is this God's house?' On hearing 'Yes', she asked, 'Is God glad we're here?'. On hearing 'Yes' to that, she flashed a 'melt your heart' smile as she continued on inside. On Thursday afternoon, children were invited to reflect on things they were thankful for and their list was long including such things as family, camp, nature, beaches, God, friends. As they left that day, one young camper quietly came to one of the leaders and said, 'I'm thankful that we still have one more day of camp left.'

It was a great week of Day Camp. We look forward to future opportunities to connect with community, church and children. If you'd like to know more or become involved in future ventures speak to any of our volunteers, Beth Mullen, Patty Spidle, Sonya Mailman or Catherine Robar.



Autumn News from the Legion

A September hello from the Legion!

Now that summer is almost in our rear view, we can get settled into our fall plans. Hopefully everyone enjoyed our September Trivia with the Quizmaster; just a reminder that Trivia is the first Friday of every month, so the next one will be October 7th at 8pm.

We are gathering up plans for fall, but as of right now we have our Halloween Dance on October 29th at 9pm, Legion members get in free. Into November we have our Christmas Market on the 26th from 10-2 and we are just starting to get organized with that, so please be patient as we reach out to previous vendors. A lot of things are on the go as we ramp up for our busy season.

As always we are looking for new members, and or volunteers to join us, all welcome. See you soon, come hang out!



Canada Day 2022 Garden Party
at RC Legion, New Germany
~Ron Smith photo



New Germany & Area Bowling league

began play on Sept. 9, but there is still room for you to get involved! The League is always in need of spares so if you don't want to bowl on a regular basis, this is ideal for you. If you can get a team together, there is room for you or if you want to be a member of a current team - let us know as we can fit you in.



To join the League as a spare or regular player, call Deb at 902-521-7791 or debrafeatherby@gmail.com or call Carla at 902-644-2851.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

Items no longer accepted in your green cart as of November 1, 2022:

- Plastic-type compostable, biodegradable and oxo-biodegradable bags
- Paper coffee cups and take out packaging lined with plastic (soup bowls, chili cups)
- Waxy drink cups



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~Abbie Foster

Livewires 4-H

It has been a busy but fun summer for our 4-H Club. After two years of Covid we finally were able to show off our hard work at the Bridgewater Exhibition. Livewires members did really well and many will be taking their projects to the Provincial Show in Truro.

Our tug of war team consists of members from all over Lunenburg County and has been traveling around the Province to many different exhibitions. The team has been doing really well so far this year. The team also has a new practice site which is at the Parkdale Maplewood Community Hall grounds. We will be fundraising money towards building a practice ring. Come back and watch us practice Tuesday nights at 6:30!

In August we held our awards night, congratulations to everyone who received awards! Our club won the Community Service Award and Top Livestock Display. Provincial Show will be held September 30th to October 2nd and we would like to wish all of our members luck. Our tug of war team will also be pulling at Pro Show.

We will be holding Club registration on October 12th at 7:00pm for anyone interested in joining us in the new year. Kids between the ages of nine to twenty-one as of January 1, 2023 are able to register as a member. Those who are seven to eight years old as of January 1, 2023 can be registered as a Cloverbud. We hope to see you all in the fall!



Lunenburg County Tug of war team came second at Musquodobit Exhibition.




Max Simpson - Top Junior Member



Abbie Foster County Club Reporter Award



Livewires 4H won Community Service and Top Livestock Display awards



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October 6th

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What's at the Museum?

Butter Press



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Parkdale-Maplewood Community Museum is open 9:00am to 5:00pm, Tuesday to Friday.

Closes for the season at noon on the last Friday in September. Check them out before September 30th. Weekend hours by appointment, 902-644-2893 or e-mail: p-mcm@hotmail.com



Tim Brown has taken a year off from his job as editor of South River's weekly newspaper hoping to learn something new. He bumps into challenges in the town, on a trail in Blockhouse, on the LaHave Ferry etc., while trying not to bump into Stella, the MLA for South River and the Harbours.

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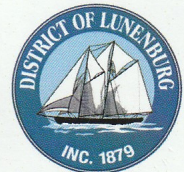


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Looking for a copy of the Fall Recreation Guide? Visit www.connect2rec.com for a complete list of pick-up locations or email info@connect2rec.com to have one mailed to you!

Upcoming Programs for Everyone:

- ≈ Peace ROCKS!: September 21 from 5:00pm-7:00pm, Miller Point Peace Park
- ≈ MODL Seniors Fall Fest 2022: October 5 from 1:30pm-3:30pm, Blockhouse Fire Hall
- ≈ Low Sensory Family Picnic: October 15 from 1:00pm-3:00pm, MARC
- ≈ Hug A Tree: October 18 from 6:00pm-7:00pm, Barss Corner Community Hall
- ≈ Sensory Friendly Swim: November 6 from 4:30pm-5:30pm, LCLC
- ≈ River Ridge Common Walk: November 20 from 1:00pm-3:00pm, River Ridge Common
- ≈ Family Pumpkin Party: October 22 from 2:00pm-4:00pm, Parkdale/Maplewood
- ≈ Seniors Holiday Party: December 15 from 11:00am-2:00pm, Best Western



For a complete list of programs, more information or to register, visit www.connect2rec.com, call (902) 530-4100, or stop into the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre (LCLC) in Bridgewater!

NS Walks – Join the Movement

Walking is said to be the perfect activity with its tremendous physical, mental, and social benefits and is the most popular activity for all Nova Scotians, including those who are less active. NS Walks walking groups are inclusive and include those of all abilities.

Currently, there is a walking group that meets at River Ridge Common every Wednesday at 6:00pm.

If you're interested in joining this walking group, or becoming a walking leader in your community, please contact Andrew LeBlanc at Andrew.LeBlanc@modl.ca or visit www.hikenovascotia.ca/ns-walks.



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New Germany Connections

September 2022

Introducing Newcomers Ian and Cheryl

~Interview by Nancy Radcliff

Chatting with Ian and Cheryl Nichols reminded me of a great quote by author Brian Solis: "Community is much more than belonging to something; it's about doing something together that makes belonging matter." Through their work and volunteering, Ian and Cheryl have found ways to belong to the community, not just by living here, but by *doing things together that makes belonging matter*.

Ian says he and Cheryl are life-long planners. They married in 1974 and every 5 or 6 years since, they took time to ask themselves: "Where are we? What do we want to do?" This self-reflection led the couple down several different and interesting paths. Ian has owned an insurance brokerage, been a restaurant manager and had a small fleet of trucks. He's also been a scuba diving instructor and Cheryl is a master diver. The couple even operated a community newspaper in Paris, Ontario. Ian jokes that marrying young (barely 18) gave them lots of time to try new things.

It's no surprise then, that the couple embraced the opportunity for change when they began planning their retirement. With one daughter living in Shubenacadie, and after spending many vacations here, they knew they'd retire in Nova Scotia. Deciding exactly where was another planning step. Not wanting to be rushed into a rash decision, Ian and Cheryl gave themselves two years to find the perfect home in the ideal community. With about 70 percent of the province under consideration, and the assistance of two real estate agents, at one point they had more than 100 properties under consideration. "We must have driven them nuts," Ian admits.

The moment they saw the house in Springfield pop up on their screen, they knew their search was over. "It checked all the boxes," Cheryl says. Both attractive and well maintained, "there was nothing to do but move in," Ian adds.

And so their retirement began as planned, but as Ian and Cheryl have done so many times before, they showed their plans can be changed with new plans. Cheryl says it wasn't long before she got bored. Ian jokes that her decision to return to work was because "she got tired of me hanging around the house." As a Personal Care Worker, "Cheryl was very quickly snapped up by LaHave Manor," Ian says. As a Certified Foot Reflexologist, she also operates Reflexology by Cheryl from their home. While Cheryl found a path back to a career that focused on helping people, the couple has also found opportunities to dedicate themselves to their new community.

They were at a Springfield and District Volunteer Fire Department fundraising breakfast when Chief Thomas Lowe warmly welcomed and promptly recruited them. "I asked him, 'What can you do with a 60 year old'?", Ian recalls. "He said, 'don't worry, we'll find something'." And they did. Both Cheryl and Ian are now trained as medics and Ian's experience operating heavy equipment qualifies him for driving the truck. Becoming volunteer fire fighters has enabled them to make new friends, learn new things and face new challenges. "It has expanded us," Ian says.

Ian and Cheryl also became active members of the New Germany Branch 102 Legion. Ian first joined the Legion at age 18. He doesn't consider himself a veteran in the traditional sense, but his militia service qualifies him for veteran membership. Ian's father also served in the British Army, and later as president of a Legion in Ontario. "Dedication to the Legion is strong within me," Ian says.

Again, the couple is grateful for the friendships they've made through involvement with the Legion. Most are in their age group, but Ian says he's especially inspired by the younger members. "These are young people who are not moving away from home. They decided to stay and work hard doing everything they can to promote this community."

Now in their mid-60s, it's been four years since Ian and Cheryl moved from Paris, Ontario to Springfield. Will it soon be time to do more planning? "At this phase of life, there's not much jumping around left to do," Ian says. "We just hope to fit in and do what we can to help."



River Ridge Common News

River Ridge Common park is ready for outdoor fun in Fall 2022.

The second phase of singletrack trails have been open since early in the summer, completing a ten-kilometre network of dirt trails for all-season use by walkers, runners, hikers, mountain bikers, and snowshoers, in addition to the existing easy gravel travels in the park.

To get to know all the trails and guide your next adventure, there are new and updated signs and maps throughout the park.

There are more plans to keep local students involved at River Ridge Common this fall, including group mountain bike rides and volunteer trail building activities. See you this fall in our local community park!

Between March 15th and October 15th no outdoor fires, including campfires, brush burning and fireworks' are allowed between 8am and 2pm.

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From the Lions Den

~Lion Deb Featherby

Another summer has come and is almost gone. But there are still many days ahead to make use of the Lions Boat Launch and Day Use Park. We have been so pleased to see many people enjoying this spot for fishing, picnics and just relaxing. Visitors have been so good about taking their garbage and recyclables with them, which enables everyone to have an enjoyable visit.



The New Germany & Area Lions were so pleased to cater the graduation at the high school in June. This is a special event for the graduating students and the Lions were delighted to present a bursary to graduate Paige MacKinnon. She is a worthy recipient and we wish her, and all of the grads, a great year as they pursue further education or enter the work force.

July 1 saw the return of Canada Day celebrations to New Germany and the Lions train made its appearance as part of the parade, to the delight of many. Lions support the communities in our area in many ways, including making a donation to the New Germany & Area *Connections* newsletter – which enables old timers and newcomers to learn about the people and events that have given New Germany and area its history, and to learn about the current happenings in our area.



Lion Marc Lapointe drives the Lions Express during the Canada Day parade.



Lions Ainsley Acker and Brenton Wagner peeling veggies for a catering event.

The work done at the high school by the O2 class to repair and improve the walkway enabled persons with mobility issues to safely attend the graduation ceremonies. The Lions were able to support the students in this project with a donation.

During the summer our activities slow down, although several catering projects were taken on and items from donated furnishings were able to be sold on the internet. These donations allow us to continue with our yard sales (we are hoping to schedule another one in the fall) and to sell on line so that we can continue to support people in our communities.

The Health and Welfare Committee takes requests for help year round and monies have been donated to individuals for medicine and medical travel over the summer. As gas prices soar, travelling for medical procedures becomes very costly. If you, or a family member, needs help with medical or daily living costs, the number to call is 902-212-2471.

The Lions will begin their regular meetings in September and you are welcome to call any member if you are considering joining. The Lions are a service organization which means that we exist to help others in our communities or province, and to support organizations such as South Shore Health, and the Diabetic Association, among many others.





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Hemford Cemetery

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Records indicate interested persons met in the Ohio school house on the "24th day of September a.d. 1877". Appointed trustees, whose duties and obligations were set out in recorded "resolutions", were entrusted to acquire the lands. Handwritten deeds describe one piece of land as containing "27 rods, more or less, being a part of a grant to said Solomen Veno of 100 acres bearing date of 13 December a.d. 1852". Deed to land dated August 27, 1891 "for burial ground in Ohio (Hemford) County of Lunenburg, Province of Nova Scotia, dominion of Canada and recorded October 27, 1885". Shares of \$1 were sold to shareholders and "whoever paid the 1.00 fee for the burial of a corpse would be allowed for a share and their name to be added

to the list of shareholders".

One account book dated 1893 shows the sum of \$2.25 paid to Herbert Silver for 1½ days of splitting stone. Again Herbert Silver received \$.75 for ½ day's work on a stone wall. This would be the granite stone wall that borders highway 208. The "iron hitching rings" installed for securing horse/oxen teams are still in place in said wall.

Over the years the cemetery has grown in acreage, in part thanks to land donations from Joseph Holdershaw.

In keeping with "reasonable rates" the cemetery committee is happy to receive annual maintenance fees of \$10. The committee organizes a volunteer annual raking and cleaning of the entire cemetery, makes purchases as necessary such as paint, gravel, top soil and hires mowers.

Memorial donations are, of course, also received and appreciated.

Hemford Cemetery Committee



MESSY SAINTS BEGINS October 14th

WHAT: Bible-teaching, activity-oriented program for all children from NGES & WNES.

WHO: All children from Primary to Grade 6

WHEN: After school from 3:05pm to 4:30pm on the **second** and **third** Fridays of **October** through **May** when there is school.

WHERE: In the **New Germany Elementary School gym.**

Children from NGES will come down to the gym when dismissed. Children from WNES will be admitted through the outside back gym door at 3:05pm.

Light snacks are provided by the churches in the area.

VERY IMPORTANT: Please return registrations to their school office. We need the phone numbers and other information in case of emergencies.

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