



New Germany Connections

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Community Events

- Bookmobile Tuesdays
- Community Café Thursdays
- Farmers' Market Fridays until Oct. 6
- Sept 17 Plant walk RRC
- Sept 23 Breakfast P/M
- Sept 23 Mini July 1st NG
- Sept 27 BFD Band @NGRHS
- Sept 29 Museum closes for the season
- Oct 5 Pap Clinic
- Oct 6 Trivia @ Legion
- Oct 7 Breakfast Pinehurst
- Oct 9 Thanksgiving
- Oct 11 Bracelet Workshop WNCC
- Oct 21 Breakfast P/M
- Oct 28 Family Pumpkin Party P/M
- Oct 28 Legion Halloween Dance
- Nov 3 Trivia @ Legion
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day
- Nov 12 Christmas Market
- Dec 6 Indian Head Massage BC

Autumn 2023

Volunteers are the glue in our communities.

Reading every issue of New Germany Connections highlights and confirms this!

It starts with our newsletter "reporters" sharing the activities in their group or organization, telling you stories about the past and about what is upcoming.

Big events like the Canada Day in New Germany celebration only happen because of volunteers; smaller weekly gatherings like the Community Café take place only with volunteers.

Community organizations such as the Lions Club, the many Fire Departments serving our area, the church members who get together on programs like Messy Saints, or the 4H leaders, they all exist because community members, your neighbours, give their time (and often their money) to make our communities better.

Are things always perfect? Probably not, but rather than complaining or ranting, how about getting involved and thinking that maybe the problem isn't with the volunteers but they need more hands, they need you?

And this autumn is the perfect 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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The **New Germany Canada Day Committee** would like to thank everyone who helped make Canada Day 2023 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. 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 that helped (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 last year was to make the 2023 parade bigger and better and thanks to you all we did!! Let's go for more next year!! To the vendors who participated and to the Legion for always making sure the venue is available on this day. To Sam Wentzell (Weather Advisory) and Larry and Tina Bond (Bonded Connection) for the great music. Brian Nauss for organizing the Ox Pull and Ultramar for sponsoring the Ox Pull. Thank you to Heritage Canada and MODL for the grants. Also to the businesses that stepped up to sponsor the costs of a lot of our expenses (go to our Facebook page to see all contributions). 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 traffic control. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. See you next year!

New Germany Canada Day Committee (902-644-2922)

NOW FOR MORE GOOD NEWS

Our Amazing Fireworks Have Been Rescheduled

NG Legion grounds and Ballfield

Sat Sept 23rd, rain date Sun Sept 24th

4pm-8pm

It will be a Mini July 1st

**Tasty food * Live Entertainment at 5pm with Weather Advisory
(bring a chair)**

***Games of Chance and Bouncy Castle - bracelets sold on site for \$10 each, good for any game of chance from 4-8 as many times you want to play (excluding Colour Wheel and Lions Club Train)**

Fireworks at 8pm

For more info call 644-2922 or 930-3062

Best of Boxwood in New Germany

Each year Musique Royale has a summer festival. Professionals and amateurs gather to workshop, teach and inspire. From this, world class artists are selected to tour places with historic and/or architectural significance like New Germany's St. John in the Wilderness Anglican Church. Not everyone knows that the St. John's Church in Lunenburg sent it's missionaries to serve New Germany and start this church. Since it was in the "wilderness" years ago, the name was appropriate.

In 2018 Rev. Catherine Robar and Barbara Butler agreed it would be fitting to get the tour here, in time for the Church's 175th Anniversary. But then Covid happened and we all know the rest. But our ever optimistic Rev. Robar spoke with Janelle Lucyk (artistic and administrative director of Musique Royale). Then, when some rescheduling was needed, we were added to the tour!

On July 29th St. John in the Wilderness filled up with music lovers to hear the Best of Boxwood 2023. Janelle Lucyk sang a haunting historical love song that I don't think we would have heard anywhere else. She has a lovely voice and often accompanied the other songs. Kevin Burke explained "Jigs" to us and I can understand why he is one of Ireland's premier fiddlers. Bruce Molsky brought his fiddle and his voice. We were treated to some rare Appalachian music.

Eamon O'Leary, singer and songwriter, shared his sense of humor and talents with us. Chris Norman brought one of his own handcrafted flutes and entertained us with some of his Maritime, Celtic and French Canadian tunes. They all performed expertly, solo or together, and were gracious and fun.

~Denise Stoll



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New Germany Rural High School News



Welcome to the 2023-24 school year!

I cannot begin to describe the excitement I feel being able to come back to the New Germany community, and to New Germany Rural High School in particular. Add to that, the announcement of a brand new community school! I had the great fortune of being introduced to your community 6 years ago, when I filled a term position as Principal. Needless to say, I am thrilled to have the opportunity to come back on a permanent basis. I loved the school and community spirit, and felt very welcomed by all. I am looking forward to providing support, building meaningful and respectful relationships, and engaging in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities with the students, staff, families, and the community.

Although I have lived on the South Shore for almost 20 years, I have spent much of my career working as a teacher and administrator in a variety of schools in the Halifax region. I have worked in urban and rural school environments, and several schools that have a combination of the two. Through my experiences, I have developed a strong sense of social justice, a passion for equity, and a determination to do my best to ensure the social, academic, emotional, and physical needs of our students and staff are priority. These areas of focus will be the determining factors in the decision-making process. Creating and maintaining a safe, inclusive school climate for all is essential in providing an opportunity for students to be successful. That being said, I believe in involving student, family and community voices in reaching our goals in the school in addition to the feedback of the amazing staff at NGRHS.



I am sure many of you will have questions as we move forward this year; I have an open-door policy. Please don't hesitate to pop in to see me, book an appointment, or give me a call if you would like to chat.

Sincerely,
Ruth Wilkins Principal, NGRHS



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NGRHS Calendar

- Sept 14th: Pink Shirt/Anti Bullying Day
- Sept 21st : Dance 7-9:30 PM
- Sept 22nd : Inservice Day (No school)
- Sept 26th: Academic Awards 6:30
- Sept 27th : CLT
- Sept 27th: BFD Band concert 7:00pm
- Sept 29th: Wear Orange Shirt to honour Truth and Reconciliation
- Oct. 2nd: Truth and Reconciliation Day (No School)
- Oct. 9th: Thanksgiving (No School)
- Oct 18th: CLT
- Oct 19th: Dance 7-9:30 PM
- Oct 25th: Parent Teacher Meetings 6-8PM
- Oct 26th: Morning PD/Afternoon Parent Teacher meetings 1-3
- Oct 27th: Provincial Conference PD (No school for students)



Messy Saints 2023-2024

Messy Saints is a Bible-Teaching program for children from Grade Primary to Grade 6 held at New Germany Elementary School gym after school hours from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

This is an opportunity for children to learn Bible stories and Bible teachings through activity, drama, songs, and crafts.

It looks as though we will try it again for this year.

We are hoping to start Messy Saints from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm on the first 2 Fridays of October, (October 6th), through the first 2 Fridays of May, 2024.

If so, registration forms will be sent home with the children to be filled out and returned to the school.

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Upcoming Programs for Everyone:

Gentle Hatha Yoga: Tuesdays, September 12-November 28 from 6:00pm-7:00pm, Parkdale/Maplewood Community Centre

Plant Walk: September 17 from 2:00pm-4:00pm, River Ridge Common

Sensory Friendly Swims: September 17, October 15, November 19, and December 17 from 5:00pm-6:00pm, LCLC, Bridgewater

Peaceful Walk in the Park: September 21 from 11:00am-12:00pm, Miller Point Peace Park, Dayspring

Chakra Bracelet Workshop: October 11 from 6:30pm-8:00pm, West Northfield Community Centre

Historic Campfire: October 22 from 4:00pm-6:00pm, MARC, Dayspring

Low Sensory Family Picnic: October 21 from 1:00pm-3:00pm, MARC, Dayspring

Navigating the Menopause Journey: October 25 from 6:30pm-8:00pm, Blockhouse Fire Hall

Family Pumpkin Party: October 28 from 2:00pm-4:00pm, Parkdale / Maplewood Community Centre

Christmas Shopping Bus Trip: November 15 from 8:00am-8:00pm, Meet at WalMart parking lot

Hug-A-Tree: November 18 from 10:00am-11:00am, Riverport District Community Centre

Festive Campfire: December 3 from 3:00pm-5:00pm, MARC, Dayspring

Indian Head Massage: December 6 from 6:00pm-7:30pm, Barss Corner Community Hall

Seniors Holiday Party: December 14 from 11:00am-2:00pm, Best Western Plus Hotel, Cookville



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

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Livewires 4-H



~Abbie Foster



It has been a very busy summer for our 4-H members. All year long they attended project meetings and worked hard at their projects. They then were able to show off their projects and animals at the South Shore Exhibition, where they would be judged and the members would have the opportunity to send their projects off to Provincial Show. All of our members did incredible and we would like to congratulate all those moving on to Provincial Show this year!

Our members also had their achievement day where their projects were on display to the community at the Parkdale Maplewood Hall. Our dog, beef and rabbit members all showed their animals in showmanship classes as well. It was a very fun day complete with washer toss games. Thanks Tate from the YMCA for the donation of games and sports equipment to our hall.

We also had our annual awards night banquet. At this banquet we all gather with our families for supper where we watch a slideshow with all of our favorite pictures and memories from that year. We finish the night off with awards that are given out to some of the members. You could receive one of these awards for being top in your category whether it's for your project, animal, judging and for even being the top junior and senior member. The clubs also receive



awards. Our club was lucky enough to receive the award for Top Livestock Display!



Overall it was a very busy yet fun year! We look forward to seeing how all of our members do at the Provincial Show in Windsor and we wish them all the best of luck!



New Germany & Area Medical Centre Association News

~Deb Featherby, Treasurer

Thanks to a provincial government grant, the Medical Centre has a new parking lot. There are no cracks, dips or pieces of broken pavement. There are two large parking spaces beside the building for those with mobility issues and the new lines are very visible in the parking areas. As well, interior painting has begun, to freshen up the offices for the medical staff. The Board of Directors is very pleased to continue to maintain the medical centre which is such a tribute to the people of New Germany and surrounding areas.

A committee of the Board continues to meet with representatives from Nova Scotia Health, to discuss the needs of the community. First, and foremost, is to increase the number of medical staff available. Like all other areas of the province, we need more doctors and nurse practitioners and the committee is working to make sure our voice is heard and to make our medical centre a possible location for any new practitioners. Medical personnel have a choice of where they wish to practice, so it is very important that our facility is seen as modern and up to date, with a supportive Board.

The Board accepts memorial and general donations at any time. Donations may be made at the funeral home or by dropping off your donation at 4923 Hwy. 10. Or phone 902-521-7791 to make arrangements. The generosity of the community has played a large role in keeping the Centre in New Germany as a functioning medical facility.



LCW Expands New Germany Area Service

The door-to-door transportation service Lunenburg County Wheels has increased its service area to include residents of Barss Corner, Lake William and Union Square; Stanburne, Meiseners Section and North River; Parkdale, Maplewood and Newburne and additional communities down the Cornwall Road. In July the pre-booked non-profit service made rides available residents of all MoDL communities northwest to the Annapolis-Kings border and northeast to the border with Chester District.

If you are looking for a low-cost weekday ride within your area or to Bridgewater or any other part of the service area, call 543-2255 at least 24 hours in advance. LC Wheels will pick you up and take you where you want to go. Then return later to take you back. The purpose of the trip is up to you: shopping, medical, recreation, social. Several recent riders discovered LC Wheels when they needed to drop off or pick up a car at a service garage and were temporarily without a car. Current vehicles are an 8-passenger bus with a chair lift and a 7-passenger minivan.

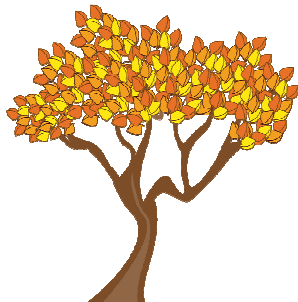
Thanks to financial support from MoDL rides up to 10 km are \$5 one way and \$7.50 return, with rides over 10 km \$7.50 one-way and \$15.00 return. LC Wheels serves residents over 16 (restrictions apply to riders under 16 and to child car seats).

Details are available on the LC Wheels website at lcw.ruralrides.ca. Service updates appear on the Facebook page LunenburgCountyWheels.

Full service area expansion – to include Mahone Bay, Lunenburg (town) and the remaining communities of MoDL including Riverport, awaits the arrival of new vehicles now on order, and drivers to operate them.

Our Operations Manager is Daron Lantz, based in Bridgewater (521-2202 or info@lcwheels.ca).

Lunenburg County Wheels is governed by a 9-member volunteer Board of Directors, led by President Jerome Tanner, 144dublin@gmail.com. Primary funding for the expansion, a four-year pilot project, comes from Nova Scotia's Department of Public Works. Many thanks to long-time sponsors United Way (Lunenburg County), South Shore Regional Hospital Auxiliary and Bridgewater Lions Club.



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After my car was broadsided by a left turning vehicle, I had no means of getting around. There were no rentals available. Fortunately, I knew about the Lunenburg County Wheels program so decided to give it a try.

I called the service (902-543-2255) and a real person answered the phone and quickly took my reservation. The van arrived at my home at the requested time the next day and took me to the Community Café. The van picked me up at the Café at the requested time and returned me to my home. It was such a stress free experience. I used the service two additional times and was impressed with the drivers, who were polite and pleasant, and the easily accessible van.

Even though I now have a car, I may use the service again. The rates are reasonable and I can leave the driving to someone else while I go shopping or to the hospital or just to visit friends. It's a super service for our area.

~ Deb Featherby



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- *Lockout/Tagout
- *Fire Safety *Scaffolding Training



Connecting in our Communities - Springfield

"It was in 1819 that the first (white) settler came to the neighborhood of what is now known as Springfield. In that year, John Grinton, a thrifty Scotchman, with a pack of food on his back and an axe ready at hand, made his way south on the Lunenburg trail. He selected a suitable place for a clearing, then chopped down trees and built a log cabin. He was soon joined by Boyd McNayr, another Scotchman, who had formerly lived in Lawrencetown and he also made a clearing and built a cabin." (*Mary Fletcher Kendrick 1941*).

In those early days, when Nova Scotia was being settled along the coast, the government saw the need to develop roads/trails across the province and to encourage settlers to move inland. In the late 1700's and early 1800's work was begun to link Halifax and Annapolis; Nictaux and Liverpool, and then Nictaux and Lunenburg. Gradually settlers followed these trails to Dalhousie, New Albany, 'Stoddartville', and then on to Springfield which was on the 'Lunenburg Road'. There was a tall signpost later erected where the Lunenburg Road turned south at Albany Cross. This was known as the "Fingerboard" as one crossboard shaped like a forefinger pointed west to 'Annapolis' (38mi), another east to 'Halifax' (100mi), and another south to 'Lunenburg' (40mi).

Grinton and McNayr worked hard to get homes ready so they could bring their families. They discovered they could grow crops in the hollows around trees that were removed and other young men from the Valley, many of them from Loyalist families, with names like Roop, Charlton, Jefferson, During, Wilkins, Marshall, and more Grintons and McNayrs, came to try their hand at life in this new land. As they shared their knowledge and worked together a small community began to grow.

In March of 1824, Mrs. John Grinton (nee Janet Dunbar) and her three daughters, Margaret, Isabelle, and Sarah came by horse and sleigh. In April, Mrs. Boyd McNayr (nee Rachel Beals) arrived on horseback with a baby in her arms, a toddler on the saddle with her, with her husband walking beside the horse guiding it through the rough trail from Lawrencetown. The first barrel of flour that was brought to Springfield was reportedly brought on a "travois"- two poles fastened (like shafts) on either side of a horse left to drag on the ground, with cross pieces nailed on to hold whatever was to be carried.

The McNayr log cabin was not only their home but a place where the community was welcomed. It was the site of the first religious services, prayer meetings, and the first marriage ceremony (In 1825 their daughters, Catherine and Mary, were married in a double ceremony to John Jefferson and Phineas Durling). Their cabin, and many others, including the Grinton cabin, were soon replaced with a 'good framed house'. The community grew, the road improved, grist mills and saw mills built, a building was erected for use as a school and for religious services; and the settlers became more connected with others from neighbouring communities in Dalhousie, Lake Pleasant, Falkland Ridge and the communities in northern Lunenburg County, North River, Cherryfield, Meisners Section, and New Germany.

The ingenuity and resourcefulness of our province's early settlers is nothing short of amazing. They'd have brought a few useful and treasured things with them, they made what they needed -all sorts of wood products made by hand and with simple equipment. Even bricks for fireplaces and chimneys were made from local clay and baked in a kiln made on location. They bartered and shared with each other or transported essentials from Lawrencetown. Their animals were essential to early life: oxen and horses to clear the land and for transport, cows, sheep and hens for food and clothing, and wild animals for food, furs and leather. Nothing was wasted. After some years, peddlers came door to door in Springfield, often bartering for the needed items as cash was rare.

The neighbours worked together on their large projects like house or barn raisings, 'burnt land' parties, quilting bees. People would gather to 'cut in' their sauerkraut, and for blueberry picking. These gatherings usually came with a generous community meal and socializing time. It was not unusual for families and friends to gather for a Sunday evening Hymn Sing.

The 1860's and 1870's saw the beginnings of small stores, and the next 50 -100 years saw a community transformed. There was an improvement of the roads and the construction of the railway, the growth and rebuilding of church(es), formation of a variety of clubs and lodges, opening of general stores, garages, at least one hotel, building of school(s), a local picnic grounds, ball field and the Lake Pleasant Campground for military families. With two lakes nearby, skating became a popular pastime, and in the 1960's-80's, the whole community was very enthusiastic about the Springfield Ice Kings Hockey Team.

The community was not unaffected by world events. A small cenotaph stands in front of the Baptist Church in honour of local men who served their country in the two World Wars, and to this day the community remembers at a Memorial Service held each year on the Sunday before Remembrance Day. Two 'Springfield born' nurses also served in France and England.

An important part of the area's history was the beginning of nearby lumbering camps as early as 1869, when a local company, the Davison Lumber Company, set up camps in the area. These employed a large number of local men each winter. Often during these years, there were times when the local clergy would have Sunday afternoon services there with preaching and music; the families and especially young people would come for a social time with sleigh rides, refreshments, and singing.

In 1904, the local company was sold to an American company and for almost 20 years, the business and the community boomed. The company built a very large mill in Springfield on the east side of Mill Lake, and built a small town there known as Hastings. The company built railways to connect with the Bridgewater to Middleton line; the huge dynamos in the mill supplied the town of Hastings with electricity before 1910; there was a store, a 'Social Hall', a school house and a doctor's office with a resident doctor. The company and community thrived until 1920 when the firm in New York went into liquidation and unemployed workers had to move away from Hastings. For a time it meant a slowing down of all business in Springfield, but the community rebounded and managed their woodlot and businesses in other ways. In July 1928, the mill caught fire; and it and the remaining buildings burned down.

The community continued then and continues now. Today it seems we have another wave of settlement with many new people moving to the area, new ventures being undertaken, and new relationships being built. The obvious gathering spots in the Springfield these days, the places where friends are made, and the community works together are the Springfield and District Fire Department, the Springfield Baptist Church, and Tammy's Country Store.

The Fire Department responds to fires, medical calls and local emergencies. The Fire Department also provides camaraderie among members and holds social events for the community such as breakfasts, pub nights, craft sales. New adult members (male and female) as well as junior members are being welcomed and trained. Check them out on Facebook.



The Springfield Baptist Church meets every Sunday morning at 11. Guests and new members are welcome. They also hold community events such as teas, movie nights, music events and they do a great Christmas Concert with music, readings and skits. Connect with them on Sunday mornings and watch the bulletin board for their special event notices.



And at Tammy's Country Store you can find your basic foods, small household, fishing and hardware needs, snacks, ice cream cones, and a variety of beverages from NSLC. The bonus is that their friendly staff will also have time for a chat, are happy to get acquainted, and can answer your questions about Springfield then and now, or direct you to a community member who can.



My thanks to Kim and Krista at Tammy's, Ruth, Aubrey, Carson, Myles and June for their conversations about Springfield, and to Ruth for the loan of the history book, *Down the Road to Yesterday - A History of Springfield Annapolis County Nova Scotia* by Mary Fletcher Kendrick, 1941

Ever enjoying the rich stories of our communities ~ Catherine Robar.



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Last April, through a partnership with New Germany Elementary, our retired Bookmobile parked at the Elementary school and provided service two days a week to classes and students. The project, with amazing support from Principal Angela Stewart and all the classroom teachers, had all the kids in school visit the Bookmobile several times. A whopping 65% of the school population got library cards that month. With this kind of support from the kids and staff it was obvious to us that children in New Germany want to read and we want to put books in their hands.

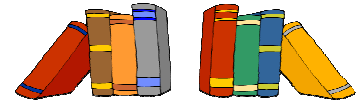
Starting September 12 the Bookmobile will be going to the school every Tuesday for an hour. In order to fit the school stop into our schedule we will be shifting our entire Tuesday to start one hour earlier in the morning. This change means that the public stop beside the Freshmart will continue to start at 3 pm but will now finish at 4:30 pm instead of 5:30 pm.

Our NEW Tuesday schedule looks like this:

Barss Corner - Mader's General Store -12:30 pm - 1:00 pm

New Germany Elementary 1:50 – 2:50 pm

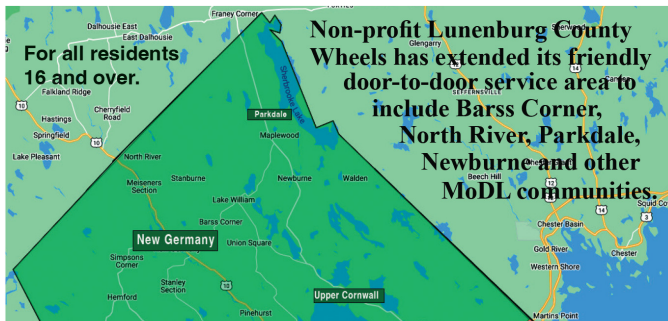
Rosedale New Horizons Club, 4978 Route 10 3:00 - 4:30 pm



Our much loved Bookmobile service is one of the cornerstones of South Shore Public Libraries and we've been at it for over fifty years. South Shore Public Libraries has been providing high quality public library services to Lunenburg and Queens Counties since 1972. There are library locations in Bridgewater, Greenfield, Liverpool and Lunenburg, along with exceptional access to many outlying communities via the Bookmobile.

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Merry Little Christmas Market

We are so excited to announce that the New Germany Christmas craft fair at the New Germany Rural High School is returning this year!

You may remember the biannual craft shows there years ago. It had been put on by the New Germany & Area Arts and Crafts Association which was formed in 1979. They were a very dedicated group of people and held such wonderful events that it got us thinking about doing something similar and bringing something back in action.

Our hope is, like the previous crafters before us, to fill the high school with local talent and vendors for a beautiful show. We welcome the public to come and experience all that these local people and small businesses have to offer. It will be a great time to get some of your Christmas shopping done, meet with old & new friends and spoil yourself with some treats.

We are calling it the "Merry Little Christmas Market." It will be held at the New Germany Rural High School on Sunday November 12th, 2023 from 10:00am - 3:00pm. We are planning to have a wide variety of local crafters & vendors with over 50 attending! There will be many handmade items, jewelry, bath & body products, decor, sweets and so on.



Our small committee consists of Mary Wagner, Mardi Smith, Tiffany Wagner, Megan Looke & Amanda Aulenback. We all go to different events together during the year and we thought it would be nice to bring back a similar show to the area. We've had several meetings to discuss planning, organizing, etc.

We hope to make this a wonderful event and look forward to seeing you all there for our first one. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us. You can also join our Facebook group to keep up to date.

~Amanda Aulenback



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Interested in stamp collecting and postal history?
South Shore Stamp Club meets the 4th Saturday, 2-4pm, Sept to June at the New Life Christian Church, Elm St, Bridgewater. Info 543-8384 (Cheryl) or 529-2000 (Dave)

Hello from the Legion!

September is here and we have things lined up. Of course you knew about our Trivia, the first Friday of every month! We just missed September's, but October's is the 6th, so look for that.

And then since summer break is over, we are firing up KARAOKE again with Darren! Starting September 29th at 8pm, and all are welcome to come and sing your heart out, or at least enjoy others doing it. We will be continuing those all through the fall and winter, and we would like to add open mic night, where you can come and play/sing on the same Friday night every month but we don't exactly have that organized yet. Anyone with any experience organizing one, please feel free to reach out!

September 23rd we have an open house here while we have a little mini July1st 2.0. So just the same as the 1st, anyone can come in and visit, play pool, darts, watch TV, play some cards, 19+ can enjoy drinks from the bar, and then of course we also have things to offer everyone else. So we are excited to have everyone around, and that our community has another event to get out and see everyone. Hope everyone has a safe return to their September routines, and see you here for our events!

*Save the date: Halloween Dance with Crossfire - October 28th!

What's at the Museum?

Straw Hats



Straw Hats were made from wheat and rye and the people of Parkdale sold them at Christmas time to have money for Christmas shopping.

The Museum closes for the season Friday September 29th at noon. They will reopen in May 2024.



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The New Germany Mixed Bowling League

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If you wish to join a team, or have five people to form a team, let us know. We are also looking for spares who can't commit for the season but who could fill in on occasion.

Bowling takes place on Friday evenings at 7:00 at the Bowlmore Lanes in Bridgewater. Fees are \$13.00 per week per person.

Contact **President Deb** at **902-521-7791**, if you are interested. It's a great way to spend a Friday evening!



From the Lions Den

~Lion Carol Knell & Lion Pat Wentzell

"Those are the Lions; they help people in the Community". That is what was overheard as the Lions float traveled the parade route through New Germany on July 1st. It was a great feeling to hear that. We always say, "Where there is a need, there is a Lion."

We have been remarkably busy this summer and looking forward to keeping busy with cooler days and nights of fall and winter. We moved to our new home July 1st, we are now located in the Masons Hall along with the Masons and the New Germany Seniors. We are excited about the move and look forward to sharing the hall. Our signage will be out front of the hall soon along with that of both other groups.

July 1st saw us in the Parade with both our Lions Train and a float. The float showed the many different items we have to lend out in our Medical Supply cupboard. Six happy Lions were also on the float and had a lot of fun and laughs. The Lion's Train was busy at the Garden Party and a number of Lions helped with the activities at the Garden Party.

Our Medical supply Cupboard loans includes beds, commodes, raised toilet seats, bath chairs, walkers, canes and crutches. If you have a need, just call Lion Pat Wentzell at 902-212-2471.

Our catering team were happy to have again catered to the New Germany Rural High School graduation. We gave out 2 bursaries at graduation, another at the Centre scolaire de la Rive-Sud graduation and another to a deserving student. We also catered to 2 Celebrations of Life and 3 BBQs for the staff at O'Regans, June, July and August.

We prepared and served a full turkey dinner for the Centre School Alumni Reunion. Along with our Lions we had lots of great help from community volunteers. It was a lot of work, but despite that everyone worked well and enjoyed it.

The local branch of the Kidney Foundation, Nova Scotia, held a big fundraiser; "Farm to Table". We supported them with eight Lions attending a wonderful evening of delicious food, entertainment, friendship and fun. A very worthy cause. Kidney disease touches many lives.



Through our Health and Wellness Program we have been able to help a number of individuals and families with funds for travel for medical care, bills and other expenses.

We supported Camp Maxwell, a camp for children with diabetes, with a donation to help young people with diabetes attend camp. The camp is held for a week every August at Camp Kadimah. It is a wonderful opportunity for children to just go have fun and be children. Two of our Lions were guests at the camp for lunch and a tour to see what the camp is like, to see all that goes on and celebrate the camp.

Our Red Bins at the Masons Hall continue to be used regularly and we welcome most items except books, furniture and electronics. Remember, giving your gently used items, to our Red Bin, means we make money and that goes back to the community. Thank you for your support.

On a sad note, our President for the last 2 years and a Lions member for many years, Lion Wayne Sears passed away May 31, at home. Many of you will remember him as a tall man with white hair and a beard.

We look forward to participating in the Mini July 1st on September 23rd from 4-8 at the Legion grounds. There will be fun for all, food and entertainment. The Lions train will be there for kiddie rides.

As always, we continue with Radio BINGO weekly and BINGO at Rosedale Home the first Monday evening of the month.

We are busy making plans for fall so keep an eye out and you will see us around.

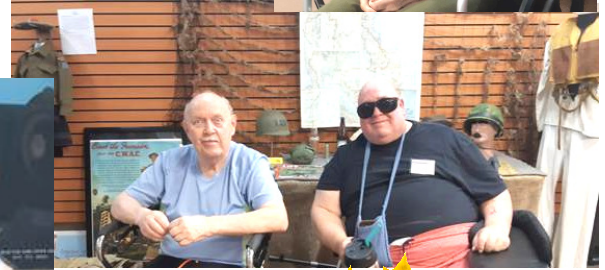


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Rosedale Visit to the Militaria Display

One of the summer outings by Rosedale Home residents and staff was to the display of military objects at the South Shore Centre in Bridgewater. This display is curated by Ninevah resident David Crocker, a military historian representing the West Nova Scotia Regiment. The collection will return to the Centre in the new year.

~photos David Crocker



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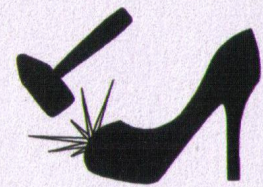
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New Germany Multi-Sport Program

The Reaching Each and Everyone Initiative – funding is helping us do just that.



Launched on May 1st, 2023, the “New Germany Multi-Sport Program: Building Physical Literacy and Sport Skill Development in Rural Lunenburg County” program, in partnership with Canada Parks and Recreation Association through the Reaching Each and Every One Initiative, aimed to increase access to recreation and sports for persons of all ages and abilities in rural communities.

For the past few months, we’ve listened, heard, located four program areas, identified community champions, held numerous try-its, and based on community feedback provided sport and recreation equipment for each of these four locations: New Germany, North River, Parkdale Maplewood and Pinehurst. Looking to kick-start your fitness regime, or mix-it-up a little and take advantage of all the free equipment? Call your local, Community Champion – full contact details, and equipment details, are below:

New Germany:

- Michael Whynot (604-844-1610)* Soccer, Street Hockey (with goalie pads & helmets), Frisbee Golf Set, Footballs, Snowshoes, Washer Toss, Ring Toss, Giant Jenga, & more.

North River:

- Wayne Cossey (902-644-2745)* North River Community Center (915 North River Road). Available on site, you will find a variety of sports and recreation equipment including: Basketball, Tennis, Badminton, Soccer, Street Hockey (with goalie pads & helmets), Frisbee Golf Set, Footballs, Snowshoes, Washer Toss, Ladder Toss, Giant Jenga, & More. This location provides an indoor facility and an outdoor facility. The outdoor hockey rink with a cement base offers a great spring, summer and fall location for sports and games. It ices over in the winter, so get your skates ready or borrow a pair from the center, and stay active all winter long!

Parkdale Maplewood:

- Terri Foster (902-644-7152)* of the 4H Club, *Ted Cooke (902-644-3436)* of the Community Center or *Terry Meisner (902-523-0685)* of the Community Center. The Community Center (3005 Barss Corner Rd.) provides an indoor space for Pickle ball, Soccer, Frisbee golf and other recreational games. The outdoor field is great for Badminton, Soccer, Football, Frisbee golf, Washer toss, Ring toss, Giant Connect Four and so much more. All equipment is available on site.

Pinehurst:

- River Ridge Common, located at 4668 Nova Scotia Trunk 10.* The municipality has already installed a community chest with lots of fun supplies for the community. We've added to the Chest! Enjoy Football, Frisbee, Washer Toss, Ladder Toss & other fun activities.
- Deanne Oickle-Conrad (902-521-8979)* will continue to offer fun fitness classes in the Common, check her Facebook page, Empower and Shine with Deanne, for class days and times.

We encourage community members to take initiative and use this equipment to create your own opportunities with friends, family, and the community at large. Reach out and bring people together. Let's get active!

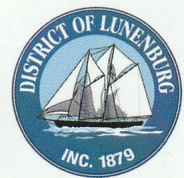


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Introducing Newcomers Mikaela and Mark

~Interview by Nancy Radcliffe

Mikaela Soroka and Mark Fischer couldn't be better suited to their property. Their casual, easy-going personalities fit perfectly with the cozy house nestled on 16 acres of untamed wilderness.

They first viewed the property near Church Lake last July. "It was a gorgeous day," Mikaela recalls. "It was a Saturday. It was so quiet. That's what we were looking for. The silence."

It became their home in October. Mikaela's job with a fisheries management organization and Mark's job in mineral exploration both demand a fair amount of travel. Even though it's been nearly a year, Mark says returning home is still special. "I always love coming home. It's like a vacation."



"It does feel like that," Mikaela agrees. "It's like living in an Airbnb."

Although their home is secluded, the couple says they don't feel isolated or alone. "The neighbours here are great. Everyone's willing to help each other," Mikaela says. "It's the feeling of, 'I'll do something for you because I know you'd do it for me'. It's really nice."

In winter, a watchful neighbour makes sure their driveway is ploughed when needed. Mikaela recalls one time away, when a friend stopped by to water the plants. The neighbour noticed tire tracks and promptly ploughed. "He thought I had come home," Mikaela says. "He was that on top of it!"

Mikaela was raised in Gatineau, Quebec and Mark is from Oro, Ontario. They met on their first day at Dalhousie University when they landed on the same scavenger hunt team during orientation. "We didn't think much of each other," Mikaela says. But that changed later the same day when they found themselves at an Oceanography club meeting. Both admit they only went for the free pizza. It turned out to be "one of those dates that never ends," Mikaela says.

Mikaela finished school before Mark and the relationship weathered nearly two years of distance when she accepted a job in Yarmouth. But they took it in stride. "It was an 'absence makes the heart grow fonder' situation. It made us that much more excited to see each other," Mikaela says.

The couple has approached other significant decisions with the same blend of pragmatic cheerfulness. Mark summed it up best: "We're pretty chill."

I completely agree. The conversation felt so easy and relaxed, I was surprised to see my notes covered such a broad range of topics. Today's dating scene, for instance. "It's messy," Mikaela says. What attracts young people to the New Germany area? The quiet lifestyle, gardening, and raising children in a close-knit community. "People are into that now and they're coming here to find it," she says.

We also talked about the necessity for mineral exploration and mining, how it relates to future progress, Indigenous land rights, and land reclamation, as well as different philosophies around veganism, vegetarianism, meat consumption, and a shared passion for foraging and discovering wild edibles. See what I mean about broad topics?

Two topics that we didn't cover were scuba diving and surfing, but I promised to mention them here. If you or someone you know enjoy either, I highly recommend getting to know Mikaela and Mark. They'd love to meet new people who share these interests.

(Contact NGAPS, page 20, and we will put you in touch!)

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