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New Germany Connections

Winter 2024

The theme of this newsletter is giving and generosity.

It wasn't a planned theme but as the stories were submitted it became the obvious theme.

We are just finishing the harvesting season and we have had a successful community Farmers Market which has spawned a Community Fridge joining the Community Pantry.

There are several stories with nods and thank you to volunteers, people who give their time and energy to make these communities thrive. There are several stories about the generosity of anonymous volunteers, you don't need to know their names, just know they are ready to help.

There are stories of good deeds yet to happen, but know they will happen.

Whether we are giving toys, food, money or time it all points to the kindness in our communities.

Thank you for reading our newsletter.

Community Events

- Bookmobile Tuesdays
- Community Café Thursdays
- Nov 9 Craft Show NGRHS
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day
- Nov 19 Seniors Dinner
- Nov 23 Craft Show NG Legion
- Nov 25 Comedy Show NG Legion
- Nov 29 Karaoke NG Legion
- Nov 30 Toy Drive ends
- Dec 1 4H Tree Lighting, MSM
- Dec 2 Companion Crafting BC Hall
- Dec 3 Drop In, West Northfield, CC
- Dec 6 Bingo Hemford FD
- Dec 6 Music Jam North River
- Dec 7 Breakfast Pinehurst
- Dec 7 Children's Whimsical Store
- Dec 7 Bingo North River
- Dec 8 Christmas Concert Branch LaHave
- Dec 10 Tea Upper Northfield
- Dec 11 Potluck & Cards Simpsons Corner

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.

www.newgermany.ca

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

Remembrance Day Services



The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 102 New Germany

Parade leaves the New Germany fire station at 10:45 am.

Please reach out to Roger Carver if you can participate, we would love more Legion members (or anyone) in the colour party march.

Gather at the Cenotaph, Epworth United Church, New Germany.

Service at the Church begins at 11:00 am. Followed by open house at the Legion, with light refreshments, open to everyone.

PARKDALE/MAPLEWOOD REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

November 11, 2024, 10:30 am

Parkdale-Maplewood Emmanuel Baptist Church
Gathering at the Cenotaph

Welcoming Remarks - Murray Goulden

Song - "O Canada"

Commencement of the Placement of Wreaths
- Richard Smith

11:00 am - Two Minutes of Silence

The Last Post - Jeff Kaulback

Prayer - Rev Paul Hatfield

(Following the prayer, individuals may now attach their personal poppy to the wreaths on the cenotaph before entering the church. Please remain standing once inside until the veterans are piped into the church and are seated).

Piper - Paul Reeves

Lest We Forget

Tribute - 100th anniversary of the RCAF

Song - "In Flanders Fields" - Gail Hewitt

Acknowledgement of Veterans - Rev Paul Hatfield

Message of Guest Speakers - Lisa Rafuse and
Janice MacDonald Scott

Closing Remarks

Song - "God Save the King"

Veterans are piped from the church - Paul Reeves

Service at Mt Calvary Lutheran Church Upper Northfield

November 11th service @ 9:00 am
Cenotaph ceremony to follow.



Community Café Celebrates 6th Year in November

The Anglican Church Hall is the place to be on Thursday mornings if you want to have a coffee or tea and a choice of biscuits, muffins or sweets. Everything is free, but donations are accepted and put to use in the community.

This year the Cafe has helped New Germany Rural High School, Souls Harbour, heating costs for the hall, parishioners and the Rosedale Bus Fund, all worthy causes.

We hope to see you there too, so you can meet people, have great chats and catch up on the community news! If you don't have transportation, remember you can book a ride with Lunenburg County Wheels by calling 902-523-4455. Fares are low, so invite your friends and neighbours to come along.



Catherine Robar makes a donation to Rosedale Home Bus Fund on behalf of Café Patrons.

New Germany Legion

Welcome to November! This is our month, this is why we are here as a Legion. Hope everyone is ready and excited for all the things planned. November 7th is our General Meeting @7, all members are welcome to attend, bar open after for refreshments. November 8th, we have OPEN MIC, that's right, all talent welcome. Sing, play your own tunes, all jam together, it's up to you!

Then we roll into the week of Remembrance, all the schools we are involved in have ceremonies going on that we will be there and participating where we can. On the 11th we have our ceremony at the United Church, and then an open house here at the Legion. Sizzle Stick and The Hummingbird Café are catering our day, tea and coffee are provided as well. The Bar will be open for refreshments accepting cash and debit. Come and stay for a quick bite, or all afternoon. We hope to see a good crowd, this is why we're here and having the community come out for it is what we love to see.

November 23rd 10-2 will be our Seasonal Market upstairs, free admission. November 25th we are hosting a Christmas Comedy Show, tickets on sale soon. It should be a great time and lots of laughs. Then Friday the 29th we have our popular Karaoke with Darren coming in hot! After saying all of this the whole month of November is a tribute to our Veterans, (as well, as always) we still try and have lots on the go socially. If anyone would like to join us here at the Legion, or volunteer in any way, please reach out. You want to help out, but crowds aren't your thing? That's fine, lots of behind the scenes details to be seen to. Don't know how much time you can commit? That's okay too, you can decline any time, and family/work comes first. Hope to see you on November 11th at Cenotaph.

The New Germany & Area Medical Center is excited to announce a Giving Tree will be displayed in our waiting room. Organized by the **Lions Club** who will be working with the **Salvation Army** to get tags for children in our communities that could use a special gift this year! If interested in selecting a name from the Giving Tree, we welcome you to stop by the Medical Center, Monday-Thursday 9-4 starting after Remembrance Day.



NGCSPC Presents...

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The New Germany

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With the generosity of the public and our vendors, we will be able to provide

donations to:

- ~ New Germany Rural High School
- ~ New Germany Elementary School
- ~ New Germany Area Food Bank
- ~ New Germany Canada Day Committee

We wish you all a Joyous Holiday Season and look forward to seeing everyone at our

Spring Market in 2025!

50 Year Firefighters Recognized by MoDL



In September three local firefighters were presented with an award by the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg for fifty years of service with their fire departments.

Thank you to Captain Mervyn Mossman, New Germany Volunteer Fire Department, Donald Russell retired Deputy Chief, active firefighter with Hemford & District Fire Department and Philip Smith, Hemford & District Fire Department.

Pictures - MoDL Facebook



Queens MLA Kim Masland, Wendy Looke back, Megan Looke front holding son Brady, Lunenburg MLA Susan Corkum-Greek.

Special Recognition at Province House

Two New Germany area residents received special recognition at Province House on Sept. 19 for their dedication to organizing the Log-A-Load softball tournament in Harmony for the past 19 years.

The Log-a-Load for Kids Canada is a giving campaign initiative of the Canadian Woodlands Forum. Twelve teams from the Nova Scotia forestry industry participated setting a new fundraising milestone of \$32,000. This means that since its inception, this tournament has raised an incredible \$373,000 for the IWK Health Centre children's hospital.

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NGAPS Celebrates 30 Years

Fun fact: In Geneva, a potluck is called a Canadienne buffet. I don't know why, but few things are more Canadian than attending a community potluck under the canopy of maple trees. About 40 people shared tasty offerings at Main Street Maples on Sept. 22nd to celebrate the New Germany Area Promotion Society's 30-year anniversary. The park was the perfect location for the happy event, because this lovely space is one of NGAPS's most visible achievements.

But their accomplishments go well beyond the beautification and maintenance of the park, which includes providing power and supporting activities like the 4H Christmas Forest, NGAPS also created the Mill Road park beside the river and had hosted numerous events there. In fact, the activities of this ambitious group are too lengthy to list, and the range, incredibly broad - from festivals to brochures to helpful programs and many, many events. And, of course, this newsletter.

Milestones offer a chance to pause and reflect. While reading through "a brief history of NGAPS" on the newgermany.ca website the reasons for their resilience emerged. Since its inception in 1994, NGAPS has had the foresight to seize opportunities, the wisdom to embrace partnerships, the courage to try new things, and the flexibility to adapt to change.

Almost every aspect of daily life in the New Germany area has benefited from this group's deep and enduring commitment to building a vibrant community that we can all be proud to call home. It's a small gesture, given the magnitude of their work, but I want to take this opportunity to say, "Thank you." Sincerely,

~Nancy Radcliffe



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Wishing you a Wonderful Holiday Season!

Thank you for your continued support, I look forward to serving you in 2025!

Livewires 4-H

~Lily Gregory

Welcome to another spectacular 4-H year everyone! Register your kids (no, not baby goats) if you want them to be a part of 4-H and have many fun and interesting experiences that you can also be a part of. Registration is now open for the 2024/2025 4-H year until December 1st.

To summarize, Pro Show was amazing as usual. Even with all the best projects competing against each other, everyone seemed to have fun.

The Lunenburg Tug of War team did a valiant job in the Pro Show Tug of War competition.

Here are the Livewires members Champions and Reserve Champions who won top in the province for their projects.

Alex Greek- Champion Junior Heritage Article

Iain Wentzell- Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Small Engines Article

Lyric Colp- Reserve Champion Senior Small Engines Article & Champion Senior Welding Article

Archer Gregory (My little brother!)-Champion Junior Garden Article

Alea Wentzell-Reserve Champion Junior Photography Article

Jensen McCarthy-Reserve Champion Junior Exploring 4-H Article

Abbie Foster-Reserve Champion Senior Vet Science Article

Rachel Lowe-Reserve Champion Woodworking Judge

Livewires 4-H members volunteered at the Parkdale Maplewood Community Hall breakfast in October serving breakfast, gaining experience and helping their community. Hope to see you at the next one.



Until next time, don't forget to sign up your kid! Hope to see you in the 2024/2025 4-H year.





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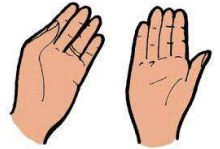
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New Germany Helping Hands



If you haven't heard, we are a group of volunteers who have been assisting seniors, disabled and other housebound people in New Germany and surrounding communities for quite a number of years. Our territory is within a 15 km radius of the village.

As winter weather will soon be approaching, it is a good time to remind everyone of our community involvement and the assistance we can provide if a person qualifies and it is within our guidelines to assist. We continue to have our popular grocery and pharmacy delivery on Tuesdays weekly. This can be arranged and set up with Freshmart and/or Shoppers Drug Mart in New Germany. This service can be used short-term during surgery recoveries, or on a week-to-week basis depending on your needs. It's as easy as calling the respective stores for your supplies after you have enrolled for the service.

We also offer check-in phone calls for those who are living alone and may not have family or friends making regular contact. This does not have to be daily and is just a short call to touch base and ensure that all is OK with the individual. You may want to use this just during the winter months.

We can assist you with some of the seasonal chores, like putting away your patio furniture and keeping a walkway clear of debris and shrubs. Have no one to reach high places or change your light bulbs? We can help with that. Not meant to be a regular housecleaning service, but if you have a small inside or outside chore that needs to be done, give us a call and we will advise if we can provide assistance by one of our volunteers. We are unable to provide complete snow removal to driveways. In need of some socialization? We may be able to match you up with a volunteer to come and have a chat or a game of cards. Unfortunately, we cannot provide transportation due to liability issues. You can book a ride within Lunenburg County by contacting Lunenburg County Wheels 902-523-4455.

Not everyone is fortunate to have family, or good friends and neighbors to help them out. Reach out if you think we can lend you a *helping hand*. If you have any questions or want more information, please call our Helping Hands phone line (902)644-1399 and leave a message. Someone will get back to you. Or you can email a message to nghelpinghands1@gmail.com.

NOTE: Our volunteers have Police Clearance Certificates and have privacy protocols to follow.

Thank you everyone in District #5 Municipality of the District of Lunenburg for your support in the 2024 Municipal Elections.

I am honoured and humbled and am looking forward to representing you again.

I had worthy competitors and respect the process of democracy and the names on the ballots.

Some things will be the same but some things different in the next 4 years. I have moved forward with new council members around the table before and will work to do it again.

But bottom line - it's all about you and the services you deserve, getting the information to you that you need and want.

Councillor Cathy Moore District 5

Call me anytime -- 902-930-3062 or 902-644-2922

Or email cathy.moore@modl.ca

Healthy Wells Day

On September 29th Healthy Wells Day was held at Walden in partnership with Walden Volunteer Fire Department, Rural Water Watch and Lunenburg County Community Fund (LCCF). The event was held in the Walden Fire Hall, an excellent venue.

Healthy Wells Day was held to encourage community members to test their well water for bacteria. Community members who came to the fire hall to pick up their water sampling bottles also had an opportunity to receive instructions on how to properly collect the water sample. Samples were returned to the hall and transported to the laboratory in Halifax. The results of the testing were provided directly to residents by the lab. Five residents were also chosen from volunteers with the fire department to have their wells tested for metals.



~ Photo Sara Harding, WVFD

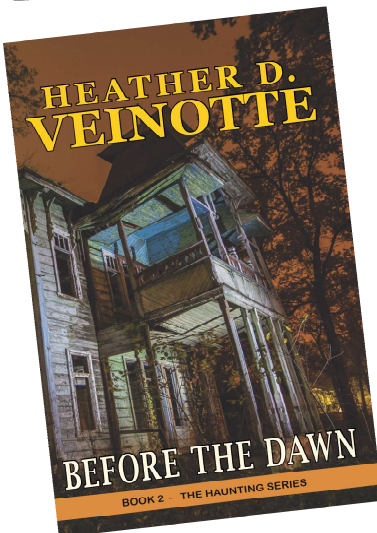
Volunteers were on hand from Rural Water Watch and LCCF as well as many volunteers from the Walden Fire Department. The Rural Water Watch volunteers have the background information to talk about how and why to test your well water, fill out the forms and correct any issues. They also transported the samples to the Halifax lab.

The volunteers with the Fire Department helped set up, made coffee and did a lunch BBQ for volunteers and the public.

Presently the Nova Scotia Government believes that 18% of Nova Scotians with wells test their well water. We were able to raise that figure to 25% in Walden.

The Walden community invited Fred Bonner of Rural Water Watch to return to Walden to talk about the results, methods for remediation of the well issues discovered and how to maintain safe drinking water. He encouraged everyone to test their well water regularly.

Rural Water Watch is a Nova Scotia charity with the aim of encouraging regular well water testing. There is lots of great information on their website ruralwaterwatch.org. Lunenburg County Community Fund is a charitable, nonpartisan, community led organization supporting initiatives to sustain and improve the shared quality of life in Lunenburg County. LCCF facilitated this project with both organizing and funding.



Heather D. Veinotte's BEFORE THE DAWN

Enter the world of the paranormal, narrated between the covers of *Before the Dawn*.

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Bridgewater and from
the author.

West Northfield author and playwright Heather D. Veinotte has written and directed more than 26 plays. *Before the Dawn* is her fifth novel. Both books in the Haunting Series as well her Angel Series are available at the above locations.



New Germany and Area IWK Toy Drive

The IWK Toy Drive is back again for its eighth consecutive year. Over the past eight years, the toy drive team has collected and purchased new toys and gift cards for the children and their families in the IWK Children's Hospital in Halifax. Together, we have raised approximately \$160,000 in toys and gift cards as a community. We collect toys, gift cards and financial donations which we use to buy toys locally. Toys must be new, unopened and unwrapped and gift cards are needed for groceries, restaurants, fuel, pharmacies, clothing and other locations that would help those in need at the IWK.

This drive was started by NGRHS teacher Michael Wilson and his wife Jessica after their daughter Lydia contracted RSV as a newborn. During their stay in the IWK just before Christmas, they were provided toys for Lydia and their two other daughters, Clara and Audrey. After this stay, the Wilsons vowed to pay back the hospital by starting a toy drive which runs each year. Michael started a non profit society called the New Germany and Area Christmas Toy Drive Society which is made up of local community members and friends who help make the toy drive possible. In May, Michael accepted an award at the IWK on behalf of the society called the IWK Board Award of Community Excellence.



The toy drive will be running until the end of November with the team delivering the toys to the IWK hospital on Friday December 6th this year. This will allow the IWK Child Life Services team time to sort and prepare the toys and donations for distribution to the kids and their families in time for Christmas.

This year, we have toy drop off locations at the following locations: Barss Corner Post Office, New Germany Post Office, Lantzlot Game Store in Blockhouse, Boulangerie La Vendeenne Bakery also in Blockhouse, The Oickle Group in Bridgewater, The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 102 in New Germany, and New Germany Rural High School. More sites may be added soon.

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. Etransfer donations can also be sent to this email address. You can also follow us on Facebook at: New Germany and Area Christmas Toy Drive Society. 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 & Area Lions Club

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Garber's Family Playground

It has been a busy time at the playground this season.

A storage shed was added to the playground to protect our equipment during the winter months. This would not have been possible without grants from the Recreational Community Grant Program, Municipality of the District of Lunenburg and from the Active Communities Fund Program, Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism & Heritage, Province of Nova Scotia.

The in-kind donations from local businesses, area residents and our committee members also made this project possible. A special thank you to Matt Lohnes, All Terrain Excavation Ltd., Hemford for Class A soil and Charlie Rawling, R7 Builds, Upper Branch Road, Hemford for constructing our storage shed.

Our **Playhouse** had a make-over including a new deck, support beams and a fresh coat of paint. A book library has been set-up inside with a table & chairs with lots of books for children. Many thanks to the Mackay-Ramey family, NG for helping with the make-over.

Penny Auction Sept. 2024

A big thank you to all who came to support our first annual Penny Auction. Many businesses in New Germany & Bridgewater donated to our fundraiser as well as local residents – you all made our event a great success. We are planning our next Penny Auction for September 2025.



Halloween Trick or Treat was held beside the playground on Thursday, October 31st.

If you have questions, suggestions &/or are interested in joining our Playground Committee please contact me at (902)644-2587 email: jolenemailman@bellaliant.net or by text (902)841-0180.

~Jolene Mailman, Chairperson, Garber's Family Playground, 2076-Hwy. 208, Hemford.



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Free Seniors' Meal? Yes!

On October 22nd, about 75 seniors and another 10-15 senior volunteers gathered at St John's Anglican Church Hall for a delicious chicken dinner complete with mashed potatoes, carrots, roll and pie.

The meal was the result of a Government of Canada Grant applied for by Jay Robar at the Hummingbird Café and the 644 Revitalization Group. The approved grant provides the money for food and hall rental for up to six gatherings, while volunteers work together to prepare and serve and clean up afterward. It is a winning combination. The community comes together for a great meal, friendly conversations and laughter while volunteers enjoy the camaraderie of working together, our community benefits. The next **Chicken Dinner will be on Tuesday, November 19th** starting to serve at 5pm. The volunteer sign-up sheet will be at the Community Café on the Thursday before (Nov14th).

Happenin's at the Maple Creek Centre

Another dance was held at the Maple Creek Centre in New Germany on Saturday, October 5th. The band performing was "The Usual Suspects", consisting of Brad Walker, Tim Frauzel, Jody Miller, John Noseworthy and Michael Freeman.

This band has changed over the last 20 plus years since it started. Tim Frauzel is an original, John has twelve years and Brad has one.

They hail from various places and get together around the music. Tim lives near Bridgewater, John is from the Eastern Shore, Mike from New Glasgow and Brad from Lower Onslow.

As musicians they are all accomplished and they can all sing!

As a bonus, band family members, Angie and Anita, tended bar and helped us all get into the party mood. Once again, great times.

~Denise Stoll



Hankies

What's at the Museum?

During the Middle Ages, kerchiefs were used to cover the head; however in the 16th century people began carrying kerchiefs in their pockets to wipe their foreheads or their noses. In order to distinguish these kerchiefs from those used to cover the head, the word "hand" was added to "kerchief".



The Parkdale Maplewood Community Museum is closed for the season, reopening May 2025

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JULY: CONFIDENCE

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MoDL Volunteer - Bruce Veinotte

On December 26, 1976 in a powerful storm, the metal roof of Bruce and Heather's mobile home in West Northfield was picked up by the wind and deposited in their neighbour's yard over 500 metres away. As the rain dripped through what was left of the roof onto their children still in their beds, the parents woke up in shock and the family evacuated across the road to his parents' home.



When the light of day revealed the extent of the damage, word spread quickly. As the day went on many friends, neighbours and strangers showed up to help; equipment and materials had been found to clean up the old and replace with new; and by dark the same day, the crew working together managed to make the roof 'tight'.

The whole humbling experience of seeing so many volunteers come to his aid, offering whatever they could to help, left a lasting impression on Bruce. A young husband and father, already a volunteer with the Northfield District Fire Department, Bruce became more deeply committed to a life of 'helping where and when you are needed, using what you have and what you can do.'

Volunteering wasn't a new concept in Bruce's family. He grew up watching, helping and being 'voluntold' as his parents volunteered. His father, Lester Veinotte, after a fire destroyed his business, was instrumental in the establishment of the Fire Department in West Northfield and was its first chief. His mother, Pauline, was an active servant in church and community events, whose specialty was in organizing the details and cooking for community social and fundraising meals.

On September 18, Bruce was one of over 75 volunteers honoured at the 50th Anniversary Provincial Volunteer Award Ceremony in Truro. He was the representative volunteer for the Municipality of the District Lunenburg.

His citation read: "Bruce has devoted over six decades of his life to volunteering, beginning from his teenage years and continuing to this day. His unwavering commitment spans a wide range of activities, all aimed at nurturing the growth of his church congregation and providing invaluable service to the community. For more than 50 years, Bruce has been an indispensable member of the Northfield Fire Department, where he remains actively involved. His dedication extends beyond emergency service, as he also supports the efforts of the West Northfield Community Centre, where he currently serves as chairperson.

Bruce's contributions are diverse and far reaching – whether it's mowing lawns, plowing snow, assisting families during funerals, visiting seniors, or distributing bulletins and church information to those without access to email, he is always ready to lend a helping hand. Bruce's presence is characterized by warmth and a welcoming spirit making him a beloved figure in the community.

His actions consistently reflect an unwavering commitment to serving others, embodying the true spirit of volunteerism. Bruce's selfless dedication over the years has not only made a significant impact on those he has helped but has also set a powerful example of what it means to live a life of service and compassion. His tireless efforts continue to inspire others in the community to engage in acts of kindness and service, ensuring that the values of community and care are upheld for generations to come."

Bruce will quietly tell you that there is great satisfaction in knowing you've been able meet someone's need or been able to support them as they go through a difficult situation. He values the many good relationship that are made and strengthened, and the fun that can be had as volunteers work together. He delights in seeing new volunteers offer to help and in seeing them grow in skills and take new responsibilities. Bruce feels that most people are willing to help if they see a need, and if they think their help will be accepted. It's important to recognize the contributions people could make and might enjoy making; to invite them to serve; and to let them know their efforts are valuable.

Our communities are better because Bruce, and people like him, serve in so many ways. Thank You!

~Written by Catherine Robar, who is thankful for her brother's generous service



Left to right - Roy Lockyer, Bryden Snyder and Neil Robar

The Maples

In 1924, some years after the railway bed was laid down connecting Middleton and Lunenburg, Jacob Penny Sr. acquired the rough strip of land between the railway tracks and the main highway. Through a lot of hard work, he made it into a grassy field after which he planted a long row of maple trees. He left his mark for our community to enjoy. Many people, particularly passing strangers, have stopped to admire and photograph their beauty. Time has passed and some of the trees are commencing to show their age.

Approximately eight years ago when one of the trees died the New Germany Area Promotion Society bought a maple tree which was planted by my son Ernest and myself once the older tree had been removed. Today it stands at least 12 feet tall. In 2023, through a tree planting program sponsored by the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, we were able to acquire two sugar maple trees. They were both planted and are growing.

This year we were able to obtain more sugar maple trees through the same program. One evening four of us, namely, Roy Lockyer, Neil Robar, Bryden Snyder and myself gathered and planted the new trees equal-distance between the older ones. Once planted, they were watered, tied to an iron stake upon which was tied a bright orange ribbon to warn anyone of their presence. another year we hope to be able to complete this project.

Each spring, over many years, we have enjoyed the growth of those newly leafed out trees that turn into a blaze of colour in the fall. This row of maples is the trade-mark of our community. Let us make certain they grow and survive for our continued enjoyment.

~Hiram J. Carver



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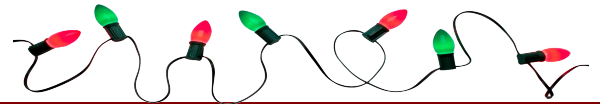
Amanda here from The 644 Revitalization Network. I wanted to take a moment to say thank you to all of the volunteers, vendors, musicians, artists, patrons and friends that helped to make the New Germany Farmers Market a success this season. THANK YOUUUU. I am so grateful to have been a part

of this little piece of what makes the New Germany area such a cool place to live. We had a great group of musicians serenade us from 3:30 to 5:30 each week, we had an ox yolk carving demonstration, dream catcher making, basket weaving, hide tanning, wood working and a visit from the Flaxmobile! Our amazing vendors and friends were always ready to lend a hand helping our volunteers with set up and take down. We had crafts, preserves, fresh baked goods, produce, hot food, books and so much more! It was a busy season, and I am sad that it is over for 2024, however I am also excited to start planning for next year! If you are interested in being a part of the New Germany Farmers Market for the 2025 season, whether as a volunteer, vendor, musician or perhaps you'd like to offer a workshop or demonstration, please reach out to us at info@newgermanyfarmersmarket.ca.

In other 644 news, I would also like to introduce our newest project - a Community Fridge. A Community Fridge is a public, outdoor fridge available 24/7 that all community members can contribute to and take from. The fridge was kindly donated by Kelly Hansen. It is located at the Anglican Hall where we hold the Farmers Market and it will live on the side porch right next to the community cupboard. This fridge is a collective dream come true for the 644 crew as we longed to have a place to put excess produce at the end of the Farmers Market where it could be shared within our community. It's another way we as a community can help feed each other. Many of the items you see in the fridge have been given by neighbours and friends. The fridge works on a "Take what you need, leave what you can" system. Whether you need food from the fridge everyday, once a week, at the end of the month, or even just the odd day you didn't make it to the grocery store, the fridge is for you! Keep an eye out on Facebook for upcoming community cooking days where we will cook frozen meals for the fridge together.

If the Farmers Market doesn't seem interesting to you but you have other community related ideas you are interested in pursuing, maybe joining other initiatives of The 644 Revitalization Network would be more your style! We are passionate about senior inclusion, food security, creating activities for young families, and supporting the rural arts. What are you passionate about? You can reach us at admin@the644.ca.

~Amanda Hobart



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Harvesting Joy at the Weekly Farm Market

Attending the weekly Farmers Market in New Germany has been like going to summer camp. There were tents and tables, banners and themes, live music, food, crafts and people! Every other week there was a demo and an opportunity to try a new skill – yoke making, basket weaving, dream catchers, processing flax, building a bench using mortise and tenon joints or hide tanning. Did you ever think you'd see a full-size bear hide stretched along the main street of New Germany? Did you know that flax was grown in Springfield and processed at the Market?

Did I mention food and free samples? There was always hot food, fresh bread, scones, cookies, gluten free products and all of the other veggie and craft vendors that you would expect to see at a market. I found eggplants at the market, grown locally. Shoppers were able to browse or take a seat and enjoy weekly musical entertainment provided by favourite local musicians.

The future is our youth and how evident this was with a new initiative that I am very proud of - the Youth Vendor Program. Conceived by committee members, the program aimed to empower local youth to develop their business skills, creativity and confidence. With guidance from experienced vendors and market staff, these young entrepreneurs were turning their passions into profitable ventures.

Special moments for me at the Market must include 14-month-old Ren who sells sourdough bread with her Mom, learning to change a tire on my bike, meeting visitors from Germany who wanted to visit New Germany and meeting our young entrepreneurs each week selling their arts and crafts. It has been a pleasure to be part of the team of volunteers and vendors who made the market available to the community. I am looking forward to next Market Day in 2025.

~Nancy Veinot



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~Jennifer Jesso, Executive Director

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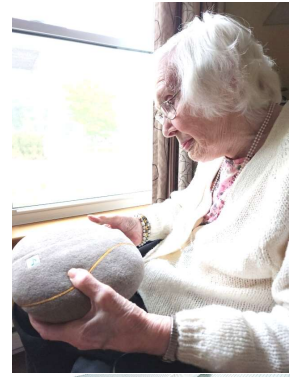
October was Continuing Care Month in Nova Scotia. This year's theme was "**Compassion in Action: Enriching the lives of Nova Scotians**". Continuing Care month was a time to recognize and celebrate the dedicated staff who work at Rosedale Home supporting seniors' living life to the fullest each and every day. We had a jam-packed month with special gift draws and recognition events for all staff.

We would like to thank all community members who have supported our fundraising efforts. We are grateful for the donations that continue to keep the wheels turning on the bus allowing us to explore and participate in community activities. We are having a blast!

Now that we are getting into cooler temperatures we enjoyed all fall had to offer with trips to the farms, farmers markets, looking at the beautiful colours on the trees and picking pumpkins. On Halloween we held our costume contest and enjoyed seeing all the kids dressed up for trick or treating.

We have some exciting events planned for the coming months as well. We are doing an exotic meat tasting event (including ostrich, alligator and bear), heading to the LCLC to take in a hockey game, music with our volunteer groups, decorating for the December holidays, casino games night and much more. Keep your eye out for our calendars on our Facebook page to see what we have planned.

We continue to look for volunteers to play music for residents, assist at mealtimes and to assist with recreational outings. If you have some extra time you are looking to fill with unique rewarding activity, please consider spending some time at Rosedale Home.



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Churches Together!

In a 20 mile radius of New Germany you could easily find 20 different churches, and on almost any Sunday morning, you'd probably find people gathering to worship at about 10 of them.

However, on Sunday, September 29th, people who usually attend at least 7 of them, did a radical thing! They left their usual Sunday morning services and went to Epworth United Church in New Germany – the church across from our Main Street Maples – to worship together. And what a joy it was.

As we entered we heard the joyful strumming of 10 ukuleles. String and a Prayer, the Uke Group from the Anglican Parish of New Germany were leading a few praise songs and choruses. The large crowd was welcomed to Epworth by their pastor, the Rev'd David Lutes. The Christ Candle, a symbol of light, love and unity, was lit as we began worship. Scriptures and prayers were led by members of the United, Anglican and Lutheran churches. Special music was offered by Jesse Beck, Paul & Judy Robar, and Jeff & Debbie Beck. A thought provoking drama followed. Sonia Beck tried to pray the familiar Lord's Prayer, but kept being interrupted with questions and comments from the 'voice of God', played by John Ryan. The message was strong, "think about what you are praying - prayer matters". There were congregational hymns sung with great enthusiasm. A favorite was the old familiar hymn 'What a Friend We Have in Jesus' sung to the not so old Bette Midler tune, The Rose.

The worship was followed by a bountiful lunch and great conversations at McFadden Hall.

You might ask...What brought these churches together? For almost two years, a small group of up 13 people, from five different churches have been meeting together, studying a book, "Christian Foundations", about the development of Christianity, talking about faith and life issues, and enjoying being together.

The members of this small study group really wanted to worship together on Good Friday as they had done in the past with an ecumenical (churches together) service on Good Friday. After much thought and prayer we set about to plan a service together. The result was a very meaningful and moving service together at Trinity Lutheran.

The good experience with this worship together encouraged our small group to look for another opportunity, coming together for the service in September. Looking ahead, we hope to hold an informal Hymn Sing in December at St John's Church Hall and to be able to participate in an ecumenical service at St Andrew's Lutheran Church in West Northfield in December.

If you'd like more info about this study group or these ecumenical endeavours speak to a member of the group – Catherine Robar, Sandra Matchett, Judy Robar, Melinda Griffiths, Kathy Daniels, Helene Parnell, Pat Wentzell, Doreen Oickle, Sonia Beck, Patty Spidle, Doreen Hart, Karen Goudie, Jerry Goudie.



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From the Lions Den

~Lion Deb Featherby

Wow! What a beautiful autumn. The trees have been showing off such glorious colours

The Lions club has enjoyed a busy fall so far – making apple pies is always such a great event with so many community volunteers! We couldn't do it without them, so a big "thank you" goes out to them and to all the people who bought pies & bags of apples.

Lion Danielle was busy the past months as she crafted a beautiful quilt for a fundraiser. With help from the Lions, tickets were sold and the lucky winner was Mauritius Deal. Lion Danielle was also the organizer for the Halloween Children's Party, which we hope will be an annual event.

Lion Deb was busy creating gift bags of books for infants and toddlers as part of the Lions "Gift of Literacy," which the staff at the Medical Centre pass out to families with young children. Lion Deb also maintains the Book Nooks in New Germany and Lower Branch. All of the Lions worked to raise money so all four elementary schools in our area could receive a cheque for five hundred dollars to support classroom libraries.

Our fundraising chair, Lion Carla, is always busy organizing our fundraisers, and she does a great job. With Pie Day hardly out of the way, she organized an indoor yard sale, and plans are underway for a Penny Auction and Merchandise Bingo. Watch for flyers at Freshmart and the post office, or check out our website for details. MODL, CKBW, and South Shore Bulletin also carry our events on their websites.

Lion Carla has organized A Giving Tree which will be set up at the Medical Centre in late November. Residents wishing to buy a gift for a child may get a tag from the giving tree and then return with the gift. We will also be supporting teacher Mike Wilson's toy drive again this year, with gift cards for parents to help with their costs while their children are in hospital. The elementary school is also given funds to help with their efforts to provide for families at Christmas time.

Lion Pat oversees our Health and Wellness funds and reported that seven families were helped in September. As winter approaches, we know some families will have to choose between food, heat or other expenses, so it is important that they reach out for help from the Lions. Lion Pat can be reached at 902-212-2471.

Although only a few Lions have been mentioned by name, all of the members of the club help with fundraisers and at events. We are proud to be part of our many communities, and as a member of the New Germany & Area Lions Pride, we take our motto seriously – We Serve!



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- * Sunday Dec. 1st Livewires Countryside Forest Tree Lighting, Main Street Maples 6:30pm
- * Monday Dec. 2nd Companion Crafting, noon to 4 pm, Barss Corner Community Hall, #891 Barss Corner Road
 - * Tuesday Dec. 3rd West Northfield Community Centre, Drop In, 1 - 3 pm (the first & third Tuesdays of each month)
- * Thursday Dec. 5th Community Cafe, 9:30 - 11:30 am, St. John's Anglican Church Hall, # 5311 Hwy. 10 New Germany (every Thursday)
- * Friday Dec. 6th Walden Memorial Tree Lighting 7pm
- * Friday Dec. 6 Bingo at Hemford Hall, #2121 Hwy 208, 7:30 pm (every Friday night)
- * Friday Dec. 6th Music Jam, 7:30 - 9 pm, \$2.00, North River Community Centre, #915 North River Road (every Friday Night)
- * Saturday Dec 7th Pinehurst Breakfast, 7 - 11 am, Pinehurst Community Hall, #3485 Hwy 10; Adults - \$12.00; 6 - 12 \$6.00; under 5 free
 - * Saturday Dec. 7th Children's Whimsical Store, Anglican Hall.
 - * Saturday Dec. 7th Holly Jolly Market, 4- 9pm, Barss Corner Hall
 - * Saturday Dec. 7th - Bingo at North River Community Centre 7 pm, #915 North River Road (every Saturday Night)
- * Sunday Dec. 8th Christmas Concert - 7 pm, Branch LaHave Community Hall, 1758 Lower Branch Road; free will - cash donations to the New Germany Food Bank
- * Monday Dec. 9th Christmas Bingo, Walden 7pm
 - * Tuesday, Dec.10th TTNT Tea at ten in Northfield on Tuesday, Upper Northfield Community Hall, #852 Cross Rd
 - * Wednesday, Dec. 11th - Potluck and Auction 45s - 6 pm potluck, 7:30 pm - cards, Simpsons Corner Community Hall, #1300 Hwy 208





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