



New Germany Connections

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Community Events

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- Community Café Thursdays
- March 15 Farmers Market meeting
- March 16 Dance NG Legion
- March 20 NGAPS AGM
- March 22 Karaoke NG Legion
- March 23 Food Bank Drive
- March 31 Easter
- April 5 644 Meeting
- April 5 Trivia NG Legion
- April 6 Darts NG Legion
- April 20 Hug a Tree WNCH
- April 20 Dance NG Legion
- April 25 Pap Clinic NGAMC
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- April 27 Penny Auction
- April 29 Women's Heart Health
- May 3 Babysitter Course BLCH
- May 3 Trivia NG Legion
- May 4 Craft Show @ NGRHS
- May 11 Concert NGRHS
- May 25 Union Square Plant Sale

Spring 2024

We are, for the most part, communities inhabited by ordinary people; no movie stars, no royalty, no sports idols.

But in so many ways the people who live in our communities are anything but ordinary. They are folk who "get stuff done," recognize a need and make it happen. Maybe it is a Community Café for people to gather or a Community Coffee house to raise funds for those in need. Or looking at an old building and restoring it to life, clearing a rocky lake shore front to make a beach, immediately jumping in to support a family with a calamity; yes all events that took organizing, but more importantly took "doing".

Many of us often have good ideas, sometimes even great ideas, to make our communities even better places to live. The key is to roll up your sleeves and get to work. We have some great examples in our history and present day, lets keep the work going into the future.

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.

www.newgermany.ca

Facebook

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

Maple Creek Centre

On October 28th the Maple Creek Centre held its first public event. The Centre is located on 5169 Highway 10, in New Germany. Originally, the building was built by the International Order of Odd Fellows, quietly aided by their wives and daughters (I am assuming) of the Rebecca Lodge.

The event was a dance with Tim Frauzel opening for the Mossman Road band, consisting of Ron Mossman and his nephews Jeff and Justin. Tim said that he knows of 30 bands that have expressed an interest in performing at the Centre. At \$10. per ticket, we listened and danced to a wide variety of songs that everyone could enjoy.

Over the decades, the Maple Creek Centre, as the IOOF hall, housed many other useful things such as offices for lawyers and dentists. It was vacant when Tim Frauzel and Tabatha Clements purchased it in 2021.

They began to remove the evidence of former offices and expose the interior as it once was. Adding an up-to-code electrical system, fresh paint, fancy lighting, a refinished floor, 2 updated washrooms, a bar and a kitchen. Why, you can do pretty much anything there!

Tim and Tabatha have been gracious to everyone who showed an interest and are grateful to the many helping hands from this community.

Maple Creek Centre was the place to be on the evening of December 2nd. A lot of people enjoyed their Rock and Roll favourite hits. Performing for us were the "Usual Suspects" consisting of: Jody Miller, Tom Thomson, Tim Frauzel, John Noseworthy and Mike Freeman. Special guest was Robie Sager. The Usual Suspects have been playing around the Maritimes for over 25 years and "keep people grooving" with a variety of dance music. Folks could purchase a drink if they wanted and munchies are supplied by Tim and Tabatha. As usual, everybody had a great time.

On December 22nd, the Maple Creek Centre was open for another evening of dancing (or just listening). A variety of music, from Reggae to soft rock was performed by "the Essentials". This band consists of: Stuart Frank, Pat Wardell, Tim Frauzel, Delton Fraser and Nick Jeffery. Once again, Robie Sagar stood in as well. As always, live music is the best and the dance floor was always full.

The first event for 2024 was held on Heritage Day, February 19th when the Centre was open showcasing a slide show of old pictures of the New Germany area. Tabatha greeted everyone and said she and Tim want "a place where community can gather for events or just socialize".

Before the show started, MODL Councillor Cathy Moore presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Tim and Tabatha and Mayor Bolivar-Getson praised the efforts and goals to which the MCC aspires. As the slide show went on I could hear people commenting about other times and events they attended in the hall. Some people got up after and told their own personal stories as well. Tabatha, who grew up in New Germany, gave credit to her parents, Rose and Luther Tanner, for much of the history and photos.

She posts on social media, so please contact her with more historical information, for example when was the Centre (as the IOOF hall) was built. Her goal is to produce a professional show that will be seen on YouTube. Looking to the future a hoped for event will be an Art Show this August. So all you artists contact Denise 306-621-3863 (text only) or Suzanne 902-943-8516, email novascotiasuzanne@gmail.com. Find more information about upcoming shows and events at the Centre and email contact at www.maplecreekcentre.com.

~ Denise Stoll



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NGAPS

Please consider joining us at our Annual General Meeting on March 20th.

Our ongoing projects in 2024:

- New Germany Connections newsletter
- NGAPS Facebook page
- NGAPS website
- *Make a Day of It!* brochure / map
- Maintenance and power at Main Street Maples
- Christmas Festival partnership with MODL and tree lighting with Livewires 4H
- Community planters

If you would like to read a brief history of some of the projects, events and activities of NGAPS, this is available on our web site www.newgermany.ca

If you would like to check out back issues of New Germany Connections, these are available on the bookshelf at the Community Café on Thursday mornings, St John's Anglican Church Hall and on our website.

New Germany Area Promotion Society

NGAPS Annual General Meeting



Wednesday March 20th

7:30 PM

A short business meeting will follow.

Maple Creek Centre

5169 Trunk 10



New Germany NS

New members are always welcome!



2024

Farm Share

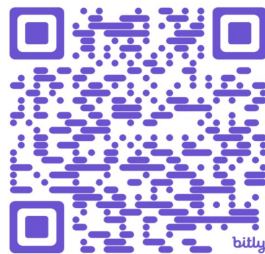
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Livewires 4-H

A new 4-H year 4 the win!

I'm Lily Gregory, the new reporter for the Livewires 4-H club and I'm looking forward to bringing interesting and fun 4-H news to you.

On January 13th Lunenburg County 4-H clubs gathered together to go skating at the Lunenburg War Memorial Arena. Everyone had a good time. There were free snacks, water and some of your closest friends to skate with, and that's just one of the events that you can attend in 4-H.

4-H is essentially a nation-wide club for country kids (and city kids) that teaches them a lot of very important life skills and that can invoke the inner entrepreneur. The projects you can do in 4-H are far from scarce. There are projects for animals, for example: cattle, horses, dogs, waterfowl and more!

There are also projects for kids with an artsy side such as: crafts, woodworking, sewing, cake decorating and welding.

For kids who want to learn very important skills that could help them a lot in life there are: First aid, small engines, vet science, gardening, etc.

If you are interested in team oriented activities, you can check out Tug of War and Lumbersports, both of which run competitions throughout the year. You might have seen them at the Bridgewater Exhibition.

There are several more projects and activities in 4-H but let's hope these examples are enough to get you interested!



I am Lisa, a Registered Yoga teacher and yoga therapist in training. **Yoga studio opening this Spring in Wentzell Lake. Check Facebook or Instagram for updates.**

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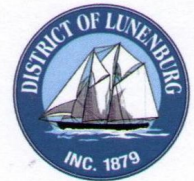
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The Community Café

Winter may be long and dreary but the Community Café is the place to go for good conversations, good snacks and lots of cheer. The Café is open from 9:30 to 11:30 every Thursday morning at the Anglican Church Hall, 5311 Hwy 10. Everyone is welcome and the snacks are free but donations are accepted!



The donations made at the Café are used to help those in need. At Christmas, two families were provided with Christmas gifts and hampers of food thanks to the generosity of our guests. When it was learned that mittens and personal items were needed by students at our schools, our guests responded with donations of mittens, personal items and cash. A five hundred dollar donation was made to the Radiothon to support work on the ICU at our hospital, South Shore Regional. Over \$160 was donated to the Coldest Night of the Year Walk in support of Souls Harbour. The giving nature of our guests continues.

Joyce Seamone, a Classic Country singer, soared to fame with her number 1 hit, "Testing 1-2-3". A Gold Record artist, Joyce has toured in Europe, Canada and the States, but a part of her heart was always here, so she and Gerald retired to Pinehurst. Joyce's heart was saddened to learn of the needs of students at the high school, and with \$500.00 in support from the Community Café, a vision came to life to have a **fundraiser for the high school's "Free Store"**. Everyone is invited to come out to the high school on **Saturday, May 11**, to hear Joyce, accompanied by George Giles and Neil Brown and with special guests, the "Jovial Joes". Doors will open at 1:00, with the show set for 2:00. Admission is by donation and snacks will be available. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to hear Joyce and support the needs of our local students.



Don't forget to come to the Café – a great way to spend a Thursday morning. Need a lift – call Lunenburg County Wheels at 902-523-4455 – rates are very reasonable.

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Upcoming Spring Programs for Everyone:

Bargain Shopping Bus Trip to the Valley: April 13 from 8:00am-6:00pm, Meet at Walmart parking lot

Hug-A-Tree: April 20 from 10:00am-11:00am, West Northfield Community Hall

Women's Heart Health: April 29 from 6:00pm-7:15pm, Anglican Church Hall, New Germany

Babysitter Course: May 3 from 9:00am-3:00pm, Branch LaHave Community Hall

Bargain Shopping Bus Trip to the French Shore: May 16 from 8:00am-6:00pm, Meet at Walmart parking lot

Family Fun Day: May 18 from 1:00pm-4:00pm, MARC Ball Fields, Dayspring

Annual Kids' Fishing Derby: May 25 from 9:00am-12:00pm, MARC, Dayspring

Healthy Family Day: June 2 from 1:00pm-4:00pm, LCLC, Bridgewater



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!



Volunteer Awards 2024

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

Representative Volunteer - One volunteer (individual, couple, or group) will be selected to represent the District of Lunenburg at the 50th Provincial Volunteer Award Ceremony.

Municipal Reception - Community organizations are invited to send two representatives to the Municipal Reception to be held during Volunteer Week.

Deadline for Nominations: Thursday, March 14, 2024

For more information, visit www.modl.ca, call (902) 541-1343, or email recreation@modl.ca

Summer Employment Deadlines

We are looking for strong, creative leaders with energy, motivation, and communication skills to deliver our summer recreation programs in a fun, safe, and inclusive environment. Our summer programming spans across the District of Lunenburg encompassing all ages and abilities. Reliable transportation is required to travel to different locations daily. We welcome applications from all who feel their knowledge and skill set align with the goals of our department.

March 15, 2024 (Managers Positions, April-August)

April 12, 2024 (Program Leaders, May-August)

May 5, 2024 (Program Leaders, July-August)

Mail or drop off your resume to:

Tissy Bolivar, Program Coordinator
10 Allée Champlain Drive
Cookville, NS
B4V 9E4

Tissy.Bolivar@modl.ca

Job descriptions are available on the Municipal website.



New Germany Legion

Spring is in the air, or we hope it is! Here at the Legion, we have been powering through the winter months with some fun events; even when the weather has been dicey we have still had a great turn out.

Speaking of events, we do have a handful in the pipeline! Starting with March 16th, we have our annual St. Patty's dance. Hope everyone remembers to dress in green. Tickets available at the bar during business hours. Karaoke would normally fall on the last Friday of the month, but that is Good Friday, so we will be hosting Karaoke March 22nd instead. April brings us: General Meeting on the 4th at 7pm, Trivia with the Quizmaster Friday the 5th at 8pm, our Mixed Triples Dart Tournament on Saturday the 6th (contact Ian to sign up), our Safari Dance on the 20th and Karaoke with Darren on the 26th at 8pm.


Then way, way in May we have our Spring Market, so look for that date to be announced. That is a good line up! With all of that, we've been doing some upgrades to the building; some were planned, some were not planned (old building, eh). We have access to some grants from the province and members who are also handy and that all helps us with the costs. Our membership is up with a lot of new faces in our door and utilizing our pool tables at last! So, a lot of positive things coming from us as of late. But as always, everyone welcome and if you'd like to volunteer, or become a member please reach out!

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Good Neighbours Make the Best Communities

We are very fortunate to have many beautiful lakes in our area. And even more fortunate when we are able to have access to them for swimming, boating, fishing or even landing a plane.

In New Germany, the LaHave River widens into what we know as New Germany Lake. From early spring till late fall, it is the site of much activity. Near the upper end of the lake there is a picnic park and boat launch which was developed over twenty years ago by a community-minded group and is now cared for by our local Lions Club. At the lower end, you'll often see people savouring the peace and quiet of a few hours of fishing near the shore.

But by far the busiest portion is near the centre. It wasn't always so. When my children were young in the 1980's, there was no access to the lake for swimming. However, through their concern for the good of the community and through the generous use of their own land, business and personal resources, Mervin and Eva Zinck changed that. Mervin and company cleared the bushes and rocks on the shore, hauled in tractor trailer loads of shale and sand, and put in a driveway and parking area. There was no public funding but there was some lengthy and not so pleasant negotiating with the Dept of Environment. Eventually, as Mervin said, "Finally they left me alone." In the first few years, he also provided a 10x12 foot raft with a diving board, provided a lifesaving ring, picnic tables and a trash can. Unfortunately, these eventually met with careless use and abuse and were removed. However, people now happily bring whatever they need, and the beach is very much appreciated.

When the 'flying bug' hit, Mervin, with Eva's help and support, built his own airplane. (That's another amazing story!) There needed to be a way to access the lake for taking off and landing. He along with his sons and friends had in previous years spent long hours clearing the lake of 'deadheads' i.e. logs that had submerged during the log drives, often with one end stuck in the mud and the free end standing up just under or above the surface - a tremendous hazard to boats or planes. I often watched them wrapping ropes or chains around the log and then pulling them out with a speed boat. Not as easy as it may sound.

With the lake safe for planes to take off and land, the next step was to build a hangar. And build they did. The well designed hangar became a place, not only for Mervin's plane, but a place for the 'flying community' to gather. For a number of years, Mervin and Eva hosted a 'Pilots' Picnic' on a Saturday in July when many planes flew in for the day and the community was invited to gather. Hundreds of people welcomed the invitation to watch the planes, enjoy the music, meet friends, and sample the free food provided by the Zincks. The most popular menu item offered was 'Merv's Ribbon Fries' - a special spiral-cut deep-fried potato treat! This was a 'trademark' item that Mervin had developed and which he and Eva provided as a Canada Day fundraiser for many years.

Always looking for ways to help the community, Mervin found one more way to improve things at the lake. The land at the foot of the lake is property owned by the Anglican Church, and when Mervin heard they'd appreciate having the bushes cut, he went at it. He cut bushes along a several hundred foot stretch of shoreline which has so greatly enhanced the view of the lake and the sunsets as we drive through our lovely village.

We are better because of generous and community minded citizens who go the extra mile to make our community even better. Mervin and Eva Zinck are among many who have helped this community become a great place to live. Sadly Mervin passed away earlier this year but the accounts of his generosity will live on in this area. I'm sure there are many more stories to be told.

Written by Catherine Robar who delights in the many improvements in our community!



Lunenburg County Wheels

A big thank you to the New Germany & Area Lions Club for their generous donation of \$1000. It is through such kind donations that Lunenburg County Wheels is able to operate.

LCW is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing door to door transportation within western Lunenburg County at reasonable fares. Rides range in price from \$2.50 to \$15 depending on the distance travelled and if you need a return trip. You are picked up at your door. The vans and bus are wheelchair accessible and the driver will help those with other mobility issues. Rides are available to everyone, not just seniors or those with mobility issues, so call the dispatcher at 902-523-4455 to book your ride.

Imagine – you can get to the Community Café, Freshmart, Shoppers or to visit friends, go for a medical appointment at South Shore Regional or to exercise class. Anywhere you want to go, when you want to go. That's freedom. That's independence.



Brian Carver (LVW), Lions Betty Ann MacKay, Bernice Brown, Harry Beach (LCW)

Hello from Councillor Cathy Moore

We got through:

Covid 19, Wild Fires and Floods and more!

What a bumpy ride since our last Municipal Elections, we are all troopers!

It is an honour to serve on Municipality of the District of Lunenburg Council and represent District #5. I'm just a humble person who grew up in a working family (nee Lyons) in New Canada, knowing the true value of hard work and making ends meet!

October 2024 is the next Municipal Election and I will be re-offering.

Do you know that 52.1% of your property taxes go directly to the province for mandatory payments such as library, RCMP and the biggest cost, education? Of the remaining 47.9% , 19.3% goes to administration, leaving 28.6% for other costs such as waste collection & disposal, recreation, economic development etc.

PVSC (property valuation service, covering the entire province) sets assessments based on the market value of homes. We continue to see homes selling at higher prices since Covid and with inflation, setting new market values, which results in increased assessments.

You may be eligible for the MODL property tax rebate.

Contact me for details.

Councillor Cathy Moore, District 5

**Call anytime 902-644-2922(h) 902-930-3062(c)
email- Cathy.Moore@modl.ca**



**Are you or someone you know having a significant Milestone?
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"Authorized by Cathy Moore"



Join Us!

CONTACT

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The 644

REVITALIZATION NETWORK

Working together to enrich the vitality and diversity of New Germany and surrounding areas

Hello! You might have heard whispers about us around the community. We are a newly incorporated group of volunteers wanting to improve the affordability, accessibility, and wellbeing of our communities.

This summer we are hosting **The New Germany Farmers Market** as well as a free **Seniors Digital Literacy Program**

Meetings + Announcements:

Meeting: The 644 Round Table for New Members

*Friday April 5th, 2024
7pm @ 5311 #10 Hwy (The Anglican Hall)*

Farmers Market Volunteer Meeting

*Friday March 15th, 2024
7pm @ 5311 #10 Hwy (The Anglican Hall)*

Join! Arts Sub-Committee

Supporting rural artists through programs and gatherings. Email to join us at our next meeting.

Hiring: Coordinators for Digital Literacy Program for Seniors

Looking for paid coordinators and volunteers. Email for info.



The Hummingbird Cafe

Permanent Location Opening Soon!

Friday Dinners

3:30 - 6:30 PM every Friday
Anglican Hall - 5311 Hwy #10
Cakes, sandwiches, rice bowls,
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Upcoming Program

Senior Meals Program
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Contact

Jay Robar
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New Germany & Area Medical Centre

Thank you to the New Germany & Area Lions Club and Salvation Army as well as to Gary and Laura Lee Seamone for their generous donation of the **Medical Centre Christmas Giving Tree**.

Thank you to the community for being so kind and picking up all the tags and supplying all the gifts.



New Germany & Area Medical Centre

Pap Clinic

April 25th

(by appointment only)

Please call the Centre for an appointment. Appointments may be made by any woman wishing to have a Pap test.

Phone 644-2361 with a valid Health Card



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The New Germany Canada Day Committee



is busy planning and preparing for the 2024 celebration. To accommodate our ever expanding garden party, we've recently purchased a 40ft storage unit to help house everything we need.

We have some fun new games being designed, a brand new canteen booth being built and more ideas forming every day. This year the New Germany Canada Day Committee is selling T-shirts! They are currently available to pre-order. Shirts range in size from 2T-6 and XS to 4XL and can be ordered by emailing newgermany.cd@gmail.com. We will also be selling wooden Canada flags in the near future. To find out how to purchase keep an eye on our Facebook page titled "New Germany Canada Day". We have a Penny Auction coming up on Saturday, April 27th at the St. Johns Anglican Hall, 5311 Highway 10, in New Germany.

As always, we would love to welcome new members to our committee! We look forward to seeing you all in New Germany, Monday July 1st, 2024.





Union Square Community Hall
Annual Plant Sale
Saturday May 25th,
9:30 to 12:30.
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NEW GERMANY CRAFT SHOW COMMITTEE PRESENTS

MOTHER'S DAY

Sip and Shop

Saturday May 4th 2024

New Germany Rural High School

44 School Street

10am - 3pm

Many crafters & vendors

Ample parking

Mocktail tasting

Food on site

Admission by donation

The New Germany Craft Show Planning Committee

would like to thank all involved with our Christmas Show this past November. With the generosity of the public and our vendors we were able to give donations to the following community organizations:

- Bags of Love - Sharing Love to those in need
- NGRHS/NGES Free Stores
- NGRHS/NGES Breakfast Programs
- New Germany Food Bank
- Social Fund Rosedale Home for Special Care.

New Germany Volunteer Fire Department



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New Germany Rural High School News

~Ruth Wilkins, Principal

It is hard to believe the year is already more than half way through. We have seen so much growth in our student body and frequently get compliments from visitors and substitutes to our building about how quiet our school is, and how friendly and helpful our students and staff are. I am proud to be the principal of a school that is so community oriented and in which our students, staff, families and community members work together to ensure we provide a safe and welcoming environment for all.



Some examples of the collaboration that have made NGRHS such a great place:

Our annual turkey dinner was a huge success due to all of our generous donors, the hard work of our O2 students, staff and volunteers from 143 Construction Engineering Flight. Everyone enjoyed a perfectly cooked turkey dinner free of charge.

Our wellness CLT group along with our leadership students organized an amazing activity afternoon on the day before the winter holidays. There were activities such as karaoke, dodge ball, cookie decorating, ornament making in our tech lab and learning centre and an escape room. It was such a success, the CLT group and leadership class will be organizing a similar event on March 8th for all of our students.

There has been some great work happening with our Jr. High boys this year by a few of our male staff. They are running "Guys Work" throughout the year with our grades 7, 8 and 9 students to discuss traditional masculinity norms and the impact they have on their and their peers' well-being.

There has been a huge outpouring of support from the community over the past several month as we work together to ensure our students and families have access to the things that they need. We had reached out looking for gently used bras to distribute to our students and I excited to report that we have been able to rehome over 50 bras so far this year. Each time I have reached out to members of the community, I am pleasantly amazed at the support, kindness and compassion in New Germany. This was evident at the Community Coffee House we hosted in late January as a fundraiser to support local families in need. We had a full house, a great line up of performers (from those who have just started playing instruments, to far more experienced). Families and community donated baked goods. We had tea, coffee and hot chocolate and a whole lot of positive spirit! I look forward to being able to host another one later in the year.



Technology education at NGRHS has been in full swing this year with our Grade 10 Construction class building homes to scale right from laying/pouring a foundation with inlaid plumbing, to framing, shingling, and even landscaping. Our juniors have been building and racing wooden cars, building independent projects such as benches and shelves with great precision. The new course we are offering this year is Energy, Power, Transportation and Trades. The students have been building remote controlled robotic devices and learning to build engines.

There are so many amazing things happening at the school with the support of the staff, families, community and students it is hard to just highlight a few!



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What's at the Museum?



This cheese dish came from Mr. Minards' house and would have been used on their dinner table. Cheese dishes kept cheese from drying out.

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History of Hillcrest Masonic Lodge #93

The year was 1921; the village of New Germany was a thriving community, located between the towns of Bridgewater and Middleton, on the #10 highway. Its roots began in 1803 when the first settlers, John Feindel and family arrived, followed shortly after by the Varner, Penney and Woodworth families.

What did New Germany look like? It had a railway station which served as the main cargo rail that had lines running between Lunenburg, Bridgewater, New Germany, Middleton, Bridgetown and a second line that ran from New Germany to Caledonia. It was the home of Zwicker's Pulp Mill, which was not only the largest employer of most of the village men and surrounding communities, but it also served as the main power source to the village and to the mill during its operational hours.

The community at this time had three churches (Anglican, Lutheran and United), a grist mill, a lumber mill, two blacksmith shops, one livery stable, two hotels, eight stores, two schools and one bank. This was all surrounded by homes and farms. The main source of transportation at this time was teams of horses and oxen. Moving from community to community was not easy and most households were independent and dependent on each other for survival.

The history of the Lodge says "It all started with three knocks". This was when Dr. C.E. Dexter, who was already a past master of Mechanics lodge, Caledonia, and at the time was practicing dentistry in New Germany, had the idea to start a lodge in New Germany so he went knocking on doors to see if other men would be interested in establishing a local lodge in the village of New Germany. Those men were E.D. Mailman, R.D. Lindsay, W.H. Cole, *Past District Deputy Grand Master*, D.J. Mailman, I.G. Grant, Henry Veinot, Joseph Smith, Syphorus Silver and E.G. Payne. After much discussion, these men signed the first petition to Grand Lodge. Each man contributed the sum of \$5 for that purpose.

Grand Lodge granted them Dispensation on January 7, 1921 – and Hillcrest Lodge was formed.

The first communication was held in what was known as Chesley Hall on January 21, 1921 with the following present:

Worshipful Master – C.E. Dexter; Senior Warden – E.W. Mailman; Junior Warden – R.D. Lindsay; Secretary – E.J. Payne; Senior Deacon – W.H. Cole; Junior Deacon – D.J. Mailman; Tyler – Joseph Smith Others present: Syphorus Silver and Henry Veinot.

Some extractions from the first set of minutes state the Master spoke on the formation of the Lodge and what he hoped the members would be able to do for each other and for the Craft in general. It further stated that the brothers present worked on the 1st degree of masonry for the purpose of instruction, one of the brothers acted as the candidate. Two petitions were heard and an investigating committee was struck to review petitions for membership. The oldest member, W.H. "Bill" Cole, offered a speech. It was well received by the brethren present. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace, love and harmony.

After this first meeting, regular monthly meetings were held without interruptions. Within the first year 10 brothers were raised. During this first year there was a motion passed that any doctors or clergy that joined the lodge would have their application fee refunded.

It was then in **June 1921**, Hillcrest received its Charter with the number 93.

August 19th, the first electric light bill was received; it was \$2.75. The Lodge had owed some back-rent to Mr. Simpson who owned the building and so it was decided to pay the back-rent of \$18. It was also decided that a committee to be struck to investigate the usage of the lower hall (now the Hillcrest Hall) for their meeting place. On the **18th of November 1921**, meeting it was announced that the first meeting of Hillcrest Lodge would be held in the lower hall and would be known as Hillcrest Masonic Lodge #93 Hall. It was obtained at \$15 a year and all the repairs that the lodge made to the building would go towards the rent.

The first official fundraiser for the lodge was held on **27th December 1921** when they held a turkey dinner and was served at \$1.50 per plate. It was then on **April 14, 1922** that Hillcrest Lodge adopted the first set of bylaws and was permitted by Grand Lodge to use them.

Hillcrest Lodge's first own Church Parade took place on Sunday, **June 25, 1922**. The service was held in "The Pines", a beautiful grove surrounded by tall pines in the middle of New Germany, on property owned by Isaac DeLong and usually and specially prepared for this service by the older of the Jacob Penney Seniors, a tradition that lasted for a good number of years. The minutes of a meeting in **1924** reflected a simple one line entry; "Postage of a letter is costing \$0.03"

1927: Electric candlesticks, locally made, were acquired and emblematic wands were bought for the Stewards and Deacons at \$6.00 per pair.

April 29, 1942: Master of the Lodge, Titus Zwicker, dies unexpectedly while in office. The history notes say he was just re-elected Master of Hillcrest and was buried with full Masonic Honours on May 1, 1942. It was then in **1949** when the treasurer at the time, made a motion that the dues be increased from \$2 a year to \$6 a year. Motion was passed.

The lodge continued to build membership and regularly held meetings where the degrees in masonry were taught and members were challenged and eventually raised to the Third Degree of masonry. Several years of the regular duties of Masons were achieved and the Lodge continued to thrive. By **1952** there were 48 Master Masons on the ledger books of Hillcrest Lodge.

July 1952: The minutes reflected that "one minute of silence shall be observed for the passing of King George VI, who was a Brother Mason" **1963:** All members and families enjoyed a picnic at Worshipful Brother Hiram J. Carver's cottage on an island in Lake Peter, everyone enjoyed boating.

1971 The Lodge began preparations for its 50th anniversary:

There was a long list of committees appointed for the planning, which included many events throughout the year, such as a dance in January "that was well received and will be long remembered by those who attended. It was also a financial success." In March the lodge hosted a successful supper of ham and scallop potatoes.

Throughout these 50 years of Masonic activities, the notes and minutes reflected the many events such as parades, Holy Saint John's Day Services, banquets, fundraising projects and meetings that were successfully held by Hillcrest Masonic Lodge brethren. As well, many, many cash donations were made to assist with people in need and various community projects. One event of particular interest was a Garden Party that was to be held in the summer of **1949** to raise money for a film projector for the local theatre. The Masonic lodge was to participate by running games of Aunt Sally and Milk Bottles.

In **1971**, our own Hillcrest Member, Harald Weiland became the Grand Master of Masons for Nova Scotia and continued to serve this position into a second term in 1972. Harald had a passion for masonry and served as the Historian of this Lodge for many man years. His experience and knowledge of the Masonic history and its rituals were never to be challenged.

A passage from Wor. Bro. Harald R.K. Weiland, PGM, Historian

"In a community which completely changed in so many respects, where the educational, transportation and communications systems were profoundly affected, which works with cell phones, cable television, micro computers and digital cameras, where all that and much more changed in the course of only eighty years. Hillcrest Lodge No. 93 is still performing its basic functions as they were performed by those Brothers who petitioned for a Lodge eight decades ago."

The history of Hillcrest Masonic Lodge is rich and bountiful. The last decade of Hillcrest Lodge has been filled with activities such as the continuation of the annual banquets (except during the pandemic), Holy Saint John's Day services, regular and official visits with neighbouring lodges and fund-raising events. One in particular that was a raffle, again hosted by Wor. Bro. Hiram Carver at his cottage on the island, where a BBQ was held for the winners along with a flight in a light water-aircraft piloted by a local resident touring the area by air. Regular monthly meetings along with the financial support that is shown to so many individuals and organizations locally and in particular the Freemasons High School Bursary each year; many projects that I won't attempt to name individually. Hillcrest Lodge, although today is smaller in numbers, continues its vibrancy within in the community, the responsibilities to its charter and loyalty to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. We can see how so much change has occurred over the past 50 years, 75 years and now 100 years. It is difficult to sum up 100 years of service to the Lodge and its communities, but I hope this brief but informative presentation provided a glimpse into the 100 years of service that Hillcrest Lodge and its brethren have created and given.

~Bro. Adam Tipert, presented December 2023



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From the Lions Den

~Lion Deb Featherby

The New Germany & Area Lions Club was so pleased to be able to present a beautiful poinsettia and a cheque for the bus fund, to the Rosedale Home for Special Care at Christmas. The residents at the Riverside Apartments were also remembered with gift cards and members of the club manned the donation Kettle for the Salvation Army. A tree was decorated on Main Street to support the Live Wires 4H group and to add to the festive lights along our main street, which was so beautiful during the Christmas season.

Although winter weather has made it necessary to reschedule meetings, members have continued their work of serving the community. Two young girls were helped with travel costs to attend a "Cheer" competition, a young man was helped with costs to attend the Special Olympics, two local axe throwers were given funds to help with their travel to an upcoming international competition. All members are looking forward to hearing from these recipients about their experiences and the axe throwers are going to give us an exhibition!

The Food Bank was given a donation to help with their ever increasing costs, the Radiothon campaign to refresh the ICU was given \$2000. Lunenburg County Wheels, a non-profit organization which provides door to door transportation to residents of the New Germany area at reasonable cost, was given \$1000. Bonny Lea Farm, outside of Chester, received \$2000. for their building campaign as they work to provide a home for their residents as they age. Several individuals in the community who were experiencing hardships were helped with donations from the club as well.



Feb Induction of new members: Lions Carla Carver, Agnes Conrad, Marie Reid, Donnie Fancy, Claude Daillancourt, Danielle McFarlane

A new service project is being started - "The Gift of Literacy" is a project designed to provide books to toddlers and preschoolers, which the club will purchase. The staff at the Medical Centre will be working with us to make sure that parents have books to read to their children - a necessary part of developing good literacy skills. And, of course, the Book Nooks in New Germany and the Branch are updated regularly for those residents with a love of reading.

During March Break the Lions will sponsor a free afternoon of bowling at Bowl More Lanes and a free swim at the LCLC. Doing projects for youth is an important part of our Lions work.

New Germany & Area Lions truly believe in their motto "We Serve". We do this by helping members of our communities, local organizations and national causes such as the Lions dog guide program. We encourage you to check out our website or Facebook page for upcoming activities, and if you are in need of help please call 902-212-2471. We are here to serve.



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