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New Germany Area Promotion Society

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Community Events

- Bookmobile Tuesdays
- Community Café Thursdays
- Social Thursday P/M Museum
- Farmers Market Fridays
- Bingo Saturday North River
- June 18 Playgroup NG
- June 23 Life Drawing NG
- June 27/28 Art Show Union Square
- June 28 Community Cook
- July 1 Canada Day in NG
- July 5/6 NGRHS Reunion
- July 6 BBQ Union Square
- July 9 Playgroup NG
- July 9 Christmas in July
- July 19 Breakfast & Penny Auction P/M
- July 19 Springfield Celebration
- July 26 Community Cook
- Aug 9 Breakfast P/M
- Aug 13 Playgroup NG
- Aug 14 NGAPS meeting
- Aug 17 Breakfast Union Square
- Aug 23 Penny Auction Union Square
- Aug 30 Community Cook
- Sept 6 Breakfast Pinehurst
- Sept 14 NGAPS Community Pot Luck

New Germany Connections

Summer 2025

There are a couple of Nova Scotian singers and their songs, released decades apart, which come to mind these days. We are living with many challenges, not as difficult as people in many places, but still disquieting.

Listening to Anne Murray's 1983 "A Little Good News Today" and Classified's 2020 "Good News" reminds us that everything doesn't have to be awful.

When you read our newsletter we hope you enjoy our version of a little good news.

The events that are happening in your community and nearby communities, most offered by volunteers, will bring us together.

We have a chance to congratulate the recent grads at our local schools. And we learn a little more about our environment. Please enjoy our newsletter.

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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New Germany Canada Day

Tuesday July 1, 2025 - Rain date Saturday July 12, 2025



7am-10am **Breakfast** Pinehurst Community Hall- Bacon, Sausage, Eggs, Homemade Baked Beans, Toast, Coffee/Tea, Juice. Adults \$12- 6-12yrs \$6- Under 5 free.
Only serving till 10am. Contact Darlene McKean 543-9595

10:00 **Children's Parade at Rosedale Home for Special Care** sponsored by New Germany and Area Lions Club. Theme: **Nova Scotia: An Ocean Playground**. Contact Danielle 902-212-1775 or Evelyn 902-298-5315.

9:00 am – 11:30 am– Registration for **Ox Pull** – sponsored (Ultramar). Pulls begin at 12:30 pm. Please use Fire Hall Rd for Entrance and Exit for Ox Pull. Call Brian Nauss 902-212-0832.

12:30 pm – Line up for **Street Parade at NGES. Parade begins at 2:00pm**. To register, call Sherry Russell 902-644-2116. Cash prizes sponsored by Terry Lilly Carpentry.

4:00pm – 10:00pm **Garden Party - RC Legion Grounds**. Lots of Vendors and Tasty Food Trucks, Our famous Ribbon Fries and Tasty Treats booths. Sizzle Sticks Restaurant inside Legion. Games- Captain Hook, Crazy Dice, Sucker Pull, Fishpond, Sucker Bucket, Fidget Spinner. Basketball Shoot, Beach Hut, Ball Pit (ages 1-3), Face Painting. High Voltage Chaos (bouncy) for ages 6+ and Sea Adventure (bouncy) for ages 6 and under, Lions Club train. Baby and Toddler Comfort Station all diapers and supplies provided.

TICKETS are required for the Games of Chance

1 TICKET \$2.00; 3 TICKETS \$5.00; 10 TICKETS \$15.00; 20 TICKETS \$25.00

Bracelets will be sold for Bouncy Castles unlimited use – 1-\$8 – 2- \$15 – 3-\$21

All sold at the Red Ticket Booth on the grounds at 4:00pm

4:00 pm - **Musical Entertainment** – *Low Key *Riverside Ramblers *Yesterdays Wine *Tristan Weare *Lucas Whitehead *Bonded Connection. Sound by Glenn Bristol.

10:00pm – Best **Fireworks** around! Pending Provincial Burn Restrictions

Please if you are bringing your dog make sure they are on a leash and under restraint.

Thank you to all the monetary sponsors for this event – Listed on the grounds July 1st and our Facebook page.

Thank you to all the volunteers that help set up - take down, work in the canteens and games etc.



IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOU!

Please watch for updates on our Facebook page: New Germany Canada Day or call Cathy 902-930-3062 - Patti 902-644-7218- Carla 902-644-2851

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In Your Community....To Do List

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Celebrations July 19th
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UNION SQUARE COMMUNITY HALL

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HEADS UP!

The hall will be celebrating its
140th anniversary on
September 28th.

All past students and teachers are
especially welcome.

More information to follow.

OTHER UPCOMING HALL EVENTS:

July 6 Annual community BBQ 11am to 1pm

August 17 Pancake breakfast

August 23 Penny Auction

November (TBA), Annual Squares Bake Off

All are welcome to attend.



'Light Up Your World' NGRHS 70th Reunion

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NGAPS Regular Meeting

Thursday August 14th, 7:00pm

Maple Creek Centre

5169 Highway 10

New Germany

New members are always welcome.



Community Pot Luck Picnic Under the Maples

September 14th, 4:00pm

5188 Highway 10

Bring your shareable dish & serving
utensil, chairs/blankets, dishes & cutlery
and join us!

Community Café

~Deb Featherby

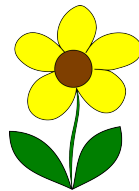
If you haven't been to the Community Cafe on Thursday mornings (9:30-11:30) at the Anglican Church Hall, 5311 Hwy 10, what are you waiting for?

The Cafe welcomes all visitors and community members from far and wide. It's a place to meet friends and make friends and have lively conversations.

Coffee/tea and snacks are free but donations are accepted, and the money goes to organizations like Souls' Harbour, the SSR Hospital Foundation, school activities, 644 Revitalization group, the church hall and New Germany Connections.



Mark your calendars and come out to the Cafe. It's a great way to become part of the community.



Lieutenant Governor's Education Medal 2025

Congratulations to Marcella Wentzell and Naudia Barkhouse on being awarded this medal for their exemplary actions and leadership at New Germany Rural High School.

Grade 11 students are nominated by their school based on academic performance and qualities of leadership and service demonstrated in their school and community.



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New Germany Farmers Market



Hello 644! Amanda here from the New Germany Farmers Market. It is that time of year once again when we gather on Friday afternoons at the Anglican Hall on Highway 10 to shop local, have a hot meal out, listen to live music and catch up with friends and family. It has been a rainy start to the season, but we aren't letting the weather get us down.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank The 644 and our Farmers Market volunteer group for your time and effort to get the market rolling for the season as well as your continued support each Friday to set up and clean up afterwards. We couldn't do it without you!

Thank you to our new and existing vendors for your hard work preparing and displaying your wares, whether it be crafts, preserves, hot food, local art, books, fresh fruit and veggies and so much more.

Our Food Truck Festival was a hit last year, so we booked another for June 27th this year. We have also secured a grant to host demonstrations throughout the season from local artisans. Keep an eye on our Facebook page each week for a listing of what to expect for the upcoming Friday. If you want to chat with one of our volunteers regarding anything you have read here, we are always happy to help. You can reach us at info@newgermanyfarmersmarket.ca. We look forward to seeing you every Friday right through to October 10th. It's going to be another amazing season!

New Germany & Area Medical Centre

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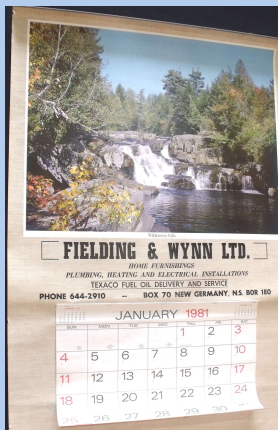


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What's at the Museum

The history of calendars covers practices with ancient roots as people created and used various methods to keep track of days and larger divisions of time. Calendars commonly serve both cultural and practical purposes and are often connected to astronomy and agriculture.

The Parkdale Maplewood Community Museum is open Tuesday to Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm (closed on holidays), 3005 Barss Corner Road.



Museum events:

Socials are Thursday afternoons starting at 1pm.

July 9th is our "Christmas in July" Take Out Tea

July 19th is our Penny Auction from 7-11am and Hall Breakfast

August 21 is our "Talents & Treasures" Silent/Online Auction-closes 2pm.

New Germany Mixed Bowling League

Another successful season of bowling for the New Germany League has ended but we are already looking forward to next season!

The League is looking for bowlers! You don't have to be a great bowler, all bowlers are welcome. And you don't have to be from New Germany, we have bowlers from many areas who come for the great fun.

So sign up for the new season which starts in September. We have spots open on several teams, or, if you can get a group together, we can always add another team.

We will be bowling on Friday afternoons during the 2025-26 season. So, if you are interested or want more information, call Deb at 902-521-7791.



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The New Germany Craft Show Planning Committee would like to thank all involved with our *Mother's Day Stroll & Shop* this past May.

With the generosity of the public and our vendors, we will be able to provide donations to the following:
New Germany & Area Food Bank
New Germany Rural High School
New Germany Elementary School
Greg Selig Memorial Bursaries

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Market on Saturday, November 8th!



New Germany and Area Medical Centre Report

~Nancy Veinot

The Community Medical Centre in the village has undergone significant developments since its construction began in July 1993. The centre was established to address the healthcare needs of the community after the doctors had left. Now, 32 years later, the medical centre boasts a staff consisting of two doctors and two nurse practitioners, and a family practice nurse providing essential medical services to the community. Two admin staff support the medical team.

In addition to the medical staff, the centre offers a range of services, including foot care service and home care support, catering to the diverse needs of the community. Recently, the centre has expanded its staff with the addition of Nurse Practitioner - Lyndsey Gallant and Social Worker - Laura Pettes, further enhancing its capacity to provide more comprehensive care.

The Board of Directors plays a crucial role in overseeing the centre's operations. The current Board consists of Nancy Veinot (Chair), Thomas DeLong (Vice Chair), Courtney Jamieson (Secretary), and Deb Featherby (Treasurer), along with other valued members: Suzanne Kutach, Blaine Moffatt, Sharon Rutland, Laura Lee Seamone, Courtney Veinot, Sue Ward and David Zwicker. The Board continues to maintain the building, ensuring a conducive environment for patients and staff. Recent maintenance activities include painting the reception area and there are plans to upgrade the lighting.

The establishment and growth of the Community Medical Centre demonstrate the community's commitment to providing quality healthcare services to its residents. As noted in various reports, community-led healthcare initiatives have been instrumental in addressing healthcare disparities in rural areas.

Current Status and Future Plans

The centre's current staff and services are a testament to its ongoing efforts to meet the community's healthcare needs. With the recent additions to the staff, the centre is well-positioned to expand its services and improve patient outcomes. The Board's continued focus on maintaining the building ensures a comfortable and safe environment for patients.

Community Meetings

The New Germany and Area Medical Centre, which is located at 100 Varner Road, holds regular Board meetings. These meetings take place on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact one of the members for more details.

The New Germany and Area Medical Centre accepts new patients from the Need a Family Practice Registry. Information on how to register below.



The **Need a Family Practice Registry** supports Nova Scotians who are looking for a primary care provider (family doctor or nurse practitioner).

If you do not have a primary care provider, there are two ways you can request to join the registry:

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Living in the Hills: with Fireflies

~ Michelle Elrick

Do you remember the first time you saw a firefly? I was well into adulthood before a lightning bug flashed across my path. It was a warm summer evening and I was camping next to a shady grove in the Algonquin watershed. I was already curled up in my sleeping bag when the butter-yellow glow of a firefly appeared through the screen. As the darkness descended, the woods came alive with flickers of light. I felt like I had slipped back into the enchanted world I knew when I was six years old. That night, I fell asleep with a smile on my face.



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Growing up in the suburbs, the neatly trimmed lawns of my neighbourhood were flooded by streetlights from dusk until dawn. Not a great habitat for fireflies, it turns out. But here in the hills and valleys of Lunenburg County, fireflies are in their element. They thrive in moist environments, making wetlands, shaded meadows and fresh-water edges their home. "It's a disco at night!" I told my friends back in the city, the first summer I lived here. And it was. For a few weeks in June and July, the tree farm across the road lit up like a night club. The fireflies didn't seem to like my lawn as much as the long meadow grasses that grew between the Balsam firs next door. But one night, just as I was heading up to bed, a firefly landed on my window and began to flash its mating call. I was able to get up close and take a good look at its bioluminescent butt.

Bioluminescence is when living organisms create light in their bodies. Firefly light is released when luciferin is excited by a chemical reaction in the firefly's lantern organ. As that chemical reaction decays, it emits light. Fireflies aren't the only creatures who do this. In the ocean, some plankton, jellies, octopuses and fish also luminesce. On land, we see the glow in some fungi, worms and bacteria.

I was surprised when I learned that not all firefly species make light. In Nova Scotia we have at least two species that don't have the light-producing capacity of their flashier cousins. According to the Xerces Firefly Atlas, there are six species of flashing fireflies living here in Nova Scotia, and 118 species across the US and Canada. Different species have different flash patterns, which males use to attract females. I don't know how many different species are living in the tree farm—the flashes all look the same to me—but female fireflies know what's out there. As long as it's dark enough, they can tell a 'Fairchild's predator' from a 'Double cousin' or a 'Murky flash-train.'

If you have fireflies on your property, there are a few things you can do to help them thrive. Let some of your grass grow long, avoid using pesticides, leave leaf litter on the ground and turn off exterior lights during those few weeks of mating season. These small things make a big difference. And don't forget, next time you see a firefly spark its magical glow on a summer evening, say hello! Their light has a way of sparking smiles. If you're still a kid at heart, why not stay up late, grab a mason jar and a butterfly net and catch a few for an up-close look at New Germany's finest disco dancers.

For more info, visit www.fireflyatlas.org. Want to set up a firefly sanctuary on your property? It's easy! Find out how at www.firefly.org.

Alison Smith

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Livewires 4-H

4-H Frenzy! ~ Lily Gregory

Salutations, New Germany! I have some 4-H news for you...

Many group meetings are making progress with their projects for the Exhibition. One of the crafts meetings was spent with Miro Davis, making pottery with cups, plates, little statues and whatever the crafters thought of.

On May 8th, the Livewires 4-H club cleaned the Epworth Cemetery by raking up leaves and pine needles and also picking up loose branches and disposing of them.

On May 21st, all the Lunenburg Clubs went to the Bridgewater Exhibition 4-H barn for Judging Day where the members all learned how to judge their various projects and were evaluated on their judging skills. With summer heat, the Tug of War practices start. The Lunenburg Tug of War team had their first practice on the 22nd of May and they have been training on a weekly basis. Members, if you are not already on the team maybe check it out.

At the Exhibition, we members have to set up the 4-H barn on June 12th beginning at 5pm and the 4-H barn paint day is on June 14th beginning at 10 am.

If you would like to buy ride vouchers for the Big EX Midway, you can now get them from one of our members by contacting Livewires 4-H Club at: livewires4hclub@outlook.com. Proceeds help support Lunenburg 4-H.

At the Maplewood Community Hall breakfasts, you can always find some 4-H members helping out with bussing, cleaning dishes and more.

Finally a shoutout to Marcella Wentzell, who in May represented our Club and county while in Ottawa for the 2025 4-H Canada Citizenship Congress. The theme this year was: "Your Community, Your Voice, Your Impact."

That's all I have for this month's Community Connections. Until next time!



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Missing Alyssa Jones

New Germany Connections June 2025

New Germany Elementary School Class of 2025



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A Note of Gratitude:

Honouring Michelle Richard

As a parent and volunteer at NGES, I've seen our school go through many changes. From shifts in administration and staffing to evolving policies and volunteer roles, our community has continued to grow and adapt in meaningful ways.

But through all this change, one constant has remained: Michelle Richard.

Michelle is the welcoming face and steady presence that so many of us rely on. She's often the first smile seen in the morning and the calm, reassuring voice on the other end of the phone. Professional, compassionate, and deeply committed, she brings warmth and kindness to every interaction.

It's easy to overlook the quiet heroes who keep everything running smoothly, but Michelle's impact is unmistakable. Her presence helps shape the caring, supportive environment that makes New Germany Elementary School what it is.

Michelle Richard is truly one of the best possible people to be in her role—and we are incredibly lucky to have her. She is a true gem in the heart of NGES. Thank you, Michelle, for all that you do for our children and our families.

~M. Greek

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MONTHLY COMMUNITY COOK EVENT DETAILS

Join us every last Saturday of the month from 9am-12pm for a community cook event. Share making a meal, build connections, and strengthen our community spirit. Donations are always welcome to support this initiative! Organized by the 644 group!



The 644's Summer Activities:

June 18 young children playgroup 9-11am and 6-7:30 for youth.

July 9 young children playgroup 9-11am, and 6-7:30 for youth.

August 13 young children playgroup 9-11am, and 6-7:30 for youth.

The seniors are officially on summer break.



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District of Lunenburg Recreation

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Ages 3-5

Butterfly Gardens – July 7 from 1:30pm-3:30pm at River Ridge Common.

Dinosaur Discovery – July 9 from 9:30am-11:30am at West Northfield Community Centre.

Music 'N' Movement – August 5 from 9:00am-11:00am at River Ridge Common.

Silly Senses – August 6 from 9:30am-11:30am at Barss Corner Community Hall.

Slime Time – August 13 from 9:30am-11:30am at West Northfield Community Centre. \$5

Ages 6-12

Fencing – July 9 from 12:30pm-2:30pm at New Germany Rural High School.

Origami Oasis – July 14 from 3:30pm-5:00pm at West Northfield Community Centre.

Outdoor Explorers – July 15 from 1:30pm-4:30pm at River Ridge Common.

MasterChef – July 30 from 11:30am-2:30pm at Parkdale/Maplewood Community Centre. \$10

Pickleball – August 11 from 12:30pm-2:30pm at New Germany Rural High School.

Nature Navigators – August 18 from 9:30am-12:30pm at River Ridge Common.

Family Programs & Events

Starlight Cinemas – Outdoor movie showing of Hotel Transylvania, June 30 starting at 9:00pm at New Germany Rural High School.

Stand-up Paddleboarding – Fridays, July 4 to August 15 from 1:00pm-4:00pm at Mushamush Beach.

Family Glow Dance – July 11 from 7:00pm-8:30pm at New Germany Rural High School.

Kitchen Buddies – July 21 from 2:00pm-4:00pm at Northfield District Fire Department. \$15

Fuel the Fun: PRO Kids Fundraiser

August 16 from 1:00pm-4:00pm at the MARC in Dayspring.

Activities include bouncy castles, games, food, a magic show from Mr. J. the Magician, and more!

For a complete list of programs and program registration, please visit connect2rec.com, call (902) 530-4100, or visit the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre (LCLC).



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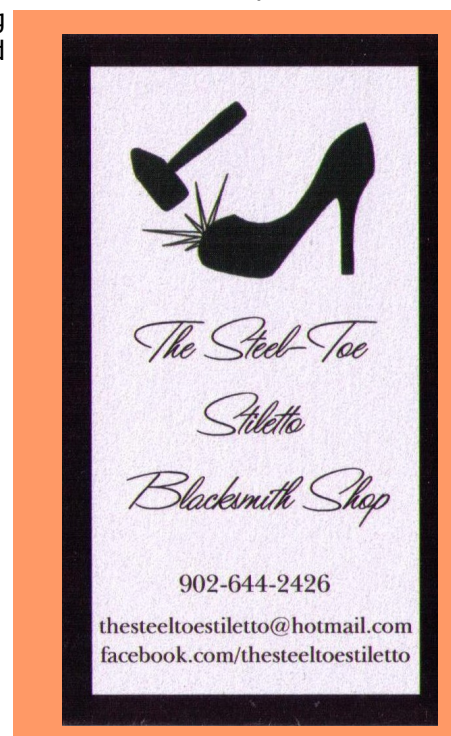
Greetings from Rosedale Home for Special Care! We are a long-term care facility located in the heart of New Germany and home to 39 amazing residents and over 80 incredible staff! We love to stay connected to our community and have fun.

We are happy the warmer temperatures are here and have been enjoying the spring season, watching the birds and seeing the flowers popping up. We've stayed busy doing fun things including creating an art gallery where residents display their work from art class, having lunch from Hummingbird café, bowling, prepping our gardens and doing lots of planting, checking out the sensory rooms at HB studios, lots of music from our volunteer groups, an Easter Party with a visit from the Easter Bunny, hosted a kids Easter Egg Hunt with the New Germany Area Lions Club. We also voted in the recent Federal Election, and celebrated Mother's Day and Father's Day! We even started a new program series called "Around the World Cooking Group" where we cook a meal from a new place each month. It's been a huge hit (and so delicious)! We've also had a bustling home with the multiple groups of students from the high school co-op program and the NSCC LPN program.

We're looking forward to spending time outside and enjoying the summer days. Some of the things we're looking forward to are having lots of BBQs, picnics, campfires, water fights, and spending time in nature. You'll probably spot our bus out and about lots, in the New Germany Canada Day Parade, going to the beach, the farms, ice cream at the LaHave River Campground and more. Keep an eye on our Facebook page (and our bus on the roads) to see what we have planned and what we've been up to!

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 still collecting refundables at our Home and at the New Germany Enviro Centre (just tell them it's for us). Our bus is funded entirely by donations like yours and we quite literally couldn't do it without you.

We also want to thank our volunteers. In April, we celebrated National Volunteer Week with a BBQ for our volunteers, and it was a hit! We are so grateful to each person who dedicates time to Rosedale, whether it's assisting with mealtimes, assisting with recreation programs or outings or just spending time with residents; each visit makes a meaningful impact on the residents. We are always in need of volunteers for a variety of roles - if you're interested in volunteering with us, please contact Rebecca Hill, Director of Recreation and Volunteer Services at 902-644-2008 or program@rosedalehome.ca



Connecting in our Communities - Pinehurst

On the 1st Saturday of each month – from September to June, upwards of 300 people gather at the Pinehurst Community Hall to socialize and enthusiastically consume up to 65 dozen DeLong eggs, 50 lbs each of Canadian bacon and sausage, hashbrowns, 40 loaves of white and whole wheat bread smothered in homemade strawberry jam, along with tea, coffee and juice. A crew of about two dozen longtime and newer community members, many of whom had been there the evening before setting up and prepping food, happily cook, serve, clean up and wash dishes to make this as enjoyable an event for workers as for diners. The monthly breakfast is enjoyed by people from many communities as far away as Liverpool, Chester, East Dalhousie, the Valley. Families who live 'away', sometimes schedule their visits 'home' to coincide with the 1st Saturday so they can reconnect with friends at breakfast.



Construction on the hall began with the foundation laid in 1926. About 30 villagers of the day donated cash, labour, materials and use of their oxen and horse teams and worked together over the next few years until the hall was completed in 1929. The first pie sale and dance was held in April 1930 and this was followed by many enjoyable events and fundraisers. The community has gathered for square dances, card parties, yard sales, penny auctions, bingo, music shows, church events, breakfasts, dinners, suppers, wedding, anniversary and birthday reception and for many years, the annual school Christmas concert. It is also a place where the community gathers to offer support to families who face hardships and deaths in the family.

For all of these activities to be successful, it takes a village. With much work to be done, and many people with different ideas about how to do it, it takes lots of energy, leadership and hard work, but also a good measure of co-operation, understanding, humour, gratitude and good communication.

Many residents have worked tirelessly to host the events and over the years great efforts were put into renovations and improvements. A modern kitchen and washrooms, a new, accessible front entrance and heat pumps have been added. Most recently the hall has been equipped with a defibrillator. As Wendy Oickle, a member of the hall's executive says, "The hall is a building, but not just a building – it is a place where community happens!" Longtime residents and folks new to the Pinehurst area work together and encourage each other to make all this happen. If you're in the area and would like to get involved, drop into the breakfast and introduce yourself.

In July, the Pinehurst Community hall will host a **CANADA DAY BREAKFAST, July 1st 7-10am**

Currently, the only other public building in the community of Pinehurst where the community gathers is the New West Pine United Church. They welcome people to services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 11am for worship. It's a small welcoming group with a long and very interesting history. The Presbyterian Church was built at the lower end of the village in 1876 and in mid-summer 1916 when the water was low, the church was moved to its present location. Powered by horse and oxen, and guided by what must have been a group of courageous, wise and innovative men, the building was successfully moved across a road, river and railroad! In 1970, United Church congregations – New Canada, West Northfield, Pinehurst – combined to worship together as part of the New Germany Pastoral Charge and in 2013 they established the New West Pine Pastoral Charge.



There is much more to explore in the community's history. At the hall there's some history on display with interesting historical photos, such as pictures of the flood of '56, and community maps. You may still be able to find a copy of "Pinehurst, A LaHave River Valley Community (since 1872)" produced in 2014 by Ron Wile (and friends). Ron's mother, Elva Wile, was an avid scrapbooker and collected a multitude of articles from local papers relating to Pinehurst and surrounding area.

The first settlers, the Mossman, Knock, and Eisenhower families, moved to Pinehurst (the Mossman Grant) from Kingsburg. A settlement was started and the community grew. Within about 40 years there was a cemetery, school, and church. The name was changed to Riversdale and then to Pinehurst.

The railroad came through in 1889. Trains pulled by big, black coal-fired steam engines carried iron ore from Nictaux to Lunenburg and other freight. There were two passenger trains daily travelling return from Bridgewater, one to Middleton and one to Caledonia.

A Post Office and General Store opened shortly after the railroad arrived. In the 40's Pinehurst had a Box Factory, a threshing mill and a shingle mill. From 1950 to 1999 Pinehurst had an Irving Service Station.

For about 30 years, in the area between the Community Hall and the LaHave River, there was a beautiful campground operated at first by the Maritime Religious Education Council (MREC) and then by the Canadian Girls in Training (CGIT). It offered a 'fine and effective youth program' for young girls and women aged 12-17 that combined instruction in practical life skills with fellowship and recreational activities'. Many from the community worked there seasonally and there was a much anticipated open house day for the community each year.

The camp was sold in 1962 to local residents and again in 1972 to a mill owner. In the summer of 1977, a crowd of thousands flocked to the Pinehurst Camp Grounds to hear a speech from former Prime Minister of Canada, the Rt Hon John G. Diefenbaker.

For a number of years (1947~1960) the Lunenburg County Federation of Agriculture held a well attended Farmers' Picnic near the bridge on Highway 10. There was a canteen and a stage built and hundreds of people came to enjoy Bingo, games of chance, a meal, music, square dancing and sometimes, boxing matches.

Pinehurst has been through many changes since it was first settled a little less than 200 years ago and continues to be a lovely community. Today there are descendants of those who settled here in the 1800's and many others who've made Pinehurst home more recently. Among these interesting residents, Pinehurst has been and/or is the home of a world renowned crafter of 'exquisite, handmade guitars', a country singer (who is singing in Newfoundland as I write) who held the #1 song in Canada in August 1972, a Canadian arm wrestling champ, a Russian Orthodox priest and others.

May I suggest you come out to enjoy breakfast, have a look at the pictures on the walls and ask a few questions about the history, the hidden gems and the welcoming people of this quiet community on the LaHave.

Ever enjoying the stories of our community and its residents.... Catherine Robar



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From the Lions Den

~Lion Deb Featherby

Members of the New Germany & Area Lions club are part of the Lions International organization which has clubs in 200 countries and 1.45 million members worldwide. But all Lions have one motto: "We Serve".

Helping members of our community is why we exist – by hosting Bingos at the Rosedale home, working at the Blood Collection Clinics, helping at the North River hall, keeping the Book Nooks supplied with books, doing highway clean ups, catering the high school graduation, providing infants and toddlers with free books, hosting children's parties at Halloween and Easter, providing medical aids to those who need them and donating funds to local children and adults for special events and to schools and organizations like Lunenburg County Wheels. We host special events like the recent Scam Alert presentation. To date this year we have given over \$10,000 to residents in need of help with power, medicines, medical travel and other expenses.

But we also reach out farther afield – helping pay for training for dog guides for those with quality of life issues like Autism, blindness and diabetes, donating funds to help purchase milk for children in a third world country, manning the Christmas Kettles for the Salvation Army, collecting eyeglasses, sleep apnea machines and hearing aids to be reconditioned and given to those in need and donating funds for disaster relief in any part of the world. We support children's camps like Camp Brigadoon and Camp Lion Maxwell which serve children from all over the Maritimes.

"Where there is a need – there is a Lion" is a phrase you often hear in the Lions world and it is why we exist. Lions don't look for praise for their work; knowing that we have helped an individual, a group or an organization is our reward. Compassion for others is our hallmark.

But, we could not do what we do without the support of the community, whether it's by buying at yard sales, buying bingo books, attending fundraising activities or helping with our activities. We could not do it without you and we want to thank you for giving generously of your time and resources.

We are proud to be part of Lions International, but we are especially proud to be New Germany & Area Lions.



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We are Dedicating This Newsletter Issue to Greg Selig A Devoted NGAPS Member

Greg was not an original member of the New Germany Area Promotion Society but he joined with three other community members when word came to us that there might be some "government money" available for community projects if we wanted to apply.

And in 2007 Greg began his volunteer work with NGAPS. We started with two Farm Markets in 2007 continuing in 2008, 2009 and 2010. The markets were his idea and his project. He was there greeting, collecting fees, recruiting vendors at every market.

During this time Greg also had a plan to form a Garden Club, so he started one. There were many garden club projects but the lasting one is the community planters which Greg planted, watered and tended for many years.

Greg organized our first Meet and Greet in 2012 to welcome newcomers to our communities, led many "Canoeing with Greg" adventures, was the moderator at our first Mayoralty Candidate debate in 2008 and looked after the garbage at Main Street Maples when NGAPS took on the park project.

He delivered this newsletter to our community partners, enjoying the visits.

Even if an NGAPS project was not led by Greg he was still there - hiking when we did Community Walks, in the audience for Literary Nights, setting up tables for Community Picnics.

Greg's greatest achievement with NGAPS was the Health and Wellness Expo at New Germany Rural High School, starting in 2011 and running for nine years. With help from other NGAPS members and lots of assistance from his partner Janis, he coordinated this major event bringing more than 60 booth holders with a health focus to our community.

Greg was our Chair, our Vice-chair, we met in his and Janis' kitchen, had BBQ's in his car port, our guy with big ideas. If we had a title "Mr. NGAPS", that would have been Greg.





The Last Page

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