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New Germany Area Promotion Society

New Germany Connections

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Community Events

- Bookmobile Tuesdays
- Community Café Thursdays
- Mar 22 Free Clothing Day
- Mar 28 Karaoke NG Legion
- Mar 29 NGVFD Food Bank Drive
- Mar 29 Cook for the Community Fridge
- Mar 30 NGRHS Reunion meeting
- Apr 2 NGAPS AGM
- Apr 4 Trivia NG Legion
- Apr 10 Wheel Chair Basketball, MODL
- Apr 19 Dance NG Legion
- Apr 26 Cook for the Community Fridge
- May 1 P/M Museum Opens for the season
- May 2 Trivia NG Legion
- May 3 Craft & Vender Show
- May 16 Farmers Market Opens
- May 17 Weavers Open Studio
- May 24 Union Square Plant Sale
- May 31 Cook for the Community Fridge
- June 6 Trivia NG Legion
- June 7 BC Plant Sale & BBQ
- July 5/6 NGRHS Reunion

Spring 2025

It is unusual for this newsletter to feature a Canadian flag on the front page. But we are in unusual times, a time of change, a new normal (didn't we just have one of those?), friendships for our country are different, so it feels right to honour our Canada.

This newsletter features stories about people in our communities, people going about their regular days, working and volunteering; our communities are busy with activities and supporting each other.

You will see the Canadian flag in the next newsletter as well as we continue to promote our communities and country.

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

In Your Community....To Do List

Free Clothing Day

At the Anglican Church Hall, New Germany
Hosted by the Community Cupboard
March 22nd, 10am to 3pm.
Bring a bag.



**NEW GERMANY
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Saturday, March 29th
10 AM - 1 PM
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NGRHS Reunion

The reunion will be held July 5th & 6th, 2025.

This will be the last opportunity for the reunion to be held in the existing buildings before a new school is built. The event will include a lunch, coffee house (alumnus variety show), school tours, opportunities for class meet & greets, a dance and a memorial service. If you are interested in receiving more information, please send your name, email address and phone number to alumni.ngrhs@gmail.com

The next meeting will be held on
Sunday, March 30th at 6:30 at
NGRHS.



NGAPS Annual General Meeting

Wednesday April 2nd, 7:30pm
Business meeting will follow.
Light refreshments

Maple Creek Centre
5169 Highway 10
New Germany

New members are always welcome.



Kedge Weavers Open Studio Day Saturday May 17th

10am to 4pm

Barss Corner Community Hall

Weaving & Spinning Demos

Display & sale of members work

Free event, everyone welcome.



Union Square Community Hall Annual Plant Sale

Saturday May 24th,
9:30 to 12:30.

@4505 Cornwall Rd.

Vegetable transplants, annuals, perennials,
raffle, canteen.

All proceeds to the hall.

Contact Mary at 902-644-3459 to donate plants,
or for more information.



Plant Sale & BBQ

Barss Corner Community Hall,

Saturday June 7th, 9am – 1pm

Proceeds for the Barss
Corner Baptist Ladies
Auxiliary



Parkdale Maplewood Community Museum

Opens May 1st for the 2025 season.
3005 Barss Corner Road



Counter from Oickle's Store, New Germany

NEW GERMANY CRAFT SHOW PLANNING COMMITTEE PRESENTS

MOTHER'S DAY

Stroll and Shop

Saturday May 3rd, 2025
10am - 3pm

New Germany Rural High School
44 School Street

Many crafters & vendors
Ample parking
Food on site

Admission by donation goes 100% back into community programs

For more info, contact us at: newgermanycraftshow@gmail.com

The New Germany Craft Show Planning Committee would like to thank all involved with our 2nd Annual Merry Little Christmas Market.

Since 2023, with the generosity of the public through door donations at our markets, along with our vendors,

we have been able to provide over \$4,500 in donations to the following community programs:

- ~ Bags of Love Association NS
- ~ New Germany Rural High School (Free Store/Breakfast Program)
- ~ New Germany Elementary School (Free Store/Breakfast Program)
- ~ New Germany and Area Food Bank
- ~ Rosedale Social Fund
- ~ New Germany Canada Day Committee

We look forward to seeing everyone at our Spring Market and appreciate your continued support through our door admission donations to further help our community!

Earth Week Litter Clean Up

April 20 -26: Get together with friends, coworkers or members of your community group to gather litter from a road or playground.

You'll receive bags, gloves, a certificate of recognition and litter bag collection.

To register, call the Community Recycling Centre at (902) 543-2991.

In 2024: Twenty community groups and several schools participated. A **BIG thank you** to all the groups that took part!



Visit www.communityrecycling.ca to use the R6Recycles Waste App. Get waste collection schedules and sign up for collection reminders and alerts.



Community Café

~Deb Featherby

What do you do on a dreary Thursday morning? You head to the Community Cafe at the Anglican Church Hall in New Germany. From 9:30 to 11:30 each Thursday morning, volunteers are happy to serve you coffee or tea and delightful snacks, while you sit and chat with friends old and new.

Donations are accepted, but not required. And donations are put to work in the community. At Christmas, those donations provided Christmas for two families and food hampers for many more. A donation was made to the Gift From the Heart Radiothon in support of the SSR Hospital Foundation. A team, including Cafe volunteers, did the Coldest Night Walk in support of Souls Harbour with a donation from the Cafe. A donation was made to the New Germany Connections newsletter, which is a "must read" if you want to get to know your community. Donations also support the hall's heating costs so the Cafe patrons are warm in this cold winter.

So do come out. You will be greeted with a smile!



Jerry Lowe is having a hard time deciding which treats will be on his wish list.



Volunteers Nadine and Gordon are ready to serve up delectable snacks. The cranberry orange scones and cheese biscuits are a weekly must have.



Volunteer Doreen (right) is deep in conversation. At 91 years young, Doreen bakes muffins every week and shares her wisdom with the "youngsters".

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New Germany Legion

Hello from 44 Varner Road, aka the Legion.

We hit the ground running fresh into 2025 and we plan to keep that up until we hit summer break. To keep everyone in the loop of our activities and events we have lined up here is a little blurb about it all.

In the rest of March we have some Fridays that are open, we are encouraging anyone who wants a place to jam or practice some singing to come up and take advantage of these open dates. The 21st is the next one, there is equipment there you can use or you can bring your own. If that's not your thing, there's room for a game's night or crib! The 28th we have Karaoke with Darren which is always a hit, mic gets fired up at 8pm.

Heading into April we have Trivia with the Quizmaster which is always the first Friday of every month, this round it falls on the 4th. That takes us into our "free" Fridays as we mentioned above and then to round off the 19th we have the Safari Dance. Get your best Jane or Tarzan outfit and come on out! Lots of fun on the go. As always, we are continually looking for volunteers and new members, please reach out if you would like more information about how to join/help.

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New Germany & Area Medical Centre

Spring Pap Clinic (by appointment only)

Please call the Centre to check date or for an appointment.

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Livewires 4-H

News 4 the New Year

Hello New Germany! It's your girl Lily, back with a new year's worth of 4-H news!

Christmas party

The Livewires 4-H club kicked off the 4-H year with a Christmas party at the Parkdale Maplewood Community Hall on December 13th where the members and parents all hung out. We also had a potluck, brought a bunch of board games, wrapped presents and made cards for the residents of Lohnes Rest Home.

Speech day

On February 1st, Livewires 4-H Club had their annual speech day. The winning contestants are going on to compete at County Rally on March 22nd at the Northfield & District Firehall.

Chocolate sale

It's that time of year again! The Livewires members are selling chocolate bars to fundraise for our club so if you know any member or parent, hit them up for a sweet treat!

Foods

Foods project members joined with "The 644" to help prepare breakfast sandwiches and soup for the Community Pantry in New Germany.

4H Lumbersports

Tryouts for 4H Lumbersports will be held on March 30th at 5:30 at the Parkdale Maplewood Community Hall. Don't miss the Lunenburg County Lumbersports team as they compete throughout the season!

Atlantic members conference

Participating members from ages 12-15 are preparing for the 4-H Atlantic Members Conference on March 28th to 30th. It is an overnight stay in the Debert Hospitality Center where Intermediate 4-Hers learn more about 4-H history and have bucket loads of fun networking, participating in interactive activities and career exploration. I can say from experience that the conference is an amazing experience and is so fun meeting other like minded 4-Hers my age. I can't wait to go back!

Well, this is all the 4-H news I have to tell you for now. I hope that this has inspired people to encourage their children to join 4-H next year!



Battery Recycling Program

A new stewardship program has been introduced in Nova Scotia. Battery recycling keeps harmful chemicals out of the environment, prevents waste facility fires and ensures they are made into new batteries.

Accepted Products:

- A, AA, AAA, C, D and 9-volt batteries
- Button and coin batteries (used in hearing aids, watches, musical greeting cards)
- Rechargeable battery packs from power tools (under 5 kgs)
- E-bike and E-scooter batteries

Products Not Accepted:

- Batteries over 5 kgs (including car and forklift batteries)

How to Recycle:

1. **Collect** - store in a glass or plastic container.
2. **Protect** - tape off the terminals of all lithium, rechargeable and alkaline batteries over 9V and all button/coin batteries.
3. **Deliver** - take to an approved drop off location (at least every 3 months to avoid corrosion).

The waste site at 908 Mullock Road, Whynott's Settlement accepts batteries. Visit <https://recyclemybattery.ca/>. Questions? Call (902) 543-2991. Batteries are no longer collected curbside.



Looking Back - The Newburne Hockey Team

A Newburne hockey team was organized during the winter of 1965-66. It became a part of the New Germany District Junior Suburban Hockey League. Teams in this league were New Germany, Watford, Springfield and Newburne. Games were played in the Bridgewater Arena on Monday nights. Gary Langille coached for two years, Warren Veinotte for the third year, then George N. Jodrey.

Goalie was Terry Dorey. Other team members were: Ray Veinot, Richard Veinot, Warren Veinotte, Harry Veinotte, Lloyd Jodrey, Lorraine Naas, Lennis Corkum, Emery Wentzell, Alan Foster, Bobby Dorey, Calvin Wentzell, Jack Wentzell, Vernon Wentzell, Carter Mader and Avard Mader as a spare.

Team members bought their own white sweaters and put black numbers on them. They bought their own equipment. Each player paid \$2 a game to play and each car driver received \$2 for gas. They paid to practice in the Bridgewater rink on Sunday mornings. Other practice sessions were held on a cove of the Truthole.

A cup was donated. Newburne lost to New Germany in the finals that first year. They won it in 1973-74 and again in 1974-75.

The league games were popular and crowds were good.

Later teams acquired sponsors and Robert Hirtle sponsored Newburne. The team uniforms, first white with black numbers, then white and blue changed to solid blue.

The following is taken from an issue of the Bridgewater Bulletin in 1972:

"The Newburne Flyers lived up to their name in the final match of this semi-final series. The opponents, the "Springfield Ice Kings" did not. The final score was Newburne - 7, Springfield - 0. Newburne will now meet "Wynn's Jets" of New Germany in the 3 out of 5 finals.

"The Newburne team came out skating. Before the game was 4 minutes old they had their first goal. They scored another before the initial period ended. The second period was scoreless.

The Flyers put the game away with two goals in the first five minutes of the third period. But even then they did not stop skating. Carter Mader scored 2 goals. His brother and linemate, Avard Mader had 1 goal and 2 assists. The other Newburne goals were scored by Brady Spidle, Gary Veino, Bradley Nickerson and Merle Deal.

In 1971-72, Peter Silver and Gary Veino scored 17 goals apiece. Lorraine Nass of Newburne was again the League's "Bad Man" with 22 minutes in the penalty box, a far cry from his record 66 minutes in 1969 - 70."

Copied from **Newburne Then and Now 1837-1987**, pp 65-66; written by Pauline M. Veinotte



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Living in the Hills: Drumlins

~ Michelle Elrick

The first time I drove through the New Germany area, there was a light snow falling. I took the Northfield road up from Blockhouse on my way to look at a house for sale. But before I even saw the house I fell in love with the rolling hills, the wooden bridge over Patten Brook and the old grey barn on the shore of Sucker Lake. Everything was covered in that fresh white snow of new beginnings. I was sold.

My first summer living here, friends in the city would ask, "What's it like in New Germany?" And I'd answer, "Most of my neighbours are cows," which is true. But behind the joking reference to the herd of Charolais cattle I greeted each morning on my walk was my dawning realization that I am just a very small part of the community of creatures that graze and burrow, hunt and pollinate in these hills. There's simply a lot of life here.

Geologically speaking, the hills themselves have a kind of life too—and I don't just mean the crawlies, mycelium and microbes in the soil. The hills of our area were born under the ice of the last glacier, and they continue to morph and grow as waterways like Ross Brook, Indian Brook and the LaHave River carve the valleys between them. They even have a name: drumlins. From above, drumlins look like whales breaching or a collection of half-buried eggs. They are oblong, and occur in parallels or fan-like formations called fields or swarms. This past February, as the four-inch ice sheet covering my driveway finally began to thaw and drain, my own mini-drumlins appeared as lumps of sand between grooves of meltwater.

Three years have passed since that snowy day when I drove up Northfield Road for the first time. Three spring thaws, three Christmas tree harvests, three migrations of Canada geese. In that time, I've begun to meet my neighbours, and to learn their names: Barred Owl, Lichenmarked Orbweaver, White Pine, Bobolink, Chicken of the Woods. I've met many wonderful human neighbours, too, but in this new column for New Germany Connections, I'm going to introduce you to a few of the living plants, animals, insects and fungi that share these hills with us. Together we'll dip into the lives of fireflies, black bears, crabapple trees, or whatever catches my eye. What's living in the hills around your house? Say hello to them for me!



Photo~ Kathryn Price

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New Germany Farmers Market

The New Germany Farmers Market is running every Friday from 2pm-6pm at the Anglican Hall 5311 Highway 10, starting May 16th until Oct 10th 2025.

We are offering locally grown produce, eggs and other farm products, crafts and prepared foods. End your week with a fun outing for the family or with friends to support local producers, enjoy live music and a bite to eat. Check out our social media on Facebook and Instagram for weekly listings of musicians, vendors and special events. The market is free to attend and everyone is welcome.

info@newgermanyfarmersmarket.ca

The New Germany Community Fridge

The 644 hosts community fridge cooking days on the last Saturday of the month from 9am-12pm, at the Anglican Hall. We cook big soups and meals as a team for the fridge to help feed our community. It's a great opportunity to make some friends, gain cooking experience and contribute. All ages are welcome. Already we have made lots of soups: lentil, chicken noodle, turkey rice, broccoli cheddar, carrot and ham split pea. We've also made pancakes and breakfast sandwiches, and over Christmas we made 80 meals for the fridge.

The fridge is free, take what you need and leave what you can. Everyone in the community is encouraged to drop off any extra groceries they have or make some baked goods or meals.

The fridge is located on the covered porch at the Anglican Hall and is available 24/7.

THE 644
COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Thanks



Our community planters were beautifully decorated for the season thanks to Jesse Dexter. They add nicely to the season in our area. We appreciate you Jesse!

Watch for the spring planting as the weather warms.



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Sat, May 10 - Kids Zone Kickoff, Seasonal Meeting, Adults Social	Fri, July 4 - Teen Dance	Fri, Aug 29 - 70s Dance
Sun, May 11 - Opening Weekend Swim	Sat, July 5 - Kids Zone, Coldstream Distillery, Potluck	Sat, Aug 30 - Kids Zone, Ladder Ball, Tin Roof Distillery, Reminiscent ♫
Fri, May 16 - Wear What You've Got Dance	Sun, July 6 - Lunenburg Pride	Sun, Aug 31 - Meisner Horseshoes Tournament, Curbside Eats Food Truck, Kids and Adults Merch Bingo
Sat, May 17 - Kids Zone, Charred Smoke 'n Spice Food Truck, Rockshow ♫	Fri, July 11 - Half Cut ♫	Fri, Sept 5 - Gru's Game
Sun, May 18 - Kids and Adults Merch Bingo	Sat, July 12 - Kids Basketball, Curbside Eats Food Truck, Gwen's Merch Bingo	Sat, Sept 6 - Rayport and Little Lake Washers, Charlie's Pizza
Sat, May 24 - Kids and Adult Washer Toss, MIs Streetside Grill Food Truck	Sat, July 19 - Christmas in July, MIs Streetside Grill Food Truck, NYE Dance	Fri, Sept 12 - Pool Tournament Weekend
Sat, May 31 - Yard Sale Day, Tie Dye, Karaoke	Fri, July 25 - Horseshoes	Sat, Sept 13 - Kids Basketball, Mushroom Foraging Workshop
Fri, June 6 - Darts	Sat, July 26 - Kids Zone, JD Shore, Ice Cream Social, The Dunched ♫	Fri, Sept 19 - Curbside Eats Food Truck
Sat, June 7 - Breakfast, Cornhole	Fri, Aug 1 - Duck and Boat Race Weekend	Sat, Sept 20 - Seasonal Meeting, Board Games Day
Fri, June 13 - Hip Hop Dance	Sat, Aug 2 - Races, Charlie's Pizza, Radio Silence ♫	Fri, Sept 26 - Darts
Sat, June 14 - Kids Basketball, Sign Making Workshop, Guy Thibault ♫	Sun, Aug 3 - Coffee Social	Sat, Sept 27 - Kids Zone, Seasonal Jumper, Beer Nuts ♫
Fri, June 20 - Horseshoes	Fri, Aug 8 - Kids Entrepreneurship Night	Sat, Oct 4 - Pumpkin Carving, Halloween Trick or Treating and Dance
Sat, June 21 - Baseball Tournament, MIs Streetside Grill Food Truck	Sat, Aug 9 - Kids Basketball, Talent Show	Fri, Oct 10 - Friendsgiving Potluck
Fri, June 27 - DJ Dance, Fireworks	Fri, Aug 15 - Darts	Sat, Oct 11 - Kids Zone, Closing Bash
Sat, June 28 - Washer Toss, Food Fundraiser, Geoff Kennedy ♫	Sat, Aug 16 - Kids Zone, Washer Toss, Cake by the Maples, Saltbox Brewery, Light and Shade ♫	Sun, Oct 12 - Closing Weekend Swim
Sun, June 29 - Coffee Social, Garden Planter Workshop, Water Wars	Fri, Aug 22 - Cribbage	
	Sat, Aug 23 - Wild Edibles Workshop, Miss LaHave	



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HOME SWEET HOME at the Hummingbird Café

Even though their Facebook post said the Hummingbird Café would be closed, the sign in the window was turned to closed and potential customers were turned away at the door, things were definitely 'humming' inside the Hummingbird Café in New Germany on Wednesday, February 26th.

Just before 10am the team from Winter Light Productions, directed by Paul Kimball, based in Dartmouth began to arrive. Co-Directors Joe Ciarrocco and Brandon Cadman were here with their technical team and their host, Amy Murphy, to film an episode of Home Sweet Home, a series produced for Eastlink TV.

The Home Sweet Home series, which started 3 years ago, began with visiting and highlighting local bakeries and then moved to local restaurants in the Maritimes, mainly in Nova Scotia. Joe explained that they'd done programs at a number of eating establishments in Lunenburg and Mahone Bay and when he learned about the Hummingbird Café he contacted Jay Robar. The visit to New Germany was arranged. Excitement was building!

Lights and cameras were first set up for an interview with Amy and Jay at one of the Café tables. With her engaging questions, Amy brought out the story of how Jay loved to cook and bake from a very young age; how she helped out with dinners and breakfasts at the Anglican Church Hall as soon as she was old enough, including at their July 1st breakfasts and at their long running annual Dinner Theatre. She spoke about her first job at DeLong's Restaurant and then at the Turkeyburger; about her Culinary Arts Program at NSCC Bridgewater Campus and subsequent work at the Grand Banker and Mateus Bistro. She explained that her years working at a large Sobeys Bakery in Halifax strengthened her desire to come back home to live and work in New Germany. Her first step, in 2020, was to purchase the house next to New Germany Plumbing and Heating with a secret hope that she might eventually acquire that building. With help and guidance from some excellent local contractors, her brother, Tim, and friends, the house was renovated.



Amy listened with great interest as Jay talked about the great community spirit in New Germany and explained that The Hummingbird Café began as part of the summer New Germany Farmers Market at St John's Anglican Church Hall in the spring of 2023, and then continued to operate through the winter on Fridays. The current building was purchased in the fall of 2023, renovations continued through the winter and spring (again with Tim, friends, architects, engineers, contractors and excellent community support), and the Café was packed within an hour of opening for breakfast on June 29, 2024. The community has been enthusiastic about the historic 'Mrs. Oickle's Store' being restored and it has become, not only a great place to eat, but also a very friendly and popular gathering spot.

After the initial interview, the cameras and lights were moved as the cooking was about to begin. Amy moved to the kitchen for a conversation with Tim, Jay's brother and the Café's main man on the grill and fryers. As they talked, Tim told Amy that he had learned to cook breakfast at home with his grandfather's guidance, but that cooking as a career actually started on June 29th. He, too, had worked a bit at the Turkeyburger and Grand Banker, but mostly in the dish pit and doing some prep on the line. He skillfully explained and demonstrated how to cook the bacon just right and not overcook the sausage, what temperature is just right for the eggs, how to time the fryers to cook the hash browns and fries to perfection. He spoke with good-natured humour about the challenge of working with his sister and being 'voluntold' from time to time as the Café turned from a dream to reality. Amy kept the questions flowing and expressed her delight as the '644 Breakfast' took shape!



The lights and cameras moved to a different angle in the kitchen to film the final plating of the '644 Breakfast' and the 'Rustic Benny'. There was conversation about eggs from DeLong's, maple syrup from Maplewood, Grandma's homemade baked beans, Valley sourced chicken, bacon and sausage, local microgreens as Jay added the finishing touches to these delicious breakfast plates under Amy's watchful eye. The next moves were to film Jay preparing the very popular chicken club sandwich and the cranberry goat cheese panini. Here Amy was 'put to work' adding sauces and veggies as she questioned every detail.

The film crew were taking close-up shots of the toast entering and leaving the toaster, a shot of the bean pot, multiple shots of the homemade cakes, cheesecakes, éclairs, coconut cream pies, scones, cinnamon rolls. The camera men zeroed in on the historic photos of Mrs. Oickle who operated the original Dry Goods Store for so many years, on some of the hummingbird art and displays, on a latte being made and, of course, shots of the outside of the building.

The final portion filmed for Home Sweet Home was at the Café table where Jay and Amy had had their first conversation. Now Amy was trying each of the foods that had been prepared. Her enthusiasm and enjoyment of each of the foods was evident. This was a delight to Jay and Tim who had begun the day a bit nervous about what might be expected and how this filming might go, but who ended the day feeling like they'd spent a day with new friends.

At every break in filming, and after the filming when the crew were generously fed with their choices from the menu, there were friendly conversations with the crew. We learned that the co-directors were both grads of the relatively new NSCC Screen Arts program at the Ivany Campus. The two camera men were not just brothers, but two of three triplet brothers, and their sister, Emily, was the production assistant. And in small world coincidences, Amy had played the camp counselor's daughter on the 2005 movie, Summerhood, filmed at Camp Kadimah, where Jay, as a Jr High student, was an extra and Amy's friend, Thyra, was in Jay's grandmother's primary class at New Germany Elementary. The crew left with hugs and promises that they'd be back to visit.

Where and when can you watch this episode? It will be part of Season Five and expected to be shown on Eastlink TV next winter. We'll post it on The Hummingbird Café Facebook as soon as we know.



~Written by Catherine Robar, aka Grandma, who was delighted to be present for this filming at the Hummingbird Café, which has come to feel to her like Home Sweet Home!



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Happenin's at the Maple Creek Centre

~Tabatha Clements

Maple Creek Centre started off the year early in 2025 with a few new programs.

Sunday afternoons from 2:30 - 4:30, we have a recreational Table Tennis club. Please feel free to drop by, it's a great way to have some physical activity in a friendly atmosphere. There is a minimal drop-in fee.

Tuesday evenings is an adult beginner American Sign Language class from 6-7 pm. The first class is well underway. The next class is scheduled to begin late April. Sign up is required. The cost is \$50 for ten sessions. Please email below if interested.

We are happy to announce a new youth program, Maple Creek Fun Squad, starting Wednesday nights at 6 - 7:30 pm for ages 9 and up. It's an evening for youth to connect and explore creativity and physical activities.

If you have a youth or youths interested in attending, please email maplecreekcentre@gmail.com. This program is free and is funded by MODL and partnered through NGAPS.

Maple Creek hosted the Lyle Catt Blues Band February 22nd. The band played upbeat blues tunes and guests danced throughout the night enjoying their performance. Musicians were Peter Mason, Corey Scott, Dante Damiani, and David Kaulback.

Upcoming musical events are:

March 15th - St. Paddy's Day Dance - The Stab Rovers performing sea shanties and mariner rock, 8-11

April 19th - Circuit Breaker - Classic Rock 8-11

May 3rd - Usual Suspects - Mix of popular dance tunes 8-11

June 21st - Summer Solstice Dance (DJ) 8-11

July 1st - Strawberry Shortcake 1-4

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Upcoming Spring Programs for Everyone:

Wheelchair Basketball Try-It: April 10 from 6:00pm-7:00pm, New Germany Rural High School

Annual Easter Egg Hunt: April 12 from 2:00pm-3:30pm, MARC, Dayspring

Family Fun Day: May 19 from 1:00pm-4:00pm, MARC Ball Fields, Dayspring

Annual Kids' Fishing Derby: May 24 from 9:00am-12:00pm, MARC, Dayspring

Healthy Family Day: June 1 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 visit the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre (LCLC)



Volunteer Awards 2025

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?

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Provincial Volunteer Representative - One volunteer (individual, couple or group) will be selected to represent the District of Lunenburg at the 51st Provincial Volunteer Award Ceremony in September.

Municipal Reception - Community organizations are invited to send two representatives to the Municipal Reception to be held during Volunteer Week, April 27 - May 4, 2025.

Deadline for Nominations: Thursday, March 20, 2025

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

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Full job descriptions found at: www.modl.ca/jobs

What Being an NSISP Host Family Means to Me!

Where to start? Little did I realize when we hosted our first student, Maripaz, a short-term Colombian student, that we would go on to host 17 international daughters and 2 sons. My family has been blessed to host children from countries such as Spain, China, Italy, Japan, Colombia, Turkey, Germany, and France.

To pick just five pictures was quite hard, but these stood out to me because they help show why I want to be an NSISP host parent.

It's taking students to visit places they have read about in books and seen on the internet. Watching their reactions to sunsets and sunrises that many don't see living in a city. Experiencing their first-ever snowfall and Big Mac. Then watching students who arrive at the school where I work in September go on to graduate from our little rural school. Surprisingly enough, I got a call one day from Etienne telling me how he was doing in university.

I love to hear about their countries, cultures, and traditions, and I have learned how incredibly brave these kids are to live so far away from their families, be it for a month, a semester, or a year.

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~ Terri Foster, SSRCE



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A Place to Call Home

~Jennifer Jesso, Executive Director

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 would like to thank all community members who have supported our fundraising efforts for the bus fund. Our bus holds 12 people. We can take up to 4 wheelchairs and 8 seated residents and staff (including our driver). We upgraded from a mini van in 2019 and haven't look back. The bus is not government funded; we rely purely on community donations to keep it running. The purchase price was well over \$100,000 and currently it costs close to \$250 just to fill the tank. You can imagine how costly this can be. We are grateful for the donations we have received this holiday season, including \$1,000 from the Lions club, \$1,000 from the Barss Corner Baptist Ladies, \$1,000 from Buck's Home Building Centre. We have also received close to \$2,000 in donations from community members and families. We are amazed and so proud of the generosity our community has shown and our residents appreciate it. We see some of our biggest smiles out and about in the community.

We would also like to thank the New Germany Volunteer Fire Department for the donation of \$800 toward our new fire-retardant curtains purchased this winter. We appreciate this generous community support! Our residents were also provided beautiful, thoughtful gifts from the group Santa for South Shore Seniors organized by Shannon Stewart. All 39 residents were chosen by community members and lovingly shopped for based on their individual wish lists. Gifts were delivered directly to Rosedale Home and our 2 Christmas trees were overflowing with gifts on Christmas morning.



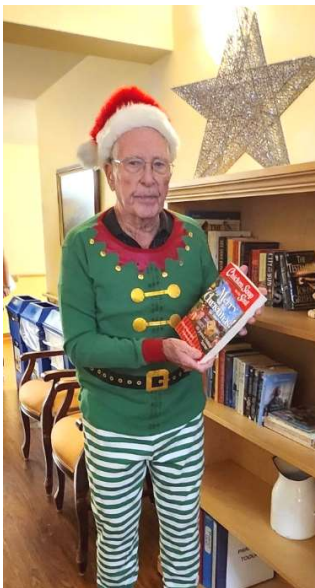
We have been busy these last few months: we went Christmas shopping, bowling in Bridgewater, drives looking at the beautiful Christmas lights and many meals out. At home we have been busy baking, decorating, taking exercise classes, enjoying music shows, playing trivia games and so much more. We have activities daily. Follow us on Facebook to see what we've been up to and what we have planned.

Looking ahead to spring we have our glamorous Snowflake Gala coming up. This three-course meal, combined with special cocktails, music, decorations and flowers is a sure to be a special event. We are planning a trip to Halifax to visit the Titanic Museum and looking forward to a Maple Syrup Festival in March to celebrate spring. We have been planning a resident garden in the midst of this cold snap as we are all longing for warmer, sunny days. Finally, we are preparing for a spring/summer fundraiser at Rosedale



so please keep your eyes on our Facebook page for details on the event so you can join in on the fun. We look forward to seeing you!

We continue to look for volunteers to play music for residents, assist at mealtimes, assist with recreational outings, lend a hand in the garden or other skills or talents you have to offer. 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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The People We Meet in Our Communities

Quietly living in our midst, musical artist, pianist, and composer, Janette Y'lania has returned to Lunenburg County to prepare for her upcoming 2025 concert season. Becoming known as Nova Scotia's new-Romantic composer, she has delighted and mesmerized audiences with her unique musical style that has been likened to "a modern, female Debussy". With over 100 compositions to her name, many of them published to critical acclaim, Y'lania performs her compositions as a solo artist, as well as sharing the stage with friends such as cellist Ifan Williams, jazz saxophonist Saburo Murata and tenor Remigio Pereira. She has performed throughout the province and has been featured in seasonal concerts in Annapolis Royal, Bridgetown and Digby, including the Concerts of Compassion for two consecutive years, which raised funds for local families in need. Y'lania continues to work towards her life-long goal of hearing André Rieu and his orchestra perform one of her beloved compositions en-plein-air in Cortona, Italy.



A former faculty member of the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts, she was awarded the prestigious Maestro Award by Kindermusik International in 2008 for her specialized outreach music program for young children, which she later re-created as her own original musical child development program called Music Bears. A seasoned music educator, Y'lania has worked with hundreds of children throughout HRM and the South Shore, including youths with special needs. Y'lania presently publishes her work at musicnotes.com, and is accepting a handful of students in the New Germany area who truly desire learning the art of playing beautiful music. She may be reached by phone or text at 902.247.4657.



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- *Fire Safety *Scaffolding Training





From the Lions Den

~Lion Deb Featherby

What a winter! All that ice made a person wish they could just hibernate until spring!

But Lions don't hibernate. They continue to do their service work – like the monthly bingos at Rosedale Home for Special Care, refreshing the Book Nooks in New Germany and Lower Branch, providing The Gift of Literacy bags of books to toddlers, helping with the North River hall, looking after the refreshment table at the Blood Donor Clinics. Lions are people who want to serve their communities and many Lions volunteer their time to organizations outside of the Lions Club.

Christmas may just be a memory now, but for the Lions there are so many good memories of donating to the Rosedale Bus Fund, presenting the Home with a lovely poinsettia and hosting a meal for seniors from the Riverside Apartments. The Lions worked with the staff at the Medical Centre to set up a Giving Tree where residents could pick up the name of a child who had a wish for a Christmas present. A tree was purchased from the Livewires 4H club and decorated, to add to the festive atmosphere in the community. The club donated gift cards to the New Germany High School IWK Toy Drive, to help parents with the cost of food and travel while visiting their sick children. Teacher Mike Wilson deserves a special thanks for spearheading this drive every year.

In addition, families were helped with costs for fuel, glasses and medical needs over the past few months. Families in need can contact Lion Pat at 902-212-5315. Those residents who are in need of medical equipment like beds, walkers and crutches can contact Lion Dave at 902-514-6355.

The Lions Club is always happy to be able to make a donation to the Gift From the Heart Radiothon, in support of the South Shore Regional Hospital Foundation. The Lions also supported the NGRHS Senior Girls basketball team who hosted a provincial tournament. Youth are one of the important causes that Lions support.

As the sun continues to shine a few minutes more each day, the Lions will be looking at spring activities, like yard sales, so keep tuned to the website and news so you don't miss out on the great deals!

If you are aware of a need in your community, please contact any Lion - our web page has a list of all Lions. Our motto is "We Serve", not just by donating money but by helping others with our time and support.



Santa (aka Lion Roger Carver) and Mrs. Santa (aka Lion Betty Ann MacKay) presenting a poinsettia to Recreation Director Rebecca, at the Rosedale Home.



Lion Betty Ann MacKay presenting teacher Mike Wilson with gift cards for the IWK Toy Drive



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Lions Marie Reid, Betty Ann MacKay, Donnie Fancy and Bernice Brown with the cheque for the Gift From the Heart Radiothon in support of the SSR Hospital.





Looking Back

Livewires Countryside Forest at Main Street Maples. We hope you enjoyed the lights and good cheer along Highway 10 this Christmas season.

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~Photo NGRHS Student Council Facebook page



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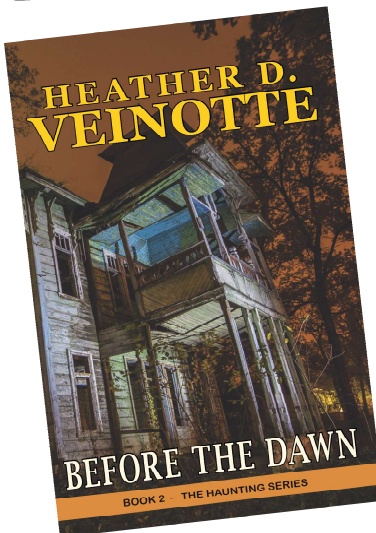




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