

## Brunswick Street Businesses



The name is well known. Clayton Custom Cuts has been in business since 1984. In the beginning, we were located on Prince Street at the current Nook and Cranny location, then moved to the old Yould building, said Paula Edwards. Co-owners Paula Edwards and Susan Whalen have been at the current location on Brunswick Street next to Cameron's Paints since February 2015. Sue said "My customers are the social aspect of the job and I love my job." Edwards explained, "even before thinking of moving to Brunswick Street we polled all the customers. They really liked the idea of more parking and now we are wheelchair accessible too. The move to Brunswick Street, closer to a residential setting, has brought new people as a result." she said. (Submitted)



Well known owner Cam MacDonald (on right) and technician John Totten of CMD Auto, located at 21 Brunswick Street inspect an engine. CMD Auto has been operating since 2001 and provides a variety of services. As part of a full service garage they offer MVI's, full suspension, oil changes, installing and balancing tires, air conditioning and brakes. A new aspect of the business has been repairs and maintenance for RVs. Jody said, "helping make customers as safe as we can in their vehicle is the rewarding part of the job." (Submitted)



Ruth Ogilvie of John Ross and Sons attends to customer, Patrick Pratt. (Submitted)

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## New Year's Party in Wentworth

By Hope Bridgewater

Eleanor Sprague and Martha Wilson on December 31, 2017 organized a New Year's party located at the downstairs hall of the Wentworth United Church. People attended from Wentworth, Oliver, Tatamagouche, and Wallace. Between 8 & 9 pm most had come to be greeted by tables set up for the playing of the favourite game Auction Forty-Fives and a long table up front with food for snacks.

Research shows that we are playing a game which reaches back in time to 1511 in Scotland when it was seen being played and called Maw. Rules were written down about 1576. King James VI of Scotland (later, King James I of England) liked playing Maw and made it popular at court and his kingdom.

When the early settlers from Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales came to eastern Canada (Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, P.E.I.) and USA states such as Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts, they brought Auction 45's with them.

Often it was with different names such as Forty-Five, Forte Fives, Auction 120's, 120, Growl, Spoil Five, Maw, and Strong Fives, usually with slightly different rules but all recognizable as the same game. We played four at a table for eight rounds, bidding done, winning couple moved to the next table and the losing couple stayed put. At the end, a winning person could be announced. As we played, we had to pay attention to the rules and could not talk too much so as not

to get behind with scores.

At about 10:30, we stopped for a lunch, had time to talk and greet one another. At about 11:30 pm, we were given horns to blow when the clock struck midnight and waited in suspense as the minutes ticked by. Then, suddenly, it was midnight and everyone blew their horns with group enthusiasm. Then, greetings and hugs took place with everyone smiling. Year 2018 would have its problems, but why not enjoy greeting it anyway.

Then, the singing of Auld Lang Syne began. Once again, we go back in history to Robert Burns, a Scottish poet, who wrote this poem based on an old folk tale he heard from an old man, and put it to the music of an ancient Scottish folk song.

Auld Land Syne has been translated into many languages and is now sung all over the world at the greeting of a new year. One great example of this was once on the BBC News at a special concert, Auld Lang Syne was performed at the same time in 41 different languages, all singing done in unison. As well as celebrating the New Year, Auld Lang Syne is used to represent other endings and new beginning at weddings, farewells, hymns, sports events, memorials of Robert Burns, national anthems, etc.

Another event to remember on the first week in the new year of 2018 is Epiphany, the coming of the three wise men (Magi) to the stable where Jesus was born. The twelve days of Christmas is still celebrated when not just one day is honoured but 12 days extending from



Martha Wilson and Eleanor Sprague organized the New Year's Party in Wentworth for the year 2018. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

Christmas Day to Epiphany on January 6.

At Epiphany, the three wise men arrived with their gifts for Jesus and initiated the custom of giving presents at Christmas. The tradition of singing the Twelve Days of Christmas was begun in past times when

joyful counting songs were in fashion and still exists today. In 2018 the twelve days of Christmas is honoured at many homes and institutions where lights and decorations remain in place until January 6 in order to remember the Magi and Epiphany.

## Birds Need Suet for Warmth

By Chris Urquhart

Our feathered friends don't like being out in the stormy weather either, but they don't have all the help we have to keep warm. I hope you have bird houses still up for the birds to stay in and you are keeping your feeders full. Be sure to put out suet.

Birds need the fat to stay warm. Black oil sunflower seeds are also a good choice as it seems all birds like them. Some birds prefer to eat off the ground, or at least flat surfaces.

Don't forget to put out seeds for them as well as what goes in your feeders.

## Truro Presbyterial UCW to meet February 23

By Chris Urquhart

Truro Presbyterial UCW's Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday February 20th at First United Church in Truro. First United has a ramp if you need it to enter their hall where we will be meeting. This ramp is past the main hall and along the side between the hall and the Church itself.

Registration is from 9:30 to 10 am. There will be coffee, tea, juice, water and snacks available plus a copy of our Annual Report booklet. The theme for this rally is: "Our Glorious Past".

Guest speaker in the morning in Janet Maybe, who will be speaking about the Halifax Explosion. She will have both her book plus the booklet "Colchester To The Rescue" for sale during the lunch hour.

There will be a Memorial Service for all UCW members

who have passed away in 2017. There will be the Installation of Officers as well as a brief business meeting.

In the afternoon there will be some "charter members" (those are members of UCW

who have been members since the beginning of UCW in 1962) speaking about how UCW evolved from all the other groups such as the Ladies Aid and the Ladies Missionary Society.

Bring a bag lunch, invite a friend, and plan to enjoy yourself! Everyone is welcome to attend this fun filled day!

## February Church Services

By Christine Urquhart

Church services for the month of February will be at 10 am with Sunday School and each service will be held in Debert. Presbytery appointed minister is Rev. Carolyn Rushton.

She can be reached via the Church office at 902-662-2617.

Any questions for her or for our Church secretary Mandy Slack can also be left on this phone number's answering machine.

We will make you welcome at our weekly Church services and hope that you will continue to join us!

We have a great Sunday School and children of all ages are welcome to attend. See you on Sunday!

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