



Truro Junior A Bearcats, Josh Steele, (2nd from left) and Tanner Humber-Dredge, Assistant Captain (center) are joined by Bearcat volunteers, (L-R) Rob Heukhorst, Christine Nelson and Rylan MacPhee. The crew assisted the United Way Soupfest fundraiser on February 14 at the Truro Famer's Market. The successful event raised awareness and funds for the United Way.



As part of the Long John Winter Festival, the United Way held their annual Soupfest at the Farmers Market in Truro on Valentine's Day. A large crowd supported the event and in attendance was Truro Junior A Bearcat Mascot, Jack, from the United Way Sam Madore and Sara Flemming and Mascot Johnny, representing the Long John Winter Festival, (D Brown Photo)

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## Changes to Residential Tenancies Program

Changes to the Residential Tenancies Program took effect February 3. Landlords can now raise rent on a date other than the anniversary of a lease being signed. They cannot raise rent more than once in a 12-month period and must continue to give at least four months notice before rent can be raised. The temporary two per cent rent cap remains in place for tenants renewing a residential lease or signing a fixed-term lease for the same unit. Other changes include: landlords cannot charge tenants different amounts for different rental terms; for example, they can't charge different amounts for a year-to-year, month-to-month or fixed-term lease; a lease can be terminated if a tenant sublets a unit without the landlord's permission. Landlords are now also required to give a tenant 24 hours notice before entering the unit, even if the tenant has given notice to end the lease. Landlords can only enter a unit without notice if there is an emergency.

## Better Access to Community-Based Transportation Programs

People across Nova Scotia will have improved access to local transportation options through a new project led by the Nova Scotia Community Transportation Network. Following a competitive tender process, the network selected Blaise Transit to customize and implement a new centralized dispatch system for community transit operators in up to 23 communities. The new software platform will improve access for clients and enhance efficiency for operators. The Province is providing \$525,000 over three years to support the project. Most community transportation services are operated by not-for-profit groups that use a "dial-a-ride" model for bookings. This will be the first province-wide transit dispatch operators partnership in Canada and will serve as a leader for other networks and transit agencies looking to implement similar solutions. The non-profit Nova Scotia Community Transportation Network is dedicated to building a strong, integrated community transportation sector across rural Nova Scotia. Acting as a hub for providers, funders and clients, the network fosters information sharing, education and innovation within the sector. Based in Montreal, Blaise Transit has experience developing and deploying on-demand transit and dispatch management platforms across North America and has successfully tailored solutions to meet the needs of numerous small communities.

## Discovering Our Heritage

By Clair Peers  
Clair's Classics Antiques

Most people call us Antique Dealers. Some call us pickers.

That is an old term re-invented by the new so called "picker" shows.

It's really not that new. I remember the antique dealers coming to the farm way back and asking if there were any old things "you would like to sell."

Those were antique dealers looking for those great old pieces from the previous century. And most country homes and farms were full of them. They were the real "Pickers".

In the 21st century, there might be a few old school dealer pickers doing the door knocks, but mostly today its an email, phone call, text or facebook message from an owner or estate Executor that we get.

Sometimes its someone trying to get a few bucks for something, but mostly we get

calls from people who have to move, or from a family member liquidating an estate of parents goods

For us, the so-called, dealers/buyers, this is where the fun begins.

Some get that call & analyze it and decide to go or not.

If they say "I got all this great old china" or "Collector plates etc" that can be a turn off, because that's just a lot of work for something that's not that saleable anymore.

So they immediately just turn it down.

My attitude is, always go if you can, because you never know what you will find.

I remember so many house lots, estate lots that were so interesting. Exciting and rewarding. When I say exciting, that can be anything from walking into a house full of period furniture, discovering the perfect set of Bass River press back chairs, a treasure trove of vin-

tage 50's toys or just one single solitary piece which is just the ultimate find. That has happened a few times.

Here's one that I discovered last year with a helpers hand. After taking a lot of great saleable pieces from the farm buildings and this barn and just getting some good country junk, we were almost done and I said, "what is that box there?" He said, "I think that is just my daughters stuff, some dolls and things" I said I'm not too interested in dolls. He said

have to cover your costs and try to pay your labor and still make a profit.

Sometimes the nostalgia and the fun is worth more than money.

So remember, don't throw that box of old junk in the dumpster until you have a look. If you see something that you are unsure of, put it aside and have it checked it.

"KNOW IT BEFORE YOU THROW IT"

Thanks, Clair.



well I'm saving them for her but lets have a look. So we did, and then... I couldn't believe my eyes when they pulled out this Mi'kmaw Birch bark Bucket. He said what about that? & I said let me see it. It was Birch bark for sure, pine bottom, signed by the maker, dated 1922, Truro.

For me this was one of my greatest finds, not in terms of its monetary value, but because of its importance to our local culture.

And that my friends is what really makes this profession interesting.

For me its not just about making money, however you



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