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The proposed class action seeks to represent all persons or entities who purchased or leased a diesel-powered Dodge RAM 2500 (2WD, 4WD), model years 2007-2010; Dodge RAM 2500 (non-SCR systems, 2WD, 4WD), model years 2011-2012; Dodge RAM 3500 (2WD, 4WD), model years 2007-2010; or Dodge RAM 3500 (non-SCR systems, 2WD, 4WD), model years 2011-2012.

The province will spend \$9.1 million to build a 12-station dialysis unit at the Valley Regional Hospital in Kentville. Construction will begin this fall. When completed the new Kentville unit will replace a six station in Berwick which currently serves 24 patients. The new facility will be capable of handling 48 patients which it is completed in mid 2019.

The Government of Canada launched a public consultation on new rules to strengthen food safety. The proposed *Safe Food for Canadians Regulations* would better protect Canadian families by putting a greater emphasis on preventing food safety risks for all foods imported into Canada or sold across provinces. The regulations would also apply to foods prepared for export. The proposed regulations would require food businesses to have preventive controls in place to identify and manage food safety risks before products are sold to consumers. This would also reduce the time it takes to remove unsafe foods from the marketplace. This public comment period is an opportunity for all Canadians to comment on the proposed regulations. These proposed regulations represent a major milestone in bringing the *Safe Food for Canadians Act* into force, which was passed in Parliament in 2012 with support from all political parties.

Nova Scotians are encouraged to present their views about the province's first accessibility legislation, Bill 59, to the Law Amendments Committee. The Law Amendments Committee sessions will be at Province House, 1726 Hollis St., in Halifax on Monday, Feb. 13, from 1-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., and on Tuesday, Feb. 14, from 9-11 a.m. Those interested in presenting on Bill 59 should contact the Legislative Counsel Office at 902-424-8941 or Legc.office@novascotia.ca. Those wishing to submit written presentations only can send them by email. For more information about the accessibility legislation, go to <http://novascotia.ca/coms/accessibility/>.

Two new judges, including the first Mi'kmaw woman to join the judiciary, have been appointed to the provincial and family court. Catherine Benton, a lawyer with Nova Scotia Legal Aid from Lunenburg County, has become the second Mi'kmaw to serve as a judge in Nova Scotia. Ronda van der Hoek, a prosecutor and team leader with the Public Prosecution Service of Canada, was also appointed to the bench today (January 23rd) by Governor in Council on the recommendation of acting Attorney General and Minister of Justice Michel Samson. The provincial court presides over most indictable offence charges under the Criminal Code and has exclusive jurisdiction over all summary offence charges under provincial and federal statutes and regulations except a charge of murder by an adult. The family court provides a forum to hear family issues, including maintenance, custody and access and child protection matters.

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Masstown Community News

By Christine Urquhart

We have made it through the month of January! It's time to start thinking about what you want to plant in your gardens come spring. Many things can be started indoors prior to being set out into your garden, others grow better if they are planted straight into the soil. Either way, on cold, wintery days it's great to be thinking about gardening! I am sure that those "buy our plants" books will be showing up in your mail boxes any day now!

For all you bird watchers, I have been seeing both a male and female cardinal in the cedar hedge across the road from our house. At our feeder we have blue jays, chick-a-dees, gold finches, starlings, mourning doves and a number of woodpeckers. I have yet to see the cardinals at the feeders but they could be eating at the ones I can't see easily from my dining room window. I hope you are feeding the birds and that you are also putting out suet for them. They need the fat to keep warm on these cold days and nights.

Due to the inclement weather on Wednesday January 25th the Coffee Party was canceled but another one is planned! A Valentine Coffee Party will be held on Wednesday February 15th at 2pm at the Masstown United Church. There will be a bake table and there is a great play room for the children. Hope to see you there!

On February 2nd, 7pm, the Masstown UCW will meet at the home of Gail Hines on G. Porter Road. All ladies welcome! The DGM Men's Club will meet on Saturday February 3rd, 8am, at the Double C Restaurant. All men welcome!

Truro Presbyterial UCW will be holding their Annual Meeting on Tuesday February 7th at St. David's United Church in Bible Hill. (Storm date Tuesday February 14th) Registration is from 9:30 to 10am. Theme is: Reaching Out. Guest speakers will be Suzy Teubner of the Truro Outreach Society and

someone from the SPCA. There will be a Memorial Service for all those past UCW members who died in 2016. The officers will be installed. Bring a bag lunch, lug a mug, and come out for a great time! All welcome!

The Masstown Community Association will meet on Monday February 20th, 7pm, at the restaurant part of the Masstown Market. All folks welcome!

There were some folks home for Christmas! Jeff Gratto was home visiting his parents Kurt and Tina Gratto. Dana Reid and Holly Reid were home, Dana from Goose Bay and Holly from Ottawa to visit their parents Rodney and Joy Reid.

Condolences go out this month to Troy Rushton and family on the death of his grandfather, Wendell Rushton; Ardith McCully and family on the death of her Aunt, Louise Bernard; and Kay Rushton on the death of her partner, Louise Bernard.

February is the month of love so do your best to show love to all you meet - be it folks or animals!



Mayor Christine Blair presents Donna Arnold with a retirement gift. Arnold reported for work on July 2, 1991 and has retired from the taxation clerk position. (Rees Photo)

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