

Down Home News

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Happy & Healthy New Year to all!

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AU REVOIR and Thank You So Much!



Brenda Trenfield Lowry retired on December 22nd as School Secretary after 35 years of incredible dedication. She was always available for the kids, the parents, the teachers, the school board, the community partners, the Alumni, etc. They all came together on Dec. 13th at school to express their appreciation and love for all she had done for them. Now, she'll have time for herself.....and her family. Brenda you so deserve some peace and tranquility. Enjoy your retirement, have fun, keep in touch, and stay healthy.

Julie Gagné, our much loved Executive Assistant/Office Manager at MCDC, has taken over the position of School Secretary vacated by Brenda at ASJ/St. Pat's. Julie has been with MCDC since 2006 and welcomed the community at all times with a smile and undivided attention. But, we didn't manage to keep this shining star a secret. She is the "whole package" and we will miss her enormously. She will continue to do her best for the community, just under a different roof. Thank you Julie for everything you accomplished at MCDC, congratulations for your new position, and we all wish you the best of luck!!!!

Dear Community members,

The time has come for me to retire and to leave in other hands the future of MCDC. I will be leaving on January 19, to pursue other interests and enjoy retirement while I am still healthy. I wish to thank the board members and the staff for their friendship and support through the years and who have always played such an important part in the success of MCDC. It has been a pleasure and privilege to serve you all these years and I wish you all the very best for the future.

Suzanne Aubre

MCDC Executive Director / Directrice générale

INFORMATION SESSION JANUARY 2018

Maison Funeraire de l'Amiante will be making a presentation concerning their services and important things we need to know when dealing with funerals.

DATE: **Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018**
TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
PLACE: Studio Théâtre Paul Hébert

A delicious meal will be served. Places are limited!
Reserve today by calling MCDC
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Health Canada, through CHSSN, has contributed to the realization of this activity.

AND THE WINNERS OF OUR MCF ANNUAL RAFFLE ARE...

We are pleased to announce that **Henri Laframboise** of St-Ferdinand was the lucky winner of the \$250 shopping spree at Le Carrefour Frontenac de Thetford, **Dianna Beattie** of Leeds was the winner of the \$100 gift certificate for Walmart, and **Ann Marie Campbell** was the winner of the 2 theatre tickets for Spect-Art. The winning tickets were drawn on December 7, 2017, during the MCDC Christmas Meet & Greet.

Thanks to the generosity of all those who purchased tickets, the raffle helped the Megantic Community Foundation raise \$914.25 (after expenses). We are very grateful for your support. Approximately 65 people accepted the MCDC invitation and met at the Studio-Théâtre Paul Hébert in Thetford Mines to kick the holiday season into gear. There were lots of holiday greetings, finger food, and Christmas carol singing accompanied by a guest pianist.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **January 28** - Brunch at Les Fourneaux d'Inverness
9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Please call Lisa at 418-453-2007 to reserve.

SENIORS' DROP-INS

- Monday, January 8th: Kinnear's Mills
- Monday, January 15th: Inverness
- Monday, January 22nd: Thetford MCDC
- Monday, January 29th: Ste-Agathe HLM



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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CAMPBELL FAMILY



Edna Custeau and Kevin Campbell of Kinnear's Mills are pictured here being presented with a certificate of recognition as part of the "coup de coeur" program in the municipalities of the MRC des Appalaches. The program recognizes individuals in the various towns who have succeeded in conserving the historical architecture of their homes/buildings and thus helps to preserve the local heritage. On behalf of all our community, congratulations Edna and Kevin – you well deserve it!!

ROBBIE BURNS DANCE



Everyone is invited to a fun celebration in honour of our Scottish ancestry:

Date: **Saturday, February 3, 2018**
 Time: 8:00 p.m. – midnight
 Place: Kinnear's Mills Community Hall
 Admission: \$15

Come in and enjoy authentic Scottish cooking, music and dancing. Music by Claude Lachance and James Allan

For more information, call James Allan 418-424-2252

SCHOOLDTIME



- Jan 12: ASJ Academic Awards at 2:00 pm.
- Jan 25: Valcartier Village des Sports trip for grades 3 – Sec V

ODD FELLOWS WINTER CARD PARTY

The Inverness and Leeds lodges are hosting their winter CARD PARTY on:

Date: Saturday, **January 27, 2018**
 Time: 8:00 p.m.
 Location: I.O.O.F. Hall, Inverness
 Admission: \$5



THANK YOU TO ODD FELLOWS & MASONS



Robert Blais, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Quebec Odd Fellows organization, presented a cheque for \$333 to MCF (Megantic Community Foundation) represented by Maureen Small. This is the result of Grand Lodge deciding to match an earlier donation made by their local Inverness & Leeds Lodges to MCF.



Peter Whitcomb, on behalf of the Masons organization, presented a cheque for \$150 to MCF represented by Julie Gagné.

We greatly appreciate the generosity of both these organizations and ongoing support for our community.

THETFORD MASONIC LODGE #88 wishes to express their thanks to all our community organizations, the students of ASJ High School and St. Pat's School, and the volunteers who helped to make the **2017 Christmas Basket Campaign a huge success. Forty-three (43) baskets** were distributed.

Happy New Year and thank-you to everyone!

LEGAL TIPS FROM "Educaloi"

What is the difference between a protection mandate and a power of attorney?

A protection mandate lets you name one or several people to take care of you and manage your property from the moment the court declares that you are **incapacitated**.

On the other hand, a power of attorney (also called a "mandate" or "ordinary mandate") lets you name one or more people to act in your name even though you are **capable** of doing so yourself. For example, you could sign a mandate naming your brother as the person responsible for collecting and depositing rent from your rental properties because this is convenient for you and not because you are incapable of doing it.

As soon as a court declares that you are incapacitated, a power of attorney is no longer valid. From that moment on, only a protection mandate is useful.

Source: <https://www.educaloi.qc.ca/en/capsules/protection->

WELCOMING NEWCOMERS

If you know of English-speaking newcomers to our region, do not hesitate to encourage them to contact MCDC. We are looking forward to welcoming them.

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Milestones



- ❖ Deepest sympathies to the family of Frances Beattie who passed away in early January.
- ❖ Our sincere condolences to the family of Johanne Huppé Beattie who passed away in December.
- ❖ Get well wishes going out to Mildred Robinson & Helen Lowry for a speedy recovery.
- ❖ Happy Birthday to Joan Smith St-Hilaire who will be celebrating a birthday in January.

MCDC MEMBERSHIP

All members of the English-speaking community of Chaudière-Appalaches and l'Érable are invited to become members of MCDC. Membership is free and it is a great way to get involved and show your support for your community. For additional information, please call us at 418-332-3851 or 1-877-332-3851 or visit our website at <http://mcdc.info>.