

Down Home News

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WELCOMING MARIE-MICHELLE LAPLANTE TO THE MCDC TEAM



We are pleased to welcome Marie-Michelle Laplante who joined our MCDC team on February 15, 2018 as the new Administrative Assistant.

Marie-Michelle will be responsible for administrative support which will include accounting, payroll, banking, budgets, and other related duties.

Marie-Michelle moved to Thetford a year ago from New Brunswick and is now adding her Acadian charm to our team. Her bilingualism and ability to multi-task will be beneficial to all involved. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Marie-Michelle!

BOWLING NEWS 2017-18



Congratulations to our season and playoff winning team. Judy Johnson, MCDC, is pictured here presenting the trophy to:

Larry Giroux, Lisa Dempsey – captain, Leo Custeau, Lorna Campbell, and Maureen Small.



Mau, on behalf of MCDC and the whole bowling club, thank you for a great job! We would like to express our gratitude for the time and effort throughout all the years that you put into our bowling activities. Because of your amazing work, diligence, as well as dedication, you have made this such a FUN event. You are truly inspiring and you have impressed all of us immensely. Thank you once again; we had a ball at bowling!!



Do you need help dealing with:

- all the options on your cell phone
- Windows 10
- Facebook
- Twitter
- and the list goes on.....

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MCDC has the solution for you. Every **Friday afternoon 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** starting March 9, 2018 for *many weeks* we will have our friendly computer teacher, Charles Boulanger, available at MCDC to help you on your equipment, at no cost.

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Call Maureen today to book a Friday session all to yourself! 418-332-3851
Don't miss this unique opportunity to advance your comfort level with technology.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **March 3:** Bluegrass Band at 8:00 p.m. at Kinnear's Mills Community Hall.
- **March 5:** MCDC Book Club meets at 1:30 p.m.
- **March 24:** St. Patrick's Day parade in Quebec city 1:30 p.m.
- **March 25:** Monthly **brunch** at Les Fourneaux d'Inverness, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Call Lisa to reserve 418-453-2007.

SENIORS' DROP-INS

- Monday, March 12th: Ste. Agathe
- Monday, March 19th: Inverness (St. Patrick's Party)
- Monday, March 26th: Kinnear's Mills



Odd Fellows' Sugar Party

The annual Odd Fellows Sugar party offers you an evening of good music, dancing, taffy on snow, and homemade treats. Bar service available.

DATE: **Friday, March 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. - midnight**
PLACE: I.O.O.F. Hall in Inverness

It's a perfect way to feed your "sweet tooth"!

Just a reminder to change the time of your clocks to one hour ahead on Sunday, March 11, 2018, at 2:00 a.m.



La Gîtée inc.

A safe housing refuge in Thetford Mines for women and children who are victims of conjugal violence. Complete confidentiality. MCDC can serve as interpreter and liaison.

Tel: 418-335-5551

Email: info@lagitee.ca

www.maisons-femmes.qc.ca



MEGANTIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (MCF) MAKES A DONATION TO CAFÉ L'ESPÉRANCE



Brenda Trenfield, President of MCF, presented a cheque for \$250 to Jim Barber of the Café l'Espérance to assist in the building of an access ramp to the restaurant. A well deserving community partner! Congratulations Mr. Barber.

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

All are invited on **Saturday, March 17, 2018**, to the Ste-Agathe Municipal Hall to celebrate this Irish tradition

6:15 – 8:00 p.m. Historical Storytelling in French

8:00 – midnight Square dance, music by Claude Lachance and James Allan.

Admission: \$10 (adults)

Plenty of door prizes, finger food, and dessert to please everyone!

For more information, call

Steve Cameron 418-599-2814,

or Suzanne Lambert 418-599-2747



Visit the MCDC website
www.mcdc.info



SCHOOLTIME

- Mar 5-12: Spring break
- Mar. 16: I Volunteer program pizza lunch
- Mar 22: Career Orientation for secondary 3,4,5, with Lucie Drouin - physiotherapist
- Mar 29: Presentation ceremony of the "bench project" at 9:50 a.m.



BURSARY PROGRAM FOR ASJ GRADUATES AND ADULT LEARNERS

For the 9th year running, the Megantic Community Foundation (MCF) is pleased to offer

two (2) \$500 bursaries:

- ❖ One bursary to an ASJ High School graduate pursuing post-secondary education;
- ❖ One bursary to a member of the English-speaking community of the Appalaches, L'Érable or Lotbinière regions who wishes to further his/her studies as a mature student

Deadline for submission of applications is May 1, 2018

Application forms are available at MCDC, 906 Mooney Street West, Thetford, or by calling 418-332-3851.

INCOME TAX TIME

Once again this year MCDC is providing free assistance in completing tax forms for people who meet the following criteria:

1. Living alone with an income of \$25,000 or less;
2. A couple with an income of \$30,000 or less;
3. One adult and one child with an income of \$30,000 or less (each additional dependant \$2,000).

Should you qualify for this service, call MCDC and we'll put one of our volunteers in touch with you in total confidentiality.

418-332-3851/ toll free: 1-877-332-3851

Le Marchand De Lunettes visits Thetford once a month!!!!



All you need is your prescription and you will have access to a large choice of discount frames

Call 1-581-983-3883

to make an appointment.

Specify it's for the Thetford location

(c/o ACEF, 1176 Notre Dame Est, Thetford Mines)

Milestones



- ❖ Happy Birthday wishes go out to Evelyne Beattie, Joy Nugent (now residing in New Brunswick), Kitty Small, Susan Smith, and Winston White who are celebrating their birthdays in March.
- ❖ Get well wishes going out to Mildred Robinson who has undergone a recent surgery...again.

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>.