

# Down Home News



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## THANK YOU TO OUR MCDC VOLUNTEERS

National Volunteer week will be celebrated April 27-May 3, 2025. Volunteers are on the front lines of our community services - community health care, heritage and arts, administrative committees, community organizations, school life, the list is impressive. Take the time this week to recognize volunteers by saying thank-you. They offer their time, energy, and skills to improve the lives of their neighbours and surroundings. Their hours of service ensure that many events are held and many people are helped.

Alice Renaud	Caroline Cavinta	Evelyne Custeau	Jim Barber	Lorna Campbell	Pauline Nutbrown
Aline Visser	Coralyne Ethier	Hartley Aulis	Jo Visser	Lorraine Learmonth	Peter Whitcomb
André Gingras	Darlene Menard	Heather Whitcomb	Joan McCammon	Lyne Falardeau	Robert Blais
Ann Marie Powell	Denise Carrier	Helen Jamieson	Joan Smith	Madeleine Brisson	Roger Allan
Ann-Marie Campbell	Dianna Beattie	Huguette Blais	Lawrence Custeau	Maureen Small	Ross Davidson
Brenda Trenfield	Don Beattie	James Allan	Len Davidson	Michelle Mathieu	Sheilagh Brown
Carmen Huppé	Donna Thomas	Jan Lowry	Leo Thomas	Ozzie Beattie	Shirley Picknell
Carole Lehoux	Emily Hsung	Janet Dempsey	Loch Baillie	Pauline Davidson	Suzette Mainville
					Vic Lowry

We would also like to thank students from St. Patrick's Elementary School who participated in the "I Volunteer" program.



## Health activity & capsules

Please call MCDC to register for each of the following health sessions:

### Easter Crafting Workshop



Date: **Wed April 9, 2025**  
Time: 10:00 a.m. + lunch  
Place: IOOF Hall  
Please call or email Jennifer  
info@mcdc.info

### MOVIE: MOANA 2



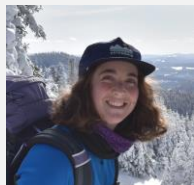
Date: **Wed April 23, 2025**  
Time: 1:30 p.m.  
Place: MCDC  
Please call or email Jennifer  
info@mcdc.info

### SHARP videoconference

"Ensuring Safety and Independence as You Age with Home Care Support"

Date: **Wed April 16, 2025**  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Place: MCDC basement & via ZOOM  
Coffee & muffins will be served.  
Please call or email Laurie  
health@mcdc.info

## Introducing new staff in Thetford & Lévis



We are pleased to introduce Léa Marcotte Richardson who has joined the MCDC team in Thetford as the new Executive Assistant & Special Projects Coordinator; and Marcus Sager in our Lévis office "South Shore English Network (SSEN)" as the Senior Wellness Coordinator. Léa is originally from Tewkesbury QC and now lives in this region; Marcus is originally from Fort Erie ON. and is the married father of 2 little girls. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to both these new recruits.

## FUN FAMILY GAME AFTERNOON

Everyone welcome!!

Date: **Fri April 11, 2025 (Ped Day)**  
Time: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
Place: MCDC basement

Please call or email Kaylea  
youthmentalhealth@mcdc.info



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# What's happening?

## McGill Health & Social Services Bursary Program 2025-2026 CALL FOR APPLICANTS

McGill University, in collaboration with MCDC, is pleased to launch the call for applicants for Health and Social Services Community Leadership Bursaries for the 2025-2026 academic year. This program provides financial incentive to students from selected Quebec regions with English and French language skills pursuing full-time studies in the area of health and social services in a government recognized educational institution. Depending on the level of studies (university, college, or vocational) and whether or not the applicants are pursuing their post-secondary studies inside or outside their region, the amount of the bursary may vary between \$1,000 and \$10,000 for the 2025-2026 academic year.

The deadline to submit your application is May 7, 2025. To verify your eligibility, or for more information, please contact Maureen Small at MCDC 418-332-3851 [community@mcddc.info](mailto:community@mcddc.info).

## Mason's Sugar Party



DATE: **Sat April 26, 2025**

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Kinnear's Mills Community Hall

4 - 6 p.m. Taffy on snow

6 - 7:30 p.m. Homemade supper

Bring your own beer, wine, and lawn chair!

## WATER PAINTING AFTERNOON



Date: Wed April 30, 2025

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: IOOF Hall, Inverness

Please call or email Jennifer  
[info@mcddc.info](mailto:info@mcddc.info)

T : 418.332.3851

Toll free : 1.877.332.3851

## Drop-Ins 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.



April 7

MCDC

April 14

Municipal Hall, KM

April 21

EASTER, NO DROP-IN

April 28

IOOF, Inverness

## Church Services

K.I.T. Pastoral Charge:

- Apr 6, 10:30 a.m. St. Andrew's, Inverness
- Apr 13, 10:30 a.m. Gamache & Nadeau chapel, Thetford
- Apr 20, 10:30 a.m. Candlish, Kinnear's Mills
- Apr 27, 10:30 a.m. St. Andrew's, Inverness

Anglican Services:

- Apr 13, 10:30 a.m. Church of the Ascension, Inverness
- Apr 18 @ 1:00 p.m. / April 20 @ 2:00 p.m. Church of the Ascension
- Apr 27, 2:00 p.m. Gamache & Nadeau chapel, Thetford

## KING CHARLES III coronation medal recipients

CONGRATULATIONS to **Peter Whitcomb and Christopher Robin** who were awarded the King Charles III medal at a ceremony held in Thetford on March 16, 2025. Luc Berthold, regional Deputy, made the presentations to 29 deserving citizens, including Peter & Chris. They have been recognized for their dedication to community life, their generosity, volunteerism, and making a difference in their neighbourhood.



## MCF BURSARY PROGRAM FOR ASJ GRADUATES AND ADULT LEARNERS

For the 16th year running, the Megantic Community Foundation (MCF) is pleased to offer three (3) \$500 bursaries:

- ✚ Two (2) bursaries to ASJ High School graduates pursuing post-secondary studies.
- ✚ One (1) 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.

To qualify, you **MUST** be registered as a **FULL-TIME** student in **September 2025**. Deadline for submission of application to MCDC is **Friday, May 2, 2025**. Application forms are available by calling Maureen at MCDC:

**418.332.3851**

MCDC & MCF Board of Directors and the staff would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Please note that the office will be closed on Good Friday April 18th, and Easter Monday April 21st.



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. Please call us 418.332.3851 or email [communications@mcddc.info](mailto:communications@mcddc.info)