

# Down Home News



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## January 2026

## ODD FELLOWS ANNUAL GAMES NIGHT

This is the Odd Fellows' main fund raiser of the year. Games such as 500, cribbage, and crokinole are played and you may bring your own games if you wish.

DATE: **Saturday Jan 24, 2026**  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
PLACE: Odd Fellows Hall, Inverness  
ADMISSION: \$10

Raffle tickets available from each of the Odd Fellows members, or at MCDC, or call Robert Blais 418-332-8780.

Five (5) individual prizes available:

- \$100 gift certificate from MCDC for "La Face Du Boeuf"
- \$50 gift certificate for "Pizzeria du Boulevard"
- \$25 gift certificate for Multi Mecanique in Inverness
- 3 sets of passes to Cineplex Odeon Theatres
- 2 gel pillows with bamboo covers



## Health activity & capsules

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

### MOVIE

#### "Little Women"



Date: **Wed Jan 14, 2026**  
Time: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.  
Place: MCDC

Please call or email Jennifer  
info@mcdc.info

### DIAMOND PAINTING



Date: **Thur Jan 15, 2026**  
Time: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.  
Place: Kinnear's Mills Municipal Hall

Please call or email Jennifer  
info@mcdc.info

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN EXPRESS



Date: **Wed Jan 21, 2026**  
Time: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.  
Place: MCDC

Please call or email Jennifer  
info@mcdc.info

## THANK YOU from the MASONS

On behalf of all the community we serve and the nearly 40 families and individuals that we received support this Christmas by way of a basket of food stuffs may I say "Thank You So Much" for your ongoing support and generosity. The needs continue to be high and with your generous yearly support we have been able to meet these needs over the past 35-40 years.

We are hoping that we will be in a position again next year to carry on with this charitable endeavour and that you will be by our side making it possible to ensure that those whose names are known to us as needy will receive the support we can provide.

The Masons wish to thank everyone who supported the 50/50 ticket sale & auction at the Xmas Meet & Greet and \$310 was raised for the Christmas baskets!

P. Whitcomb

## Congratulations to the 2025-26 recipients of of McGill Community Leadership Bursaries



These bursaries provide financial support to students who are involved in their community, who are bilingual, and are pursuing studies in the health and social services field. This year's 2025-26 winners for Chaudière-Appalaches are:

Jade Simoneau \$2500  
and Kimberly Drouin \$2500.

Congratulations to these deserving winners.



# What's happening?

## SHARP Videoconference

"Tips for Active Listening and Reducing Social Isolation: with Marissa Norton, Vent Over Tea

Date: **Wed Jan 21, 2026**  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Place: MCDC basement  
Coffee/muffins will be served  
Please call or email Laurie  
health@mcddc.info

## Milestones



- Birthday wishes to Joan Smith and Dianna Beattie, as well as everyone who will be celebrating their birthday in January.
- Get well wishes going out to Aline Visser, Eric Bennett, and Melvin Byrns.
- **Congratulations** to Annie Stewart for receiving the 2025 volunteer's award from the MRC des Appalaches in the *historical and heritage* category.

## Video Games AFTERNOON



Date: **Wed Jan 28, 2026**  
Time: **1:30 p.m.**  
Place: MCDC basement

Please call or email Jennifer  
info@mcddc.info

## Robbie Burns Dance



Date: **Sat Jan 31, 2026**  
Time: **7:00 p.m.**  
Place: **Old School Kinnear's Mills**  
Music by James Allan and Courtney Drew

## MCDC BOOK CLUB

Date: **Fri Jan 23, 2026**  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Place: ZOOM  
Please call or email Jennifer  
info@mcddc.info

## Drop-In

**1:30 - 3:30 p.m.**

Jan 5 MCDC  
Jan 12 Kinnear's Mills Municipal Hall  
Jan 19 Inverness IOOF Hall  
Jan 26 No Drop-In

## CHURCH SERVICES

### K.I.T. Pastoral Charge:

- Jan 11, 10:30 a.m. Candlish, Kinnear's Mills.
- Jan 18, 10:30 a.m. IOOF Hall Inverness.
- Jan 25, 10:30 a.m. Gamache & Nadeau Chapel, Thetford

### Anglican Church Services:

- No services in Thetford



Entrance to Boutelles Cemetery, located on the 7e Rang (Dublin Range) of Inverness, QC.

<https://www.interment.net/data/canada/qc/megantic/boutelles/index.htm>

If you wish to make a donation, cheques should be made out to:

"DALE COX"  
Address: 732, route 267  
St-Jean-de-Brébeuf, QC  
G6G 0A1  
Tel: 418-453-2050

A **tax receipt** will be provided to you.

## Megantic Community Foundation (MCF) Annual General Meeting (AGM)



The Megantic Community Foundation held their AGM on Wed November 19, 2025, at the offices of MCDC. The MCF annual report was presented at that time. Summaries of the bursary program, fundraising, donations, transportation & accompaniment program, and miscellaneous volunteer services were provided. Copies of the annual report and financial statements are available through Michelle Donovan, Admin. Assistant at MCDC. Board members of MCF consist of: Aline Visser, Ann Marie Powell, Brenda Trenfield, Jan Lowry, Maureen Small, Mercedes Font, Michelle Donovan, Michelle Mathieu, Peter Whitcomb, and Sheilagh Brown.



**73 DAYS TILL SPRING!!**

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)