

# TH<sub>TARGET</sub>RSBY TARGET

## Family Day at Thorsby Recreation!

From Kristen Szepesy  
Thorsby Recreation & Events Supervisor

February 17th, as we all know and love, was Family Day this year! As part of our commitment to this wonderful community, Thorsby Parks & Recreation enjoys putting on a large Family Day Fun Event annually, free of charge. Thorsby Recreation has always had a large focus on family friendly events, where all ages are welcome to come and enjoy themselves.

This year we had almost 200 people come through our doors, and it was quite busy in the Recreation Complex. All activities were FREE, including skating, fieldhouse games, bowling, face painting, hot dogs, and this year our coloring contest was introduced as something new and fun!

Our coloring contest winner was Kayden Halick!!! Kayden is pictured below with the winning gift basket.

Thank you to all who came and supported  
Thorsby Parks & Recreation.

We could not run these events without  
the continuing support from our  
wonderful families in this community!

We would like to give a big shout out to  
Coffee Pucks and Poutine  
who graciously donated  
most of the candy for the gift basket!



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## — Thank You —

The family of Vera Kolt would like to extend their gratitude for your thoughtfulness, kind words and donations to the Warburg St. Charles Cemetery and STARS in her memory.

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If you ever require any information  
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Most sincerely, from all of us,  
Sue, Ruth, Nicole, Christina and Colin Bredin & Oreo...

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**Join us for a six week series to Celebrate Unity**

Opening session begins on **Wednesday February 26 @ 6:15 pm** and continues weekly until April 1st at **St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Thorsby**

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## **Letter of Thanks**

Thank you to the Buck Mountain Gas Co-op board for the dedication and employment that you have provided me for the past 29 years.

The board is comprised of 7 directors, chair Linda Floden, vice chair, Reg Schmidt, secretary, Mike Woods, Larry Fullerton, Wendy Gollnick, Vern Muth, and Craig Waronick. This board puts in a lot of time and energy into running the gas co-op, so I want to thank them for their dedication.

A special thank you to the board, and to the staff at BMG for the great retirement party that you put on for me. Also to all of my friends and family, past employees and all the crew that attended. The crew made it very easy and enjoyable to come to work every day.

And last but not least I would like to thank my wife who made my lunches for the past 48 years.

Past General Manager  
For Buck Mountain Gas Co-op  
Lorne Garrett



**Town of Thorsby**  
**Upcoming Council Meetings**

### **FEBRUARY 2020**

**Tuesday 25 | Regular Council Meeting**

### **MARCH 2020**

**Tuesday 3 | Committee of the Whole Meeting**

**Tuesday 10 | Regular Council Meeting**

**Tuesday 17 | Committee of the Whole Meeting**

**Tuesday 24 | Regular Council Meeting**

**Tuesday 31 | No Meeting**

**All meetings start at 7:00 p.m. in the  
Council Chambers unless otherwise stated.**





**WE'RE HIRING!**

Looking for summer employment? Join our team as a...

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- health and safety field advisor
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## Thorsby Minor Soccer

Registration Nights:

Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup> and  
Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup>

5:30—7:00 PM

in the Thorsby Recreation Centre Lobby

Forms can be dropped off at the Thorsby Rec Centre  
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## Community Events Page

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**Winter Afternoon at Rundle's Mission** on Sunday Feb. 23rd from 1-4 pm. Enjoy a hot dog and hot choc around an outside fire. Talk a walk, snowshoe or cross-country ski (bring your own equipment) on the trails. Ski-waxing clinic at 1 pm with Michael Black. Everyone welcome. For info call 780-389-2422 or [info@rundlesmission.org](mailto:info@rundlesmission.org)

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Bake Sale** - hosted by Community United Church (Telfordville) Tuesday, Feb 25, 2020 5:30 - 7 pm. Telfordville Community Hall. Everyone Welcome. Free-will offering.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church - Tuesday, Feb. 25th from 5 pm - 7 pm.

**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION #246 MULHURST BRANCH:** Bingo every Tues. 7pm **COMMUNITY SOCIAL: Feb. 28 @ 7pm.** Next General Meeting: March 9 @7pm. Inviting New Members and seeking veterans in the community. Marion 780-935-6281

**St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, Thorsby - Friday, March 13 , 7:00 p.m.** Sorokoustu Service. Divine Liturgy **Sunday March 22 @ 8:30 a.m.** with Father Mark Bayrock. For more information contact Dan @ 780-789-3698.

**Winfield Public Market:** Winfield Hall. Schedule dates from 11 am - 2 pm. Come have a coffee, eat at the concession & visit with our great vendors! Call or text Carla 780-621-1285 for more info. Follow us on Facebook for up to the minute details! Upcoming Markets: Regular Markets on March 15th; April 19th.

**Thorsby Seniors Music Jam** will be The next Jam will take place on March 18th (the third Wednesday

of each month.) Starts at 7:30 pm and a light lunch will be provided midway. Admission \$5 and entertainers are free. Both music jammers and listeners are encouraged to come and have an evening of a fun time.

**Garage and Vendor Sale** in the Sunnybrook Hall, Saturday, March 21, doors open at 10:00 til 4:00. To book a table, text or call Cheryl @780.920-1950. A table is \$10 each with limited space. Concession will be available.

**Easter Dinner at Warburg Senior's Centre** - Wed. April 8th, 2020 at Noon. \$10 / person. Everyone is welcome!

We invite the community of Thorsby and surrounding areas to attend the **Philippian Friendship Church.** We are located at 4916A Hankin Street in Thorsby. Tuesday night Bible Study at 7 pm, Wednesday Praise and Worship 7 pm, Thursday Night Youth Group 7 pm, Friday Night Bible Study 7 pm, Saturday Night Prayer 6pm. Sunday morning service at 9:30 am and 6 pm. Office hours Tuesday and Thursdays from 10 am - 3 pm. Rev. Warrick Pollard.

**HAVE YOU HEARD? Over the upcoming year Warburg Alliance Church, 4628-55 Ave, is offering a variety of EXCITING COMMUNITY EVENTS!** Something for everyone! email: [WACHurch.Betty@gmail.com](mailto:WACHurch.Betty@gmail.com) Betty Desjarlais (403) 418-5266 Cell Upcoming Events: **Mother's Day Tea - May 9th**, \$5/adult, \$2.50/under 10. 2 - 4pm - photo booth, luncheon, gifts for Moms. **Please note that the following event has been cancelled:** FEB 14/20 VALENTINES DINNER Masquerade Murder Mystery.

**Warburg Museum - Re-opened Feb. 1st.** Open every Saturday (excluding long weekends). Stop in for pie and coffee from 1 - 4 pm.

**Thorsby Senior's Thrift Store 50% OFF CLEARANCE! Ongoing clearance.** Regular Hours Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays 10 am - 3 pm. **DONATIONS can now be dropped off at the donation box located at the north door. 4812 - 51 Street Thorsby (south of Esso)**



## 2020 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



**Tickets go on  
sale Mon.  
Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
2020**

**We are very pleased to have invited comedian “Jimmy the Janitor” to perform at the Thorsby FCSS Volunteer Appreciation Event, April 23, 2020.**

**The show consists of a 60-minute comedy set and while the comedy is clean (no profanity); it is recommended for those 14 and older.**

**Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 (date is only day I could get Jimmy)**

**Agenda:**

5:30PM ... Happy Hour and 50/50 hosted by Thorsby Historical Society

6:30PM.....Roast Beef supper

7:30 PM..... Speeches

8:00PM..... Jimmy the Janitor

9:00Pm..... Closing/Door Prize

Thanks for all you do....

Patti Skarpinsky FCSS Coordinator

[fcss@thorsby.ca](mailto:fcss@thorsby.ca)

780-789-4004

**Volunteer Ticket Discount:  
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**Regular Tickets \$40**

**Thorsby and Leduc County Volunteers can purchase tickets now  
for Half price \$20.**

**Leftover ticket sales will be open to general public from April 1<sup>st</sup>-  
April 13<sup>th</sup> @ \$40**





## Community Events Page

**Thorsby Municipal Library Hours:** Tuesday 10 am- 7 pm, Wednesday Noon-7 pm, Thursday & Friday 10 am- 5 pm Now Open Saturdays from 10 am - 1 pm (closed Saturdays of long weekends) Questions/ Feedback/RSVP contact us through Facebook (Thorsby Municipal Library) or call 780-789-3808.

**Thorsby Crib Nights** - Need new players! Crib Nights at the Arctic Spas Rec Centre are held every Wednesday at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome!

**Thorsby Bingo** - Bingo is held every Thursday evening at the Senior's Centre. Regular Bingo starts at 7:15 p.m. Early Bird is at 7:00 p.m. Loonie Pots and Progressive Bingos. Everyone is welcome!

**Friday Night Crib at the Thorsby Senior's Centre** - Every Friday night at 7 p.m. All ages welcome!!!

**FUN & EXERCISE Sandholm Modern Square Dance Club** welcomes new members, YOUTH, COUPLES and SINGLES . Dancing every Thursday from 7 pm to 9:30 pm. Sandholm Hall (10 Miles south of Thorsby) For more information call 780-389-2381 or 780- 387-4927

**Mulhurst Bay Seniors - Our weekly Floor Curling** started on Oct. 16/19 at 1:00 p.m. at the Legion Hall in Mulhurst. For more info please contact me: Eileen MacDonald (Secretary) at 780-389-3333.

**Wilton Park Community Centre Monthly Jamboree** - 4th Saturday of every month from October - April excl. Dec. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Jam at 7:30 pm. For more info call Ron at 780.985.2478

**Does drinking affect your personal life in any way?** Have friends or family expressed concerns towards your drinking habits? Have you ever tried to quit drinking, but could not manage to do so? AA can help! 5203 -54th Avenue Thorsby New Life Christian Church (every) Monday 8:00pm 780-270-7903

**Thorsby Senior's Soup & Sandwich Day** at the Senior's Centre is on the second Wednesday of every month. Five dollars will buy you a bowl of soup, a sandwich, a coffee, tea, or juice. Enjoy all this between 11:30-1:30 pm. Birthday Party follows at 1:30 pm. Everyone Welcome!

**Thorsby Bylaw Enforcement** - For concerns or inquires email [bylaw@thorsby.ca](mailto:bylaw@thorsby.ca) or call 780.789.3935 Ext. 28

**Thorsby Community Centre** - For bookings call Marlene at 780-789-3734 or text 780-217-9394 or email [thorsbyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:thorsbyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com). Visit our website [tcahs.yolasite.com](http://tcahs.yolasite.com) .

**Centrelodge Community Centre** - For bookings call Caroline 780-789-3089.

**Morrowdale Community Hall** - For bookings call Elaine at 780-789-2104.

**Mulhurst Legion #246** Call: Marie 780-361-7350

**Genesee Community Hall** - Rentals call Joanne Liba at 780-940-7229.

**Glen Park Hall** - For bookings call Mike at 780-919-1250.

**Sandholm Community Hall** - For hall bookings call Doris 780-389-2381.

**Sunnybrook Hall** - For bookings call Cheryl Krawiec @ 780-789-3193 or 780-920-1950. Sunnybrook Hall Meetings - 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

**Telfordville Hall** - For bookings call Tracy at 780-718-9549 after 5:00 pm.

**Thorsby Senior's Centre rentals.** Call Cathy Kuzio 780-719-7124.

**Rundle's Mission** - For hall bookings call 780-389-2422 or [www.rundlesmission.org](http://www.rundlesmission.org) .

**Strawberry Community Hall** - Call Ollie at 780-789-2180.

**Warburg Senior's Centre** rentals. Call Nancy/ Allan Gruninger 780-848-7756. \$75 per rental, \$50.00 damage deposit refundable after inspection.

**Wilton Park Community Centre** - For Hall Bookings or Information call Aileen at 780.850.9607.

**Winfield Legion** is available to rent. Keep eyes open for a list of upcoming social events. Rental Inquiries - Call Gordon 780-542-1243 Or Mona 780-682-3905

**Warburg Cultural Centre** - For rentals of facility, wine glasses and/or tablecloths, phone Linda McLaughlin at 780.848.2916. Meetings held quarterly.

**Our Lady of Victory Roman Catholic Church** Mass times are at 9:00 am every Sunday until further notice

**St. Matthew's Lutheran Church** - Sunday Worship @10:30 a.m., Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month; Bible study 1,3,5, sundays of the month. Pastor Ron Flamand, interim pastor. Call 780-789-3873

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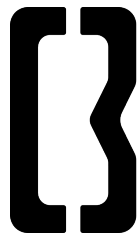
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# Thorsby Elementary School



## Did you know...

Students and Staff at TES are busy cleaning up and recycling trying to do their part in keeping the environment safer and healthier. On Wednesday, February 5th, Mrs. Walker's grade 2 class received recognition from the Mayor and Council, Town of Thorsby for their outstanding work in helping to clean up our community. The grade 4 classes manage the weekly paper recycling program and all students recycle their drink containers. To further the schools efforts in reducing our ecological footprint and make a positive impact Thorsby Elementary School is running an Electronics Recycling Round-up Fundraiser from February 10th to March 6th. We encourage all residents in and surrounding Thorsby to bring any old or unwanted electronic items for recycling. There is a drop off station located in the main entrance of the school. All proceeds will be used to support programming at TES.

## Electronics Recycling Roundup

### Thorsby Elementary School

### February 10, 2020 - March 6, 2020

# DROP OFF at TES

Bring in these old, unwanted electronics for recycling and not only will you help keep the environment safer and healthier, you'll raise funds for your school.

#### TVs and Monitors

screens smaller than 30"

\$4/UNIT



#### TVs and Monitors

screens 30" or bigger

\$10/UNIT



#### Laptop, Notebook and Tablet Computers

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#### Printers, Copiers, Scanners, Faxes

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\$4/UNIT



#### Computers (CPUs), All-in-one Computers, Servers

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#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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- **Pigeon Lake - 35 Acres** - with modern renovated house on new ICF basement. \$2979 in oil revenue. Private and quiet setting. \$389,000.00
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- **St. Francis - On Pavement** - Secondary Highway 622 - 12 Acres+. 1400 sq.ft. bungalow, older shop, all services, some corrals. \$279,000.00
- **Thorsby - 12 Acres on Pavement** - Gorgeous yard, lots of good outbuildings with shop, solid, well maintained home. Excellent for horses. \$379,000.00
- **Sunnybrook - 7.22 Private Acres** - All services - 3 bedroom 1379 sq.ft. home with double detached garage. \$239,000.00
- **Thorsby - 14.7 Acres** - with large, absolutely gorgeous home. 4 bedrooms, full developed basement, triple detached garage. \$629,900.00

## COMMERCIAL

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## Straight Out of Thorsby

*From the County of Leduc, from Alberta and Canada, from Singapore to the U.K., from Australia to Holland, from the USA to Panama, Thorsby graduates are making a difference. This is the 54th installment in a series of profiles which indicate what a small school and community can produce.*

*The people who conduct the interviews are Audrey Brosseau and John Elson. If you have suggestions please contact John at 780-789-3822 or Audrey at 780-886-0658.*

DR. NORMA SCHNEIDER (nee Krueger)  
THS Class of '80. B. Ed. Secondary Education; Major: English; Minor: Business. U. of A., 1993; M.Ed. Adult Education; U. of A., 2004. Doctorate, Business Administration, Athabasca University, 2019.

"Put up your hand, please," called out Mrs. Nelson. And so began my first day of grade one. Prior to school, no one had ever asked me to put up my hand to speak. I would sometimes stretch as high as I could possibly reach, waving furiously and lifting myself right out of my seat while other times I resorted to sitting on my hands, as if they had a will of their own and might pop up unexpectedly. By grade six, I had lost my shyness and often spoke without even raising my hand, a behaviour that Mrs. Chranowski detested and often got me into trouble. By high school, it seemed that it was no longer cool to raise my hand, but to be honest, the stakes were much higher. How embarrassing to give the wrong answer or offer an opinion that others didn't share. So my hand only went up occasionally and usually required some coaxing. Little did I know at the time how important it would be to raise my hand in life—to give voice to my ideas, to take advantage of opportunities, and to reap the rewards of taking risks.

After high school, finding my way was a little rocky at first. Losing my good friend, Cathy,

days before graduation was paralyzing. My parents thought it might be a good idea to go to bible school, so later in the fall I moved to Camrose to begin finding my way. At first, I was scared to put up my hand for anything new, but by the spring, I took a chance and applied to be on a singing/counselling summer group. Our small group, which included Brian Stern from Thorsby, travelled all over western Canada that summer, singing and camp counselling. I was able to share my faith, make new friends, and build my confidence.

I moved to Edmonton and started working retail at West Edmonton Mall when it first opened. I worked hard, had fun, fell in love, and got married. Okay, that is one time I should have sat on my hands. My marriage failed, and I felt I had disappointed so many people. It's not easy getting back up again, but I did, and when an opportunity to volunteer through Kinsmen & Kinette Clubs of Canada presented itself, I raised my hand. I learned so many essential skills through my volunteer work—how to give in service to others, how to public speak in front of 1000+ people, how to chair a meeting, how to be a Board member, and how to be a leader. I fell in love, for real this time, but after only four months of marriage, my husband died unexpectedly from a heart attack caused by an unknown congenital heart defect. I was in shock for quite some time, but I eventually began a re-evaluation of my life. There was little I wanted to put my hand up for, but I knew I needed to be self-sufficient and look for an opportunity to get my career on track. So at 27 years old, I registered for university, and I was petrified. But I took one day at a time. I don't think I even raised my hand in class for the first year, because nothing was scarier than looking stupid in front of kids 10 years younger than me.

I made it through my B.Ed. in four years, during which time I met and married my husband, Andy, of almost 30 years, and with whom I share one daughter, Chloe. Jobs for teachers in the early 1990s were scarce, but I put up my hand

for anything that came my way. My first job was as a Vice Principal of a junior high school, with teaching responsibilities that had me teaching children with developmental disabilities science. I had no experience in administration, teaching students with special needs, or teaching science. But I said “yes”. Next I taught a group of unemployed adults how to prepare for administrative assistant roles. I had 13 students for 16 weeks and by the end I had to ensure they all had the necessary skills as well as jobs. I was their only instructor. There was no curriculum, no textbooks, and the person who oversaw the program left for Africa for six weeks just before it started. I was offered the job on Sunday night, and I said “yes”. I started on Monday morning.

As new opportunities presented themselves I continued to take risks and put up my hand. Sometimes it wasn't easy, especially going to work one week after having a baby. But I gathered a wide variety of experiences that helped me determine what I enjoyed most, which was adult education. During my time with either Alberta College or my current employer, NorQuest College, when opportunities became available to take on extra projects or new initiatives, I always tried to find a way to put up my hand. And I believe it had a direct impact on my career advancement. I am presently the Vice President, Teaching & Learning and Chief Academic Officer, where I oversee the academic programs of the college and am responsible for approximately 12,000 students and 600 faculty and staff. Two months ago, the Board Chair asked me to be Acting President for a couple of months, and, of course, I said yes. It was a great experience.

Education has played an important role in my career and my entire life—from my grade school, to my bachelor's degree, to my master's degree and finally to my recent completion of a doctoral degree. It has been a journey of looking for ways to improve myself and to experience the joy of learning. But happiness isn't about my position on the organizational chart or

my academic credentials. I am fulfilled because I believe my work has purpose and meaning and that I am making a difference in the lives of others. And I am happy because I am fulfilled, and because I choose to surround myself with those whom I love and who love or have loved me--most importantly Andy, Chloe, my parents, family and friends.

And putting up my hand didn't always have to do with work. On our recent trip to Hawaii, our daughter asked who would join her for a zipline experience. So I put up my hand and convinced Andy to put up his hand as well. And what a wonderful and exhilarating experience we had. Who knows what kind of trouble my hand will get me into next!

If I could have a conversation with my 18 year old self in high school, I would say, “Norma, I understand that your life feels hard right now. Life after school is going to be harder, but it is also going to be incredibly exciting. Listen to Mrs. Nelson and ‘Put up your hand, please!’ Embrace every opportunity that comes your way, and don't be afraid to take risks. And when you don't see what you're looking for, go and find it.”



Zip-lining, Maui, Hawaii, Jan. 2020.  
Left to right: Norma Schneider, Chloe  
Schneider, Andy Schneider.

## A Mission for Life

By Kristen Neumann

Last year on April 29th, 2019 I walked into the movie theater in Kalispell, Montana to see a movie called Unplanned. I knew that it was going to be an intense movie to watch, but what I didn't know was that my entire life was about to completely change course.

Since then, I have been getting involved in the Pro-Life Movement by volunteering at the Pregnancy Care Centre in Edmonton and speaking at a couple of churches as well as launching my new website and starting 'Pro-Life Prose with Kristen Neumann'—through which I write articles and share videos about topics that pertain to faith, politics and the pro-life movement. I have also attended events such as the Alberta March for Life and the National Pro-Life Conference in Calgary in November.

In December, I decided to take a leap of faith and apply for an intensive two-month internship with an organization called the Canadian Center for Bio-Ethical Reform—or CCBR for short. The CCBR's mission is to engage the public in conversations about abortion and help people realize, not only how barbaric abortion is, but also the humanity of the pre-born." to "The CCBR's mission is to engage the public in conversations about abortion and help people acknowledge the humanity of the pre-born." On January 29—ironically nine months to the day after I saw Unplanned—I received my acceptance into the internship!

The thing is, I need your help. In order to go on this internship, I am expected to fundraise \$4000—which will go towards paying for lodging, food etc. So, I would like to humbly ask, would you consider partnering with me so that I can go on this not just life changing—but life SAVING endeavor?

Up until the point that I leave for Calgary, I am going to be collecting bottles to recycle to raise the required funds.

If you would be willing to donate your bottles to me, please email me at [prolifeproise@gmail.com](mailto:prolifeproise@gmail.com) so that we can organize a pick-up/drop-off.



## Wednesday Crib Results

The winners of the February 12th Wednesday Crib Night were:

1st Place and 2nd Place Split - Marion Snider and Marvin Wager both with 936  
3rd Place - Maurice Masyk - 928  
Low - Malcolm Busfield - 813  
High Hand - Split - Karen Havanka and Maurice Masyk both with 24.

Wednesday Crib Night takes place in the Arctic Spas Rec Complex Craft Room from 6:00 - 9:00 pm, every Wednesday. Everyone welcome!

## Friday Crib Results

The winners of the February 14th Friday Crib Night were:

1st Place - George Yawney - 960  
2nd Place - Marvin Wager - 940  
3rd Place - Sharon Anderson - 938  
High Hand was won by George Yawney with a 21 hand.

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# Breton Museum Celebrates Black History Month

From Allan Goddard

When the Breton museum was established in 1987 one of the first tasks the Museum Board had to determine was, what themes the museum would focus on. The Board asked themselves the question, what would make the Breton Museum stand out from other small museums in the Province? The Board pondered this question for some time, and eventually choose four themes that the museum would focus on.

Before there was a Breton there was the community of Keystone founded by a group of African American's about 1910. Keystone was one of four rural communities in Alberta that was started at that time by African American settlers.

The lumbering industry which played a vital role in the community especially, from the mid 1920's until the early 1950's, after the railway brought access to the timber resources of the area.

Agriculture was also chosen not because it was unique to only the Breton community, but for the establishment of the Breton Soil Plots by the University of Alberta in 1929. The research carried out by the University on grey wooded soils has advanced agriculture not only in the area but throughout western Canada. Many of the agricultural practices that were brought from the prairie areas did not work on grey wooded soils and agriculture struggled in the early days to find cropping practices that would work for the area.

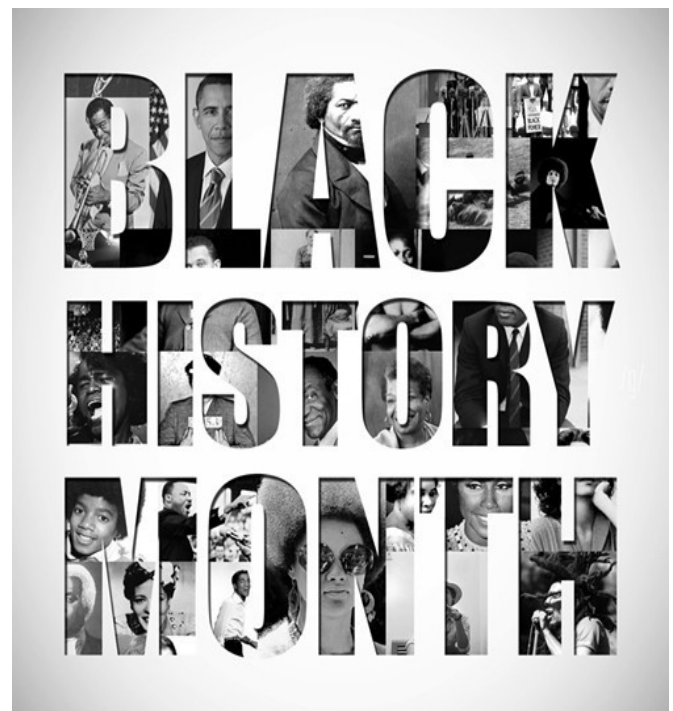
The fourth theme was community, how did the community of Breton start, who were the people, businesses and organizations that have made Breton what it is today.

The story of Keystone has proven to be the theme which has brought the Breton Museum the greatest exposure. At the time this theme was chosen very little research was being carried out on black history in Alberta. Over the years that has changed significantly.

Twenty five years ago the Breton Museum started celebrating Black History Month. At that time it was a small event held at the museum but over the years it has grown to what it is presently. While the Breton Museum only tells one small part of the story of Black History in Alberta it pays tribute to those families who settled Keystone and the hardships they had to endure.

Join the Breton Museum and the Faith Covenant Church at **2 pm on February 23 to celebrate Black History Month 2020.**

Admission to the event is by donation, also the Museum is conducting a food drive for the Breton Food Bank. Please bring non-perishable food items for the food drive and help out a very worthwhile organization in our community, to help those who are experiencing difficult times.



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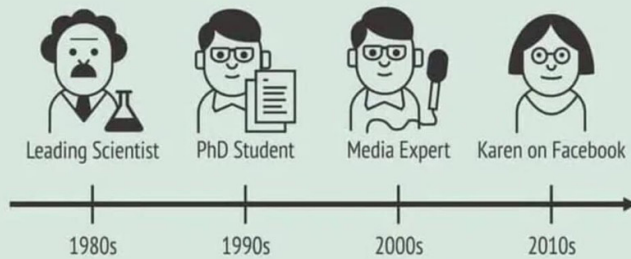
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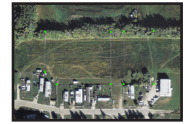
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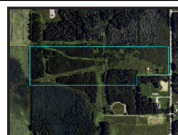
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