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RCMP Tackle Catalytic Converter Thefts

From Leduc RCMP

Leduc, AB – The RCMP recognize catalytic converter theft is a rising crime trend in the area and want to remind vehicle owners of some Crime Prevention tips.

“Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design is a key factor in reducing theft of catalytic converters. Think about where you park your vehicle. Think about how the criminal would gain access to it, if there’s any way to prevent access or add a barrier, that’s what we recommend,” says Cst. Cheri-Lee Smith.

This is predominantly a crime of opportunity where the vehicle has been left unsecure or is easily accessible by the offender.

Tips to prevent theft of catalytic converters from being stolen include:

- Park in well-lit areas and close to building entrances, when possible
- Park your vehicle inside your garage and keep all garage doors shut and locked
- Business owners should secure their vehicles behind locked fences or inside a locked building
- Set your car’s alarm to go off when it detects

vibration

- Engrave your vehicle identification number (VIN) on the catalytic converter. This may alert a scrap metal dealer that it was stolen and makes it easier to identify the owner
- Report to local police, if you see anyone underneath a vehicle or around a resident/business at odd hours of day or night

“Our officers are working diligently using crime reduction strategies to target the offenders and reduce the impact these thefts have on residents in the area” says Sgt. Shane Himmelman.

If you have any information on property crimes in your area, you are encouraged to contact Leduc RCMP at 780-980-7267 or your local police, Thorsby Detachment 780.789.3950. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using “P3 Tips” app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.



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RCMP POLICING PRIORITIES SURVEY

Help set priorities for Leduc and Thorsby/ Breton RCMP

The Leduc and Thorsby/Breton RCMP set policing priorities each year to ensure that – in addition to responding to calls for service – members focus on the policing topics most important to the public.

Leduc County is assisting the RCMP to conduct a two-minute survey to ensure RCMP priorities align with those of area residents.

Take the survey by Feb. 28 at
surveymonkey.com/r/RCMP2021



Town of Thorsby Upcoming Council Meetings

FEBRUARY 2021

Tuesday 9 | Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday 16 | Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday 23 | Regular Council Meeting

MARCH 2021

Tuesday 2 | Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday 9 | Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday 16 | Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday 23 | Regular Council Meeting

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



Marjorie (Marj) Bilar

February 2nd, 1936 - January 26, 2021

It is with great sadness that the family announces the passing of Marjorie (Marj) Bilar on January 26, 2021, at the age of 84 years. Marjorie will be greatly missed by her husband of 62 years, Ted; son Grant (Elaine); daughter Donna-Mae Hall (Darcy); grandchildren, Kallen, Quintin and Gavin Bilar, and Sarah Hall. She will be lovingly remembered by her sisters Vera (Bob Stevenson), Shirley (Allen Burnett), Audrey Bottoroff (Herman Poel); as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. She was predeceased by her parents, Albert and Anna Liske, step-mother Blanche Liske, and brother-in-law Gordon Bottorff.

Marjorie was born in Lamont, AB on February 2nd, 1936. She went to school in Bruderheim, AB, where her love of playing the piano began. She moved to Scotford, AB (near Fort Saskatchewan) and graduated high school in Fort Saskatchewan in 1953. After finishing high school, she attended the University of Alberta, where she received her Teaching Certificate. Her first teaching job was in Thorsby, where she met the love of her life, Ted. They were married on August 22, 1958, and the family became complete with the birth of their children, Grant and Donna-Mae, in 1961 and 1967. Thorsby remained their family home until Marjorie became a resident of Salem Manor Nursing Home in Leduc, AB, in January of 2019.

Marjorie was active in the community where she: taught piano, led Thorsby's Canadian Girls in Training (CGIT) chapter, and was an active member of the United Church, as well as the church organist/pianist. She enjoyed sharing her love and abilities at the piano/organ with the Thorsby United Church congregation at Sunday worship. Since 2019, Marjorie continued to entertain her family at the Manor, with her ability to make beautiful music.

Marjorie had a passion for teaching, and was always in pursuit of ways of improving the education system. She believed that children required earlier exposure to the school system, and along with her friend Marlene, Marjorie was instrumental in launching a play school program in Thorsby; one that is still in operation today. Marjorie was energized by the concept of life-long learning, and made countless more contributions to education, during her 22 years serving as a School Board Trustee for the Black Gold School Division.

Literacy was also important to Marjorie and its availability to all. She was disturbed by the deficiencies that existed in a lot of the public libraries in the county. Marjorie, along with the Superintendent of the County of Leduc, lobbied the Alberta Department of Education and the Department of Culture for improvements. Their persistence resulted in the forming of the Yellowhead Regional Library System.

Although Marjorie was very active in the community and church, she was equally committed to her family. In her free time, Marjorie loved spending time and welcoming family and friends to their cabin on Pigeon Lake. She also loved travelling and cherished the many exciting trips she and Ted had an opportunity to take. Marjorie loved being a grandmother and cherished the moments she could spend with her grandchildren. She was particularly overjoyed, when she watched all three of her grandsons perform at their band concerts, and when her granddaughter played for her on the harp.

The family extends their sincerest thanks to the staff at Salem Manor Nursing Home for the wonderful care and kindness they provided Marjorie.

*Due to the pandemic restrictions, a private service and inurnment will take place
on Saturday, February 6, 2021.*

*In lieu of flowers, because literacy was so important to Marjorie,
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The Breton Museum will be celebrating Black History Month virtually for 2021. On each day in February, we will publish information about Black History in Alberta. Check our FaceBook page or website (bretonmuseum.ca) for further information and links, or send an email request to: bgregory658@gmail.com

Sunnybrook Community Hall yearly Membership Renewals are due. \$5 a person Or \$10 for a family. Payments can be done via etransfer to: sunnybrookcommunityhall@gmail.com

PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS

Thorsby Bingo CANCELLED due to rise in COVID-19.

Royal Canadian Legion #246 Mulhurst Branch: Has **Cancelled** the General Meeting that was to be held Jan. 11, 2021. No Bingo's at this time. No Social's at this time either. All due to, you guessed it...Covid. Call: 780-935-6281

Follow Thorsby Library on Facebook to learn the latest news. Visit us to renew your library card at <https://thorsbymunicipallibrary.ab.ca/copy-of-form>

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Thorsby Seniors Centre - Mondays, weigh in at 9:00 to 9:15 am, meetings 9:15 - 9:45 am, for more info call Jane 780-789-37891 or Elaine 780-221-3939

MARKETS / THRIFT SHOPS (NON PROFIT)

Thorsby Senior's Thrift Store is OPEN again - ALL COVID-19 regulations apply. Hours of operation: 10 am - 3 pm Thursdays and Fridays. **PLEASE NOTE:** We will only accept donations during store hours. We do not accept mattresses, car seats, strollers, cribs, or furniture. All donations MUST BE CLEAN AND RE-SELLABLE. Thank You!

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Thorsby Family and Community Support Services - PH. 780-789-4004 or email: fcsc@thorsby.ca

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 Bylaw Enforcement - For concerns or inquiries email bylaw@thorsby.ca or call 780.789.3935 Ext. 21

Foot Care Nurse will be in Thorsby on the 1st Wednesday of every month. Please call Irene at 780-789-3176 to make an appointment or for information.

Bus Transportation To Leduc - The 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Departs from the Thorsby Rec Center. Approx. 9:30 am, cost of \$7, call to reserve a seat: 780-848-7717.

Community Events Sign is Free to Non-Profit Organizations on a first come, first served basis for a period of one week, or less. To have your event placed on the sign call, 780-789-4041.

WORSHIP

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Thorsby is holding in-Church Worship at 10:30 a.m. Following COVID protocols. Our weekly worship with Pastor Ron can still be found on YouTube.

Community United Church - 5112 - 53 St., Warburg. Join us for Sunday morning worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 10:30 AM. For information please phone the church office 780-848-2227.

New Life Christian Fellowship - Worship Services Sunday - 10:30 am, Ladies Fellowship and Prayer Friday - 9:30 am. 780-789-3020.

Our Lady of Victory Mass Time is 9:00 am. and anyone wishing to attend Mass must register first with Guy Giroux at 780-940-2751. There will also be Wednesday morning Mass at 11:00 a.m. Again registration is recommended by calling Guy Giroux.



Edmund Sam Cocke 1959 - 2021

Ed passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at home in Wetaskiwin, Alberta on January 27, 2021.

Edmund Sam Cocke (Ed) was born March 31, 1959 in Colorado Springs, Colorado to Eloise Wiseman Cocke and Billie Joe Cocke. He spent his first years on ranches where his Dad worked in Colorado, then moved with the family to Miles City, Montana. His mom was able to teach him throughout his school years which he was so proud of.

In 1966, his parents bought a ranch west of Jorden, Montana. In December, 1970 they sold the ranch and moved south east of Miles City where Ed started high school. He played basketball and competed in highschool rodeos, small town rodeos and jackpot ropings. He also learned to play drums and joined a local band. They sold this ranch in 1976 and left the USA and came to Canada.

The family bought a place at Alsike, Alberta where over the years they milked cows, farmed and ranched. Ed joined another local band and drummed for them for a while then decided to play guitar. He bought a used guitar and in his spare time taught himself to play and started his own band where he played lead guitar and sang vocals. His band, Blue Heeler, became quite popular in the local area.

On October 2 1982, Ed married and they had two children. Curtis was born July 17, 1984 and Nicole (Nickie) was born December 24, 1985.

After getting out of the dairy business Ed became very active in team roping again and put on several roping series, both at his arena and the indoor Thorsby arena where he supplied the roping stock and also helped young kids learn to rope. He was very proud and happy to see these kids go on to make good ropers, especially his son Curtis. Ed travelled all over Alberta and won many team roping events, he was a very talented heeler.

On October 24, 2015 Ed married Carrie Kraft and the two of them continued to raise cattle until selling the ranch and retiring to Wetaskiwin, Alberta this past summer. Ed and Carrie loved to travel to Arizona in the winters and take the occasional vacation to warmer climates. Ed enjoyed teaching Carrie the world of cattle ranching and loved to tell her his stories of his experiences. They both loved to cook together and explore new foods as well.

He is survived by his loving wife, Carrie of Wetaskiwin; son, Curtis (Justina) Cocke of Alsike; daughter, Nicole (Brandon) Brook of Leduc; brother, Bill (Hazel) Cocke of Bowden; stepdaughter, Caitlin (Brady) of Ponoka; three grandsons, one granddaughter and three step-grandchildren; his niece, three grand-nieces, two grand-nephews and Ed and Carries cat, K.C.

He was predeceased by an infant sister; his mom and dad; all of his grandparents; nephew, James Cocke and his step-son, Jeffery Kraft.

There will be a celebration of Ed's life at a later date.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to S.T.A.R.S. Air Ambulance

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WORSHIP

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Warburg Alliance Church is open. 11 a.m. worship service. For more information please phone 780-848-7577, check out our Facebook page or email us warburgalliance@gmail.com.

Warburg Seventh Day Adventist Church, Sat. Sabbath School 10 am, Main Service 11:30 am, Pastor Jason Williams 780-848-2271

COMMUNITY GROUP REGULAR MEETINGS

Thorsby Ag. Society Regular Meetings - First Wednesday of every Month, 7:00 pm, Haymaker's Arena. www.thorsbyhaymaker.com or call 780-789-3829.

CANCELLED Thorsby Senior's Supper Meetings These monthly meetings will now be held in the Senior's Centre (4812-51st Street) and are on the last Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. Members are requested to bring a potluck dish. Memberships are available for \$10 from Elaine Warnock at 780.221.3939.

Thorsby & District Fish & Game Regular Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month @ 7:00 pm at Warburg Village Office Basement (entrance through the back). Please join us. Contact Bruce at 780-848-2242 for more information.

Thorsby & District Lions' Club (non-profit organization serving Thorsby & District), Meeting the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at the Lions' Den in Community Hall Basement at 7:00 pm. For information or membership, call 780-903-1695.

The Royal Canadian Legion, Pioneer Br. 144 Thorsby is wanting more members. Meetings are every third Wednesday of the month, except July and August, at the Thorsby Senior Club 4512-51 Street at 9:30 am.

FACILITY RENTALS

Thorsby Community Centre - For bookings call Marlene at 780-789-3734 or text 780-217-9394 or email thorsbyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. Visit our Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/ThorsbyHistoricalSociety

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

Ashland Dam Park - For reservations call Kelly @ (780) 898-9636.

Camp Barvnok - For bookings, call Walter 7807172432, or Jason 7809904043, or email bookings@barvnok.com

Centre Lodge Community Centre - For bookings call Caroline 780-789-3089.

FACILITY RENTALS

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

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

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

Mulhurst Legion #246 Hall Rentals - Call: Marie 780-361-7350

Rundle's Mission Retreat Centre: 780.389.2422 or rent@rundlesmission.org, you can also visit our website at www.rundlesmission.org

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

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

Sunnybrook Community Hall Rentals: Contact Name: Mikayla, Phone Number: 306-307-2599, Email Address: sunnybrookcommunityhall@gmail.com

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

Rundle's Mission - For hall bookings call 780-389-2422 or www.rundlesmission.org

Breton Community Center- To rent the community center please visit our website www.bretonagsociety.com, call 780-696-3561 and leave a message or email us at bretonagsociety@gmail.com

Breton Golden Age Centre Rentals - \$10 / hour with \$25.00 for use of kitchen or \$15/day. Deposit of \$50 required. **Call Pat at 780.696.2056**

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

Warburg Legion Hall is available for rent at \$75.00/ full day and \$50.00/half day with a deposit of \$50.00 that is refundable upon inspection. For Hall rental, please contact Deb/Max 780 848 2923 or (780) 264 9217 or Nancy/Allan 780 848 7756.

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Musings from the East End Scriptorium

by Elizabeth Emond
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Here are a few more suggestions to take your mind off Winter:

I'm reading Moby-Dick these days. As you know, it's the story of a madman who chases a whale three-quarters of the way around the world. Now, I'm opposed to killing whales (even though I adore the scent of ambergris), so some passages are disturbing, but I console myself by reflecting that the whales in the story are fictional whales, and, as for the real-life whales on whom they were based --well, in the times Herman Melville wrote of, at least whales had a sporting chance. Throughout the story, the narrator's respect for whales grows, so that at the end, the whale is symbol for --I'd like to know what you decide.

When I've finished with whaling, I plan to re-read Middlemarch, by George Eliot. One of the things I like most about 19th century literature is that one of the overriding themes is the interconnectedness of all members of society, and Middlemarch is the interwoven stories of the assorted residents of a village called Middlemarch. I read it thirty years ago, and I recall that the characters had real depth, and my opinion of them evolved as the novel peeled back layer after layer.

And speaking of the interconnectedness of people, try Bleak House, by Charles Dickens. It takes us from the manor house of Lord and Lady Dedlock all the way down the social scale to Jo (a guy), who sweeps horsesh*t out of the way of pedestrians in hopes they'll tip him some small change. Half the story is told by an omniscient narrator, and half by one of the characters, Esther Summerson. You might find Esther a bit sugary sometimes, even for a Dickens heroine. If so, you'll find that the heroines of Our Mutual Friend, also by Dickens, have a lot more zing.

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Purpose-driven Retirement Needs a Financial Strategy

Today's retirees, and those of tomorrow, have had a sense of purpose their entire lives – and they don't intend to give it up just because they'll no longer be working full time. In fact, 51% of recent retirees said retirement is the time for "a new chapter in life," compared with just 25% who said it was a time for "rest and relaxation." According to the 2020 Edward Jones/ Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study. The same study found that 97% of retirees said it was important to keep learning and growing at every age. However, they find their purpose – contributing to the community, growing intellectually, gaining new experiences and so on – retirees will need to be financially prepared.

How can you prepare for a purposeful retirement? You may want to start by asking yourself these questions:

Will I need to prioritize some of my goals? As a retiree, you may hope to do any number of things. You might want to take up a hobby or learn a new skill (online learning means you don't have to travel far to continue your education), volunteering in your local community, photography or gardening. Like almost everyone else, you won't have unlimited financial resources during your retirement years, you may need to prioritize these goals, worthy as they may all be to your sense of purpose.

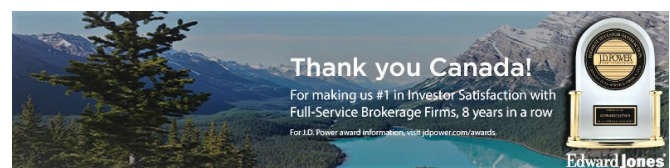
Can I still afford to retire at the age I planned? When you first calculated your ideal retirement

age, you might have been counting on your investment portfolio having returned a certain percentage. Or you might have had different goals in mind than you do now. Or you might have had a somewhat different family situation. Changes in any or all of these factors could affect the age at which you choose to retire. But if you conclude that you may need to postpone retirement for a couple of years, your decision could offer some advantages, such as the ability to contribute more to your Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP), Tax Free Savings Account (TFSA) or similar employer-sponsored plan. In any case, it's a good idea to review your retirement plans periodically, perhaps at least once a year.

How can I incorporate philanthropy into my financial strategy? Giving back to your community may be a key element of your purpose-driven retirement. Yet, with so many educational, civic and cultural groups in existence – including many in your own area – you probably can't give as much as you'd like to all of them without affecting your own lifestyle today and the legacy you'd like to leave for your family. So, you may want to take two distinct steps. First, consider establishing a budget for how much you will give to charitable groups each year. And, second, think about including philanthropy in your estate plans. Because there are many vehicles and techniques available, you should consult with your legal, tax and financial professionals when drawing up your estate-planning strategies.

It can be extremely rewarding to live your retirement purposefully – but you'll find it a lot easier to do when you make the right financial moves.

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from The Office of MP Gerald Soroka,
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January 28, 2021

MP Soroka Questions the Minister on High Speed Internet

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, rose in the House of Commons to question the Minister on holding providers accountable in ensuring spectrum deployment in rural communities.

MP Soroka stated: "Mr. Speaker, for many rural Canadians, including thousands in my riding, wireless high-speed Internet is the only broadband solution available. Internet in my riding is offered to constituents at speeds of zero megabytes and up. However, with access to more spectrum, they could receive 50 megabytes download and 10 megabytes upload.

When the government is auctioning spectrum, what is it doing to hold providers accountable to ensure they deploy spectrum in rural communities?"

Hon. Maryam Monsef (Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Rural Economic Development, Lib.) replied: "Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for his important advocacy both with spectrum auctions and subsidies for those communities where the business case to connect households to high-speed Internet simply is not there.

Our government is there. Spectrum auctions include a carve-out for smaller rural communities. We have worked diligently to ensure smaller Internet service providers receive at least a third of our investment, the other third has gone to indigenous communities and that last third goes to larger ISPs. If my colleague wants to connect to talk about how we can support his community in getting connected, my team and I are always here for him."



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Celebrating Black History Month

From The Breton Library

It is Black History month! This is the month that we "celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation it is today" (canada.ca). This is a piece of Canadian history that cannot be forgotten or unrecognized.

This month we are encouraging you to add at least one book from a black author to your reading list! (Imaginary bonus points if it is a Canadian author!) Now is the perfect time to learn and explore this part of history in Canada that is not as perfect as people may think.

Stay tuned for the daily highlighted book on our Facebook page! Happy Reading!

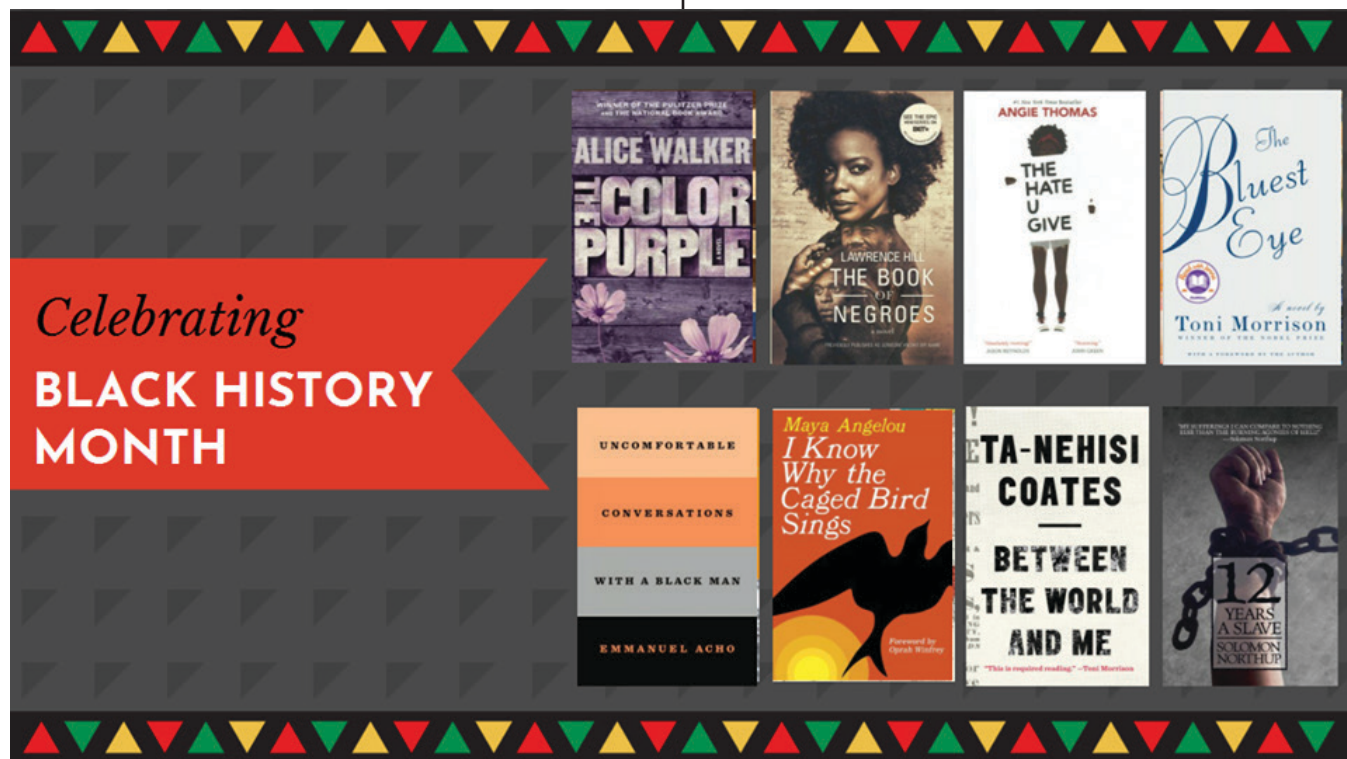
The Breton Museum will be celebrating Black History Month virtually this year. Check out their Facebook page or their website everyday for the month of February to find interesting stories and information. bretonmuseum.ca or email bgregory658@gmail.com

Black History In Breton

From the Breton Museum Website

Some of the first settlers in the Breton area were African Americans from states such as Oklahoma and Kansas, which were becoming increasingly discriminatory in the early 1900s. Keystone, as the settlement here was called, was one of four such communities in Alberta. Most of the descendants of these families may have moved on from the community, but their legacy lives on.

The Breton Museum celebrates its Black History. Our collected artifacts, historical records and museum exhibits trace the rich contributions of black settlers to our community. The Historical Society has worked to restore the Keystone Cemetery where many of these settlers are buried. We also host a Black History Month event every year which many of the original families normally attend. (Due to COVID-19 celebrations are limited to virtual only)



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From Linda Eliasson

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As a caterpillar becomes a butterfly, so can humans become products of their dreams and desires. When young, we wonder what will become of our life? What will our future look like?

All too often we are so rushed to see and grow to our adult selves because, then things will be great! So much so we forget to really see the transformations and fail to appreciate the ride. Time marches on and sounds funny but the older you get the quicker that it seems to go.

Think of the skills and abilities that you have learned, developed and have become. Do you look in the mirror and become flattered at what you see? Are you happy with the way things are for you and in your life? These are big tough questions and absolutely are NEVER too late to change if you so desire. Become your best self.

Well it just has to be said here – “To be or not to be,” Hamlet's opening line to this famous soliloquy. You, as always, have a choice here of what to be, turn into or seek to develop, and grow yourself to become. Lifelong learning is a statement for me that I can honestly say has stuck in my brain right on my forehead! Keep learning and growing. Failing, by the way, is learning, if you take the lessons and grow from them.

Enjoy your day and may you spread your light, love, and joy as you think today of what you have or will **BECOME**.

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