Thorsby, Warburg & Area NEWS

previously the Thorsby Target & Warburg Bugle

FATAL MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION ON HIGHWAY 39

February 11, 2024, Media Relations RCMP Alberta

Leduc County, Alta. – On Feb. 11, 2024, at 7:13 a.m., Breton Thorsby RCMP received a report of a serious motor vehicle collision on Highway 39 at Range Road 32 in Leduc County. Upon arrival, emergency crews located a deceased male in an SUV. The deceased has been identified as a 22-year-old Sherwood Park resident. The other vehicle, an HVAC truck, had two occupants. Both occupants suffered minor injuries and went to hospital as a precaution.

Police remained on scene for several hours investigating the collision. Police have now departed the scene and normal traffic flow has resumed.

Although early into the investigation, RCMP believe that the SUV was travelling on Range Road 32 and failed to stop before crossing Highway 39 where it was struck the passing HVAC truck.

Alberta RCMP wish to extend our condolences to the loved ones of the deceased.

HISTORY OF FAMILY DAY

https://nationaltoday.com/family-day/

Alberta was the first province to observe Family Day, back in 1990. As the next few years ensued, Saskatchewan and Ontario followed suit. In 2012, British Columbia followed as well, changing the date of its celebration from the second to the third Monday in February a few years later to match the date of neighboring provinces' observances. New Brunswick announced its holiday in 2018. Manitoba, PEI, and Nova Scotia joined the party in 2007, 2009, 2013, respectively. In Yukon, the already-existing Yukon Heritage Day was considered close enough on the calendar to the new Family Day holiday that no changes were made.

As you may imagine, there are no established traditions surrounding Family Day as there are for Christmas and New Year's Day, for example. But, as the name implies, many Canadians take advantage of the three-day weekend in February to spend extra time with loved ones. Road trips, winter sports outings, and extended family gatherings are all popular ways to observe the holiday. Celebrants find ways to overcome the cold and have a warm and cozy Family Day!



FEBRUARY IS KINDNESS MONTH

From Thorsby FCSS fackbook Page

Pink Shirt Day is on February 26th!

For the month of February, let's all join in on "being kind

and paying it forward". Kindness is a one size fits all, however big or small, we can all be a little more kind to one another!

What acts of love and kindness can you show to yourself and to others this month?



Classifieds

EMPLOYMENT

JANITORIAL WORKERS WANTED at Genesee- full & part-time needed. Mon-Thurs 10:30am - 7pm, Fridays 8:30am - 5pm. Call 780-982-7701

FOR RENT

HOUSE FOR RENT - Cozy country living, 2 bedroom farmhouse secluded, close to town, single senior or working person preferred. Phone 780-493-1945

FOR SALE

PINK LADY POTATOES - \$0.50/lb Call Elijah at 780-691-1367

Almost a full cord of **POPLAR/TAMARACK MIX FIREWOOD** \$250 Call Dez 403-505-7095

2x6 & 2x8 SPRUCE LUMBER - .90/bd ft - Taking Orders / IKO Cambridge Earthtone Cedar architectural **ROOF** SHINGLES 6 bundles & 3 roofing rolls - All \$300 / FRENCH METAL DOORS with bars in glass and locks \$300 / New 4-19" ALUMINUM ALLOY RIMS with sensors \$1200 / 14 FT TRAMPOLINE with safety enclosure - like new \$250 / Mongoose MEN'S BIKE - like new \$200 / New Hot wheels BOYS BIKE with training wheels \$100 / Green Kick SCOOTER (age 10 and up) \$175 / 2 STROLLERS excellent condition / New boys ROLLER BLADES size 9-11 \$50 / New Queen MATTRESS BASE / 2 Fabric OFFICE CHAIRS swivel like new \$30 / Breville CONVECTION OVEN / various functions \$50. Phone: 780-686-5290

FIRE WOOD - Spruce/Tamarack mix \$350 per cord, delivery available. Phone: 780-202-1854

WANTED

LOOKING FOR PASTURE for cow/calf pairs. Also looking for hay land and grain land. Contact Levi at 780-312-9891

OLD FARM TRACTORS OR CATERPILLARS Will buy Complete or Incomplete. 403-396-8629

WESKAY CATTLE CO. IS CURRENTLY SEEKING PASTURE, HAY OR CROP LAND to lease for the 2024 season and on, competitive prices, on time lease payments. Call Wesley 780-982-1093

WANTED CONCRETE RUBBLE Contact Alex 780-905-9200 or 780-789-3843

LEAD BATTERIES & SCRAP VEHICLES Will buy your old lead batteries for recycling. Also FREE removal of scrap vehicles. We pay cash for both! 403-396-8629

SERVICES

ZAMEK CONSTRUCTION - installation and repair of chainlink & wood fencing, decks, patios, assembly of prefab metal structures. Renovations. Private & Commercial. Call 780-913-0728 or edjpas@gmail.com

D5 DOZER FOR HIRE Contact Alex 780-905-9200 or 780-789-3843

RELIABLE DJ for your party or special event. We offer Karaoke, Music Bingo, Minute to Win It games and have local references. 587-991-4977 or <u>www.carrielevins.com</u>

INTERIOR DESIGN, CABINETS, COUNTERTOPS & BLINDS. Independent Design Consultant for over 25 years. Keri at <u>designbywaters@live.ca</u> or 780-289-2551. Also on Facebook and Instagram!

LOCAL MEDIATION FOR SEPARATION & DIVORCE -Are you considering a separation or divorce? Get a personalized agreement for 80% less than court processes. Mike 780-515-0922.

familymediationcentreofcanada.ca

JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER/GASFITTER & CERTIFIED SEWER INSTALLER Repairs, replacement & new installs. Hot water tanks, furnaces, boilers, gas lines, sewer tanks/fields/pumps. Ryan 780-514-9246

Classified Ads are \$7.50 for 2 weeks

(up to 30 words) GST included You can drop off your ads at **CE MEDIA - 4928 Hankin Street, Thorsby** 780-499-9006 or email to media@community39.com



Residential - Commercial - Farm Trenching - Scissor Lift

Blair Hennes 780-686-0418 Curtis Peck 780-278-7614

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hpelectricinc@gmail.com

"Don't be afraid to start over. It's a brand new opportunity to rebuild what you truly want." - *Unknown*

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Sudoku Answers from February 9 Issue

The object of the puzzle is to fill the remaining squares, using all the numbers 1–9 exactly once in each row, column, and the nine 3 × 3 subgrids.



Wilf Brandt Trucking Ltd. is seeking a **Shop Hand** for year round work in our Sunnybrook location.

Current Oilfield Safety Tickets are a definite asset, but are not a requirement to hire.

Successful candidates can expect yearround work, benefit package and excellent wages.

Pre-Employment Screening is a prerequisite to hire.

Please email resume along with a current drivers abstract to <u>resumeswbt@gmail.com</u>



SIGNS & PROMOTIONAL



Permanent Position available for 35 - 40 hours a week.

Shop open Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm.

DUTIES

- Making decals, signs, banners, t-shirts etc.
 - Moving, lifting and cutting of signs and substrates
 - Basic design on computer
 - Customer Service
- > Deliveries to Edmonton and surrounding areas
 - Assist in installations
 - > Keeping work areas clean
 - Other duties as required

QUALIFICATIONS

- > Attention to detail is a <u>MUST</u>
 - Must be self motivated
 - Must be willing to learn
- > Experience with Corel Draw an Asset
- Must have valid Class 5 Drivers License



Please email your resume to Shane at <u>info@cemedia.ca</u> or drop off at CE Media, 4928 Hankin Street, Thorsby.

*Applications accepted until February 23. **Interviews for those selected will be February 26 - 28.

WWW.CEMEDIA.CA



UPCOMINGSPECIALEVENTS (Breton, Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

<u>February 16</u> - Camo & Bling Fundraiser presented by the Breton Ag Society. Get your tickets at the Breton ATB or by calling Mark @ 780-542-0637 or Bonnie @ 780-514-5501.

February 16 - **Pub Night** hosted by Warburg Legion. Let's rock the 1950's with 50/50 Draw for best outfit, dance and song.

<u>February 16, 17, 19</u> - Escape Room at Thorsby Library. Call 780-789-3808 or stop in to Register. Times: 16th - 3:30 - 7pm, 17th - 10am - 3:15pm, and 19th - 11am - 3:15pm

February 17 - Music Jam & Dance @ Thorsby Community Centre. Admission \$10 Jammers \$5. Light lunch Included. Everyone welcome

<u>February 17</u> - "Raise the Roof" Comedy Night at Wilton Park Hall. Dinner & Show. \$50 per ticket. Tickets available through <u>www.tickettailor.com</u> or call 587-581-0404.

February 17 - Community Gym Night at Warburg School. 5:30 - 8:30pm. FREE. Contact <u>davidemolyneaux@live.com</u>

February 17-19 - **Escape Room** at the Thorsby Library. Confirmed details and dates to come.

February 19 - Family Day Pancake Breakfast at the Thorsby Community Centre from 9am - noon. Hosted by the Thorsby & District Cultural & Historical Society.

February 19 - Family Day Event in Thorsby @ Arctic Spas Rec Complex from 11am - 3pm. All FREE family event with free hot dogs and snow cones.

<u>February 19</u> - Family Day event in Breton including a pancake breakfast hosted by the Breton Elks and wagon rides around the village. More details to come.

February 19 - Family Day with the Lakedell Ag Society from 4-7pm, Indoor & Outdoor Fun, Sleigh/Wagon Rides, Wiener Roast, Fireworks at 7pm, Free, 461043 Range Road 12

February 24 - **Zirka Zabava** at Devon Community Hall. Zirka performance, Ukrainian dinner by Saskitoba and dance. Tickets available on Eventbrite.

<u>February 25</u> - Black History Month Performance at the Faith Covenant Church in Breton @ 1:30pm. Admission is by donation. Also, collecting donations for the food bank

<u>February 27</u> - West End Swimming Pool Society AGM @ 7pm in Salt & Pepper Lounge. Everyone welcome

March 1 - World Day of Prayer service at 7PM in St.

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Matthew's Lutheran Church. Everyone welcome.

March 2 - Andrew Boitchenko's coming to the Warburg musuem @ 2:00pm

<u>March 9 & 10</u> - First Aid Training @ Genesee Hall from 8am -5pm. \$30 per person, lunch included. Email <u>mhill@capitalpower.com</u> to register.

March 16 - Off to the Races Fundraiser at the Mackenzie Centre in Drayton Valley for the CSTS Society. Contact Krista 780-898-2903, Mandy 780-621-6262 or csts1992@gmail.com

<u>April 6</u> - Gord Bamford Canadian Dirt Tour 2024 at Warburg Community Center. Go to <u>www.showpass.com/gord-bamford-</u> canadian-dirt-tour-warburg-ab/ to purchase tickets.

<u>April 13</u> - Breton/Warburg Women's Wellness Day - a day full of speakers, breakout sessions, fabulous food and a vendor market to shop! More information available soon!

Community Events & Information is <u>FREE</u> to advertise

Our FREE Community Connections booklet is available for pick up at:

Breton Village Office, Brazeau County Office, Leduc County Office, Thorsby Town Office, Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex, CE Media Signs & Promotional, Warburg Village Office

or go online to <u>www.community39.com</u>

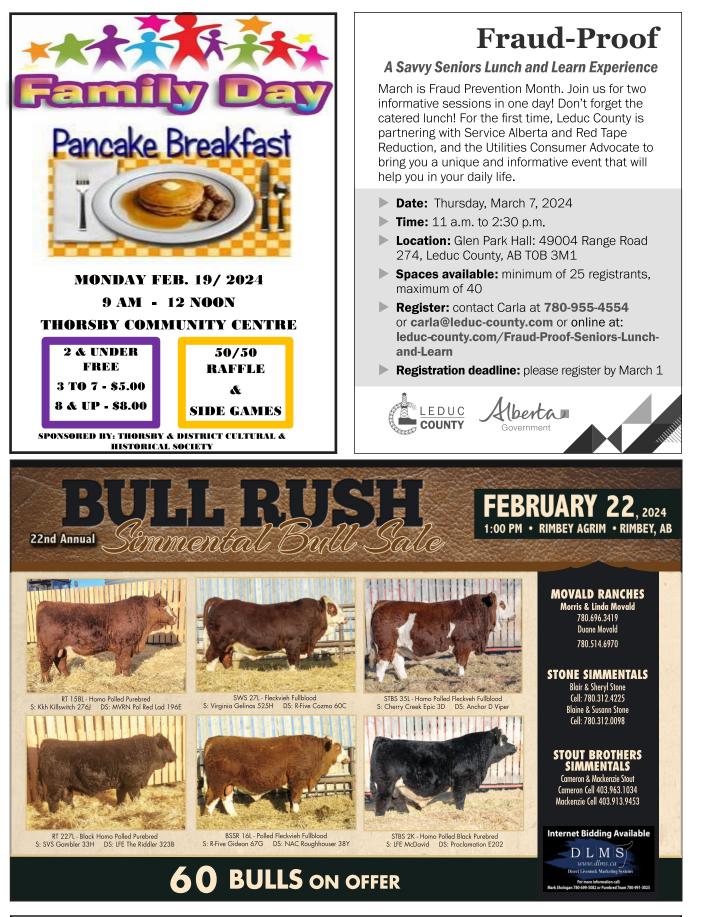


 Are you a local farmer storing crops in grain bags?

Leduc County is considering being a part of a grain bag recycling program.



Fill out the survey by March 1 to have your say and help improve grain bag recycling efforts. Learn more at yoursayleduccounty.com/grainbags





PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS (Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

**Please note - all events are subject to change MONDAYS

Bus To Drayton Valley (Aquasize or Walmart) - Leaving Warburg & Breton on Monday mornings. Registration must be completed prior to the Monday trip. Warburg FCSS at 780-848-2828 or Breton FCSS 780-696-3636 to register

Crib at the Thorsby Seniors Centre every Monday at 1:30pm

<u>Curling</u> - Monday & Thursday at the Warburg Curling Club at 7pm. Call Rob Tessier 780-789-3723.

Parent & Tot Drop In (Thorsby) on Mondays from 10-11am at the FRN Site in Thorsby. Games, activities & more.

<u>Shinny</u> - Every Monday from 3:45-5:15 at the Warburg Arena.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - Mondays at 9am, Thorsby Seniors Centre. Jane 780-789-3789 or Cheryl 780-848-7673

TUESDAYS

<u>Family Bingo</u> - Tuesdays @ 6:30 at the Mulhurst Legion #246. <u>Curling (Sturling Night)</u> - at the Warburg Curling Club on Tuesdays at 6:30pm. Contact Rob at 780-789-3723

<u>Music Jam Session</u> on 4th Tuesday of the month at the Calmar Seniors Centre 1-4pm. 4916-50 Ave

Pickle Ball at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex from 9:30am - 11:30am (\$5)

Quilting at the Warburg Seniors Centre on Tuesdays at 9:30am (\$2)

<u>Shinny</u> - Every Tuesday from 3:30 - 5 at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Complex. Helmets mandatory.

<u>16+ Rec Volleyball</u> drop in at Warburg School on Tuesdays from 7-9pm (\$2)

WEDNESDAYS

<u>Busy Brushes</u> - Every Wednesday from 10-2pm at the Warburg Cultural Center. \$5/class. Call Linda 587-590-0378.

<u>Cards</u> at the Warburg Seniors Centre at 1pm every Wednesday

<u>Pickleball</u> - Every Wednesday from 7-9pm at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Complex

<u>Public Skate</u> - Every Wednesday from 3:30 - 5pm at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Complex. Helmets mandatory.

<u>Public Skate</u> - Every Wednesday from 3:45-5:15 at the Warburg Arena. No sticks and helmets mandatory.

<u>Songs For Toddlers</u> on Wednesdays at 1pm at the Warburg library.

Soup & Sandwiches at the Thorsby Seniors Centre starting at 11:30am on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Soup & Sandwiches at the Warburg Seniors Centre every 3rd Wednesday at 12pm (\$10)

Tai Chi at the Warburg Seniors Center, running every Wednesday from 10-11 (\$2). This program is open everyone!

Warburg Treasure's Thrift Shop is Open Wednesdays from 10am - 4pm at the Warburg Community United Church.

THURSDAYS

<u>Bingo</u> at the Thorsby Seniors Centre every Thursday at 7pm <u>**Bus to Leduc from Cloverleaf:**</u> (\$8) Bus leaves from Cloverleaf to Leduc the third Thursday of the month at 9:00am. Call Kim at Cloverleaf to book your spot! 780-848-7717.

<u>Curling</u> - Monday & Thursday at the Warburg Curling Club at 7pm. Call Rob Tessier 780-789-3723.

Floor Curling at the Warburg Hall. Every Thursday at 1pm (\$2)

<u>Men's Morning Curling</u> - Thursday at the Warburg Curling Club on Thursdays at 10am. Contact Les at 780-848-2661

Parent & Tot Drop In (Warburg) - Thursday mornings from 9-11am in the Village of Warburg office basement.

<u>Pickleball</u> at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex from 9:30am - 11:30am (\$5)

Pickleball Thursdays from 6-8pm (\$2). Warburg School Gym. Register at the Warburg Village office or call 780-848-2828

<u>Quilting at the Warburg Cultural Center</u>: on Thursdays from 10-4 contact Gail S at 789-995-2681

<u>Sandholm Square Dance Club</u> - on Thursdays 7 - 9:30pm at the Sandholm Hall. Contact 780-238-5844 or 780-389-2381.

Shinny - Every Thursday from 3:30 - 4:45 at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Complex. Helmets mandatory.

Thorsby Seniors Thrift Store - Open Thursdays & Fridays from 10am-3pm. Call 780-996-5131.

<u>Warburg Girl Guides</u> - at the Warburg Community Hall, Thursdays from 5:30pm - 7pm. Contact 780-999-3913.

FRIDAYS

Coffee in the Valley on the 1st & 3rd Friday of the month from 9-11am at Telfordville Community Centre. Coffee and visit with your neighbors. No charge.

<u>Community Socials</u> are held the last Friday of each month at the Mulhurst Legion#246 at 7pm

<u>Connect with Other Young People</u> on Fridays from 7-9pm Thorsby New Life Fellowship Church - Ages 11-18. Contact Katie at 780-241-0715 or <u>kpollard2007@outlook.com</u>

Fun with Friends Story time at the Thorsby Municipal Library every Friday from 10:30am - 11:15am.

<u>Music Jam</u> - at the Warburg Seniors Centre on the 1st Friday of the month from 1-4pm by donation. Call 780-389-4104

Parent & Tot Skating every Friday at the Warburg Arena from 10am -12pm. No Sticks allowed.

Pub Nights at Warburg Legion from 5pm - 10pm.

<u>Shinny</u> - Every Friday from 3:30 - 4:45 at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Complex. Helmets mandatory.

Thorsby Seniors Thrift Store - Open Thursdays & Fridays from 10am-3pm. Call 780-996-5131.

SATURDAYS

Farmer's Market at the Mulhurst Bay Community Hall every Saturday 11-3pm. Contact Carol 587-920-2065.

Pie & Coffee from 1pm - 4pm at the Warburg Museum on the first Saturday of every month. Or arrange a tour through Susie 780-848-2507 or Joan 780-621-7174

<u>Thorsby Music Jam</u> - at Thorsby Community Centre on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 1-4pm. Coffee & light lunch. Call 780-789-2180. NEXT ONE FEBRUARY 17.

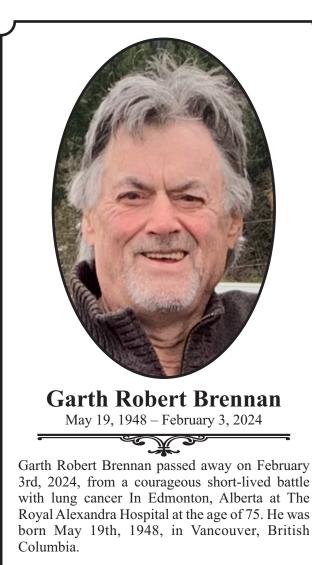
SUNDAYS

<u>**Gospel Music Jam</u>** - at New Life Christian Fellowship on the 1st Sunday of the month from 2-4pm. FREE includes light refreshments. Call 780-789-4171</u>

Pancake Breakfasts by the Thorsby Lions Club the first Sunday of the month at the Senior's Centre 9am - 12pm. Call Mercedes 587-338-7065.

<u>Sunday School</u> at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church the 2nd Sunday of mth at 10:30am. Contact Ebeline at 780-389-4100

"little papers...BIG RESULTS"



Left to mourn his loss is his wife Margaret Brennan, daughter Teresa Brennan, grandson Sean Brennan and his mother Tamara Anderson. Garth is survived by a sister-in-law Susan Brennan and nephew Geoff (Dey) Brennan and their kids Olivia & Jack. Garth's niece Sarah (Evan) Switzer, as well as their children William & Annabel. Garth is survived by many dear friends and will be greatly missed by all. Garth was predeceased by his father George Brennan and mother Daphne Brennan, his brother Gary Brennan, and his son Jordan Brennan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Cross Cancer Institution or Kids Sport Canada.

A celebration of life will be held in memory of Garth at a later date to be announced in early Spring of 2024.



Andrew Brozny April 23, 1945 - February 10, 2024

It is with deepest sadness that we announce the passing of Andrew on February 10, 2024

Andrew will be forever and lovingly remembered by his two sisters, Frances Wurban and Hazel Oneski, one brother John as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. His favourite pastime was playing cards with family and friends.

Andrew was predeceased by his parents Harry and Katie, his brothers William, Fred, Edward, George, and Joe.

A funeral service will be held at St John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church Thorsby, Alberta on Tuesday February 20, 2024 at 10:30am.

Family and friends may pay their respects for one hour prior to the service.

Interment to follow at St Nicholas Ukrainian Greek Catholic Cemetery, Thorsby Alberta

Memorial donations may be made in Andrew's name to St John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church Thorsby, or the Charity of your choice.



Connect with us!

Submitted by Village of Warburg FCSS

Have questions? Need support? Contact Warburg FCSS - Shauna Schwindt 780-848-2828

In office Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9-4:30 p.m.

Please keep your eyes open for events in our Warburg FCSS/Recreation Newsletter! If you need anything, please feel free to stop into the Village of Warburg Office!

Parent & Tot program (THORSBY): Enjoy drop in stay & play Monday 10 am-11 am at the Thorsby FRN site (modular next to the Rec Centre) fun games, activities and making new friends!

Parent & Tot Drop In (WARBURG) Will return January 8th Casual drop in running every Thursday in the Village Office Basement 9 am-11 am please enter through the back entrance (PCN entrance) if you feel like bringing treats you are more than welcome too.

Family Day Free Skate: Monday Feb 19TH- Warburg Memorial Arena 1-3 PM, no sticks/pucks during family skate. Helmets are required for anyone under the age of 18.

16+ Rec Volleyball: Adults and youth 16+ beach volleyball Every Tuesday at the Warburg School (Northwest, community access doors) starting at 7—9. (\$2.00)

Street hockey sticks/Badminton set/spike ball/various games available at the Warburg Library! All you need is your library card to rent out! Warburg Library hours are Tues/Wed/Thurs 10 am-6 pm

Busy Brushes: Every Wednesday from 10-2 pm at the Warburg Cultural Center. \$5.00/class contact Linda M with Questions 587-590-0378

Quilting at the Cultural Center: (Thurs) Quilting at 10-4 contact Gail S at 789-995-2681

Warburg Museum: Pie & Coffee, Every 1st Saturday of the month. Stop in and enjoy a treat and some history! Tour inquiries please contact Susie @ 780-848-2507 or Joan @780-621-7174.

Warburg Library: Open Tues,Wed,Thur, 10 AM to 6PM, watch online for events happening on Saturday at the Library 12-4 PM.

Community Open Gym Night: Happening Sat Feb,17 at the Warburg School from 5:30-8:30 PM. Everyone welcome!

Self Defense Class: April 6 at the Warburg School. Full day of training and lunch provided. \$40.00. Please register with Shauna @780-848-2828, or email fcss@warburg.ca

Tai Chi: Warburg Seniors Center, running every

Wednesday from 10-11 (\$2)

Seniors Jam Session: Warburg Seniors Center hosts Jam session every 1st Friday of the Month (March 1st) 1-4 PM Coffee and snacks, donations are accepted.

Bus to Leduc from Cloverleaf: (\$8) Bus leaves from Cloverleaf to Leduc on Oc. Need to get groceries, have a Dr. Appt, just want to get out and about here is an affordable way to get to Leduc! Please call Kim at Cloverleaf to book your spot! 780-848-7717.

Bus To Aqua size (Drayton Valley) Bus to aquasize :.. Will return January 8TH If it becomes high demand, we are hoping it will run every Monday. Bus leaving from Warburg Village office @8:50, stopping in Breton at 9:10 to head to Drayton Valley gentle Agua size class or if swimming is not your thing, a one-hour trip to Walmart if you need any groceries. 5 punch and 10 punch card passes will be available at the Village of Warburg Office. Registration must be completed the Friday prior to the Monday trip so we can ensure we have enough people and secure Bus Driver. Please contact Shauna at 780-848-2828 for further information (punch card passes can be used to go to either Drayton Valley or Leduc) We have received funding from the Warburg Seniors Club, for a limited time bus passes for Warburg and Leduc county residents are subsidized. Please take advantage of this amazing opportunity! !The fee to attend the agua size class is separate from the fee of the bus (please contact Ricochet Aquatic Centre for more information @780-515-7946) 10 card punch pass is \$70.65 roughly/\$7 class for seniors.

Drive Happiness: is looking for volunteer drivers in Leduc County!

Drive Happiness is a non-profit organization which provides low-cost, volunteer-based assisted transportation to older Albertans. Our volunteer position gives you the flexibility to pick rides that work for your schedule, meet amazing people, and even receive a fuel reimbursement!

If you or someone you know living in Leduc County is interested in this unique volunteer opportunity, give us a call today at 780-424-5438 or visit our website for more information about getting involved www.drivehappiness.ca/

New information available about to the Canadian Dental Care plan is up and available. If you are eligible and have received a letter from the government, please call the number provided to register. www.canada.ca/dental

Current programming and services available:

- Subsidized Counselling Program for individuals, Couples, Families and Youth
- · Home Support light housekeeping services
- Assistance with forms, information etc.
- Seniors Assistance Programs
- Meals on Wheels



BREAKING NEWS!!

GO GREEN: BATTERY RECYCLING NOW AVAILABLE AT ARCTIC SPAS RECREATION CENTRE AND TOWN OFFICE.

Residents of our community now have a convenient and eco-friendly way to dispose of used batteries, thanks to the introduction of battery recycling drop-off boxes at the Arctic Spas Recreation Centre and the Town

Office. This initiative aims to promote environmental responsibility and reduce the harmful impact of improper battery disposal.

When dropping off batteries, please make sure the terminals on any end of the battery are taped before disposal. These disposal boxes are only for small batteries, but car batteries and lawnmower batteries can be dropped off at Public Works, please place them outside the Public Works Office door.



CELEBRATE FAMILY DAY IN THORSBY

Join us for a day filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories as we come together to honor the heart of our community - our families! Thorsby Town Council and Administrative Team invite you to embrace the spirit of togetherness on this special day.

Enjoy fun-filled activities for all ages at the Arctic Spas Recreation Center @ 11:00am – 3:00pm!

Indulge in delicious pancakes at the Thorsby Community Center @ 9:00am – 12:00pm!

Dive into exciting challenges at the Thorsby Municipal Library Escape Room!

Let's strengthen the bonds that tie us, creating a tapestry of love, support, and joy that makes Thorsby truly special. From our family to yours, Happy Family Day!

THORSBY OFFICE HOURS

Mon: CLOSED FOR FAMILY DAY Tues: 8:30am-4:30pm Weds: 8:30am-4:30pm Thurs: 8:30am-4:30pm Fri: 8:30am-4:30pm Sat-Sun: CLOSED The office is **OPEN** during Lunch!

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

(all meetings are held at the Town Office in the Council Chambers) Tuesday, February 27th | <u>Regular</u> | 7pm - 8:30pm Tuesday, March 12th |<u>COW</u> | 7pm - 8:30pm The public is welcomed to all Council Meetings



www.thorsby.ca

Join us for a six week series "The Shadow of the Cross"

Opening session starts-Wednesday February 21 @ 7:00 pm and continues weekly until March 27th at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Thorsby

Each session includes a video presentation, group interaction, sing along and coffee time

Come join us to study and discuss, greet old friends and meet new ones.

We welcome you with your gift of participation. By the Faith Community of Thorsby

The **Shadow** of the Cross



Capital Power provides subsidized St. John Ambulance Standard First Aid training for residents of the surrounding Genesee community.

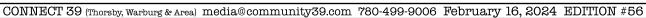
The two-day course is designed for those who need standard first aid knowledge and skills. A maximum of 18 spots are available and will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Registration deadline is March 1, 2024.

When:	March 9, 2024 from 8 am – 5 pm March 10, 2024 from 8 am – 5 pm
Where:	Genesee Hall
Cost:	\$30 per person (includes lunch for both days)
Register:	Email Megan Hill at mhill@capitalpower.com

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Warburg Public Library *Update* Submitted by Gail O'Neil Ph: 780-848-2391 Fax: 780-848-2296 <u>warburglibrary@yrl.ab.ca</u> <u>www.warburglibrary.ca</u> the Library is also on FB and Instagram

Open Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Warburg Library will be closed Saturday February 17 for the Family day weekend, remember this is a free fishing weekend!

New Adult Fiction: The bad weather Friend by Dean Koontz and The Fox Wife by Yangsze Choo



SENIORS SERVICES



Could they be a benefit to you?

Seniors Services provides preventative social programs that assist seniors and adults with disabilities in maintaining their independence and enhancing their quality of life.

Houskeeping subsidy

Provides access to affordable housekeeping services through a partnership with local service providers.

To be eligible for the housekeeping subsidy, you must:

- Be a senior (65+) or an adult with a disability or inability to complete household task.
- Meet annual income thresholds.
- Be a resident of Leduc County (including New Sarepta), Calmar, Thorsby or Warburg.

Housekeeping fees are determined based on family income level and eligibility to other subsidies. Seniors who are eligible for subsidy from the Government of Alberta will be assisted with applications.



Seniors Services also offers one-to-one support to assist you with:

- Information and referrals to other local resources.
- Assistance with forms and applications.
- Advocacy and coordination of services.
- Goal setting and future planning.

For more information or to access any of these programs, please contact Leduc County FCSS seniors services coordinator at **780-955-4554.**



We Need Your Input! Aging Well In Leduc County

Are you prepared for your future as you age? Are you aware of all the areas in your life that should be considered in making plans for your future — from navigating safety in your home and community to financial wellness?

Leduc County wants to help by creating an **Aging Well in Leduc County Toolkit** specifically designed for Leduc County residents.

We invite you to take part in one of our engaging and insightful focus groups (in-person or online) to gather your opinions and experiences on what you would like to see in this toolkit.

We would love your feedback if you:

- Are an adult or senior who is looking to plan for your long-term future;
- Are an adult or senior caregiver to another older adult or senior;
- Are already a senior who may be facing an upcoming life transition; or
- Do not fit into the above categories, but would still like to offer your valuable insights!
- Dates and locations: March 18, 26 and 28, 2024 – register for one of three separate opportunities.
 - Monday, March 18: Thorsby Family Resource Network Facility (across from Thorsby Recreation Complex): 1 to 2:30 p.m.
 - Tuesday, March 26: Leduc County Main Building (meeting room 241), 10 to 11:30 a.m.
 - Thursday, March 28: online (Zoom), 5 to 6:30 p.m. Access by computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone.
- Spaces available: minimum of 5 registrants, maximum of 40
- Register: contact Carla at 780-955-4554 or carla@leduc-county.com or online at: leduc-county.com/aging-well by March 15.

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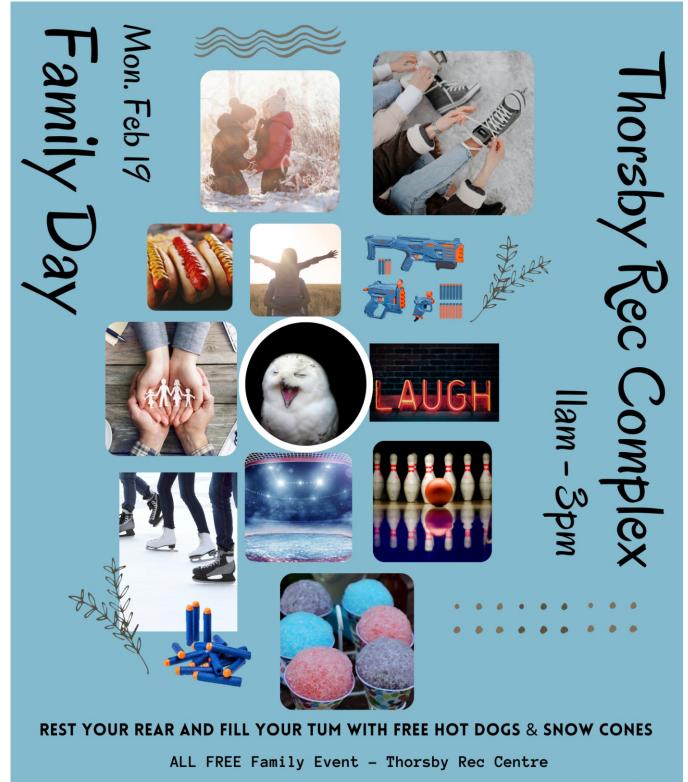
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Drought Resilience for Grazers Workshop



Join Leduc and Wetaskiwin County's Sustainable Agriculture program for a free, in-person workshop featuring topics of pasture management during drought conditions, Alberta's climate, and an overview of potential grant opportunities.

- **Date:** Thursday, Mar. 7
- ▶ Time: 1 to 4 p.m.
- Location: Lakedell Agricultural Society, 461043 Range Road 12, Westerose, TOC 2V0
- Register: online at county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/ grazer-workshop or call Kim at 780-387-6182



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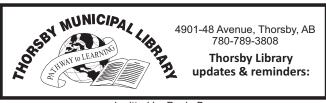


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What a busy month already!

Audrey's Library After School Adventures was so much fun. Participants learned about lunar new year, made lanterns that light up, and enjoyed tasty fortune cookies.

Thanks to everyone who dropped by and helped make our lunar new year tea a success. The traditional goodies were really tasty, and our younger patrons had a lot of fun with the crafts and activities.

This coming Friday, Saturday and Monday, the 16th, 17th and 19th, the library is running another Escape Room to test your puzzle solving skills. If you are interested in trying it out, call the library. There may be some spaces still available.

Coming next Wednesday, February 21, Teen Time! from 3:30 to 4:30. Junior and Senior High students are invited to come to the library for social time, fun and snacks with Audrey.

And already looking into March, we will be hosting a Seniors Paint Afternoon from 1:00 to 2:30, Tuesday, March 19. Call the library to register, as spaces are limited.

Just a reminder to the parents of our youngest patrons.

Our Library staff work hard to create a space that is welcoming, with many opportunities for creative play. We have toy cars and toy dinosaurs, Lego, Duplo, stackable cups, and a wonderful puppet theatre for all to enjoy, to name just a few of the marvels available here.

Recently we have seen quite a few very young patrons coming down with older children.

Our staff are not responsible for supervising our young patrons.

Any patron too young for grade 1 must have a responsible adult or older teen present to supervise them as they enjoy our library. This is to ensure their safety in our facility.

We really appreciate your help and support in this.

See you at the Library!

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SUNDANCE BEACH - .54 Acres mature corner **DUCED**4 square foot bungalow and attached garage - 2 bedrooms - no basement. **\$349,900 \$339,000 REDUCED**4

THORSBY (4807 & 4805 Hankin St) - House and Shop on two lots located on Main Street Thorsby! Beautiful 30x30 metal cladded shop with a heated cement floor, 220 power, and two 10 x 10 power overhead doors! **\$289,900 WARBURG (5027 - 54 Ave)** - Cute and cozy bungalow located on a quiet street across from Warburg School. **\$99,000**

PIGEON LAKE (4802 - 30 St) - Acreage right at Pigeon Lake! 1159 sq/ft house with a 24x24 double attached garage on 1.12 Acres! **\$329,000**

PIGEON LAKE (4902 - 30 St) - 43.72 Acres at Pigeon Lake! This unique property has a clean well built 1010 sq/ft 1960 home. Along side HWY 616. \$469,000

VILLAGE WEST (40038 TWP RD 470) - 5.02 Acre property located just off of Hwy 20. 1595 sq/ft 4 bedroom 2 bathroom renovated home. BEAUTIFUL SHOP & BARN! Set up for animals. \$459,000

RURAL LEDUC COUNTY (48327 Rge Rd 33) - Large 2421.90 sq/ft fully finished bungalow that is just one of the many buildings on this 24.09 acre property. The indoor heated pool building is the largest and is surrounded by bunk houses, gazebo, BBQ Building and more. \$4500+/- yearly oil revenue! **\$699,000**

RURAL WETASKIWIN COUNTY (274043 TWP RD 480) - Private beautiful 160+/- acres with 1012 sq/ft fully finished home, 60x40 fully finished shop, and a private Lake! **\$1,100,000**

RURAL WETASKIWIN COUNTY (75040 B & C TWP RD 451) -property is completely isolated, secluded yard site (on dead end road).Stunning 3 bedroom, 2.5 bathrooms, 2328 sq. ft. Bungalow built in 2016 on 80 acres zoned Agricultural. 26' x 34' double attached garage. Shop is 40'x 34' & living area is 40' x 27'. Boiler heat – in-floor & forced air, central vac, washer & dryer, 3 piece bathroom, one bedroom, kitchen, dining. 13'x45' cold storage garage, 57' x 22' storage & hobby shop. Cold storage building and cabins. **\$1,149,000**

COMMERCIAL

THORSBY - 2.39 acres industrial commercial lot located at the north end of Thorsby. Very visible Highway 39 exposure with high traffic count. Prime Highway 39 exposure. **\$69,900**

MULHURST- 39.5' x 100' vacant lot located water front on Pigeon Lake at Mulhurst Bay. Zoned Urban Commercial. Adjoining lot for sale as well. **\$179,900**

TELFORDVILLE (2047 Twp Rd 495 Rd 495 A) - This 35.12 acres hosts a 1506 sq/ft house with a 20x28 attached garage with a creek behind it and sheltered from the industrial yard.50x29 heated and insulated quonset with power and a cement floor. A 40x80 Fully finished Shop metal cladded inside and out with 2 overhead doors (12x14 and 16x14), heated, insulated, power, mezzanine, 3pc bathroom, with offices and lunch room in the front. A 50x80 drive through shop (18x14 doors) with power, heat, fully insulated with an mezzanine, spray booth, and office with two more overhead doors off the side. A 12x16 power shed/office with 200 amp 3 phase power and a 40x14 open faced metal storage shed.**\$1,250,000**

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BRIGHT FUTURE ESTATES (40 26555 Twp 481) - Bright Future Estates is located south of Calmar close to Wizard Lake. Lot 2. Very private 3.31 acres in a natural treed setting. **\$159,000**

RURAL WETASKIWIN COUNTY (Pt NW-31-46 -1-W5) - 22.79 acres of bare land, some trees, some pasture. Zoned Watershed Protection. Located on pavement - Highway 771. Located close to several golf courses and Pigeon Lake Village. Many great building spots. Fenced for pasture. Very close to Pigeon Lake. Potential to develop the land into a country residential subdivision. \$199,900



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COLLECTION OF AGE-RELATED ONE-LINERS

- "If you want to know how old a woman is, ask her sisterin-law"(Eva Gabor)
- 'Old age comes at a bad time." (Ed Sullivan)
- "I'm at that age where my back goes out more than I do." (Phyllis Diller)
- "Nice to be here? At my age, it's nice to be anywhere." (George Burns)
- "First you forget manes, then you forget faces, then you forget to pull your zipper up; then, you forget to pull your zipper down." (Rob Reiner)
- "You spend 90% of your adult life hoping for a long rest and the last 10% trying to convince the Lord that you're actually not that tired." (Princess Grace)
- 'Old people shouldn't eat healthy foods; they need all the preservatives they can get." (Bob Hope)
- "The years between 55 and 75 are the hardest. You are always being asked to do things and yet you are not decrepit enough to turn them down." (T.S. Elliot)
- "At age 20, we worry about what others think of us. at age 40, we don't care what they think of us. at age 60, we discover they haven't been thinking of us at all." (Ann Landers)
- "When I was young I was called a rugged individualist. When I was in my fifties, I was considered eccentric. Here I am doing and saying the same thing I did then, and I'm labeled senile". (Milton Berle)
- "The important thing to remember is that I'm probably going to forget." (Martin Scorsese)
- 'It's paradoxical that the idea of living a long life appeals to everyone, but the idea of getting old doesn't appeal to anyone." (Andy Ronney)
- "The older I get, the better I used to be." (Leo Trevino)
- "I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a lot more as they get older, and then it dawned on me-They're cramming for their final exam." (George Carlin)
- "Everything seems to slow down with age, except the time it takes cake and ice cream to reach your hips." (Elizabeth Taylor)
- · "Grandchildren don't make a man feel old, it's the

knowledge that he's married to a grandmother that does." (Norman Vincent Peale)

- "When your friends begin to flatter you on how young you look, it's a sure sign you're getting old." (Mark Twain)
- "There's one advantage to being 102, there's no peer pressure."
- "There are three stages in man's life; He believes in Santa Claus, he does not believe in Santa Claus, he is Santa Claus." (Leon Phillips)
- "Looking fifty is great-if you're sixty." (Joan Rivers)
- "Times may be a great Healer, but it's a lousy beautician." (ZsaZsaGabor)

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HELPING PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS SUPPORT PATIENTS

February 8, 2024, Alberta News

Family doctors will soon receive additional payments to help manage an increasing number of patients.

Alberta's government is pulling out all the stops to stabilize, strengthen and improve Alberta's primary health care system. Part of this commitment includes the Panel Management Support Program, designed to help offset costs for primary care providers to provide comprehensive care as their patient panels grow. The program is part of the Modernizing Alberta's Primary Health Care System (MAPS) initiative and is an opportunity to provide additional aid to the primary health care sector.

In October, the government committed to providing \$57 million over three years to support family practitioners in managing their increasing number of patients. The first allocation of \$12 million for 2023-24 has been given to the Alberta Medical Association (AMA), which will administer the program. This is in addition to \$200 million over two years through the new Canada-Alberta Health Funding Agreement to help stabilize primary health care and improve access to family physicians, which will be available in April.

Payments through the program will vary depending on the number of patients on a physician's panel. Physicians who have a patient panel of more than 500 patients are eligible for a quarterly payment between \$1,000 and \$2,500. Each provider has the potential to receive up to \$10,000 annually.

Growing and managing a panel of patients in primary care generates costs that are not faced by all practice environments. Recipients are expected to use the money to fund staff, technology and other practice resources to reduce the time, cost and effort spent on administrative tasks involved with providing comprehensive primary care, allowing family practitioners to spend more time with patients.

Nurse practitioners will also be eligible to receive this funding once the new funding model for nurse practitioners is finalized in the coming weeks.

Quick Facts

- Other recently announced supports for primary health care include:
- Ongoing base compensation for primary care physicians is expected to be \$1.76 billion in the current fiscal year.
- Committing to create a primary care organization within the refocused provincial health care system to coordinate primary health care services and provide transparent provincial oversight, with the goal of

ensuring every Albertan will be attached to a family physician or primary care provider.

- Investing \$40 million over two years to support Primary Care Networks.
- Investing \$12 million for the Community Information Integration and Central Patient Attachment Registry, enabling doctors and their teams to share patient information from their electronic medical record to Alberta Netcare.
- Committing to implement recommendations from the Modernizing Alberta's Primary Health Care System initiative through a phased approach.
- Creating a primary health care division within Alberta Health.



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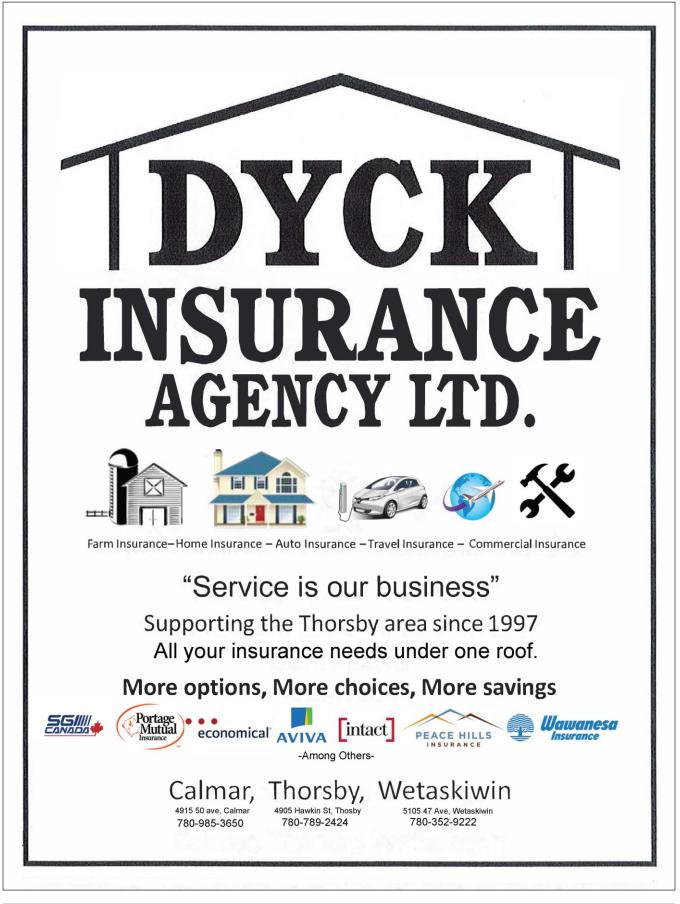
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FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

https://www.canada.ca/en/canadianheritage/campaigns/black-history-month/about.html

About Black History Month

During Black History Month, people in Canada celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada a culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous country.

Black history in Canada

Black Canadians and their communities have been a part of shaping Canada's heritage and identity since the arrival of Mathieu Da Costa, a navigator, and interpreter, whose presence in Canada dates back to the early 1600s.

The role of Black people and their communities in Canada has largely been ignored as a key part of Canada's history. There is little mention that some of the Loyalists who came here after the American Revolution and settled in the Maritimes were people of African descent, nor the fact that many soldiers of African descent made many sacrifices in wartime as far back as the War of 1812.

Few people in Canada are aware of the fact that African people were once enslaved in the territory that is now known as Canada, or of how those who fought enslavement helped to lay the foundation of Canada's diverse and inclusive society.

Black History Month is a time to learn more about these Canadian stories and the many other important contributions that Black Canadians and their communities have made to the history and continued growth of this country.

Recognizing Black History Month in Canada

In 1978, the Ontario Black History Society (OBHS) was established. Its founders, including Dr. Daniel G. Hill and Wilson O. Brooks, presented a petition to the City of Toronto to have February formally proclaimed as Black History Month. In 1979, the first-ever Canadian proclamation was issued by Toronto.

The first Black History Month in Nova Scotia was observed in 1988 and later renamed African Heritage Month in 1996.

In 1993, the OBHS successfully filed a petition in Ontario to proclaim February as Black History Month. Following that success, Rosemary Sadlier, president of the OBHS, introduced the idea of having Black History Month recognized across Canada to the Honourable Jean Augustine, the first Black Canadian woman elected to Parliament.

In December 1995, the House of Commons officially recognized February as Black History Month in Canada following a motion introduced by Dr. Augustine. The

House of Commons carried the motion unanimously.

In February 2008, Senator Donald Oliver, the first Black man appointed to the Senate, introduced the Motion to Recognize Contributions of Black Canadians and

February as Black History Month. It received unanimous approval and was adopted on March 4, 2008. The adoption of this motion completed Canada's parliamentary position on Black History Month.







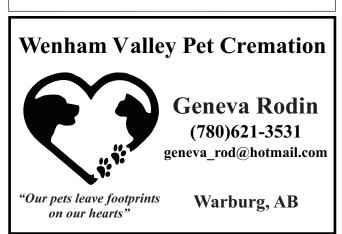
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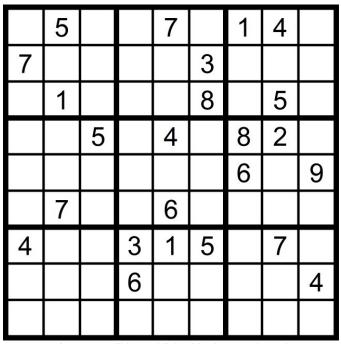
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