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August 23, 2022

LEDUC RESPOND TO FATAL MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

On Aug. 13, 2022, at approximately 8:30 p.m., Leduc RCMP responded to a motor vehicle collision between a sedan and a

moose, which occurred on Highway 21 at Highway 625 in Leduc County. As a result of this collision, the female driver, a 59-year-old female of Leduc County, was declared deceased at the

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LEDUC DRUG UNIT CHARGE MALE WITH DRUG TRAFFICKING

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

In July 2022, Leduc RCMP Drug Unit with the assistance of Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT) entered into a

Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) investigation in the area of Calmar.

On July 28, 2022, Leduc RCMP Drug Unit with the assistance of Leduc Detachment members, Crime Re-

duction Unit and the General Investigation Section, executed a search warrant at a residence in the area of 47 Street and 49 Avenue in Calmar.

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LEDUC WELCOMES COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM INTERNATIONAL JUDGES

Submitted by City of Leduc

Citizen and business participation needed leading

up to judges' arrival

It's all-hands-on-deck at the City of Leduc in preparation for the Communities in Bloom (CiB) judges' arrival, Aug. 18 to 20, 2022.

Leduc, as a mid-sized city, is a part of the International Communities in..

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Leduc Drug Unit Charge Male With Drug Trafficking

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A search of the residence and a vehicle located in Leduc, Alta. resulted in the seizure of approximately 35 grams of cocaine, 64 grams of methamphetamine, 2 grams of fentanyl, a quantity of Canadian currency, several digital

scales and drug packaging.

Elton Daniel Widney (38) of Calmar, Alta. has been charged with the following offences:

- Trafficking in a controlled substance (x5)
- methamphetamine
- Possession for the

purpose of trafficking – cocaine

- Possession of proceeds of crime (x6)

Following a judicial hearing, Widney was released on conditions to appear in Leduc provincial court on Aug. 11, 2022.

“Leduc RCMP is committed to targeting those responsible for supplying methamphetamine and other illicit drugs to the community. The seizure of these drugs from the streets will undoubtedly save lives,” says Cpl. Fred De Billy.

JOKE of the week

My Dad's favorite joke is indelible: Joe is a new man on a construction crew. The first day on the job, he opens his lunch box and mumbles, “Oh no, peanut butter!” The next day, “Peanut butter again!” This goes on for days, until another worker says, “Why don't you ask your wife to make a different lunch?” Joe replies, “I'm not married. I make my own lunch.”



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- 4) Observe Bus Safety Rules
- 5) Share the Road! Slow Down
- 6) Plan Your Route & Don't Rush
- 7) Obey School Zone Signage
- 8) Always Stay Alert!

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Leduc Welcomes Communities In Bloom International Judges

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..Bloom challenge competing with other similar sized communities in Canada, Italy and Belgium.

The City of Leduc has more than 300 ha of green spaces, 50 parks and has planted over than 3,000 trees and shrubs in the past five years through Arbour Day, wetland restoration and tree replacement programs. City of Leduc Parks crews take immense pride in creating and maintaining 800 flower and shrub beds, naturalized areas, urban forestry program and 33 athletic fields.

Participation by resi-

dents and businesses can help Leduc capture the 5-Bloom award; now is the time to show off your green thumb, your commitment to environmental action and a beautiful city.

Communities in the international challenge are evaluated by a jury panel regarding the accomplishments of the entire community (municipal, business/institutions, citizens and community groups) based on the following criteria:

- Community appearance
- Environmental action
- Heritage conservation

vation

- Tree management
- Landscaped areas
- Plant and floral displays

Winners of the 2022 challenge will be announced at the National and International Awards Ceremonies

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Leduc has participated in CiB for more than two decades and has a successful history.



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WHAT IS TREATY 6 DAY; CITY EMBARKS ON A JOURNEY OF LEARNING

Submitted by City of Leduc

Leduc's Treaty, Truth and ReconciliACTION officially begins Aug. 23

The City of Leduc welcomes everyone to join a ceremony to mark Treaty 6 Day in Alberta, Aug. 23, 2022. The city will host a flag raising of the Treaty 6 and Métis Nation flags once they've been blessed and smudged, with tea and bannock to follow.

"Treaty 6 Day provides us the opportunity for reflection on what treaty means to our communi-

ty: to learn about historic and modern treaties in Canada, to understand treaty relationships and rights, and to recognize that 'we are all treaty people,'" says Leduc Mayor Bob Young. "Honouring the treaty relationship is key to achieving lasting reconciliation with Indigenous peoples."

The ceremony will commence at 9 a.m. at the flag poles on the westside of the Leduc Civic Centre facing the Alexandra Park pond. The ceremony will conclude with tea and Bannock in the civic

centre atrium.

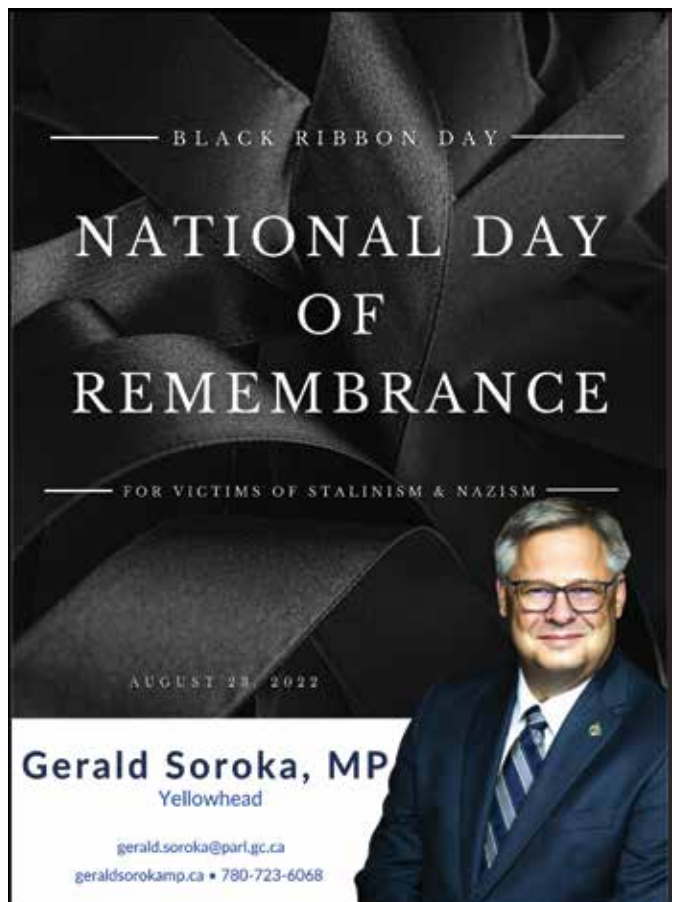
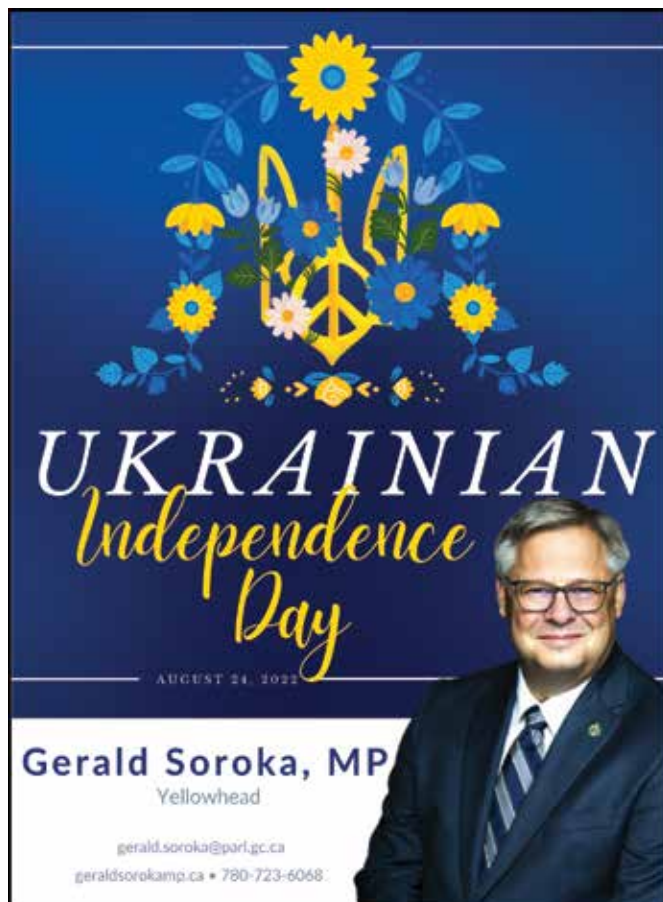
On May 30, 2022, Leduc City Council approved Leduc's Treaty, Truth and ReconciliACTION initiative to build community awareness and capacity around five pivotal dates to support Indigenous connections on inclusivity, diversity, equity and accessibility. Treaty Six Day is the official introduction to the city's journey of learning. Other key dates include:

- Sept. 30, 2022 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Oct. 1, 2022 – Re-

commitment to Reconciliation

- May 5, 2023 – National Day of Awareness and Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Gender Diverse People

- June 21, 2023 – National Indigenous Peoples Day/ Indigenous History Month (June)



BACK TO SCHOOL

Below are tips to help your child start the school year well rested and back on their regular schedule.

1. Start early. Begin the transition to a regular sleep schedule a couple of weeks before school starts.
2. Shift times in small increments.
3. Be prepared for some resistance.
4. Limit the use of electronics before bedtime.
5. Use a different approach for adolescents.
6. Once the routine is established, don't backslide. Once your child or teen is in a good sleep routine, maintain this routine throughout the week.

These Safety Reminders courtesy of the following sponsors



Welcome Back to School!!

Let's Keep the Kids Safe this School Year with These Easy Tips

- Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop and walk with your child beforehand.
- Ask your children to walk home in pairs or with friends
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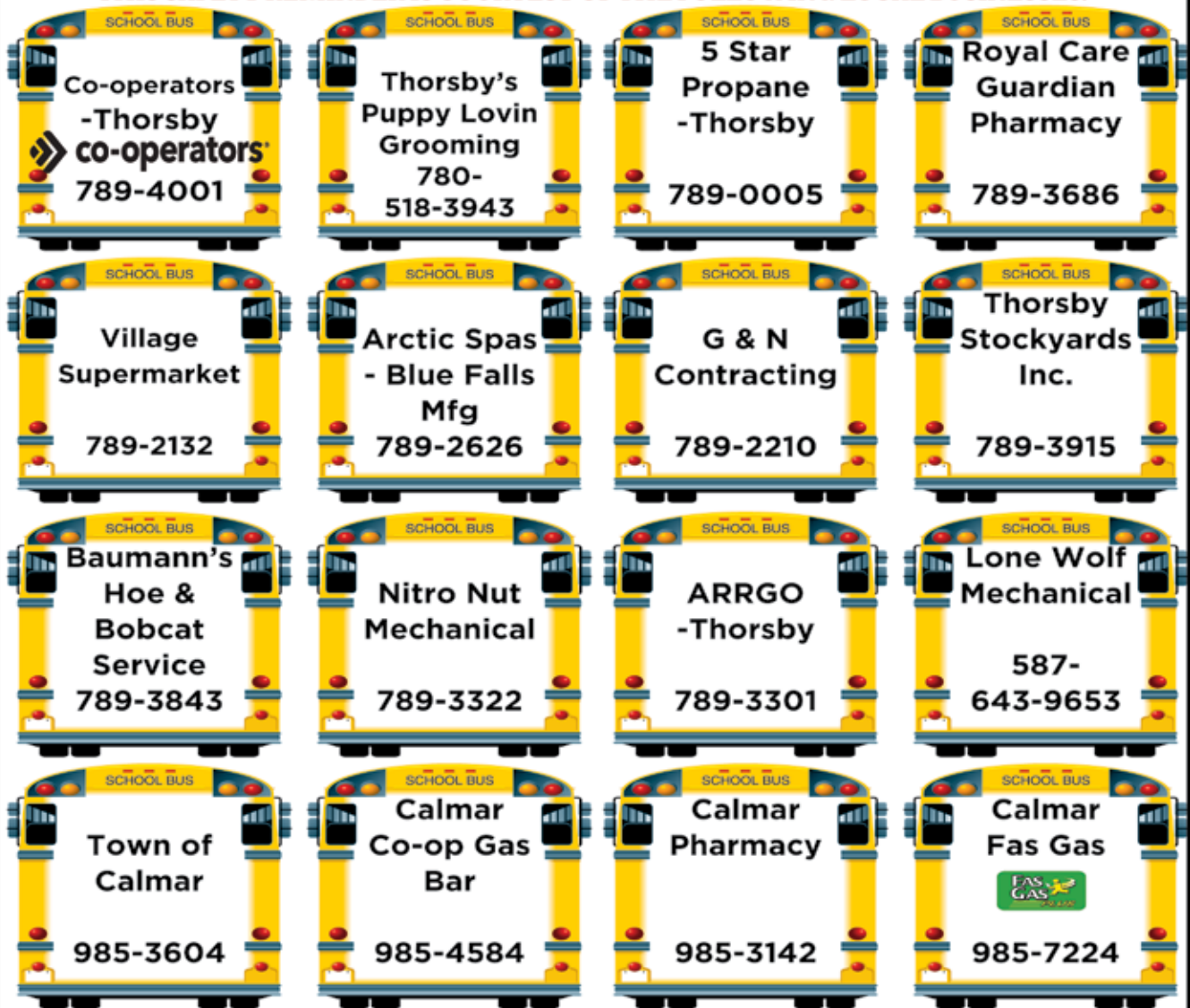
BACK-TO-SCHOOL

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY!

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

1. Always listen to the school bus driver 2. Always stand in a group while waiting for the bus. No pushing or shoving. 3. Always stay out of the DANGER ZONE until the bus driver says its ok to get on. You are too close if you can touch the bus. 4. Always remember to wait until the bus stops before standing up and leaving your seat. You move away from the bus and out of the DANGER ZONE right away when you get off the bus.

THIS SAFETY REMINDER IS COURTESY OF THE FOLLOWING LOCAL BUSINESSES:





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Children who walk or ride bicycles to school should also obey the rules of the road. Be sure you see the kids off every morning, and consider checking in with the school or calling kids' cell phones to confirm they arrived safely.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Red means STOP. The penalty for passing a school bus with its alternating flashing red lights activated is \$402 and six demerit points.
- School buses in Alberta transport nearly 250,000 youngsters twice a

day.

- Transport Canada reports that school bus travel in Alberta is 16 times safer than commuting in the family vehicle.
- The biggest bus danger to children is when they are getting on and off the bus.
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Injuries that occur around the home contribute to millions of medical visits and tens of thousands of fatalities each year. Falls account for the largest percentage of home accidents, with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reporting that around 30,000 fall-related fatalities occur each year in the United States. Many home accidents are entirely preventable when proper caution is exercised. As homeowners prepare for home-improvement projects, improving safety inside and outside the home should be a priority.

1. Improve lighting

One of the easiest ways to reduce the risk of falls is to improve lighting around the home. The National Institutes of Health state that adequate

lighting is important at entrances to the home, stairways, hallways, and other frequently traversed areas. Make sure lighting fixtures are using the highest wattage light bulb allowed. Artificial lighting sources become even more vital in fall and autumn, when natural light is less abundant in a home. In addition, install lighting outdoors by the front door, over the garage and where garbage pails are stored to facilitate safe passage.

2. Eliminate slick surfaces

Improving traction around the house also can minimize falls. Throw rugs and runners can be made more secure with nonslip rubber backings. Bath rugs can reduce slipping on wet surfaces in the bathroom. Also, nonslip mats can be

used inside of showers and bathtubs.

Use shoe trays to reduce puddling from melting snow or rain runoff in entryways. Mop up spills quickly, and consider the use of matte- or textured-finished flooring to improve stability underfoot. Promptly remove snow and ice from driveways and walkways. For those who live in cold climates, heated concrete can help melt precipitation before it accumulates.

3. Make needed repairs

Repair loose floorboards and pull carpet taut if it has started to stretch out. Address cracks outdoors and ensure that patio stones, bricks and pavers are secure and level to reduce tripping hazards. Fix areas of the landscape where water may pool and freeze, creating

potential hazards.

4. Declutter all spaces

Remove unnecessary items and furniture from rooms to free up more space to get around. Be sure there are no obstructions in walkways, entryways and near doors. Keep staircases clear at all times.

5. Invest in assistive devices

Handrails, grab bars, nonslip stair treads, and many other devices can make homes safer for people of all ages and abilities. Outfit cabinets and closets with organizers that put frequently used items within easy reach. A sturdy step stool can reduce the risk of injury while reaching for items stored on high shelves. Taking measures to reduce the risk of falling around the home is a worthwhile home improvement project.



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ALBERTA'S ECONOMY IS ON A TEAR.

Submitted by MLA Mark Smith

According to Statistics Canada's latest labour force survey, Alberta created 15,000 new jobs in July, marking nine consecutive months of job growth for our province. In total, Alberta has now created 133,500 new jobs since 2021. Further, in July, Alberta's unemployment rate dropped to 4.8 per cent. This means that for the first time since 2015, Alberta's unemployment is lower than the Canadian average, which currently sits at 4.9 per cent.

The policies of our United Conservative government are working to create jobs and investments in communities like Drayton Valley - Devon. By introducing the job creation tax cut, cutting red tape, launching Alberta's

Recovery Plan, and creating initiatives like Alberta Jobs Now and Alberta at Work, we continue to do all we can to make Alberta the best place in the country live, work, play, start a business, and raise a family.

New numbers also show that Alberta's entrepreneurial spirit is alive again, with a record 26,412 business incorporations in the first half of 2022. This is a very positive signal for our economy and our economic outlook.

Unlike the disastrous Notley NDP, who lost 200,000 jobs and billions of dollars in investment, our government's policies are focused on creating jobs, inciting investment, and keeping taxes low for businesses and families. We are also working hard to help families fight inflation at this important time in our economic

recovery.

As you may know, our government is extending the gas tax cut for gasoline, diesel, and farm fuel until at least the end of September. We are also extending the electricity rebate for an additional three months - providing \$300 in rebates to over 1.9 million homes, farms, and small businesses. And, just this past week, we announced that we are expanding the Temporary Rent Assistance Benefit to more than 80 communities across Alberta - making rent more affordable for many Albertans who don't qualify for traditional affordable housing programs.

To help us fight inflation, we continue to call on Ottawa to get their irresponsible spending under control and to scrap the federal carbon tax and the federal fuel tax.

But the provincial initiatives outlined above coupled with our booming job market will certainly help make life more affordable.

Alberta's tremendous job numbers aren't just theoretical. These new jobs mean regular paycheques that everyday families can count on to buy groceries, pay hockey registration fees, and take vacations. You can see Alberta's economic recovery taking shape across Drayton Valley - Devon with people going back to work in a wide variety of fields, industries, and sectors.

In every corner of the province and in all sectors of the economy, optimism is growing for the future - and our government is working tirelessly to make sure Albertans are going back to work and participating in this new Alberta Advantage.

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NOTE: Please inquire first as COVID-19 restrictions may still apply.

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May-Sept

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BINGO

CALMAR: Every Wednesday night, 7:00PM at the Calmar Legion.

JAMBOREE

DRAYTON VALLEY: Last Sunday of month. Upstairs @ the "55 Rec. Center" Doors at 12PM, Starts at 1PM. 780-542-4378

Edmonton Northwest Senior's Center: 12963 - 120st NW, Every Wed From 1-3:30pm Aug & Sept Admin: \$5 non members \$2 members Yearly membership \$30

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MEETINGS

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Do you have a problem with alcohol & are you looking for an **AA MEETING** or someone to talk to? Call Toll Free 1-877-404-8100.

Drinking a Problem? There is a Solution, call AA 780-491-1043

ALDER FLATS AG SOCIETY: 3rd Wed, 7PM, Community Centre. Call (780) 388-3318 for more info.

BRETON COUNCIL MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7PM at the Council Chambers, Carolyn Strand Civic Centre. 780-696-3636.

BRETON & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY Regular Meeting 2nd Thurs. at 7:30PM at Hall.

CITIZENS ON PATROL: 2nd Thurs of each mo, 7:30PM in Entwistle Seniors Bldg

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More info: Marc 780-729-4932

DRAYTON VALLEY BRANCH OF ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY: meets 7PM at Drayton Valley Municipal Library every 3rd Wed of the month. For more

information call (780) 542-2787
LEDUC MS SOCIETY COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP Are you diagnosed with MS and have questions? This group is for you! Meetings TBD. Contact the Edmonton Chapter, 780-471-3034

MS SOCIETY DRAYTON VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP meets every 1st Tuesday of the month, Sept-June from 6-8PM at Norquest College, dates TBA. Info, Terra Leslie at 1-403-346-0290.

Winfield Legion Branch 236: Meetings every 2nd Tues. Contact Secretary Treasurer Shelly Oulton 696-3600 or Alfred Farmer 696-2006

YOUR COMMUNITY

Dental Health: Visit the dental hygienist with your toddler. Children 15-24 mos of age are encouraged to have this Free Toddler Mouth Check. For info, contact the Thorsby Health Centre at 789-4800.

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Meals on Wheels: Call Deanne Young, Director FCSS 696-3636

Thorsby Well Child & Immunization Clinic, every 1st & 3rd Thurs. of the month. Contact Thorsby Public Health Center for appointment. 789-4800.

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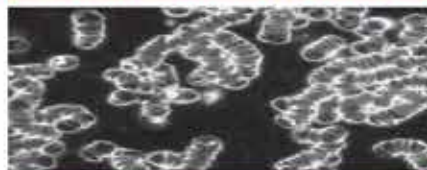
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