WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023

On This Date

1669 – Jean Talon granted a royal bounty to large families in New France. In the name of King Louis XIV, the Crown gave 300 livres to families with 10 children and 400 livres to families with 12.

1842 – The Gesner Museum, today known as the New Brunswick Museum, opened to the public. The first museum in Canada, it displayed wildlife specimens and mineral samples.

1923 – Firestone Tire and Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio, began the first regular production of inflatable tires.

1931 – 20th Century Fox fired John Wayne. He had played bit parts, but his performances failed to impress the studio. His big break in 1939's *Stagecoach*.

Bette Davis Eyes

Kim Carnes recorded the song "Bette Davis Eyes" in 1981, and it spent nine weeks as the No. 1 song. Davis sent Carnes a thank you note.

Quote of the Day

"There are two ways of exerting one's strength; one is pushing down, the other is pulling up."

~ Booker T. Washington

Happy Birthday!

Booker T. Washington (1856–1915) was an influential Black American leader who was born into slavery. Washington went on to become



an activist for equality and an advisor to multiple U.S. presidents. The educator and commanding orator reached a national

audience with his powerful 1895 "Atlanta compromise" speech, which called for the American Black community to defeat racism using the power of education and entrepreneurship. He was also a founder of the Tuskegee Institute and the National Negro Business League.