

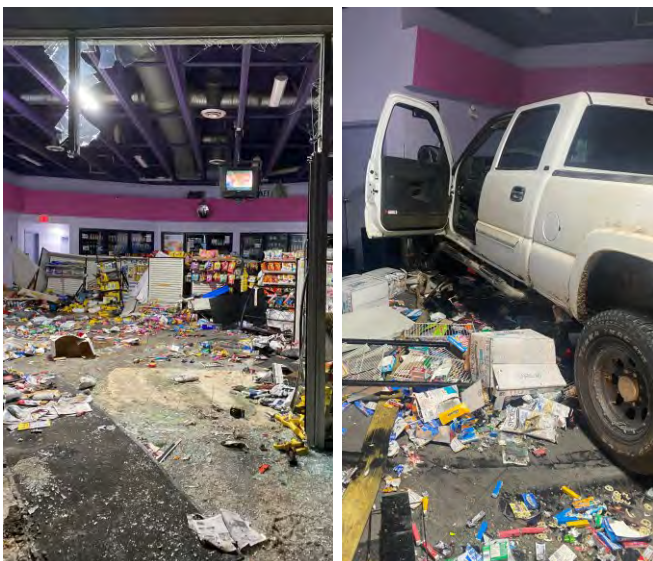
# THORSBY TARGET

## THORSBY RCMP INVESTIGATING BREAK AND ENTER TO KOLLBROOK ESSO

Thorsby, Alta – On Jan. 2, 2022, at 02:12 am, Thorsby RCMP received a complaint of an alarm at the Kollbrook Esso in Thorsby. Upon RCMP arrival, officers observed that an unoccupied pick up truck was inside the Esso having be driven through the front doors.

*"It was a scene from a horror show, mass destruction!" Says Carole Koller owner of Kollbrook Esso "So very grateful to our incredible staff and family who pulled together with us to reopen on Monday afternoon. The community was so amazing with their caring messages and support. We thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts."*

### MORE INFORMATION IN THIS ISSUE



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WESTERN CANADA WINNER OF THE 2021 CASTLE GREAT CANADIAN HOME RENOVATION CONTEST!

Marilyn Cochrane of Thorsby picked up her winning ballot at her local Castle location, Ruhr Valley Lumber.

She is pictured here with Castle owner Matt Ruhr who presented Marilyn with a \$5,000 prize which is good towards products / services at Ruhr Valley Lumber.

Marilyn has plans to put the 5K towards that home reno project she has been dreaming of. Congratulations!

## TOWN OF THORSBY/INTEGRITY 2022 GARBAGE & RECYCLE CALENDAR IN THIS ISSUE

# Classifieds

## FOR SALE

**CAT HOUSE FOR SALE**, solid wood, self contained, 4' x 4' wire cage area with pay area on top, 2 cubicles, areas for bed, litter box and food/water dishes. Asking \$240. Call Eric 780-887-7057

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Mr Heater Buddy, 4000-9000 BTU. Never Used - \$115

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One man Polar Fire Quick Hut w/chair, has cover - \$150  
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Good, Responsible and Reliable Tenants seek long term rental. Must be well maintained. 3 People, 2 cats, \$1600 w/utilities Call Eric at 780.887.7057

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Sudoku Answers  
from Dec 24 Issue

**Life is more  
fun if you  
play games.**

- Roald Dahl-



## Town of Thorsby EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Manager of Recreation

The Town of Thorsby is looking for an experienced Recreation Manager that can operate, market, build and teach programs, organize large events, budget and provide all services a recreation centre can offer on the 39-20 Corridor.

Duties Include: staffing, coaching, mentoring, program development, teaching programs, building budgets, writing grants, organizing ice user groups and field house programming. Writing grants is important as is building budgets, business cases, staff training and customer service to our public.

Experience in a recreational facility is a must, with progressive competencies that have increased in the successful operation of a recreation facility.

Competition opens on January 8th and closes on the 12th of January with availability for interviews on January 13, ready for work January 17, 2022.

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### PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS

**THORSBY AFTERNOON CRIB** at the Seniors Centre runs every Monday at 1:30pm Everyone welcome! Bring your Vaccination Card and a mask.

#### THORSBY MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

is open for in-person or curbside service from 10am - 6pm Tuesdays and from 12pm - 6pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 10am - 4pm. Please call 780.789.3808 for more information. Follow Thorsby Library on Facebook.

#### ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION #246 MULHURST BINGO:

Give your bingo dobbers a rest folks...

Next regular Bingo Feb. 1, 2022 at 7pm

#### ROCK & ROLLERS FLOOR CURLING CLUB

meets at 1:15pm on Thursdays at the Warburg Community Hall for Adult floor curling. \$2 drop in fee. COVID protocols apply. Call Eleanor Jehn at 780-848-2621 if you have any questions.

### MARKETS/THRIFT SHOPS(NONPROFIT)

**THORSBY SENIORS THRIFT STORE** Open Thursdays and Fridays 10am - 3pm. We accept donations that are **CLEAN & RE-SELLABLE**

#### TREASURES THRIFT SHOP IN WARBURG

Wednesdays from 10am - 4pm. Donations will only be accepted during store hours, please ensure your donations are clean. 5112 - 53 Street, Warburg

**Country Market Every Third Saturday** 11-4pm at Sunnybrook Hall. Homemade Crafts, Baking, Farm Eggs and so much more. New and returning vendors.

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**Leduc Public Market** Every Thursday from 10-2:30pm in the Leduc City Center Mall

### COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

#### Thorsby Family & Community Support Services (FCSS)

Sandi Raymond at 780.789.4004 or email [fcss@thorsby.ca](mailto:fcss@thorsby.ca)

**Thorsby Bylaw Enforcement** - for concerns or inquiries contact Barry Rasch at [bylaw@thorsby.ca](mailto:bylaw@thorsby.ca) or 780.233.4151

**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

**Foot Care Nurse** will be in Thorsby on the 1st Wednesday of every month. Please call Irene at 780-789-3176

**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 - 54 Avenue at Thorsby New Life Christian Church (every) Monday 8:00pm 780.270.7903

**Thorsby RCMP** call 780-789-3950 or contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at [www.P3Tips.com](http://www.P3Tips.com) For emergencies call 911

### COMMUNITY GROUP REGULAR MEETINGS

**Thorsby Agricultural Society** - Regular meetings on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Haymakers Arena. [www.thorsbyhaymakers.com](http://www.thorsbyhaymakers.com) or call 780.789.3829

**Thorsby Seniors** - Meetings held monthly in the Seniors' Centre (4812 - 51 Street) and are on the last Wednesday of every month at 7pm. 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 @7pm at the 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 the 4th Monday of the month at the Lions' Den in the Community Hall basement at 7pm. For information or membership, call 780.903.1695

**The Royal Canadian Legion Pioneer Branch #144 Thorsby** is wanting more members. Meetings are every third Wednesday of the month, except July & August at the Thorsby Seniors Centre 4812 - 51 Street at 9:30am. For Membership contact Doreen Mackenzie at 780.789.3812

#### The Royal Canadian Legion #246 Mulhurst

Next General Meeting will be January 10th, 2022 @ 7pm New Members welcome. Marion 780-935-6281

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** at the Thorsby Seniors Centre - Mondays, weigh in at 9am to 9:15am, meetings at 9:15am to 9:45am. For more information call Jane 780.789.3789 or Elaine 780.221.3939



## NEW FCSS PROGRAM "MEN'S SHEDS"

submitted by Brandon Friesen

Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) in Leduc County is putting on an event called MEN'S SHEDS for the men 18 years of age and older in the county to attend. The Calmar library will be hosting our first Men's Shed on **Feb 9th and will run from 6pm to 8pm.**

Men's Sheds is a program that allows the men of a community to build shoulder-to-shoulder relationships while doing constructive activities like woodworking, playing games, or just enjoying each other's company with a fresh coffee in hand. First designed in Australia in 2007 as a way for men of the community to come together for a common purpose. There are now thousands of sheds worldwide. Each shed designs their purpose based on the interests of those attending. There are sheds that focus on cooking, writing, woodwork, or even just gathering together. The options are endless and grow as the group itself grows.

Men are typically not social creatures and as such, do better when there is essentially something to do. This is why men tend to group together around a car that is being worked on or mingle next to the chef at a back yard BBQ. These programs help to create a safe place where men can go to bond and get a feeling of accomplishment while joining a support group that works to do good within the communities. The goal with any Men's Shed is to raise awareness of the many benefits to social, physical, and emotional health. If you would like to know more about the Men's Sheds program, please feel free to look over their website at [www.menssheds.ca](http://www.menssheds.ca).

We invite any men eighteen and up to join us on Feb 9th at the Calmar Library (4705 -50th ave Calmar Alberta. You can also email us at [mensshedsleducounty@gmail.com](mailto:mensshedsleducounty@gmail.com)

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## WORSHIP

**New Life Christian Fellowship** - 5203-54 Avenue, Thorsby  
Worship Services Sunday at 10:30am, Ladies Fellowship and Prayer on Fridays at 9:30am. Call 780.789.3020

**Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church** - 4813-51 Street, Thorsby. Mass is every Sunday at 9am and weekdays, Wednesday at 10:30am by Fr. Arun Rodrigues. COVID rules apply. 780.987.2858 or visit [www.olvtorsby.wordpress.com](http://www.olvtorsby.wordpress.com)

**Philippian Church** - 4721-48A Ave., Thorsby  
Sunday Service 10:30am, Wed & Friday Service at 7pm, Saturday Prayer Service at 7pm. Call for prayer Rev. Pollard 587-921-7790 or Elaine 587-926-4705. Have a blessed day!

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**, Thorsby - Divine Liturgy Sunday Jan. 23 at 10:30 a.m. For further information please contact Dan @ 780-789-3698.

**St. Matthew's Lutheran Church** - 5115-48 Avenue, Thorsby  
In-Church Worship every Sunday at 10:30am. Following COVID Protocols. Our weekly worship with Pastor Ron can still be found on You Tube

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor

I would like to thank all those involved in the recent Christmas activities in Thorsby which were arranged by the Thorsby and District Chamber of Commerce. Your creative ideas for "Christmas in the Village 2021" and your volunteer work added to the enjoyment of the season for many in Thorsby and the surrounding area. The contests were fun, the gingerbread houses were amazing, and the Christmas Market, parade and fireworks were popular. Thanks also to the many individuals and families who decorated their yards for Christmas – a Thorsby Christmas "Light Tour" was popular with our family!

Audrey Brosseau

*All "Letters to the Editor" must be printed with the name of it's author. Only letters emailed and typed in the body or as an attached Word document will be accepted. Letters to the Editor are the opinions of those who wrote them, not necessarily those of Community 39 Enterprises.*

## FACILITY RENTALS

### Ashland Dam Park

For reservations call Kelly at 780.898.9636

### Breton Community Centre

Please contact the Breton Village Office at 780.696.3636

**Breton Golden Age Club** building is available for rent. Call Jane 780.696.6599/403.542.7921 or alt Jean at 780.696.2439

**Camp Bar V Nok** - for bookings call Walter 780.717.2432 or Jason 780.990.4043 or email [bookings@barvnok.com](mailto:bookings@barvnok.com)

### Centre Lodge Community Centre

For bookings call Caroline at 780.789.3089

### Funnell Community Hall

For hall rental or more contact Ashley @ 780.514.6546

### 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 Bay Community Hall

For bookings call 780.389.2455

### Mulhurst Legion #246

Give Marie a call: 780-361-7350

### Rundle's Mission Retreat Centre

For retreat or hall bookings call 780.389.2422 or email [rent@rundlesmission.org](mailto:rent@rundlesmission.org).

### Sandholm Community Hall

For bookings call Doris 780.389.2381

### Strawberry Community Hall

Call Ollie at 780.789.2180

### Sunnybrook Community Hall

For rentals contact Mikayla at 306.307.2599 or email [sunnybrookcommunityhall@gmail.com](mailto:sunnybrookcommunityhall@gmail.com)

### Telfordville Hall

For bookings call Tracy at 780.718.9549 after 5pm

### Thorsby Community Center

Call Marlene at 780.789.3734 or text 780.217.9394 or email [thorsbyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:thorsbyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com)

### Thorsby Seniors Centre

For rentals call Cathy Kuzio at 780.719.7124

### Warburg Cultural Centre

For rentals of facility, wine glasses and/or tablecloths phone Lindsay McLaughlin at 780.848.2916. Meetings held quarterly

**Warburg Legion** for rental. Contact Deb or Max at 780-848-2923

**Warburg Seniors Centre** for rental. Contact Allan or Nancy at 780-848-7756

### Winfield Legion

Available to rent. Rental inquiries to Gordon 780.542.1243 or Ron 403.862.0769

**Community Events & Information**  
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## Genesee Battery Energy Storage System

**Capital Power is sharing information about plans to develop a battery energy storage system ("BESS") at the Genesee Generating Station. We will be seeking regulatory approval from the Alberta Utility Commission in early 2022.**

The BESS will be used to store, and later deploy, up to 210 MW of energy, using lithium-ion batteries. The project will use best-in-class battery storage technology and be amongst the first large-scale storage projects in Alberta.

Located entirely within the existing footprint of the Genesee Generating Station, the BESS will create no air emissions and will not require additional water supply during the electricity storage and deployment processes.

Stakeholder input is an important part of the process and we value your feedback. More information is available at [www.capitalpower.com/operations/genesee-1-2/](http://www.capitalpower.com/operations/genesee-1-2/), including the project specific information package.

### You may also contact us at:

Telephone: **1-855-703-5005**

Email: **[canadadevelopment@capitalpower.com](mailto:canadadevelopment@capitalpower.com)**

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The Village of Warburg is recruiting firefighters for the Warburg Fire District. Call 780-848-2841 or email [village@warburg.ca](mailto:village@warburg.ca) for details.







# 2022



## Waste Collection & Recycling Schedule

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**DECEMBER**



Waste Collection



Recycling

## THORSBY RCMP INVESTIGATING BREAK AND ENTER TO KOLLBROOK ESSO continued from front page

The pickup had been reported as stolen from the Drayton Valley area on Dec. 30, 2021. RCMP believe that the unknown suspect(s) were attempting to steal the ATM inside the business.

On Oct., 2019, the same Esso was broken in and ATM stolen. As a result of an investigation by Thorsby RCMP, Travis Shane Stout (33) of Edmonton and Collin Ray McDonald (31) of Edmonton were charged and convicted of possession of property obtained by crime. Both men received 6 month jail sentences.

Thorsby RCMP are asking the public's assistance for any information in solving this crime or locating those responsible. Please contact Thorsby RCMP at 780-789-3950 or your local police. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at [www.P3Tips.com](http://www.P3Tips.com) or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.

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# TOWN OF THORSBY COUNCIL NEWS

by Shawna Ofstie  
January 4, 2022

## **Municipal Auditors**

Interim CAO Dona Tona recommended that Council appoint Municipal auditors from St. Arnaud Pinsent Steman Chartered Professional Accountants to a 2 year term due to some complexities. Much of the Town of Thorsby's accounting had been switched to Quick books in the last year due to some GST issues and staff not having enough knowledge of the Municipal Great Plains Program according to Councillor Gilbert. Interim CAO Tona mentioned there is no municipality that uses Quick books as it is not set up for Municipal Government accounting so everything must be switched back. Councillor Gilbert told the Council that they had already approved these auditors for 2021 so the Council agreed to direct administration to find the previous quote and get a new quote for 2022 before making a motion.

## **Meeting Dates for January - March 2022**

Interim CAO Tona recommended that Council consider moving to one Council meeting per month and one Committee of the whole per month for now. This would give the new administration more time to prepare for the meetings or the agendas may be too light to be effective for the business of the town. Mayor Hostyn said it made sense to have 2 longer meetings a month rather than 4 short meetings. Councillor Rasch pointed out that previously to this new administration there was little communication and information presented to Council hence the short meetings. Rasch was unsure if meetings should be cut due to such a new Council and so much to learn. Councillor Gilbert admitted that there were only short meetings after the election but previous to the election they were never short of information and they

worked many long nights. It was agreed that they would continue with two Council Meetings and two COW meetings per month on Tuesdays at 7pm.

## **Barry Rasch was officially sworn in as Bylaw Enforcement officer.**

## **Public Commentary Amendment to Bylaw**

The Council agreed to add public commentary to the end of the agenda before the in-camera sessions so the public will have an opportunity to ask questions about agenda items discussed at the meeting. Interim CAO Tona noted "it is important that the public have opportunity to query, or understand the workings of the council".

## **CAO/CFO Contract**

The contract for the interim CAO/CFO was presented to the Mayor and Council. Councillor Gilbert inquired if the new administration was in fact actively looking and helping to find a CAO. Interim CAO Tona said in an appropriate time line she will work herself out of a job and can certainly assist in finding a suitable replacement. The interim CAO/CFO Dona Tona and Cindy Van Leest had agreed to be paid the same salary as the previous CAO but split it between the two of them so there is no extra cost to the town. The \$113,000 annual salary will be divided between the CAO & CFO positions with a 5 month term. This was approved by the Mayor and Council.

## **Administration Updates**

Interim CAO Tona informed Council that all banking signatures have been updated with the removal of 8 signatures going back years. Currently only the Mayor and Deputy Mayor have signing authority.

On December 27 the Ice plant experienced frozen lines and Gateway was called out to remedy the situation. Public Works Manager Andrew Kearley said this was due to the



extremely low temperatures and the contractor had been out to 7 other Recreation facilities due to issues caused by the cold weather. He also mentioned they will be looking at the cost of upgrading the very old ice plant vs the constant cost of maintenance as well as get a life cycle assessment of the plant to present to council.

Interim CFO Cindy Van Leest reported that they cannot find the budget for 2022 so unless it magically appears they will be starting from scratch. At the November 26, 2021 Council meeting Previous CAO Tamara Sloboda had said she was continuing to work on the budget. Sloboda had also told the Council she was pretty much done. Mayor Hostyn will look into this. Interim CFO Van Leest also mentioned the office and accounting was left in a mess and its going to be a big job switching back to Municipal software. Some data was entered in Quickbooks but not in Great Plains and vice versa while other data was entered in both programs. Files were dumped into file boxes and trying to figure out what was previously done "is a nightmare". Filing had to be changed and done properly and there is a lot of organizing to do. They have been getting phone calls from vendors who they owe but they cannot find the bills that need to be paid. Interim CFO Van Leest also reported that she made sure staff were paid over the holidays but had to make some adjustments because 3 staff members had been overpaid previous to her taking this position. Councillor Rasch inquired about pay periods and was told that the previous CAO had been outsourcing payroll to a third party so all payroll was done bi-weekly. The council was assured the accounting will be all in one system again so the Council can get paid bi-weekly or monthly, whatever they decide. Interim CFO Van Leest commented that there is no point in outsourcing anymore as it will just cost the town extra.

The Council then went into closed session to discuss Legal-Personnel.



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**Thorsby Library updates and reminders:**  
from the Thorsby Library Staff

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This year, 2022, brings an exciting reworking of the library's plan of service, our road map that carries us over the coming 3-5 years. An updated plan of service, a requirement of all Alberta Public Libraries, means a chance to pivot, transform, and reimagine. We will gather all kinds of data about our community, and work with individuals and groups to identify and prioritize the library and information needs identified. As you know, what libraries are capable of is truly limitless, so creating our plan of service helps set boundaries for the immediate and near future. From my perspective, this sharing of ideas is a happy process. I invite you to share any library ideas with us over the next few months, and please let us know if you are interested in helping create our new plan of service and I will explain the process and let you know what opportunities are available.

Thorsby Library Board meets Wednesday, January 19 at 7:00PM via Zoom. Leave your name at the library, or send an email to [yatmgsacuta@yrl.ab.ca](mailto:yatmgsacuta@yrl.ab.ca) if you'd like to participate in a book club discussion about the novel, *Small Reckonings*, by Karin Melberg Schwier, (Burton House Books, 2020). This will be via Zoom from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm on Sunday, January 22, 2022.

The next book in the Book-Nook book club, in

our "not a beach read" series is, *Things were going fine...till we hit the rapids!* by Barbie-Jo Smith. Eight copies of this title have shipped, hopefully to arrive with the YRL van run on Tuesday, January 11. Anyone can grab a copy and read it. There are no renewals, because the books need to be returned to their home library on time, as a kit.

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I have been told in the past that I gravitate towards the "healing" professions since I was young. Growing up as a teenager I was a lifeguard and taught swimming lessons. I worked as a personal care aide in a senior facility which lead me into nursing. I graduated as a Registered Nurse in 1997 and worked throughout various departments. Majority of my nursing career was in Neurosurgery at the University of Alberta.

At the age of 40 I chose to pursue a different career path which led me to massage therapy. I found throughout my own medical health journey that massage was extremely beneficial to many areas of health. I graduated in 2016 from the two year program.

I was born and raised in North Wales, UK and moved to Canada with my parents and siblings when I was 8 years of age only speaking Welsh. This is how my business name "Celtic Knot Massage" was born.

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### Do You Believe in Love?

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If we have made Jesus our Lord, our life should be very different than it was before. If we believe in Jesus as Lord, we will:

1. Love God with all our heart and love other people.
2. Dedicate the rest of our life to following Him as our Lord
3. Be His disciple, and allow Him to teach us and lead us into all truth
4. Fellowship with Him by reading His word, meditating on His word, talking to Him, listening for a response, and by praising and worshipping Him.
5. Study His word, commands, and actions so that we will know what He wants us to do.
6. Obey His word, and commandments.
7. Do the works that He did and greater
8. Make disciples by teaching others to follow Jesus, and helping them along the way
9. Trust Him to do what He said He would do; He is not a liar.
10. Fear, reverence, honour, and respect Him

In previous articles I wrote about #2 and #5. Now we will look at #1. If we believe in Jesus as Lord, we will love God with all our heart and love other people. God is Love. Love is who He is and what He is made of. When we accept Jesus as Lord, we receive forgiveness and become a son or daughter of God. He makes us a new creature and gives us His nature and character, which is love. John explains this very well in his First Epistle. Here is what he said: **"We are of God, and whoever knows God listens to us. Whoever is not of God does not listen to us. This is how we know the Spirit of Truth and the spirit of error. Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us, that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we must also love one another. No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwells in us, and His love is perfected in us. We know that we live in Him, and He in us, because He has given us His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. And we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. In this way God's love is perfected in us, so that we may have boldness on the Day of Judgment, because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. Whoever fears is not perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar. For whoever does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? We have this commandment from Him: Whoever loves God must also love his brother."** (Modern English Version 1 John 4:6-21)

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## **Start Up Leduc Wetaskiwin Regions is launching an 8-month ENTREPRENEURIAL + MENTOR SHIP TRAINING PROGRAM.**

Start Up Leduc and Wetaskiwin Regions is a new initiative and is launching a program called SMARTstart which is for entrepreneurs and new business owners in the Leduc + Wetaskiwin region within their first 3 years of business. This entrepreneur training program was developed to address small business start-up needs in our evolving community and increase the chances of the business' success rate.

"We are fortunate and excited to announce this program in our community. I think of this program as a post-secondary business course equivalent that is solely focused on real life business skills you will actually use. If you are a small business owner in your first three years or an entrepreneur with an idea that you want to ensure is feasible and transformed into an action plan then I would highly encourage you to apply. Small businesses drive the economy and we want to do everything we can to help our small businesses succeed. This program does that by partnering participants with a successful local business mentor for eight months, participation in live seminars facilitated by local professionals, peer to peer sessions, access to online training modules geared toward business owners, and tools to complete strategic planning or feasibility studies." says Amber Cook Program Director and owner of The Light House Cowork.

Participant applications will be accepted until January 9th, 2022 and the 8 month program launches in February.

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The program has been running across Alberta for 9 years and over 100 people have completed SMARTstart with amazing success. The program is

proven to increase business success rates; 17% of participants have started new businesses, 22% have had business continue successfully, and 28% of participants have expanded their businesses.

The Start Up Leduc Wetaskiwin Regions initiative is operated by The Leduc Nisku Wetaskiwin Regional Chamber of Commerce, The Light House Cowork and is funded by many partners including The City of Leduc, City of Wetaskiwin and JEDI (Joint Economic Development Initiative) Alberta.

More Information on this initiative and program is available online at [www.startupleducwetaskiwin.biz/services](http://www.startupleducwetaskiwin.biz/services)

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Me: Like what?

My kid: Like if I don't clean my room a portal will open and take me to another dimension.

Me: Well that's what happened to your older brother.

My kid: What older brother?

Me: Exactly.



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