

Calmar Chronicle



From Our Families
to Yours...

Happy Holidays and
All the Best in the
New Year!

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Fun Family Holiday Game Ideas...

Guess the Objects in the Stockings

Take 3 extra large stockings and place a different odd shaped object in each stocking then seal them shut. Simply lay these on the table next to the ornament jar and let individuals write down their guess as to what the objects in the stockings are just by feeling them.

Caroling Mixer

Select several popular carols that everyone will know how to sing, about one song for every four people. Write the names of the carols on small sheets of paper, one song per piece of paper and each song repeated on four separate pieces of paper. Fold these and place into a basket. Have each person select a piece of paper from the basket and tell them to NOT show their song to anyone else. When you say go, everyone should immediately begin singing and try to find the other people who have the same song. The first group of people to successfully find all the other people with the same song wins. No one is allowed to talk during the game, only singing is allowed.

Wrapping Game

This game will require a roll of wrapping paper and tape for each group. The winner is the first group to completely wrap one of the group members. The judge must check to be sure that no part of the wrapped person can be showing, including hair and toes.



**IF YOU MISSED US ON NOVEMBER 30...
CALMAR CHRISTMAS ELVES ARE
STILL ACCEPTING DONATIONS!**



We Need Your Support

The Calmar Christmas Elves program was developed to provide Christmas hampers and gifts to families throughout the Town of Calmar and District who, due to economic challenges are unable to have a traditional Christmas. "In sharing ourselves, our time and good fortune we can make a difference"

**PLEASE CHECK THE DATES ON FOOD ITEMS...WE CANNOT INCLUDE
EXPIRED FOOD IN THE HAMPERS**

DONATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 12, 2014

DROP OFF LOCATIONS: Calmar Pharmacy; Calmar Food Town
Calmar Post Office; Bank of Montreal; Town of Calmar Office

Volunteer Opportunities

HAMPER DELIVERY: December 18 Evening and December 19 Daytime
We are looking for Volunteers to help for a couple of hours with
Hamper Deliveries - Contact: Yvonne @ 780.985.3191

If you are, or know a family in Need - Hamper Referrals will be taken, Deadline: December 12, 2014

Sponsor-A-Teen Program

**Teens are often overlooked in the donated gifts received
If you would like to donate specifically for a teen
Please Contact Yvonne: 780.985.3191**

Christmas Elves & Santa's Helpers

Serving the residents of Leduc County, Leduc, Beaumont, Devon, Calmar, Thorsby, Warburg and New Sarepta

Donations are now being accepted.

Items needed:

- pyjamas
- gloves, scarves, toques
- socks
- toys for boys and girls
- lego
- cars & trucks
- arts & craft supplies
- new books for children and teens
- board games
- sports-themed items
- gift cards to clothing stores
- wrapping paper
- personal hygiene items
 - shampoo, conditioner, soap
 - deodorant, body spray, feminine personal hygiene products
 - diapers and wipes
 - hair and make up supplies
- household items
 - toilet paper
 - laundry soap, fabric softener, dish soap
 - other cleaning supplies
- non-perishable food items
 - cans of soup, meat, fish, veggies and fruit
 - coffee, teas, hot chocolate, juice
 - pickles, peanut butter, jam & syrup
 - pasta, pasta sauce, rice
 - flour, sugar, spices
 - condiments
 - crackers, cookies, candies

We cannot accept expired items, alcohol, homemade or home-canned food items or opened packages.

To donate, please contact Leduc County Family & Community Support Services at **780-955-6424** to have your donation distributed to the communities that need it most. We also accept cash, cheques & gift cards.

For Local Donations
Please Contact:
Yvonne @ 780.985.3191
Darlene @ 780.985.8560



Questions? Please call Sara at 780-955-6424

WWI Christmas Truce - 1914



This Christmas marks the 100th Anniversary of The Christmas Truce. The Christmas Truce was a series of widespread, unofficial ceasefires that took place along the Western Front around Christmas 1914, during World War I. Throughout the week leading up to Christmas, parties of German and British soldiers began to exchange seasonal greetings and songs between their trenches; on occasion, the tension was reduced to the point that individuals would walk across to talk to their opposite numbers

bearing gifts. On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, many soldiers from both sides and, to a lesser degree, from French units, independently ventured into “no mans land” where they mingled, exchanging food and souvenirs. As well as joint burial ceremonies, several meetings ended in carol-singing. Troops from both sides were also friendly enough to play games of football with one another.

In honour of not only the 100th Anniversary of the first Christmas Truce, but all the ones that have followed throughout the last century and the ones before it.

T'was the night before Christmas and all through the land

Not a soldier was stirring, no gun in their hand.

When all of the sudden through the quiet flecks of light,

The troops all started singing “Silent Night”.

It started with the Germans and then all those who could hear

Came out of their trenches to join in, with no fear

Together they sang Christmas carols, exchanging gifts and good tidings

In the middle of the war, Peace on Earth was their finding.

They shared pictures of family and a friendly football game

Forgetting for a moment their task to kill and maim.

Holding ceremonies for the fallen in no man's land together,

Wishing for peace but knowing that the war was not over.

Being brave does not always mean you have to stand and fight,

These soldiers showed more courage standing together,

singing “Silent Night”.

World AIDS Day: A global discussion

There are over 34.2 million people currently living with HIV around the globe. A global pandemic, HIV has claimed more than 25 million lives over the past three decades.

On December 1 of each year, the world celebrates World AIDS Day – a day devoted to increasing awareness of [HIV and AIDS](#) issues globally.

Targeting zero

“Getting to Zero” is the slogan linked to World AIDS Day and the global fight against HIV and AIDS. It symbolizes the world’s commitment in achieving the following three targets: zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination, and zero AIDS-related deaths.

Though numbers from all categories remain high, a sense of optimism surrounds the battle against HIV and AIDS. With a greater perception of the disease and an improved awareness, the world isn’t losing sight of the [Millennium Development Goal](#) of halting HIV and AIDS and beginning to reverse the spread by 2015



3 December
**International Day of
People with Disability**

December 3 is the annual International Day of Persons with Disabilities and aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the rights, dignity and well-being of persons with disabilities – including children. It also celebrates the benefits for the whole society when persons with disabilities are included in every aspect of life.

Canada agreed to provide for the full human rights of children with disabilities to live life in dignity and reach their fullest potential when it signed the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989. This Convention was the first international human rights treaty to include an explicit focus on disability. The Convention provides both universal protection of the rights of children with disabilities and special attention to the needs of children with disabilities in realizing those universal rights.

Since then, Canada has made progress in fulfilling the rights of children with disabilities including improving access to education, mental health services and financial supports for families. Yet there is evidence of continuing discrimination against children with disabilities that impacts their dignity, survival, development to fullest potential and inclusion in social life – often at great human and financial cost to their families, and to the rest of society.





Calmar Pharmacy Ltd.

Pharmacy: (780) 985-3121

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at Calmar Pharmacy!



Hours of Operation

Mon - Sat 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Sun & Holidays 11:00 am to 5:00 pm



Family owned and operated since 1977



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Calmar AB T0C 0V0

dthayduk@yahoo.ca
780-919-3371

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HOURS OF OPERATION
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Fri.: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Sat. : 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

CALMAR FAS GAS
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Calmar, AB. T0C 0V0
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LITRE LOG

BUY MORE GAS. GET MORE CASH.

Christmas Eve Candelight Service

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Gateway Family Church

37A Parkview Crescent

Everyone Welcome!

December at the Senior's Centre...

FOOT CARE: Friday, December 5th - For Appointments please call Diane @ 780-218.3268. \$20.00.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK: Wednesday, December 10th Christmas Dinner and Member Birthday Celebrations!

No General Meeting this Month

No Music Jammers

Merry
Christmas

Glen Park Community Association

We will be holding our annual members Christmas Potluck Dinner on December 14, 2014 @ 1:00 pm at the Glen Park Hall. For information please contact Stella @ 780.985.2073.



KEEPING THE HOMELESS WARM

Local Resident and Business Owner, Holly Bromley, is collecting items for the Edmonton Mustard Seed. Items being collected include:

- Blankets
- Jackets
- Sweaters
- Mitts, Scarves, Toques
- Toiletries
- Backpacks



Drop off ANY TIME to Skip's Sports Bar

4722 - 50 Avenue, Calmar, Alberta

Wilton Park Community Hall

X-Mas Craft & Bake Sale

Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014

10:00 AM

Contact Pam @ 587.591.1167

Country Christmas Lights

Country Christmas Lights is located 5km West on Hwy 39, 5 km South on Range Rd 260, twp Rd 492. (Parking available off Twp. Rd. 492).

We are open 7 Days Per Week - November 28, 2014 - January 4, 2015. 4:00 - 10:00 PM EVERY DAY!

Donations of food and cash are being accepted for the Leduc and District Food Bank.

SANTA and FREE Hot Chocolate December 5-6, 12-14 and 19-23 from 4:00 - 9:00 PM.

Visit our webpage @ www.leduccountrylights.com

Final Words from Mayor Faulkner

I would like to start off by saying the Town of Calmar is a great community that I am proud to call home.

I have enjoyed serving Calmar over 10 fulfilling years. As the saying goes "All good things must come to an end".

I resigned as Mayor of our fair town, effective November 23, 2014. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support, your challenges and your community spirit.

I wish all of you and yours a happy Holiday Season and all the best in 2015.

Don Faulkner



The Staff of the Town of Calmar wishes Don Faulkner all the best in his future endeavours. Best Wishes in 2015!

**Please remember to shovel your sidewalks
within 48 Hours after every snowfall.**

ADOPT-A-HYDRANT

*If you Adopted one of the Fire Hydrants in Town
Please remember to keep the snow clear in a 3-foot
radius around the Hydrant.*

Thank you to all that are participating!

Join the Royal Canadian
Legion - Calmar



Do Something Magazine - Leduc - Leduc County Inspired Youth

Not often does a magazine inspire, however, a group of Teens from Leduc and area, has developed a magazine that has received quite a bit of attention since it's first publication in September of this year.

"Do Something" is a free publication written by teenagers for teenagers. The November Issue, dedicated to Mental Health Awareness, touches on the lives of Robin Williams and Whitney Houston, and their battles with depression; addiction; and many other mental health issues that our young people face today.

A Calmar Youth, 15 year old, Lane Eilander, is also featured in this issue, for his success at the Edmonton International Raceway.

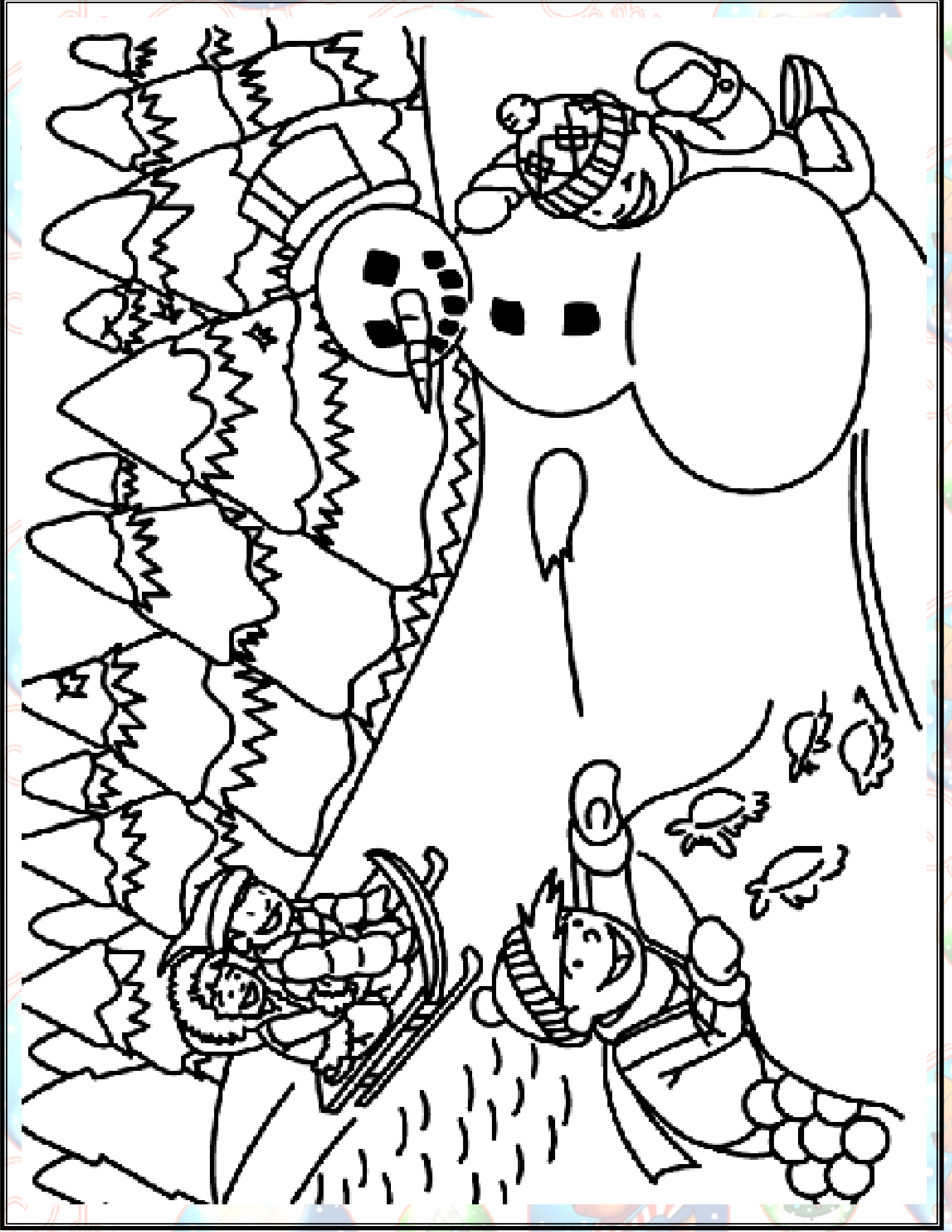
An article on the effects of Drinking and Driving tells one mother's heartbreaking story of how she lost her son to drinking and driving.

The Magazine creators are running a Designated Driver Campaign. If you are looking for a safe ride home and back to your car the next day, please call Angela @ 780.224.2303 to arrange the date and time.

They also have some of their favorite recipes!

If you are interested, you can find the magazine at the schools. There are opportunities for our local youth to get involved in the magazine and "Do Something" for themselves and their peers.

Anyone who would like to sponsor the magazine are asked to contact
Ms. Angela Pauls at dosomethingmagazine@gmail.com



Welcome our New Peace Officer...

I am Community Peace Officer Aaron Hareuther with the Town of Calmar, Protective Services. I am from Prince George, British Columbia; however, I have lived in Alberta for the past 8 years. First attending the U of A then working in Westlock, AB as a Peace Officer for Alberta Health Services.

I enjoy serving the citizens and visitors of the Town of Calmar and invite them to direct any concerns they have to me.

The Town of Calmar Protective Services is dedicated to providing an excellent level of service and works with people to ensure public safety, a good quality of living and overall making Calmar a great place to work, live and visit.

If you have a complaint, concern or question, please call the complaint line at (780) 999-7181 or email me at ahareuther@calmar.ca

The Town of Calmar Community Peace Officer works with the local RCMP and other law enforcement agencies to ensure the best level of service for its residents.

If you have an emergency that requires immediate service from police, fire or ambulance, call 911.

Aaron Hareuther— Community Peace Officer

Holiday Garbage Collection Notice

PLEASE NOTE: Collections scheduled for Thursday, December 25, 2014 are being pushed to SATURDAY, December 27, 2014. Collections scheduled for Thursday, January 1, 2015 are being pushed to SATURDAY, January 3, 2015.

CALMAR PUBLIC LIBRARY

4705 - 50 Avenue/Phone: 780.985.3472

or visit our webpage @ www.calmarpubliclibrary.ca

Hours of Operation

Monday: 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Tuesday: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday: 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Thursday: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Cookbook Club

Third Monday of the Month
Join us for delicious fun!
Contact the Library for Details
and to Join the Group.

**Calmar
AB**



New Years Eve

~NYE~
Masquerade Party

DJ

NO COVER

BRING MASK (OR SOLD AT DOOR)

DEC 31~14 9:00PM

Skip's Sports Bar



Town of Calmar
Municipal Planning Commission
Public-At-Large Members Needed

The Town of Calmar is establishing a five (5) member Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) comprised of three (3) members of Town Council and two (2) members of the Public-At-Large. The purpose of the MPC is to advise and assist Town Council in regard to the planning of orderly development within the Town and act as the Development Authority for the Town where provided for in the Town of Calmar Land Use Bylaw.

The Town of Calmar invites written applications, from interested Calmar residents, requesting appointment to the Commission. Applicants should submit reasons for their interest in the two (2) vacancies and provide any relevant experience in the area of development.

If you have any questions in regard to the role and responsibilities of the Commission, please contact Director of Land Development Ed Melesko at 780-985-3604 ext 234 or email emelesko@calmar.ca. Applications can be delivered to the Town of Calmar at 4901-50 Avenue, mailed to Town of Calmar, Box 750, Calmar, AB. T0C 0V0 or emailed to Director Melesko at the above email address. Deadline for applications is Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Town of Calmar

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board



Public-At-Large Members Needed

The Town of Calmar is establishing a five (5) member Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) comprised of two (2) members of Town Council and three (3) members of the Public-At-Large. The purpose of the SDAB is to hear and rule on appeals of decisions of the Development Officer, Municipal Planning Commission or Town Council in regard to the approval or denial of development or subdivision applications within the Town.

The Town of Calmar invites written applications, from interested Calmar residents, requesting appointment to the Board. Applicants should submit reasons for their interest in the three (3) vacancies and provide any relevant experience in the area of development.

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Christmas Lights Competition 2014

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Judging based on:

ORIGINALITY, DESIGN and MAINTENANCE

No Registration Required

Only Properties with their lights on will be judged!

JUDGING on DECEMBER 19, 2014!

1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Prizes!

**Results will be announced during the
First Night 2015 Celebration**

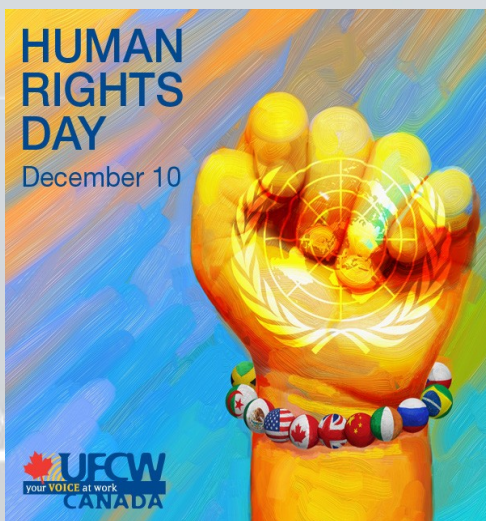
Contact: Leah Ofstedahl
Town of Calmar
lofstedahl@calmar.ca
(780) 985-3604 ext. 221



OPTIONS:

- \$100.00 Full Page
- \$75.00 Half Page
- \$50.00 Quarter Page
- \$25.00 Business Card

**COMMUNITY GROUPS ARE
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The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was drafted between January 1947 and December 1948. It aimed to form a basis for human rights all over the world and represented a significant change of direction from events during World War II and the continuing colonialism that was rife in the world at the time. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is considered the most translated document in modern history. It is available in more than 360 languages and new translations are still being added.

The UN General Assembly adopted and proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at the Palais de Chaillot in Paris, France, on the December 10, 1948. All states and interested organizations were invited to mark December 10 as Human Rights Day at a UN meeting on December 4, 1950. It was first observed on December 10 that year and has been observed each year on the same date. Each year Human Rights Day has a theme. Some of these themes have focused on people knowing their human rights or the importance of human rights education.

OPEN ACCESS YOUTH CLUB

Not just a place to be...a place to belong.



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Parents of Calmar Youth



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OPEN TUESDAYS—FRIDAYS

3:00-5:30pm

FRIDAYS

7:00pm—10:00pm*

**Check out the calendar for more detailed hours*

DIRECTOR:

SHANNON HUHTALA

Club Number: 780-985-0330

E-mail: OpenAccessYouth-

Club@gmail.com

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

We are closed the Evening of
December 19 through to January 12.

**Members Only
Christmas Traditions
& Potluck!
December 12
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

Grades 7 - 12

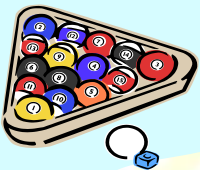
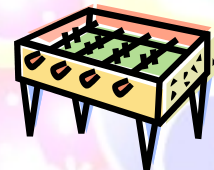
**Mature Gamer Night
December 5
7:00PM - 10:00 PM**

Join Us For:
Pool
Foosball
Board Games

Card Games
Video Games
Comradarie
Snacks Available



Bible Studies and
Prayer Group
Available for those interested.



December 31, 2014
Mike Karbonik Arena

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Fireworks @ 8:30

FIRST NIGHT 2015