



CALMAR CHRONICLE

December 2021

DECEMBER

*Please note the Office
will be closed December
24th, 27th & 28th for
Christmas*

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December 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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5	6 * Council Meeting 	7	8	9	10	11
						
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DID YOU KNOW...

- In the fall clean-up there was 25 truckloads of garbage weighing 45,894lbs, 2—1 ton loads of recycled electronics and there was 1 1/2 40ft bins filled with scrap metal



Mayor's Corner

Well, here it is December 2021 already, wow where has another year gone. December is a time of reflection and giving as we all get excited about the holiday season.

I would like to start by reflecting on our municipal election. I would like to thank Wally Yachimetz and Terry Balaban for their endless support to our great community over the years they have served us as Mayor and Council. I also want to thank the community for their support of the newly elected Council. Let's not forget to thank administration for all the hours spent in preparing for the election and referendum questions.

Covid has not been an easy pandemic to navigate our way through as we continually meet changes in its landscape with the change of every season. I want to thank everyone for working together as we continue to adapt to new government protocols and mandates.

I want to thank all of the town administration and staff for the hard work and endless energy they pour into our community to continue to make Calmar a great place to call home.

The holiday season is not about the gifts given or received, but about the care, compassion and community we are all a part of. I urge everyone to find a way to express your own personal touch to the holiday season. Whether that be by decorating for the season indoor and/or outdoor, volunteering for seasonal events, donate items of need to the food bank, to the seniors, to those that have fallen on hard times and just need a helping hand or simply just lending an ear and or a shoulder to someone that may need it.

The new year will be upon us quickly and with that in mind I would like to remind everyone of Calmar's First Night Celebration at the Mike Karbonik Arena on December 31, check the website for information. I also urge everyone to be safe during your holiday celebrations.

Sincerely Yours

Sean Carnahan, Mayor

Calmar a great place to call Home



**ENFORCEMENT SERVICES
DECEMBER EDITION**

MARKET ON MAIN:

I attended the first indoor Market on Main. Although it was a different ambiance, it had the all the same quality products managed by quality vendors. I hope to meet more of the residence and visitors at this venue in the future. Please feel free to approach me at this or any other time to discuss concerns or questions you may have.

SCHOOL IS BACK IN:

Nice to meet the new students attending our schools. I look forward to interactions with the parents as they pick up their children, or interactions with the high school kids as they leave or enter the high school parking lot.

GOVERNEMENT RESTRICTIONS:

Be aware that government restrictions can change by the day, week, or month. If you are unsure of the restrictions, go to the <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page16944.aspx>.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT CALENDER:

ZERO TOLERANCE OPERATIONS:

December 3, 2021, approximately 6:00 PM HOURS:

Speed Enforcement both directions, Highway 39 x Westview Drive.

December 4, 2021 approximately 8:00 PM HOURS:

Document check, License, Registration, Insurance – Westbound Highway 39 x 47 STREET.

December 12, 2021, approximately 1:00 PM HOURS

Speed enforcement, both directions, Highway 39 x 47 street.

December 18, 2021, approximately 9:00 PM HOURS:

Document check, License, Registration, Insurance – Westbound Highway 39 x 50 STREET.

CLOSING STATEMENT:

Christmas season is fast approaching, and I would like to remind all, of the dangers during this season, (and all others) of driving impaired. Please don't be responsible for taking memories of loved ones and family members, by choosing to drive your vehicle while impaired. If anyone needs alternative transportation, please call a cab, a friend, a co-worker, a family member, or search the ride share options in your area. It's been a tough couple of years, and no one wants to add trauma to a family unnecessarily.

I hope everyone has a safe, healthy, and enjoyable Christmas season.

Stay safe.

**CALMAR ENFORCMENT
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**December 2021
Recreation Department**

Christmas Craft Fair – the Christmas Craft Fair presented by 840 CFCW was a resounding success. Thanks to favourable weather conditions, over 600 shoppers graced the event, leaving the vendors, the shoppers, and 840 CFCW all pleased as punch by the outcome. Thanks to the Legion, 840 CFCW, Michelle, Taylor and Tracy from FCSS, and Public Works for all of their assistance in making this year's craft fair a smashing success.

First Night – IF Covid guidelines allow it, we will try to have a normal event that will include indoor public skating, free hot chocolate and hot dogs, and hopefully some kids' entertainment but right now that is all a big question mark. For example, we might be able to do the skating, but the hot chocolate and hot dogs may have to be served outdoors. But no matter what, unless the Province shuts us down completely, there will be hotdogs and, hot chocolate somewhere, and fireworks. When details are finalized, we'll let you know.

Snowman Contest – For kids and families alike, please remember the snowman contest is back for another year!! Sometime between now and Friday 17 December submit a photo of your snowman to bking@calmar.ca and you could be announced as a prize winner! Please note that submission of a photo is also implied consent for the Town to use names and photos for promotional purposes.

Xmas Lights Contest – Here's a contest for the grown-ups!!! Just like the snowman contest, submit a photo of your home between now and Friday 17 December to bking@calmar.ca and you could be one of our winners! Please note that submission of a photo is also implied consent for the Town to use names, addresses, and photos for promotional purposes.

Recreation Board - The Recreation Board is going through more changes and as a result, we have some volunteer opportunities once again. If anyone is interested in joining the Recreation Board, we are looking for both regular community members as well as members from recreation groups. Anyone who is interested in joining the Recreation Board can contact me at bking@calmar.ca or via phone at 780-985-3604 ext. 224 for more information.

Why Composting? - At the COP26 in November our government pledged to reduce the amount of methane produced by our country. This is where composting can prove a tremendous benefit.

One of the benefits of keeping compostable food out of landfills is that it reduces landfill methane – a greenhouse gas that is 72% more powerful than carbon dioxide.

Methane is a gas that is produced in a landfill because the things in the landfill undergo anaerobic decomposition. Basically, this means that because municipal solid waste that is buried in a landfill does not receive oxygen, it will produce methane.

A compost pile, on the other hand, undergoes aerobic decomposition. Because it is exposed to oxygen, either by turning it or through the use of worms and other living organisms, it produces CO₂ (carbon dioxide) instead of methane.

Of course, not all compost piles are treated the same, so some attention needs to be paid to the compost pile to so that it receives the oxygen that it needs. But, if a compost pile is being taken care of properly, it will produce far less methane than a landfill.

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What's Happening at the Calmar Public Library

DECEMBER 2021



HO! HO! HO!

WOW! Can you believe it is Christmas already?! I feel the patter of little feet chasing me into the season as I have so much to do! I hope you're better organized than I am.

Below are our Christmas hours, come in early to stock up on your reading and viewing material!

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

11:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

Wednesday

11:00 AM TO 8:00 PM

Holiday Hours...



CLOSED

Thursday, December 24th

Monday, December 27th

Monday, January 3rd, 2022

LIBRARY CARD

Need a library card? Not a problem! Email circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca or call 780.985.3472 and one of our helpful staff will be happy to set that up for you.

Curbside Pick Up

We are still offering Curbside pickup for those patrons that do not feel comfortable coming into the Library. Contact the library at circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca or call 780.985.3472 to book your **Curbside** appointment!



Take & Make Kits

Not too hard to know that this month's theme for our **Take & Make kits** is Christmas! Kits are available for Pre-K, Tween, and Teens, and some may require adult supervision for the younger ones. Supplies are limited, so we suggest you reserve your kits as soon as possible. Pick up is available through our curbside service, or you can drop by and pick them up during our hours of operation. We would love it if you sent us a picture of your finished project to circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca. (all kits have instructions included.) When making requests please include number of kits and which kits. We cannot reserve kits without this information.

To reserve kits: Call 780.985.3472 or Email circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca

Teen Time – Kit release date: Monday, December 6th

Glitter Christmas Ornament



You can never have enough glitter and glitter is what you will need to complete this beautiful Christmas ornament. This kit will get you into the Christmas season. The challenge is, can you make it as good as Martha Stewart did? That's right, Martha Stewart! Don't forget to send us a picture of your finished masterpiece! The Teen Time Take & Make kits are available for pick up starting Monday, December 6th.

Tween Time – Kit release date: Monday, December 13th

Paper Strip Christmas Ornament



Here is a fun project to get into the Christmas spirit! We will make sure you have all the necessary items to complete this project so you can start decorating for Christmas! Teen Time Take & Make Kit will be available starting Monday, December 13th.

Pre-K – Kit release date: Monday, December 20th Gingerbread String Ornament



This month's kit is all about the Gingerbread Man, but don't eat this one! This kit includes everything you need to make your own gingerbread cardboard cookie ornament and even better if you take the story out and read it together. The release date will be Monday, December 20th.

In-Person Program

Christmas Fun!

Wednesday, December 8th 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Calmar Seniors Centre @ 4916 – 50 Street



Christmas time is fast approaching and what better way to get in the Christmas spirit than by spending time with family while doing Christmas crafts and activities. All participants are to be accompanied by a parent/caregiver. This program is in partnership with Leduc County

Resource Network. Registration is through Leduc Resource Centre at 780.979.2385 or email frn@leduc-county.com

Kits over the Holidays

During the holiday school break we thought it would be a good idea to keep busy with some “kits over the holidays”. Two weeks of holidays mean two weeks of fun!



December 20- 23: Christmas Scene in a Jar



December 27 – 30: Confetti Popper Rockets for New Years!

Facebook Connection



Follow us on Facebook to see what mischief our visiting elf will be up to!

2022 CALMAR LIBRARY WRITING CONTEST



New Year and New Ideas!

This year we are running the contest in recognition of Family Literacy Day on January 27th, 2022. Entries will be accepted from January 1st to January 31st at 4:00 pm. Rules will be on the Calmar Public Library website or come into the library.

Did You Know?

During the Christmas season each year more than 1.76 billion candy canes are made! That's a lot of candy canes!

New Items at the Library

Below are a few of the new items that we have added to our collection. Contact the library at 780.985.347 or www.calmarpubliclibrary.ca to reserve your copy today.

ADULT FICTION



ADULT NON-FICTION



YOUNG ADULT



JR. BOOKS



DVD'S



PICTURE/BOARD BOOKS



As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 780.985.3472.

To keep up-to-date on information regarding the library please go to one of the resources below:

- Follow us on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/calmarlibrary>
- Follow us on YouTube @ https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU_34ttDgZU1zpV3WE5fWDA
- Go to our website @ <https://calmarpubliclibrary.ca/>
- E-mail us at: circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca
- Phone: 780.985.3472

I find Christmas to be a special time of year and the perfect time to count our many blessings and give thanks for what we have. Christmas is also the time to visit with family and friends while enjoying the festivities of the season. Over the last couple of years, with our changing world, I have become more aware that it is important to enjoy the moment, as it will never be repeated. I also feel, with our changing world, that we all need to be a little kinder and gentler to ourselves and others, I know I'm pledging to be.


On behalf of the Library Board Members, Library Staff, and myself, we want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2022

Until next time....

Susan Parkinson
Director of Public Library Services



Calmar & District Christmas Elves



Calmar's Generosity is Remarkable. Scan and find out how you can donate this holiday season.



We know just how important it is to connect with community and to support one another especially during the holiday season.

Whether you are interested in Sponsoring a Family, donating a child's **Gift for Good** or contributing a critical food gift card this year your support is greatly appreciated.

You will find donation bins and Gifts for good trees throughout Calmar & District.

The Calmar & District Christmas Elves Program encourages those who would like to support their community members to reach out to your local Community Services Programmer to learn more about how you can help this holiday season.

T:780.985.3191
E:thomas@calmar.ca



**Do your friends naturally turn to you for support?
If so, this might be the program for you!**

The Community Helpers Program offers training and support to strengthen the natural abilities of young people in their helping role with their peers. Helpers will learn and develop a variety of skills including effective communication, self-care, coping with stress, knowing when to refer peers to professional support services, handling crisis situation and suicide awareness.

The program will also connect helpers to community and professional support services.

Free to attend! Open to youth grades 9–12

Location: Virtual

Dates: Dec. 3, 2021 | 12–4 p.m.

Registration is required, email FRN@leduc.ca

CALMAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS!!

Calmar Elementary School has a big goal of building an additional playground structure. This new playground will be accessible to school students and community members. It will include some wheelchair ramps and sensory structures to be inclusive to all. As these structures are not cheap, reaching upwards to \$280,000, we will be reaching out to the community for some helpful donations in reaching this goal.

We will have a pamphlet out in the near future with a probable playground structure and some more details.

We will be canvassing the community for some donations towards our goal. Sponsorship levels will be as follows:

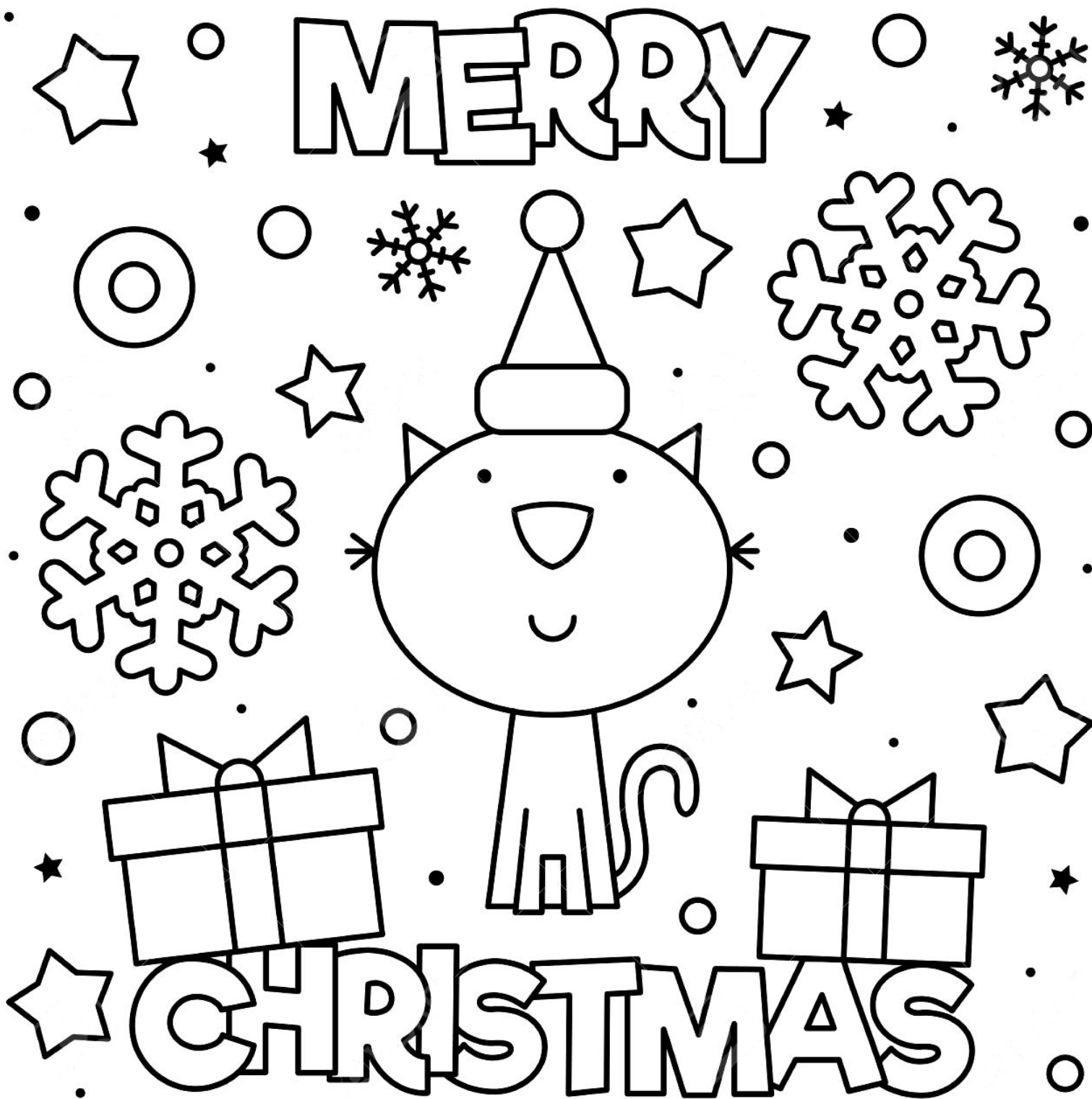
Platinum - \$10,000+
Gold - \$5,000-\$9,999
Silver - \$ 2,500-\$4,999
Bronze - \$499-\$2,499
Sponsor - up to \$499

How your donation will be displayed will be in the pamphlet but there will be recognition for all sponsorship levels.

If you would like to help us out by making a donation please contact:

Kara @ ces.playground7@gmail.com

Or call the school @ 780-985-2228



NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

Turn in to the Town Office (4901—50 Avenue) by December 17th, 2021 to be entered into a prize draw!

WINNER TO BE CHOSEN AT RANDOM

Christmas Word Search



CANDY CANE
CAROLS
CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER
ELVES
GINGERBREAD
JINGLE

HOLLY
LIGHTS
MERRY
NORTH POLE
ORNAMENTS
PRESENTS
REINDEER

SANTA
SLEIGH
STOCKING
TREE
WINTER
WREATH



NewsLetter DEADLine 15th of the month!


Calmar Pharmacy Ltd

Family owned and operated
since 1977

5002 - 50 Ave, Calmar AB T0C 0V0
Front Store: 780.985.3142
Pharmacy: 780.985.3121
Website: www.calmarpharmacy.com

Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday	9:00AM-7:00PM
Saturday	9:00AM-5:00PM
Sundays & Holidays:	11:00AM-5:00PM



CALMAR FAS GAS
CONVENIENCE STORE - LIQUOR STORE - CARWASH

Darrin & Kathy Mills
5001 - 50 Ave. P.O. Box 1200
Calmar, AB. T0C 0V0
email - dkmills_123@hotmail.com

Conv. Store 780-985-7224
Liquor Store 780-985-3334
Fax 780-985-3334

OPTIONS:

\$100.00 Full Page \$75.00 Half Page
\$50.00 Quarter Page \$25.00 Business Card
COMMUNITY GROUPS ARE FREE!

Phone: 780.985.3604 ext. 232 Fax: 780.985.3039
Email: hbryans@calmar.ca

Please contact the Town Office with any inquiries. When requesting an ad please submit it in an electronic format which is print ready. **All ads must be paid for at the time of submission.** Calmar Community groups are free. A full list can be found on our website: www.calmar.ca/newsletter/

Starting a Home Based Business?

Did you know that you may require a Development Permit and possibly other approvals if you are going to change the existing use of your building?

Also, you are required to obtain a Business License.

Please contact Ruth Sider, Development Officer, at rsider@calmar.ca or 780-985-3604 ext. 233.

Property Taxes

The Town offers a penalty free payment plan specially for Tax Accounts. (TIPS)

You can sign up anytime through out the year! (You will need to pay up front for the months that have already passed, to stay caught up).

All you need is a signed Pre-Authorized Debit form and a VOID Cheque/Direct Deposit form from your bank.

No missed due dates and penalties, no need to renew every year. Just an automatic withdrawal from your account once a month.

~The payment is calculated based on your most current levy~

If you are interested in joining, contact Heather @ hbryans@calmar.ca or 780-985-3604 ext. 232.

PUBLIC WORKS ON CALL
780-446-7319

PUBLIC WORKS SHOP
780-985-2121

**COMMUNITY PEACE
OFFICER**
780-999-7181

EMERGENCY
911

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Held virtually @ 7p.m., watch
FB and website for details.

1st and 3rd Mondays each
month (except January, July
& August).