

CALMAR



CHRONICLE

May 2021



*Please be advised the
Town Office will be
closed May 24th for
Victoria Day.*

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With COVID-19 still present, the Town Office is following AHS Provincial Regulations and limiting staff and residents within the office. To ensure the health and welfare of both our residents and staff the office will be open during the following times:

Monday—Friday 9:00 am — 4:30pm

Please ring the doorbell for assistance, or call to make an appointment. Please note, only one person will be allowed in the office at a time.

If you require any other assistance, please call 780-985-3604 or visit www.calmar.ca to get a list of staff email addresses.

PLEASE BE ADVISED AS PER PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS MASKS ARE MANDATORY IN THE TOWN OFFICE

The Office will be closed for lunch between 12:30pm—1:00pm.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in these unprecedented times.



Mayor's Corner

With spring's arrival comes the clean-up of our community, the planting of flowers and beautifying our Town. Our Communities in Bloom volunteers will be hard at work in the next month and are always looking for a helping hand. You need not have a green thumb just a little time to spare; consider contacting the group to help make our town a beautiful place to call home.

Volunteer Appreciation Week took place on April 18th to 24th and was different again this year because of Covid 19. A big thank you to Taylor Thomas for working on a virtual Volunteer Appreciation event, it was a big success. Thank you to all our dedicated and much appreciated volunteers! Volunteers are the heart of our community and are always needed. If you have some free time and would like to help, please contact the Town Office for a list of organizations looking for volunteers.

We have a couple new businesses in our Community to welcome and I encourage everyone to check them out. Welcome to the Trykaysa Clothing store, Country Cannabis Store and Hayduk's Lumber Store. I would also like to thank all of our community businesses for their hard work supplying services to our residents during this last year while dealing with Covid 19. My prayer is that we will be able to get back to some normalcy very soon, so let's all continue to support local business in our community.

It is with sadness that I announce Councilor Keith Froese has resigned his position on Council for personal reasons. I would like to thank Keith for his hard work and dedication on Council. It was a pleasure to work with him. On behalf of myself and Council, we wish Keith and his family all the best in the future! The Town will not be replacing Keith's position on council as there is only six months left until the next election in October.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or any of the Councilors. I can be reached at wychimetz@calmar.ca or call me at (780) 722-4147. You can address all of Council between 6:30 and 7:00 pm before the council meetings held on the first and third Mondays of the Month.

We have so much to be proud of in our Community!

LET'S MAKE CALMAR, THE BEST CALMAR IT CAN BE!

Mayor Wally Yachimetz



FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to the Duffields, winners of the March Homecoming Costume contest. Congratulations also to the Writing Contest winners (please see the Public Library section of the Chronicle). While recent government decisions mean there are still many questions for special events this year, work on the second volume of *Pioneers in Progress* as well as the Historic Walking Tour continues so please send your submissions in as soon as you can.



Just a reminder there are still vacancies on the Recreation Board. If you would like to help advise on recreation in our community, we still require an At Large member as well as a member representing one of our recreation groups (adult or youth). To apply, just submit an email expressing your desire to join the Board as well attaching a copy of your resume to bking@calmar.ca.

And speaking of Boards, the Town and the Calmar Public Library wishes to establish a Youth Advisory Council for youth ages 12 – 18. More information to follow as things develop.

And now, some facts about composting:

Composting dates back 12,000 years. Composting is nothing new – archaeological evidence suggests that composting has been in progress since Neolithic (the last part of the Stone Age) times. These early farmers probably didn't bother spreading the compost either – researchers believe they constructed the piles on the growing land and then ran their light ploughs straight through them. Compost can reach 75C in a few days!. All that heat means compost can – and has been – used for cooking (usually after being well wrapped in silver foil!) There are even some high end restaurants that are experimenting with compost cooking!

High tech solutions are being developed to capture carbon and reduce the impact of human activity on the environment. But composting is a relatively low tech way of achieving the same thing according to studies on sequestering carbon. As methane emissions count for around 10% of greenhouse emissions in the US alone, simply ensuring household waste alone is composted could become a serious tool in the battle to save our planet.

PEACE OFFICER CORNER

Good Day Town of Calmar...

Well, the sun is shining warmer, vaccines are rolling out, the roads are busier, and kids are still in school. I look at that as a good sign.

First, I would like to thank those who have already started their yard clean up. It makes a big difference when you drive thru our town and yards are trimmed and clean. It tells visitors we care about our community.

Second, I would like to thank those ATV riders who have stopped and inquired about safe driving areas, rules, laws, regulations. That definitely speaks about our responsible riders who are just looking to head out and enjoy what limited activity we have left.

Third, cat related complaints have dropped substantially. Thank you to the cat owner community for respecting your neighbours and the rules around cat ownership.

Fourth, I would like to thank our businesses for staying open and dealing with tough restrictions that I'm sure have caused many issues with business reduction, or a sounding board for complaints. I suggest the next time we go into a Calmar business, we thank them for staying open and allowing us the opportunity to stay close to home to meet whatever need brought us there. Those workers are not getting enough credit for the work they are doing during the tough times we are in.

Fifth, I would like to recognize the pockets of our community who gather in a social distant manner, watching their kids enjoy their play time, while the adults get a chance to socialize out of the house. It's nice to see how we form great relationships that make our community attractive to visitors who take part in these gatherings, and comply with the gathering restrictions.

Sixth, to the walkers, joggers, and other citizens who are out exercising day and evening. Good for you. I know the town wants to provide opportunity and places for those who have an active lifestyle to keep in shape.

Seven, a thank you to our kids in the schools. The best part of my job is interacting with the kids in town. They are our future leaders, (and responsible for contributing to our pensions so we can retire), our future decision makers, and the ones who will reflect the values that we have given them. I was crossing the kids at the elementary school and saw a first grader carrying a picture he had drawn with pride. I wanted to share in his enthusiasm so I said, "Wow!!! That's a great picture of a turtle!!!" His smile turned to a frown, his shoulders shrugged down, and he said "It's a truck 😞!! Hoping for redemption and a chance to show the kids how cool I am as an adult, the following day I saw a little girl skipping across the road as I stopped traffic. I noticed her backpack and wanting to be that cool adult, I said, "That's an awesome Barbie backpack, you're so lucky your parents bought it for you!!". She looked back in disgust at my statement and said, "It's not Barbie!!, its Elsa!!" Epic fail number two. Put in my place of how uncool I am by a 6yr old! In my defense, it did look like Barbie, and if she wasn't so Elsa hardcore I may have challenged her on it, but then I would have lost that battle as well, so I did my best to recover and said, "Ya... Ya... I knew that!". She looked at me again with that female eye stare down of, "you're full of it!" Man that stare starts young for girls!

So I'm going to end this session of my corner with these words. Let's keep a positive vibe going thru town. Lets make our town a clean town, active town, respectful town, proud town, and show those who visit our community, why Calmar is such a great place to live or work.

Play safe, enjoy your family and friends, stay healthy, and we will all look back when this is over and have some great stories to share.

Regards,

OFFICER LEGGIO

PUBLIC FEEDBACK WANTED

The Town of Calmar is currently looking to engage the public to see if there is an interest in Community Garden space. The areas would have a low end rental rate, and the Town will endeavor to ensure water would be supplied to the area via hydrants or tanks.

What we need to know...

- ⇒ Are you interested (or opposed) to a community garden?
- ⇒ Would you like to have raised or ground level beds?
 - ⇒ How big would you like the plots to be?
- ⇒ What would you consider to be a reasonable cost?

Please submit your feedback, or any other suggestions or questions, to Byron King at bking@calmar.ca or call 780-985-3604 x 224.



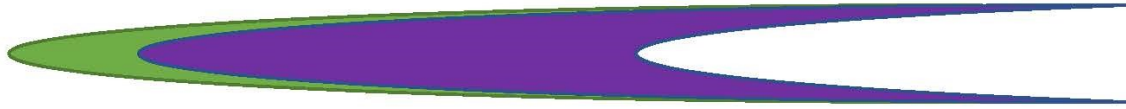
The Town of Calmar logo, featuring a stylized grey arrow pointing right, followed by the text "THE TOWN OF CALMAR" in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the logo, the text "DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM" is displayed in a smaller, all-caps, sans-serif font. To the left of the logo and text are three small, square images: the top one shows a close-up of a textured surface, the middle one shows a modern living room interior with a fireplace and large windows, and the bottom one is a solid dark grey square.

A three year development incentive grant program has been established for new development projects. This is a two part grant available to both the land owner/developer and the home/building owner who are eligible to apply separately for the grant. Applicants can apply for a one-time, single project grant.

Learn more about the grant program and how you can qualify to apply by visiting www.calmar.ca or by contacting Michelle Levasseur at mlevasseur@calmar.ca.

What's Happening at the Calmar Public Library

MAY 2021



My opening was going to be "It has been great being open and seeing patrons back at the library"....but as you know, that was short lived. As announced on April 6, 2021, the province has rolled back to Phase I in the lockdown, resulting in Libraries being closed to the public. Although you can't stop in, we continue to offer many of our services:

HOURS - CURBSIDE ONLY

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday
11:30 am TO 4:30 PM
Wednesday
10:00 AM TO 7:30 PM

Don't forget to utilize our **Reading Bag Service** and all the eResources that continue to be offered. Email us at circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca to organize your reading bag and call 780.985.3472 to organize a curbside pickup date and time.

LIBRARY CARD

Do you have a 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.

Reading Bag Service for everyone!



With no access to the physical collection to browse through the stacks, let us do it for you! The Library offers a service picking out books for **everyone!** Send the library your request. If it is for the younger members of your family, we ask that you give us the age of your children, reading level, and what types of books they like. For adults, let us know what genres and authors you like. We will do the rest! We will pick out items for you and let you know when they are ready for pick-up. All you have to do is pick up your package. Easy

Peezie. Contact the library at circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca or call 780.985.3472 to book your **Reading Bag** today!

Program Kits

For the month of May our **Take-and-Make kits** are available for Pre-K, Tween, and Teens. Due to Mother's Day on May 9th we will be releasing all kits the first week of May so that everyone has an opportunity to make their craft and give it as a gift to Mom, (or keep it yourself)! Supplies are very limited, so it is suggested that you reserve your kit as soon as possible. Pick up is through our curbside service. Most of the kits also have videos that

show you how to make the project. We would love it if you would send us a picture of your finished project to circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca for everyone to enjoy! (Please note, some of the kits do not have an accompanying video) Instructions will also be in each of the kits.

Teen Time – Kit release date: Monday, May 3rd

Mother's Day Mug



Decorate the supplied mug with your unique design, wrap it up and give it to mom for Mother's day. I bet she'll use it every day! Too good to give away? Keep it for yourself! Kits are available for pick up starting Monday, May 3rd. Instruction video will be released Thursday, May 6th. Call to reserve your kit today before they are gone. 780.985.3472.

Tween Time – Kit release date: Monday, May 3rd

Mother's Day Mug



Mother's Day gifts don't have to cost lots of money, and moms love getting handmade gifts from their kids! Get your creative juices flowing while you enjoy making this personalized mug. The kits are available starting Monday, May 3rd until they are gone, and the instruction video will be released on Thursday, May 6th. You don't want to miss this one. Call to reserve yours today!

Pre-K – Kit release date: Monday, May 3rd

Foam Handprint Bookmark



With Mother's Day this month what better gift to give mom than a bookmark of you! These foam handprints make perfect bookmarks that mom is going to use for many books to come. The kit will be released on Monday, May 3rd and will come with everything you need to make this "hand" some gift! Limited supplies are available, so reserve yours today.

Did you know?

There are 4 principles for equitable access to public library resources that the Alberta Government supports.

- **Access** – Regardless of economic, social or geographic circumstances, all Albertan's have an equal right to access library resources.
- **Accountability** – It is the responsibility to the Provincial and Municipal governments for maintaining healthy public library services. Library boards are accountable to the citizens and funding authorities.
- **Quality Service** – The most efficient means of providing access to information is through cooperation with library systems.
- **Funding** – Library funding is provided by local and provincial tax dollars.



On behalf of our sponsor Zip Galleries, our partners the Calmar Homecoming Committee, and the judges who worked hard at coming to a difficult decision, we are ready to announce the winners of the Calmar Writing Contest! Drum roll please...

ADULT SHORT STORY

1st Place: Kim Senio
2nd Place: Andy Stephen

ADULT POETRY

1st Place: Lee-Anne Peel

YOUTH POETRY

1st Place: Brianna Wipf

During normal times we would invite the winners, family and friends to a celebration and have readings of the participants work, unfortunately, not this year. This year the Calmar Public Library has put together a virtual “book” of all the winners. This book will be available on the Calmar Public Library and Town of Calmar webpages. This will give an opportunity for the residents of Calmar and surrounding area to read and enjoy all the winning entries. Fingers crossed that sometime in the summer we will be able to have a celebration all together.

New Items at the Library

Below are a few of the many 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



PICTURE AND BOARD BOOKS



DVD'S



As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 780.985.3472. We are happy to help patrons make the transition to our new norm. We look forward to seeing everyone, though we ask that patrons who are immune-compromised or otherwise susceptible to COVID-19 infection not take out items from the library or enter the library. Remember we are still here to serve you! Don't forget to watch our Facebook page for our updates.

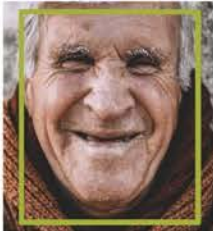
To keep up-to-date on information regarding the library please go to one of the resources below:



- 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

Until next time, Stay safe....

Susan Parkinson
Director of Public Library Services



Do you want to help shape your community?

Join the Calmar Community Services Master Plan Committee by May 30th, 2021

Forward your letter of interest and resume to Taylor Thomas, Community Services

Programmer Via email: TThomas@calmar.ca

Or

Mail: PO Box 750, 4901 - 50 Avenue, Calmar AB, T0C 0V0

Human beings are like books: they contain stories and wisdom far beyond their covers or outward appearances. This session will feature Tyler Smith - public speaker, mental health advocate, Humboldt Broncos crash survivor and former Leduc resident - as well as three other individuals who have something to share about mental health and overcoming life's challenges.

There is a lot of stigma in our society around mental and emotional struggles and the cultural message is often to ignore feelings, push through hardship, be strong and just 'move on.' But human beings are sensitive and life comes with its ups and downs. It's time to open up conversations about mental health and normalize human vulnerability.

This program is open to residents of Calmar, Thorsby, Warburg, New Sarepta and rural Leduc County.

- ▶ **Date:** Wednesday, May 5
- ▶ **Time:** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- ▶ **Technology needed:** participants will require internet access by computer, laptop or smartphone.
- ▶ **Register:** please register by contacting Eugena at [780-955-6421](tel:780-955-6421) or eugena@leduc-county.com.



CYBERWORLD WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOUTH PRESS SEND?

May 5 2021 / 6pm / On Zoom!

WELCOME TO CYBERWORLD. THIS PRESENTATION IS NOT FOR THE FAINT AT HEART! IN FACT, WE ACTUALLY CONSIDER THIS PRESENTATION R RATED. SIMPLY DUE TO SOME OF THE CONTENT WITHIN IT. WE TALK ABOUT A LOT OF TOUGH STUFF INCLUDING ONLINE STREAMING, APPS, PORNOGRAPHY, GAMING, AND ALL THE OTHER STUFF THAT OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH ARE NAVIGATING THESE DAYS. DEFINITELY TIME WELL SPENT. WE THINK!

Leduc County Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) spring programs



Online and telephone programs

Leduc County FCSS is hosting a number of online and telephone programs this spring. Participation requires internet access by computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone. Some of the programs are also available by telephone.

If you don't have access to the necessary technology, contact us for access to resources that could help! For more information, call 780-979-2385. A complete listing of all workshops is available online at leduc-county.com/community-family. Please note, the programs are open to residents of Leduc County, Calmar, Thorsby, Warburg and New Sarepta.

Available workshops include, but are not limited to:

Parenting workshops	Mental health workshops	Sessions for seniors and older adults
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co-parenting for success• Making sense of aggression	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Living library: unpacking mental health• Understanding and healing the roots of anxiety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What to know: conversations with your doctor as you age• 2021 Seniors Appreciation Week entertainment



MAY HOMECOMING 125 EVENT

SUNFLOWERS & BICYCLES

Bicycle your way to downtown where you will receive a complimentary pack of sunflowers seeds, learn how to plant and care for sunflowers and try your luck by entering the backyard sunflower contest.

Event details and contest rules can be found at www.calmar.ca



Brought to you by Communities in Bloom (Calmar) and the Heritage Committee.

TOWN OF CALMAR
**COMMUNITY
VITALIZATION PLAN**



Final Community Vitalization Plan

The Community Vitalization Plan will guide future changes along downtown's main street, 50 Avenue (Highway 39).

Thank you to all for your ongoing interest in the project.

The feedback you shared over the past few months has been used to refine the design options and to make recommendations for the final Community Vitalization Plan.

The **Phase 2 Public Engagement Outcomes Summary Report** is available on the Town of Calmar website.

Watch for more project updates, opportunities to see the final plan and be involved in the project, coming in May!

For more information, visit:

www.calmar.ca/cvp



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EXCITEMENT

Let's Get Fundraising!



For What?

School facility equipment & outdoor learning supplies.

How?

NHCSA with NHCS PTA will be running various campaigns from May - August 2021! Possibilities range from raffles & auctions to a build the future campaign!

Dig In!

Follow our social media pages to find out how you can get involved & have a chance to win some amazing prizes!

Give!

Want to donate directly to the school, or have a business interested in becoming a Program Sponsor Partner? Email Us!

Discover Us @

🌐 <http://newhumblecg.wixsite.com/website>

f <http://www.facebook.com/pg/NewHumbleCommunitySchool>

📷 <http://www.instagram.com/new.humble.community.school/>

📍 48469 AB-795, Calmar, AB T0C 0V0

DID YOU KNOW...

Discover Leduc Region, which shares information about regional activities, events and destinations

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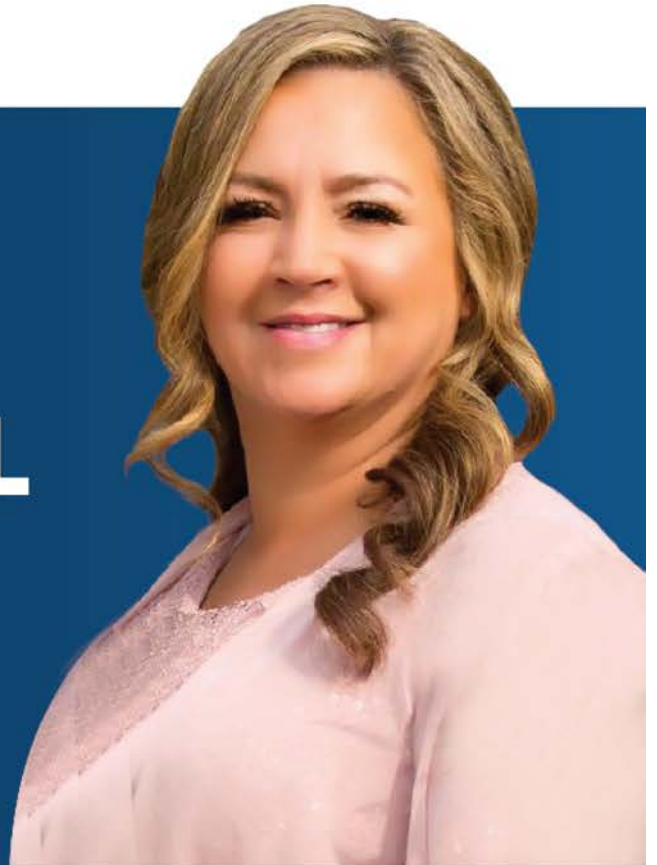
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Starting a Home Based Business?

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 paper 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.




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 Fax 780-985-3334

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PUBLIC WORKS SHOP
 780-985-2121

COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER
 780-999-7181

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

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