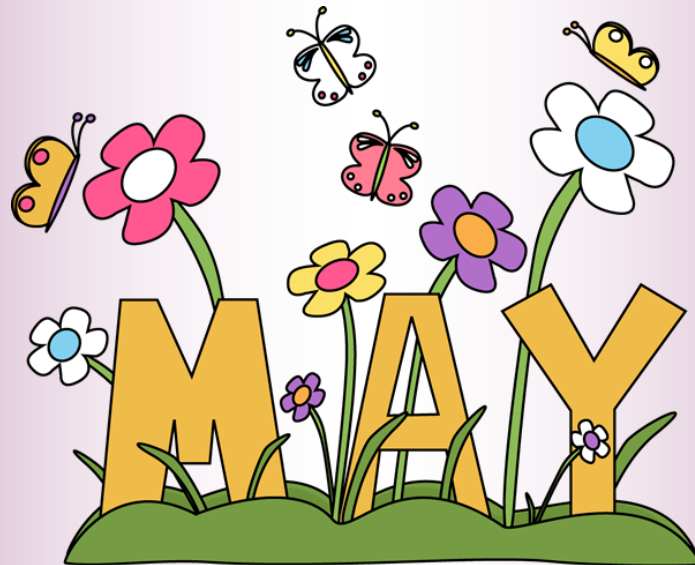


# CALMAR



# CHRONICLE

## MAY 2020








*Please note the office  
will be closed May 18th  
for Victoria Day*

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Closed from 12:30 p.m.—1:00 p.m. for lunch  
Website: [www.calmar.ca](http://www.calmar.ca) Email [info@calmar.ca](mailto:info@calmar.ca)

# May 2020

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3	4 * Council Meeting	5	6	7	8	9
10 *Mother's Day		12	13	14	15	16
						
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## COLOURING CONTEST WINNERS!!!

**Congratulations to the following:**

Chloe R. — 4-7 age category

Lacey B. — 8-12 age category

Chloe J. — 12-17 age category

Tara-Lynn B. — 18+ age category

## DID YOU KNOW...

- ♦ In any single year, no other month begins or ends on the same day of the week as May,



PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE SPRING CLEAN UP HAS BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19. PLEASE WATCH THE CHRONICLE, FACEBOOK AND OUR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER UPDATES!

## MAYOR'S CORNER

Faith leads to hope and hope leads to all things possible...

I have always been proud of where I live. Today I can say I have never been prouder of my community and the people who reside here. I want to thank all of you who have reached out to your neighbours or perhaps people you may not even know, to offer gifts of help regardless of how big or small while practising self-isolation to flatten the curve.

Thank you to all our business people who have remained open as an essential service to our Community. The owners and their employees risk their own well-being to ensure the rest of us have food to eat, groceries on our table, needed prescriptions, fuel for our vehicles and the list goes on and on.

Please, if you or someone you know is having a hard time... reach out to someone... anyone to get them the help they need. We are all in this together and we are better and stronger together.

The Town Office is open for business but not physically open to the public. You can call the Town office at 780 985-3604. We are presently dealing with water run off issues with the quick melt over the past couple of days.

Along with the thaw comes garbage in our yards, fields and streets. I would like to ask everyone to please help partner with the Town and pitch in where you can to pick up garbage blowing around your area and put it in the trash. In these times where it feels we have little control in our lives, we can still affect the areas around us and keep our Town tidy.

Council and the Recreation Board is working on the long-term Recreation Master Plan. Your input is greatly needed and appreciated. You can contribute by filling in the survey in the Calmar Chronicle or the survey that will come in your water bill or going to the Town of Calmar website.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns please reach out to me at (780) 722-4147 or via email at [wyachimetz@calmar.ca](mailto:wychimetz@calmar.ca). I always look forward to hearing from you!

From my family, to yours, I wish you all a very happy May!

Wally Yachimetz



## PEACE OFFICER CORNER

Good-day to the Town of Calmar.

It's been trying times the last couple of months. Social distancing is the new norm, and will be for the foreseeable future. My message will be brief, but has a serious tone. To date, Calmar has no cases of COVID-19 to my knowledge. In order to keep it that way we all must do our part to follow Government and Municipal instruction. There are links on the Calmar website that cover everything from enforcement, guidelines, assistance, and information. It's my hope that these links will help residents of Calmar stay informed and up to date with whatever their needs are, assistance they may require, or questions they may have.

I need to stress what social distancing means;

- Walking closer than 2 metres with anyone not from your household – **IS NOT ALLOWED**

The simple question to ask yourself if you are complying with the laws; Am I, or my children, 2 metres away from anyone **NOT IN MY HOUSEHOLD**. If you answer yes, **ALL GOOD!** If you answer no, **YOU MAY RECEIVE A \$1000.00 FINE.**

Right now our town has been dodging a bullet. Don't be that person who relaxes social distancing, or doesn't care, and brings this killer virus to our town.

My final thought, use this time to realize what's important in our lives, our families and friends. It's stressful for everyone right now, but look into the eyes of those you care about and smile, because they are safe and healthy. Everything else we can replace or re-buy.

Stay safe, hug those you can who mean the most to you, working together we all **WILL** get through this.

Pasquale Leggio  
Community Peace Officer

### A Message to our Businesses and Residents:

Should you require a Safety Codes Permit, Development or Subdivision application during this time the permits are available on our website at [www.calmar.ca](http://www.calmar.ca) under the Town Hall tab then click permits. You can complete the forms and return them to our office by putting them through the after-hours mail slot or by email. Payment can be included with the applications or by calling your credit card information to Ruth Sider, Development Officer. Should you require any further information please feel free to contact Ruth at 780-985-3604 ext. 233 or [rsider@calmar.ca](mailto:rsider@calmar.ca).

# What's Happening at the Calmar Public Library

May 2020



Hello Everyone,

I want to start off by saying how much we miss you! We miss seeing your smiling faces and helping you to find just the right book to read. At this time, we continue to not know how long this closure will continue, though we are determined to do our part in ensuring people "stay home." This continues to be our way of helping to "flatten the curve".

While the Library remains closed, we are still here to serve you! Although we are unable to have patrons in the library and we are currently not offering curbside service, we are here to help you navigate our eResources. All you need is a library card. Don't have one? Go to the Calmar Public Library website or call 780.985.3472. It's as easy as that!

With a library card you will have access to thousands of books, movies, and so much more! Not sure how to go about accessing them? Email us at [circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca](mailto:circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca) and we will set up a time to call you and walk you through the process.

Over the month of April, we had our Spring into Reading contest. We loved all the pictures we received of people-- young and old-- reading! The winners will be announced on our Facebook page in the first week of May. Stay current with other contests we will be having by liking our Facebook page.

The staff had some fun recently and decided to make a music video about reading from home. Watch for the link on our Facebook page.

Throughout the week we share interesting and fun links on our Facebook page for you to enjoy. We are also looking at doing some webinars and virtual meetings, such as the Cookbook Club, reading recommendations and even a Kids in the Kitchen. Please check out our Facebook page, it really is the best place to find out what's happening here.

If you have any suggestions or ideas, please feel free to contact us at [circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca](mailto:circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca). We'd love to hear from you.

Until next time, stay safe...



<https://www.facebook.com/calmarlibrary>.

Check out our webpage: [www.calmarpubliclibrary.ca](http://www.calmarpubliclibrary.ca)

Call 780.985.3472 for more information.



Next door to Town Office | 780-985-3666

Need a Change? We can Help.



**Calmar and District Senior Citizens Club**  
**May 2020 News**

**WANTED**

The Calmar and District Senior Citizens Club is inviting all adults 50 years and older to join our Senior Citizens Club for fun and camaraderie. The club holds various functions throughout the year. We hold monthly MUSIC Jammer Sessions of the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month where musicians from our region get together and provide lively music for your dancing and listening pleasure, a light lunch is served for an entry fee of only \$7.

**Musicians of all ages are always welcome to join in at our monthly Music Jammers.**

We hold monthly birthday celebrations for our members where the club provides a birthday cake; you can offer your well wishes to fellow members that are celebrating a birthday. We hold quarterly general meetings to inform members of what is going on at the center and with the club; we also have a celebratory meal for holidays such as Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. **The membership fee to join the Calmar and District Senior Citizens Club is ONLY \$10 per year.** You can get your membership by just showing up at the hall for any of the senior club functions or by emailing Terry Balaban at [tbalaban@shaw.ca](mailto:tbalaban@shaw.ca) or calling at 587-988-3636.

The Calmar & District Senior Center is available for rental for meetings and all social functions. The rental fees are:

\$100 for 4 hours or less plus a \$100 refundable damage deposit

\$200 for more than 4 hours plus a \$200 refundable damage deposit.

Call Ed Roskewich at 587-986-0921 or Terry Balaban at 587-988-3636 for bookings.

**May 2020 Activity Schedule**

**All April activities have been cancelled at this time. Please watch your mail or future editions of the Chronicle for future events when they resume.**

**Watch your mail for a newsletter showing all events for the year.**



# From the Recreation Department

A little down the road in the quaint little Town of Thorsby a singer songwriter named Bob Ruzicka was born. He ended up writing a song that was recorded by his good friend Valdy in the 80s and it had a line that went like this:

*"been around for 80 summers, some were winners and some were bummers, I've loved'em all"*

And that kind of says it all for the upcoming Summer of 2020. Thanks to the Covid-19 Pandemic we have had to scrap plans for Mothers' Day, Farmers' Day, Fathers' Day, Canada Day, a FlyBall competition, the regular Hi-Way 39 Slo-Pitch League and ball tournaments. At the 15 June Council meeting a decision will be made as to whether or not Calmar Days / Homecoming 125 will be able to take place as scheduled. But let's look on the positive side, while we are all pretty much housebound due to social isolation, thanks to technology there is so much we can do inside our own homes. Back when I was a kid growing up on an acreage east of Sherwood Park, we didn't even have cable TV so all I had was the radio and reading but I learned to love a lot of great songs and I think I came out pretty well rounded thanks to all the reading I did. But now, thanks to the Internet and game consoles, there is so much more a person can do even within the four walls of their home.

Over at Participaction, they have sent out the following message:

The COVID-19 situation has undeniably impacted the way Canadians live and work right across the country. Many are struggling with how their daily routines have changed. But when it comes to staying happy and healthy, it's more important than ever to be physically active.

**ParticipACTION is the leader of physical activity in Canada and the go-to source for motivational content to help Canadians stay active and healthy.** Canadians are looking for reliable, relevant and actionable ways to get active while practicing physical distancing.

During these anxious times, ParticipACTION is making it easy for Canadians to find credible content on how to stay physically active while in isolation. **As our partner, we encourage you to share and promote our content across your social and communication channels.**

- Live 10-minute [Facebook](#) Fit Breaks weekdays at noon EST. Missed the workout? No sweat – all videos will be posted on our Facebook page.
- Ask Dr. Vanderloo your physical activity questions on [Instagram](#) and Facebook every Thursday from 9am – Noon EST. Missed the Q&A session? We've got you covered in our highlights.
- Check our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts for tips on how to #StayActiveStayHealthy and at-home workouts.
- Find relevant and [motivational blogs](#) on our website.




- [Download the FREE ParticipACTION app](#) to keep active, motivated and rewarded (with Amazon gift cards!). Check out the new “At-Home Activity” category, which is filled with home workout videos, tips, tricks and articles.
- Look for our “Unwind Better” PSA, telling Canadians to “Stay Active. Stay Healthy”.

Remember, *Everything gets better when you get active* (boosted immune systems, improved moods, more energy).

Let's work together to help Canadians #StayActiveStayHealthy

Sincerely,



Elio Antunes  
ParticipACTION President & CEO

Over on the home front, while I have seen my usual summer slate of events/activities wiped out, I am happy to announce that on Friday 15 May euroProductions out of Nanton will be hosting a Virtual Dance Party for us via the magic of FaceBook!!

Connecting Calmar - On-Line Dance Party - In support of Calmar's Residents and Businesses.

euroPRODUCTIONS Entertainment Services is an Alberta based DJ/Entertainment company and they want to connect everyone in Calmar to a FAMILY FRIENDLY ON-LINE DANCE PARTY on Friday May 15th, 2020. They will begin at 7:00 PM and finish at 10:00 PM. Watch the Town or euroZone's FB page for instructions to connect to this dance party for Calmar residents.

So here's a little bit of how it will work!

- Step 1. Invite all of your Calmar friends to this event page on FB
- Step 2. Download the euroAPP to your smartphone to make song requests and/or announcements (search "STREAMING DJ" on the App Store or Google Play)
- Step 3. Log into the stream from our website ([europroductions.ca/streamnow.html](http://europroductions.ca/streamnow.html)) at 6:45 PM on Friday May 15th, 2020.
- Step 4. Join the party and request music in real time through the app. All of Calmar will be listening to the same music at the same time.
- Step 5. Send pictures and videos of you and your family dancing and partying to THIS event page.
- Step 6. Participate in contests to win prizes that have been purchased from your local businesses. The DJ will give contest instructions on the night of the party. ALL PRIZES ARE FOR CALMAR RESIDENTS ONLY!

Step 7. Have fun with it! Dress up! Decorate your house! It's a party for all of Calmar!

REGARDING THE PRIZES?!

We are looking for people and families to donate prizes and we thought we would do something a little bit different.

Instead of ONLY asking our businesses for prizes, we are asking individuals and families to go to a business and buy something from them to donate to the dance party. If they are closed ask for a gift certificate.

Contact Byron at [bking@calmar.ca](mailto:bking@calmar.ca) to organize dropping your prize off for distribution to the winners.

Your support for our local businesses is always appreciated, especially now more than ever.

We're also working on an online trivia bingo type contest to run one week to help you pass the time, learn more about our community, and win more prizes!

Last but not least, more on the Recreation Master Plan. Expedition Management Consulting has been conducting telephone interviews with interested individuals as well as identified stakeholders. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the original idea of holding public consultations had to be cancelled. The current method will still get us good feedback but unfortunately may not capture as many voices as we had hoped for. For those who missed out on the opportunity to have Expedition interview them, there is still one last kick at the cat (so to speak). If you have some ideas or comments about recreation in Calmar – whether it be about today or Calmar in 2060 (for example) - please forward them by email to me at [bking@calmar.ca](mailto:bking@calmar.ca). When you do, please make sure to also indicate your gender, your age range within decades (i.e. you are in your 20s, 30s, etc.), whether there are any others in your household, and what their age ranges are. Please note: if you wish to respond on behalf of a stakeholder group, please don't as stakeholder groups are being contacted directly. Thank you.



*"As 2020 unfolds, and preparations begin for our next Nowhere to Run event, we wanted to update you with the exciting events happening as a result of last year's race and let you know that your mental health in this trying time is of utmost importance." Jaclyn – Race Director*

Here are some ideas to consider in these unprecedented times while maintaining physical distancing and following Alberta Health Services guidelines:

- Go for a walk or start a 5k or 10k run program.
- Stick to a daily routine.
- Log your steps, minutes or kilometers.
- Challenge family and friends to do the same.
- Set a goal to participate in the Nowhere to Run 1k, 5k, or 10k Run to be held **Friday, Oct.2, 2020** at Calmar Secondary School.
- Celebrate each step along the way. Every step forward counts!

The 2019 Nowhere to Run had 100+ participants and raised \$6000. Our support of school and school community mental health initiatives include:

- Attendance of every Calmar Secondary School student to either Paul Woida's presentation, or Carla Cuglietta's presentation.
- Christmas luncheon at the school for all students, staff and guests. In some instances, we know this is the most festive meal our students enjoy during the holidays.
- CSS Drama program which provided excellent opportunities for artistic and dramatic expression.
- Art option course - by providing these students with quality supplies.
- Mental Health Activity day planned for spring 2020 at CSS.
- A donation to the Town of Calmar's Trail System Development Plan as the plan for safe and accessible walking paths enhances our students' and community's mental fitness.

Our 2020 Race Committee is welcoming new members. We invite you to share your ideas for the October 2nd event! Please feel free to email us at [calmarnowheretorun@gmail.com](mailto:calmarnowheretorun@gmail.com) and please follow and connect with us on Instagram @no\_wheretorun\_ and Facebook @nowheretorunrun.

**2020 NATIONAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK**

**April 19—April 25, 2020**



*To our Amazing Calmar & District Volunteers.  
We think you are a Big Deal and we appreciate you, for  
all you Do for our Community.*





June 1–7, 2020

# Seniors' Week



In efforts do our share of preventing the spread of Covid-19 and to protect our Calmar Senior citizens, community members, and staff, we are following the Alberta Government and Alberta Health Services recommends to avoid large groups, Calmar therefore the Seniors Week Seniors Luncheon is cancelled.



# 2020 INCOME TAX RETURNS FOR 2019 TAX YEAR



## COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM

MARCH 4—May 30, 2020

FREE HELP IS AVAILABLE

FOR LOW INCOME INDIVIDUAL, FAMILIES, STUDENTS & SENIORS  
TAX RETURNS DONE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

FOR AN APPOINTMENT OR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT FCSS  
COORDINATOR YVONNE @ 780-985-3191 EMAIL: [ypearson@calmar.ca](mailto:ypearson@calmar.ca)



The Volunteer program DOES NOT complete returns with income from:

- Self-employed individuals
- Capital Gains/or Losses
- Fishing Income
- Farming Income
- Bankruptcies
- Deceased Persons
- Interest over \$1000
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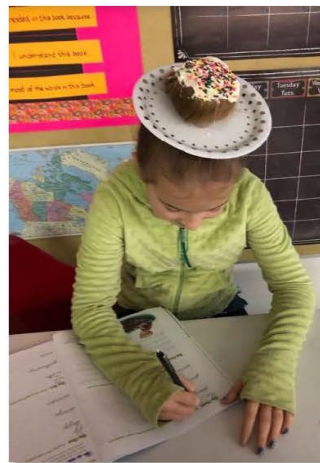
A non-denominational school, our mission is to provide Alberta Education curriculum with Biblical principles integrated in a positive environment that encourages spiritual commitment, academic potential, and individual growth, thus ministering to the whole child.

We are always welcoming new families to join us!



By offering students excellence in education and encouraging the grounding of their personal faith in God, we endeavor to prepare them for a well-rounded learning experience which helps them be prepared for further education and for their eventual entrance into the work force.

A positive impact on relationships, families and communities is a natural outcome of a vibrant, personal faith.



No Jesus. No hope. Know Jesus. Know Hope!




# NewsLetter DEADLINE 15th of the month!

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**Hours of Operation**


Monday-Friday	9:00AM-7:00PM
Saturday	9:00AM-6:00PM
Sundays & Holidays:	11:00AM-5:00PM

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/](http://www.calmar.ca/newsletter/)

**CALMAR STORAGE**  
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**Tel: 780-985-2102**



**CALMAR FAS GAS**  
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 email - [dkmills\\_123@hotmail.com](mailto:dkmills_123@hotmail.com)

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

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:hbryans@calmar.ca) or 780-985-3604 ext. 232.

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**PUBLIC WORKS SHOP**  
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**COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER**  
780-999-7181

**EMERGENCY**  
911

### TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Held in Council Chambers  
@ 4901-50 Avenue @ 7p.m.

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

**CURRENTLY ONLINE—  
DUE TO COVID-19**