

CALMAR



CHRONICLE

November 2020



*Please note the Office will
be closed November 11th
for Remembrance Day.*

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Open Monday—Friday 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Open to the Public Tues—Thurs 10 a.m.—3 p.m.
Closed from 12:30 p.m.—1:00 p.m. for lunch
Website: www.calmar.ca Email info@calmar.ca

November 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 *Tax penalties applied	2 *Council Meeting	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16 *Council Meeting	17	18	19	20	21
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With COVID-19 still present, the Town Office has modified hours of access for the public. To ensure the health and welfare of both our residents and staff the office will be open during the following times:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

10:00am—3:00pm

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

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

DID YOU KNOW...

FALL CLEAN-UP STATS

- Public Works removed a total of 38 dump truck loads of garbage which were hauled to the Leduc Regional Landfill
- The total weight of garbage removed was 31,320 kg / 69,050 pounds
- They also removed 15 1 ton truckloads of scrap metal and 3 1 ton loads of recycled electronics.

Mayor's Corner

Happy fall Calmar! Remembrance Day is just around the corner and it is important we remember and honour the brave men and women that have sacrificed so much so that we may enjoy our rights and freedoms. Even though we are unable to go inside the Legion to show our respect does not mean that we cannot show the same level of respect in our own homes. Please take a moment of silence on November 11th to show that respect. Legion members will be gathering outside the Legion at 11:00 am in front of the cenotaph with a short ceremony.

CTV's W5 program paid Calmar a visit in October to film a segment about the abandoned / orphan well problems in Calmar and throughout Alberta. Our Economic Development Officer, Michelle Levasseur has been diligently working to help solve these problems in Calmar. These abandoned or orphan wells have slowed the town's progress and growth, due to the many development issues and the high cost to redevelop this land. We would urge residents to watch the W5 program to learn more about our issues with these wells. We will try our best to let everyone know when the taping will be aired on CTV.

The Calmar Christmas Craft sale has been moved to November 7th, 2020, at the Calmar Legion. Doors will open at 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Please come out and find that special Christmas present or stocking stuffer for your loved ones. Just a friendly reminder that social distancing is still the order of the day.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (780) 722-4147 or by email at wychimetz@calmar.ca. You can also watch our online Council Meetings on the first and third Mondays of the month from 6:30 to 7:00 pm and address all of Council at that time.

Thank You for Making Calmar the Best Calmar It Can Be!

Respectfully,

Mayor Wally Yachimetz



Finance Department Third Quarter Report

As we all deal with COVID-19, we are heading rapidly into the fall and eventually that dreaded 4 letter word "SNOW" will spring upon us. This time of the year is extremely busy for the staff with the preparation of the 2021 – 2023 Operating Budget and for the second time, as mandated by Alberta Municipal Affairs, a 5 year Capital Budget for 2021 – 2025. An "Asset Management Plan" is being finalized this fall which will assist the Town in identifying priorities in future year's Capital Budgets. We are gearing up to have the initial Departmental budget presentations ready for Council review in December and the finalized municipal portion of the budgets completed in January, 2021. One new item, in the 2021 Operating Budget, is a cost payable to the Province for policing in the amount of approximately \$40,000. Council will attempt to blend this cost into the Budget and try to minimize the impact on 2021 Municipal property taxes.

Mike Storey, CLGM
Director of Finance



Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Public-At-Large Members Needed

The Town of Calmar has established a three (3) member Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) comprised 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.

Pursuant to Provincial Regulation, SDAB members must attend a training workshop, sponsored by Alberta Municipal Affairs, to receive certification before participating in a SDAB Hearing. All costs of participating in the training are covered by the Town. A successful applicant will be required to attend the training workshop when they are scheduled around the Province.

The Town has filled two of the three positions for certified members of the Public-At-Large and has the need for one more individual to fill the Board. The Town of Calmar invites written applications, from interested persons, requesting appointment to the Board. Applicants should submit reasons for their interest in the vacancy and provide any relevant experience in the area of development.

If you have any questions in regard to the role and responsibilities of the SDAB, please contact SDAB Clerk Mike Storey at 780-985-3604 ext 226 or email mstorey@calmar.ca. Applications can be delivered, to the attention of the SDAB Clerk, to the Town of Calmar at 4901-50 Avenue, mailed to Town of Calmar, Box 750, Calmar, AB. T0C 0V0 or emailed to Clerk Storey at the above email address. This vacancy shall remain open until an applicant is selected.

Mike Storey, CLGM
SDAB Clerk

FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

As we enter the 11th month just a reminder that, pandemic willing, the rescheduled annual Christmas Craft Fair will be Saturday November 7th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Calmar Legion. New date, new location, same great opportunity to get Christmas related stuff along with other things!!! Because of the pandemic, I would like to ask anyone attending to please wear a mask and to practice social distancing when possible. Masks will also be available at the door and if the hall starts getting a little crowded, entry to the hall will become regulated.

To close out the month we are hoping to officially kick off the Holiday Season with our annual Christmas in the Park Thursday November 26th at Woodland Park. Foss Irwin has been tapped to provide sleigh rides as usual but this year they may have to social distance on the sleigh which would mean more rides because less people can go on each trip. There will be free hot chocolate and cookies as usual but there will not be a kids' crafts table this year to maximize safety. Just a reminder that if it is a warmish day on the 26th to please wear a mask and regardless, to practice social distancing whenever possible.

I'm jumping the gun here, but thoughts are being given to First Night. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, almost everything we normally do on First Night can't or shouldn't be done. Right now, the only thing I can see happening is the fireworks. Hopefully we can get some other activities going but as anyone who has attended in the past can attest, the Mike Karbonik Arena is usually jammed to capacity during First Night which makes it a very unsafe situation regarding the pandemic. We still have some time so hopefully some ideas come up.

Just a reminder that the Program Centre is available for rent again but any renter must adhere to Covid guidelines. The guidelines drastically reduce the capacity of the Program Centre but with the right event and attendance number, the Program Centre can still be used.

As mentioned in last month's Chronicle one of the activities we hope to have during Homecoming Week will be a Pop-Up Museum. If anyone has any relics/artifacts/photos from Calmar's past they would like to loan the Homecoming Committee for this activity, please contact Michelle Levasseur at mlevasseur@calmar.ca. And don't forget, we are also still collecting family histories/Calmar stories/photos for the 2nd volume of Pioneers and Progress.

As we near Remembrance Day and people start to decorate their homes for the holidays, just a little FYI regarding the annual Christmas Decorating Contest. Due to FOIP regulations we have had to change how we do things. Effective this year, anyone who wishes their home to be considered for judging for the Christmas Decorating Contest must submit a signed form indicating this desire and to allow permission for their name(s) and address to be used in announcing the winners. Probably no later than early December I will get an application form onto the Town web site.

In closing, THANK YOU to all the brave members who have served or are serving with our Armed Forces. Canada is one of the greatest places in the world to live and a lot of it has to do with those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to help guarantee the rights and freedoms so many take for granted today. Thank you, merci.

PEACE OFFICER CORNER

Hello Town of Calmar...

I began to write this piece with the thought of updating issues and concerns I have been receiving over the past while. I decided to erase and start from scratch in a different direction because of the times we are in at the moment....

I was in Safeway the other day by the floral department and a man was looking at the flowers in the flower section. The man looked at me and said " If your looking for help in this area you're going to have to wait a while. I asked someone to send a person so I can get some help and buy some flowers five minutes ago. They must think I have all day!". I said to the man that I would go to customer service and see if I could get him some help. He just said good luck! I was at customer service and a lady explained to me that the floral department was in a quick 15 minute meeting and someone would be available after that time. As she spoke the man came over and heard what she had to say. He replied to her, "We are the customers here, so they can stop the meeting and come service us!" He continued with other inflammatory statements that I felt were unwarranted. The lady stated she would call the people in the meeting and let them know his thoughts and his needs. I walked back to the floral department with this man and asked how he likes having to wear a mask while out in public. Lets just say he went on a 5 minute rant of how it was not necessary. I then said to the man. "Even if I agree with you, which I don't, if wearing a mask is the worst part of your life, I want your life." He paused and looked at me; I could see a smile forming under his mask, and he replied, "You are absolutely right, it must be the crappy weather or lack of sleep that put me in a cranky mood." I said for him to try and have a better day and not to let this floral issue ruin it. He kind of chuckled and said, "I'll try." I finished my shopping and entered the till at the same time as the man who was at the floral department was leaving the till. The cashier was the same lady at customer service we spoke to earlier. I said to her the gentleman just must have had a bad day and I told him if the flower delay and mask wearing was his biggest problem in life, then I want his life. She laughed out loud and said that's funny, because he told me what you said and apologized for his earlier words.

That encounter is a true and accurate story of a Safeway visit a couple days ago and had me thinking.... Sometimes it takes the words of a stranger to help put our priorities in perspective. I wondered why he was buying flowers for his wife, maybe she was sick or just having a rough time so he thought buying her flowers would cheer her up. Or maybe he has been the cranky one and was going to apologize. Maybe my words had him realize that what was important was the reason he was buying the flowers.

I guess what my story is trying to say is that if we look at the circumstance we are all in today, none of us created this, but we all have to deal with it. Isn't it better we have the chance to deal with it than the 1,121,369 who have died around the world from this virus. I'll bet they would gladly wait a couple minutes for service or wear a mask if told it was in their best interest.

Life is way too short and we all don't know when our last day will come. Let's enjoy our family and friends while we can, and if a mask or a couple minutes of our time can help with our physical or mental health, like it or not, let's just do it.

Regards,

Officer LEGGIO

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November Update



Community Vitalization Project (CVP)

The initial public consultation process has come to a close. Recommendations are being formulated and will be presented to the CVP Task Force in December. The task force will present the ideas to the community in December as well prior to finalizing the concepts and moving into the final stages of plan development. All CVP project information is kept up-to-date on our website at www.calmar.ca/cvp/.

2020 NoWhere to Run

Congratulations to the NoWhere to Run planning team. The virtual 2020 event hosted 68 people and raised over \$3,000 for mental health initiatives for our youth and trail development in our community. Check out their Facebook (CSSNoWhereToRunRun), Instagram (no_where_torun) and the website <https://calmarnowheretorun.weebly.com> for additional post event information.

Heritage Committee

Are you a community historian? The historic walking tour sub-committee is looking for help learning about the history of the buildings and lots on mainstreet. The Pioneers In Progress Book sub-committee is collecting family stories and historical information to include in the book. We have also started to collect artifacts and historical items, images, papers, etc for the pop up museum. Finally, keep a watch out on our website and Facebook page for homecoming swag that will be ready for Christmas gifting.

Downtown Lot

The downtown lot has been enhanced with grass seeding and trees thus far. We will add benches and planters in the spring, along with a variety of beautification elements. Future plans for this parcel of land will be included in the CVP plan and promoted accordingly.

Farmer's Market

A group of artisans met to discuss the opportunity of starting a Farmer's Market in Calmar. The initial idea is to host a monthly market throughout the winter months and segue into a weekly market for spring, summer and fall. A list of potential vendors is being collected now. If you are interested in supporting this initiative or participating as a vendor, please let me know.

Business Attraction – A wish list!

We have a new opportunity to kick start the highway commercial development on the east side of Calmar. I am collecting ideas for potential business development along this commercial highway section. If we can find an anchor tenant(s) in the next few months, the opportunity increases. Some ideas that I have collected so far include: Car, Truck & RV Wash, Laundromat with commercial grade machines, RV Sani Dump area, Motor Sports Service Centre, Motor Sports Retail Centre, RV Service Centre, Car Maintenance and Auto Service Centre, Tire Shop, Outdoor Recreation Store, Cosmetic Beauty Treatment Boutique (manicures/pedicures, etc), Drive Through Coffee Shop, Quick & Convenient Food and Beverage locations.

Economic Development & Tourism Strategic Action Plan Review

On November 19, 2020, at 6:00pm we will be hosting a 3 hour talk-shop to review, assess and update the current plan. This plan includes 55 initiatives in relation to 7 big goals. If you are interested in joining the conversation, please RSVP to me by November 12, 2020.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU



Proudly Presented by:



Thank you for joining us virtually and helping us to raise awareness and funds for mental health initiatives and trail development.

We hosted **68 participants** ranging in age from **4 years to 99 years** old from Calmar to Lamont, Peace River, Winnipeg, and Toronto.

Together we celebrated our ability to **be active** outdoors and we raised just over \$3000 towards our **mental health initiatives** and trail development.

Visit our website for additional post event information:
<https://calmarnowheretorun.weebly.com>

If you feel like you have nowhere to run...
you can run here!

Kids Help Phone 

Your Family Doctor

unsinkable.



LOGANBERRYS
ANTIQUES & CURIOSITIES



Call or text 211

Distress Line
780-482-4357 (HELP)



NOTES FROM THE LEGION

Due to COVID, our Remembrance Day ceremony will be somewhat altered. A directive from our Command has indicated that we cannot invite people to this year's ceremonies, however:

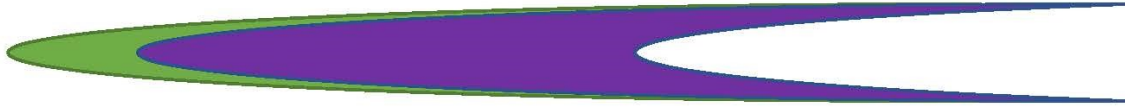
- ◆ The ceremonies will take place at the outdoor cenotaph (on the west side on the Legion Hall)
- ◆ We will be laying only one (1) wreath to honour all our comrades who have fallen in far away places
 - ◆ A list of local Veterans who have passed away will be read out
 - ◆ We will still have our two minutes of silence
 - ◆ A closing statement will be said
 - ◆ The gathering will then disperse
 - ◆ For those willing to remain, coffee and cookies will be offered

Thank you to all who attend our annual ceremonies.



What's Happening at the Calmar Public Library

NOVEMBER 2020



Hours of Operation:

Tuesday: 11:00 am to 5:00 pm
Wednesday: 11:00 am to 8:00 pm
Thursday: 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Although we are still under "COVID" watch we are open for business. I was hoping to tell you of our lineup of in-house programs for the month of November but with the increase of active cases in Alberta we are leaning on the side of caution and will be offering limited in-person programs for this month to ensure the safety of our patrons and staff. You will notice several online programs we are offering. A couple of new ones include Kids' Story Club for grades 3 to 6, the Sunday Afternoon Movie Club, and our Letter to Santa in-person program, following social distancing protocol of course.

New Service for Parents: Reading Bag

Let us do the picking! To help you find more time, let the Library Staff do the work for you. Starting in October, the Library will offer a service of picking out your kid's books for you. Send the library your request, giving us the age of your child (children), reading level, and what types of books they like. Then let us do the rest! We will pick out 1 to 6 books for you and then let you know when they are ready for pick-up. All you have to do is pick up your package. Easy Peesie. Contact the library at circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca or call 780.985.3472 to book your **Reading Bag** today.

Programs

This month the materials needed for the Tween and Teen programs will be available at the library to pick up and take home. Watch the video, do the craft, and send a picture to us at circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca for everyone to enjoy! The kits are available for pick-up during open hours of the library, though limited supplies are available.

Teen Time

Poppy Salt Bowl Kit: Facebook Video Release: November 5th



On the 1st Thursday of the month we will release a craft/project geared towards teens. This month the video will show how to make a poppy salt bowl. Supplies Kit will be available starting November 5th until supplies last. Limited supplies are available.

Tween Time

Salt Dough Christmas Ornament Kits: Facebook Video Release: November 12th



On the 2nd Thursday of the month we will release a craft/project for you to do. This month the video will show how to make salt dough ornaments. Supplies will be available starting November 12th until supplies last. Don't be disappointed, drop by the library as soon as possible!

Write a Letter to Santa

Thursday, November 5th 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Tuesday, November 10th 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Wednesday, November 18th 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm



Ho Ho Ho! Santa's North Pole Office is gearing up for this year's letter writing frenzy and we at the Calmar Public Library are here to help. We are setting up a Santa letter writing station for you to bring the kiddo's in to write their letter to Santa or draw a picture. After the letter is written, give it to one of Santa's Helpers a.k.a. Library staff and we will make sure Santa gets it in time. The trick is to have all letters in the mail before November 20th so that Santa will have time to send us a letter in return.

PD Day Activity: Virtual Make a Story Club (grades 3-6)

Starts Friday, November 13th @ 10:00 am

Friday, December 4th

A few days prior to the scheduled gathering day and time, participants are invited to



provide 3 to 4 suggestions for elements of a story. These might include lead characters, a setting, a genre, or a goal. At the scheduled meeting time, participants will be guided by the facilitator as to which submitted elements will be used and after some brainstorming the story creation begins. Although online, this requires active participation as everyone will be online at the same time with the facilitator. At the end of the

session the participants will have, as a group and as individuals, created an entirely new story. Every story telling session will be unique, as will each story. This is a wonderful opportunity to inspire imaginative creation, sense of cooperation and exploration that should provide insight and confidence in the participants' ability to create narrative art. Come explore your creative juices!

Participants must sign up by emailing circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca to receive the virtual invitation.

Calmar Public Library Adult Book Club Starts in November.



Join the Calmar Public Library Adult Book Club. This is our first virtual book club and we are looking forward to it. This is an opportunity to share your thoughts and questions regarding the book of the month, all in the comfort of your home! Prior to the beginning of each month we will announce the book of choice. Throughout the month we will then place questions on our club's private Facebook page. Members are invited to share their responses and add your own questions. The conversation will continue until the next book selection is added.

Our goal for this book club is to have a diverse group of varying ages, political/religious affiliations, and reading tastes. What we will all have in common is a love of reading and discussing books. This will not be an exclusive book club and you are welcome to extend invitations to people you know and who will enjoy it. The hope is that we will have a "core" group that will be active every month. Once the core is established, we will take turns picking a book. This will ensure that we have a diverse selection of books to read. Join the conversation!

November's book is "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate. Drop by the library, as we have some placed on hold.

December's book is "The German Girl" by Armando Lucas Correa.

To join the Facebook Book Club:

1. Log into your Facebook account
2. In the search bar type the following exactly: Facebook Book Club – Calmar Public Library Adult Book Club
3. Open the Facebook Book Club – Calmar Public Library Adult Book Club
4. Click the "Join" button
5. The library will accept your request as soon as we are able to.

If you have any difficulties or questions on how to join, please email circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca

Book Talks



A Book Talk is a short presentation based on a book that one of the staff members has read. It is like a commercial for the book. It is not a review, report, or analysis of the book. The goal is to give you a glimpse of the book with the hopes that you will give the book a try. Every month we will be releasing a staff Book Talk for you to enjoy on our Facebook page and on our YouTube channel. Check it out, you may find something new to read.

CookBook Club
November 16th @ 6:30 pm
3rd Monday of the month online



Our CookBook Club is going to be looking a little different going forward. Instead of meeting each month and taste testing everyone's dishes, we will be doing the Club virtually. Once you have joined the group, each month you will get an email with the link to the meeting and videos on that month's topic. Some months we will order the same cookbook for everyone to try. Call today to join the CookBook Club from the comfort of your home! 780.985.3472 or email

circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca.

Every Sunday starting November 8th @ 2:00 pm.



Come join us for Sunday Matinee all in the comfort of your home. If you like movies this is the program for you. This program is not just about watching the movie, but also discussing the movie. The group will convene in two services. The pre, mid, and post show discussion will happen in Zoom, while the movie will be viewed in TwoSeven. Prior to the movie on Sunday afternoon you will receive

a link to both rooms. Simply click on the links and you should be sent to the virtual rooms. You then can join the party! If you want to just watch the movie that's OK too! The Calmar Public Library is grateful to Heather Acres and David Belke for allowing us to "piggy-back" on this program, that has been going strong in Devon since COVID started in March.

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 780.985.3472 or put them on hold through TRAC. at www.calmarpubliclibrary.ca

ADULT FICTION



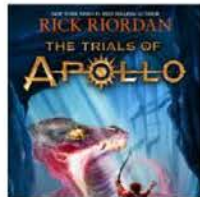
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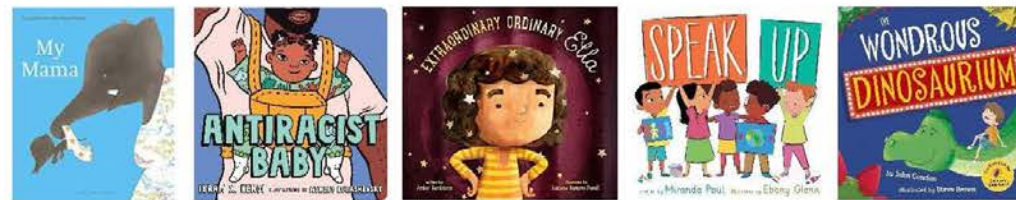
YOUNG ADULT



JR. BOOK



PICTURE BOOKS



DVD'S AND AUDIO BOOKS



Drop in to see what else we have on the shelves.

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>
- 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
Library Manager

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

Check out our webpage: www.calmarpubliclibrary.ca

Call 780.985.3472 for more information.





2020 Calmar Library Writing Contest

In celebration of Come Home to Calmar Homecoming, this year's theme for both short story and poetry is to be about Calmar. This can include Calmar's past, present, why do you live here, when did you move here, why do you love Calmar and everything in between.

Open to Calmar and area residents

DEADLINE:

at 4:00 pm

December 11th, 2020

Entries to be typed double spaced, in 12-point Calibri font and emailed to circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca

One entry per person per category.

TWO CATEGORIES

POETRY

- Unpublished, Original Poetry
- Max 600 Words

SHORT STORY

- Unpublished, Original Fiction
- Max 1200 – 1800 Words

TWO AGE CATEGORIES

Adult: 15 years and older

Youth: 9 to 14 years

PRIZES

ADULT and Youth to be announced

Calmar Public Library
 4705 50 Ave
 Calmar Public Library
 TOC 0V0
 780.985.3472



We wish to thank Calmar Art Society for their generosity in sponsoring this event.

Town of Calmar

2021 Municipal Election

October 18th, 2021 brings us to another round of General Municipal Elections, across Alberta, for the positions of Mayors, Reeves, Aldermen and Councilors for local jurisdictions. In Calmar, residents will elect a Mayor and four Councilors. Nomination forms will be placed on the Calmar website or will be available in December 2020 at the Town Administration Building located at 4901 – 50th Avenue. All persons wishing to file a nomination paper, with the Returning Officer, must also file an Application for Registration of Notice of Intent to Become a Candidate for Municipal Office which is a declaration regarding campaign financing.

In 2019 and again in 2020, the Local Authorities Election Act was changed by the Province of Alberta. One of the major changes is that any eligible person may file a nomination with the Returning Officer at any time during regular business hours between January 2, 2021 and 12:00 Noon on Nomination day which is four (4) weeks prior to Election day which will be September 20th, 2021. The 2-hour restriction (10am to 12am Noon) on Nomination Day only, for filing nomination papers, has been eliminated.

With COVID-19, the Administration Office business office hours are restricted at present. Watch the Town's website at www.calmar.ca for any changes in business hours.

Election Day will be Monday, October 18th, 2021 and voting is planned to take place between the hours of 10:00am and 8:00pm in the Town of Calmar Council Chambers located in the Town Administration Building (entrance on 49th Street). If the Province still has restrictions, because of COVID-19, this location may change. For those unable to vote on Election Day, an Advance Vote is proposed to take place on Saturday, October 9th, 2021 between the hours of 1:00pm and 4:00pm, again in the Town Council Chambers or alternate location.

For more information or should you have any questions, please contact Returning Officer Mike Storey at 780-985-3604 ext. 226 or by email at mstorey@calmar.ca.

Mike Storey, Returning Officer



It is time for me to say farewell to all my fans. I am retiring my expertise and passing it on as well as I can, to another.

I am happy to move forward to my journey of freedom. A path that we must embrace at the right time. I will miss doing what I do in assisting, serving and supporting Calmar and District community members. My passion was to achieve a way to enhance each individual's health and wellbeing. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your path to balance and perhaps discover together some answers and hopefully results that may have made a positive difference for you.

Thank you to the Town of Calmar for providing me this unique employment opportunity, seventeen plus years have passed so quickly. My Town of Calmar teammates have been excellent to work with and have enriched and educated me along the way, Thank you.

I am looking forward to spending quality time with my spouse, sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and siblings.

Now, for the good news I am very pleased to introduce a fresh new face and hold the position as the Community Services Programmer, please welcome,

TAYLOR THOMAS

Please do not hesitate to contact Taylor , say hello, convey your acknowledgement and wishes of success in her new position.

Kindest Regards

Yvonne Pearson





Family and Community Support Services
phone: 780-979-2385
leduc-county.com

Mind Your Money:

The Psychology of Money-A Two Part Series

Have you ever wondered why you decided to buy a particular item or why you chose one brand over the other?

When it comes to getting consumers to make purchases, marketers have spent countless dollars and time towards understanding human behavior. This webinar delves deep into different marketing techniques throughout the consumer decision making process. A newfound sense of awareness into the psychology of money can allow participants to become informed consumers less likely to impulse buy or spend more money without realizing it.

Dates: Tuesday, November 10 & Tuesday, November 24

Time: 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Location: Online

Registration closes: Friday, November 6

To register for this program or for more information, please call Lucille at (780) 941-2382 or email Lucille@leduc-county.com.

A link will be sent to registered participants prior to the webinars.



CALMAR & DISTRICT CHRISTMAS ELVES

Donation Items needed for hampers

⇒ Non-perishable Food Items needed:

- cans of soup, meat, fish, veggies and fruit
- coffee, teas, hot chocolate-packets/container
- pickles, peanut butter, jam and syrup
- pasta-dry, pasta sauce and rice
- flour, sugar/white/brown, salt, pepper, spices
- mayonnaise
- crackers, cookies
- pet food/dog or cat/ dry canned

⇒ Household items

- toilet paper
- laundry soap, fabric softener
- dish soap
- other cleaning supplies



Collecting donations beginning
November 9—December 4, 2020

All material gifts must be in sealed packages in order to insure the safety of the recipients and volunteers handling the donations.

⇒ Miscellaneous

- pajamas
- gloves, scarves, toques
- socks
- sports-themed items
- gift cards to clothing stores
- wrapping paper
- diapers and wipes

⇒ Personal hygiene

- shampoo, conditioner, soap
- deodorant, body/feminine spray,
- personal care products
- hair and make up supplies
- feminine hygiene product

Please remember we cannot accept expired items, carbonated beverages (pop), alcohol, homemade or home-canned food items or opened packages. Questions?? Contact Taylor @ (780)985-3191



Popular Food Gift Card Donations

\$25.00

\$75.00

FOOD GIFT CARDS

\$50.00

\$100.00



HAMPER REFERRAL

**If you know a family
in need please contact Taylor between
November 9—December 4, 2020**

Need help at Christmas Time

To register or request referral for a Calmar & District Christmas Elves Hamper please complete the Pre-Registration/Referral form and drop off completed for at the Town of Calmar Office or send by email to tthomas@calmar.ca.

Please note, hamper registration is confirmed when you are contacted by the Community Services Programmer and have met qualifications.

For information please contact Taylor @ (780)985-3191 Email: tthomas@calmar.ca

Share Your Christmas

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT



The Calmar & District Christmas Elves was established to provide hampers and gifts to families facing economic challenges within our community



HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

We want to let you know due to Covid 19, there will be no Annual Christmas Elves Door to Door Drive collecting donations.

We must abide by the safety guidelines to keep everyone safe.

We are asking for donations of non perishable food items, food & gift cards and sealed packaged gifts only. We are hoping our community will support the Calmar Christmas Elves program once again this year as we have experienced in the past.

We understand this year has been challenging for many people and would like to help the families who may not be able to enjoy a traditional holiday meal.

If there is a possibility of creating a positive difference over the holiday season, we must try. Thank you to all our community member for all your support, kindness and generosity in the past years.



*We cannot accept
expired food*



*Non-Perishable
items Only, please.*



Would you like to sponsor a children's gift ?
Contact us @ (780)985-3191 and we will make arrangements to meet at the Town of Calmar office

We are waiting for Angels like you. 😊

Angel Tree Gifts sponsorship beginning:

Monday, November 2 — Friday, December 4, 2020

**For All Inquiries, please contact:
Taylor @ (780)985-3191 OR Email: tthomas@calmar.ca**

Christmas Hamper Pre-Referral/Registration Form

Hamper # _____

(Referral/Registration Intake deadline Friday December 4, 2020)

No of Family Members:

Date Referral/registration received: _____

Hamper PICKUP at Depot Thursday December 17 and Friday December 18, 2020

Please note hamper registration is confirmed when you are contacted by Community Services Programmer and have met qualifications.

Initial preferred day and AM or PM for Pickup of Hamper

AM PICKUP <u>Thursday Dec. 17, 2020</u> _____ PM PICKUP <u>Thursday Dec. 17, 2020</u> _____	Pick up scheduled @ ½ intervals	AM PICKUP <u>Friday Dec. 18,2020</u> Pickup _____ PM PICKUP <u>Friday Dec. 18, 2020</u> Pickup _____
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Due to Covid concerns, safe practices will be implemented.

Number of adults: Female Male
 Number of children (0-12): Female Male
 Number of Teen children (13-18): Female Age Male Age

Name: _____

Daytime phone #: _____ Evening phone #: _____ Cell No: _____

Referral Source: Self _____ or Referral Name: _____ Contact # _____

Email: _____

Preferred day and time of day to complete the hamper referral or registration.

Day: Mon. ___ Tues. ___ Wed. ___ Thurs. ___ Fri. ___ Time: ___ AM ___

Please be advised we contact you to complete the Hamper referral or registration

Please confirm you have will be able plan for pickup of the hampers during the scheduled times. You will receive a confirmation phone call or if you prefer an email 24-48 hrs. prior to the pickup of the hamper.

Best time to make a reminder call: _____ Email Reminder Yes ___ No ___ Email: _____

Physical Address (House#/Street): _____

Directions: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Town: _____ Postal Code _____

Hamper Pickup: Location will be provided when final phase of hamper registration.

 Please advise us if you have a pet? NO ___ Yes _____ Cat ___ Dog _____, Breed & size? _____

Health Challenges or Special needs to be aware of: _____

Do you like Baking	Yes	No
If available would you like a Turkey or Ham if available	Turkey	Ham

Office Info entered _____



Canada Revenue
Agency

Agence du revenu
du Canada

PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST FRAUD

Participate in an online
information session to find out
about Canada Revenue
Agency's how to *Slam the Scam*.

Nicole Frandsen and Sandra Paul, Outreach Officers from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), will share information on both CRA and COVID-19 scams, how to recognize them, examples of fraudulent communications and will answer any questions you might have.

WHEN: Monday Nov. 2 at 5 p.m.

WHERE: online participation

REGISTER: please contact Lucille to receive the invitation link to the session:

Lucille@leduc-county.com or 780-941-2382.



Canada



Each year, Town of Calmar FCSS hosts a Calmar Community Awareness night to share local Community organizations, group and resources with residents. This year, in-person awareness night will not take place, however the following resources have been gathered to share with you.



FIT BY BRITT

I used to offer in-person group fitness classes to the Calmar Community, but due to COVID have transitioned to offering classes online through my **Fit By Britt Online Membership** (\$29.99 per month which includes 3 LIVE classes each week plus a monthly wellness challenge).

For **September** I am offering FREE live workouts on Facebook at @FitByBritt.co every Wednesday. Class dates and times can be found on my Facebook page @FitByBritt.co.

Contact Information: Brittany Miller (780)298-7936 Email: brittany.v.miller@gmail.com

Interested in the online membership? Visit FitByBritt.com to sign up OR text/call Brittany at 780-298-7936.



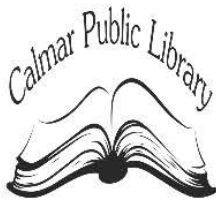
Nowhere to Run is a relaxed 1km family walk/run, 5km walk/run or a 10km road race. Historically, this fun night

run is hosted on the roads of Calmar, where you would start and finish under the setting sun during harvest.

Our mission to raise awareness and funds for mental wellness has not changed, however, given the current pandemic circumstances, many people of all ages feel as though they have 'nowhere to run'.

We recognize the importance of encouraging movement and togetherness now more than ever during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Our desire is to raise awareness and funds for mental wellness.



As your public library we are here to serve you as your informational, educational, cultural, and social institution. Books, DVD's, eResources, audio books, programs and so much more. Drop in and sign up for your FREE library card.

Become a Board Member. Looking for a volunteer opportunity to serve your community? The Calmar Public Library is seeking Board members. Library Board members direct the policies, goals and objectives of the library and advocate for the library in the community. Participation on the Library Board would include attending 9 meetings scheduled throughout the year. If interested, please contact Susan.

Contact Information: Susan Parkinson 780-985-3472 Email: sparkinson@calmarpubliclibrary.ca

Visit the Calmar Library Website for more information: Visit <https://calmarpubliclibrary.ca>



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Everyone in the group contributes to each other in terms of help and suggestions for improvement. We meet on Wednesdays from 10am to 4pm in the Calmar Legion. We usually take a break for lunch from noon to 1pm

Contact Information: Bruce Whaley , (780)288-4714 Email: whaley55@telus.net





Clearwater Valley Pony Club

Clearwater Valley Pony Club is an organization for ages 6 and up who wish to learn more about caring for a horse and improving their riding skills.

Winter Theory, Stable Management and riding lessons from May to August in both flat and jumping are part of Pony Club.

CVPC runs out the Beaumont Ag Society facility and surrounding area. Riding levels start at E and build to A.

Annual Registration fees plus lesson fees apply. Pony Club is a world wide organization that started in England 91 years ago. Members must own a horse and have the ability to transport their horse to lessons.

Contact Information: Tracy Hughes(780)913-0058 Email: tracy@aratuki.com

Interested in more information view? Visit , www.clearwatervalleyponyclub.weebly.



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Interested in more information view? Visit



BlackGold Community Band

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We are now online!! Browse our frame inventory and purchase sunglasses or contact lenses.

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Leduc and District Victim Services

Victim Services provides information, support and referral services to victims of crime or trauma in the Leduc and District region.

The mission of Leduc & District Victim Assistance Society is to provide a highly skilled, compassionate level of service to any victim of crime or tragedy, through our dedicated and trained staff and volunteers.

Our Victim Service Unit is a policed based, non-profit, charitable society that works in partnership with the Leduc, Beaumont, Devon, Edmonton Int'l Airport, Thorsby & Breton RCMP detachments to provide Support, Information and Referrals to persons **within our District** during their time of crisis, trauma or tragedy whether it is as a victim of a crime, sudden death or crisis.

Our Victim Service Unit Offers:

Information about AB Victim programs
Support during grief
Printed Resource Materials & Info

Court Orientation and Support
Comfort and reassurance
Privacy and Confidentiality

Intervention during crisis
Personal Safety Plan information

Contact Information: Stephanie (780)980-7232 Email: stephanie.ricci@rcmp-grc.gc.ca Interested in more information view?

Visit www.leducvictimservices.ca/about



Family and Community Support Services
101-1101 5 St., Nisku, AB T9E 2X3
phone: 780-979-2385 fax: 780-955-4765
leduc-county.com

IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Each year, communities throughout Leduc County host awareness nights to share local resources with residents. This year, in-person awareness nights will not take place, but the following resources have been gathered to share with you.

Leduc County Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)

780-979-2385 | www.leduc-county.com/community-family

Leduc County FCSS provides a variety of programs and support services to enhance the well-being of individuals and families in our region, including the Bridges FASD program, Family Resource Network (FRN), Home Visitation, parent education and more.

Leduc County Fire Services

780-955-7099 | www.leduc-county.com/recruitment

Leduc County provides 24-7 fire and rescue services to residents in the Leduc region. Leduc County Fire Services relies on its paid on-call firefighters to respond to emergencies including but not limited to residential, rural and industrial fire calls and vehicle collisions. Firefighters receive professional-level training at no personal financial cost and gain valuable hands-on experience through training scenarios and emergency calls.

Leduc County Parks and Recreation

780-955-6410 | www.leduc-county.com/recreation

Our recreation programs and services bring people together and help you stay active throughout the year. We provide programming throughout the summer, host various community events and support communities in their recreation pursuits. We also provide support and assistance to community halls and not-for-profit groups.

LOCAL AGENCIES

Alberta Works (Leduc office)

1-877-644-9992 | 780-980-0557

4809 43A Ave., 2nd floor, Leduc, AB

The Leduc Alberta Works office provides assistance with income support, seniors financial assistance, AISH, seniors special needs assistance and job searches.

Camrose Women's Shelter

1-877-672-1010 (24 hr crisis line)

780-672-1035

www.camrosewomenshelter.org

The Camrose Women's Shelter is dedicated to assisting individuals and families experiencing the effects of family violence. We practice trauma-informed service delivery and strive to provide services in a client-centered manner.

Creating Hope Society

780-477-7961 ext. 203

www.creatinghopesociety.ca

Rm. 2, 9538 107 Ave., Edmonton, AB
Provides support to connect families to Indigenous-specific supports, which may include cultural activities, support groups, traditional parenting and in-home supports.

Drive Happiness: Seniors Assisted Transportation Program

780-424-5438

www.drivehappiness.ca

Drive Happiness provides affordable, accessible, assisted transportation for older adults through the help of volunteer drivers.

FCSS offices

Calmar FCSS

New Sarepta FCSS

Thorsby FCSS

Warburg FCSS

780-985-3191

780-941-2382

780-789-4004

780-848-2828

Good Samaritan TeleCare

1-800-676-8397 | 780-431-3630

8861 75 St., Edmonton, AB

www.goodsamaritantelecare.com

TeleCare specializes in monitoring home-based and medical alerts, home safety and daily phone check-in services for seniors, those with disabilities and lone workers.

Heart to Home Meals

1-800-704-4779 | 780-666-2336

www.hearttohomemeals.ca

Heart to Home Meals is a meal delivery service delivering healthy meals to seniors. *Not a free service.*

Karunia Counselling

587-274-3939

www.karunia.ca

4701 49 Ave., Leduc, AB

Karunia Counselling offers supportive counselling services to individuals, couples, children and families.

Leduc and District Food Bank (LDFB)

780-986-5333

www.ldfb.ca

Box 5008, 201 6051 47 St., Leduc, AB

The LDFB offers a number of programs throughout the year besides the basic food program, including a bread basket program, Tools for Schools and more.

Leduc Adult Learning

780-915-9835

www.leducadultlearning.ca

Leduc Adult Learning offers learning opportunities in adult literacy, tutoring, english language learning, support services, computer and technology classes and workshops and information sessions.

Leduc Regional Housing Foundation

780-986-2814

www.leducregionalhousing.ca

Leduc Regional Housing Foundation provides high quality, affordable housing accommodations and services to modest income seniors, individuals and families within the Leduc region.

Money Mentors Edmonton

1-888-294-0076

www.moneymentors.ca

Free financial needs assessment and free financial education. Exclusive provider of the federally legislated Orderly Payment of Debts program, an easy and stress-free way to repay all of your debts, including government debts.

The Jireh Centre

info@thejirehcentre.ca

www.thejirehcentre.ca

4310 Black Gold Drive, Leduc, AB

The Jireh Centre offers free clothing and footwear to those that cannot afford to purchase it.

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780-980-7232

www.leducvictimservices.ca

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

1st Hay Lakes Scouts Group

Andrea Schultz: 587-926-9692
join@scouts.ca
haylakesscouts@outlook.com

Registration is now open for the 1st Hay Lakes Scouts Group. Scouts Canada programs include:
Beaver Scouts (ages 5-7)
Cub Scouts (ages 8-10)
Scouts (ages 11-14)
Venturer Scouts (ages 14-17)
Rover Scouts (ages 18-26)
Volunteers (all ages welcome!)

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Connectivity Dance Ltd.

www.connectivitydance.wordpress.com
102, 4709 51 Ave. Leduc, AB
Our mission is to give students of all ages and abilities a love of the art, knowledge of the technique, commitment, self-discipline and memories that will last a lifetime.

Countryside Vision Care

Dr. Sara Starko
587-906-1515
www.countrysidevisioncare.com
Countryside Vision Care is an optometry clinic and glasses boutique located on the second floor of the Calmar Medical Clinic.

DogLandia Boarding and Training

doglandia.dogs@gmail.com
www.doglandiadogs.com
Provides relationship-based private training for families and their dogs. With everyone participating in the lessons, the expectations and training are clear for your dog, making learning faster and easier.

Golden Phoenix Taekwondo

Instructor: Master Shawn Arsenaault
780-340-0010
Starting mid September (Warburg)

New Life Christian Fellowship Church

Pastor Glen McBride
Office: 780-789-3031
Pastor cell: 780-717-3135
thorsbypaoc@gmail.com
www.nlcfthorsby.com

New Sarepta Agricultural Society

780-941-3730
newsareptaag@gmail.com
www.newsareptaagriplex.com
The New Sarepta Agricultural Society is a board of members that runs the New Sarepta Agriplex. Our facility offers banquet rentals, kitchen rentals, meeting room rentals, multi-use gymnasium rentals, ice rentals and a fitness centre.

New Sarepta Community High School

780-941-3924
nschs.blackgold.ca
5150 Centre Street, New Sarepta, AB
New Sarepta Community High School is a grade 7-12 school offering a wide range of courses and options while fostering a positive relationship between students, staff and parents.

New Sarepta Daycare and Out of School Care

Zoryana Bujor: 780-297-6171
www.facebook.com/NewSareptaDayCareOutofSchoolCare
Accepts children 19 months to 12 years.

New Sarepta Elementary School

780-941-3927
www.nses.blackgold.ca
We provide the best education possible for our kindergarten to grade six students.

New Sarepta Playschool

780-941-2552
www.newsareptaplayschool.com
New Sarepta Playschool is for children who are 3 and 4 years old. Our playschool provides young children with the opportunity to socialize with children their own age in a group setting. Our certificated teacher focuses on kindergarten-readiness skills in a learning-through-play environment.

New Sarepta Public Library

780-975-7513
www.newsareptalibrary.ca
Books, videogame rentals and more!

Our Lady of Victory Roman Catholic Church in Thorsby

Pre-register: 780-940-2751
www.olvtorsby.wordpress.com
4819 – 51 Street Thorsby, AB
Currently, Sunday Mass is at 9 a.m., but because of COVID-19, everyone must pre-register to attend. Face masks are mandatory.

Rolly View Community Association

Hall rentals (Lori): 780-387-1950
Social events (Becky): 780-231-6903
www.facebook.com/RollyViewCommunityAssociation
Hall rentals, social gatherings, weddings and more.

St. John's Lutheran Church

780-941-3773
www.joinmychurch.com/churches/st-john-lutheran-church-new-sarepta-alberta-canada
5001 Centre Ave., New Sarepta, AB
Please join us for Sunday worship services at 10:30 a.m.

Thorsby Fish and Game

780-621-2200

Warburg Curling Club

Kevin Maine: 780-848-2930
Ages eight and up. The starting date is October 5.

Warburg Figure Skating

Cyndi Harris: 780-718-4203
For ages three and up.

Warburg Girl Guides

Shelley Davis: 780-848-7594
For ages five and up.

Warburg Minor Hockey President

Tiffany Torkelson: 780-542-1135
ttorkelson1@outlook.com

Registrar

Amanda Musser: 780-974-2262
adkmusser@gmail.com

Warburg Playschool

Courtney Laing: 780-245-5433
The playschool start date is the beginning of October.

Zion Evangelical Missionary Church

780-941-3923
zemc@airsurfer.ca
www.zionchurch.ca
Join us for great fellowship and worship service every Sunday at 11 a.m.

The Calmar Art Society is thrilled to present the winners of our 1st Annual Art Competition for young artists. Recently, the winners came one-by-one with their families to receive their awards and have their pictures taken. It warms our heart to see how excited the children/youths are to see their creation hung up so professionally in a gallery, and it moves us to see the love and support these young artists have from their parents and family.

Because we were so impressed by all the amazing entries, we decided to set up an exhibit to showcase these talented young artists in our communities. The Exhibit of Young Artists opens October 13th and runs for two months. Admission is free. When you have a chance, do wander through, read the stories behind their pieces, and be inspired by these youths! Congratulations again to all the winners!

Special thanks to our sponsors who contributed to the prizes for the First-place winners:

Countryside Vision Care
Calmar Chiropractic Clinic
Rise-Well Massage Therapy
Versus Cafe and Catering Co
Town of Calmar

Winners of the 1st Annual Art Competition:

Category A (ages 14-19)

Painting/Drawing : 1. Keisha Vigilla, 2. Taylor Morris, 3. Kristina Wurban

Photography: 1. Easton Swartz, 2. Jonas Wipf, 3. Walker Warkentin

3D Art/Sculpture: 1. Emily Bayer, 2nd Hannah Vanthoff, 3. Eva Francis

Category B (ages 9-13)

Painting/Drawing: 1. Desmond Hrabia, 2. Mackenzie Lewis, 3. Kayla Bradford

Photography: 1. Brianna Wipf





It's Operation Christmas Child season again!

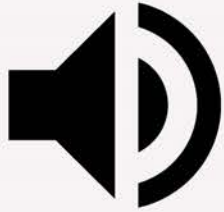
People all across the country are packing shoeboxes for children in need around the globe. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and development organization that has been providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world since 1970. Operation Christmas Child, which began in 1993, brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes packed with love by people like you.

Thanks to our generous donors, Operation Christmas Child has blessed more than 160 million children in over 100 countries since 1993.

This year you can pack a shoebox online by visiting www.packabox.ca or a traditional one you pack yourself. If you choose traditional, you can use your own shoebox, pick up an Operation Christmas Child one or buy a plastic one when purchasing items for your shoebox. If you've never packed a shoebox before, it's simple; choose a boy or a girl, choose an age group 2-4, 5-9, 10-14, then pack your shoebox with school supplies, hygiene items, toys and a \$10 donation to cover shipping costs. Don't forget a note to the child! Then drop it off at Peace Lutheran Church in Leduc the week of **November 16-22**. To find out the hours, visit www.samaritanspurse.ca/occ or call Denise at 780-604-6557. From there, your shoebox will begin its journey to a child in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Gambia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Guinea or Guinea Bissau.

Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts also open doors for children, their families and their communities to receive additional assistance from Samaritan's Purse in the form of access to safe water, feeding programs, shelter, medical assistance, and/or educational resources.

For more information you can visit our website at www.samaritanspurse.ca/occ or contact your local Operation Christmas Child volunteer, Debbi Grimm at 780-887-5557 or debbigrimm@gmail.com.



NEW HUMBLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL **APPROVED**

**Alberta charter
schools are
working and
now there is one
close to you!**



New Humble Community School (K-6) will give parents in Calmar and area a new opportunity for their child's education. At no cost to parents, the fully funded public charter school will utilize experiential learning to reinforce core curricular concepts and deliver great results. Visit the website below for more information on this opportunity, transportation boundaries and what this means for your family.

**Parents and guardians may
complete a Declaration of Intent to
save their child's seat for the
2021 - 2022 School Year**

**"DID YOU KNOW
THAT
THE BRAIN IS
BUILT FOR HANDS
ON LEARNING?"**



Do you need volunteers?
Contact Us!

New Humble Community
School Association
is available to give back
to the community that has lifted us.




Reliable access to safe water is critical to the long-term viability of a community. Drinking water for CRSWSC member communities comes from the North Saskatchewan River, via EPCOR. Although an uninterrupted supply of clean, drinking water is almost always achieved in our region, various levels of restrictions can be placed on a community, usually during hot, dry weather conditions.


Water conservation measures are encouraged in municipalities year round to help mitigate future risks posed by population growth and climate change. Further, water and sewer infrastructure present significant capital and operational expenses and it is important to use this infrastructure efficiently.

**TIPS TO SAVE WATER
AROUND YOUR BUSINESS**



 Install low-flow taps, showerheads and toilets. For restaurants, replace older pre-rinse spray valves. Look for water efficient equipment specific to your business.

 Green landscaping: Consider planting native trees and shrubs with a rock garden to avoid the need for watering.

 Remind employees to be conscientious of water use. For larger businesses, get a professional water audit, which can identify actions to save money.

Typical of most communities, the residential sector consumes most (approximately 60%) of all water purchased.



Consider a water-efficient showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you at least 3000 liters a month.



Upgrade older toilets with water efficient models. You could save over 300 litres per day per household.



Run your washing machine and dishwasher only when they are full.

When shopping for a new washing machine, compare resource savings among Energy Star models. Some of these can save at least 75 litres per load, and energy too.



Consider upgrading faucets, refrigerators, air conditioners and ice-makers with water-saving aerators and cooling systems.

Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap. The CRSWSC provides good, clean water for drinking; let's make the most of it!



In the summer, watering lawns is also a significant water use and can increase daily amounts by up to 50%. Follow your municipality's lawn watering directions. Many have a voluntary alternate day program where residents of odd-numbered houses should water on odd calendar days, and residents with even numbers should water on even calendar days.

Three centimetres of watering per week is adequate for established lawns. Use a rain gauge, empty tuna can, or upside down Frisbee, to measure rainfall on your lawn.

The Capital Region Southwest Water Services Commission (CRSWSC) was established on Sept. 1, 1984 and today is a regional co-operation providing clean, safe drinking water to the City of Leduc, Leduc County, City of Beaumont, the Edmonton International Airport (EIA), the Town of Calmar, the Village of Hay Lakes, Camrose County and the Town of Millet.

GLEN PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION IS HOSTING A SENIORS
BASIC COMPUTER CLASS.

Join us at the Glen Park Hall to learn how to keep in touch with your family through face time and emails. Learn how to make and have virtual Doctor Appointments. Learn to make and attend virtual group meetings and social gatherings.

Pre registration is needed as class size is limited. I-pads with internet connection available for usage on site or you can bring your own device. More classes will be added as needed.

Priority will be given to Glen Park Community members, but all seniors in our area are welcome.

For more information and to book your class please call Mike or Stella at 780 919 1250 Or 780 985 2073. or send email to: glenparkhall@live.com



Next door to Town Office | 780-985-3666

Need a Change? We can Help.



NewsLetter DEADLINE 15th of the month!

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\$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/



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 STORAGE
Box 693, 5009 - 43 Avenue
Calmar, Alberta T0C 0V0
Tel: 780-985-2102



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

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.

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 July & August).