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The Chronicle

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MAYORS CORNER

"Fear not, November's challenge bold. We've books and friends, and hearths that never can grow cold. These make amends." – Alexander L. Fraser

On Remembrance Day, we acknowledge the courage and sacrifice of those who served their country and acknowledge our responsibility to work for the peace they fought hard to achieve. During times of war, individual acts of heroism occur frequently; only a few are ever recorded and receive official recognition.

November has arrived with a fresh lining of snow on the streets, driveways, and sidewalks. We would like to remind everyone of adjust your driving to suit the conditions of the roads. We would also like to remind everyone of snow removal bylaw that applies to all of us with sidewalks. By keeping the walks clear of snow we help all of our residents young and not so young, that enjoy walking, to safely navigate to and from their destinations.

November 23rd there will be a Career Connector Symposium. A great place to go to see what our local Calmar businesses have for job opportunities as well as other businesses in the region. If you are an interested job seeker or an interested business in show casing your business, please contact Sandra McIntosh at the town office 780.985.3604 or by email SMcIntosh@calmar.ca

The recreation department has gotten the ice in at the arena. There are public skating and shinny opportunities for those that like to get out for some fun. Call the office to inquire about times. Also, Pickleball has returned to Calmar; contact Mr. Miller at the town office for more information.

There will be a public hearing on November 20th for another amendment to our Land Use Bylaw. This amendment has a few adjustments in it, with the major items being adjustments to the direct control space in Stage 1 of the Thomas Creek development, the creation of a direct control area to allow for a new daycare to be built in Calmar, and the addition of mixed-use developments R2, R3 and R4 districts. Please see all the changes by checking out the town website or stopping at the office to get a copy of the changes.

Council and administration continue to work on the 2024 budget. Watch our upcoming council agendas for your opportunity to see the work that goes into the budgets. We will be hosting a public event on November 18, 2023, from 10:00am to 3:00pm in Council Chambers, to allow for the public to attend ask questions and provide feedback.

Sincerely Yours,
Sean Carnahan, Mayor
Calmar, a great place to call Home!



In The Know *with the CAO*

As many residents prepare for Halloween, mother nature decided to send us our first snowflakes of the season. With the temperature dropping, we all knew that it was only a matter of time. Birds are leaving, the leaves are on the ground, and the arena is starting to get very busy. Yet, part of me was thinking about how it would have been nice to have just a little bit more time before we get our first white blanket... With winter just around the corner, it is important to remind ourselves to adjust our driving habits and consider the road conditions. Let's give ourselves a few more minutes when we are traveling. For those who have pets going outside, please check on them regularly as weather can change rapidly.

I would also like to remind our residents that following snow events, it is the responsibility of residents to clean the sidewalks adjacent to their property within 48 hours. This maintenance will ensure that sidewalks are useable and as safe as possible during wintertime. Snow removal is key, but sanding and/or salting may be required, pending the conditions. To ensure that the maintenance is as easy as possible, residents are encouraged to do it after each snow event. If left unattended for too long, it will become much harder to address the situation.

Lastly, I would like to mention that we are currently working on the draft budget and are presenting preliminary information to Council at each meeting. Please note that our regular meetings will now be starting at 6:30pm, on the first and third Monday evenings of the month. We will also be hosting a Budget Open House on November 18, 2023 at 10:00am - 3:00pm in Council Chambers. Any comments and feedback from the residents on the budget, or any other topics related to the town would be welcomed. If you are interested in what we are doing, please let us know.

Until next time...

Sylvain



On The Bench *with Calmar Recreation*

An update from the Town of Calmar's Recreation Department for you!

We have adult volleyball on Monday evenings!

Pickleball is on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, both begin at 7:00pm with the doors opening at 6:45pm at the Calmar Secondary School!

On top of that we have weekly public skating at the Mike Karbonik arena on Mondays and Thursdays and Stick and Puck / Shinny on Tuesdays and Fridays at 3:30pm until 4:45pm. We will also be providing weekly updates on offering other times throughout the ice season so make sure you stay tuned to our website and social medias for those!

On our event side we have our Christmas in the Park celebration which will be on the evening of November 30th, just in time for our Light Up Calmar December Christmas Lights competition! This all culminates at our First Night celebration on New Years eve with a wonderful firework display for people far and wide to see!

As always if you have an idea for an event or program you would like to see here in Calmar, give us a ring at the Town Office!

**Yours in Recreation and Health,
Recreation Coordinator Miller**



Renew Your Business License

2024

The Town of Calmar requires all businesses operating within Calmar to have a valid BUSINESS LICENSE.

Invoices will go out in November. The payment due date is January 31, 2024, before penalties will be applied.

A valid business license indicates to your customers that you run a responsible business that follows the rules and regulations - including zoning, health, fire & building code, and public safety requirements. Requiring all businesses to meet minimum regulatory standards also helps create a level playing field within the business community.

To apply for your 2024 Business License, please go to calmar.ca/. To pay for your Town of Calmar Business License please drop by the Town office or call us at 780-985-3604 before January 31, 2024.

Charlene Carstairs
Owner,
CC's Therapeutic Massage

Getting to know your local businesses.

The Town of Calmar is excited to present each of our businesses in a spotlight each month in the Calmar Chronicle! We will be interviewing a different business each month until we have highlighted every single business in the Town of Calmar. We invite you all to read about and get to know Charlene Carstairs at CC's Therapeutic Massage!!

Tell us about your business.

I have owned and operated my home-based business in massage therapy since 2001. At CC's Therapeutic Massage, I use a wholistic approach of natural healing through touch. I am a proud to operate my business in our little rural town of Calmar.

I offer a wide range of different massage techniques from Thailand, Sweden, India, China, Indonesia, and Hawaii to name a few. I feel I have travelled the world with these modalities; Elemental sciences, Hot stone, Reiki, Reflexology, Aromatherapy, Jamu, Indian head massage, Thai foot and hand stem massage, therapeutic massage and so much more.

My business is unique with what I offer because I am able to provide different techniques to help my clients to heal and feel comfortable in whatever they are experiencing. Providing these techniques of natural healing that have been around for thousands of years, sets my business apart from others. I am always learning new techniques and skills. By continuing my education; this is an important benefit to my profession.

Charlene Carstairs
Owner,
CC's Therapeutic Massage

Why did you choose to Open a home-based business in Calmar?

I chose to open my home-based business in Calmar because when we moved here, I knew I wanted to be able to provide a new service to people to help heal them in whatever experience they were feeling. Starting my business in my home was a way to get established in the community first. I could set my own hours to best provide for my clientele, and this gave me the confidence to keep building out my business.

I am very compassionate in my profession, and learned early on that most people in the area were not familiar with a lot of my different modalities. I started with a few loyal clients and through word of mouth, my business began to grow. As my clientele grew, so did the variety in the services I provided, I now provide all of my modalities to clients from all over this region.

What is it like operating a business in rural Alberta?

It is pretty fantastic! I admire people who are willing to try new things and travel to our little community. I have found that the clients that travel to Calmar for a treatment, they also stop at our famous bakery, , the hardware store, the grocery store, have some great Chinese food, and visit some of our neat little treasure stores.

I really appreciate all of the support that I have received from the community over the years that I have been operating CC's Therapeutic Massage. Choosing to open my business in Calmar has been rewarding to say the least.

Charlene Carstairs
Owner,
CC's Therapeutic Message

Do you have any advise for a new home-based business opening up in Calmar?

My advice to a new home-based business opening up in Calmar would be to not feel that your idea of a new business is not a great idea. In my experience, speaking as a massage therapist, there is always someone out there that will fit with your business' offerings. I do feel that even if there is another business like yours in town, you should still open your doors because your offerings and your gifts will be different than the other businesses and you may fill a need that is missing. Together, as a community, we can provide something for everyone, whether it is a product, a service, or just a friendly greeting, our wonderful rural community will attract those potential customers.

Is there anything you want to add?

I have been practicing massage in my home for over 27 years. I offer a wide range of massage services. With the culture and history of these modalities, it allows me to provide a unique experience to each client as though they were there themselves. I have been lucky enough to find a wonderful community of friends and clients in Calmar and I look forward to many more years providing my talents of massage techniques. I have flexible hours and would love to hear from you if you have any questions about my services.

Calmar Secondary School Class of 2024, Bottle & Battery Drive

The graduating class of 2024 will be holding their bottle & battery drive on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023 between Noon and 4:00pm

How to donate:

- Leave your bottles on your door step on the morning of Nov. 4, 2023
- Drop your bottles off at the Calmar Bottle Depot under the “Grad Class of 2024”.
- Wait for the grads to come to your door and you can say hi while you donate your bottles and / or batteries!
- Thank you for supporting the Calmar Grad Class of 2024



CALMAR

PICKLEBALL



TUESDAYS &
THURSDAYS



7:00 PM
9:00 PM

Arrive at 6:45



Calmar Secondary
School, Calmar

Equipment
provided!



Contact Us
(780)-985-3604



Our Website
www.calmar.ca

COME OUT AND PLAY!

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Mon-Fri 9a.m. - 7p.m.
Saturday 9a.m. - 5p.m.
Sunday 11a.m. - 5p.m.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

Estate of Daniel Harold Weldon, also known as Dan Weldon and Dan H. Weldon, who died on June 22, 2022. If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by February 1, 2024, with the lawyer for the Personal Representative:

DAYLEN LAFLEUR, MAIN STREET LAW LLP, Box 3407, #12, 119 First Avenue, Spruce Grove, Alberta, T7X 3A and provide the details of your claim.

If you do not file by the date above, the estate property can lawfully be distributed without regard to any claim you may have.

THE TOWN OF CALMAR PRESENTS



CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

**30TH
NOV**

**SLEIGH RIDES
PICTURES WITH
SANTA
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
AND MORE**

FREE HOT CHOCOLATE AND TREATS, MUSIC AND FUN
FREE ENTRY

Woodland Park - 6:00pm-8:00pm - Calmar, Alberta

@TownofCalmar www.Calmar.ca 780-985-3604



The Town of Calmar and Calmars Christmas Angels

Present

CRAM THE CRUISER

Taking the place of our Food Drive this year, at Christmas in the Park, help our Christmas Elves by filling our Calmar Cruiser with non - perishable food items! Christmas in the Park is free, please help out families in need this Holiday Season!



THURSDAY

30

NOVEMBER

From

6 PM

Until

8 PM



Behold, the enchanting spectacle of Calmar's Christmas in the park! Come and revel in the warmth of hot chocolate and scrumptious treats. Glide through the starry night on horse-drawn sleigh rides, guided by the melody of music and the twinkle of Christmas lights. Capture the magic of the moment with a portrait alongside the jolly old soul himself, Santa Claus, and delight in other surprises that await. Come, and be swept away into a realm of wonder and joy!



www.Calmar.ca (780) 985-3604 @TownofCalmar





Economic Development

BUSINESS UPDATE

1.

We sold all of the arena advertising space boards!!! Make sure you take a minute and drop by the arena and check out all of the businesses that are advertising on the arena boards! Check out a hockey practice or come by for some free public skating!

2.

We held our Business Breakfast in October! We had Calmar's very own ATB present to our business community about "Business Growth, Stop Dreaming, Start Doing!" What a great presentation and what an opportunity to do some work "on" your business!!!

3.

The Town of Calmar is selling 1 town-owned property on main street. If you are looking to purchase land to open a business, this may be perfect for you! If you would like to view the property, please call Chris Feist Real Estate at 780-916-9530.

Highlight for November

Are you a business in the Town of Calmar? Do you want to come to a Christmas Party with other businesses in town? Then you need to call Sandra at the Town office to get you and your staff invited to the 2023 Christmas Gala!

For Questions or suggestions for updates, or to RSVP to an Event,
Please call Sandra McIntosh at 780-985-3604 Ext. 226

Christmas GALA

The Town of Calmar would like to invite all of the local Calmar businesses to have your Christmas Party with us!

- Book your Christmas party with the Town of Calmar and the Calmar Legion!
- This is a great opportunity to take your staff to a huge Christmas Party that fits in your budget!
- To book your table(s) or just a couple of seats, call Sandra at 780-985-3604 ext 226 Seating is limited.

Saturday, December 2, 2023

5:00 pm Cocktails

6:00 pm Dinner

8:00 pm Dance

11:00 pm Midnight Lunch

Calmar Legion

Costs:

Per Person \$45.00

Per Table of 8 \$325.00



FIBER OPTICS IS COMING TO CALMAR

GET THE FACTS!!!

Canadian Fiber Optics are the owners of this project. They are paying for and installing internet fiber in Calmar.

Fiber will be installed in every street and avenue in the Town of Calmar. There is no cost to the residents or to the Town.

If you want the fiber brought to your house while the construction is happening - go to <https://lightupcalmar.ca> to sign up for free install.

The company doing the construction work is called Mack Construction Services. They are hired by Canadian Fiber Optics.

Construction begins at the Mike Karbonik arena and heads west, then south through Calmar.

Construction will begin on October 16, 2023 and only be done between the hours of 7:00am - 11:00pm. They do not work on Sundays.

For all other facts or if you have questions, please go to <http://canadianfiberoptics.ca>



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Volunteers Needed

**Become a Christmas Elves Volunteer Today.
Choose from these volunteer options!**

- Help with the food drive
- Sort food / toy donations
- Prepare food and toy Christmas Hampers
- Compile a list of food needed for purchase
- Food bank pick up and drop off
- Check/empty the donations bins around Town and transfer the food to the storage area.

**Please contact Heather Bryans for more
information.**



780.985.3604



fcss@calmar.ca

What's Happening at NOVEMBER 2023



HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday – Tuesday – Thursday – Friday
11:00 am to 5:00 pm
Wednesday
11:00 am to 8:00 pm

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3RD
MONDAY NOVEMBER 13TH

FREE LIBRARY CARD



New to the community? Library card needs renewing. Not a problem! Email circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca or call 780.985.3472 and one of our helpful staff will be happy to assist you.

NOVEMBER NATIONAL DAYS OF INTEREST

November 3rd: National Sandwich Day
November 14th: National Pickle Day
November 21st: World Hello Day

IN-HOUSE PROGRAMS

Dungeon & Dragons Club (16 years and up)

Wednesday, November 1st 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm (1st Wednesday of the month)

The logo for Dungeons & Dragons, featuring the words "DUNGEONS & DRAGONS" in a stylized, red and black font.

Dungeons and Dragons is a fantasy role-playing game that will take you and your friends on epic journeys. Never played? This is a great opportunity to learn. Drop-ins welcome!

Knit & Stitch Club

Tuesday November 7, 14, 21, & 28th @ 1:30PM – 3:00PM



This group is for all levels of experience. Wool and tools can be supplied if you are new to the craft. Bring your project down!

Play n' Stay

Thursday November 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30th @ 10:00AM - 11:00PM



This program is for 0-5 years with caregivers. Drop-ins are welcome but feel free to let us know if you are coming. To register or for more information, call 780.985.3472 or circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca

Let's Get Cooking Cookbook Club

November 8th (2nd Wednesday of the month) @ 6:00PM



Do you enjoy browsing through cookbooks, trying new recipes or cooking techniques, and sampling and sharing new dishes? Or are you stuck in a rut and keep making the same dishes over-and-over again? **November's theme is Family Favourites!** For more information call the Library at 780.985.3472 or email circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca

LEGO CLUB

Wednesday, November 15th @ 4:00PM – 5:00PM



If you like building "stuff" and using your imagination, or enjoy a little challenge, this is for you! Come on down and give your skills a try!

We supply the LEGO! Registration is preferred but drop-ins are welcome! To register call 780.985.3472 or email us at circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca

MIDTERM BREAK

Kids & Seniors in the Kitchen



Wednesday, November 15 @ 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Thursday, November 16 @ 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Friday, November 17 @ 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Cook it! Try it! Like it! This 3-day program promotes healthy eating habits by providing hands on experience cooking healthy foods. Each day participants will work alongside seniors from our community to create simple, healthy recipes that they can share at home! This program was made possible by a grant from Leduc County. Registration is required as space is limited. Deadline to register is no later than November 8th, 2023. Kids participants must be 8 years and older. If you are a senior and would like to volunteer to help, please contact the library.

FRIENDS OF THE CALMAR PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK SALE

November 20th till November 29th (during Library hours)



The Friends of the Calmar Library are hosting their year end Book Sale. Choose from our great selection of quality gently used books and DVDs to help raise funds for the Library. Come early for the best selection.

Donations for the book sale will be accepted November 13th – 17th (**No exceptions**)

To register for a program: Call 780.985.3472 or Email circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca

AT HOME PROGRAMS

TAKE & MAKE KITS – first come, first served while supplies last!

Take a kit and make a craft/project at home! The kits will include supplies to make a fun craft! You may need some basic craft supplies at home (scissors, tape, glue, etc) to complete the craft.

Available November 1st

Pre-K – Music Makers

Tween/Teen – Clay Ring Dish

NEW ITEMS AT THE LIBRARY

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

DVD'S/AUDIO

No Hard Feelings

Flash

Dead Man's Hand

Spider-Man: Across the Spider-verse

The Little Mermaid

Black Snow Series 1

Our House

Mission Kandahar

Jack Ryan Season 3

Cannes Confidential

ADULT NON-FICTION

The In-Between

Hadley Vlahos, RN

Outlive: The Science and Art of
Longevity

Peter Attia, MD

Build the Life You Want

Aruthur C. Brooks

Truth Telling

Michelle Good

Fraciche Food

Jillian Harris

ADULT FICTION

The Housemaid

Freida McFadden

The Invisible Hour

Alice Hoffman

The Keeper of Hidden Books

Madeline Martin

The Sun and the Void

Gabreiel Romero Lacruz

Cruel Seduction

Katee Robert

None of this is True

Lisa Jewell

After that Night

Karin Slaughter

Both Sides of the Blade

Ryan Mcleod

Good Bad Girl

Alice Feeney

Things We Left Behind

Lucy Score

Fourth Wing

Rebecca Yarros

Canary Girls

Jennifer Chiaverini

Tom Lake

Ann Patchett

The Covenant of Water

Abraham Verghese

Payback in Death

J.D. Robb

A Shot in the Dark

Victoria Lee

The Royal Windsor Secret
The River We Remember
Secrets, Lies & Rodeo
Dark Ride
Mother - Daughter Murder Night
Chenneville
23 1/2 Lies

Christine Wells
William Kent Krueger
E. M. Schumacher
Lou Berney
Nina Simon
Paulett Jiles
James Patterson

LARGE PRINT

Just Another Missing Person
The Quiet Tenant
After That Night
The Survivor

Gillian McAllister
Clemence Michallon
Karin Slaughter
Iris Johansen

YOUNG ADULT

Firebird
Foxglove
Bring me your midnight
The Adventure Zone the eleventh
hour
Suddenly a Murder
I Feed Her to the Beast and the Beast
is Me
The Box in the Woods
The Brothers Hawthorne

Sunmi
Adalyn Grace
Rachel Griffen
Clint McElroy
Laureen Munoz
Jamison Shea
Maureen Johnson
Jennifer Lynn Barnes

JR. BOOKS

Dragon Masters: Draw of the Light Dragon	Tracey West
Secret Explorers and the Haunted Castle	SJ King
Secret explorers and the Moon Mission	SJ King
Meet Buffy Sainte-Marie	Elizabeth Macleod
The Secret Explorers and the Ice Age Adventure	SJ King
100 Mighty Dragons all Named Broccoli	David Larochele
Secret Explorers the Sunken Treasure	SJ King
Wings of Fire: The Flames of Hope	Tui T Sutherland
Super Scary Narwhalloween (graphic)	Ben Clanton

PICTURE/BOARD BOOKS

The Together Tree
Woo Hoo! You're Doing Great
Mermaid Day
Nothing's Wrong
Big
Party Hearty Kitty-Corn
The Kindest Red

Aisha Saeed
Sandra Boynton
Diana Murray
Jory John
Vashti Harrison
Shannon Hale
Ibtihaj Muhammad

I am Left-Handed
You Need to Chill
Tiny T. Rex
100 Mighty Dragons all named Broccoli
The Boo Crew Needs You
Dot the Lady Bug - early reader
Class Trip
How Does Santa Go Down the Chimney
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Sleigh
You Need to Chill
Tiny T. Rex and the Grand Ta-Da!
If My Parents are Divorced

Dagmar Geisler
Juno Dawson
Jonathan Stutzman
David Larochelle
Vicky Fang
Kallie George
Robert Munsch
Mac Barnett
Mo Willems
Juno Dawson
Jonathan Stutzman
Dagmar Geisler

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....

Susan Parkinson

Director of Public Library Services





<https://leduccurling.ca/>

girls GET Ready to Rock



new experiences
with new friends!



FREE
TRY-IT
EVENT



GIRLS REGISTER

Free Youth Learn-to Curl Try-it Event

No experience necessary Ages 8-15

Free Try-it Event: Saturday, Oct 28th

1:00-3:00PM Leduc Curling Club

6-Week Learn to Curl Program:

Monday's Oct. 30th to Dec. 11th

4:00-5:00pm



Connect with us!
Submitted by Leduc County FCSS

Register for any session by calling 780-979-2385.

Wills, enduring power of attorney, and personal directives - Oh my!

Join Leduc County and Bortnik Law to learn how to prepare a legally valid Will, an Enduring Power of Attorney and Personal Directive documentation. Understand the consequences of not having these documents in place and hear real-life examples of what works and what doesn't.

Date: Thursday, Nov. 2

Time: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Location: Thorsby Rec Centre

Dusty album to digital archives

In the digital age, printed photos can easily become forgotten, damaged or lost. Whether you are in the process of downsizing, creating your life story or if you are looking to preserve your family history, this talk will provide you with valuable insights on how to manage and enjoy your printed photos. Join Karen Murdock and Leduc County to discuss how photos can be preserved and enjoyed for generations to come.

Date: Saturday Nov. 4, 2023

Time: 1 to 3 p.m.

Location: Rolly View Community Hall

Raising awareness of family violence

Join Riseup Society and Leduc County to learn about the different types of family violence and the various resources and supports available to those who have been affected. We will also discuss how we can raise awareness and support those close to us who may be experiencing family violence.

Date: Thursday, Nov. 16

Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Location: Online



Financial empowerment virtual series

The online series is offered in recognition of *Financial Literacy Month*. Get the support, tools and resources you need to improve your financial health. These four sessions are part of a series, you will register for the whole series, but feel free to attend as many as you like.

Online series information

Raising financially fit kids

Mark Kalinowski, Credit Counselling Society

Parents will learn some easy to implement techniques to teach kids of all ages about savings, giving and spending.

► **Date:** Nov. 7, 2023

► **Time:** 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Living well on a fixed or retirement income

Mark Kalinowski, Credit Counselling Society

Explore ways to decrease expenses, identify people and activities that may be costing money and learn how to read the signs when more help may be needed. Participants will learn ways to increase income, reduce expenses and live on a limited income without having to rely on credit to get by.

► **Date:** Nov. 17, 2023

► **Time:** 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Financial wellness for beginners – what you need to know about money

Lisa Elle, Certified Financial Planner, Wealth Strategist & Financial Author

Increase your basic money management knowledge so you can build skills to reduce debt, grow savings, build assets and make informed financial decisions. Learn tips and tricks to make the most of your income and plan for your financial future. Learning how to manage your money now can help prevent future money woes. Take control of your finances and make the most of what you have.

► **Date:** Nov. 20, 2023

► **Time:** 6 to 8 p.m.



Lisa Elle is the founder of The Wealth Collective™, owner of Ellements Financial Group, host of the *Money Makeover Podcast* and the author of *STRUT: How to Kick Financial ASSets in Sexy Shoes*. Lisa has been a wealth strategist and a Certified Financial Planner for over 20 years and is passionate about helping women create financial clarity and fund their dreams.



Consumer rights & tips to protect yourself

Julie Matthews, Senior Investigator and Peace Officer, Consumer Investigations Unit.

Learn about your consumer rights. Get tips on how to spot fraudsters and protect yourself from scams. Topics covered include contractor scams, door-to-door scams and red flags to watch out for when hiring businesses.

► **Date:** Nov. 30, 2023

► **Time:** 2 to 3 p.m.

Register: online at www.leduc-county.com/financial-empowerment-virtual-series

or contact Kristin at **780-955-6421** or kristin@leduc-county.com.

All attendees will be entered into a draw at each event to win a prize valued at \$100.





CANADA
4-H Alberta

Calmar Heart of the Country 4-H Club

4-H Alberta Program offers youth who will

"Learn To Do By Doing"

and gain life-long skills like:

**Cooperation, Leadership, Critical
thinking, Decision making,
Organization, Public speaking, and
Community service.**

4-H Projects this year: Archery, Small Engines &
Engineering for 9 - 20 year olds
Clever Kids for 6 - 8 year olds

Monthly club meetings held at Willow Creek Hall
from November to June

Deadline to register: Nov 3, 2023.

More info email Tracy at:

calmarheart4h@gmail.com



CALMAR DROP IN ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Mondays 7:00pm-9:00pm

Arrive at 6:45pm

Calmar Secondary School



(780) 985-3604

Calmar & District Christmas Elves

Donations for the Calmar Christmas Elves will begin on
Monday, November 13th!

After this date, you can find donation bins at the [Library](#), Food Town, the [Post Office](#), the Mint Pharmacy, the [Mike Karbonik Arena](#), and at the Town Office.

Donations will also be accepted at Calmar's [Christmas in the Park](#) on November 30th! In lieu of a food drive, we will be "[Cramming the Cruiser](#)" with donations!

For our local businesses, we will have a huge donation bin at the [Christmas Gala](#) if you want to donate to the Christmas Elves as well! Maybe some friendly competition between our businesses.

If you are interested in helping out a family on our Angel Tree, please reach out to the Town office at 780-985-3604 or fcss@calmar.ca

TOWN OF
CALMAR

NOVEMBER 2023



DISCOVER SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER AT NHCS



NEW HUMBLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL





BLACK GOLD REGIONAL DIVISION NO. 18



Advocating for Dual Credit and Off Campus programs

Alberta is facing a shortage of skilled trades people, and in response, the Black Gold School Division continues to focus on connecting our high school students with opportunities in support of diverse career pathways.

Our Dual Credit program allows students to earn college/university credits from a postsecondary institution and high school credits from their school by completing college-level coursework all while attending High School.

Additionally, students can earn hours and high school credits by enrolling in the Registered Apprenticeship (RAP) courses. The program offers students with numerous benefits, including cost savings, flexibility, career exploration, and the development of new skills. "Students report that after taking dual credit courses, they developed the confidence to pursue full time postsecondary when they graduate," said Curriculum Manager Terri Reid. "This allows them to pursue more meaningful and rewarding career opportunities."

The Off-Campus Education courses offered at the Black Gold Outreach School include Agriculture and Workplace Safety, Work Experience, the Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP), the Green Certificate Program, and their prerequisites.

"The purpose of the Off-Campus program is to familiarize students with the world of work," said Reid. "Real-life resumes and interviews can help them land a quality job, while customized skill and safety training gives them opportunities to excel at their worksites."

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Black Gold Schools received funding approval for an addition to Calmar Secondary School to house a new collegiate school, which will provide students with opportunities to complete their first period apprenticeship training and related work/registered apprenticeship program placements in addition to their high school graduation. Construction on the Calmar Secondary Collegiate School is expected to begin in Spring 2024.

As per the Education Act, school divisions are required to pay the tuition for dual credit courses, which results in the costs of many dual credit programs, including some first period apprenticeship training for trades, exceeding the per-pupil funding received for individual students. "Dual credit courses often require lower pupil-to-teacher ratios in order to provide supervision and hands-on student support," said Superintendent of Schools Bill Romanchuk. "In order to achieve those ratios, school divisions are then required to be more economically stringent in other areas and increase pupil-to-teacher ratios in other classes to balance the books."

After more than seven years of dual credit implementation - with ample evidence of benefits - and a full two years after the Alberta Education Dual Credit Framework commitment, school divisions are waiting to see a consistent, sustainable funding structure. "We continue to deal with unpredictable start-up or pilot funding, which limits our ability to expand dual credit opportunities," said Romanchuk. "We are working with other school boards through the Alberta School Board Association to address concerns around dual credit and career education," said Board Chair Esther Eckert. "Further, on September 20th we requested MLA assistance in advocating for a sufficient, sustainable and equitable funding structure for dual credit programming to support student pathways to post-secondary education and workplace training."

The Division's Dual Credit program is based on partnerships with Lakeland College, Olds College, Portage College, Northern Lakes College, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) and Alberta Education. For more information, please visit www.blackgold.ca/schools/programs.

COMPANY NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE #
Ales Wine & Spirits	5001 - 50 Avenue Calmar, AB	(780)985-3334
Bank of Montreal	4902 - 50 Avenue Calmar, AB	(780)985-4727
Beads By Betty	By Appointment. Please Call	(867)872-4456
Big Wifi Inc.	By Appointment. Please call	(844)717-6237
Burger Bar	5102 - 50 Avenue Calmar, AB	(780)985-3511
Calmar ATB	4905 - 50 Avenue Calmar, AB	(780)985-2103
Calmar Bakery	4906 - 50 Avenue Calmar, AB	(780)985-3583
Calmar Big Country Auto Repair & Paint Ltd.	5005 - 42 Avenue Calmar, AB	(780)985-2590
Calmar Bottle Depot Ltd.	4912 - 50 Avenue Calmar, AB	(780)985-2155
Calmar Chiropractic Clinic	4715 - 50 Avenue Calmar, AB	(780)985-7260
Calmar Compounding Pharmacy	4741 - 50 Avenue Calmar, AB	(780)900-0222
Calmar Dental Clinic	4741 - 50 Avenue Calmar, AB	(780)985-2227
Calmar Grocery & Food Town	4725 - 50 Avenue Calmar, AB	(780)985-2726
Calmar Liquor Store	4714 - 50 Avenue Calmar, AB	(780)282-1171
Calmar Medical Clinic	4741 - 50 Avenue Calmar, AB	(780)985-3344
Calmar Petro Canada	4714 - 50 Avenue Calmar, AB	(780)282-1171
Calmar Pharmacy Ltd.	5002 - 50 Avenue Calmar, AB	(780)985-3141
Calmar Storage	5009 - 43 Avenue Calmar, AB	(780)985-2102
Calmar Subs	4725 - 50 Avenue Calmar, AB	(780)985-2726
Calmar Subway Ltd.	4725 - 50 Avenue Calmar, AB	(780)985-2282
Carson Production Services Ltd.	5001 - 42 Avenue Calmar, AB	(780)915-9148
Carter's Pilings	4424 - 50 Avenue Calmar, AB	(780)777-8404
CC's Therapeutic Massage	5310 - 52 Street Calmar, AB	(780)985-2149
Certified Spraybooths Inc.	39 Parkview Crescent Calmar, AB	(780)9853215
Chevron	5001 - 50 Avenue Calmar, AB	(780)985-7224
Clean and Simple Soap Company	5006 - 42 Avenue Calmar, AB	(780)913-0595
Cleaning with Meaning	By Appointment. Please call	(780)995-6808
Co-op Gas Bar	4613 - 50 Avenue, Calmar, AB	(780)985-4584
Country Cannabis Store	4910 - 50 Avenue Calmar, AB	(780)985-0150
Country Care Massage Therapy	5037 - 52 Street Calmar, AB	(780)239-9290
Countryside Liquor Store	5018 - 50 Avenue Calmar, AB	(780)263-0750
Countryside Vision Care	4715 - 50 Avenue Calmar, AB	(587)906-1515
Dew Drops Daycare Centre Calmar Ltd.	4917 - 50 Avenue Calmar, AB	(780)985-2818
Direct-Line Insurance Inc.	4905 - 50 Avenue Calmar, AB	(780)985-3666
Dyck Insurance Agency Ltd.	4915 - 50 Avenue, Calmar, AB	(780)985-3650
Elite Carpet Care	By Appointment. Please call	(780)985-4253
Esthetics Avenue	By Appointment. Please call	(780)966-1480

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Georg Fischer Urecon Ltd.	5010 - 43 Avenue, Calmar, AB	(780)985-3636
Graceful Skin Spa & Massage	44 Parkview Crescent, Calmar, AB	(587)357-5957
Grasshopper Café	4703 - 50 Avenue, Calmar, AB	(780)985-2529
Hannah, Colin and Co.	By Appointment. Please call	(780)984-3470
Hayduk Lumber & Hardware Ltd.	4736 - 50 Avenue, Calmar, AB	(780)985-2202
Haylstorm Fitness (by Hayley Pratt)	By Appointment. Please call	(780)898-5650
Income Taxes Done Right	By Appointment. Please call	(587)599-5520
Is Good Coffee Bar & More	Unit 201, 4715 - 50 Avenue	Please drop by
JMR Collective Yoga & Fitness Classes	By Appointment. Please call	(780)616-2191
Komplete Modular Solutions Ltd.,	5030 - 43 Avenue, Calmar, AB	(587)991-5015
Krisp Kleen Janitorial	By Appointment. Please call	(587)982-9510
Latmann Equipment Ltd.	5022 - 42 Avenue, Calmar, AB	(780)985-4202
Leduc Mechanical Industries Inc.	4412 - 50 Avenue, Calmar, AB	(780)985-8591
Lee's Family Restaurant	4731 - 50 Avenue, Calmar, AB	(780)985-2221
Loganberrys Antiques & Curiosities	4732 - 50 Avenue, Calmar, AB	(780)985-2553
Luz Massage Therapy	By Appointment. Please call	(780)289-7176
Maggie Moo's Ice Cream Barn	5001 - 50 Avenue, Calmar, AB	(780)619-5399
Mr. Fix It/Rhythm Mechanical	By Appointment. Please call	(780)940-8403
MWG Trucking Ltd.	5033 - 42 Avenue, Calmar, AB	(780)985-3197
New Shanghai Restaurant	5014 - 50 Avenue, Calmar, AB	(780)985-3989
Newport Manufacturing & Design Ltd.	4436 - 50 Avenue, Calmar, AB	(780)985-7000
Norpoint Sandblasting & Painting Ltd.	4420 - 50 Avenue, Calmar, AB	(780)469-6271
Paragon Wireline Services Ltd.	5021 - 42 Avenue, Calmar, AB	(780)690-6766
Platinum Home Inspections	By Appointment. Please call	(780)940-0287
Pro Eavestrouging Ltd.	By Appointment, Please call.	(780)985-3237
Rhooster Tail Hair Salon	4701 - 49 Avenue, Calmar, AB	(780)985-4588
Rise Wellness	#202, 4715 - 50 Avenue, Calmar	(780)913-7718
Route 39 Public House Inc.	5010 - 50 Avenue, Calmar, AB	(780)203-4219
Segue Seniors Health Consulting Inc.	By Appointment. Please call	(587)576-3663
Silverstar Oilfield Transportation Ltd.	4301 - 52 Avenue, Calmar, AB	(780)985-8501
Skip's Sports Bar	4726 - 50 Avenue, Calmar, AB	(780)985-2089
Spreen Repair Services Ltd.	5001 - 43 Avenue, Calmar, AB	(780)985-3317
The Car Doctor	5010 - 42 Avenue, Calmar, AB	(780)886-5013
The Difference Office Services	By Appointment. Please call	(780)498-2986
The Super Patch Company Associate	4710 - 48 A Ave Calmar, AB	(780)991-0856

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TLC Dog Grooming	By Appointment, Please call	(780)239-7065
TNT Storage	5403 - 50 Street, Calmar, AB	(780)263-0319
Vertex Resource Services Ltd.	5046 - 42 Avenue, Calmar, AB	(780)985-2213
Whatever Repairs and Services Inc	4737 - 50 Avenue, Calmar, AB	(780)995-4374
Wizard Lake Marine Inc.	4444 - 50 Avenue, Calmar, AB	(780)985-4200
Xtreme Foam Applicators Ltd.	5007 - 42 Avenue, Calmar, AB	(780)218-3626
Yesterday's Treasure Market Inc.	4904 - 50 Avenue, Calmar, AB	(780)985-2522
ZYP Art Gallery	4715 - 50 Avenue, Calmar, AB	(780)984-4114

UTILITY BILL DUE DATES

JANUARY - FEBRUARY = APRIL 6TH

MARCH - APRIL = JUNE 6TH

MAY - JUNE = AUGUST 6TH

JULY - AUGUST = OCTOBER 6TH

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER = DECEMBER 6TH

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER = FEBRUARY 6TH

Reminder to set up your E-Billing. Go to our website calmar.ca for more details.

Or Contact Darlene at the Town Office @ 780.985.3604 Ext. 222



Budget

OPEN HOUSE

10:00AM - 3:00PM

In

Council Chambers

4901 - 50 Ave.

Calmar, AB (east door)

**For more information, call the Town office
at 780-985-3604**

Community Groups are free!

NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE
15TH OF THE
MONTH!

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

Phone: 780.985.3604 ext. 226
Fax: 780.985.3039
email: smcintosh@calmar.ca

Property Taxes

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

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

All you need is a signed Pre-Authorized Debit form and a VOID Cheque/Direct Deposit form from your bank. No missed due dates and penalties, no need to renew every year. Just an automatic withdrawal from your account once a month.

The payment is calculated based on your most current levy.

If you are interested in joining, contact Heather @ 780.985.3604 EXT. 232

November Council Meetings

are on Monday, November 6th & 20th at 6:30pm in Council Chambers at 4901 – 50 ave.

Alternatively, you may join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/211016493>

You can also dial in using your phone.

(For supported devices, tap a one-touch number below to join instantly.)

Canada: +1 (647) 497-9391

– One-touch: tel:+16474979391,,211016493#

Access Code: 211-016-493

Agenda to follow.

Public Works On Call : 780.446.7319
Public Works Shop: 780.985.2121
Community Peace Officer :
780.999.7181
Emergency : 911

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