

# The Chronicle



April 2026



## News:

Town of Calmar facilities will be closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday.



## Events:

Community nights will be held on Thursday April 9 and April 23 at the Program Centre. 4815 49 Street.



## Council:

Council Meetings will be on April 7 and 20 at 6:30 PM.

Committee of the Whole will be on April 22 at 1:30 PM.

### Where to find the Chronicle:

- Mint Health + Drugs
- Lee's Restaurant
- Whatever Repairs
- Grasshopper Restaurant
- Calmar Library
- Wild Summit Co.
- Calmar Bakery
- ...Is Good Coffee Bar & More
- Hayduk Lumber & Hardware
- Calmar Medical Clinic
- Town Office



## Calmar Introduces Organic Bins!

**Town of Calmar has paired with GFL to bring household organic collection to Calmar.**



April is here, bringing longer days and the first real signs of spring. The Town of Calmar is excited to announce that organic bins will begin rolling out the week of April 20, 2026, with collection starting in May. Flip to pages 6 and 7 for your quick guide to using your new organic bin. Recycling is collected through Circular Materials, while organics and garbage are collected through GFL Environmental.

## Get in touch:

Town Administration Office - 4901-50 Avenue, P.O. Box 750, Calmar, AB T0C 0V0

**Phone:** 780-985-3604 **Fax:** 780-985-3039

**Website:** [www.calmar.ca](http://www.calmar.ca) **Email:** [info@calmar.ca](mailto:info@calmar.ca)

# APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b>  <b>APRIL FOOL'S DAY!</b>	<b>2</b> Town Office Closed  Coffee with Seniors   	<b>3</b> <i>Good Friday</i>  Town Office Closed	<b>4</b>
-----Spring Break-----						
<b>5</b> HAPPY EASTER	<b>6</b> Easter MONDAY Utilities Are Due  Town Office Closed	<b>7</b>  World Health Day  Council Meeting @ 6:30pm	<b>8</b> Senior Meeting	<b>9</b>  Last day for the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program  Community Night 	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  	<b>14</b>   Senior Cards & Games Night	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>   Coffee with Seniors  	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>   Start of the Organic Bin Roll Out. Collection Starts May 2026  Council Meeting @ 6:30pm	<b>21</b> 	<b>22</b> Tourism Week   Volunteer Week  Committee of the Whole @ 1:30 pm	<b>23</b>   Community Night  	<b>24</b> Babysitting Course	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  	<b>28</b>  National Day of Mourning  Senior Jam Session  Senior Cards & Games Night	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>    		



Adult Drop In Volleyball 7:00pm - 9:00pm  
Calmar Secondary School



Calmar Pickleball 7:00pm - 9:00pm  
Calmar Secondary School

# In The Know with the CAO

Monitored alarm systems can automatically send a request for emergency help within seconds but when they trigger a **false alarm**, the cost is felt across the community. In 2025, **28 false alarm** calls were registered in Calmar, meaning the fire department responded 28 times when no response was necessary. This represents 50% of the department's responses (56 calls in total). The 2nd most popular type of call was for medical assistance (9 occurrences) and actual fire calls (6 occurrences) came in 3rd place.

Most false alarms are a result of automated alarm systems. Each unnecessary response costs about **\$4,000**, creating significant expense for the Town of Calmar and its residents (28 x \$4,000 = \$112,000 in charges to rate payers in 2025). Because of this we are asking residents to please ensure that your system is maintained and operating correctly. If you are considering removing your fire alarms from automated monitoring, consult your household insurer and service provider to understand the implications. You could also consult with the fire department about the pros and cons of the various alarm systems and their configurations.

It is important to note that once an emergency call has been made, **it cannot be cancelled**. Even if you, your system operator, or a third-party call immediately after the initial call, the Fire Department **will attend to your property to ensure everyone is safe**. This is their policy.

Because the department responds to every call received, false alarms place unnecessary demands on resources and increase operational costs. To address this, the Town has adopted a **false alarm bylaw** that defines what constitutes a false alarm and outlines **the consequences of multiple false alarms within a calendar year**. Each property is allowed one false alarm per year, and subsequent false alarms result in an invoice to the owner that increases with false alarm frequency. For more information, please visit the Town's website or reach out to your Administration.

I wish everyone a fun and safe Spring 2026.

Yours Truly,  
Sylvain Losier, CAO



# WEED & UNSIGHTLY ENFORCEMENT SCHEDULE

2026

## May

- ★ May 4 - Inspection Date
- May 6 - Remedial Mail Out Date
- ✓ May 28 - Final Compliance Inspection Date

## August

- ★ Aug. 4 - Inspection Date
- Aug. 6 - Remedial Mail Out Date
- ✓ Aug. 28 - Final Compliance Inspection Date

## June

- ★ June 1 - Inspection Date
- June 2 - Remedial Mail Out Date
- ✓ June 25 - Final Compliance Inspection Date

## September

- ★ Sept. 2 - Inspection Date
- Sept. 4 - Remedial Mail Out Date
- ✓ Sept. 24 - Final Compliance Inspection Date

## July

- ★ July 6 - Inspection Date
- July 8 - Remedial Mail Out Date
- ✓ July 30 - Final Compliance Inspection Date

## October

- ★ Oct. 1 - Inspection Date
- Oct. 5 - Remedial Mail Out Date
- ✓ Oct. 23 - Final Compliance Inspection Date

Name:

Contact info:

Colouring contest! Submit your creative side of the image below to be entered into a giveaway of a local gift card. Submission can be dropped off to the Town Office, 4901 50 Avenue. Happy colouring!



# ORGANICS

Safety, Knowledge and Experience - The GFL Advantage

## ACCEPTED ORGANIC MATERIALS



**Food Waste**



**Plant Waste/Grass Clippings**



**Soiled Paper Products**



**Paper Towels & Napkins**



**Pet Waste**



**Certified Compostable Products**

## PLEASE DO NOT PLACE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN THE ORGANICS BIN.



**NO** Plastics



**NO** Glass



**NO** Metal



**NO** Diapers



**NO** Rubber Bands  
or Twist Ties



# RECYCLING

These items must be placed in your blue bag and be clean and free of foods, liquids and dirt.



**Hard Plastic Containers, Tubs and Bottles. No Lids or Caps.**  
(e.g. detergent, condiment or shampoo bottles, margarine and large yogurt containers, ice cream pails)



**Aluminum and Tin Cans and Containers**



**Cardboard - Flattened**



**Mixed Paper/Paperboard**  
(e.g. Magazines, flyers, newspaper, Catalogues, Office Paper, Envelopes, Craft Paper, Books with front and back cover removed)



**Deposit items Including:**  
Mix Containers, Pop & Beer, Cans and Bottles, Tetra Paks



**Wrapping Paper Greeting Cards**  
No Foil, decorations removed



**No Styrofoam / Plastic Clamshells**



**No Shredded Paper**



**No Coffee Cups / Plastic Cups**



**No Straws / Plastic Utensils**



**No Plastic Bags**



**No Hazardous Waste**



# ORGANICS



**Food Waste**



**Food Soiled Paper**



**Plants/Grass Clippings**

**Small Quantities of Pet Waste**



**Shredded Paper**



**Certified Compostable Bags**



**No Plastic Bags**



**No Produce Stickers**



**No Glass or Metal**



**No Diapers**



**No Rubber Bands or Twist Ties**



# LANDFILL



**Styrofoam & Rubber**



**Non Refundable Glass**



**Fabric**



**Film Plastic**



**Single Use Packaging**



**No Recyclables**



**No Organics**



**\*No Hazardous Waste Must be taken to Enviro-service Station**

# BE CART SMART

# STOP. THINK. SORT.



\*items may be sorted differently depending on your community\*

csredmonton@gflenv.com

2026

TOWN OF  
CALMAR

# SPRING CLEAN UP

**PICK UP SCHEDULED  
MAY 11 - MAY 15**

ITEMS MUST BE PLACED OUT BY 7:00 AM ON **MAY 11TH**.  
PICK UP WILL BE COMPLETED BY 3:30 PM ON FRIDAY  
**MAY 15TH**.

**CURB-SIDE FRONT YARD PICK UP ONLY**  
**NO EXCEPTIONS**

**MAXIMUM PICK UP IS 1/2 TON TRUCK LOAD PER RESIDENCE.**  
BRANCHES ARE TO BE BUNDLED IN 3 FOOT (MAX LENGTH)  
BUNDLES

PLACE METAL IN A SEPERATE PILE  
PLACE ELECTRONICS IN A SEPERATE PILE

**WE WILL NOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING:**

**PROPANE TANKS, FRIDGES, DEEP FREEZES, MICROWAVES, AIR  
CONDITIONERS, WATER COOLERS, BROKEN GLASS, BATTERIES,  
CAR PARTS, TIRES, CONCRETE, PAINT, OIL, ANTIFREEZE OR  
CHEMICALS.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2026 SPRING CLEAN UP  
PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN OFFICE @ 780-985-3604**

# Calmar Play Dates

Calmar Program Centre  
4815 49 Street  
Monday Morning  
9:15am - 10:15am

## COMMUNITY VOLLEYBALL MONDAYS

CALMAR SECONDARY  
SCHOOL GYMNASIUM  
6:45PM-9:00PM

## COMMUNITY PICKLEBALL

CALMAR SECONDARY  
SCHOOL GYMNASIUM  
7:00PM-9:00PM

TUESDAYS AND  
THURSDAYS



## BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION WELCOMES TWO NEW PRINCIPLES TO CALMAR FOR THE 2026/2027 YEAR.

Black Gold School Division is pleased to announce that Carla Fisher will join Calmar Elementary School as Principal beginning in the 2026–27 school year.

Fisher currently serves as Principal of East Elementary School and will transition to Calmar Elementary in September 2026. Calmar Elementary's current Principal, Stan Travnik, will take on the role of Principal at East Elementary School.

Fisher has been an educator in Black Gold for 28 years, including as an administrator for 17 years. She is currently the leader of the Elementary Administrators' Association in the division.

Carla brings 14 years of principal experience and is a highly effective educational leader," says Raymond Cable, Associate Superintendent, Black Gold School Division. "Carla's focus on students and what they need to thrive is at the foundation of her strength as a leader. Parents appreciate her commitment to seeing their children as individuals and for her dedication to ensuring their needs are met."

"I believe in leading by example and maintaining open, transparent communication," says Fisher. "I am passionate about creating learning environments where every child feels safe, supported, and inspired to grow. I look forward to listening to the perspectives of students, staff, and parents as we collaborate to ensure Calmar Elementary School supports every student and fosters success."

Cable says, "We look forward to seeing Carla use her expertise and dedication as an educator and leader to positively impact Calmar Elementary School's staff, students, and families."



Black Gold School Division is pleased to announce it has appointed Ian Tisdale as the new Principal of Calmar Collegiate Secondary School, starting in the fall of 2026-27.

Tisdale is coming to Black Gold after most recently serving as a Principal of The BRICK Learning Centre School in Ponoka (in Wolf Creek Public Schools). Tisdale brings 29 years of experience in K-12 education, including 11 years as a school administrator.

"Ian's professional achievements have led him to present at the local, provincial and national level on innovative teaching and leadership practices. His strong network and deep understanding of career pathways education will ensure the Collegiate program, based at CSCS, flourishes," says Cable.

"I am excited about the opportunity of joining the Calmar Secondary Collegiate School team," says Tisdale. "CSCS is valued as a vibrant school in Black Gold and in the Calmar community with its focus on strong academics, athletics, visual and performing arts, and collegiate programming. I am looking forward to continuing to build strength in all of these important program areas, with staff, students and families."

Tisdale says, "I am impressed by the Calmar community's support of its schools. I am committed to working within Calmar to build strong relationships and, with that as the foundation, continuing to build engaging learning opportunities for students. I am excited to make CSCS my home."

"When students connect to real-world learning applications and see relevance and purpose in their education, they thrive. The Calmar Secondary Collegiate School understands that, and I look forward to supporting continued excellence in the way CSCS supports students."



To learn more and stay up to date on Black Gold School Division visit

[www.blackgold.ca](http://www.blackgold.ca)

# Calmar Elementary School

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY FOR 2026-27

[www.blackgold.ca/kindergarten](http://www.blackgold.ca/kindergarten)



# *Ignite Volunteerism Expo*

Saturday May 2, 2026

Calmar Royal Canadian Legion

Doors Open: 1:00pm

Speeches: 2:30pm

**Inspire** **Connect** **Grow** **Discover** **Share Skills**

**Unite** **Create** **Empower** **Connect**



# Development Permit vs. Building Permit

## What's the Difference?

### What is a Development Permit?

Thinking about building, renovating, or adding something new to your property?

**You might need a Development Permit first!**



#### What it is:

Approval from the Town to make sure your project follows the Land Use Bylaw (district regulations).



#### What it checks:

- Is your project allowed in that district?
- Does it meet setbacks, height limits, and lot coverage rules?
- Is the use of the building permitted (e.g., home business, garage, secondary suite)?



Adding a garage, a new deck, changing a building's use.



#### Who issues:

Town Development Authority

### What is a Building Permit?

Thinking about building, renovating, or adding something new to your property?

**You might need a Building Permit!**



#### What it is:

Approval to ensure your project meets the Alberta Building Code for safety and structural standards.



#### What it checks:

- Proper foundation, framing, insulation, and roofing
- Electrical, plumbing, and gas work
- Fire safety and code compliance



Finishing a basement, building a house, installing plumbing or electrical work



#### Who issues:

Safety Codes Officers  
(Superior Safety Codes)

Development Permit = Planning approval (where and what)

Building Electrical, Plumbing and Gas Permit = Safety approval

Have questions? Call at 780.985.3604 ext. 227 or email at [KTherault@calmar.ca](mailto:KTherault@calmar.ca)

# DO YOU HAVE STORIES TO SHARE?

WE'RE LOOKING FOR SENIOR VOLUNTEERS TO  
JOIN GOLDEN RULES

**A FUN INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAM**

CONNECTING STUDENTS WITH SENIORS

THROUGH STORIES AND INTERACTIVE  
STATIONS.

**TUESDAY JUNE 2, 2026**

**10:30am - 12:00pm**

**Contact FCSS Coordinator Mikayla**

**780. 985.3604 ext 233 | [mleibel@calmar.ca](mailto:mleibel@calmar.ca)**



# CHEERS TO VOLUNTEERS!

WE'RE INVITING YOU TO NOMINATE  
YOUR TOP VOLUNTEER FOR A  
SPECIAL SPOTLIGHT ON OUR  
SOCIAL MEDIA.

LET'S CELEBRATE THEIR DEDICATION  
AND THE POSITIVE IMPACT THEY'VE  
MADE!

Send Your Nominations to FCSS Coordinator Mikayla  
780. 985.3604 ext 233 | [mleibel@calmar.ca](mailto:mleibel@calmar.ca)



# CALMAR GRASS BUDDIES

HELP A NEIGHBOR'S YARD SHINE  
WITH OUR GRASS BUDDY PROGRAM.

YOUR TIME TURNS OVERGROWN  
GRASS INTO A WELCOMING SPACE  
WHICH MAKES SMILES THAT GROW  
JUST AS FAST AS THE LAWN!

**VOLUNTEER, CONNECT, AND MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE.**

ANY QUESTIONS OR TO SIGN UP PLEASE  
CONTACT FCSS COORDINATOR MIKAYLA  
MLEIBEL@CALMAR.CA | 780.985.3604 233





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*Celebration of Seniors Luncheon*



**COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR**

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**Calmar Legion**

**4815 47 St, Calmar, AB**

WEDNESDAY JUNE 3, 2026

DOORS OPEN: 11:00 AM

LUNCH SERVED: 12:00 PM

EVENT CONCLUDES: 3:00 PM

**Contact FCSS to register**

*see you there!*



# Progressive Pathways Behaviour and Disability Services

Progressive Pathways is a nonprofit organization that provides diverse individual counseling and support to children, adolescents; and adults with cognitive disabilities and their families.

## SUPPORT SERVICES

- 24 Hour support
- Emergency support (24 hr respite, hourly)
- Respite care (hourly, work related, Community)
- Day Camps for Children, adolescents and Adults
- Riding lessons



## Equine Therapy

Evidence-based approaches:

- Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT)
- Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT)
- Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)
- Prolonged Exposure Therapy



**SUCCESS  
AHEAD**

825-758-1656

[info@progressivepathwaybds.ca](mailto:info@progressivepathwaybds.ca)



CALMAR & DISTRICT  
SR CITIZEN CLUB



# Game Night

**2ND & 4TH  
TUESDAY OF THE  
MONTH  
7PM-9PM**

Join us for a night full  
of fun, laughter, and  
friendly competition!

**APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>  
APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>**

LOCATION:  
CALMAR SENIOR  
CENTRE  
4916 50 AVE

**Hosted by: CALMAR &  
DISTRICT SR CITIZEN  
CLUB**



**FREE  
ENTRY!**

# CALMAR & DISTRICT SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

## INFORMATION

- 4916 50 AVE CALMAR AB
- seniorscalmar63@gmail.com
- Terry @ 587-988-3636

# JAN TO JUNE 2026 MONTHLY EVENTS



### MEETING SCHEDULE 2026 @ 1:00 PM (WEDNESDAY)

- January 14th
- March 11th (AGM)
- April 8th
- June 10th

### COFFEE TIME 2026 @ 1:00 PM (THURSDAY)

- January 8th & 22nd
- February 5th & 19th
- March 5th & 19th
- April 2nd & 16th
- May 7th & 21st
- June 4th & 18th

### JAM SCHEDULE 2026 @ 1:00 PM (TUESDAY)

- January 27th
- February 24th
- March 24th
- April 28th
- May 26th
- June 23<sup>rd</sup>

### CARDS & GAMES NIGHT @ 7:00PM (THURSDAY)

- February 10th & 24th
- March 10th & 24th
- April 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>
- May 12th & 26th
- June 10th & 23th



# QUICKDRAW VEGETATION CONTROL

BOOK NOW



## Fertilizer & Weed Control Services

**HERO PACKAGE**  
**\$275 + GST**  
 (\$55/visit)  
 5 Fertilizer & Weed Control Treatments

**DEFENDER PACKAGE**  
**\$180 + GST**  
 (\$60/visit)  
 3 Fertilizer & Weed Control Treatments

**QUICKSHOT**  
**\$65 + GST**  
 1 Fertilizer & Weed Control Treatment

**AERATION**  
**\$100 + GST**  
 (\$25 Off with a Package)  
 Fall Deep Core Aeration

\*Pricing for lawns up to 5000 sq feet

\*Acreage and commercial quoted individually

\*Pre-pay and listed price includes GST

*Our focus is within Leduc County  
(including Beaumont, Leduc and Calmar)*

## Why Choose Us?

- ✓ **Beaumont Owned and Operated**
  - No franchise. No call centre.
- ✓ **Transparent Pricing**
  - Clear, upfront pricing. No travel fees to Calmar.
  - No automatic annual billing.
- ✓ **Career Applicators**
  - Licensed applicators with years -not days- of experience.
- ✓ **Service You Don't Have to Chase**
  - Quick responses. Fast scheduling.
- ✓ **Attention to Detail**
  - Rock beds and driveway cracks treated.
  - Gates closed when we leave.
- ✓ **Safe for Kids and Pets**
  - Health Canada approved. Safe once dry.

[www.quickdrawvegetation.ca](http://www.quickdrawvegetation.ca)

[info@quickdrawvegetation.ca](mailto:info@quickdrawvegetation.ca)

(780) 222-9157

# HOPPY EASTER!

Members Only "POTLUCK"

April 8-1pm 4916-50 Ave

Calmar Seniors Club  
\$1.00 PP and a dish to share.



# HEART CIRCLE

## A SPACE FOR HEALING

The Heart Circle is a monthly, non-religious nurturing space for those of us navigating life's burdens.

Have you lost a loved one to: Death? Divorce? Estrangement? Addiction?


Have you experienced: Financial losses? Job losses? Health losses?


Are you grieving or burdened in some area of your life and looking for a safe space to make peace with your broken pieces?

**The second and fourth  
Wednesdays of the month at  
7:00pm**

St. Georges Anglican Church  
1 St. Clair St, Devon

Rev. Lisa Wojna

 780-860-0313

 rector@stgeorgesdevon.ca

[www.stgeorgesdevon.ca](http://www.stgeorgesdevon.ca)



TOWN OF  
**CALMAR**



**fcss**

Family and Community  
Support Services



# **HEALTH & WELLNESS CHAIR EXERCISE**

**Tuesday Afternoons  
1:30pm - 2:30pm  
Program Centre  
4815 - 49 St,**

**Contact Cassie Kreil for registration or  
questions  
[stwfitness@yahoo.ca](mailto:stwfitness@yahoo.ca) | 780-241-0987**

# NEW HUMBLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

## JUNIOR HIGH AT NHCS

NHCS has limited Junior High spaces available for the 2026-2027 school year!

Registration opens this April.  
Email us today to learn more about our Junior High program and how to register.



WWW.NEWHUMBLESCHOOL.CA  
48469 HWY 795, CALMAR, AB  
TOCOVO  
CONTACT@NEWHUMBLESCHOOL.CA

Fostering the growth of each individual student through innovative academics, stewardship and agricultural literacy.

# APRIL 2026

# Calmar Connects

A page dedicated to the wellness of our community.



## **Finding My Way Back:**

### **A Personal Reflection on Mental Health and Community**

For a long time, I didn't have the language to describe what I was going through. I just knew some days felt heavier than others. It was like moving through fog, disconnected from myself and the people around me. Anxiety would creep in quietly, then all at once. Depression made everything feel distant, dull, or overwhelming at the same time. Like many people, I found ways to cope. For me, that included numbing with a beer or two or six after work. It was a way to quiet the noise, to take the edge off, to feel something different, or sometimes nothing at all.

It worked—until it didn't.

As a man, it took me a long time to even acknowledge I was struggling. There's an unspoken pressure to "handle it," to stay strong, and keep pushing forward, no matter what's going on internally. Vulnerability doesn't always feel like an option. It can feel like failure. That stigma, even when it's subtle, can keep you stuck longer than you need to be. What I've come to learn is this: mental health challenges don't discriminate, and they don't make you weak. Facing them takes a kind of strength that often goes unseen. I'm still learning and still growing. But one of the most meaningful parts of my journey has been connecting with others who have walked similar paths. Being able to share experiences, to listen without judgment, and to remind someone they're not alone—those moments matter. I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity to help others in this community, to be part of something that values honesty, support, and growth.

If my experience can help even one person feel a little less isolated, a little more understood, then it's worth sharing.

If you're struggling, know this: you don't have to carry it alone. There's space for you here.

With gratitude.



This article is for general information only and is not a replacement for therapy, counselling, or medical care.

If you are in crisis, call 911 or go to your nearest Emergency Room. You can also reach the Alberta Mental Health Help Line at 1-877-303-2642 or the Mental Health Crisis Text Line by texting CONNECT to 741741.



Articles written by Charlie Webb, RP, CT. Founder of Nurtured Minds Wellness Therapy and Retreat Group.



[www.nurturedmindswellness.com](http://www.nurturedmindswellness.com)



*Economic Development*

**BUSINESS UPDATE**

**Are you interested in the  
Nisku Energy Show ?**

The Regional Chamber of Commerce is putting on the  
**Nisku Energy Show**  
May 27 & 28, 2026!

If you are a Calmar business looking to have  
a booth at the Nisku Energy Show this May  
27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, the Town would like to partner  
with you.

***If you are interested or want to learn  
more about this initiative, please call  
Sandra at the Town office at  
780-985-3604 ext 226***

*Host a stand at the..*



# Calmar's Annual Lemonade Stands

SUNDAY 14 JUNE



TAKING PLACE DURING RESIDENT APPRECIATION

Grab your application  
package from our website or  
the Town Office!



# Calmar Public Library: April 2026 WHAT'S HAPPENING?

## Reader's Theatre

April 8, 15, 22, 29 @ 4:00 - 5:00PM

Registration is required for this FREE program. Intended for participants between the ages of 8-12, our Reader's Theatre Group will offer kids an introduction to informal acting opportunities—where having fun is the goal! Each week participants will play theatre games and have the chance to perform a play at the end of the 8 week program. Line memorization is not required; the focus is on fluency and vocal expression. Snacks will be provided.

## Rise to the Occasion: Sourdough Starter

Wednesday, April 22 @ 6:30PM

Registration is required for this FREE program. Have you been craving that perfect, tangy crunch? Join us at the library for an evening with local baker Brian Hicks! Since 2020, Brian has been sharing his delicious creations with neighbours and friends. Now, he's sharing his secrets with you!

## Feather Your Nest

Friday, April 24 @ 11:00AM

Help our local birds get a head start on "real estate" season! Join us for a drop-in, hands-on workshop where we'll create bird nesting cages. These wire mesh cages are filled with natural materials—like wool, lint, and twine—that birds can easily pluck to build their cozy spring homes. It's a great way to support our feathered neighbours! Supplies will be provided. No registration required.

## PD Day Movie Matinee: Zootopia 2

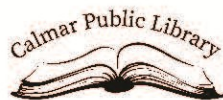
Friday, April 24 @ 1:30PM

No school, no problem! Gather your favourite pillow, cozy blankets, and snacks and drop by the library for a free showing of *Zootopia 2*. The city's favourite duo is back on the case, and you're invited to watch Judy and Nick solve their biggest case yet!

## Helping Children Thrive with Routines

Wednesday, April 29 @ 6:30 - 8:30PM

Registration is required for this FREE program. Parents and caregivers! Join the Leduc County Family Resource Network and Alberta Health Services for a session to help kids who struggle with everyday activities and learn about creating routines—and how to help them stick.



Have a question? Want to register for a program?

Website: [www.calmarpubliclibrary.ca](http://www.calmarpubliclibrary.ca)

Contact: 780-985-3472 or [circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca](mailto:circulation@calmarpubliclibrary.ca)

## LIBRARY HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	11AM - 5PM
Wednesday	11AM - 8PM

**CLOSURES:** weekends and statutory holidays

**IT'S FREE!  
JOIN THE LIBRARY!**

New to the community and looking to get a library card? Great! Contact the library to apply for your card today!

## Monthly Programs



**Knit n' Stitch**  
Tuesdays @ 2:30PM

All skill levels welcome!



**Stay and Play**  
Thursdays @ 10:00AM

Ages 0-5 with caregiver



**Chess Club**  
April 1 @ 5:00PM

All ages and skill levels



**Cookbook Club**  
April 8 @ 6:00PM

**Theme:** Indian Cuisine



**LEGO Club**  
April 15 @ 4:00PM

Ages 6 and up

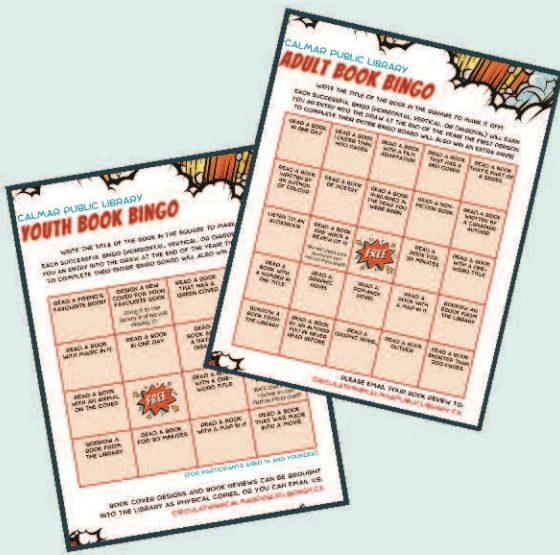
## TAKE & MAKE KITS

Pre-K	Catapult
Tween	Mini Piñata

# Book Bingo 2026 Reading Challenge

Readers young and old: we challenge you to read throughout the year and see if you can complete your bingo card! For every bingo achieved (horizontal, vertical, and diagonal) you will earn an entry into the draw for a bookish gift card! The first people from each age category to complete every challenge on their bingo card will also win a bookish prize pack!

**Bingo cards can be picked up from the library or found on our website!**



## Community Pantry

*Take what you need, leave what you can*

Our Community Pantry is now available to the public during operating hours! Bags are available if needed, and we request that shopping is limited to three items per person, per visit.

Due to steadily increasing demand for the Community Pantry, we are seeking donations of the following:

- instant and “soup in a cup” noodles
- individually packaged snack foods
  - granola bars, fruit gummies, etc.
- toiletries and cleaning supplies



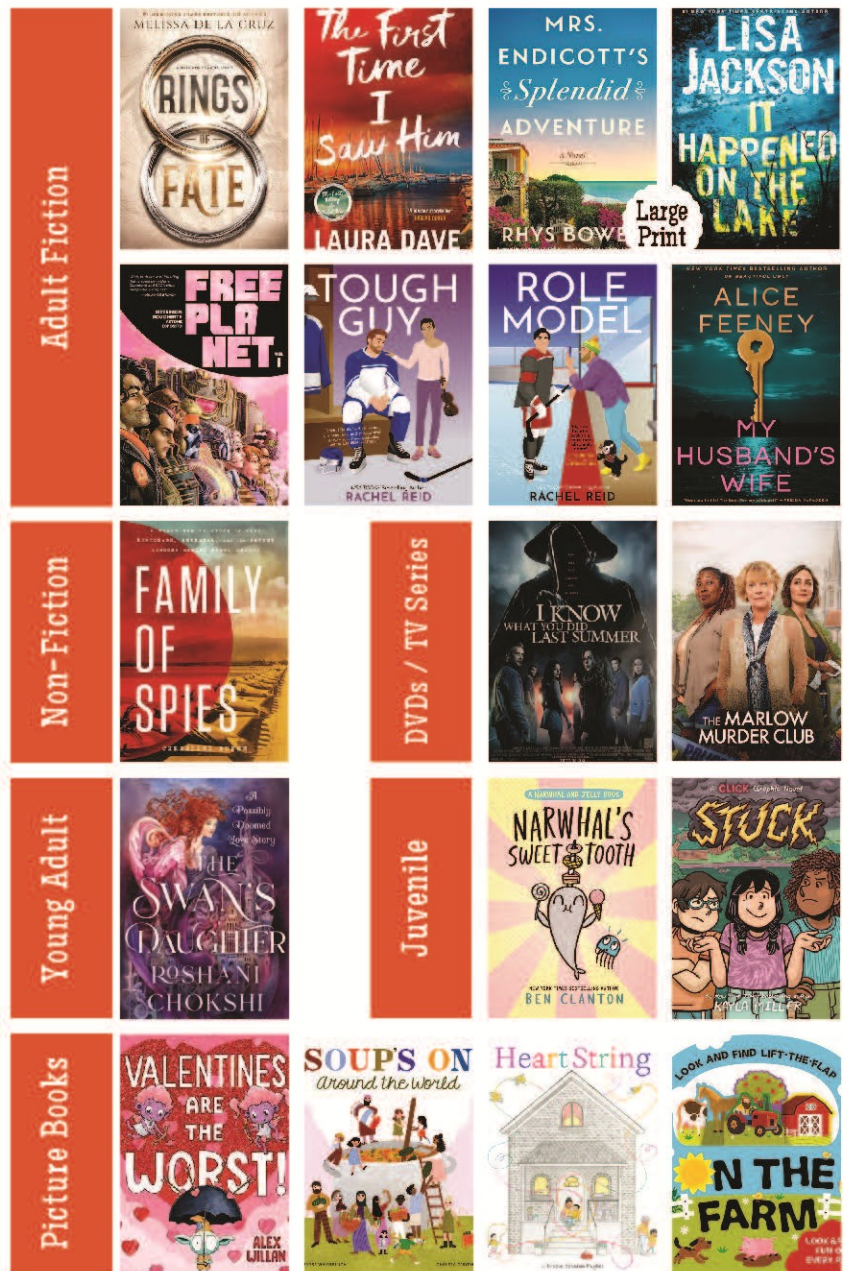
# Virtual Community Pride Quilt Coming Soon: Call for Submissions

We will be celebrating Pride Month again this year, and would love to have you join us! **Create a piece of artwork that answers the question *What does pride mean to you?* and submit a high resolution photo of your work before June 2, 2026** to be featured in our virtual quilt! A selection of submissions will be displayed within the library during Pride Month, too!

Need a space or supplies to create? Stop by the library throughout the month of May and ask library staff to use the Art Supply Cart!

## What's New on Our Shelves!

We are always adding to our collection! Here are some of the newest titles that we added last month.



**Check us out online!**

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/calmarlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/calmarlibrary)  
**YouTube:** [www.youtube.com/@calmarpubliclibrary](http://www.youtube.com/@calmarpubliclibrary)





## Leduc County Family and Community Support Services

The following are events, webinars and other important information.  
Everyone is welcome!

Sign up to receive our monthly update directly to your email inbox. Send an email to [fcssinfo@leduc-county.com](mailto:fcssinfo@leduc-county.com) and ask to subscribe to our email distribution list.

### Upcoming Registered Sessions

Registration is required for all upcoming sessions and space is limited. Call us at 780-979-2385 or 1-888-301-FCSS to learn more.

#### Walking with Grief: Grief support group

Have you experienced the loss of a loved one? Join us for a free in-person grief support group where you will learn about the nature of the grief process, emotion and healing. You will learn to build a community with individuals experiencing similar challenges, gain practical strategies for navigating grief and emerge with a clearer direction for moving forward. In partnership with Karunia Counselling, this five-week session will be facilitated by a Registered Psychologist and a Registered Social Worker.

**Dates:** Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29

**Time:** 10 to 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Calmar Program Centre 4815 49 Street, Calmar, AB.

#### Managing Menopause

Dealing with hot flashes, night sweats, trouble sleeping or mood swings related to menopause? Discover ways to help manage these symptoms through lifestyle changes, pelvic floor therapy, non-prescription and prescription therapy options including a detailed discussion on hormone therapy. Sessions will be facilitated by Melissa, a registered nurse at the Leduc Beaumont Devon Primary Care Network. She grew up on a farm in Leduc County and has built her career in rural nursing.

**Date:** Thursday, Apr. 9

**Time:** 6 to 8 p.m.

**Location:** Zoom online



Connect with us!

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### Supporting Clients Through Advocacy: Understanding the Office of the Alberta Health Advocate

*A Session for Service Providers*

If you are a service provider or health professional helping Albertans navigate the healthcare system, this session is designed for you. Join us to explore the Office of the Alberta Health Advocates (OAHA) — learn about its mandate, discover the range of services it offers, and see how it can support your clients. This presentation will highlight how the OAHA champions patient rights, resolves concerns, and partners with professionals like you to strengthen health advocacy across Alberta.

**Date:** Thursday, Apr. 9, 2026

**Time:** 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

**Location:** Online via Zoom

### Your Health, Your Voice: Self-Advocacy in Health Care

Please join Marg Buerger and Sharon Lang from the Office of the Alberta Health Advocate for an engaging and informative presentation designed to help empower older adults and their families to be effective advocates in their own health and health care.

*Key topics covered include:*

- Roles and functions of the Office of the Alberta Health Advocates (OAHA)
- The long-term benefits of self-advocacy in health care
- The Alberta Health Charter
- Common barriers to effective self-advocacy for older adults
- Practical strategies when talking with your doctor and/or health provider
- Practical strategies and enhanced awareness regarding communication styles that support strong self-advocacy

**Date:** Friday, Apr. 10, 2026

**Time:** 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

**Location:** Online via Zoom



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## Introducing the Circular Materials Recycling App

Now available in the Town of Calmar.

- Find your recycling schedule.
- Get collection notifications.
- Search what materials go into your recycling.

Download the Circular Materials recycling app.

[circularmaterials.ca/app](http://circularmaterials.ca/app)



# Utility Bill Due Dates

JANUARY - FEBRUARY = APRIL 6

MARCH - APRIL = JUNE 6

MAY - JUNE = AUGUST 6

JULY - AUGUST = OCTOBER 6

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER = DECEMBER 6

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER = FEBRUARY 6

Reminder to set up your E-Billing. Go to our website [www.calmar.ca](http://www.calmar.ca) for more details. Or contact Darlene Parchoma at the Town Office @ 780-985-3604 ext 222

# 2026 WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE



Waste collection is every Thursday.  
Please use bin provided and set at front curb.

All bins are property of GFL. If you require a bin to be replaced, the cost is the sole responsibility of the property owner. Requests for replacement or additional bins can be made by contacting the Town Office. 780-985-3604.



Recycling is through Circular Materials and GFL, download their app, or contact 780-444-8805

**NEW:**  
Blue bag collection will be every second THURSDAY.



**UPCOMING:**  
Organics collection will be weekly May thru October.  
**NEW:**  
Monthly collection starts November 2026

Roll Bins will be provided in the Spring of 2026.  
Watch for updates.

Call 780-985-3604 ext. 222 for more info.  
See reverse for landfill details

*January 2026*

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*February 2026*

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*March 2026*

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*September 2026*

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*October 2026*

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*November 2026*

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*December 2026*

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Have bins at front curb by 7:00 AM on pick up day.

# Helpful Information

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## Important Numbers:

**Public Works On Call: 780.446.7319**  
**Public Works Shop: 780.985.2121**  
**Community Peace Officer: 780.985.0405**  
**Emergency: 911**

## Submissions:

**Newsletter Submissions**  
**Deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each**  
**month for the next edition.**  
**Community Groups are free!**

## Want to Submit?

**To Book ad space and for rates**  
**Phone: 780.985.3604**  
**Fax: 780.985.3039**  
**email: mblack@calmar.ca**

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## Property Taxes:

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

You can sign up anytime throughout the year, but 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 more missed due dates and penalties, and 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 Bryans at 780.985.3604 EXT. 232

## Council Meetings:

Regular Council meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month, except on a holiday, in which case the meeting will be held on the following day (Tuesday). Meetings are at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Committee of the Whole meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. Meetings are held in Council Chambers at 4901 – 50 Ave

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

You can also dial in using your phone.

Canada: +1 (647) 497-9391

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

Access Code: 211-016-493

All current Agendas and information can be found on [www.calmar.ca](http://www.calmar.ca)

