



Innisfree Mayor's Message in a Minute

We did it! We made it through 2020. Most years we remember the past year and think that time has passed so quickly, not 2020. Even with 20/20 vision this past year 2020 has us looking at life differently. So, 2021 for me will be a year of better things coming. I am excited that things will be different and better.

I wish to thank everyone who donated toward the coat drive in December. Thanks to the Innisfree Volunteer Fire department for organizing and delivering these items to those who need them. Great job team!

I have 3 wishes I would like to pass along to all of you as we start a New Year:

Wish #1 – I wish you happiness as we have been through a lot and you deserve a reason to smile. May happiness be with you.

Wish #2 – I wish you peace of mind. We have been busy thinking about the world and all the turmoil in it. Find time for yourself, relax and rest your body and mind. May peace be with you.

Wish #3 – Love is the greatest healer. Let love fill you and overflow into the lives of others. May love be with you.

You may feel lonely, but you are not alone. Reach out to others when you need to. If you would like to send a message to someone who is

in hospital, and you cannot visit, you can send a message via www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/wellwishes. You will need to know which hospital your wishes will be sent to and the name of the person to receive them.

Waiting is hard, but please wait! A few more days and weeks of social distancing and home settling, (that is what I call it) and we have begun to see the number of new cases dropping. Soon we will be laughing at the time we isolated and joined coffee or tea with friends over the phone or facetimes with family.

Check updates as they are posted on the Village web site, www.innisfree.ca and Facebook page, Village of Innisfree. Seek happiness and wait for the safe gatherings of family and friends again. Then we can truly celebrate our family and friendships.

Respectfully, Debbie McMann, Village of Innisfree Mayor

Innisfree Agricultural Society Annual Meeting

Time to become involved in your community and become a member of the Innisfree Agricultural Society

January 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

MILLENNIUM BUILDING, EVERYONE IS WELCOME

**This meeting may be changed to a Zoom meeting
Please see the Innisfree & District Agricultural Society
Facebook page for information.**



Thank you from the Innisfree School Council

Innisfree school council would like to thank everyone who supported our FlipGive fundraiser. We raised \$586 for the school. This fundraiser is now over for 2020. We plan on starting a new FlipGive fundraiser in the new year. Watch for our new school code which will be sent out soon.

Innisfree school council would like to thank our teachers and staff for their on-going support of our students as they continue to do online learning.

Although we are not allowed in the school during Covid we are still actively supporting our school. This year we purchased new pickle ball equipment for the students, provided fruit and beverages for the cancer walk and a hotdog lunch for Halloween.

School council meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. We will be meeting online until Covid restrictions are lifted. Once the restrictions are lifted, we will meet at the 4H room in the Millennium building with Covid protocol in place. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

School Council would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay Safe.

December 2020 Village of Innisfree Regular Council Meeting Highlights

Mayor and Council met on December 15, 2020 for their Regular Council meeting via Electronic Means. Council discussed numerous items, which included:

Delegations:

Mayor and Council were presented a delegation at the December 15, 2020 Regular Council meeting. The delegation was by Mr. Grant Bergman, and presented a written request regarding 2021 Minimum Tax. Mayor and Council received this delegation as information.

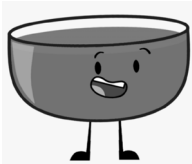
New Business:

- Buffalo Trail Public School – Request for Handicap Parking/Loading Zone on Highway 870: After reviewing Alberta Transportation's response to Buffalo Trail Public School's Letter of October 9, 2020, Council passed a motion to receive this item as information. However, Council directed Administration to send a letter to Buffalo Trail Public School and the Parent Advisory Council, regarding Alberta Transportation's response and recommendation(s).
- 2021 Interim Budget(s) & Budget Forecasts: Administration brought forward the 2021 Interim Budget & Budget Forecasts, which included: 2021 Interim Budget & 2022-2025 Budget Forecast, 2021 Interim Capital Budget, 2021 Interim Five Year Capital Plan; and the Interim 10-30 Year Infrastructure/Capital Plan. After Carefully reviewing each document, Council passed a motion to approve the 2021 Interim Budget(s) as amended.
- Other items discussed: 2021 Go East of Edmonton Advertising Renewal, ItsPromo Quote dated September 17, 2020 – Vehicle Decals (Public Works Truck/Equipment), Radio 106.5 – Christmas Packages, FCM 2021 Membership Renewal, MD of Minburn Foundation 2021 Requisition Letter and Calculations, 2021 Proposed Utility Rates as well as Councillor Reports, Administration Reports & financials and all items listed under correspondence.

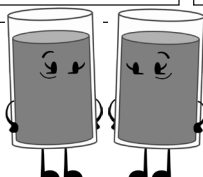
The meeting was then adjourned.

ADULT HOLIDAY PUNCH

- 2 cups Orange juice
- 2 cups Cranberry juice
- 1 cup Pineapple juice
- 1 can of Ginger Ale
- 4 oz Raspberry Vodka



Combine ingredients in a pitcher. Serve cold.



KIDS HOLIDAY PUNCH

- 2 cups Orange juice
- 2 cups Cran Raspberry juice
- 1 cup Pineapple juice
- 1 can of 7-Up (or lemon lime soda)

Combine chilled juices in a pitcher.

Add pop just before serving

P/T CUSTODIAL HELP WANTED

Contact: Yvonne Parasynchuk
780-603-8384



What's Cooking?

Do you have a tried and true recipe you want to share?

Send it our way to be featured in the Informer!

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Please note that masks are now mandatory when in the following places. Thank you for your consideration.

Village of Innisfree Town Office/ATB
Innisfree Post Office
Village of Innisfree Library

The CHUDOVYI Ukrainian Dancers

Malanka Raffle!

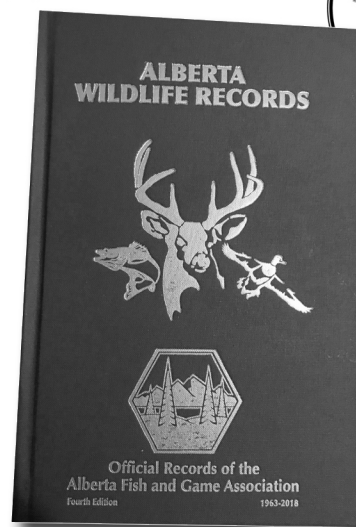
\$10 Ticket
500 tickets printed

1st prize: \$750 Cash
2nd prize: \$300 liquor cooler
3rd prize: \$200 Ukrainian themed basket featuring something for everyone

Raffle license #563968

DRAW DATE: JANUARY 23, 2021

The Innisfree & District Fish & Game Association is selling Alberta Wildlife Record books



4th edition
\$30

This is the most up to date record book for big game in Alberta.

To purchase, contact Cecil Paranych
403-506-4667

The Innisfree Preschool & Kindergarten would like to thank everyone for their support of our

CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE



Arnold Sen was the first prize winner of \$1500

Wayne & Naomi Melnyk were the second prize winners of \$500

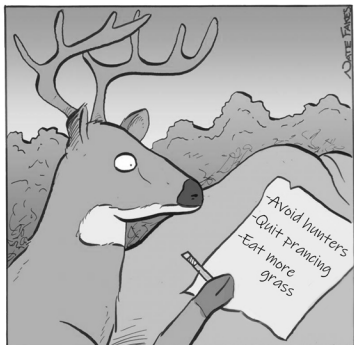
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George and Millie went for a picnic in the woods to celebrate their anniversary. This was actually very daring because they both had bad bug phobias. However, they also both loved the outdoors so decided to cover themselves in bug spray and just go for it.



All was well until they got to dessert. George lifted the picnic basket to pass some cake to his beloved wife but then started screaming hysterically, dropped the basket and ran off into the woods. Millie, gripped by fear but overcome with curiosity, lifted the basket. Instantly she saw the thing that had so frightened her husband

...millipede.



New Deer Resolutions

Q: What do you call a fish with no eyes?

A: A fish.

Q: What do you call a deer with no eyes?

A: No eye deer.

Q: What do you call a deer with no eyes and no legs?

A: Still no eye deer.

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Submissions for the Outdoor Corner are welcome. Hunting, fishing and outdoor stories, facts or jokes!
Email: innisfreeinformer@gmail.com



Happy Birthday!

Jan 1: Stella Nott

Jan 6: Max Fundytus

Jan 11: Carson Kassian

Jan 13: Ashley Wulff

Jan 18: Taya Cannan

Jan 21: Ryan Bouchier



Rentals Available

Senior rental available at:

Birch Lake Villa in Innisfree

Rent includes fridge, stove, washer, dryer, heat, water & sewer & satellite TV. Tenant pays power.

Rent is based according to your income.

780-592-3887 or 780-632-6211

Senior rental available at:

Mannville Manor & Mannville Villa

Rent includes utilities, stove, fridge & access to washer/dryer.

Rent is based according to your income.

780-763-0041 or 780-632-6211

Is someone special celebrating in February?

Send in your FEBRUARY Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Please send birthday or anniversary names and dates by January 25 to wish your loved ones a special day!

Email to: innisfreeinformer@gmail.com



Kids helpline # 1-800-668-6868
Mental Health Helpline # 1-877-303-2642

EVENTS CALENDAR

Here's What's Happening!

Jan 13: Innisfree Ag Society Annual Meeting

Jan 19: Village Council Meeting: Virtually.

See our web page and Facebook page for more information

Jan 26: Innisfree Delnorte Parent Council

Please send your event info (name, date, location) by Jan 25 to be included in the February Calendar of Events

The Right Honorable Don Mazankowski passed away on Oct. 28, 2020. I spoke with Mary Kravetz and these are her memories of Don.

Don Mazankowski came to Innisfree with Andy Kopas from Viking and ran the garage. Later they sold the garage to Albert Dobler.

From Innisfree, Don and his brother Ray ran a garage in Vegreville. Walter Kravetz bought a Minneapolis Moline tractor from them. Albert Melnyk and Don Mazankowski delivered it to Innisfree. Mary invited the men in for coffee and all they could talk about was politics. At that time, this area was looking for someone to run for the Federal Liberal and Conservative parties. Walter suggested to Don he should run. Don said, "Who me?"


This may have the seed to get Don to throw his hat into the ring. Mary and Walter, Mavis and Borden went to the Conservative Party meeting to choose the candidate for the next election. The voting went on into the wee hours. There were three candidates, and it took three rounds of voting to declare Don Mazankowski the Conservative candidate for the next Federal Election. Mary and Mavis were both very tired the next day as they had to go to work. That began Don's climb to become the deputy prime minister of Canada and he also served as minister of many other departments.

Mary said, "Don always found time for everybody."

I also spoke with Nadia Melnyk about her memories of Don. Albert worked for Don and Ray Mazankowski at the garage in Vegreville for many years. When Wanda was born in 1966, Don came to Albert and asked him to be a foreman in the garage for the next 4 years as he would be away in Ottawa. And after that they had a good friendship. When Albert passed away, Don called Nadia and expressed his condolences and remarked for him it was like losing a brother. Nadia respected Don and felt he was a great man.

I was glad to hear about the Innisfree side of the story of Don Mazankowski's life and wished to share it with you.

Submitted by *Debbie McMann*

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 AND IN ALL THAT YOU DO
 AND YOU'LL FIND, THAT MANKIND
 CAN BE KIND TO YOU TOO


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SPINACH SALAD (Serves: 6)

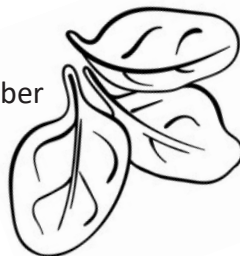
Dressing Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp Honey
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- ¼ tsp Sea salt
- ¼ tsp Black pepper
- 3 tbsp Lemon juice
- ¼ cup Olive oil (or Canola oil)



Salad Ingredients:

- 6 heaping cups Baby spinach (washed)
- 1 cup Fresh blueberries
- 1 heaping cup Thinly sliced English cucumber
- 1/3 cup chopped toasted hazelnuts (or sub w/ toasted slivered almonds)
- 1 Ripe avocado, sliced
- 3 Hard-cooked eggs, peeled and sliced



Dressing Directions:

Whisk together honey, mustard, salt and pepper in a small bowl. Whisk in lemon juice. Add oil in a slow, steady stream, whisking constantly, until mixture is emulsified and thick. Taste, and season with additional salt and pepper as desired.

Salad Directions:

Toss together spinach, blueberries, cucumber and nuts in a large bowl. Drizzle dressing over the salad and toss to combine. Top with avocado and hard-cooked egg slices.



HOW TO MAKE PERFECT HARD-BOILED EGGS EVERY TIME

1. Place the eggs in a large saucepan and cover them with cold water by about 1 inch. Slowly bring the water to a boil over medium heat.
2. As the water begins to simmer, gently stir the eggs to centre the yolks. When it reaches a rolling boil, cover the pot and remove from heat. Let it sit for 10 minutes (for creamy yolks), or 15 minutes (for firm yolks).
3. Drain the hot water and fill the pot with cold water to stop the cooking. Let the eggs sit in the cold water for 2 to 4 minutes before peeling and serving.



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**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!**

WORD SEARCH: New Years Eve!

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Why ‘tock-tick’ does not sound right to your ears...



Ever wondered why we say tick-tock, not tock-tick, or ding-dong, not dong-ding; King Kong, not Kong King? Turns out it is one of the un-written rules of English that native speakers know without knowing.

The rule, explains a BBC article, is: “If there are three words then the order has to go I, A, O. If there are two words then the first is I and the second is either A or O. Mish-mash, chit-chat, dilly-dally, shilly-shally, tip top, hip-hop, flip-flop, tic tac, sing song, ding dong, King Kong, ping pong.”

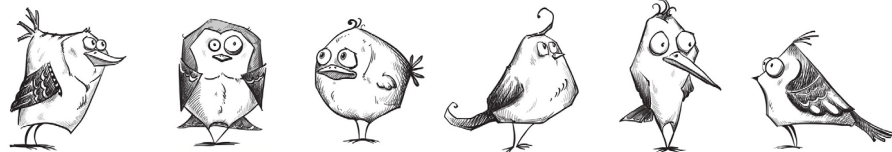
There’s another unwritten rule at work in the name Little Red Riding Hood, says the article. “Adjectives in English absolutely have to be in this order: opinion-size-age-shape-color-origin-material-purpose-noun. So you can have a lovely little old rectangular green French sliver whittling knife. But if you mess with that word order in the slightest, you’ll sound like a maniac.”

That explain why we say “little green men” not “green little men”, but “Big Bad Wolf” sounds like a gross violation of the “opinion (bad)-size (big)-noun (wolf)” order. It’s won’t, though, if you recall the first rule about the I-A-O order.

That rule seems inviolable: “All four of a horse’s feet make exactly the same sound. But we always, always say clip-clop, never clop-clip.”

This rule even has a technical name, if you care to know it-the rule of ablaut reduplication-but then life is simpler knowing that we know the rule without knowing it.

Farm Wife Diaries... On The Tenth Day of Christmas... by Deb Barber



On the Tenth Day of Christmas my true love gave to me, "Ten Lords a Leaping".

Possibly the best gift ever! Imagine the size of home you would require to house the twelve drummers, eleven pipers, ten lords, nine ladies and eight maids and unless they are all a core member of your family you probably could expect the COVID-19 police to come pulling up to your house lights a blazing and sirens screaming!

You would also probably require all twenty-three birds named in the song producing eggs to serve for breakfast as well as being busy turning some of that milk into butter and cheese to go with the eggs!

I won't even begin to explore the number of pigs required to provide the bacon nor the coffee plantation for their morning cuppa inspiration.

Ten Lords a Leaping makes me think of physical activity and then its not a huge leap to thinking about snow shovelling, one of the major physical activities we engage in during the winter to keep up our physical fitness.

Farmer Hubby and I divide up the snow-covered area so that we can share equally in the work required to keep the house and yard in good condition to traverse. His share includes the use of a plow tractor and my share involves muscles at the end of a snow shovel. I'm all for equality of the sexes but I think some how I've gotten the short end of this stick!

I have however, figured out a 'work around' for the rule that the snow 'must be' thrown a minimum of twelve feet off the deck. It has taken me a few years to clue into this short cut; but now I just tip the snow over the side of the deck and then once done go down the steps and push the same snow out the required footage. It might take me a few minutes longer, but my shoulders and arm muscles have come to really appreciate this better thought-out strategy.

I still remain completely puzzled as to why this action must be taken. Right below the deck is grass which benefits from the snow being tossed there.

Similar to the fellow in another famous Christmas poem, Farmer Hubby has been heard to exclaim that he might need to drag out the snow blower to relocate the snowbanks north of the deck even a greater distance. Is it because men have a need to play with toys such as tractors and snow blowers and any old excuse will do to justify bringing them out of the shop?

My other question that remains unanswered is why am I welding a shovel when we own an 'electric' start snow blower? Whenever I gain enough courage to ask this question aloud, I'm usually silenced by replies such as, "we need the exercise" or "there isn't enough snow for a snow blower".

He has even gone on occasion as far as suggesting that we sell the machine as we seldom use it. I want it kept

in the barn in the event that the day arises that snow needs to be moved and Farmer Hubby and his tractor are not accessible, and I am in the position that I require the snow moved. When and if that day comes, I can guarantee you I will not be shoveling this entire farm out by hand!

In the meantime, I have a large assortment of snow shovels as some are sized for doing the steps, some are deep for those heavy snow falls, and some are wide for those times of lighter flakes that need to be relocated.

So, to recap,

Ten Snow Shovels,
Nine Boxes of Chocolates,
Eight Christmas Confections,
Seven Swinging Bird Feeders,
Six weeks of eye drops,
Five Golden Hearts,
Four red winged Black birds,
Three Fabulous Blue Jays,
Two fuzzy hay burners,
And a cat sitting in a cat tree!



If you wish to read the complete Twelve Days of Christmas head on over to my blog at <https://farmwifediary.blog>



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