



Innisfree Mayor's *Message in a Minute*

January is coming to a close and February is here. I like February. The days are longer, and we can actually see that it is. The weather may even surprise us with warmer weather. I understand there is a saying about seeing the water in the oxen's tracks. Which means warm enough days for the snow to melt.

February hosts Valentines' Day and we will see love and sweet greetings in the air! Happy Valentine's Day to all. And we in Alberta can enjoy Family Day Feb. 15. I hope by then we can meet with our families and truly celebrate Families.

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*

Library News

We would like to thank all of you that donated items and gift cards to the "Giving Tree" at the library. We had an overwhelming response - so a huge thank goes out to the most generous of communities. We were able to deliver so many things to the Interval Home in Lloydminster. They were so very grateful! And we received just as much for the Little Warriors Be Brave Ranch!

There is such a great need from charities in these difficult times but our community never stops giving! THANK YOU!

Even though we can't allow patrons to enter the library due to Covid restrictions, we are offering curb-side pickup and drop off. Our weekly van run is still delivering items for our patrons. In addition, we are getting new materials in for you to enjoy! You can visit tracpac.ab.ca to see what we have available in the library, and what you can order in.

The Winter Reading Program runs until February 28. Reading logs must be handed in by March 5. We have four Walmart gift cards to give away. Northern Lights Library Systems has additional prizes to give away as well.

Our take home craft bags for children will be available this coming week. January's theme is all about skating. To get one for your child, call or email the library. There are limited amounts available. February's theme is Family and will be available closer to the end of the Month. Thank you to Alicia Rutt with M.M.I.FCSS for her additions to these great bags.

Don't forget to check out all the amazing eResources that are available through our website, www.innisfreelibrary.ca

Phone: 780-592-2122

Email: librarian@innisfreelibrary.ca

Thank you, Marilyn Newton, *Library Manager*



TOGETHER WE LEARN AND LEAD

Delnorte School News

Every year, we are amazed at how quickly days turn to weeks and weeks to months. In August we were working hard to plan for the safest re-entry plan during a pandemic and here we are, finishing up term one. We are so proud of our students for adjusting their normal routines and working so hard to learn the protocols. Masks and washing, sanitizing and distancing, masks, and distancing and sanitizing and You have all been champions and mentors for each other. We applaud you!

Currently, we are finishing up our term one courses and preparing for finals. Semester two begins on February 2, after a short semester break. Our division adjusted dates for the Teacher Convention last year, moving the professional development to February. Teacher's Convention is now tied to the Family Day holiday which gives everyone an opportunity to plan for meaningful moments over five days.

As each day passes, we hope for a future where we can continue with so many important activities and events that have been put on hold. Our school sports, field trips, swim lessons, celebrations and community gatherings, volunteering opportunities, along with many others. Virtual visits are helping us to check off boxes to enhance learning and we are fortunate that students and presenters are very familiar with this process. The online learning since last March, has been enormous. Everyone deserves perseverance awards, that includes parents too!

Many years ago, a mural from a fundraiser at the school was started but never finished. After many years, the mural made its way back to us. Staff helped to complete the process and a few days ago, it was hung in our common area. We think it fits the wall above the gym doors quite nicely. Thank you to everyone who donated to the fundraiser and helped to finish the process. Have a fantastic day everyone!

Stacey Barber

Principal, Innisfree Delnorte School

January 2021 Village of Innisfree Regular Council Meeting Highlights

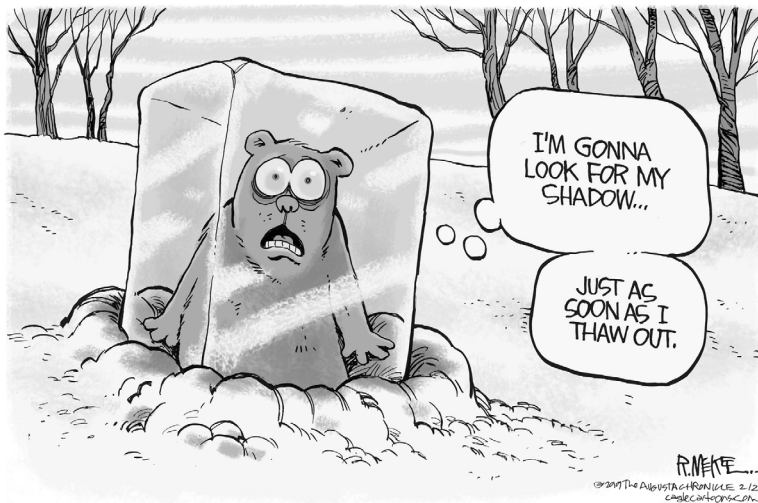
WELCOME 2021!

Mayor and Council met on January 19, 2021 for their Regular Council meeting via Electronic Means.

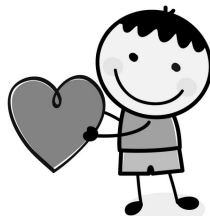
Council discussed numerous items, which included:

- Bylaw No. 662-20 – Regional Emergency Management: After reviewing “Draft” Bylaw 662-20 – Regional Emergency Management, Mayor and Council passed a motion to table this item to the February 16, 2021 Council Meeting for further discussion.
- Regional Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement: After reviewing “Draft” Regional Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement, Mayor and Council passed a motion to table this item to the February 16, 2021 Council Meeting for further discussion.
- Other items discussed: 2021 Go East of Edmonton Membership Renewal, MMI FCSS 2021 Municipal Contribution, County of Minburn Letter dated December 23, 2020 – Fire Services Agreement, Northern Lights Library System – 2021 Municipal Levy, as well as Councillor Reports, Administration Reports & financials and all items listed under correspondence.

The meeting was then adjourned.



ALTHOUGH ROVER MEANT HIS GIFT TO BE AN EXPRESSION OF LOVE, PRINCESS BELIEVED IT WAS AN ATTEMPT TO POISON HER.



Minburn Agricultural Society

Annual General Meeting

Come out and be a part of our Ag Society!
We welcome new members.

February 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

MINBURN CURLING RINK, EVERYONE IS WELCOME

This meeting may be moved to an online format depending on Covid restrictions. Please see the Minburn Ag Society Facebook page for any updated information.



Innisfree School is looking to grow our casual support staff substitute list. Are you interested in working casual days as a classroom Instructional Assistant and/or Administrative Assistant?

Call Ms. Stacey Barber at the school to discuss the positions and to arrange pick up of our BTPS casual employee package.
780-592-3963



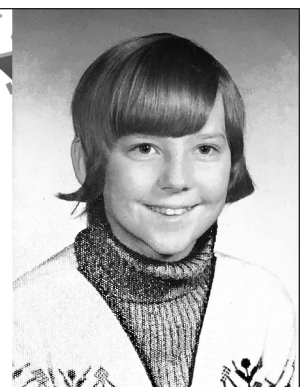
A prince was put under a spell so that he could speak only one word each year. If he didn't speak for two years, the following year he could speak two words and so on. One day, he fell in love with a beautiful lady. He refrained from speaking for two whole years so he could call her “my darling.” But then he wanted to tell her he loved her, so he waited three more years. At the end of these five years, he wanted to ask her to marry him, so he waited another four years. Finally, as the ninth year of silence ended, he led the lady to the most romantic place in the kingdom and said, “My darling, I love you! Will you marry me?”
And the lady said, “Pardon?”



Happy Birthday!

Audrey Weder

Love from your family!



Innisfree-Minburn 4-H Beef Club Report

Submitted by Rylan Jackson, Club Reporter

On January 12, 2021 we had our first meeting of the New Year virtually. We all submitted photos virtually of our record books to make sure we are keeping it up to date. Our leaders will be doing tours in February to check in on our projects.

Communications will look different this year due to the COVID restrictions. All members will still be required to do a club level communication activity. They will be recorded by the members and then submitted to be judged virtually. They will be due February 12, with judging to take place a week later. Members will still get feedback that way from the judges. Some of our members are working on getting our 4H signs ready if they don't have them done already.

Our next meeting will be on February 9, 2021 at 7:00 pm, place or way to be determined.

Happy Birthday!

- Feb 6: Naomi Foyster-Melnyk
- Feb 7: Shirley Hennig
- Feb 8: Howard Ferguson
- Feb 12: Matthew Melnyk
- Feb 13: Glenis Ferguson
- Feb 13: Audrey Weder
- Feb 18: Gayle Foyster
- Feb 19: Tim Tillotson
- Feb 19: Debbie McMann
- Feb 25: Daniel Mercer
- Feb 26: Courtney Jackson
- Feb 26: Ava Nott

Groundhog Day
is Tuesday
Feb 2!



Happy Anniversary!

- Feb 11: Vanessa & Mike
Fundytus

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. Their wedding ceremony wasn't fancy. **The reception, however, was excellent.**



Love  is in the air...

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P/T CUSTODIAL HELP WANTED for Innisfree School

Please Contact:
Yvonne Parasynchuk
780-603-8384



Q: What do you call a very small valentine? A valen-tiny!

Q: What do you call a ghost's sweetheart? A ghou-friend!

Q: What did the boy octopus say to the girl octopus? Can I hold your hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand?

Greetings from the Chudovyi Ukrainian Dancers of Innisfree

The Chudovyi Ukrainian Dancers of Innisfree would like to sincerely thank everyone who purchased tickets for our Malanka Raffle, held this fall/winter in lieu of our annual Malanka celebration. Your continued support of our dancers and our club is greatly appreciated. Thank you to David Gordey for his generous donation to our raffle. Special thank you to Carmen Kassian for her time and effort to coordinate and run the raffle for our club, and for her talents in creating the prize baskets!

Our Malanka draw was held on January 22, 2021. Congratulations to our winners: 1st prize of \$750.00: Wendy Jackson, 2nd prize Liquor Cooler: Charles Acott, 3rd prize Ukrainian Basket: Shari Burton.

Due to Covid restrictions, our dancers have been attending classes via Zoom, getting their steps in at home. The kids and their instructor are missing the studio and hope to return to normal classes as soon as possible.

January was unusually quiet for our Malanka committee and parents, and we caught ourselves remarking how much we missed the busy planning process for our annual Malanka, and how we are looking forward to celebrating with you all in 2022!

Fun Fact: The "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick" is believed to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language. Try it!



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

Send it our way to be featured in the Informer!
Email: innisfreeinformer@gmail.com



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**



SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS

Meatballs

- 1 1/2 lbs Ground Beef
- 1/4 lb Ground Pork (optional)
- 1 tsp Seasoning Salt
- 1 tsp Black Pepper
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup Breadcrumbs
- 1 Egg
- 2 tbsp Canola oil

Mix all but oil together, roll into balls. Heat oil in pan, saute meatballs until browned and just cooked through. Set aside.

Spaghetti & Sauce

- 2 cans Aylmer Accents Italian Tomatoes
- 2 cups of your favorite jarred sauce
- 1 cup White Wine
- 1 White Onion, chopped
- 3/4 cup Mushrooms, chopped
- 1/2 Red Pepper, chopped
- 4 Cloves Garlic, chopped
- 2 tbsp Italian Spice
- 2 tbsp Canola oil
- 1 box Barilla Spaghetti, cooked (Or use your favorite pasta)

Heat oil in pan, saute onion, mushrooms, peppers and garlic until they begin to soften. Blend the tomatoes with a blender (wand blender works great!) Add to pan along with italian spice, jarred sauce and wine. Simmer for a few minutes and add your cooked meatballs. Simmer for about 45 minutes, cooking some of the liquid down

Serve with fresh buttered french bread and a tossed salad, Enjoy!



*Happy Birthday Mom, Gayle, Gramma!
We love you very much!
From your family and friends*



2021 Family Day Photo Contest!

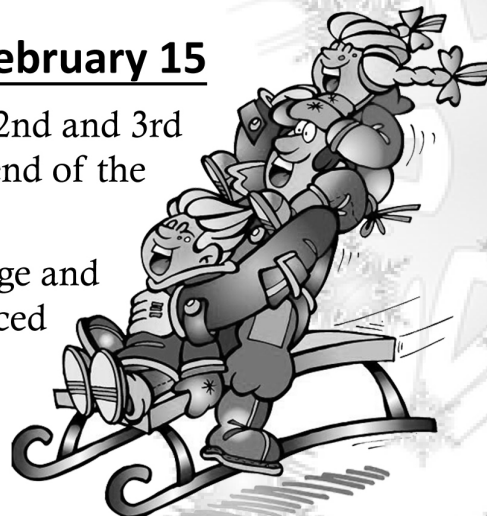
With the holidays being a little different this year due to COVID-19 the Village of Innisfree would like everyone to share their holiday experiences! Please submit a photo of how your family spent their holidays to admin@innisfree.ca or through our Facebook page [Village of Innisfree](#) to be entered in our contest!

Deadline for photo submission will be: Monday, February 15

All photos will be uploaded to our Facebook page where 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded to the photos with the most likes by the end of the day on Tuesday, February 16.

Everyone is welcome to join in! Please go to our Facebook page and follow along as pictures are uploaded. Winners will be announced on Wednesday February 17!

Please ensure all photo's submitted are taken by yourself or a member of your family. Photos taken by a professional photographer will not be accepted.



C Two rednecks are out hunting, and as they're walking along they come upon a huge hole in the ground. They approach it and are amazed by the size of it. The first hunter says "Wow, that's some hole, I can't even see the bottom, I wonder how deep it is?" The second hunter says "I don't know, let's throw something down and listen and see how long it takes to hit bottom." The first hunter says "There's this old transmission here, give me a hand and we'll throw it in and see". So they pick it up and carry it over, count 1, 2, 3 and throw it in the hole. They are standing there listening and looking over the edge when they hear a rustling in the brush behind em. As they turn around they see a goat come crashing through the brush, run up to the hole with no hesitation, and jump in headfirst. While they are standing there looking at each other, looking in the hole, and trying to figure out what that was all about, an old farmer walks up. "Say there", says the farmer, "You fellers didn't happen to see my goat around here anywhere, did you?" The first hunter says "Funny you should ask, but we were just standing here a minute ago and a goat came running out of the bushes doin' about a hunert miles an hour and jumped headfirst into this hole here!" And the old farmer said ' Why that's impossible, I had him chained to a transmission!

OUTDOOR CORNER



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



Is someone special celebrating in March?

Send in your
MARCH Birthdays & Anniversaries!

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

Email to: innisfreeinformer@gmail.com

**SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD
REQUEST FOR MEMBERS OF PUBLIC AT LARGE**

The Village of Innisfree requires two (2) members of public at large for the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. This quasi-judicial body, appointed by Council, makes impartial and unbiased decisions on challenges of subdivision or development authority decisions and stop work orders. Deliberations are based on the municipal planning documents such as the Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Development Plans, provincial statute and information presented by hearing participants.

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board hearings are scheduled as required. Board members are appointed for a one (1) year term with an option to be reappointed for a second term.

Village residents with an interest or experience in planning or development activities are invited to submit a resume including a statement on your interest and abilities in serving in this capacity.

Deadline to submit a resume is **by the end of business day of Wednesday, March 3, 2021.**

Mandatory training is required upon appointment.

Please mail, fax, email or drop off resumes to:

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board
Attn: Brooke Magosse, Clerk
Box 69, 5116 50 Avenue
Innisfree, AB T0B 2G0
F: 780-592-3729
E: cao@innisfree.ca

EVENTS CALENDAR

Here's What's Happening!

Feb 3: Village of Innisfree Library Board Meeting

Feb 16: Village Council Meeting (Virtually)

See our web page and Facebook page for more information

Feb 14: Happy Valentine's Day!

Feb 15: Happy Family Day!

Feb 23: Innisfree Delnorte Parent Council Meeting

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

HOW TO FEEL BETTER

- * clean your space
- * eat something healthy
- * play great music
- * light a candle
- * drink a glass of water (x8)
- * sleep a little
- * breathe

@haleydrewthis



The CHUDOVYI
Ukrainian Dancers

Malanka Raffle!

We would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets for our Malanka Raffle. Your support of our dance club and our dancers is greatly appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

1st prize of \$750.00: Wendy Jackson

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Raffle license #563968





**Mannville – Minburn – Innisfree
Family & Community Support Services
Yellowhead Community Support Society
M-M-I Family Resource Network**

Please continue to watch our Facebook page for updates.
Mannville-Minburn-Innisfree Family & Community Support
Services @FCSSmannvilleminburninnisfree
Website: <https://mmifcss.wixsite.com/mmifcss>
For more information about programs and services,
780-763-3005 Email: mmifcss@mannville.com

M-M-I F.C.S.S. remains committed to "helping people help themselves". We will continue to offer information, referrals, guidance and assistance by PHONE, EMAIL, MAIL and ZOOM. In person inquiries will be screened and when possible, will be set by appointment only. Covid-19 has changed the way we do programming; we have found innovative ways via Facebook, Website, Canada Post etc to keep connected while social distancing.



Join the challenge! Monthly themes and Prizes!

Text: 780-581-4149 or 780-853-0112

Each month the stories & pictures will be compiled in a community scrapbook that can be viewed around town!

Family Resource Network

FRN delivers high quality prevention & early intervention services & supports for families with children 0-18 years old. Variety of programs & service, modified program style due to COVID-19.

For Program information Call or text Alicia @ 780-581-4149 & check our Facebook Page MMI Family Resource Network

Friendly Phone Visiting Program

FCSS Staff provide social connections through phone calls. If you have not received a call and would like to join this program, please call us to be added to our call out list. What can you expect? a friendly voice, a listening ear, information sharing & referral to other services. We look forward to connecting with you.

S.M.I.L.E. Program

[Seniors Maintaining Independent Living Experiences]
This program is designed for adults/seniors to stay active & live independently in their communities. An inviting, friendly atmosphere to socialize, participate in activities, connect with others!

Join this program via ZOOM: THURSDAY MORNINGS ...just contact us with your phone number and email address to join and for information about times, dates of program

Meals Program on Wheels A delicious hot noon meal is served right to your kitchen table Monday to Friday by friendly volunteers.



Rate \$10 per meal.

Call if you or someone you know would like to try out this program. Call & sign up & receive a complimentary meal.

NEWCOMER WELCOME: Packages are available. Let us know if you are new to the area! Stop by and pick one up! We look forward to welcoming you!



We would like to hear from Mannville, Minburn, Innisfree, & County of Minburn # 27 Residents. Please take 10 minutes to complete the COVID-19 Survey. Print copies are available at our office.

This results will assist us in planning and programming and grant funding that will benefit our area.

"Random Acts of Kindness – Snow Angel Project"

Empowering members in Community.

Service provided by Mannville School Leadership Classes
Mon thru Fri during a Limited class time & on weekends by 4-H.

Please join this random snow project by helping those in need of shoveling in your neighbourhood. Monetary donations &/or shovels are welcome at the FCSS office. Enhancing Community through partnerships



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Village of Innisfree

Birch Lake Campground/Innisfree Recreation Park Management

The Village of Innisfree is now ACCEPTING Applications for the Birch Lake Campground/Innisfree Recreation Park Manager for the 2021 Season.

The Campground/Recreation Park Manager tasks/duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Regular Maintenance of the Campground/Recreation Park such as grass cutting, tree trimming, emptying fire pits, cleaning of bathrooms, showers, and the Campground Administration Office.
2. Maintain a professional office at the park with regular hours. The manager will also be required to process payments and reservations for camping sites and will also be asked to maintain accurate and thorough records of inventory and bookings.
3. Ensure that all visitors are made to feel welcome and will promote the park and the Village of Innisfree in every way possible. Campers are to be greeted when they arrive or at some time during their stay.
4. Carry out small repairs and maintenance within the R.V. Park including camping sites, lawns, outbuildings, structures, parking lots, lighting, shower buildings, picnic shelters, accommodations and any other amenity related to the operation of the R.V. Park – with the Assistance of Village Staff.

To view the Birch Lake Campground/Innisfree Recreation Park Manager contract, please visit <http://www.innisfree.ca/Employment>.

The Birch Lake Campground / Innisfree Recreation Park Manager must be available to open the Park for business from May 1ST, 2021 to September 30TH, 2021 (weather permitting).

Deadline to submit applications is **by end of business day on Wednesday, March 3, 2021**. You may submit your applications using the following methods:

Email: cao@innisfree.ca

Fax: 780-592-3729

Drop off: 5116 – 50 Avenue, Innisfree AB T0B 2G0

* Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we ask that you please contact Village Office to book an appointment prior to drop off *

OR

Mail: Box 69, Innisfree AB T0B 2G0

We thank you in advance for your applications, however only those selected for interviews will be contacted.

Can you relate? ...

I needed to do the laundry, but then I realized I was out of detergent, so I went to write a shopping list and realized how unorganized the junk drawer was, and started checking pens for ink. When I went to toss all the junk, I saw that the trash was full but before I took it out, I wanted to get rid of old food in the fridge. That's when I realized a juice jug had leaked so I needed to clean it up but when I went to grab a rag, I saw that the pantry closet was a nightmare so I started organizing it. And that's how I ended up on the floor looking at my old photo albums from the 1990's and not doing laundry.

**Set your standards high
You deserve the best.
Try for what you want
And never settle for less.**

**Believe in yourself
No matter what you choose.
Keep a winning attitude
And you can never lose.**

**Think about your destination
But don't worry if you stray
Because the most important thing
Is what you've learned along the way.**

**Take all that you've become
To be all that you can be.
Soar above the clouds
And let your dreams set you free**

WORD SEARCH: Valentines!

Y	R	A	U	R	B	E	F	P	C	S	E	N	O
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ROSES
FRIENDSHIP
CHOCOLATES
LOVE

FEBRUARY
ROMANCE
CUPID

SWEETHEARTS
CANDY
BE MINE
ST. VALENTINE

I don't quite know how to say this to you, Doreen, but...

...Love, you, I



Fitz


Happy Friend's Day!

Typically, Valentine's Day has an association as being as a 'couples celebration day'. In other countries, Valentine's Day has its own interpretations and a whole different meaning. Finland have a celebration called ystävänpäivä, which translates as 'Friend's Day'. The celebration is about showing respect and appreciation to your friends.



Valentine's Day is Sunday Feb 14!

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Library Hours

 Wednesday 1:00pm - 7:00pm
 Thursday 12:00pm - 6:00pm
 Friday 10:00am - 3:00pm
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Farm Wife Diaries... Rocky Road by Deb Barber

With his hypnotizing green eyes and that inquisitive tilt of his head he holds me captivated as he gives me that slow blink of appreciation and then with a flick of his tail and the twitch of his back side, he explodes into a ball of fur that runs down the hallway with sheer abandonment. That's how our Maine Coon, Rocky has kept both Farmer Hubby and me sane during this extended COVID lock down. He wears many hats in this household almost as many as the nicknames he has been crowned with. Everything from Your Royal Highness to Roo Roo! He pretty much doesn't really care what you call him as long as you don't call him late to dinner! And there is no fear of that occurring as he is very diligent about demanding his breakfast and supper! If we don't exit our bed at a proper time in the morning to ensure his food bowl is filled, he jumps up on the dresser and attacks the photo of my cats from the past hanging on the wall. After all, why have a shrine to the past when you possess the best in the present? If that for some reason isn't successful, then he starts knocking things off the dresser as that is a sure-fire way to get a human out of bed.

For his supper he usually doesn't have to be as destructive in order to garner our attention, first line of attack is a few quiet little squeaks to remind us that our tummies are satisfied and his is empty. If we ignore him then that is followed up by his version of the Indianapolis Speedway which entails racing around the basement at full speed!

All kidding aside he has been a God-send during the last eleven months and will probably continue to be the rope that binds us together until life returns to 'normal' or whatever the 'new normal' will look like.

Rocky isn't my only 'rock of stability' my two horses have also played a strong role in keeping my sanity and giving me a purpose. Princess who is my 21-year-old Fjord has some health issues and requires just a little extra love and attention daily. In return she is always so happy to see me and as thanks for my daily care she gives me a dose of Fjord love which usually is composed of either a wet or mash covered muzzle kiss, but hey a kiss is a kiss right? And then the new addition the 4-year-old Fjord Torvi has really been a wake-up call! I'd forgotten how much energy a young one holds, and she isn't above firing a few good kicks in my general direction if she deems that her supper is a few seconds later than when she'd requested it to appear on her plate! She came to us a bit on the spoilt side (and living here probably hasn't done much to improve that!) and I have my work cut out for me.

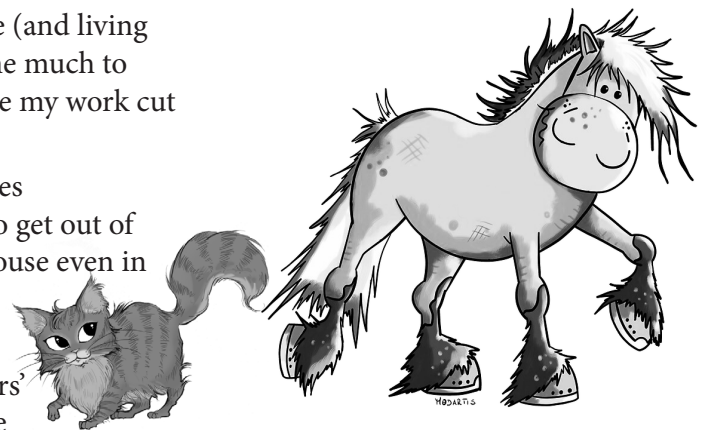
These types of challenges are what motivates me to get out of bed and get out of the house even in these minus close to 30 temperatures!

Then there is my 'seniors' whose residence is in the barn, Pinkie and Torie, a brother and sister feline combination who drain my bank account with food costs but

return the favour by leaving me 'gifts' such as dead mice, shrews and even recently a weasel in their food dish in payment.

Pinkie is very hyper and there are days when his 'yowling' almost drives me out the barn door until his food dish is filled and then he cleans it up in less than 30 seconds and I often wonder if he has even tasted those delicious morsels I scour the pet store shelves for. Torie is much more lady like and she savours her food and then loves to climb up on the bale stack to be brushed (yes, can you say spoilt?) and her thanks comes in the form of biting the hand that strokes her, we think this is her way of saying thank you!

Farmer Hubby and I are definitely blessed by our furred family who allow us access to their world "mask less" and have no fear of repercussions if they get a few hugs and kisses during this time of solitude and confinement.



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