

# The Innisfree Informer



## Innisfree Mayor's Message in a Minute

I am pleased to see that most of the residents of Innisfree have been busy in their yards. The rain has given us new hope to see everything flourish.

The museum is hoping to be able to open as soon as regulations allow. There was a meeting at the museum May 19, but they are looking for a new vice president. We are sorry to hear William Kosterewa has passed away as he was the vice president of the Historical Society. Anyone interested in helping out and would like to assume this position please contact Robert Dobler or myself. New members are welcome. Innisfree has a lot to showcase in the museum. There is an art gallery in the upstairs of the museum showcasing several local artists. When it is open stop by and check it out.

The Village is opening a community garden on main street. To be included in the garden, please contact the Village office for details. You can enjoy fresh vegetable from your own little bit of work in the community garden.

The Birch Lake Recreation Park i.e., Campground opened on the long weekend. It looked like a good number of campers were there and hopefully enjoyed their stay

Waiting is hard, but please wait! Cases of Covid-19 are dropping but it is still around, and we must protect ourselves and others. Many are getting their Covid-19 Vaccines and it is good to be able to get your vaccines in local places not too far away.



Check updates as they are posted on the Village web site, [www.innisfree.ca](http://www.innisfree.ca) and Facebook page, Village of Innisfree.

We are in this together. Be kind to your neighbors and engage in happiness.

Respectfully, Debbie McMann, *Village of Innisfree Mayor*

## Hello June!

June is the gateway to summer.

– Jean Hersey

### BACK HOME

If I had the power to turn back the clock,  
Go back to the house at the end of the block-  
The house the was HOME when I was a kid,  
I know that I'd love it more now than I did.

If I could be back there at my mother's knee,  
And hear once again all the things she told me,  
I'd listen as I never listened before,  
For she knew so well just what life had in store.

And all the advice my dad used to give,  
His voice I'll remember as long as I live;  
But it didn't seem really important then;  
What I'd give just to live it all over again.

And what I'd give for the chance I once had,  
To do so much more for my mother and dad;  
To give them more joy and a little less pain;  
A little more sunshine - a little less rain.

But the years roll on and we cannot go back,  
Whether we were born in a mansion or in a shack;  
But we can start right now - in the hour that's here,  
To do something more for the ones we hold dear.

And since time in its flight is traveling so fast;  
Let's not spend it regretting that which is past;  
But let's make tomorrow a happier day,  
By doing our "good to others" - TODAY

*(Author Unknown)*

MAXIMUM

**30**  
km/h

### SLOW DOWN WHEN PASSING OUR SCHOOL

Per Alberta.ca: When you approach a school or playground sign, with a maximum speed posted with it, you are entering a school and/or playground zone. You must not exceed the posted speed when the zone is in effect. **The speed limit for both urban and rural school zones and playground zones is 30 km/h unless other-wise-posted.**

While school zone limits are in effect on school days only, the **entire stretch of road past the Delnorte School is also a playground zone.** Playground speed restrictions are in effect EVERY DAY from 8:30 am to 1 hour after sunset.

*Submitted by a concerned citizen*



## INNISFREE-MINBURN 4H BEEF CLUB WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR

### 2021 SPONSORS

Northern Livestock Sales, Lloydminster	Vermilion Credit Union
Webbs Machinery	Minburn Ag Society
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North Central Livestock Exchange Inc.	County of Minburn
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Addam Saruk	Boulder Bottom Stock Farm
Colleen Berg Photography	Prairie Rose Veterinary Services
	Twisted Gate Cattle Co.

### 2021 BUYERS

**AGLAND**  
**BIRCH LAKE FARMS**  
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Thanks to everyone that logged into bid on DMLS and we hope to have our regular LIVE auction back at Minburn Ag Ground on May 25, 2022!

Fun Facts: Bumblebees can fly higher than Mount Everest.  
Bumblebee eggs are shaped like sausages.



## May 2021 Village of Innisfree

### Regular Council Meeting Highlights

Mayor and Council met on May 18, 2021 for their Regular Council meeting via in-person.

The Council Agenda package (with attachments – excluding closed session items) can be found at: [www.innisfree.ca](http://www.innisfree.ca)

Council discussed numerous items, which included:

#### Business Arising:

• **Motion 2021-03-26/02 – Village of Innisfree Solar Energy Project:** Administration prepared a Request for Decision for the Solar Energy Project. After much discussion, Council passed a motion to receive this item as information.

#### Bylaws & Policies:

• **666-21 – Tax Payment, Penalties, Etc.:** Administration brought forward a revised Tax Payment and Penalties Bylaw for Council to review and consider. After reviewing the proposed Bylaw, Council passed a resolution to receive the Bylaw as information.

#### New Business:

• **Ministerial Order MSL:095/18 – Viability Review**

Mayor and Council reviewed the revised Action List/Timeline prepared by Administration in response to the Viability Review Ministerial Order MSL:095/18. After reviewing the draft document, Council passed a motion to approve as amended. Mayor and Council also directed Administration to send a letter, on or before June 1, 2021, to ensure compliance with the above-mentioned ministerial order.

• **2021 Capital Budgets**

Administration prepared a Draft 2021 Capital Budget, Draft 5 Year Capital Plan and a Draft 10-30 Year Infrastructure Plan for Council to review and consider. After reviewing the draft documents, Council passed a motion to approve the draft documents as amended.

• **ACE Water Capital Contribution**

Administration brought forward the ACE Water Capital Contribution for Council's review and consideration. After reviewing the options outlined in the Request for Decision, Council passed a motion to direct Administration to apply for MSI Capital Grant funding to be used towards the 2021 ACE Water Capital Contribution. Further, should the MSI Capital Grant application not be approved, that the funds be transferred from General Administration Capital Reserves.

• **Jard Industrial Supply Ltd. – Quote Received May 10, 2021 (Hammer Drill/Hex Driver Set)**

Council passed a motion to approve the purchase of the Hammer Drill/Hex Driver Set, at a cost of \$471.45 (GST Included), as outlined in Quote dated May 10, 2021 from Jard Industrial Supply Ltd.

• **Other items discussed:** Bylaw No. 662-20 – Regional Emergency Management, Regional Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement, Request for Decision – Inactive/Outstanding Utility Accounts, Buffalo Trail Public School Letter of Thanks, EBH Contracting Quote – Street Sweeping, Councillor and Administration Reports and Correspondence.

*The meeting was then adjourned.*

By age 35 you should have at least one fork in your cutlery drawer that you just dont like, and actively frown at if you accidentally grab it



**Kids helpline # 1-800-668-6868**

**Mental Health Helpline # 1-877-303-2642**



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](mailto:innisfreeinformer@gmail.com)

### **Innisfree-Minburn 4-H Beef Club Report**

*Submitted by Rylan Jackson, Club Reporter*

On May 11th we had our 4H meeting. This time we met online to have it.

Our 4H Achievement Day will be on May 25th, 2021. It will be a member only day with just our judges and we will be following all COVID guidelines.

Sale day will be held May 26, 2021 as a DLMS Farmgate Auction- Timed Horserace Style, and will run from 2 pm to 7 pm. All members will have a video and write ups about their 4H projects online for the public to view. You will need to register before the sale at [www.dlms.ca](http://www.dlms.ca) There will be 9 steers on offer this year. Thank you for your support.

Our tentative date for our next meeting is June 8, 2021 pending COVID restrictions at that time.

It takes nothing to join the crowd.  
It takes everything to stand alone.

-Hans F. Hansen

### **TIPS ON HOW TO FALL ASLEEP IN A LIVING ROOM CHAIR:**

- 1. BE OLD**
- 2. SIT IN A CHAIR**

Did you know... T-shirt is actually short for tyrannosaurus shirt? ....It's because of the small arms

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**



### **Canada Summer Jobs Employment Opportunity**

The Village of Innisfree is now hiring for the following "Temporary" position(s):  
**1 x Public Works Labourer  
1 x Campground Labourer**

Applicants **MUST** be between the age of 15 and 30 in order to be considered for the Canada Summer Job position(s). Employment may start as early as July 05, 2021 and will end no later than August 27, 2021

**Public Works/Campground Labourer:**

The Village of Innisfree is looking to hire one (1) Public Works Labourer and one (1) Campground Labourer to help with maintenance and up-keep throughout the community.

**Duties shall include:**

o Heavy lifting; lawn mowing; digging, raking; and cleaning of facilities, etc.

**The successful candidate will:**

Possess a valid class 5 driver's license; Necessary skills to operate heavy equipment such as a Skid Steer and tractor would be considered an asset; Ability to perform physical labour; Good mechanical aptitude; Be a "team player".

The position's will be held open until suitable candidate(s) are found. Only those selected for interviews will be contacted.

Interested applicants may submit their resume to:

Attn: Brooke Magosse, CAO  
Village of Innisfree  
Box 69 Innisfree, Alberta T0B 2G0  
Fax: 780-592-3729  
Email: [cao@innisfree.ca](mailto:cao@innisfree.ca)

**For more information contact the Village Office at 780-592-3886 or email [admin@innisfree.ca](mailto:admin@innisfree.ca).**



# **Household & Garage**

## **& Giveaway!**



**Many other household items for sale or giveaway. Please call to view, by appointment only: Louise Bohaichuk 592-2196**

## **MUST GO BY SEPTEMBER!**

- \* *Double pedestal solid oak table, extends to 84", width 44", 7 chairs, including 1 captains chair, excellent condition: \$600 (firm)*
- \* *Black bar fridge & freezer: \$60 (firm)*
- \* *Meakin Windsong china set: Open to offers*
- \* *Stainless steel sausage maker: Best offer*
- \* *Hutch w/ glass top doors: Best offer*
- \* *New wood lathe: Best offer*



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

Facebook page: Mannville-Minburn-Innisfree Family & Community Support Services

@FCSSmannvilleminburninnisfree

Website: <https://mmifcss.wixsite.com/mmifcss>

Phone: 780-763-3005 Email: [mmifcss@mannville.com](mailto:mmifcss@mannville.com)

Location: 5004-49 Street Suite # 4

P.O. Box 534 Mannville AB T0B 2W0

**INFORMATION & REFERRAL SERVICES**

Did You Know? FCSS I & R Service provides up to date, relevant information, referrals, and resources to support people and enhanced their capacity to meet their own needs. M-M-I F.C.S.S. remains committed to “helping people help themselves”.

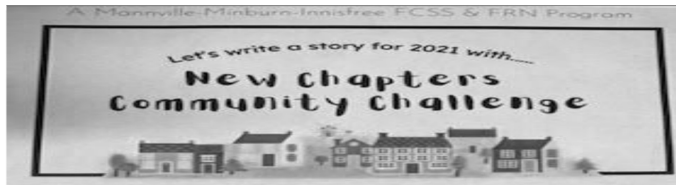
**PHONE, EMAIL, MAIL, ZOOM & In PERSON. Call or stop by, we are here to help!**

M-M-I F.C.S.S. is pleased to welcome this years Summer Students to our Team of Staff. Please help us to welcome:

*Elizabeth Koehler-Lenko and Payton Konieczny.*

**SUMMER PROJECT PLANNING for June, July and August is underway [Gov't of AB & AHS Restrictions will apply]**

**NEWCOMER WELCOME:** Let us know if you are NEW to the area! We would like to welcome you with a Package of our area information. Stop by and pick one up! We look forward to meeting you!



Join the challenge! Monthly themes and Prizes!  
Text: 780-581-4149 or 780-853-0112  
June Theme: **OUTDOORS**

**Kalya Family Resource Network**

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

**For Program information**

Call or text **Alicia @ 780-581-4149**

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!

**No scheduled SMILE dates for June, July and August. Watch for specials!**

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

Rate \$10 per meal.

**Call & sign up to receive your first meal complimentary.**



Wait... what?

If you're at a restaurant, and you're waiting for the waiter... aren't YOU the waiter?

**Attention all past customers!**

In honor of their 15th Anniversary, Ron & Holly will be offering a 15% discount on your next booking

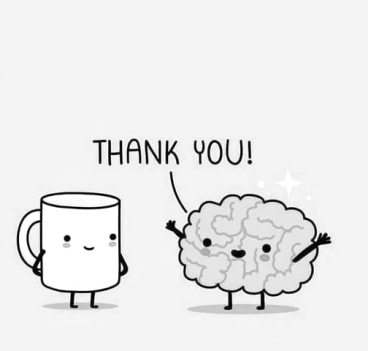
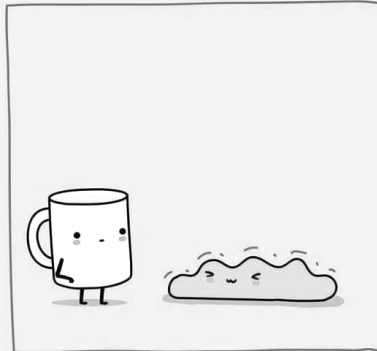
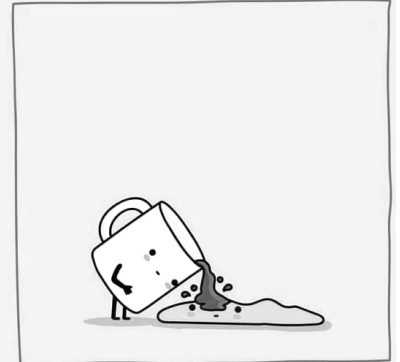
(a 2 night minimum) Note: Reservations are required.

Call 780-592-3840

To reserve your room(s)



Be sure to ask how you can extend that discount forever!



**HOW TO COOK CRACK AND CLEAN A CRAB**  
**STEP ONE: USE COMMAS**

*You are invited...* **VOLUNTEER PROMOTE** **SUPPORT FUNDRAISE**

Friends of the Innisfree Library Society's (FILS)



**ANNUAL MEETING**  
Virtually via ZOOM  
**7 PM, June 21, 2021**



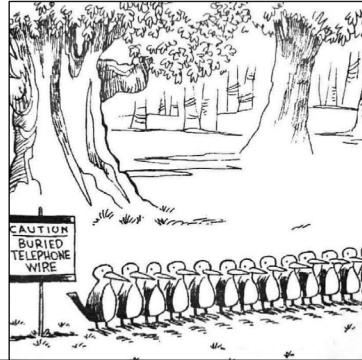
Help us celebrate our successes of 2020-21 and plan for the future.

For an invitation email Holly at: [info@thebeachside.ca](mailto:info@thebeachside.ca) or call 592-3840



**C** A game warden catches an unlicensed fisherman in the act. "You're going to pay a big fine for all those fish in your bucket," the game warden says. "But, officer, I didn't catch these. They're my pet fish, and I just bring them here to swim. When they're done, they jump back into the bucket."

**R** "Oh really? This I've got to see. If you can prove it, I'll let you go." The fisherman empties the bucket into the lake and waits patiently.



A few minutes go by and nothing happens. The game warden asks, "So where are the fish?" The fisherman replies, "What fish?"

**Hooked on Tunes**

Q: What kind of music should you listen to while fishing? A: Something catchy.

**OUTDOOR CORNER** is sponsored by:  
**PARANYCH CONSULTING 403-506-4667**

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



**Is someone special celebrating this summer?**

Send in your **JULY & AUGUST Birthdays & Anniversaries** for the summer issue!

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

Email to: [innisfreeinformer@gmail.com](mailto:innisfreeinformer@gmail.com)

**Innisfree Seed Cleaning Plant**  
**NOW CARRYING COMMON ALFALFA SEED**

*Other grasses & lawn seed also available.*

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Innisfree, Alberta

Q: What is a sheep's favorite game?

A: Baa-dminton!

**HAIL INSURANCE**

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**Frank - 780-592-3933**

Q: What is a scarecrow's favorite fruit?

A: Straw-berries!

**EVENTS CALENDAR**

*Here's What's Happening!*

June 2: Village of Innisfree Library Board Meeting

June 15: Village Council Meeting

*See our web page and Facebook page for more information*

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

**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.

Mandatory training is required upon appointment. Cost of training will be covered by the Municipality (if applicable).

Compensation will be offered to the appointed members of public at large who attend the scheduled Subdivision and Development Appeal Board hearings as required.

**Position's will remain open until suitable candidates are found.**

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

**Subdivision and Development Appeal Board**

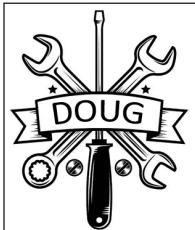
**Attn: Brooke Magosse, Clerk**

**Box 69, 5116 50 Avenue**

**Innisfree, AB T0B 2G0**

**F: 780-592-3729 E: [cao@innisfree.ca](mailto:cao@innisfree.ca)**

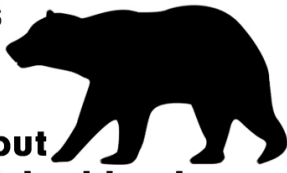
Lumber seeds for sale. 5 a piece.  
Don't lowball me. I know what I got.



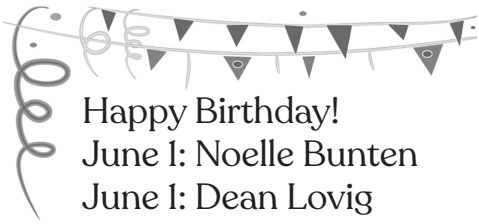
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**DAD, DOUG,**  
**GRAMPA!**  
**WE LOVE YOU**  
**VERY MUCH!**  
**FROM YOUR**  
**FAMILY AND**  
**FRIENDS**

Fun Fact: There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.

**There was a bear sighted in Innisfree but easily spooked back out of town. Fish and wildlife had great advice for the community to help keep from attracting bears into town:**



- Store bbqs in sheds or garages.**
- Take down bird feeders.**
- Keep yards clean of all garbage/bottles.**



**Happy Birthday!**  
 June 1: Noelle Bunten  
 June 1: Dean Lovig  
 June 2: Sheldon Tarapaski  
 June 4: Megan Clarke  
 June 9: Darryl Fowler  
 June 9: Betty Harrison  
 June 10: Kyle Yakimowich  
 June 11: Hank Paranych  
 June 12: Adrian Bouchier  
 June 12: Tamara Cannan  
 June 12: Stephanie Nott



June 13: Aaron Cannan  
 June 13: Chris Nott  
 June 14: Dale Cates  
 June 15: Dennis Baker  
 June 16: Victoria Paranych  
 June 18: Dwayne Sangster  
 June 25: Doug Foyster  
 June 27: Kerri Dmytriw  
 June 29: Lacey Tillotson

**Happy Anniversary!**  
 June 30: Lisa & Kelly Anderson

### Library News

We are still closed to in person visits from the public, but hope to open mid-late June! Our weekly van run and curbside pick-up/drop-off bins are still available.

Don't forget to check out all the great e-resources available to our patrons with their membership! Go to our website, [innisfreelibrary.ca](http://innisfreelibrary.ca) to see what we have to offer.

Congratulations to the winner of our Mother's Day basket, Patricia Whiting. Thank you to everyone that purchased tickets and supported our Early Literacy Program.

Our Bird themed Early Literacy program take home bags are now ready for pickup. Our next theme will be about Fairy's.

We are happy to welcome our summer student, Kim Feschuk to our team. She will be starting this week.

Please contact me with any questions. 780-592-2122 or [librarian@innisfreelibrary.ca](mailto:librarian@innisfreelibrary.ca). We will keep you updated as we get more information.

Marilyn Newton, Library Manager

**Thank you for your participation in choosing the new Village logo!**



This week's lotto max is for a 10x10 pressure treated deck and 10 additional draws for a 4x8 sheet of 1/2" plywood

**Innisfree Prairie Bank of Commerce Historical Society** is looking for a volunteer to take the position of Vice-President. The Annual Meeting held May 19 saw a shortage of members and now is asking for the community to assist as a member and or Vice-President.

We have an interesting historical building with many excellent artifacts.

We need your help.

As we watch the provincial requirements for the opening of museums, we hope and expect to be open in the near future. When this happens we will be looking for volunteers to open the museum to visitors. Can you help us?

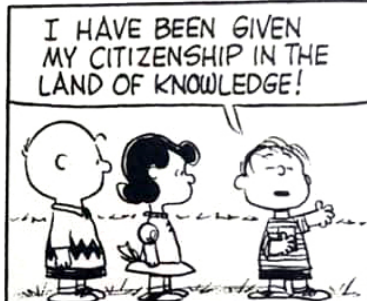
Please call Robert Dobler at 587-280-2870 or Deb McMann at 780-592-2116 if you have any questions or to offer your assistance.

We are sorry to hear of the passing of William Kosterewa. He was active in volunteering in the museum and held the position of Vice-President. He will be missed by our historical society.

The Innisfree Prairie Bank of Commerce Historical Society is looking for someone to clean in the museum before we open the doors to the public. Interested parties, please contact Deb with your estimated charges for this position.



"Local museums are able to provide a sense of community and place by celebrating a collective heritage"  
 -Rebecca Carlsson



Do you have yours? Do you know their FREE at our library? Thanks to the support of the FILS: Friends of the Innisfree Library Society



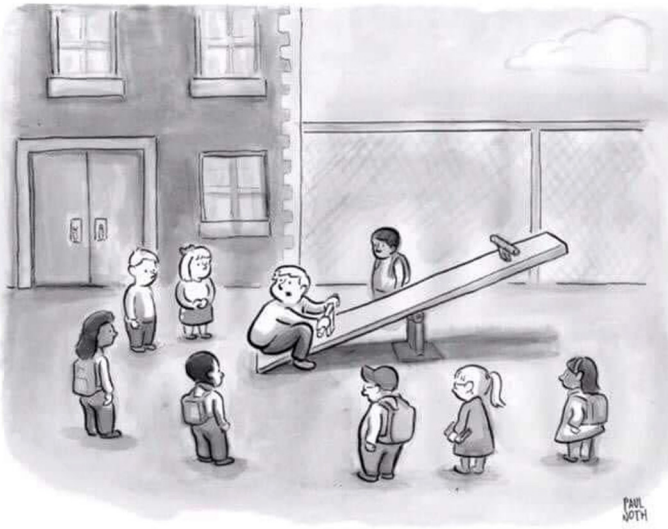
## WORD SEARCH: Innisfree!

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## Note to self:

When things feel overwhelming, remember:

- One thought at a time
- One task at a time
- One day at a time



"O.K, now, when a teacher comes out, everybody look straight up."

INNISFREE  
VILLAGE  
DELNORTE  
POST OFFICE  
FARMERS

FAMILIES  
THE HILL  
MULTICULTURAL  
MUSEUM  
FRIENDLY

WELCOME  
LIBRARY  
PENGUIN  
SENIORS  
NEIGHBORS

- Q: What kind of pigs know karate? A: Pork chops!  
 Q: What day do potatoes hate the most? A: Fry-day!  
 Q: What farm animal keeps the best time? A: A watch dog!  
 Q: What is a horse's favorite sport? A: Stable tennis!  
 Q: Why do cows like being told jokes?  
 A: Because they like being amooooosed!

## BUSINESS DIRECTORY

**Library Hours**

Wednesday  
1:00pm - 7:00pm

Thursday  
12:00pm - 6:00pm

Friday  
10:00am - 3:00pm

**780-592-2122**

Village of Innisfree Library

Give Lisa Anderson a call for all your Ag Retail needs

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Amberlyn Myshaniuk  
780-592-3936

# Thank You Global Warming... by Deb Barber

Back in March when I was just itching to start some flower seeds, I never dreamed that at the end of May I would still be hauling the pots in and out of the house because the nights would be dropping to zero or below! I'm not complaining it's very good exercise; by the time I haul them out I've accumulated 1,500 steps and another 1,500 to tuck them away at night and voila I have 3,000 of my 10,000-step goal already taken care of!

Sometimes on the windy days I try to tuck them close to the house for protection, but they still often end up with the wind-swept look, I think they have decided they would prefer to be simply 'house' plants. Fortunately, Farmer Hubby has decided he likes having flowering pots scattered all over our dining area and has even offered on many days to assist me with the task of taking them in and out.

Thinking 2021 would be a standard weather year, yes, I know what was I thinking that anything would be normal ever again! I purchased some beautiful tomato plants from the local 4H fund raiser and a few nicely filled pots from the Mannville Grad Fundraiser. Between the house and overflowing greenhouse there simply was no room left at the Inn, so the overflow has been placed my black garden cart and I haul them in and out of the barn on a daily basis, so they remain somewhat conditioned for life in the wild.

Seeding went along with really not many hitches, especially since that's no longer our concern!! Farmer Hubby got the spraying done, just barely as the Raven Tech spent more hours in our yard than the sprayer spent in the field. I jokingly told Farmer Hubby we could have

hired the job out for less than it cost us to do it ourselves. The tech had tried to guide me over my iPhone several times and during one of those long-winded conversations I either missed the instructions to return the machine back to its original settings or perhaps in all the confusion he forgot to instruct me. However, imagine my frustration when we had pressure when we opened the spraying booms, but once the 'master' switch was engaged the pressure quit. Fortunately, the Tech was at the neighbours and dropped over to the field, he took him only seconds to determine the issue and once the Raven was instructed to spray when the tractor was moving all was well. Well, not quite, the auto boom feature wasn't working, and the parts were on back order from China, apparently doing the back stroke to get here! That meant manually operating the booms, which honestly on a flat field is so easy one wonders why they even need this advanced technology. But head into a field that's all-rolling hills and suddenly it takes two people to operate the sprayer, one on wing detail and the other to operate it! Hopefully, it's fixed before the next round of spraying begins!

Fortunately, Farmer Hubby can operate the rock picker solo as the tractor that pulls it is pretty tiny and sitting on the hard console gets old amazingly fast. The great thing about the old tractor and rock picker is that there are no computers involved so Farmer Hubby is as content as a pig in the mud

as it is a world he is most comfortable with.

Our trees are all awfully slow in unfurling their leaves and sadly the Nanking cherries were in full bloom when the thermometer dipped to minus nine one night and I'm sadly thinking they will not bare any fruit. The wild Saskatoon bushes are in full bloom, but my tame ones sure look sad. I see after that life saving rain over the weekend that the apple trees look slightly better but only time will tell what they may or may not produce.

The only genuinely happy plants are the raspberries and rhubarb, it takes a lot to deter either one of them so I'm happy to have such hardy survivors in the garden.

Unlike most years my garden is not in the ground but still in the packages, does that make me feel behind, yes it does. It was so dry that I didn't want to seed it and then when the rain was forecast, I decided to wait as last year the garden was washed out twice and this year's game plan is to just seed it once!

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