



The Innisfree Informer

December 2021



Deb's Message in a Minute

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! The Christmas decorations are going up and I enjoy seeing what people are doing with their yards. Good work everyone.

The Village is celebrating The Light Up Your Village Lights on Dec. 10 at 7:00 P.M. Cruise the Village and enjoy the lights. You might even hear some Christmas music if you roll down your window.

Efforts have begun to get the ice in the curling rink and the skating rink. No timeline yet but hoping for some time in December.

The jackpot at Monday Night Bingo is growing. The last bingo of the year will be Dec. 27. The jackpot would sure help out with your Christmas shopping.

Speaking of Christmas shopping: if shopping online consider FlipGive.com. By shopping online via Innisfree Delnorte Parent Advisory Council (join code is N2W976), your purchases will help give back to the school \$ for every purchase you make.

There will be a By-Election to fill a council vacancy on Feb. 7, 2022. Nomination papers must be submitted by noon Jan. 10, 2022.

I encourage everyone over the age of five to get their Covid-19 vaccinations and flu shots. The Flu Shots can be given at a drug store of your choice, and this will assist with preventive measures. I know and understand there are those who have decided to skip this health measure and I trust you have researched this issue in trusted ways.

Check for updates as they are posted on the Village web site, www.innisfree.ca and Facebook page, Village of Innisfree. Also see the Mannville-Minburn-Innisfree FCSS Facebook page for up-to-date information available.

Remember to share with others during the holiday season as this is the best way to find the Christmas Spirit.

Respectfully submitted by Deb McMann

The Village of Innisfree Library (VIL)

GIVING TREE

We are accepting items for our donation tree. Items will be donated to both the Interval Home in Lloydminster and the Be Brave ranch in Sherwood Park. Items can be dropped off at the library until December 15th.

For a full list of items needed please visit:
<https://littlewarriors.ca/you-can-help/items-supplies-needed/>

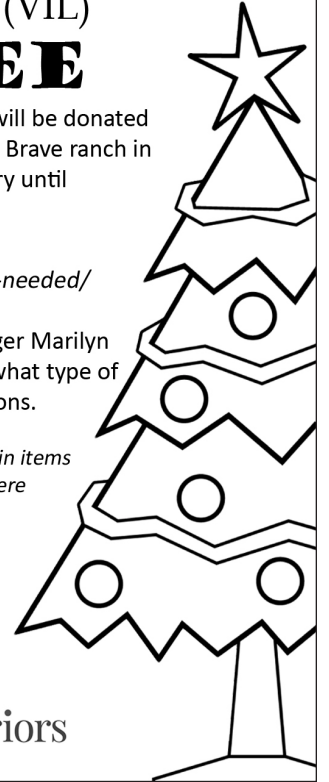
Please check with the library manager Marilyn at 780-592-2122 if you are unsure what type of items are needed, or want suggestions.

Please do not drop off boxes that contain items that are for garage sale. We have nowhere to store these items as we have no future garage sales scheduled at the library.



Be Brave Ranch
By Kids Labeled as Family

little warriors



Hallmark Christmas movies are so cheesy and predictable **and if you seriously think I'm about to watch them then you're absolutely right where's my cozy pajamas and hot chocolate at because I'm going to watch 10!**



Library News

We will be holding a Book Sale throughout the month of December. During our opening hours, stop by to see what there is for you to take home and enjoy! All genres of Books, DVDs, CDs and more are available. Items are for sale by donation and everything must go!

Our Christmas Raffle Basket tickets are on sale now! Tickets are \$2.00 each and will be available to purchase at both the Library and Innisfree Village Office. This basket will be filled with Christmas goodies for you to take home! Draw to take place on December 16 at the Library, and pickup to be arranged before we close for the Holidays.

All proceeds from the book sale and raffle basket will go towards future Library Programming. We thank you for your continued generosity and the support of our Library.

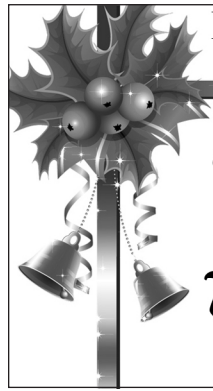
Our Early Literacy Program Bags are available for pickup! November's theme is Dragons and December's is Elves. This free kit contains fun numeracy and literacy activities, gross and motor skill games, as well as craft and snack suggestions! There is a limited supply of these bags each month, so be sure to grab yours early so you don't miss out!

This year's Giving Tree Recipients are the Be Brave Ranch and Lloydminster Interval Home. Please visit LittleWarriors.ca/Be-Brave-Ranch and Intervalhome.org to see a list of what they need for donations. You can also visit the library to see what is needed. We will be accepting donations from November 17 to December 15th. All items will be donated to the recipient groups as soon as possible after our cut off date. As always, we would love to donate first to any local families who may be in need. If you know of anyone, please contact Marilyn at the Library. Any referrals will be kept confidential.

We will be closed from Friday, December 24 to Tuesday, January 4th. We will re-open for our regular hours on Wednesday, January 5th.

Marilyn Newton, Library Manager

780-592-2122, librarian@innisfreelibrary.ca



Prairie Rose Veterinary Services
780-592-VETS (8387)

*Merry Christmas
& Best Wishes for
the New Year!* from Tawnya
& Christine

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Saturday & Sunday
dates available

Joanne Windsor

MOT, RMT-AO, BFF

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Visit me on Facebook - Serendipitous Adventures

So I was at Walmart earlier. A lady was looking at frozen turkeys, but she couldn't find one big enough. She asked the stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" He replied with a straight face, "No ma'am, they're dead." **Made my week.**

Innisfree Skating Club

We are hoping to restart our skating program at the Innisfree Agriplex
Starting Thursdays, mid-January

OPEN TO ALL AGES

If your child/children are interested in attending, please call or text:
Krystin Cannan - 780-806-3490 or Shelly Nott - 780-603-7412



Innisfree Preschool & Kindergarten

CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE

First Prize \$1500 Second prize \$500



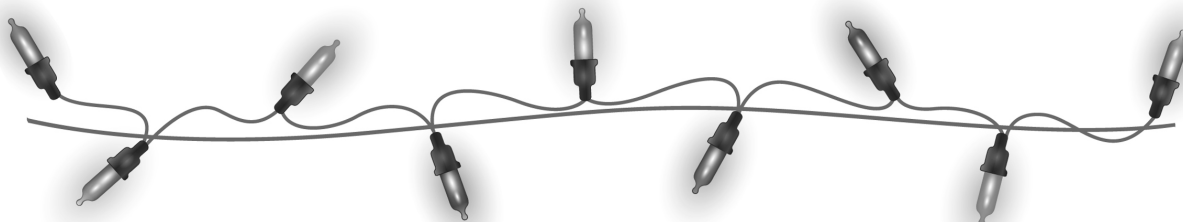
Tickets
\$10

Draw date: December 16, 2021 at Innisfree Rec Center

Contact Elise @ 780-603-1080 for information

Contact any Kindergarten/Preschool parent for tickets
(tickets will also be available at the Innisfree ATB)

Only 600
tickets printed!
Raffle license #575868



Fun Fact: If you gave all the gifts listed in the "Twelve Days of Christmas," it would equal 364 presents.

CREATE A LIFE YOU CAN'T WAIT TO WAKE UP TO



**Mannville – Minburn – Innisfree
Family & Community Support Services
And
Yellowhead Community Support Society**

Email: mmifcss@mannville.com

Location: 5004-49 Street Suite # 4 Mannville

FOR DETAILED INFORMATION:

Phone: 780-763-3005

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

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

Instagram: @mmifcss

Community Bulletin Boards & Newsletters

Did You Know?

Plans for the new year are underway, F.C.S.S. continues to review data from our surveys and plan programs according to community need. Your input is important to us, and your participation helps us to continue programming! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sps63nIJUXk> WE Build Albertans – The FCSS Story

CONNECTING COMMUNITY

- Combined Programs for December:
S.M.I.L.E. / Let's Talk/ Coffee Connections
Tues Dec 7 Mannville Drop In Centre
Tues Dec 14 Innisfree Millennium Building
Time: 10:00 – 12:30 includes lunch PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED Call by Dec 3rd to register
- **New Chapters Community Challenge**
Holiday Theme, send in your photos and stories and be entered in this last challenge prize draw
- **Newcomer Welcome packages** available for anyone new to our communities.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

- **Teen Drop-In** Ages 13 – 18 Look for December date and location on Instagram & Facebook

FACILITATION & SUPPORTS

HOME SUPPORT

- **Meals on Wheels** Program
- **Friendly Phone Visiting**
- **TeleCare** Emergency Response Connection

PUBLIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION

- **Information & Referral & Resources:** Newsletters, Income Tax/ Form Completion, Connections to Resources and Supports

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SERVICE

"Random Acts of Kindness - Snow Angel Project"
"Empowering members in Community"

Do your part as a "Volunteer Snow Angel" In our communities. Please help to Shovel driveways, and sidewalk!
If you see someone helping out with shovelling, take a pic, post it, tag us or call our office to tell us about it! It's all about Community Engagement!



**Kalyna MMI Family Resource Network

Call or text Alicia @ 780-581-4149

Facebook: MMI Family Resource Network



Innisfree walking club has started again at the Innisfree Rec Centre. Please join us for a walk.

We walk weekdays 9 am to 9:30 am but may extend that to 10 am sometime in the future!

Cost is \$1.00



Council Meeting Highlights - November 16, 2021

- Council approved the Village of Innisfree's 2022 membership to the Go-East of Edmonton Destination Marketing Organization.
- Council approved the development of a revised Traffic Bylaw for the implementation of a Specified School Zone Time from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm during School days and a Playground Zone along Secondary Highway 870 on the two-block area and directed Administration to bring the Bylaw forward to the December Council meeting. Further, Council directed Administration to complete a Government of Alberta application for the installation of a Driver Feedback Sign, south of the School zone on Secondary Highway 870 in Innisfree.
- Council rescheduled the December Council Meeting to Tuesday, December 14th at 5:00 PM.

Christmas Season Operational hours for the Village:

- Friday, December 24th, Christmas Eve – Closed at Noon
 - December 27 & 28 – Closed in lieu of Christmas Day and Boxing Day
 - Friday, December 31st – Closed at Noon
 - Monday, January 3rd, 2022 – Closed in lieu of New Year's Day
- Should there be an urgent municipal-related issue, please call the Village Office (780-592-3886) and follow the queue instructions.*

INNISFREE TRANSFER SITE

The Innisfree Transfer Site is closed to Public Access pursuant to Alberta Environment regulations. Authorized Access will only be granted with the Public Works Foreman in attendance. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (closed over noon.) Please contact the Village Office during these times. All garbage must be bagged. No metal or household appliances or furniture permitted; residents may haul these types of items to the Mannville or the Ranfurly transfer sites. Please see the County of Minburn website to confirm dates and times for access to those facilities: (<https://www.minburncounty.ab.ca/p/waste-transfer-stations>)

SNOW REMOVAL POLICY/STANDARDS

The Village of Innisfree Council approved **Policy 3200-01 – Snow Removal Policy** – Roadways to provide direction to standardize the priority and procedure for snowplowing in Innisfree. The policy states the Village will commence snow removal on municipal roads if there are three (3) inches of snow accumulation. Priorities for heavy snowfall have been set including the Fire Hall (EMS), school bus drop off and pick up area, Main Street and so forth. (Policy 3200-01 is available to view in its entirety on the village website: www.innisfree.ca)

Snow Clearance Agreement - Release of Liability - The Village offers residents the opportunity to contract the Village for snow removal purposes within their personal property. The Property Owner must sign a Release in order to access this service. Snow Removal Policy Priorities will apply before the scheduling of snow removal on private properties. The Village Master Rates Bylaw provides the rental rate for the snow removal service and is available on the Village website.

What did Mrs. Claus say to Santa when she looked up in the sky?

"Looks like rein, deer!"

C O U T D O O R R N E R

Why did the hunter miss his mark?

*He was not aiming **de**erectly for it.*



Two hunters were driving through the country to go bear hunting. They came upon a fork in the road where a sign read "BEAR LEFT" so they went home.

**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



Is someone special celebrating next month?

Send in your JANUARY Birthdays & Anniversaries for the January issue!

Please send birthday or anniversary names and dates by Dec 27 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.

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

Q: What do reindeer hang on their Christmas trees?

A: Horn-aments

EVENTS CALENDAR

Here's What's Happening!

Dec 1: Village of Innisfree Library Board Meeting

Dec 10: Village Christmas Tree Light up

Dec 14: Village Council Meeting

Dec 14: FCSS Presentation Winter Blues Includes coffee & lunch

Dec 25: Christmas Day

Please send your event info (name, date, location) by Dec 27 to be included in the December Calendar of Events

POPCORN BALLS

Thank you to Krystin Cannan for this recipe

INGREDIENTS:

12 cups popped popcorn

1 cup sugar

½ cup white corn syrup

1/3 cup water

¼ cup butter

¾ tsp salt

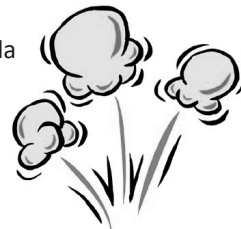
1 tsp vanilla

Jube jube

candy,

cut into

pieces



DIRECTIONS:

-Mix sugar, corn syrup, water, butter and salt in saucepan until well blended.

-Place over low heat, stir gently until mixture boils, continue boiling without stirring until it forms a brittle ball in cold water.

-Remove from heat.

-Add vanilla, stir only enough to mix.

-Pour the syrup over the popcorn, stirring rapidly to make certain it is all covered.

-Add jube jubes and mix.

Moisten hands and with water and shape into balls

OVERHEARD AT STARBUCKS...

If you drank 42 cups of coffee in one sitting, the caffeine overdose would kill you.

**Soooo...
41's the limit?**

Did Rudolph go to school? **"No he was 'elf' taught."**



CARAMEL LOG BARS

START WITH:

1/2 cup butter

1 can condensed milk

2 tsp cocoa

ADD:

2 tsp vanilla

2 cups graham crumbs

2 cups shredded coconut

Roll into logs and cool

Combine in saucepan and bring to a boil

Optional: roll logs in toasted coconut

Fun Fact: In Ukraine, spiders are considered symbols of good luck at Christmas.

Delnorte Report!

At Delnorte School, students and staff have been busy! We celebrated Halloween with a variety of activities put on by our Student Union including a costume contest, pumpkin carving, and other fun activities. We recognized Remembrance Day with a virtual presentation from a member of CFB Wainwright and a virtual ceremony of wreath laying at the Cenotaph. November has also brought Parent Teacher Interviews and a fall break!

Over the Fall Break our students participated in a Reading Bingo, reading in all kinds of places and ways such as with a flashlight or under a table or even in the bathtub. Thank you, families, for the participation. We have also begun a user purchase hot lunch program at the school which has been a big hit!! We have been doing a variety of neat experiences in Foods class such as taste testing foods made with and without gluten and a Mexican Food truck challenge.

In Phys Ed, our students have been learning to play Pickleball. Thank-you to our Parent Council for supporting the school with the purchase of air fryers for our kitchens and a large amount of Phys Ed equipment to enhance our program and allow our students to learn some new games! Thanks!

Rachel Miller, Principal
"Together We Learn and Lead"
Innisfree Delnorte School



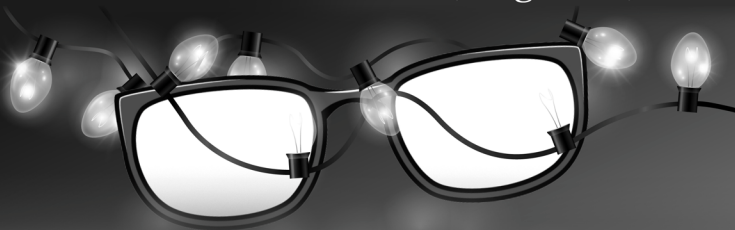
What I bought
at the grocery
store



What we had
for dinner
when I got
home!



IRIS

 4934-50 Avenue, Vegreville, AB

Make the Season Bright!

IRIS Vegreville is accepting donations for the local Food Bank from Nov. 24th to Dec. 13th

Each donation will be entered into win a Christmas Basket.

Happy Holidays from the staff at

IRIS Vegreville

780-632-3474



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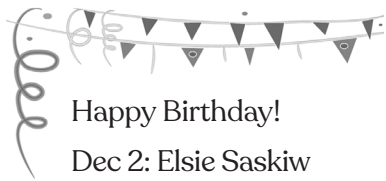
Christmas Tree Light Up

To kickstart the Christmas spirit in Innisfree the Village will be lighting up the big tree beside the Village office at 7:00 PM on December 10, 2021.

Drive by viewing only please.

Merry Christmas!





Happy Birthday!

- Dec 2: Elsie Saskiw
- Dec 4: Koreen Fowler
- Dec 5: Jana Sen
- Dec 7: Shawn Fleck
- Dec 11: Mike Fundytus
- Dec 12: Randy Cannan
- Dec 12: LilyAnn Logan
- Dec 15: Olivia Nott
- Dec 16: Bonny Anderson
- Dec 16: Barb Crozier
- Dec 18: Susan Bergman
- Dec 18: Arlene Gnyra
- Dec 19: Kelly Anderson
- Dec 19: Dallas Dobler
- Dec 19: Madison Isley
- Dec 19: Deanna Jackson
- Dec 19: Norah Melnyk
- Dec 19: Boe Myshaniuk
- Dec 23: Blair Newton
- Dec 24: Marilyn Newton
- Dec 25: Lisa McMahan
- Dec 26: Brooke Magosse
- Dec 28: Justin Cannan
- Dec 29: Camille Kassian
- Dec 29: Melissa Porter
- Dec 31: Carmen Nott

It's okay if you fall apart sometimes. Tacos fall apart and we still love them.

CIBC Donation

*Submitted by
Debbie McMann*

CIBC Vegreville donated \$300 to the Innisfree Prairie Bank of Commerce. Supporting the original CIBC Innisfree Branch, in the historical preservation of the building that served Innisfree for 90 years.

Support for Children's Library Programming

Christmas Basket Raffle tickets are on sale until Dec 15th. Proceeds go towards the children's programming at the Innisfree Library. Tickets can be purchased at the library and the Innisfree Village Office. \$2.00 each
Thank you



Are you an artist, writer, inventor, or all around creative kid? The Informer wants to hear from you! Email your submissions or your creations to be featured in future issues!

innisfreeinformer@gmail.com



little warriors

Collection for Little Warriors!

If anyone has bottles they would like to donate to LITTLE WARRIORS/BE BRAVE RANCH I would be happy to pick them up. Innisfree Bottle Depot will forward the money to me if you prefer to drop them off, please mention my name or Little Warriors.

To all that have, or continue to support this worthy charity THANK YOU. \$1 donated is \$11 saved in the future.

It takes a VILLAGE... and I'm so proud of the villagers that have rallied behind these WARRIORS.

Children are the future, together we can make theirs bright!

If anyone would like a tax receipt for a donation of \$25 or more I will be happy to supply them.

Please contact me at 780-603-7385

thank you, Donna Saskiw

If anyone would like to support privately you can call 1-855-922-9010, or email : info@littlewarriors.ca

One in three girls and one in five boys are sexually abused before the age of 18 with 95% of that being by a "trusted person", and the numbers are rising.

Visit littlewarriors.ca for more information about this wonderful organisation.



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Be Brave Ranch
by Ray LaBonte & Family

Little Warriors invites community members to attend a FREE live online facilitator led interactive Prevent It! workshop via Zoom. Participants will learn how to help protect children from child sexual abuse.

Registration is free, but you must REGISTER to attend on the Little Warriors website here to secure your spot: <https://littlewarriors.ca/prevent-it/register/>

little warriors

Three workshop dates to choose from:

- SATURDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2021 FROM 10:00-13:00
- WEDNESDAY, 5 JANUARY 2022 FROM 18:00-21:00
- SATURDAY, 22 JANUARY 2022 FROM 10:00-13:00

Chudovyi Ukrainian Dancers of Innisfree News

The Chudovyi Ukrainian Dancers of Innisfree have been back in full swing this year. After a hard year of Covid restrictions and classes having to be held online, it is great to be back in the studio in person with our dancers and instructor, TJ Fenton.

From beginners to adults, we have all been busy getting back into the swing of things. New barre exercises, corner work and choreography are being learned, and we are having fun doing it!

Unfortunately, with the current restrictions in place, we have decided not to hold our Santa Tea this year. It is with great sadness that we have also decided not to hold our Malanka fundraiser this January. We wish to thank the community for your continued support and wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season.

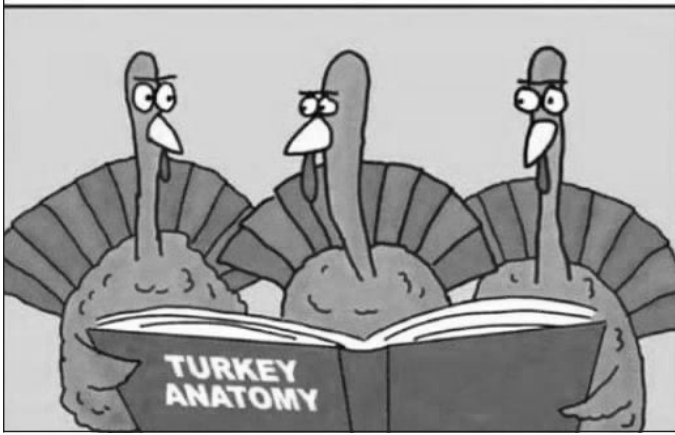


Two Stages of Holiday Shopping:

1. There's plenty of time!
2. Oh S***



THE GLANCES BEGAN SHORTLY AFTER THEY LEARNED THAT INSIDE EACH OF THEIR FRIENDS WAS A MAGIC BONE THAT COULD GRANT THEM THEIR GREATEST WISH



BRACE YOURSELVES...

Soon, the era of pumpkin will fall, and the Northern winds will whisper "Peppermint is everything."

MINTER IS COMING

WORD SEARCH: Christmas!

D	C	E	R	M	P	R	E	S	E	N	T	S	O
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Innisfree-Minburn 4-H Beef Club Report

Submitted by Madeline Nott, Club Reporter

This past month, we had our yearly weigh-in on November 7 at Harder family farm. Great group of steers and heifers weighed in. Hope to have a great year ahead.

We had our monthly meeting on November 10 at Minburn, and we had our tire recycling on November 12. Members did a lot of collecting, so we had a great turnout of tires. We scheduled our next meeting December 8 in Innisfree.

In our cleaver program we have 2 members join. They started learning the 4-H pledge and motto and they are enjoying it.

HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS SANTA SLEIGH REINDEER



HO HO HO PRESENTS TREE LIGHTS MAGIC

What's a reindeer's favorite game?

Stable tennis.

Where do reindeer like to stop for lunch?

Deery Queen.

What do reindeer say to their kids?
I love you deerly.

How do you get into a reindeer's house?

Ring the deer-bell.

What kind of money do reindeer use? **Bucks!**

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Library Hours

 Wednesday 1:00pm - 7:00pm
 Thursday 12:00pm - 6:00pm
 Friday 10:00am - 3:00pm
780-592-2122

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Dear Fellow Farm Wives... by Deb Barber



When your Farmer Hubby sticks his head in the back door and hollers, "Honey can you help me for a minute?" does an internal shudder run down

your spine? I have discovered that 'time' in the world of a Farmer can range from an actual few moments to helping him until it is so dark you can no longer see your hand in front of your face!

Have you ever looked longingly at the bread rising on the counter and pondered how the cupcakes in the oven would turn out as you silently shut off the oven heat praying for the best as you head out the door?

Knowing what to wear can also be a dilemma, as sometimes you can get away with just slipping shoes and a jacket over your yoga pants and sweat shirt but more often than not it is far smarter to take the time to dress in layers as I have found it is much easier to hold the flashlight in your teeth when they are not chattering since both hands are occupied holding a wrench and a screw driver and he "can't see" into the dark abyss that he needs to tighten some obscure nut in!!

What tends to be even more amazing is after those hours of bending at awkward angle because he cannot see through your head...that the bread turns out to be the best you have ever baked and the cupcakes are browned to golden perfection!

I'm pretty sure none of you know what I'm speaking about (insert a wink here).

Our over night four-inch snow fall certainly quickly changed our world from Autumn to Winter and I also discovered the many muscled that have laid dormant over the last few months that came into play while removing the drifts off the garage pad. Every snow fall it never ceases to amaze me how all the snow from the fields manages to drift to facing our front door, that is what one gets for building their house in the most 'attractive' spot on the farm without consulting how the prevailing winds tend to blow!

No matter how much we grumble about the snow I would take it any day to torrential rain and flooding that BC has been experiencing or the freezing rain that is raging havoc on the streets and highways around Edmonton today.

The little chickadees are back adorned in their feathered winter parkas happily eating us out of house and home as we find ourselves filling the bird feeders every other day. The Blue Jays are warring with the squirrels to see who ends up ruling the backyard and the coveted easy to find meals. It is rather hilarious to see a huge Blue Jay attempting to hang sideways on a swinging bird feeder trying to nab a sunflower seed or two. Only to be out done in cuteness when a squirrel dangles upside down from the deck railing trying to sneak a seed from the feeder moments later! Who needs the Nat Geo Wild channel when you have your own private show right outside the patio window?

If I am feeling unwanted all I need to do is bundle up and head out to feed my ponies. They nicker loudly upon seeing me as if to say, "hey you, breakfast is five minutes

late" and then they jostle each other trying to make sure they are first in line for their morning mash. It takes both myself and Farmer Hubby working in tandem to ensure that both humans remain standing as the critters are fairly certain that it has been at least a week since they last were fed rather than a mere 24 hours!

The barn kitties sure know how to 'work' Farmer Hubby and a few well-placed head bunts accompanied by loud purring usually nets them a few hours of heat being turned on so that their barn is 'toasty' warm as for sure their thick furry coats alone are not sufficient to keep them warm when its below zero Celsius.

I've once again made my multi page list of all the things I 'think' I need to accomplish prior to December 25th rolling around on the calendar. I guess I believe I work best under pressure because I'm almost certain it would take an army of farm wives to accomplish all I've outlined for myself to do! And on that note, I best go bundle up and head out to feed the furry masses before one of them die of starvation. Keep warm my fellow Farm Wives!



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LAST PAGE LYRICS

NEW! Merry Christmas
by Elton John & Ed Sheeran

Build the fire and gather 'round the tree
Fill the glass and maybe come and sing with me
So kiss me under the mistletoe
Pour out the wine, let's toast and pray for December snow
I know there's been pain this year, but it's time to let it go
Next year, you never know

But for now, Merry Christmas, we'll
Dance in the kitchen while embers glow
We've both known love, but this love we got is the best of all
I wish you could see it through my eyes, then you would know
My God, you look beautiful
Right now, Merry Christmas
The fire is raging on
And we'll all sing along to this song
Just having so much fun
While we're here, can we all spare a thought

For the ones who have gone?
Merry Christmas, everyone
So just keep kissin' me under the mistletoe
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My God, you look beautiful
Right now, Merry Christmas
I feel it where it comes
Every year helpin' us carry on
Filled up with so much love
All the family and friends are together where we all belong
Merry Christmas, everyone
It's Christmas time for you and I
We'll have a good night and a Merry Christmas

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