

The Innisfree Informer

January 2022



Deb's Message in a Minute

2021 is now a memory! The New Year looks like a carpet of snow, clean and unmarked by the events of the world. Now as we move forward, will you be breaking trail as you enter the New Year, or will you be making Snow Angels?

It is 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.

I wish to thank the Village People for the lovely Christmas light and decorations around town. The Christmas spirit was all around the Village.

The weather has made it possible to make ice in the curling rink and the skating rink. I believe the schedule for the Skating rink is here in the Informer.

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

As we move into the New Year, Peggy Toney Horton said, Each new year, we have before us a brand-new book containing 365 blank pages. Let us fill them with all the forgotten things from last year—the words we forgot to say, the love we forgot to show, and the charity we forgot to offer. I think this will fill the pages with happiness and peace beyond we have not seen for a very long time.

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

Respectfully submitted by Deb McMann

New Day's Lyric

A Poem by Amanda Gorman

May this be the day
We come together.
Mourning, we come to mend,
Withered, we come to weather,
Torn, we come to tend,
Battered, we come to better.
Tethered by this year of yearning,
We are learning
That though we weren't ready for this,
We have been readied by it.
We steadily vow that no matter
How we are weighed down,
We must always pave a way forward.
This hope is our door, our portal.
Even if we never get back to normal,
Someday we can venture beyond it,
To leave the known and take the first steps.
So let us not return to what was normal,
But reach toward what is next.
What was cursed, we will cure.
What was plagued, we will prove pure.
Where we tend to argue, we will try to agree,
Those fortunes we forswore, now the future we foresee,
Where we weren't aware, we're now awake;
Those moments we missed
Are now these moments we make,
The moments we meet,
And our hearts, once all together beaten,
Now all together beat.
Come, look up with kindness yet,
For even solace can be sourced from sorrow.
We remember, not just for the sake of yesterday,
But to take on tomorrow.
We heed this old spirit,
In a new day's lyric,
In our hearts, we hear it:
For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne.
Be bold, sang Time this year,
Be bold, sang Time,
For when you honor yesterday,
Tomorrow ye will find.
Know what we've fought
Need not be forgot nor for none.
It defines us, binds us as one,
Come over, join this day just begun.
For wherever we come together,
We will forever overcome.



MAXIMUM

30
km/h

PLEASE! SLOW DOWN WHEN PASSING OUR SCHOOL

Per Alberta.ca: When you approach a school or play-ground sign, with a maximum speed posted with it, you are entering a school and/or play-ground 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 otherwise 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.

Minburn Agricultural Society

Annual General Meeting

Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
at the Minburn Curling Rink

Come out and be a part of our Ag Society!

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



Innisfree Skating Club

We are hoping to restart our skating program at the Innisfree Agriplex
Starting Thursday January 13 after school

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-Minburn 4-H Beef Club Report

Submitted by Madeline Nott, Club Reporter

We had our monthly meeting on December 8 at Innisfree Millennium Building. We discussed our annual Christmas party and decided to go bowling to Vermilion on Dec 21.

We planned our public speaking for Feb 18, 2022 in Minburn, hoping to have in-person as long as current restrictions are in place.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2022 in Minburn.



DECLUTTER CHALLENGE

30 BAGS IN 30 DAYS

During the next 30 days, clean out your cupboards, closets, and drawers. Fill one bag a day to throw out, donate or sell.

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| o Day 1 - Kitchen Cupboard | o Day 17 - Toy Box |
| o Day 2 - Kitchen Pantry | o Day 18 - Desk Drawers |
| o Day 3 - Kitchen Drawers | o Day 19 - TV Cabinets |
| o Day 4 - Under Kitchen Sink | o Day 20 - Laundry Room |
| o Day 5 - Junk Drawer | o Day 21 - Old Magazines & Newspapers |
| o Day 6 - Cleaning Supplies | o Day 22 - Paperwork |
| o Day 7 - Fridge & Freezer | o Day 23 - Art & Craft Supplies |
| o Day 8 - Linen Closet | o Day 24 - Holiday Decorations |
| o Day 9 - Bedroom Closets | o Day 25 - DVD's & CD's |
| o Day 10 - Nightstands & Drawers | o Day 26 - Car |
| o Day 11 - Shoes | o Day 27 - Garage Shelves & Storage |
| o Day 12 - Master Bathroom | o Day 28 - Boardgames |
| o Day 13 - Guest Bathroom | o Day 29 - Purse |
| o Day 14 - Medicine Cabinet | o Day 30 - Electronics |
| o Day 15 - Makeup | |
| o Day 16 - Under the Beds | |

Fun Fact: People spend an average 22 years of their life asleep.

ME: YOUR SHOES
ARE ON THE WRONG FEET.

4 YR OLD: ...

ME: ...

4 YR OLD: ...

ME: ...

4 YR OLD: I DON'T HAVE ANY
OTHER FEET.

ME: FAIR ENOUGH.



**Why did the cow jump over the moon?
The farmer had cold hands.**



SNOW REMOVAL BYLAW 593 Village Snow Removal Concerns...

The Village has experienced snow removal problems on several Village streets and back alleys due to the removal of snow from several residents' and businesses' properties onto Village Streets and alleys.

Bylaw 593 states: "The snow or ice moved from sidewalks under the discretion of the property owner or occupier and ice and snow moved from buildings pursuant to the requirements of this Bylaw shall **not be placed on any highway** in such a manner that vehicular traffic will be adversely affected, nor shall it be placed on any highway **in such a manner that water flow from melt water will be blocked or caused to accumulate to the degree that pedestrian or vehicular traffic would be inconvenienced or impeded, nor shall it be placed on any highway in such a way as to block any storm drain opening.**"

Bylaw 593 also states: "The **property owner** of any real property in the Village of Innisfree" ... "**is ultimately responsible for all activities on the property which may constitute prohibition of this Bylaw.**"

The Village appreciates the cooperation of all residents to mitigate the possibility of any liabilities for property owners as well as the avoidance of any Village infrastructure damages. **Please help keep our Village safe.**



CAN YOU RELATE?

**I had a lot of stuff to do today...
Now I have a lot of stuff to do
tomorrow!**

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

**So many people need a forehead kiss, a
hug and grilled cheese cut diagonal.**

Council Meeting Highlights - December 14, 2022

Bylaws/Policies (available on the village website: www.innisfree.ca)

a. **Chief Administrative Bylaw #670-21** – CAO Bylaw 670-21 rescinds CAO Bylaw 634-18. The Bylaw provides clarity regarding the Administrative role in the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c-M-26, Part 6 -. "Municipal Organizations & Administration;" Part 8 "Financial Administration;" Part 10 "Taxation," and Part 13 "Liability of Municipalities, Enforcement of Municipal Law and Other Legal Matters." The Bylaw purpose was to provide a detailed CAO Bylaw that would clarify the role of the CAO.

b. **Traffic Bylaw Development** – Administration continues to work on a revised Traffic Bylaw pursuant to Council's directive from the November 16th, 2021, Council meeting. Administration provided a Traffic Control Devices map, Truck Route and Dangerous Goods Route for Council review and endorsement for the development of the new Traffic Bylaw. Traffic Bylaw 671-21 will be on the January 18th, 2022 Regular Council meeting agenda.

c. **Policies Updates** – the following policies were updated to address specific issues regarding the probationary period of new employees:

- Policy 1900-01A Employee Job Description – Public Works Foreman
- Policy 1900-03 – Probationary Policy
- Policy 3900-02 – Work Boots Safety Policy

Tax Recovery Costs – Council approved the transfer of Tax Recovery costs totalling \$577 to the respective Tax Rolls, pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*.

COLA Policy – Council approved the development of a Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) utilizing the December Consumer Price Index (CPI) and base the annual COLA on the base of 75% of the December CPI rate.

2022 Interim Budget – Pursuant to Section 242 of the *Municipal Government Act*, Council endorsed the Village of Innisfree 2022 Interim Operating Budget, with Revenues of \$ 701,054 and Expenditures of \$700,010.

Innisfree/County of Minburn Fire Services Regionalization - Council approved the Regionalization of the Village of Innisfree Fire Department with the County of Minburn No. 27, under a partial regionalization basis, effective January 1, 2022. Administration has been directed to continue to consult with the County in regard to the terms of the Regional Agreement.

Municipal Stimulus Program – several projects were approved under this grant program:

- Fire Hall Lighting upgrade - \$3,712 (Addresses OH&S & Energy Efficiency issues)
- Fire Hall – additional plumbing fixtures - \$980 (Addresses Occupational Health & Safety issues)
- Fire Hall – Overhead Doors Remediation - \$575 – (Addresses Energy Efficiency issues)

Village Administration Office – Council endorsed the installation of Energy Efficiency lighting in the Village Office at a cost of \$1,508 to be funded by the 2021 Operating budget.

Innisfree Public Library – Council endorsed the Village of Innisfree Public Library proposed Operating Budget with Revenues estimated at \$38,974 and Expenditures estimated at \$49,350 with the budgeted deficit being offset by existing Library surplus funds. The Innisfree Public Library 2022 Operating Library grant is budgeted at \$3,500.

C Billy Bob and his family decided to go ice fishing. So they loaded up all their tackle and headed up north and found a lake where they could go ice fishing with a tackle shop nearby in case they needed anything. When they got there the man behind the counter said they'd need ice picks for breaking the ice. After learning they were \$10 each Billy Bob said they'd take two. About an hour later Billy comes up to the shop and asks if he can buy another five ice picks. Confused, the man sells him the picks. About 4 hours later Billy staggers into the shop sweat pouring from his body and asks if he can buy the man's remaining stock of ice picks. Unable to contain his curiosity any longer the man asks what Billy could possibly be doing with so many ice picks? Billy looks at the man and says with a sigh that he never knew ice fishing was so much work. "We've been chopping and chopping for hours and we just now got the boat launched!"



"Every New Year's Eve I promise my wife I'll spend more time with her and less time out hunting. It never fails to crack her up!"

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 next month?
Send in your **FEBRUARY Birthdays & Anniversaries** for the February issue!

Please send birthday or anniversary names and dates by Jan 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.

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

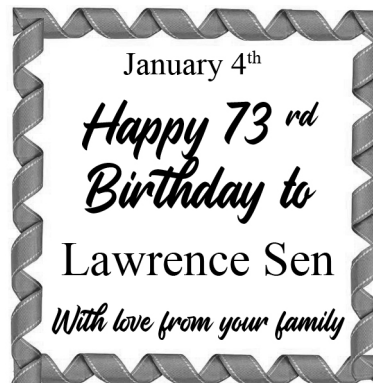
Q: What do farmers need to create crop circles? A: a Pro-tractor!

EVENTS CALENDAR

Here's What's Happening!

- Jan 1: Happy New Year
- Jan 5: Village of Innisfree Library Board Meeting
- Jan 10: Innisfree Agricultural Society Annual Meeting
- Jan 12: FCSS Coffee 1:00 – 2:30
- Jan 18: Village Council Meeting
- Jan 27: Ranfurly Senior Citizens Potluck Supper and Meeting

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



I was going to cook alligator for dinner but realized I only had a CROC-POT!



Fun Fact: Butt is actually a British measuring unit equivalent to 125 US gallons or 105 imperial gallons.

Notice of Nomination Day

Local Authorities Election Act
(Section 26)

LOCAL JURISDICTION: Village of Innisfree, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is January 10, 2022 and that nominations for the
Date

election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction

office set out below within the period beginning on October 26, 2021
Date

and ending at 12:00 noon on Nomination Day.

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Ward or Electoral Division Number (If Applicable)
Councillor	1	n/a

Location (Address) of Local Jurisdiction Office:

Village of Innisfree Administration Officer

5116 - 50 Avenue (PO Box 69)

Innisfree, Alberta

TOB 2G0

DATED at the Village of Innisfree, in the
Province of Alberta, this 14 day of December, 20 21.

[Signature]
Returning Officer

Kids helpline # 1-800-668-6868

Mental Health Helpline # 1-877-303-2642

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

CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE



Derek Saskiw was the first prize winner of \$1500

Ray & Myra Lestus were the second prize winners of \$500

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4H BEEF CLUB**



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4-H Alberta

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FUNDRAISER**

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Benefits:

- Fast acting
- Long lasting
- High visibility blue marker
- Safe on concrete and vegetation
- Pet friendly



Contact:

Clint McLaughlin 780-870-2435

Carmen Kassian 780-208-0569

or any Innisfree-Minburn
4H Beef Club member for
more information



I'm not a licensed interior designer but I just figured out you can make a room look 30% bigger if you put away the 14 loads of laundry on the floor! @HonestToddler

Innisfree Skating Rink

The Arena is Open for Public Skating

Starting Jan 1, 2022

Hours are as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 3:30 – 5:00

Saturday & Sunday 2:00 – 5:00

Shinny every night 7:00 – 9:00

Skating Lessons every Thursday 3:30 – 5:30

Fees:

Family Pass: \$30.00 / Family

Skating Lessons: \$20.00 / Child

Single Pass: \$2.00 / Skate

Forms will be in arena to fill out and pay and place in drop box

For bookings, please contact Deanna at 1-780-581-5871

Masks are required to be worn in the building, but not on the ice.

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MOT, RMT-AO, BFF

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I dream of a day when paper towel makers just say how many rolls are in the package instead of how many hypothetical rolls WOULD be in the package if they were some OTHER hypothetical size.

Hello fellow residents of Innisfree. My name is Evan Raycraft. I would like to introduce myself to you and let you know that I have submitted my paperwork for the upcoming By Election. Sammy, myself and our three boys have lived in Innisfree for the past 15 months and have developed a love for this village. We moved to town as renters and purchased our home here in May.

I have had the privilege of meeting many of you since moving here and look forward to meeting those I have not. If elected I feel that I would add a level of professionalism to the council. I am a business manager and am used to working with budgets and ensuring that business is profitable.

I, like many, feel that our tax bill is large in relation to the services that we get for those taxes. I feel that the residents of this community need to task the Village council with taking a hard look at how tax dollars are spent. As our population continues to dwindle, taxes will continue to increase in order to cover operating costs if nothing is done to encourage population growth or reduce operating cost. My understanding is that this village at one time functioned with one administrator and one public works employee. Our administration office has now grown to one and a half positions and if not managed, this growth will continue.

I feel that our school is a very important part of our community and without it we are less attractive to families looking to move to the area. I am currently part of the School Council and on the School's Sustainability committee. We are looking for ways to ensure the viability of the school including specializing education in Agriculture and Technologies. More information will follow as the committee continues its work. I would like to see the Village work with Buffalo Trail Public Schools, School Council and other groups to stand behind our school before we see it close as other small schools in the region have. Innisfree Delnorte School is now the smallest in the region.

The third issue I would like to discuss is our cat population. In my opinion, bylaw enforcement has not been carried out well and populations of feral cats are now out of control. I have been researching a Trap, Neuter and Return program partnering with the Edmonton SPCA or Alberta Animal Rescue Crew Society. This may be a good fit for our community to get this problem under control. This program would keep the adult cats that some community members are fond of in the community and would keep the population growth at bay. I am a believer that as long as we have community members feeding stray and feral cats, we will always have a cat problem, but it is encouraging to think that we could keep the cat population growth down.

I am more than willing to discuss any issues if elected. I feel that I will bring professionalism, experience, and deductive reasoning to the village council. I look forward to serving the residents of the community. **Evan Raycraft 780-208-0975**

Happy Birthday!

Jan 1: Stella Nott

Jan 3: Linda Dobler

Jan 4: Lawrence Sen

Jan 5: Sheila St. Clair

Jan 6: Max Fundytus

Jan 7: Carmen Kassian

Jan 11: Carson Kassian

Jan 13: Mike Fulkerth

Jan 13: Ashley Wulff

Jan 14: Courtney Cannan

Jan 15: Jennifer Balaneski

Jan 16: Luke Warrilow

Jan 17: Garry Gizowski

Jan 17: Joanna Hlushak

Jan 18: Taya Cannan

Jan 20: Scott Anderson

Jan 20: Mike Nott

Jan 21: Ryan Bouchier

Jan 22: Wendy Fleming

Jan 23: Sam Clarke

Jan 23: Eugene Gnyra

Jan 24: Barry Feschuk

Jan 26: Rosanne Bohaichuk

Jan 27: Kristin Bergman

Jan 27: Darrel Hlus

Jan 31: Lyndon Mansell

MOST PEOPLE ARE AT THE AGE WHERE THEY ARE USING THEIR PHONES TO DOCUMENT THE GOOD TIMES IN THEIR LIVES... I AM AT THE AGE WHERE I USE MY PHONE TO TAKE PICTURES OF LABELS THAT I CAN'T READ AND USE MY PHONE TO ENLARGE THE PRINT SO THAT I CAN READ IT!

**LORNA USENIK
(LJ BOOKKEEPING & TAX SERVICE)**

Thank you to all my clients that have supported me over the years, you are greatly appreciated. However due to lifestyle changes I will no longer be doing income taxes. Starting with 2021

Innisfree Agricultural Society Annual Meeting

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

January 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

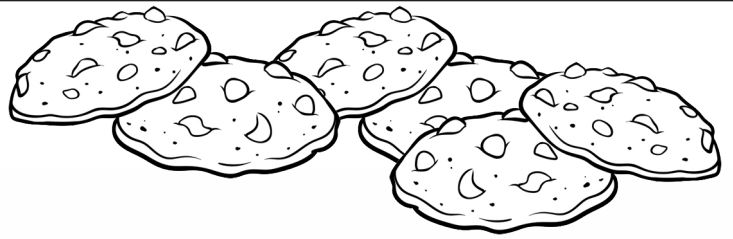
MILLENIUM BUILDING, EVERYONE IS WELCOME



The worst part about losing your glasses is that you don't have your glasses to help you find your glasses!

SOME PEOPLE BRAG ABOUT HOW EXPENSIVE THEIR CLOTHES ARE. I BRAG ABOUT HOW CHEAP MINE ARE. "LIKE MY DRESS? THANKS, IT WAS \$5"

MOMSGOTINK



Pros of being an adult: I can eat 28 cookies and no one can stop me.

Cons of being an adult: I ate 28 cookies. No one stopped me, and now I feel awful.

"Picture it, New Years Eve 2021. Four friends are finally together again" ♥♥♥♥



Prevent It!
A little warriors program

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/>

Two workshop dates to choose from:

WEDNESDAY, 5 JANUARY 2022 FROM 18:00-21:00

SATURDAY, 22 JANUARY 2022 FROM 10:00-13:00



Hey kids!

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

News from the Innisfree Walking Club

Happy New Year! As the Innisfree Walking Club goes round and round the hall each day talking, always talking, the subject of food and recipes will come up! We often hear: remember when Mum or Auntie used to make ____ and we say "oh yes I remember eating that"...

We thought it would be fun to submit a recipe or two each month in the Informer. If you have old recipes you still use or recipes made by a loved one passed on now please consider sending them to us and we will choose each month. Send to my email: gaylefoyster@gmail.com

We are starting off the year with a recipe you can use for leftover turkey or chicken that my sister has made for years.



Thank you for Supporting Children's Library Programming

Paul Bosse was the winner of the Library Christmas Gift Basket. It was presented to him Dec. 20 at the Innisfree Rec. Centre Bingo. Thank you to everyone for your support of the Library Basket fundraiser

IMPOSSIBLE TURKEY PIE

This is the best dish to make with those turkey/stuffing leftovers!

- 2 cups cut-up cooked turkey or chicken
- 1/4 tsp seasoning salt
- 1 cup prepared stuffing
- 1/2 cup fried cooking onions
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced green onions
- 1/2 cup cooked green peas
- 1 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup Bisquick baking mix

Heat oven to 400°

GREASE 9" pie plate

Arrange turkey, peas, onions and stuffing in the pie plate.

Sprinkle with seasoned salt.

Beat milk and eggs and Bisquick till smooth. Pour into pie plate.

Bake until knife in centre comes out clean... 30 to 35 mins.

Heat up leftover

gravy and serve.

ENJOY!



PARENTING IS BUYING 4 BANANAS AND WATCHING THEM ALL GET EATEN IN ONE DAY. THEN BUYING 8 BANANAS AND WATCHING THEM ROT ON YOUR COUNTER BECAUSE 'NO ONE LIKES BANANAS'



THE VEGREVILLE AND DISTRICT MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

VDMHA *Valentine's Day*

CASH RAFFLE



Thank you for supporting minor hockey!

\$20 TICKET

1ST PRIZE: \$2500.00

2ND PRIZE: \$1000.00

3RD PRIZE: \$500.00

Raffle licenses #585492
#585496
#585494

**DRAW DATE
FEBRUARY 14 2022**

LOCATION: WALLY FEDUN ARENA

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OR CONTACT ANY VEGREVILLE MINOR HOCKEY PARENT**

A vegan said to me that people who sell meat are disgusting.

I said people who sell fruits and vegetables are grocer.

Results happen
over time, not
overnight.
Work hard, stay
consistent and be
patient.

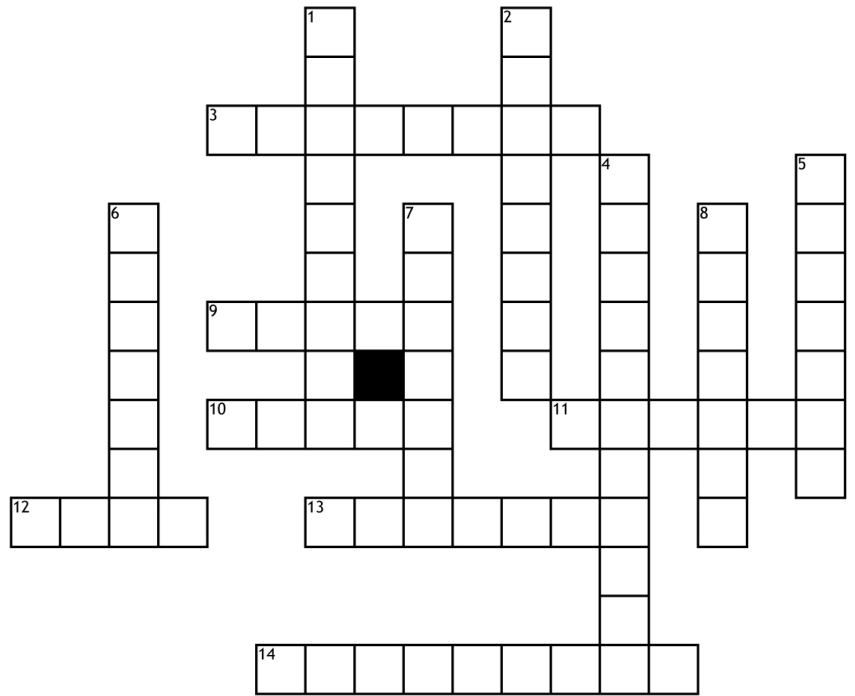


NEXT...

I before E
Except when your
foreign neighbor
Keith receives
eight counterfeit
beige sleighs from
feisty caffeinated
weightlifters.
Weird.

Me: could you pass me the
Washington Shire sauce
Her: the what?
Me: the Westminster
Shore sauce
Her: are you having a stroke?
Me: the Warcaster
Shiner sauce

CROSSWORD: Innisfree!



Down

1. Hidden Village
2. Grades 1-12 spend their days here
4. Gas station at the Hill (2 words)
5. Movie shot in Innisfree, AB
6. Innisfree neighbor to the East
7. Mayor of Innisfree Jennifer _____
8. VIL = Village of Innisfree _____

Across

3. Innisfree neighbour to the West
9. "_____ Lake Campground"
10. "_____' Place" restaurant at the Hill
11. Village Councillor Debbie _____
12. Innisfree skaters have fun at the local _____
13. Arctic bird resident of Innisfree
14. Genre of dance performed at Santa Tea's

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

BULK SCANNING
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innisfreeinformer@gmail.com
780-632-1585

Library Hours
Wednesday 1:00pm - 7:00pm
Thursday 12:00pm - 6:00pm
Friday 10:00am - 3:00pm
Village of Innisfree Library
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Linda Dobler
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See you soon!



Happy New Years... by Deb Barber

Just give me a minute to adjust the propane heater so the keyboard on my laptop unthaws.... aw there we go.

We awoke to yet another 'extreme cold' warning, like anyone couldn't figure that out for themselves? The weatherman seems to take great joy in announcing every five minutes that we now have exceeded -42 with wind chill, in other words don't let the sun shining fool you into thinking we are in anything other than a deep, deep freeze right now.

Just before Christmas we stopped at the UFA store to discover black oil sunflower seeds were on sale so we purchased what we hoped would be sufficient for the remaining winter season, however, the little and not so little birds as well as the brave surviving squirrel have developed voracious appetites and Farmer Hubby bundles up daily to replenish their supply. He also has been putting out piles of 'old' oats to feed the little deer and as I was wandering around the house at 4:30 am this morning I discovered a small deer had discovered his mounds of canola for the birds under the deck and was happily munching on it under the watchful eye of Rocky the house cat!

Our daily high light has been seeing if we can bundle up in sufficient clothes to keep warm as we trundle down to feed the horses, who are certain they have not

been feed since last week! I try to keep them warm from the inside out with hot mashes and expensive hay bales. I think we should either be allowed to claim the birds and critters as dependents on our income tax or get a supplementary pension for undertaking their care and welfare! Maybe I need to look into a grant for that??

We have also been building our muscles with the almost daily shovelling of the snow off the garage pad and decks, one would think when it is this cold that it would not snow but apparently Mother Nature has her own thoughts on how to keep us all warm! The evergreens do look spectacular under their heavy coverlets of glistening snow, Farmer Hubby is hoping that this blanket will keep them warm and safe after his never-ending endeavor to keep them from dying all summer during the drought. I guess only time will tell what the survival rate will be.

So, what is Farmer Hubby up to in order to keep himself occupied during this weather in forced lock down? Well, he mostly keeps checking the Weather Network and follows me around like a lost puppy spewing out all the latest temperatures worldwide whether they be the hottest or coldest regions on the planet. At least he doesn't quiz me as I must confess there are times when I simply block him out, so he sounds like the teacher on the Peanuts Comic strip, you

know, blah blah blah! That just seems safer than the other option, which I leave to your imagination!

Thankfully after Christmas it is totally legal to start looking at seed catalogues and I'm pretty sure it is smart marketing on their behalf as they are clever enough to still use the expensive glossy paper covered in high quality photos which every farm wife drools over like their hubby's do over the equipment auction notices. It is done with such strategy that we forget our promise to ourselves to downsize our garden and that we would only plant a 'few' flower seeds in April and instead we order massive amounts to start in February ending up with a house overflowing in plants well before the post frost date sometime in May/June.

Praying everyone stays warm, wishing you a safe and happy New Years and sending out only the absolute best and positive wishes for 2022.

Deb and Farmer Hubby



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LAST PAGE LYRICS

Love Grows - Edison Lighthouse

She ain't got no money
Her clothes are kinda funny
Her hair is kinda wild and free
Oh, but Love grows where my Rosemary goes
And nobody knows like me

She talks kinda lazy
And people say she she's crazy

And her life's a mystery
Oh, but Love grows where my Rosemary goes
And nobody knows like me

There's something about her hand holding mine
It's a feeling that's fine
And I just gotta say
She's really got a magical spell
And it's working so well
That I can't get away

I'm a lucky fella
And I've just got to tell her

That I love her endlessly
Because Love grows where my Rosemary goes
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Fadeout:
It keeps growing every place she's been
And nobody knows like me

If you've met her, you'll never forget her
And nobody knows like me

La la la- believe it when you've seen it
Nobody knows like me

If you wait long enough to cook dinner, everyone will eat cereal. Follow me for more recipes.



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