



The Innisfree Informer



Happy New Year and Happy February readers! The Informer is back for 2023 after an unusually busy start to the year. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we reset and bring you your

combined January/February issue! The Informer will continue monthly for the rest of 2023 as per usual. I hope this year brings everyone the good fortune we all need, peace in your hearts and days filled with laughter.

"A New Year is like a blank book, it has 12 chapters and 365 pages, and you are the author. My wish for you is that this year, you write the most beautiful story possible for yourself!"

-Unknown

A New year and you hold the pen so write yourselves a wonderful story!



Deb's Message in a Minute

We did it, we made it through 2022. It is only a memory now! January hides last year's events under a carpet of snow, clean and unmarked by the troubles of the world. As we move into the New Year, will you be breaking trail in your world or will you be making snow angels?

In the Village, the skating rink is open and in good shape. Come and enjoy a good skate. The Agric Society has proclaimed Feb 20, Family Day Free Skate Day with food and drinks. The curling rink is a busy place also. The bonspiel schedule is out, and other curling has begun. I am glad to see this happening this year.

As the New Year begins, Peggy Toney Horton said, "Each New Year, we have before us is 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 like we need in these turbulent times.

Innisfree Senior Citizens are serving coffee again Monday mornings from 9 to 11. On Feb. 20, Family Day the coffee is free and there will be goodies from 9 to noon. Everyone is welcome come out and see their friends and neighbours. And Fun Bingo is Wednesday Evening at 7:00. Everyone is welcome to these events, not only senior citizens!

Good news on the Multi Purpose Court as funding was approved from the Provincial Government.

I heard a good expression the other day, "Communities exist together." I thought: this is Innisfree. We exist together and I believe as we work and strive to help others and our community we will exist!

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

Respectfully submitted by Deb McMann

**Innisfree & District
Multi Sport Courts
Our Fundraising Goal:
\$180,000.00**

Thank you to the following donors, and those who do not wish to be acknowledged publicly:

- Buffalo Trail Public School Division
- County of Minburn
- Innisfree & District Ag Society
- Innisfree & District Fish & Game Association
- Village of Innisfree
- Mannville, Minburn, Innisfree Rural Crime Watch
- Minburn Ag Society
- Ranfurly Ag Society
- Howard Austin
- Kassian Family
- Bob & Lily Ann Logan
- Lavoy Action Society
- Robert & Genevieve Weder
- Canada's Farmer's Grow Communities – Bayer Crop Science Canada
- Robin & Amberlyn Myshaniuk & Family
- Innisfree Senior Citizens Assn.
- Government of Alberta Culture

**Grand Total from Sponsors to Date:
\$199,956.76!**



Our parents,
**Robert and Genevieve
WEDER**

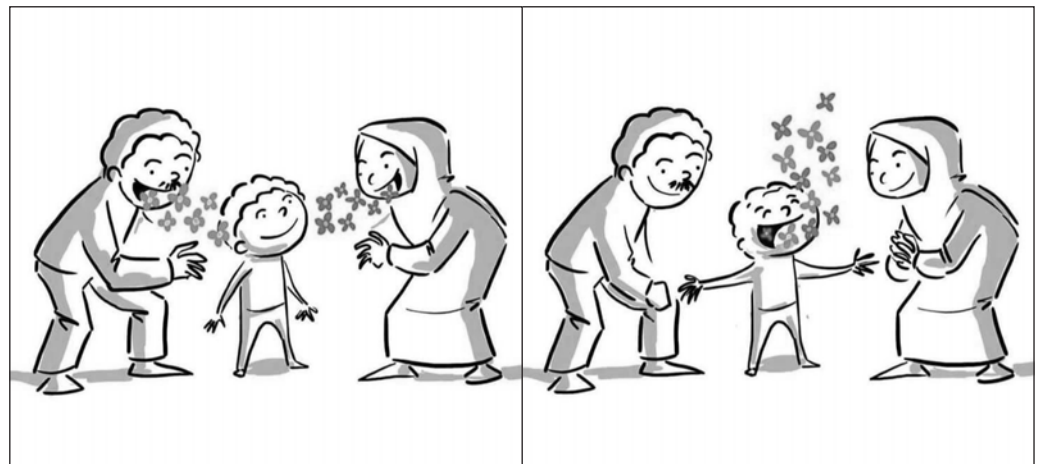
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**70th Wedding
Anniversary**

Together on January 21st while Robert was being cared for in Viking hospital.

On January 27th, Robert Weder passed away in Viking at the age of 99 years.

*With love from Judy and Ron, Catherine and Merlin,
Audrey and Randy, and families*



**Multi Sport Court
Revitalization Project Update**

The Innisfree School Financial Society has exciting news to share regarding the Multi Sport Court project. We have reached our fundraising goal and will be able to see this project to completion by early this summer!

With the overwhelming support of our community and surrounding area and proceeds from the Community Facility Enhancement Program we now have the funds to finish the sport surface and fencing on the courts.

We are very pleased to be able to bring this to our community as another recreational activity for people of all ages.

Contact Carmen Kassian for any questions or suggestions regarding this project. Stay tuned for more updates.

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



Hey Kids! Are you an artist, writer, inventor, or creative kid? The Informer wants to hear from you! Email your submissions or your creations to be featured in future issues! innisfreeinformer@gmail.com

This is Punxsutawney Phil's ex-wife, Phyllis, who now lives in Florida and said that Phil is a compulsive liar.



The Innisfree Dance Club would like to thank the community for supporting our first Dingle and Mingle. We had a great turnout to showcase our dancers. We would like to thank the following sponsors for their donations to our raffle table .

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| Shine - Vicky Marshall | UFA |
| Kevin & Shelley Mackay | Jeff Nott Farms |
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| Head over heelz | Kendra & Conrad Fowler |
| Iris Ergezinger | Eli & Mike Myhovich |
| Vision Credit Union | Darryl & Stacy Fowler |
| Tim & Shantell Larson | Tamara Lupil |
| Friends Tubular Service | |
| Avon with Candice O | |

Thank you!

Happy January Birthday!

- Jan 1: Stella Nott
- Jan 3: Linda Dobler
- Jan 4: Lawrence Sen
- Jan 5: Sheila St. Clair
- 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 Bohachuk
- Jan 27: Kristin Bergman
- Jan 27: Darrel Hlus
- Jan 29: Max Fundytus
- Jan 31: Lyndon Mansell

Happy February Birthday!

- Feb 2: Iris Ergezinger
- Feb 4: Thelma Rogers
- Feb 6: Leanne Fleming
- Feb 6: Naomi Foyster-Melnyk
- Feb 7: Shirley Hennig
- Feb 8: Howard Ferguson
- Feb 9: Laynee Chomik
- Feb 10: Madison Nott
- Feb 10: Linda Whitten
- Feb 11: Austin Dobler
- Feb 12: Matthew Melnyk
- Feb 13: Glenis Ferguson
- Feb 13: Audrey Weder
- Feb 15: Carla Meikle
- Feb 17: Crystel Belcourt
- Feb 17: Leah Bergman
- Feb 17: Stevie Cannan
- Feb 17: Patrick Peach

- Feb 18: Gayle Foyster
- Feb 19: Debbie McMann
- Feb 19: Tim Tillotson
- Feb 21: Larry Rudolf
- Feb 22: Colten Bouchier
- Feb 23: Braden Bruce
- Feb 23: Gruff Gushnowski
- Feb 25: Leanne Hlus
- Feb 25: Daniel Mercer
- Feb 25: Robert Nott
- Feb 26: Lil Carter
- Feb 26: Courtney Jackson
- Feb 26: Ava Nott
- Feb 26: Jeff Nott
- Feb 28: Kayla Poitras

Happy February Anniversary!

February 11: Vanessa & Mike Fundytus

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 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 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.

C Two men were hunting together. One asked the other, "Did you see that?" "No, what?"

OUTDOOR "An elk just stepped out into that clearing, then turned and ran back into the woods." A little further down the trail, the one asked the other, "Did you see that?"

R "No. What was it?"

N "A bear just crossed the trail not 200 yards ahead." The two continued on in silence. Later in the day the one asked the other, "Did you see that?" Irritated at his friend, the other hunter responded, "Yes! Yes I did!" "Then why did you step in it?"



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Q: What did one lightbulb say to the other on Valentine's Day? **A:** I love you watts!

EVENTS CALENDAR

Here's What's Happening!

- Feb 1: Village of Innisfree Library Board Meeting
 - Feb 2: Ground Hog Day!
 - Feb 2: Garbage Day
 - Feb 7: 1st Cardboard Recycling Day!
 - Feb 7: Innisfree Senior Citizens Meeting
 - Feb 8: Coffee Connections w/ MMI-FCSS
1-2:30pm, Millennium Building
 - Feb 9: Innisfree 4-H Multi Club Meeting
 - Feb 14: Valentine's Day!
 - Feb 15: Canada Agriculture Day
 - Feb 20: Family Day
 - Feb 20: Family Day Free Coffee and Sweets with Innisfree Seniors
 - Feb 20: Family Day Skating Party at the Agriplex
 - Feb 18: Innisfree Fish and Game Supper & Dance
 - Feb 21: 2nd Cardboard Recycling Day in February!
 - Feb 21: Regular Council Meeting at 5 pm
 - Feb 21: Village of Innisfree Meeting
 - Feb 21: Shrove Pancake Supper @ Rec. Centre
 - Feb 23: Ranfurly Seniors Pot Luck Supper & Meeting
- Note: March 7th & 21st – Cardboard Recycling*
- Please send your event info (name, date, location) by February 25 to be included in the March Calendar of Events*

TO RENT: The Minburn Hall, Seniors Centre or Curling Rink:
Call Dawn 780-581-0592

IT IS FEBRUARY. THE NONSENSE MONTH. IS IT WINTER? NO. IS IT SPRING? NO. WHY IS IT COLD? MY SOCKS ARE WET. I CAN'T AFFORD ANYTHING. FEBRUARY.
 @TechnicallyRon

WHEN YOU TEACH A WOLF TO MEDITATE, HE BECOMES AWARE WOLF.

C Jerry and Joe were on a hunting trip. As night began to fall, Jerry moaned, "We've been hunting all day. We've shot at five deer, and we've not hit a single one!" Joe replied, "OK. Let's miss two more and then head back to camp."



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Fun Fact: Llanfairpwllgwyngyll-gogerychwyrndrobwlllandysiliogogogoch. You only saw a meaningless string of letters, didn't you? This happens to be the name of a town in Wales. It is the longest name of any city in the world.



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**Welcoming New Clients
for the 2023 tax season and
looking forward to serving
my returning clients**

**Our address is 5040 - Main Street,
Mannville, AB**

**SOMETIMES to stop eating all
the chocolate, one must first
EAT ALL THE CHOCOLATE.**

December 20, 2022, Village of Innisfree Regular Council Meeting Highlights:

Business Arising from Minutes

- Effective February 1st, residents will be charged \$ 2.50/month for Cardboard Recycling. Details to follow in coming weeks.

Bylaws & Policies

- Playground signs will be moved to a separate post from the school signs to eliminate some confusion about the applicable times.

New Business:

- Council approved partnering with the County of Minburn, the Village of Mannville, and the Town of Vegreville for an ACP grant project for Regional Economic Development.
- Council approved a donation to the Innisfree Ukrainian Dancers
- Council accepted an offer for the green bin currently located near Public Works shop
- Council selected Bar Engineering for the Village's Engineering Services
- Council approved the 2023 Interim Operating and 2023 Interim Capital Budgets
- Council agreed to become a Purolator Quick Stop Agent so the Village would be paid for a service we have already been providing to the area, free of charge.

The Council Agenda, approved Policies, Bylaws and Draft Minutes can be found at:
www.innisfree.ca

January 23, 2023 Village of Innisfree Council Meetings Highlights:

- Master Rates Bylaw 679-23 was passed to approve the addition of a monthly Cardboard Recycling Fee to all utility accounts in the amount of \$2.50.
- Approved the Village's partnership with the County of Minburn in an application for a Northern & Regional Economical Development Grant (NRED).
- Approved the 4th Quarter Report of the 2022 Strategic Plan.

Innisfree & District Agricultural Society

Family Day Skating Party

Monday February 20th

1:00pm – 4:00pm

Hotdogs, donuts, coffee
& hot chocolate will be served!

EVERYONE WELCOME!





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

Email: mmifcss@mannville.com

Location: 5004-49 Street Suite # 4 Mannville Phone: 780-763-3005 Website:

<https://mmifcss.wixsite.com/mmifcss> Instagram: @mmifcss

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

CONNECTING COMMUNITY

- Coffee Connections: Feb 8th Mannville- 10 am and Innisfree- 1 pm
- Check out the Community Bulletin Boards for events calendar

CHILDREN & YOUTH

- PEP Goes to Innisfree- February 8th 3:30-5pm at the school

FACILITATION & SUPPORTS

- Friendly Phone Visiting program: Call us to have your name added to our calling list and we will stay connected with you
- Meals on Wheels
- TeleCare Emergency Response Connection

PUBLIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION

- Information & Referral: Newsletters, Form Completion, Connections to Resources and Supports- Call or stop by the office
- Let's Talk: 3rd Thursday of every month over lunch hour
- Endeavour To Be Different: 2nd Thursday, every other month, evening

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SERVICE

Check out Volunteer Connector <https://www.volunteerconnector.org/> for local volunteer opportunities

KALYNA MMI FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK

- **Facebook:** MMI Family Resource Network
- Mannville RedWagon Parent & Play 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month 10-11:30am in the United Church basement
- Minburn RedWagon Parent & Play 2nd Tuesday monthly 10-11:30am
- Ranfurly RedWagon Parent & Play 4th Tuesday monthly 10-11:30am
- Call or text Alicia Rutt at 780-581-4149



**IF YOU WAIT LONG ENOUGH TO COOK
DINNER, EVERYONE WILL EAT CEREAL.
FOLLOW ME FOR MORE RECIPES.**



**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 2023 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 be required to process payments and reservations for camping sites and will be required 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 pursuant to budgetary approval.
5. Will be responsible for training and supervision of any hired seasonal staff.

To view the Birch Lake Campground/Innisfree Recreation Park Manager contract/ Job Description, 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, 2023 to September 5th, 2023 (or longer, weather permitting).



The Successful Candidate will:

- Completion of grade Twelve (12) or Equivalent
- Possess a valid Class 5 Driver's License
- Be bondable
- Obtain the necessary skills to operate heavy equipment (to be considered an asset)
- Ability to perform physical labour
- Good mechanical aptitude
- Be "team player"
- Be organized
- Computer Literacy will be an asset
- Ability to keep up with changing tasks on a regular basis.

The Village encourages applicants to submit their resumes by: Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

Position will remain open until suitable candidate(s) are found.

Submit your resumes by using the following methods:

Email: cao@innisfree.ca **Fax:** 780-592-3729

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

OR Mail: Box 69, Innisfree AB T0B 2G0

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

Innisfree walking club walks at the Innisfree Rec Centre. Please join us for a walk.



Innisfree Walking Club

Happy New Year! (and Happy February too!)

At the Holiday in the Hallway celebration at the library in December I tasted these Sweet and Sour Meatballs and thought they were excellent! I have not included a recipe for meatballs as I'm sure everyone has their own favourite or just like to buy ready made meatballs. But this sauce was made by Samantha Raycraft so thank you so much Sammy!

We would love to have your old recipes that you still use, or recipes from a loved one that were passed to you. You can email them to me: gaylefoyster@gmail.com

SWEET AND SOUR MEATBALLS

Thank you to Sammy Raycraft

Sweet and Sour Sauce:

- 1 cup water
- ½ cup cider vinegar
- ½ cup ketchup
- 2 tbsp cornstarch
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 tbsp soy sauce

Directions:

1. Make your own meatballs and brown on all sides, or bake on cookie sheet till just cooked. (or use store bought cooked meatballs).
2. Make sauce: In a pot mix the water, vinegar, ketchup, cornstarch, sugar and soy sauce. Simmer till sauce thickens and cook till it just starts to bubble.
3. Pour over meatballs and bake till meat cooked or until meat is hot if using cooked meatballs.

Delicious as an appetizer on toothpicks or I can imagine this being served over rice! Yummy!

carb/tomato/cheese is the best thing our species has ever done. pizza? perfect. quesadilla with salsa? genius. grilled cheese with tomato soup? joyful. pasta with marinara and parm? beautiful. **CARB/TOMATO/CHEESE.** @danielleweisber

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WE GREATLY APPRECIATE OUR SPONSORS, BUSINESSES, GUESTS & MEMBERS. WHO HELPED MAKE OUR UKRAINIAN DINE & DANCE A HUGE SUCCESS



Innisfree Kindergarten News

Hello! My name is Kathleen Fleck, and I am the new Innisfree ECS teacher. I recently graduated from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Education and have been teaching and substituting in the area since the spring. While growing up, I lived on my parent's farm outside of town and attended school here in Innisfree. I participated in school sports, was an active 4-H multi-club member, and was a Ukrainian dancer; some of you may have even bumped into me when I worked at the library over the summers in high school. As an adult, I love learning new skills and trying new things. If I'm not creating something or reading, I am most likely spending time with my family and pets or enjoying the outdoors.

I am very excited and enthusiastic about the rest of the school year! My students and I will have a great time learning with one another and will get to spend our time doing lots of fun and educational activities. Some of our plans include learning about our community with various field trips to our local services and our museum to learn about our village's history.



Meet the Kindergarten Class!

Benji: *Benji is a kind and friendly student who loves to have fun and support his classmates. He is a wonderful storyteller who always finds a way to bring a smile to those around him.*

Sam: *Sam is very enthusiastic about learning and is always eager to help others. He loves to play games, try new things, and always does his best.*

Olivia: *Olivia is very friendly and polite and is enthusiastic about learning. She always helps out her classmates and is a ray of sunshine in the classroom.*

Oliver: *Oliver loves to have fun and always makes his classmates giggle. He is very creative and polite and always includes his friends.*

Westin: *Westin is always ready to have a great day. He is very active, loves to play games, and always cheers on his fellow classmates when we learn something new.*

Meet the Pre-School Class!

Taya: *Taya is a friendly young girl who always entertains her classmates and loves to have fun. She always tries her best and is very creative.*

Quinn: *Quinn is a kind-hearted student who loves to play with her classmates, is enthusiastic about learning new things, and is a wonderful artist.*



Door-to-Door Cardboard Recycling



is being implemented in the Village of Innisfree, starting **Tuesday, February 7th, 2023**, and will continue every two weeks thereafter, (which will be the same weekday as the regular door-to-door garbage collection.)

****Check the Village of Innisfree Calendar for specified dates for Cardboard pickup. (www.innisfree.ca)****

- Cardboard **MUST** be **DRY** as wet cardboard cannot be recycled and should be discarded in the garbage.
- Smaller cardboard should be flattened and bagged.
- If large cardboard cannot be bagged, it should be flattened and secured (tied.)
- Recycle bags can be CLEAR or BLUE

If it is raining, please do not put cardboard outside unless it is bagged.

NOTE: A Cardboard Recycling Fee will be included on the monthly utility invoice effective the February Utility Billing. The Fee will be \$2.50.

NOTE: THIS IS FOR CARDBOARD ONLY!

Oh no!! I just rubbed ketchup into my eyes... now I have heinz sight.

Innisfree-Minburn 4-H Beef Club

December Report

Peyton Hess- Club Reporter

We held our monthly club meeting on December 14 in Innisfree where we welcomed another new member, bringing our total member count to 24!

We discussed our plans for a club Christmas party and for our upcoming public speaking competition. We also held a halter making workshop at the December meeting, where members learned how to make halters and tie them off properly. Our club discussed where we would like to go for our club field trip this year, but have not yet booked a location or date.

Members have been working hard on their project animals, getting them halter broke, and show-ring ready. Our club participated in Innisfree's Holiday in the Hallway, where each member provided baking to sell at the event.

On December 28, we went to Border Escapes for our club Christmas party. Everyone had a great time! The older members were the only successful group to get out of their room in time, even beating the adults!

Our ice melt fundraiser is going very well! If you still need ice melt, please reach out to any member or leader.



*Happy Birthday Mom, Gayle, Gramma!
SO MUCH LOVE
from your family and friends*

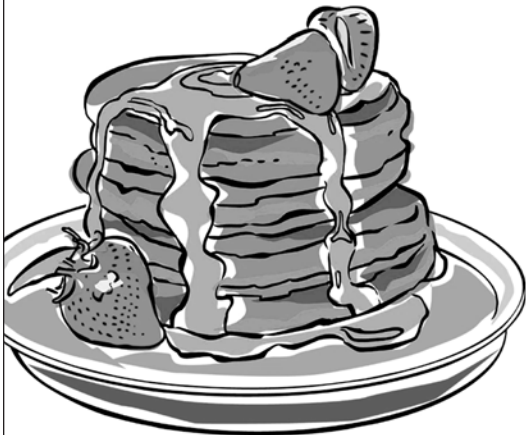


"He's an indoor cat."

INNISFREE RECREATION CENTRE

SHROVE PANCAKE SUPPER

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21



AT THE INNISFREE REC CENTRE

5PM-7PM

12 YEARS-ADULT - \$8.00

6 YEARS-11 YEARS - \$5.00

5 & UNDER - FREE

The Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Award was presented in commemoration of the seventieth anniversary of Her Majesty's Ascension to the Throne.

I once read Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get. But we make a life by what we give." That is what this award represents and I have made a life, thanks to the opportunity to volunteer in this community. Thank you, Debbie



Seniors News

January Message: Thank you, our Innisfree Friends. The Innisfree Senior Citizens Potluck Christmas Supper was well attended. Joanne Windsor was the lucky winner of the door prize. Thanks to everyone who attended and shared your good food. Innisfree Seniors are pleased you came and shared your festive good will.

Coffee meets and fun bingos were enjoyed in January.

Check out what this group is all about!

February Message: Free Coffee and Sweets Family on Day Feb 20 from 9:00 A.M. until Noon. Innisfree Senior Citizens would like to celebrate Family Day with you. We look forward to seeing you. Everyone is welcome!

Anyone looking to book the Drop-in Centre or chat about the Innisfree Senior Citizens group, please call Robert Paterson at 780-603-7936.

780.292.1089

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Minburn
Agricultural Society

Annual General Meeting

Monday, February 13, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.
at the Minburn Curling Rink

Come out and be a part of our Ag Society!

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Feb 15, 2023
CANADA'S
AGRICULTURE
DAY

Happy New Year

Happy Groundhog Day
Feb 2, 2023

Feb 14
Valentines
Day

NOSES ARE RED, fingers are blue, I'M TIRED OF WINTER, HOW 'BOUT YOU?



Innisfree-Minburn 4-H Beef Club January Report

Peyton Hess- Club Reporter

Happy New Year! We would like to wish everyone a very healthy and happy 2023! We had a monthly meeting on January 11 in Minburn. We discussed our club field trip and made some plans to get everything booked!

We also scheduled our annual leader's tour for February 18. Members are looking forward to having the leaders come out to see how we are doing with our steers. Before our meeting, we held a Public Speaking Workshop. A huge thank you to Jordanna Saskiw for speaking to our members and giving tips and tricks to help us in planning our speeches. Jordanna gave us great ideas for preparing our speeches, such as picking a topic that interests us, practicing our speeches so we are not as nervous, and to speak clearly and loudly. She also helped us prepare for impromptu by giving us an opportunity to practice some together.

Our club Public Speaking night is February 10 at 6:30 at Minburn Hall. Good luck to all club members and fellow 4-Hers on their upcoming public speaking competitions!

Our district reps, Cole & Chase, attended the Jan 16 regional meeting in Innisfree to represent our club. They provided the district with an update of what we have been up to, and will bring back important information to our next club meeting.

Mark your calendars for May 31, 2023, as this is our Show and Sale Day in Minburn!

ME: I trained this chicken to talk.
HER: Let's see.
ME: What's a male deer?
CHICKEN: buck.
ME: How much is 200 pennies?
CHICKEN: buck buck.
HER: This is stupid.
ME: It gets better.
CHICKEN: It gets way better Susan.

Village of Innisfree Library News

January Message: We hope that you all had a great holiday season and New Year's spent with family and friends. We are once again open after the holidays for our regular hours. Wednesday - 1 PM to 7 PM; Thursday - 12 PM to 6 PM; Friday - 10 AM to 3 PM. We look forward to seeing you!

Congratulations to Glenis Ferguson on winning our Christmas raffle basket draw. Thank you to everyone that bought tickets to support us and our programming.

Adventure awaits you at the library! The Winter Reading Program is back for 2023. Log your hours from January 1 to February 28 and be entered in a draw for your chance to win some great prizes from both our library and Northern Lights Library Systems.

Pick up a reading log at the library, or, to log your hours online and get more information on winter activities, such as the snow art contest, and the read for 15 Friday contest please visit, www.nllsreadingprograms.ca.

February Message: Valentine's Day Basket raffle tickets are on sale at the Library, Village Office and Monday Night Bingo. Tickets are \$2 each. Draw to take place Feb. 10 at the Library. Thank you everyone for your continued support.

Don't forget to log your hours for the Winter Reading Program during the months of January and February. Check out nllsreadingprograms.ca for more information and to log your hours.

Our next Early Literacy Program will take place on Thursday, February 23 at 10am. The theme for the month is Shamrocks.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our needs assessment survey. These surveys will enable us to continue to provide our community with great programs, resources and services. Congratulations to Bob Logan, the winner of our gift card for the survey draw!



Valentine's Crossword

Across

6. if its not yours, it might

8. if its not false, it might be

9. Not sour, but

10. Type of flower sent on valentines

11. When you like someone a little bit, you have a _____

Down

1. Not hate, but

2. Reindeer that love valentines

3. You might give someone a bouquet of these

4. When you know something that others dont

5. a mans best _____ is a dog!!

7. if you have a sweet tooth you love

Q: What did the flame say to his buddies after he fell in love? **A: "I found the perfect match!"**

Q: Did you hear about the bed bugs who fell in love? **A: They're getting married in the spring!**

Q: What Valentine's Day candy is best to give a girl? **A: Her-She Kisses.**

Q: What did the toast say to the butter on Valentine's Day? **A: You're my butter half!**

Q: What did one mushroom say to the other on Valentine's Day? **A: "There's so mushroom in my heart for you!"**

Q: What did the chocolate syrup say to the ice cream? **A: "I'm sweet on you!"**



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Should We Be Building an Ark or an Igloo... by Deb Barber

Years ago, I found myself intrigued by an old wives tale or maybe more appropriately an old farmers tale! The saying went that six months after a heavy frost the area would be blessed (or cursed) by rain. Over the years I have found this mostly to be correct, the exceptions being during a massive drought. The rain might not always come exactly within the 24 hour parameter 180 days in the future but it is usually close enough to make the saying ring true.

So far this winter we have been blessed with an abundance of hoar frost changing the landscape into a fantasy fairyland as well as causing a few hiccups in our power system as power lines became heavy with the weight of their icy covering. Overall though it has made the last few weeks photo worthy. So that brings up the question; when June/July rolls around on the calendar will we be thinking about building an ark or in typically farmer fashion will we be content with swearing at the weather if it interferes with spraying or whatever other activity that is impeded by rain. Okay, maybe we will surprise ourselves and just feel blessed to be having rain as opposed to drought. Only time will tell!

Things must be very quiet on the news front as all attention the last little bit has been to spread more doom and gloom that an extreme weather pattern is on its way straight to us from Siberia where it has raged

havoc with minus 60 degree Celsius temperatures. At first the weather reports stated this disastrous weather system would be inflicted on us come February, newer reports are calling for the first tinges of icy cold to infiltrate later this week, oh joy! Either way I guess we need to make sure our igloos are well insulated, there is sufficient bedding for the critters and that we have our scarves, mittens and toques once again readily accessible. Hopefully there will be no power outages as the mercury plummets or even better yet, maybe the weather service will be mistaken with their predictions.

It is simply amazing how when the sun peeks out and shines how our tempers return to hibernation and the sunnier side of our personalities resumes their rightful place, on the middle of our faces! On a gloomy day even the smallest task seems to be insurmountable and under the warmth of the sunshine the same task is hardly a hardship whatsoever! Maybe if we do get frigid temperatures at least they will be tempered by sunshine, one can only hope!

We had a rather unwelcome guest show up sometime after the Christmas season, hidden by the frost and fog the prickly invader went about wrecking mayhem on my favorite apple tree. Yep, a critter of the prickly and porcupine variety must have spent several nights massacring the poor tree, stripping so many branches bare of bark that I fear it may not survive. Farmer Hubby donned on his private eye hat and after much sleuthing he found the spikey miscre-

ant hiding in an older building. Using the utmost of caution and welding a large plastic pail he was able to scoop the troublemaker inside and carted him/her off to a new location that has lots of trees and no human occupants.

The eight prairie chickens still visit almost daily indulging in the black oil sunflower seeds I set out for them. Some days the competition is fierce between them, the magpies and the squirrels. The cat discovered them one day and did his best to wiggle on his belly undetected across the snow banks. The sharp eyed birds saw him coming and the male puffed himself up to about three times his normal size. Little did they know that the cat is all fluff and no action as all they had to do was make their 'drumming' sound and the cat raced to the safety of the back door!

If the cold front hits as hard as they claim I'm pretty sure the cat will resume his sleeping by the furnace register and I'll be the one bundling up to keep tabs on the outside animals until we get a weather system from Hawaii or some other tropical front!



If you enjoy a weekly dose of Farm Wife humour please check out my blog at: <https://farmwifediary.blog>

**I'm not much on seizing the day -
I just kind of poke it with a stick.**



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Thank you to the community for their encouragement, kind words, and submissions.

Feb 25, 2022 is the March Informer deadline for submissions. Email to: innisfreeinformer@gmail.com or text 780-632-1585