

The Innisfree Informer



Deb's Message in a Minute

April Showers bring May Flowers. I see some tulips pecking out so April Showers will help them grow and bloom. April is looking like a busy month but a great time for families and meeting friends and neighbors.

Thank you to all the volunteers in our community as we celebrate volunteers April 17 to 22. We could never afford or find hired help to do so much so willingly as the volunteers in our community. Volunteers, You Rock!

As the days grow longer, the thoughts of camping at the beautiful Birch Lake Campground are looming. While the gates are not open yet, the plan is to open May 1.

Innisfree Senior Citizens are busy as ever. They held their annual meeting and a St. Patrick's Day Potluck Supper.

Have you noticed the signs around the Village - The speed limits are now clear.

Check for updates as they are posted on the Village of Innisfree web site, www.innisfree.ca.

See the Mannville-Minburn-Innisfree FCSS Facebook page for up-to-date information available.

Respectfully submitted by Deb McMann

INNISFREE SENIORS NEWS

Innisfree Seniors met March 14 for their annual meeting. The executive are President Robert Pateron, Vice-President Ruth Douglas, Secretary Alice Sydora and Treasurer Debbie McMann.

The potluck supper for St. Patrick's Day was successful with 49 people enjoying a variety menu of the best of the Irish. Joanna Hlushak won the door prize.

Fun Bingo continues Wednesday evenings at 7 and the next meeting will be April 11 at 1:30 p.m.

The Innisfree Seniors welcome new members to join us at any of our activities. Watch out for more news and more events in the future.

"April prepares her green traffic light and the world thinks 'Go.'"

—CHRISTOPHER MORLEY

"Again the blackbirds sings;
the streams
Wake, laughing, from their winter
dreams
And tremble in the April showers
The tassels of the maple flowers."
-John Greenleaf Whittier

Bake Sale

April 5th 2023 At the Innisfree
Delnorte school 3-5 p.m



Cake raffle!

Prices range
for different
sweets
buy them
single or by
the dozen

Cookies, Cupcakes, and
other sweets for sale!

INNISFREE

RECREATION CENTRE

(Innisfree & District Recreational & Cultural Society)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19TH
7:00 P.M.**

INNISFREE REC CENTRE

ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN OUR GROUP
EVERYONE WELCOME!



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

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.

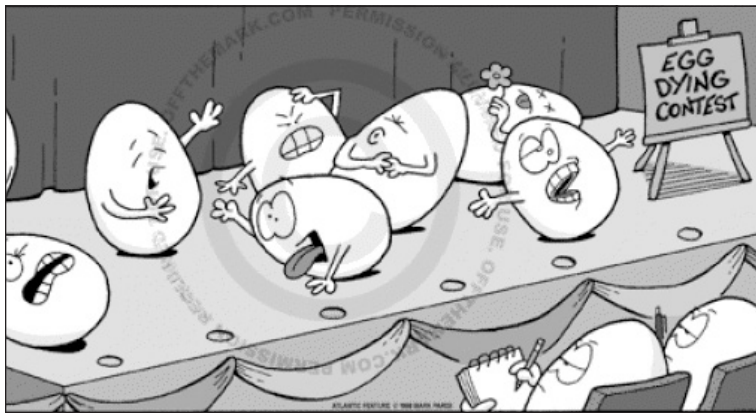
The speed limit for both urban and rural school zones and playground zones is 30 km/h unless otherwise posted.

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.

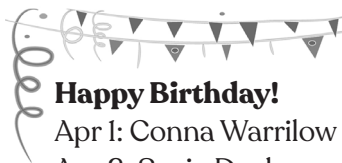


Innisfree Kindergarten News

This month our kindergarten class has had lots of fun becoming familiar with our new classroom and making the space all our own. In addition to learning about letters, patterns, our five senses, and our local community, our kindergarteners have enjoyed many special activities. In late February, we accompanied the rest of the school for the Hockey Hooky field trip in Edmonton, where the kids watched an Oil Kings hockey game at Rogers Place. Despite our team losing, we had lots of fun watching the game, having some yummy snacks, and riding the school bus with all our fellow students.

Earlier this month, we were also invited to watch the grade 2s and 3s perform their classroom play, The Stinky Cheese Man. Our young students had a blast watching the entertaining story play out and seeing their friends in costumes act out the silly scenes. Of course, how can March be complete without some leprechaun-related shenanigans? The kindergarteners worked very hard making leprechaun traps, but unfortunately, the leprechauns still managed to escape our classroom. The kids have already begun thinking about how they could make even better traps next year.

Now that March is ending, we have happily welcomed the official start of spring. The kids are already eagerly awaiting the melting of the snow and the arrival of the warm weather. Time seems to be flying by, but we have many more fun activities planned as a class and still have much to learn. Happy spring, everyone!



Happy Birthday!

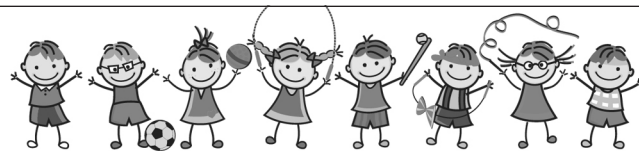
- Apr 1: Conna Warrilow
- Apr 2: Susie Dyck
- Apr 5: Garth Broadhead
- Apr 5: Tristan Neil
- Apr 11: Julie Warrilow
- Apr 12: Catalina Mercer
- Apr 12: Doug McEwen
- Apr 14: Kurt Hennig
- Apr 15: Ken Oesch
- Apr 16: Shaelynn Boere
- Apr 17: Katrina Hennig
- Apr 17: Bailey Hlus
- Apr 18: Lindsay Matters
- Apr 21: Lisa Anderson
- Apr 21: Donovan Belcourt
- Apr 22: Teagan Axten
- Apr 22: Dorothy Hennig



- Apr 22: Shirley Nott
- Apr 22: Leighton Phillips
- Apr 25: Doug Fowler
- Apr 25: Darlene Weremey
- Apr 26: Calvin Broadhead
- Apr 26: Jeannie MacColl
- Apr 28: Betty Sopchysyn

Happy Anniversary!

- Apr 12: Justin & Krystin Cannan
- Apr 17: Howard & Glenis Ferguson
- Apr 26: Kurt & Shirley Hennig
- Apr 29: Mike & Shelly Nott
- Apr 29: Gayle & Doug Foyster – Cheers to 51 years!



Innisfree Preschool & Kindergarten Registration 2022/23

Registration deadline is June 1, 2023

Kindergarten: *Child must be 5 years old by December 30, 2023*

Preschool: *Child must be 4 years old December 30, 2023*

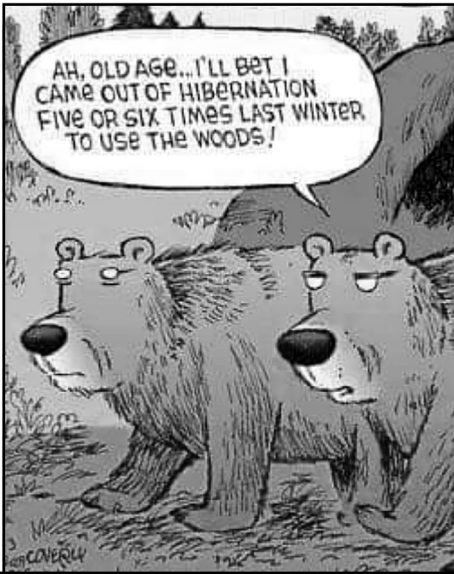
To register please email: innisfreeecs@gmail.com or call Elise Nott: 780-603-1080

We have a wonderful privately run Kindergarten & Preschool.

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**What's the difference between
a southern zoo and a
northern
zoo?**



*A southern
zoo has a
description
of the
animal
on the front
of the cage
along with...
"a recipe"*

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**Why did the bunnies go on strike?
Because they wanted a better celery!**

EVENTS CALENDAR

Here's What's Happening!

- April 5: Coffee Connections, Innisfree 1pm
- April 5: Delnorte School Bake Sale 3-5 pm
- April 5: Innisfree Library Board Meeting
- April 8: (Saturday) Welcome to Easter Mass & Basket Blessing @ 4:30 pm, at the Innisfree Catholic Church
- April 11: Innisfree Senior Citizens Meeting
- April 13: Innisfree 4-H Multi Club Meeting
- April 18: Village of Innisfree Council Meeting
- April 19: Innisfree Recreation Centre AGM, 7 pm at the Innisfree Rec Centre
- April 25: Innisfree School Council Meeting
- April 27: Ranfurly Seniors' Meeting
- April 30: Year End Concert with the Chudovyi Ukrainian Dancers and the Innisfree Dance Club 2pm, Innisfree Rec Centre

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

Is someone special celebrating next month?



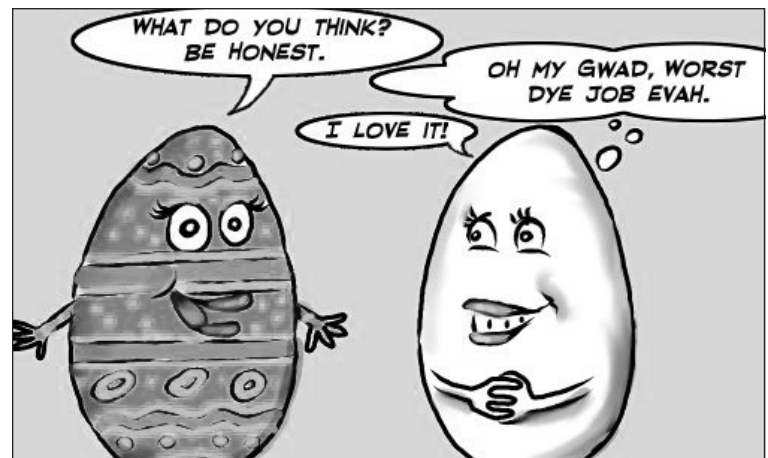
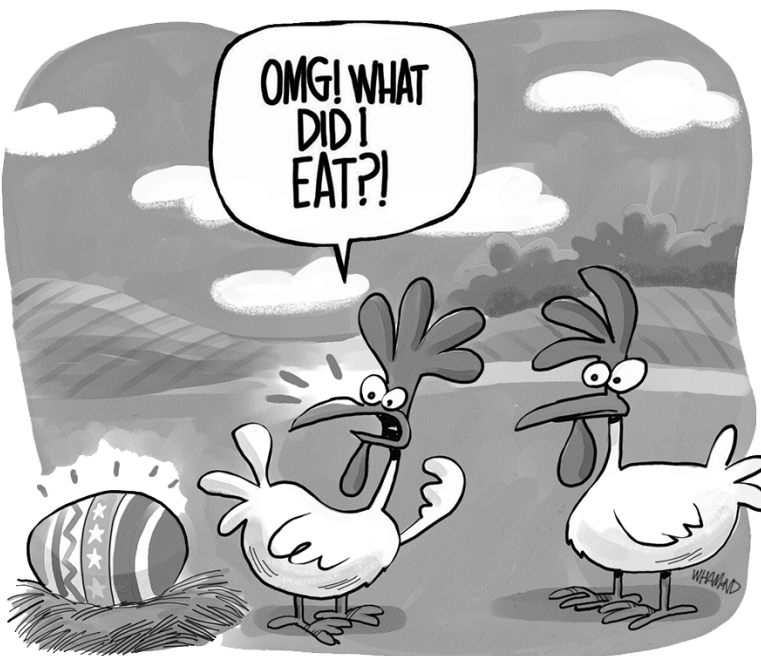
Send in your **MAY Birthdays & Anniversaries** for the May issue!
Please send birthday or anniversary names and dates by April 25 to wish your loved ones a special day!
Email to: innisfreeinformer@gmail.com

INFORMER TRAVELS

Readers! Let's see how far our little newsletter can go. If you or a friend plan to do some travelling, send us a photo of you holding the Informer and tell us a little about where you went, what you saw and the adventures you had!

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

**INNISFREE REC CENTRE
Booking Agent
Sammy Raycraft 780-275-3047**



Fun Fact: The tallest chocolate Easter egg ever was made in Italy in 2011. At 10.39 metres in height and 7,200 kg in weight, it was taller than a giraffe and heavier than an elephant!

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



**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: **April 5th** Mannville: 10am and Innisfree: 1pm
- Check out the Community Bulletin Boards for events calendar
- PEP Goes to Innisfree: A free, creative art program for youth that teaches self-expression, connection and problem solving. (pre-registration required) **April 19th 3:45-5pm at Innisfree 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
April 20th- Volunteer Appreciation Lunch, Mannville town office mural
- Endeavour To Be Different: Kintsugi- The Japanese Art of Repairing. Discuss the beauty of imperfections and how we gain strength in rebuilding while restoring a work of art. **April 13th** at 7-8:30pm in the Mannville United Church basement.

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 at the Rec Centre
- Ranfurly RedWagon Parent & Play: 4th Tuesday monthly 10-11:30am at Ranfurly School
- FIKA: An evening for caregivers to come together to refresh and strengthen relationships. Held on the **last Wednesday** of each month at 7pm in the United Church basement
- Call or text Alicia Rutt at 780-581-4149

**March 21, 2023 Village of Innisfree
Council Meeting Highlights**

- Master Rates Bylaw 684-23 was passed with several amendments to the previous bylaw, to incorporate the incoming Animal Control Bylaw
- Animal Control Bylaw 680-23 received second reading.
- Council endorsed the County of Minburn Waste Management Committee's recommendation for a MOU with the Two Hills Regional Solid Waste Authority for a regional solid waste removal contracted service.
- The Mannville Joint Landfill Remediation contract, to reclaim the former landfill, pursuant to Alberta Environmental regulations, was awarded to PME Inc.
- A Letter of Intent was sent to the Town of Vegreville regarding contracted Bylaw Enforcement Services.
- Council endorsed the early opening of the Innisfree Birch Lake Recreation Park & Campground on May 1st, 2023. Further, Council approved providing early access to the online camping system, effective March 23, 2023.

News from the Innisfree Dance Club

Hello spring time! Our dancers have been busy working hard getting their dances ready for competitions and our year end recital.

We competed in Sparkle Dance Festival in Camrose March 25th and here are our results:

- **Jazz Solo - Silver** (*Brinley Jackson*)
- **Big Energy Hip Hop - Silver**
(*Sydnee Bouchier, Morgan Ruttan, Gracy Morris & Sophia Myhovich*)
- **Salute Hip Hop - Silver**
(*Rowan Jackson & Marley Wagner*)
- **Lyrical Forever Silver**
(*Morgan Ruttan & Sophia Myhovich*)
- **Little Dressmakers Ballet - Silver**
(*Brinley Jackson, Stephanie Nott, Kashlyn Morris*)
- **Musical Theater - Gold, plus the Adjudicators Choice Award**
(*Sydnee Bouchier, Morgan Ruttan, Marley Wagner, Rowan Jackson & Gabby Larson*)

We are also attending Fort Saskatchewan competition April 13-16. Best of luck to our dancers.

We are excited to join with the Innisfree Ukrainian dancers for our year end recital on Sunday April 30th at 2pm at the Innisfree Rec Center. Come join us for an afternoon of various dances, a light lunch and raffle table.

93 PERCENT STARDUST

We have calcium in our bones, iron in our veins,
carbon in our souls, and nitrogen in our brains.
93 percent stardust, with souls made of flames,
we are all just stars that have people names.

Nikita Gill

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**Welcoming New Clients
for the 2023 tax season and
looking forward to serving
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**Our address is 5040 - Main Street,
Mannville, AB**

**I've just started up a
dating site for chickens...
It's not my main job, I'm
just doing it to make
hens meet...**




13 Bits of Wisdom

1. Words are powerful, use them wisely
2. Overthinking kills happiness
3. Failure is when you don't try
4. Live for today, not for tomorrow
5. Don't make decisions when you're angry
6. Adapt to the situation
7. Think before you act
8. Choose your friends wisely
9. Helping others makes you happier
10. Change yourself, change the world
11. Focus your efforts
12. If you blame it on someone else, don't expect it to get better
13. Be realistic

Fun Fact: The traditional act of painting eggs is called Pysanka.

Egg dyes were once made out of natural items such as onion peels, tree bark, flower petals, and juices.

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



News from the Innisfree Walking Club

Well Happy Easter to everyone! I feel I should be putting some kind of Easter recipe in this month but cannot think of one.

So, if you are going to be cooking up an elaborate Easter dinner, I thought I could make a suggestion for a simple dessert.

Grab yourself a box of your favourite Chocolate Cake Mix (Or for those of you that are so inclined make your own) and here is a great recipe for icing.

Please send me any recipes you'd like to share in the In-former to gaylefoyster@gmail.com and include your name! I know this community is full of folks that cook beautiful food and we would so appreciate hearing from you.

GERMAN CHOCOLATE CAKE FROSTING

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 Cup Evaporated Milk
- 1 Cup Sugar
- 3 Egg Yolks
- ½ Cup Marg
- 1 tsp Vanilla
- 1 1/3 Cups Coconut
- 1 Cup Chopped Walnuts

DIRECTIONS:

- Mix milk, sugar, egg yolks, marg and vanilla in a saucepan.
- Cook medium heat 12 mins.
- Stir in nuts and coconut.
- It will thicken as it cools.

DOES ANYONE HAVE A RECIPE FOR THESE USING CAULIFLOWER?




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Save the Date!

Thursday April 20th, 10 am to 5 pm


FRAME EVENT



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INNISFREE! LET'S TALK

Stronger Connection Series

With AHS Health Promotion Facilitator; Christina Harvey B.A RSW
 Held at the Innisfree Drop-In Centre 4909 - 52 Street

<p>Wednesday April 19th</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>Lunch & Learn 11am-1pm Prepare lunch and dine together as a group 1-2pm Session</p> </div>	<p>Wednesday May 3rd</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>Social & Session 12-1pm Social 1-2pm Session</p> </div>
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Pre-registration required by the Monday before each session. Call M-M-I F.C.S.S Office at (780) 763-3005



Mannville Minburn Innisfree Family & Community Support Services



Alberta Health Services

Whats the difference between Grey and Gray?
 One's a color and the other is a colour.

The Innisfree Dance Club & The Chudovyi Ukrainian Dancers



ARE PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO THEIR

Year End Concert



2PM ON SUNDAY APRIL 30TH, 2023

INNISFREE REC CENTER

ENJOY AN EXCITING AFTERNOON SHOWCASING
BOTH OUR DANCE CLUBS.

RAFFLE TABLE, REFRESHMENTS & LIGHT LUNCH

ADMISSION:

12 & UNDER FREE

AGES 12 & UP \$10



I'm so unfit... I can't even jog my memory without breaking into a sweat!

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A day without coffee is like... Just kidding, I have no idea!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Bridal Shower

TO HONOR

Courtney Jackson

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

2:00 PM

MINBURN HALL

MINBURN, AB

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

Village of Innisfree Summer Employment Positions

The Village of Innisfree is accepting applications for summer employment positions.



Please submit your resumes:

Via email:

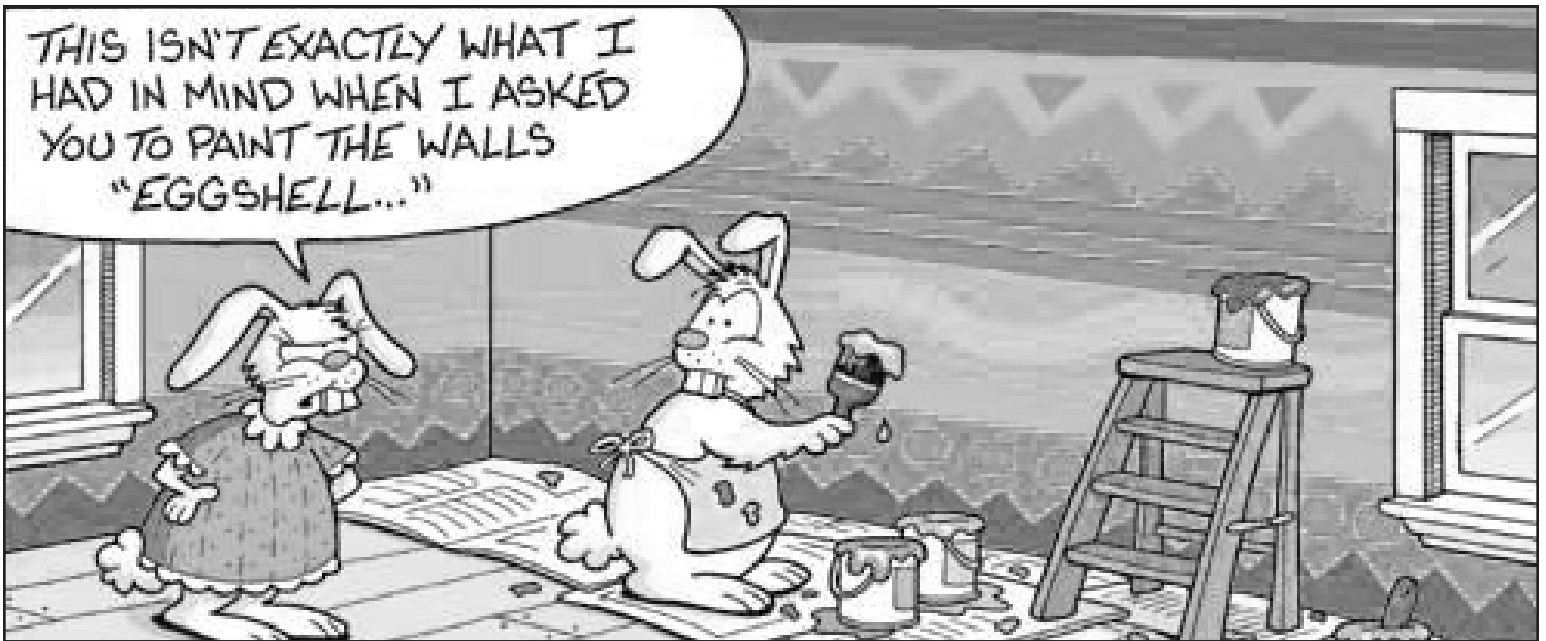
cao@innisfree.ca



Via Mail or drop off:

Village of Innisfree
5116 - 50 Avenue, (Box 69)
Innisfree, Alberta, T0B 2G0

More details to follow in the coming weeks.



Water Meter Project

The Village of Innisfree has received its supply of new water meters for the properties in Innisfree, that will replace the existing, poor quality meters.

Your Cost? \$0.00. The Village received approval for a Canada Community Building Fund Grant (CCBD) (formerly known as the Federal Gas Tax Fund) that funded the entire cost of the meters as well as the new meter reading equipment/software.

Your Participation? Your part is to help the Village schedule an appointment time to change out your meter. Estimated time commitment is 45 minutes.

Please contact the Village office at 780-592-3886 or via email: admin@innisfree.ca

NOTE: Pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, the municipality providing the service has the authority to go onto private property in order to perform required municipal work.



New Water Meter

NEWS FROM THE CHUDOVYI UKRAINIAN DANCERS OF INNISFREE

The Chudovyι Ukrainian Dancers have started competition season with wonderful success, after 2 years of no competitions due to COVID. Our dancers have performed extremely well considering most have never competed in a dance competition. Culture Fuze Dance Festival was held on the weekend of March 3-6 in Camrose and we ended the weekend with a SILVER for a Solo Dance, then our beginners marched in with a GOLD, our Juniors followed up with another GOLD and



Best Chorography. Intermediates did very well with a SILVER & finally our Adults earned another SILVER. All our members had a wonderful time in Camrose and were eager to get back into the practice room to master their dance for the next competition which was held in Lloydminster on the weekend of March 24-26.

Lloydminster Ukrainian Dancing on the Border welcomed us with a great competition and our dancers once again did an amazing job. Our results for the weekend started off with a SILVER for a Solo Dance, then once again the Beginners captured a GOLD, the



Juniors were on a roll & captured another GOLD. The Intermediates showed big improvement with another SILVER & finally the Adults laughed their way to a GOLD! Our final dance competition is in Vermilion on April 21 & 22.

We would like to thank our instructor Nick Hynek for his guidance & instruction. Our members enjoy dancing every week.

We are also preparing for a Year End concert on April 30, 2023, we hope to see the community out to support the dancers.



Words to live by...

“Experience is not what happens to you; it is what you do with what happens to you.” –Aldous Huxley

“People often say that beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and I say that the most liberating thing about beauty is realizing you are the beholder.” –Salma Hayek

“Each day comes bearing its gifts. Untie the ribbon.”
–Ann Ruth Schabacker

“Love doesn’t make the world go round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile.”
–Franklin P. Jones

“Kindness is one thing you can’t give away. It always comes back.”
–George Skolsky

“Try to be a rainbow in someone else’s cloud.” –Maya Angelou

“The most sincere compliment we can pay is attention.”
–Walter Anderson

“A problem is a chance for you to do your best.” –Duke Ellington

“The most important trip you may take in life is meeting people half-way.” –Henry Boye

“You can’t turn back the clock. But you can wind it up again.”
–Bonnie Prudden

“Never fear shadows. They simply mean there’s a light shining nearby.” –Ruth E. Renkel

Linda Myshaniuk

July 28, 1954 – April 2, 2018



Five years gone...

Forever in our hearts

Birch Lake Campground & Recreation Park Innisfree, AB

Open from May 1st to Sep 30th 2023

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PROVIDING SERVICE TO TOURISTS, LOCAL RESIDENTS
AND TRAVELING PUBLIC.**

**All reservations can be made online starting
MARCH 23 2023 at 8 am.**

www.campreservations.ca/campground/

Overnight Camping opens MAY 1 2023

Phone line to Park Office will not be answered until May 1st, 2023.
Park Office will be open between 9 am to 5 pm

**The term domestic
housewife implies
that there is a feral
housewife and now I
have a new life goal.**

Innisfree-Minburn 4-H Beef Club March Report

Peyton Hess- Club Reporter

Happy Spring! We are happy to remind everyone that there are only two more months until our annual show day. Don't forget to save the date for May 31, 2023.

This month some of our club members attended the 4-H Provincial Judging competition at Vermillion Lakeland College where we had a fun day of judging and then a nice banquet supper where some of us earned prizes! Overall, we all had a great time and did an amazing job! Our senior member, Camille Kassian, moved on from first place in Regional public speaking to compete at the District level. Congratulations Camille!

A few of our members and families attended the Beef Learning Day in St. Paul on March 26th where we learned more about judging, team judging, AI and grooming our projects. It was a very informative day! Looking ahead we have our next 4-H Meeting on April 5, 2023 in Innisfree. We are also looking forward to our club field trip and grooming and showmanship clinic, also happening in April. From our club to your families, we wish you all a very Happy Easter!



**“My favorite
weather is bird
chirping weather.”**

—TERRI GUILLEMETS

INNISFREE RECREATIONAL & CULTURAL SOCIETY

IS HOSTING THEIR ANNUAL

**MOTHER'S DAY
BREAKFAST**

EVERYONE WELCOME!

SUNDAY, MAY 14

9:30 am - 11:30 am

INNISFREE REC. CENTER



12 +/ADULTS - \$15.00

AGES 6 TO 11 - \$6.00

5 & UNDER - FREE

Village of Innisfree Library News

Spring is upon us! Check out our fresh new selection on gardening, spring books and new fiction, non-fiction and movies!

If you haven't yet, please fill out our survey and return it to the Library or Village Office by April 15th. We appreciate all feedback, and this survey will help us to determine programming and resources for you!

Congratulations to Roady Myshaniuk, Travis Feschuk and Larry Dmytriw on winning gift cards from our Winter Reading Program. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Our Early Literacy Program will be held on April 27th at 10 am. Our theme for the month is Clouds.

Summer Reading Program entertainer, Mary Lambert will visit us on July 13. Look for more information closer to the date.

We are pleased to announce that we will be bringing Tiffany Dowhan and her "High Heels and Spurs" Self Esteem Program to the Delnorte School for girls in Grades 5-12. We are looking for a similar program to bring to the school for the boys as well.

Our Library Manager, Marilyn, attended a 2-day Mental Health First Aid course at the Northern Lights Library Systems headquarters at the end of March. It was an extremely good course and will help her in the day to day running of the library. She is looking forward to taking the Mental Health First Aid for Youth Course in the fall.

Please watch for more information coming soon about an exciting "Women in Business" program. This will include mentorship for girls aged 12 & up and will bring some great opportunities for women in our community!

We would like to extend well wishes to both Elizabeth Harrison and Susan Bergman on their retirements from the Library Board and Relief Worker positions. We have immense gratitude for both ladies and all they have done for the library during their time with us.



Shine's Psychic Fair & Market

Saturday, June 3

10 am to 4 pm

Mannville Rec Centre

5202 - 52 Ave, Mannville

***Over 20 Psychic Mediums
& Healers**

***Handmade & Metaphysical
Product Vendors**

***Food truck on site**

***FREE admission**

How to Adult

- Have bag full of wires
- Have gift bag full of gift bags
- Have plastic bag full of plastic bags
- Have bags under eyes

MY CIRCLE OF CONTROL

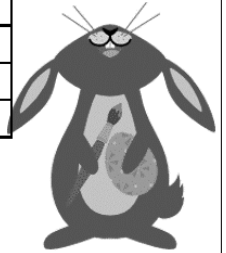
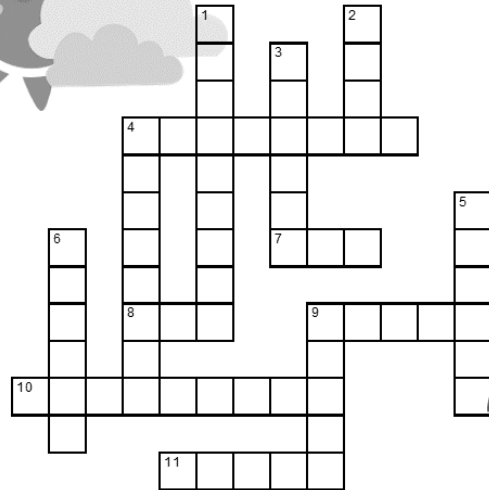
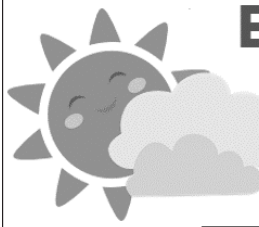
I WILL FOCUS ON WHAT I CAN CONTROL



THINGS THAT ARE OUT OF MY CONTROL

What other people do
 Things from the past
 Other people's choices
 What other people say
 How other people feel
 The weather

Easter Crossword



ACROSS

4. You might do this to eggs for Easter
7. A hen makes this
8. Used to color eggs
9. The hen's baby
10. Colorful candy you might find in an Easter basket
11. Peter Cottontail is one

DOWN

1. Eggs might be made from this
2. Look for eggs
3. Easter Day event
4. Yellow or white spring flower that grows from a bulb
5. What the Easter Bunny brings
6. A pretty hat worn on Easter
9. Don't eat too much of this or you might get a belly ache

What do rabbits say before they eat?

"Lettuce pray."

Why don't rabbits get hot in the summer?

They have hare conditioning.

What do you get if you cross a frog with a rabbit?

A bunny ribbit.

Why couldn't the rabbit fly home for Easter?

He didn't have the hare fare.

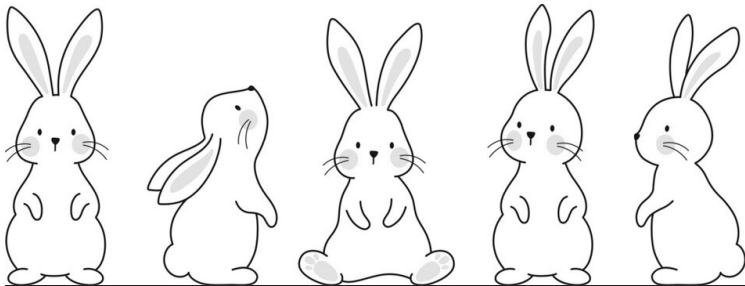
What do you get when you cross a bunny with an onion?

A bunion.

What do you call a transformer bunny?

Hop-timus Prime.

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Paul Bunyan Daze... by Deb Barber



Yes it's that time of year when Farmer Hubby sharpens his chain saw and we pretend we

know what we are doing as we set out to attempt to prune the fruit trees his dad planted some seventy plus years ago!

I will be the first to confess we have no idea what we are doing, so our attack plan usually consists of endeavouring to remove the bulk of the dead wood without leaving a total mess behind. Each year as the trees show more and more age it gets harder to accomplish this and they are starting to look like skeletons of their former selves. However, they mostly serve the purpose of welcoming spring with all their blossoms and then providing shade and adding green content to the yard. We no longer require their produce to survive the long winters. And so far they give us sufficient crab apples to make jelly.

As hard as it is to see them wither away, we all have a time limit on our existence and by cutting them back it is allowing the newer fruit trees I have planted to spread out and grow and someday replace them. The circle of life and replenishment.

After removing a substantial amount of boughs we decided to just stack them until the winter snow melts away and we can get to the area with the tractor to remove them; that also should facilitate us being able to move them into the field as well.

In the meantime they now serve an entirely new purpose and in doing so have added more quality to our lives. The chickadees just love to hop around on the branches and as well have been pecking at the wood chips on the ground, I am not sure what this provides them with other than maybe a slight change of diet.

The prairie chickens have decided the piles make an excellent roosting area and after eating their fill of black oil sunflower seeds they have stared tucking themselves within the confines of the branches. A nice hidey place very close to their food source.

And then there is the squirrels, they consider the stacks of twisting branches the most delightful playground/obstacle course and spend hours chasing one another through the various mounds of sticks leaping and frolicking with great delight.

Who knew so much fun would come out of pruning old trees!

Every morning the barn cats greet me when I arrive to do morning chores and each day they anxiously look out the opened door checking to see if perhaps Spring has sprung over night! They have started to venture out, finding sunny nooks out of the wind to sit and absorb the sunshine and each day does feel as though spring maybe just around the corner, or the next corner or maybe the one after that!

The horses are in full shed and Farmer Hubby shakes his head when he sees me returning to the house covered in the blonde Fjord hair, it is attracted to my jacket like metal to magnets! They certainly enjoy it and stand leaning into the itchy spots while I give them a good grooming.

Looking back at this time last year it snowed 3-4 inches this weekend and temperatures were in the -7 C area in the mornings so truly we think this winter has gone on forever, but it seems to be right on target.

I was re-reading the folklore about Paul Bunyan and I was wishing I had Babe the Blue Ox when it comes time to move all those recently trimmed tree branches, but I guess I'll have to be satisfied with a Blue New Holland tractor!

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter and that spring maybe around one of these corners!



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