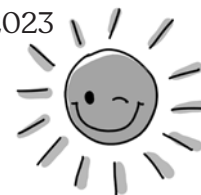


The Innisfree Informer

August 2023



Deb's Message in a Minute

The hazy crazy days of summer are here and the yards and flowers are beautiful. We had a most unusual July. I have never seen a month like this July. Thanks to the Village staff for rallying after the break-in and change of routine.

Have you been to Birch Lake Campground? Drop by for a stroll along the walking paths or bring your tent or trailer for an overnight stay.

The Innisfree Seniors will have to cancel the Fun Bingo for August 2nd and 9th. But coffee will be on Mondays except Monday August 14th.

The Innisfree Prairie Bank of Commerce Museum welcomes Norah Melnyk as our summer staff. The museum is open Thursday to Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come on in and see what new items are set up and enjoy a cup of sweet tea August 9. Thanks for your support for our Canada Day Tea and Bake Sale. Doug and Gayle Foyster are challenging others to make a donation of \$100.00 to the Museum.

The Innisfree Library continues to be a warm and welcoming place to visit and look for a good book. The library has much to offer along with the books, magazines, and DVD's.

The school parking lot maybe empty, but the playgrounds are active with children as they get out and play or ride their bikes. Watch out for them as they enjoy their summer vacation.

Innisfree's 43rd Fair, August 9 should prove to be a busy day. Many activities are planned beginning with a pancake breakfast in the Rec. Centre. I enjoy seeing friends and the children trying some new activities and having a busy day of fun!

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

AN AUGUST CRICKET

When August days are hot and long,

And the August hills are hazy,
And clouds are slow and winds also,

And brooks are low and lazy.

When beats the fierce midsummer sun,

Upon the drying grasses;

A modest minstrel sings his song
To any soul that passes.

A modest, yet insistent bard
Who while the landscape slumbers;

And Nature seems, herself asleep,
Pours out his soul in numbers.

His song is in a tongue unknown,
Yet those, me think, who hear it

Drink in it's healing melody

Renewed in frame and spirit.

His life is brief as is the leaf
To summer branches clinging!
But yet no thought of death or grief,

He mentions in his singing.
No epic strain is his to sing;—

No tale of loss or glory;—
He has no borrowed heroines;

His heroes are not gory.
He is no scholar; all he knows

Was taught by his condition,
He never studied synthesis,

Nor simple composition.
His lays are all of rustic themes;

Of summer's joys and treasure
Yet scarce could Homer's masterpiece,

Afford us keener pleasure.

-Arthur Goodenough

Don't Quit

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is strange with its twists and turns
As every one of us sometimes learns
And many a failure comes about
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up though the pace seems slow—
You may succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out—
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell just how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

For all the sad words of tongue or pen
The saddest are these: "It might have been!"

~John Greenleaf Whittier
(1807-1892)



The Chudovyi Ukrainian Dancers of Innisfree Welcome New & Returning Dancers

To Join Our 2023/24 Dance Season



Classes Start Sept 14, 2023 **For Ages 3-Adults**
Affordable Fees
Costumes Supplied



**For More Information or to register
please contact
Lisa Anderson
(780) 632-5526**



Instructor :Nick Hynek
Currently Dances with Shumka
Ukrainian Dancers





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.

August 2023 Multisport Court Update

I am pleased to announce that the basketball court is open for use. A basketball has been left there for use. Please leave it there for everyone to enjoy.

As of July 31, the pickleball courts are still not open for use as cross fencing between the three courts still needs to be done. Once that is completed the pickleball courts will be opened.

Please note the following court rules: NO PETS, NO BICYCLES, NO SKATEBOARDS, NO ROLLER SKATES, NO SCOOTERS, NO HOCKEY, NO GLASS BOTTLES, AND NO SMOKING ALLOWED. These rules are in place so that the surfacing does not become damaged. Signs have been posted at the courts.

A sincere thank you to all donors for helping to make this project a reality:

- Government of Alberta CFEP Grant
- Buffalo Trail Public School Division
- County of Minburn No. 27
- Innisfree & District Ag Society
- Ranfurly Ag Society
- Mannville Minburn Innisfree Rural Crime Watch Association
- Lavoy Action Society
- Anonymous Donors
- Canada's Farmers Grow Communities
- Minburn & District Ag Society
- Village of Innisfree
- Innisfree Senior Citizen's Association
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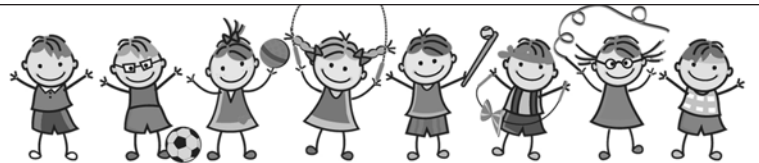
Happy Birthday!

- Aug 1: Cory Hlus
- Aug 2: Sheryle Anderson
- Aug 2: Emma Fundytus
- Aug 2: Teagon, Triton & Morgan Nott
- Aug 3: Leah Ferguson
- Aug 5: Dianne Saskiw
- Aug 7: Judy Konieczny
- Aug 7: Stan White
- Aug 8: Victoria Mack
- Aug 9: Lorraine Leech
- Aug 9: Owen Nott
- Aug 10: Karen Arndt
- Aug 10: Allan Kuzio
- Aug 12: Benjimin Bouchier
- Aug 13: Scottlyn Chomik
- Aug 17: Amanda Broadhead
- Aug 20: Conrad Fowler
- Aug 21: Dorothy Nutt

- Aug 22: Lori Feschuk
- Aug 22: Shannon Tarapaski
- Aug 23: Zander Bouchier
- Aug 24: Larry Pearce
- Aug 27: Rolland Fortier
- Aug 28: Maryann Berg

Happy Anniversary!

- Aug 3: Dalyce & Darcy Morris: Happy 10th Anniversary!
- Aug 7: Robert & Ruth Patterson
- Aug 8: Dianne & Ronnie Saskiw
- Aug 10: Angeline & Jeff Nott
- Aug 10: Maria & Lawrence Sen



Innisfree Preschool & Kindergarten Registration 2022/23

Registration is open!

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 now located in the Innisfree Delnorte School!

C First Rancher: What's the name of your place?

OUTDOOR

Second Rancher: The XWK Lazy R
Double Diamond Circle Q Bar S

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First Rancher:
How many cattle do you have?
Second Rancher:
Only a few.
Not many survive the branding!

What do you call a happy cowboy?
A jolly rancher.

OUTDOOR CORNER is sponsored by:
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When do you go at red and stop at green?
When you're eating a slice of watermelon!

EVENTS CALENDAR

Here's What's Happening!

- Aug 2: Village of Innisfree Library Board Meeting
- Aug 8: Innisfree Bench Show entries intake
- Aug 9: Pancake Breakfast in the Rec Centre 8-10 am
- Aug 9: Innisfree Fair Parade 11 am
- Aug 9: More Fair Activities Look for posters.
- Aug 9: Sweet Tea Fundraiser at the Museum
- Aug 9: Family Movie Night at the Museum
- Aug 12: Minburn 30th Annual Heifer, Cow-Calf Show and Bench Fair
- Aug 12: White Elephant Sale, Minburn Hall 10-5
- Aug 15: Village of Innisfree Council Meeting
- Sept 3: Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Innisfree Museum, Innisfree Rec Centre 8:30 – 11:30 am

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



Is someone special celebrating next month?
Send in your **SEPTEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries** for the September issue!

Please send birthday or anniversary names and dates by August 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!

HUGE WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

August 12, 2023 10am to 5pm Minburn Seniors Hall
Vintage - Antique - Treasures for You
Vendors, stuff & customers needed
Join our facebook page: [whatzup-minburn](https://www.facebook.com/whatzup-minburn)
Inquiries please text: 780-581-5384

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Call Dawn 780-581-0592

You're going to want to be right underfoot at ALL times – as close as possible.

This gives the humans a deep sense of security and confidence.



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

Shark week is actually the safest time to go to the beach because all the sharks are busy being on TV



**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

- **The ABCs of Summer 2023** is in full swing. It is a schedule of activities for the summer guided by the letters of the alphabet to introduce intentional programming that will connect, engage, and inclusively support all ages! Participate in as many as you can. If you would like weekly emails for upcoming programs, please email mmifcss2@mannville.ca
- Community events calendars are posted online monthly as well as displayed on boards in Mannville, Minburn and Innisfree

FACILITATION & SUPPORTS

- Friendly Phone Visiting program: Call us to have your family member's name added to our calling list and we will stay connected with them
- 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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SERVICE

- Check out Volunteer Connector <https://www.volunteerconnector.org/> for local volunteer opportunities. Whether you need help finding volunteers or if you're looking for a new volunteer position, we are happy to help

KALYNA MMI FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK

- **Facebook:** MMI Family Resource Network
- Call or text Alicia Rutt at 780-581-4149
- Regular programming will resume in September

**The Innisfree Prairie Bank
of Commerce Museum**

*Southern
Sweet Tea*

**Fair Day
August
9th**



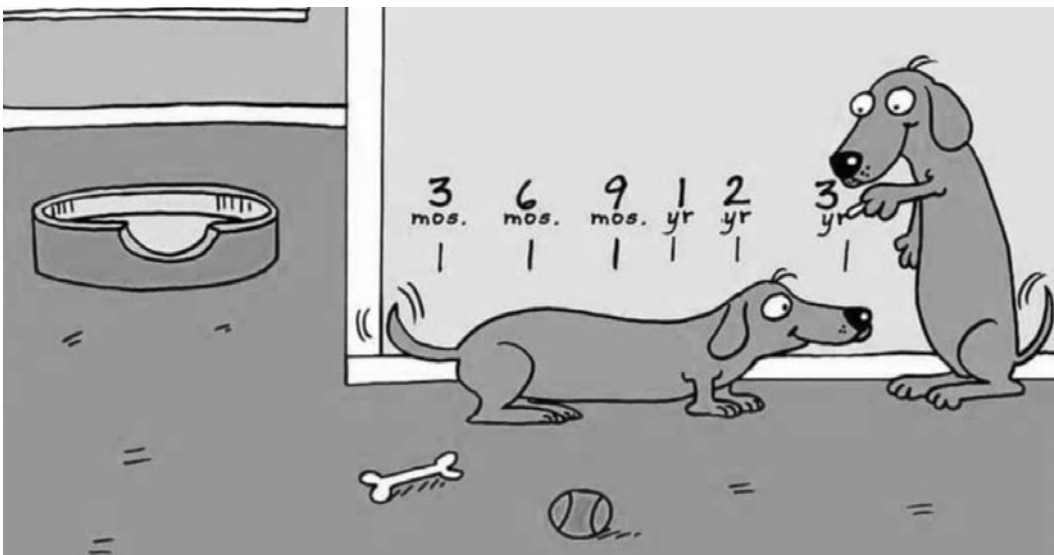
**Southern Sweet Tea Sale
Museum Fundraiser**

5204 50th Avenue, Innisfree

Sale starts at 10 am

Come and get a cold glass
while supplies last!

*Thank
you*
for supporting our museum!



**A POEM
FOR MORNINGS:
Coffee, coffee, coffee,
Coffee.
Coffee, Coffee,
Everyone be quiet.
Coffee.**

Fun Fact: *The Golden Girls* was supposed to have a different theme song (!!Can you even imagine the ladies without the iconic "Thank You for Being a Friend?!!)

June 20, 2023 - Council Meeting Highlights:

Bylaws

• **Utilities Amendment Bylaw 684-23** was passed; the Bylaw addresses the non-payment of Infrastructure Fees for vacant properties. The new Bylaw requires vacant properties to pay the basic Infrastructure Fees, effective July 1st, that all residential customers are paying on their monthly Utility Invoices:

- o Stormwater Infrastructure Renewal Fee \$ 3.39
- o ACE Regional Water Fee \$15.00
- o Innisfree Water Infrastructure Renewal Fee \$13.00

• **Land Use Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 685-23**; Council provided first reading to the Bylaw; the Bylaw is addressing the “wording” within Section 3.2 (o) “*Developments Not Requiring a Permit*” from “*the demolition or removal of any structure for which erection a development permit would not be required pursuant to subsections (d) through (k) above, inclusive.*” To read as follows:

- o “**o. the demolition or removal of any building or structure, recorded in subsections (d) through (k) above, do not require a development permit.**”

Business:

- Council endorsed the donation of several historical items to the Innisfree Bank of Commerce Historical Society.
- Council endorsed the 2023 – 2025 Strategic Plan
- Council approved the Innisfree Public Library Board Members to record their Board term.
- Council entered into an agreement with MMI-FCSS to paint a mural on the Public Works building.

June 29, 2023 - Special Council Meeting Highlights:

- Council appointed Thelma Rogers as Interim Chief Administrative Officer for the period of June 29th to December 4th, 2023.
- Council endorsed the appointment of Brooke Magosse as the Interim Administrative Assistant for the period of June 29th to December 4th, 2023, per the terms and conditions as discussed.

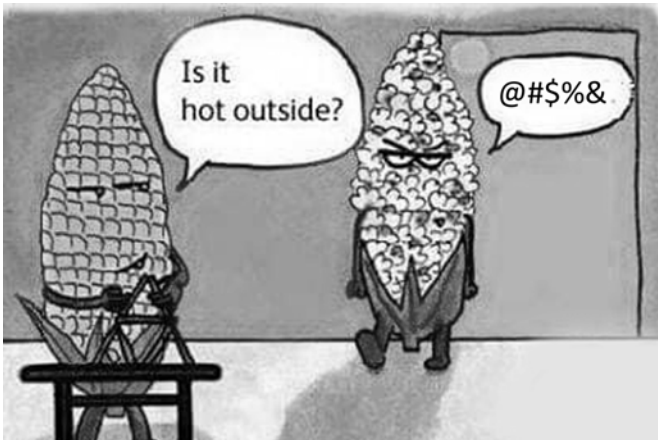
July 18, 2023 - Regular Council Meeting Minutes:

Bylaw:

- Council approved the Public Meeting for Land Use Bylaw 685-23 to be scheduled for August 15 @ 5 PM. Copies of the amending Bylaw are posted on www.innisfree.ca
- Council approved Unsightly Premises Bylaw 686-23, that is available to view on www.innisfree.ca

Business:

- Council endorsed new signing authorities
- Council approved an amendment to the Solid Waste Management Agreement to add waste removal from the Innisfree Birch Lake Campground & Park.
- Council approved the purchase of a new JD Riding Mower for use at the Innisfree Birch Lake Campground & Park and the sale of the existing Toro riding mower.
- Council accepted a bid for four tires that were posted for sale.
- Council endorsed a motion to contribute any surplus from the July 1st and August 9 Village Pancake Breakfasts, to be divided equally between the Innisfree Prairie Bank of Commerce Historical Society and the Innisfree Senior Citizens Association.



I've reached the age when I drive past a house with a nice porch I literally have to say, "that's a nice porch"

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



News from the Innisfree Walking Club

Hello everyone and welcome to berry season! Raspberries seem to be early this year (writing this in July) but if you have access to fresh raspberries or blackberries when you see this you will love this PIE recipe. ENJOY!

Please send me any recipes you'd like to share in the Informer 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.

GLAZED RASPBERRY PIE

INGREDIENTS:

3 to 4 cups fresh raspberries
and 1 cup raspberries for glaze (can be frozen ones)
¾ cup sugar
3 Tbsp cornstarch

DIRECTIONS:

- Cook 1 pie shell till golden and then let it cool.
- Mash the 1 cup raspberries-add water to mashed berries to make 1 cup. Cook approx 3 mins in saucepan.
- Put mash through strainer to remove seeds. Add water to make juice up to 1 cup again.
- Mix cornstarch with sugar really well.
- Add sugar mix to juice and cook until thick and clear.
- Put fresh raspberries into cooked pie shell
- Pour thickened juice over berries and let cool well,

Serve with whipped cream.

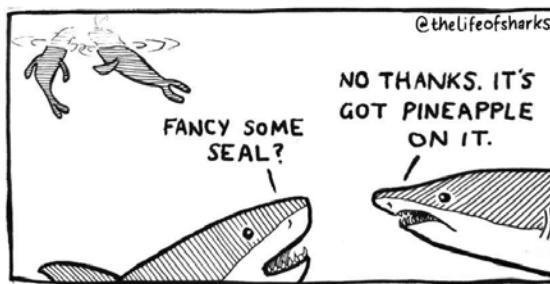
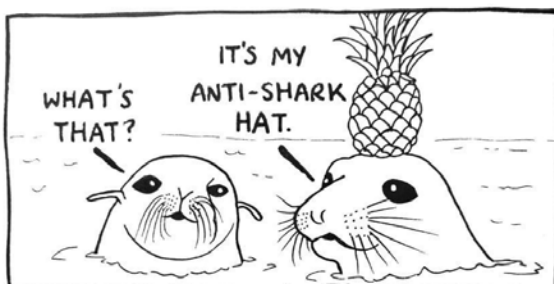
Note: If you have lots of raspberries you can mash more than 1 cup and you will not need much water or any.

This recipe works just as well with blackberries.

CLASSES START
SEPTEMBER 11TH

Innisfree Dance Club Registration

For More Information & to Register
Contact Krystin Cannan 780-806-3490



Fun Fact: Lemons float, but limes sink

"A Vodka please."

"Umm, this is McDonald's.."

"Okay, A McVodka then."

The Innisfree Prairie Bank of Commerce Museum

Movie Night Fundraiser!



BYOC!
(Bring Your Own Chair)

Fair Day evening August 9th

Inside the Museum • 5204 50th Avenue, Innisfree

6:30 pm

Admission by donation to the museum

Popcorn and water concession available!

Family Movie Vote among guests



To commemorate her 79 birthday, actress/vocalist, Julie Andrews made a special appearance at Manhattan's Radio City Music Hall.

One of the musical numbers she performed was 'My Favorite Things' from the legendary movie 'Sound Of Music'. Here are the lyrics she used - If you sing it, its especially funny!

Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,
These are a few of my favorite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favorite things.

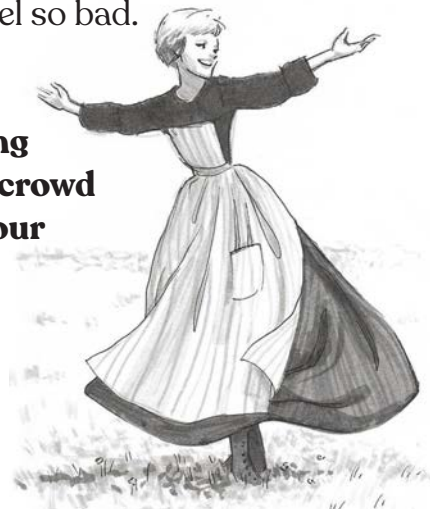
When the pipes leak, When the bones creak,
When the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favorite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favorite things.

Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinnin',
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,
When we remember our favorite things.

When the joints ache, When the hips break,
When the eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great life I've had,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Ms. Andrews received a standing ovation from the crowd that lasted over four minutes and repeated encores.



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**Innisfree Wide Open
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Village of Innisfree Library News

To kick off our Summer Reading Program (SRP), the Village of Innisfree Library was happy to welcome Mary Lambert for a free family performance. Mary delighted children and parents alike with her very interactive concert. She engaged families with her colourful props, dance, and songs. She sang a mix of well-known and original music that had everyone involved in an interactive and humorous manner. Now available for checkout here in the library are Mary Lambert's 2 children's books!

We finished the SRP with 2 fun-filled days of crafts, art, games, snacks, play time and stories! We had a lot of fun and wish to thank everyone on the Library Board who purchased the snacks as well as Tracey Daley for her help in running the program!

Visit the NLLS Reading Program website to enter the Read for 15 contest, get information on the Sand Art Contest or to get your Summer Reading Log. Continuing this year is the option to log your reading minutes online. There are also coloring pages and activity ideas on the site: www.nllsreadingprograms.ca.

We also have reading logs and coloring sheets available for pickup here in the library. There are some great prizes to be won through NLLS this year, including lawn games, hammocks, and locally supplied snack boxes! The SRP Reading Contest is open to all ages and runs from July 1 to August 31.

Don't forget to watch for us in the parade and visit us on Innisfree's Fair Day for a bag of FREE POPCORN. We will be serving popcorn from 12-5pm.



*OPPORTUNITY FOR DRIVE-BY/CURBSIDE FREE GARAGE SALE/PICKUP! *



Residents who are interested in the practise of "Reduce, Re-Use, Recycle," can participate in a curbside, free garage sale/pickup event in the morning on August 23, 2023. If you wish to participate and have items that someone else may want to re-use or recycle, please post a ribbon or balloon at your property to alert seekers that you have items to give away!

CURBSIDE LARGE ITEM PICKUP WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23rd, 1 - 3 pm & August 24, 1 - 4 pm, 2023

Guidelines:

Only those items deemed 'acceptable' will be collected for disposal. Please see the list of 'acceptable' and 'unacceptable' below. Items such as TVs and stereos are acceptable; however, residents are advised against placing electronics at the curb that could contain sensitive information. This program is only available to households who receive waste collection services from the Village.

Accepted Waste:

BAGGED household waste, appliances, metals, tires, wood, pesticide containers, used paint pans & aerosol containers, furniture/mattresses, e-waste (computers, TVs, etc.), agricultural waste (chemical containers for recycling, twine for recycling (in plastic bags), plastic grain bags for recycling (must be rolled), net wrap for landfill disposal (in plastic bags))

Prohibited Waste:

Contractor material, animal carcasses, batteries, asphalt shingles (>100 lbs.), plasterboard (>100 lbs.), concrete, used oil, propane tanks, railway ties, vehicle parts.



INNISFREE'S 43RD ANNUAL FAIR

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9TH



JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED DAY

8:00 – 10:00 PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT
THE REC CENTER

11:00AM PARADE STARTS

12:00PM AGRIPLEX OPENS

BEEF ON BUN CONCESSION

BEER GARDENS

VENDOR'S MARKET

PETTING ZOO

FACE PAINTING

ICE CREAM TRUCK

BOUNCY HOUSES

2:00 PM MUTTON BUSTIN

4:00 PM BENCH SHOW EXHIBITS CLOSE



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DEANNA 780-581-5871

Students of Innisfree Return Home Submitted by Norman Lazowski

After 50 years the Class of 73 were able to reunite. Thanks to all the efforts put forth we were able to tour the school. We were amazed at the changes made. Then off to Greg's Truck Stop for a well-organized meal and joyful reminiscing. The service and food were fantastic. Huge Thank You to all the staff there for accommodating our group. Many laughs and memories were exchanged. The people who attended are as follows according to the picture. They are listed by their school names.

Back Row:

Harvey Saskiw, Valerie Pichota,
Loretta Cooper, Norman Lazowski,
Michael Spak, Tom Nott

Front Row:

Rosemary Pasieka, Roseline Smith,
Eugene Uniat, Andrea Sobchyshyn,
Debbie Franchuk, Elvera Bruce, Mary Fisher,
Eddie Kitt

Until we visit again!



JACKIE ARMSTRONG-HOMENIUK

MLA for Fort Saskatchewan - Vegreville &

PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR SETTLEMENT SERVICES & UKRAINIAN EVACUEES



Alberta

"I am excited to take on this new role as Parliamentary Secretary for Settlement Services and Ukrainian Evacuees. Having served previously as the Parliamentary Secretary for Ukrainian Refugee Settlement, I am grateful to continue advocating on behalf of the Ukrainian people. My goal is to ensure all Ukrainian evacuees in Alberta are welcomed, supported, and given a space for their concerns to be heard."



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This recipe calls for "leftover bacon" & it might as well require dragon loin or unicorn shanks.

looks at menu closely for 10 minutes
yeah i'll order the exact same thing i
order every single time i come here



Innisfree Prairie Bank of Commerce Museum's
First Annual



Labour Day Pancake Breakfast!



8:30am - 11:30am

Door Prize!

September 3rd



Innisfree Recreation Centre

5024 54 St. Innisfree, AB T0B 2G0

For the longevity of our unique museum and history;
silver collection is asked for admission!

Thank you for your support!

A huge thank you to our grocery
suppliers for their charitable generosity!



BIRCH LAKE CAMPGROUND CORNER



Welcome to Campers Corner where we share all the news of the previous month and the upcoming news when we can about Birch Lake Campground and Innis-free Recreation Park!

First off, let's start with a huge thank you to all the volunteers for the Birch Lake Campground July 1 campers only pancake breakfast would like to give us a huge thank you to our local Hogs & Horns Homestead, who supported and donated the sausages for the pancake breakfast. They were outstanding, thank you Jen and Monica Baker from Lavoy!

We had an amazing kids parade and games and food and laughter, the heat got to us all but we enjoyed ourselves and everyone was so happy!

I'd also like to say a great big, huge thank you to the Innisfree volunteers who came out and made July 1 games for the kids and adults possible! The adults and the kids of all ages truly enjoyed themselves. I really appreciate every single one of you people that came out and supported us. I really hope to see you next year.

I'd like to say a great big thank you to the Village of Innisfree Office and Council for supplying us with the hotdogs and pop to have our hotdog and pop sales. All proceeds go back into the park to make it a wonderful place for all those to enjoy.

A huge thank you to the high school students at Delnorte school for building some picnic tables for us. They did a wonderful job I would just like to give a great big shout out to them on their first attempt in a work shop project. Great work Everyone! And those will be place all over the Campground!

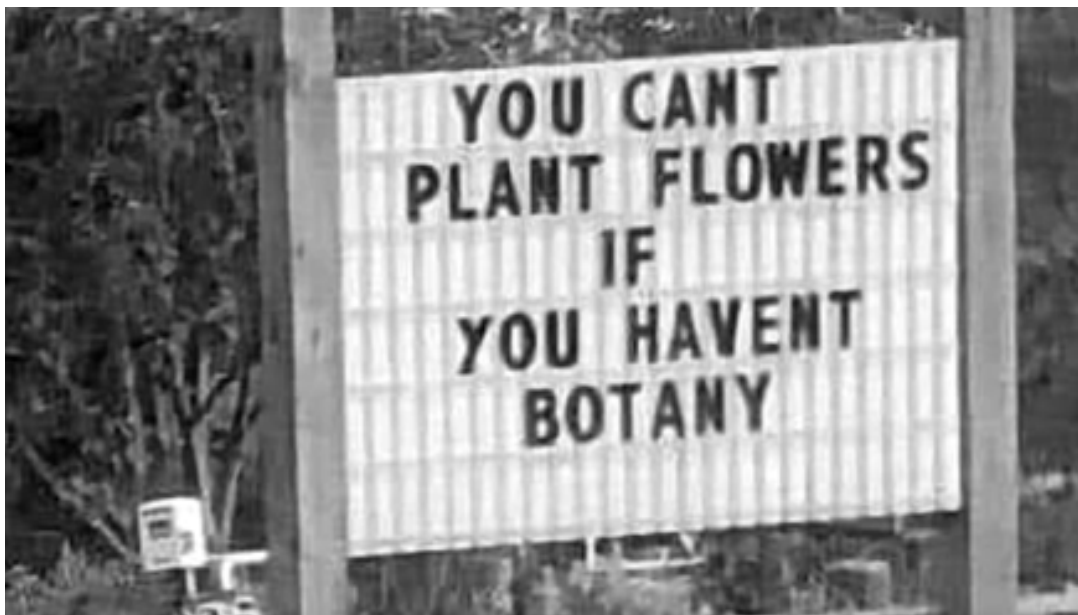
We also have a beautiful concrete table down by the Day use and Playground under the big trees overlooking the lake and island. It is a table in memory of Frank Nykolaychuk! And a new bench at the Stone!

This year we have new shower facilities where the showers are now hot and cold for all of our campers to enjoy. We also have some new swings added to the playground area and the front entrance has changed where you can enter into the park one way and exit the other side, signage has been moved for better visibility!

Thank you to the Village of Innisfree Office for the beautiful flowers that they got for us. They truly make the place sparkle. It is such a welcoming sight when you drive into the campground to see those big baskets of flowers and the big planters that I have put out for everybody to see I hope you all enjoyed it.

Give a huge pat on the back to my student worker Caleb Serben for his hard work in/on the grounds well done!

Submitted by Park Manager, Cat Threadgould



Innisfree Cemetery Committee Update

The ICC held its AGM on June 14, with the current executive agreeing to remain in their positions: Sheila Whitmore, Chair, Derek Saskiw and Tina Lindballe, Vice-Chairs, Ed and Eileen Hlus, members. Thank you to Sandra Gushnowski for her years of service on the committee. Welcome to Edie Whitten and thank you for joining the committee.

Sadly, we acknowledge the loss of Mr. John Hlushak from the community and our ICC. John was our representative for the Holy Cross Cemetery and liaison with the diocese. After some discussion it was agreed that the ICC would continue to manage the Holy Cross (St. Peter & St Paul Cemetery) in order to provide the community with local representation. We are looking for a representative from the Ukrainian Catholic community to join our committee and continue the necessary liaison with the church.

Please remove faded memorial flowers and objects, and place any floral tributes and objects where they do not pose a hazard to students mowing. Artificial flowers stuck directly into the ground are hazardous. Please use urns attached to memorial stones and platforms.

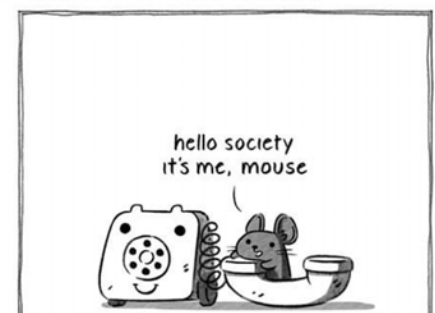
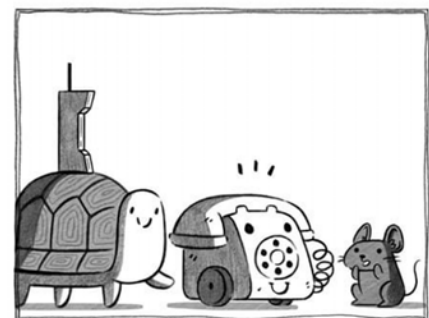
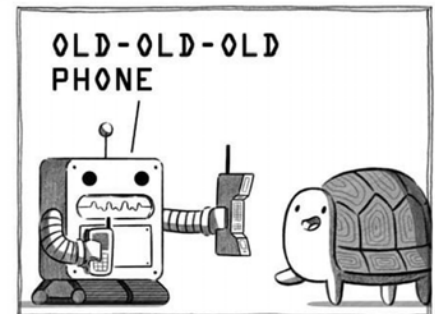
Once again, Delnorte High School students and parents, under the supervision of Mrs. Nadia Melnyk are maintaining the cemetery grounds. If you have been at the cemetery lately, you will have noticed the usual high standard of maintenance and the well-kept grounds. Thank you, students and parents for doing such a great job in a hot, smokey summer.

You may have also noticed a number of small, grey metal crosses with names on them. Several graves were previously unmarked, although many were listed on our cemetery maps, the original oilskin and first surveyed map of 1953. Keith Whitmore located 50 graves by triangulating with other, marked graves, and confirmed their locations through the use of a rod to find the expected change in ground density that indicates a grave. The marked graves have all been added to the newest surveyed maps of 2018.

The County of Minburn owns the cemetery title and is ultimately responsible for its location and operation and has worked cooperatively with the ICC. In a response to a letter requesting more funding, County management sent a reply indicating their commitment to the maintenance of the Innisfree Cemetery through, not only a funding increase for this year, but increases for each of the next two years. In addition, the Chair and Vice Chairs of the ICC will meet with county management in early August to establish a more formal management plan of operation. This will make it possible for long term planning and clarify the roles and responsibilities for all parties.

The ICC would like to thank everyone who assists in the maintenance and upkeep of the grounds and individual graves, and to those families who have donated benches for the comfort of visitors to the cemetery. A suggestion for a gazebo or some way to provide a shelter for an onsite map and index of names has been made and will be discussed with the county at the upcoming meeting. It would be advantageous for anyone visiting the cemetery to be able to quickly confirm and locate gravesites.

Sheila Whitmore
Chair, Innisfree Cemetery Association



The Innisfree Prairie Bank of Commerce Museum & Art Gallery

About an Artifact

August 2023



Welcome to the Innisfree Prairie Bank of Commerce Museum's forum: *About an Artifact*, where you can find just a taste of addictive knowledge about some of the wondrous and beautiful items within the walls of our unique museum, echoing with days of old.

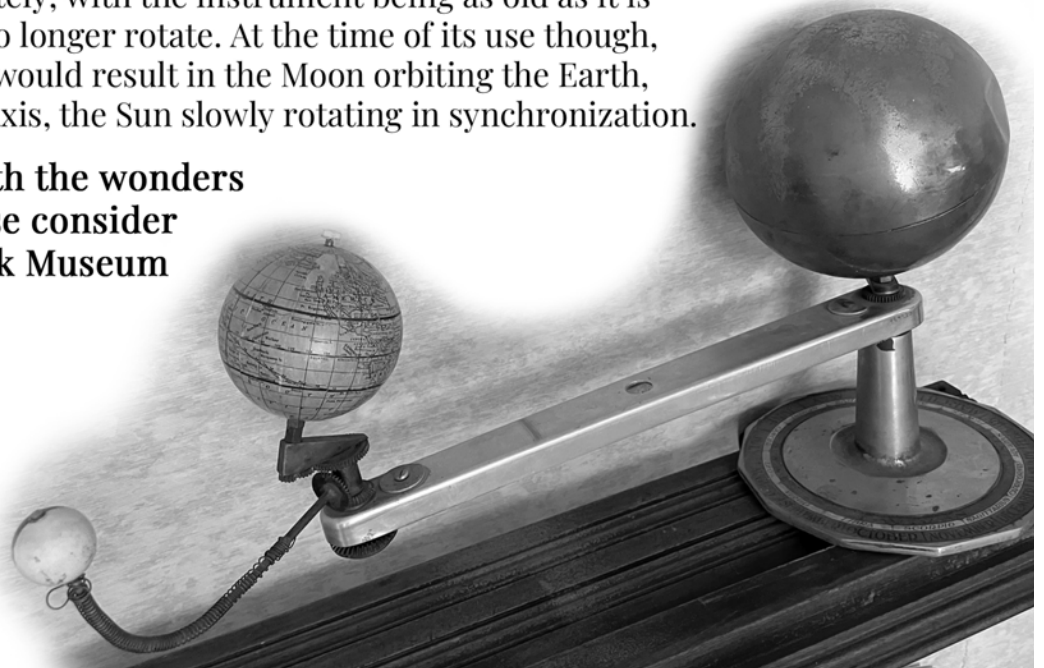
For this month's edition; our forum's second ever, I have chosen a very fascinating artifact which finds its home perched atop a small shelf in the Delnorte School room on the second floor of our museum: this antique planetarium has caught the eye of many of our tourists, those of whom first brought my attention to it, its beautiful detail not all obvious upon first glance. The base on which the apparatus stands has a diameter of 21 centimeters, its arm measuring 19.5 centimeters. This specific planetarium depicts only the Sun, which appears to be made of partially-painted or tarnished copper, Earth, a very small, but fully-inscribed globe, and the Moon, a small wooden ball. One hemisphere of the Moon is painted black, the other white, this, I believe, was meant to be a general depiction of the Moon's phases.

One of this artifact's most visually stunning and captivating features is a blue and gold astrological chart bordering the circumference of the base below the Sun. This celestial chart includes each month on the outermost band, the zodiac signs in the center, and the 4 seasons on the innermost band. I find it compelling that we no longer see such charts included on modern day planetariums, that humanity once again more often uses those 12 constellations for means of spirituality than astronomy.

As you could have assumed, this planetarium had been used in Innisfree School, and until its donation to our museum in 1999 by the Innisfree Agricultural Society, it had been stored in "the old white school" what is now the Millenium Building here in Innisfree. The device became the property of the Agricultural Society when the building was purchased from Buffalo Trail Regional School Division. Though there is no date or manufacturing stamp on the artifact, nor any other information to determine its age, based on inspection and research on the globe, I can estimate that it was made around the late 1920s. Unfortunately, with the instrument being as old as it is assumed to be, the planets can no longer rotate. At the time of its use though, turning the arm around the base would result in the Moon orbiting the Earth, which would rotate on its tilted axis, the Sun slowly rotating in synchronization.

To be further enriched with the wonders and realities of history, please consider visiting our local Prairie Bank Museum for a guided tour.

Donations allow our museum to remain open, thank you for your much appreciated ongoing support.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO LAND USE BYLAW

Pursuant to Section 230, 606 and 606.1 of the *Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26*, as amended, the Council of the Village of Innisfree hereby gives notice of its intention to adopt: **Bylaw No. 685-23**.

The Proposed **Bylaw 685-23** is to amend Land Use Bylaw 628-17, Section 3.2- Developments Not Requiring a Permit.

THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to Sections 606 and 606.1 of the Municipal Government Act a public hearing to consider the proposed bylaw will be held:

Date: Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Time: 5:00 PM

Place: Village of Innisfree Council Chambers
5116 - 50 Avenue
Innisfree, AB T0B 2G0

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT anyone wishing to make a verbal or written representation may do so at the hearing, or by providing the representation to Thelma Rogers, Interim Chief Administrative Officer, before 12:00 NOON on Tuesday, November 15, 2023.

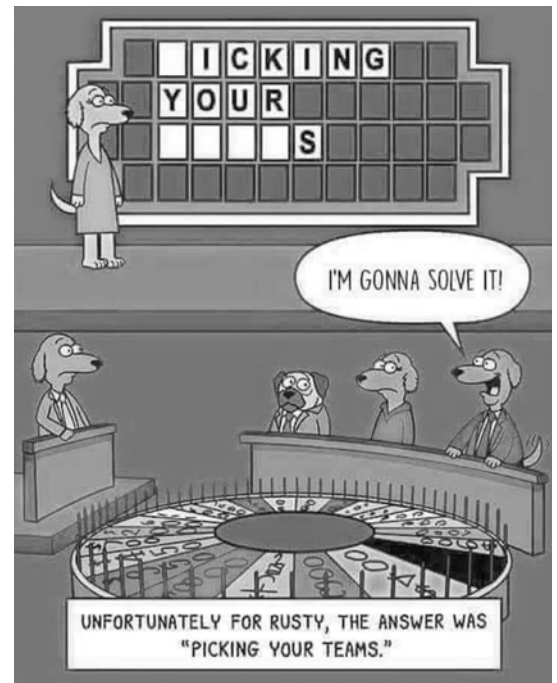
It would be beneficial for individuals to provide advance notice to the Village of Innisfree at 780-592-3886 of their intention to make a presentation at the hearing.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT a copy of the Proposed Bylaw is posted on our website www.innisfree.ca for review and may be inspected at the Village of Innisfree Office during regular business hours.

To obtain more information regarding the proposed changes, please contact:

Thelma Rogers
Interim Chief Administrative Officer
Village of Innisfree

Email: cao@innisfree.ca
Telephone: (780) 592-3886



Yesterday I ate a clock, it was very time consuming. Especially when I went back for seconds.



The last issue of the Informer had a list of 50 amazing things invented by Canadians but we would like to add one more that is an important one to our family.

History of the “29” Cribbage Board

The first number “29” crib board was originated by Mr. Edward Hirst of Burnaby, British Columbia, in 1953. At the age of 28 Mr. Hirst was overcome by polio, which left him paralyzed from the hips down, and as a consequence confined to a wheelchair. It was under these conditions that Mr. Hirst turned to his wood-working ability to produce a livelihood for his young family. From a number of items which he was able to design and produce came the “29” crib board, which proved to be a most popular item, not only with cribbage players but with everyone who saw it.

However, many people who wanted a “29” board were unable to buy one, because of the very limited quantity which Mr. Hirst was able to manufacture personally. Following Mr. Hirst’s death in 1960 no further supplies were available until early in 1962, at which time production of the new “29” board was undertaken by another Vancouver manufacturer.

Edward Hirst was the first husband of former Innisfree resident Mrs. Vera Spurr and the father of Innisfree resident Mrs. Gayle Foyster and grandfather to Naomi Foyster-Melnyk.

Q: What travels all around the world but stays in one corner?

A: A postage stamp!

Q: Why do fish like to eat worms?

A: Because they get hooked on them!

Q: What is a shark's favorite sandwich?

A: Peanut butter and jellyfish!

Q: What is a frog's favorite summer-time treat? **A: Hopsicles!**

Q: What do you call a fish that doesn't have any eyes (i's)? **A: A fish!**

Q: Why should you never blame a dolphin for doing anything wrong?

A: Because they never do it on porpoise!

Q: Why can't basketball players go on vacation?

A: They would get called for traveling!

Q: Which letter of the alphabet is the coolest? **A: Iced "T"!**

Q: Why are fish never good tennis players?

A: Because they never get close to the net!

Q: What's gray, has four legs and a trunk? **A: A mouse on vacation!**

Q: What do you call a snowman in July? **A: A puddle!**

Q: What's black and white and red all over? **A: A zebra with a sunburn!**

Q: What kind of music do killer whales like?

A: They listen to the orca-stra!

Extreme Sports Match-Up

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| 1. Jumping off large structures (no airplanes) | A. Supercross |
| 2. Riding Waves on your Stomach/Chest | B. Whitewater rafting |
| 3. Riding in small 1 person boat, down rapids | C. IceClimbing |
| 4. Jumping off rocks into water | D. Skimboarding |
| 5. Dirtbikes | E. Scootering |
| 6. Moving through urban obstacles | F. BMX |
| 7. Large one person kite | G. HangGliding |
| 8. Scaling large walls of ice | H. Skateboarding |
| 9. Motors Water bikes | I. Windsurfing |
| 10. Pulled by Kite over water | J. Snowboarding |
| 11. Bike riding (extreme) | K. Parkour |
| 12. Scaling large walls of stone | L. RollerBlading |
| 13. Skimming across thin water and then riding waves | M. Rockclimbing |
| 14. 2 wheeled skateboard with handlebars | N. BodyBoarding |
| 15. Riding board with 4 wheels, grinding rails, jumping off ramps | O. Jetskiing |
| 16. Riding 2 Thin boards on each foot on snow | P. CliffJumping |
| 17. Riding 1 board on snow | Q. Skiing |
| 18. Riding waves on a board with fins | R. BaseJumping |
| 19. Riding waves with Sail on a board | S. Surfing |
| 20. Multi person boat down turbulent water | T. Kayaking |
| 21. Riding Shoes with wheels | U. KiteSurfing |

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Exhausting July... by Deb Barber



It feels like when I went to sleep the last day of June my yard was nicely manicured and my garden was in good order and then when I awoke on July 1st an explosion had occurred overnight and chaos ruled supreme and I wondered how did that happen?

It feels like I have spent all of July chasing my tail going from mowing, trimming, weeding and watering; then eat, sleep and repeat. I certainly have felt like I have been fighting a losing battle and I have decided to concede defeat! Reminiscing back to previous years I realized this is not a new phenomenon but rather appears to be an annual recurring nightmare I face. Taking a few deep breathes I made myself recall that each year at some point in time life does return some sort of normalcy. The yard is roped back into compliance and the garden yields sufficient supplies to feed us.

It doesn't help that berry picking occurs smack dab in the middle of all this havoc and I am thankful that this year the saskatoon bushes took a step back and did not produce with the same ferocity that they did last year. The chokecherries as well have paled in comparison to the multitude they supplied previously. The raspberries however did step up to the plate and Farmer Hubby has been able to sneak in several pickings satisfying his need to fill buckets with berries!

During some of the continuous heat wave there were days that some plants required

watering three times daily as they were wilting in the extreme warmth! Everything else required at least two waterings to survive with the exception of the garden which has only had a couple of waterings as I decided it was on its own to sink or swim.

Apparently, tomatoes don't mind the heat as they have been busy producing and in my opinion nothing beats a ripe tomato plucked from the vine and eaten right there in the garden! For the first time in as long as I can recall I finally was able to grow some rosy, red radishes that were not wormy or fiery hot and the onions are coming in plump and delicious too.

After not having any gold finches come visit last year, we have been pleasantly surprised to have a flock of ten to fifteen that show up daily at the 'all you can eat' sunflower buffet I put out. We also get visited daily by George the Fourth or possibly Fifth squirrel (the cats have figured out how to catch squirrels, so they live in peril and often provide the cats with a tasty meal). I don't mind the squirrels until they decide to dig through my flowerpots uprooting my plants and then I allow the cats to proceed with open warfare on them! We also seem to have accrued a friendly crow; he comes to the buffet daily as well but has negotiate a truce with the finches as they all eat together like one big family.

The hummingbirds have been demanding tenants happily letting me know when the feeders are either empty or have become stale. I hang three feeders and it never ceases to amaze me that they all must eat

from the same feeder at the same time ensuing in a battle of the bullets. Also, for the first time I have seen them in the canola field flitting from flower to flower, I did not realize that they liked canola nectar and it has been fascinating watching them.

The gazebo has finally come to completion with the roof newly shingled complete with cupola, planter baskets hung around the entrance archways and the furniture assembled and placed inside. I have discovered that my barn cat Pinkie is convinced that this wonder was built specifically with him in mind and whenever I take a moment to sit inside it and just relax, he is right there to have a chat with me.

July and August are the months for all the small-town fairs, with parades, bench shows, cattle/horse shows and all kinds of delicious and fattening foods. I hope everyone has the opportunity to attend at least one or two as it is a great time to reconnect with family, neighbours and friends.



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



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50/50 Raffle



Draw Date: Aug 3, 2023 at the pancake breakfast - Tickets \$2 each

Tickets available soon at the Museum, with our members, around town and via the Informer! Thank you for your support!

I'm really bad at portioning uncooked pasta. So if you and 100 of your friends wanna come over, dinner is ready.



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