

The Innisfree Informer

Deb's Message in a Minute

I see the Christmas Lights are a twinkling around town. Take a drive around and enjoy the celebrations of lights, and of course the Village Christmas Tree Lighting Up Festivities will be December 15. Watch the Village Web site and posters for more details. Innisfree Senior Citizens are planning their Christmas Potluck Supper Dec. 8. It has always been a great time for everyone. You do not have to be a senior to enjoy the evening. Everyone is welcome.

Efforts are being planned to get the ice in at the curling rink and the skating rink. I love the mild temperatures, but it will delay the making of ice in the Agriplex.

I am happy to report that the Innisfree Bottle Depot is open with new hours. They are ready to accept your bottles and cans from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day of the week!

The Innisfree Library continues to be a warm and welcoming place to visit and look for a good book. And now the library will be open more days! The library will be open Tuesday to Saturday starting Oct.31 for a 6-month trial period.

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

Christmas Recipe

A pound of fun
And a pound of joy
Make a nice present
For a girl or boy.

A cup of goodness
And a cup of love
Really are gifts
From heaven above.

A pinch of holly
And a pinch of pine -
Now, we know
It's Christmas time.

- Gay Dowling





INNISFREE & DISTRICT
FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION

ANTLER SCORING

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH 6:00 P.M.

INNISFREE AGRI-PLEX

Complimentary Hot Dogs, Pop & Coffee

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



Happy Birthday!

- Dec 2: Elsie Saskiw
- Dec 4: Koreen Fowler
- Dec 5: Jana Sen
- Dec 7: Shawn Fleck
- Dec 11: Mike Fundytus
- Dec 12: Randy Cannan
- Dec 12: LilyAnn Logan
- Dec 15: Olivia Nott
- Dec 16: Bonny Anderson
- Dec 16: Joe Pocock
- Dec 16: Barb Crozier
- Dec 18: Susan Bergman
- Dec 18: Arlene Gnyra



- Dec 19: Kelly Anderson
- Dec 19: Dallas Dobler
- Dec 19: Madison Isley
- Dec 19: Deanna Jackson
- Dec 19: Norah Melnyk
- Dec 19: Boe Myshaniuk
- Dec 23: Blair Newton
- Dec 24: Marilyn Newton
- Dec 25: Lisa McMahon
- Dec 26: Brooke Magosse
- Dec 28: Justin Cannan
- Dec 29: Camille Kassian
- Dec 29: Melissa Porter
- Dec 31: Carmen Nott

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.

Greetings from the Innisfree Kindergarten classroom!

This November, our young students have been hard at work improving all their skills. They have enjoyed studying Brown Bear, Brown Bear, and are doing a fantastic job counting up and down from 10. They have begun learning about how the seasons change and how we adjust our lives depending on the weather. They have even started learning about emotions. We are so proud of the fantastic progress they've made!

To keep things fun, we have had several themes this month, including cowboys and cowgirls, outer space, and animals. Our themed activities have involved practicing our hula hoop "lasso" skills, listening to a story read-aloud recorded in space by an astronaut, and exploring the diversity of the animal kingdom. We are also excitedly preparing for the school's Christmas concert. Every day, our kindergarteners practice their song eagerly and continue to hum it and sing their favourite parts all throughout the day. The approaching holidays and winter season mean we can enjoy many new activities in our classroom, and we are all very excited. Best wishes from the Innisfree Kindergarten class!

Innisfree Preschool & Kindergarten ANNUAL CASH RAFFLE

First Prize \$1500
Second prize \$500 Second prize \$250



Tickets \$10

Draw date: December 22, 2023

Contact Krystin @ 780-806-3490 for information
Contact any Kindergarten/Preschool parent for tickets

Only 600 tickets printed!
Raffle license #653138

How to Draw a Reindeer

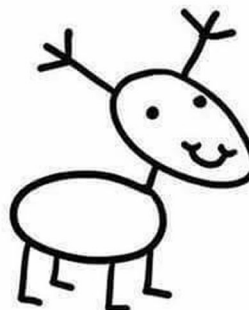
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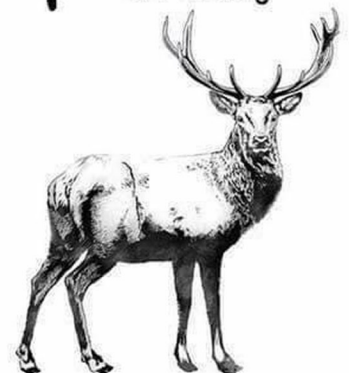
2 Add the antlers and face



3 Draw the body, neck and legs



4 Add fine details and shading



C OUTDOOR

One snowman said to another, "I'd heard that carrots are very good for your eyes, but all I can see are carrots..."

R Everyone knows about Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer.

But few know about Harold the Brown Nose Reindeer.

He was as strong as the rest, and could fly as high... he just couldn't stop as fast.



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What's every elf's favorite type of music?
WRAP!

EVENTS CALENDAR

Here's What's Happening!

- Dec 3: Trade Show
- Dec 6: Village of Innisfree Library Board Meeting
- Dec 8: Innisfree Fish and Game Horn Scoring
- Dec 8: Innisfree Seniors Potluck Christmas Supper
- Dec 10: Santa Tea
- Dec 12: Innisfree Senior Citizens Meeting
- Dec 12: Village of Innisfree Council Meeting
- Dec 15: Village Christmas Tree Lighting Festivities
- Dec 18: Music Jam
- Dec 21: Innisfree Delnorte School Christmas Concert
- Dec 25: Merry Christmas!
- Jan 1: Happy New Year!
- Jan 2: Innisfree Curling Club begins curling

Please send your event info (name, date, location) by December 28 to be included in the January Calendar of Events



Is someone special celebrating next month?

Send in your JANUARY

Birthdays & Anniversaries for the January issue!

Please send birthday or anniversary names and dates by December 28 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**

Each day
is a *gift*

**Me, wrapping
gifts**

**Where did the
scissors go?! I JUST
HAD THEM!**



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**I found the scissors,
where's the tape?!**

**I lost the scissors
again!!**



Fun fact: Rudolph was almost named Rollo or Reginald and his crew also had lots of other names. They've previously been called Flossie, Glossie, Racer, Pacer, Scratcher, Feckless, Ready, Steady and Fireball.

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES

- Check out Volunteer Connector <https://www.volunteerconnector.org/> for local volunteer opportunities or contact us if you need assistance to recruit helpers for an upcoming event
- Please help us by taking a few minutes to fill out a Needs Assessment Survey that will help gain a deeper understanding of our service area and it's unique needs. You can access the survey by using this QR code or contact us about obtaining a paper copy. Survey closes December 22, 2023
- Visit the Community Bulletin Boards for events calendar
- Lets Talk: Dates and Presentations to be announced as scheduled



KALYNA MMI FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK

- Facebook: MMI Family Resource Network
- Mannville Red Wagon Parent & Play: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month 10-11:30am in the United Church basement
- Minburn Red Wagon Parent & Play: 2nd Tuesday monthly 10-11:30am at the Rec Centre
- Ranfurly Red Wagon 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 Thursday** of each month at 7pm in the Mannville McQueen United Church basement
- Call or text Alicia Rutt at 780-581-4149

**November 21, 2023 Council Meeting Highlights
 Regular Council Meeting**

Policy:

- **Residential IN-Fill Incentive Policy 3900-02** was endorsed by Council.

New Business:

- Council endorsed the Village 2024 Membership and advertising with GoEast of Edmonton Tourism.
- Council endorsed the public advertising for several Tax Forfeiture properties with the requirement of a "Re-Develop Caveat":
 - o Lot 1, Block 19, Plan 3340HW
 - o Lot West PT 38, Block 1, Plan 4175R & Lot East PT 38, Block 1, Plan 4155R (recommending it as 1 parcel with allowance to re-consolidate all of Lot 38.)
- Council endorsed the Reserve Bids for the 2022 Tax Arrears properties for a January 25, 2024, Public Tax Auction for the following properties:

Linc#0023617988

Legal: SW11-51-11-W4M

Lincs#0018368266/0018368274

Legal: 4175R, 6; 4 – 6

Linc# 0026518663

Legal: 8621236; 22; 2

Linc#0010902500

Legal: 8621236; 22; 3

- Council endorsed the promotion of a Village Land Sales Schedule with property information such as Legal and civic address, lot sizes and price.
 - Council endorsed the rescheduling of the December Regular Council meeting from December 19th to Dec.12th.
 - Council scheduled the Annual 2023 Christmas Light Up for Friday, December 15th at 6:00 PM.
 - Council donated several History books to the Innisfree Prairie Bank of Commerce Historical Society.
 - Council approved the Village of Innisfree Public Library 2024 Operating Budget.
 - Council approved the Village of Innisfree 2024 Interim Operating Budget.
 - Council directed a letter of support to be sent to the Town of Vermilion in their quest to regionalize Vermilion Airport.
- Please see the Village website for more information on the new policy and other pertinent information from the minutes: www.innisfree.ca

I DON'T KNOW WHO NEEDS TO HEAR THIS, BUT IF YOUR TODDLER WALKS PAST YOU LUGGING A STEP STOOL, NOTHING GOOD IS ABOUT HAPPEN.



None of us sit high enough to look down on anyone

Fun Fact: Nine days before Christmas in 1965, astronauts Wally Schirra and Tom Stafford aboard the Gemini 6 told Mission Control that they saw an "unidentified flying object" about to enter Earth's atmosphere, traveling in the polar orbit from north to south. Just as things got tense, they interrupted the broadcast with "Jingle Bells," as Wally played a small harmonica accompanied by Tom shaking a handful of small sleigh bells.



SANTA TEA

December 10th

2:00pm

Innisfree Rec. Center

Light Lunch & Refreshments to Follow

Silver Collection at Door

Donation Box for Vegreville Christmas Bureau will be available

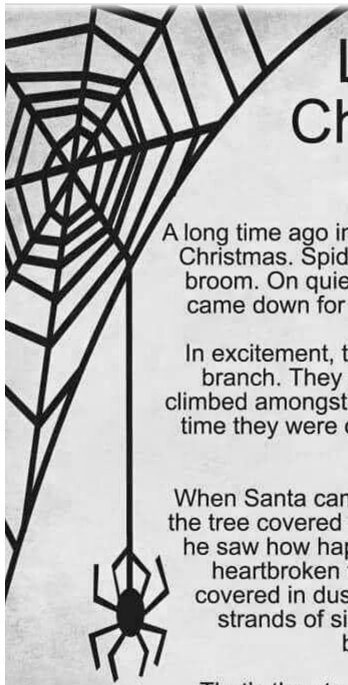
Legend of the Christmas Spider

A long time ago in Germany, a mother was cleaning for Christmas. Spiders fled up to the attic to escape the broom. On quiet Christmas Eve, the spiders slowly came down for a peek. "Oh, what a beautiful tree!"

In excitement, they scurried up and out along each branch. They were filled with happiness as they climbed amongst the glittering beauty. But alas! By the time they were done, the tree was shrouded in their dusty grey web.

When Santa came with gifts for the children and saw the tree covered with spider webs, he smiled because he saw how happy the spiders were, but knew how heartbroken the mother would be if she saw it covered in dusty webs. So he turned the webs to strands of silver and the tree was even more beautiful than before.

That's the story of tinsel on trees and why every tree should have a Christmas Spider in it's branches.



Merry CHICKmas!

THE CHICKEN CHICKS
FARM FRESH EGGS



GRACY AND KASHLYN MORRIS
INNISFREE, ALBERTA
639-471-0965

Prairie Rose Veterinary Services 780-592-VETS



MERRY
Christmas

& BEST WISHES
FOR THE NEW YEAR!

from Tawnya & Christine



MERRY
Christmas
FROM THE
INNISFREE AG SOCIETY

LESSONS FROM A CHRISTMAS TREE



BE A LIGHT IN THE
DARKNESS

WE ALL FALL OVER
SOMETIMES

YOU CAN NEVER WEAR
TOO MUCH GLITTER

BRING JOY TO OTHERS

SPARKLE & TWINKLE AS
OFTEN AS POSSIBLE

IT'S OKAY TO BE A LITTLE
TILTED

~ JANE LEE LOGAN



Happy
Holidays!

from our family to yours

RE/MAX
Prairie Realty

Charlotte Smith (780)853-7753

As we take time to reflect back on this past year...

Welcome to the new faces in Innisfree and
to old friends gone - til we meet again.

I appreciate the support from this great community and
we, at RE/MAX Prairie Realty, are happy to give back...
supporters of the Ukrainian Dance Club's Malaynka and
the Innisfree-Minburn 4-H Beef Club Achievement Day.

As always, a portion from every home sale is donated to
the Children's Miracle Network. Thank you!!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year - Charlotte

News from the Innisfree Walking Club

SEASONS GREETINGS TO YOU ALL!

This time of year always seems to be a time when we eat appetizers and graze through to Christmas Day and the big turkey. I did not have anyone send me suggestions/recipes for side dishes to that turkey dinner so I thought I would include a few appetizer recipes we enjoy especially on Christmas Eve.

The spinach dip is fantastic and we add to the table with a charcuterie board of cold meats, cheeses, nuts and olives. Also like to warm up a few sausage rolls, add a big fresh salad and some crusty breads or buns. Getting hungry just writing this!

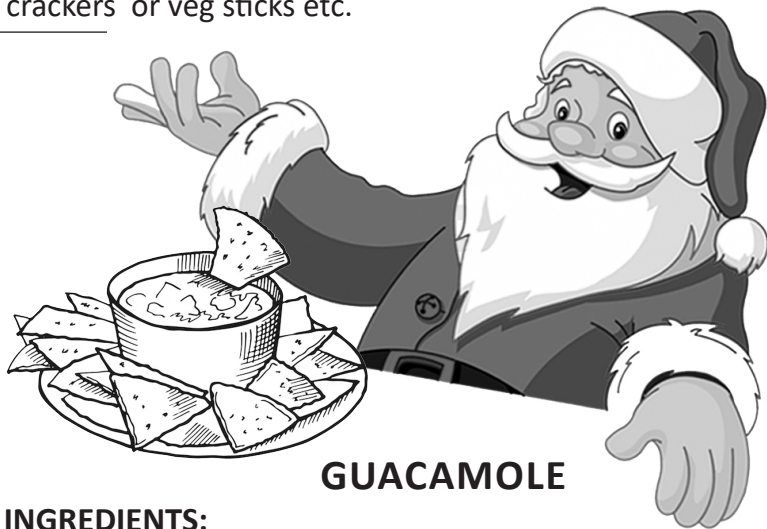
TIM'S MARVELOUS SPINACH DIP

INGREDIENTS:

- ½ cup sour cream
- ½ cup mayo
- 1 pkg Knorr leek soup
- 1 10 oz can water chestnuts, drained & chopped
- 1 bunch spinach ,washed, pat dry & coarsely chopped
(or 1 box baby spinach(5 oz)
- 2 drops Tabasco(optional)

DIRECTIONS:

- Blend all ingredients altogether and put in fridge for at least one hour.
- Enjoy this dip with pieces of sourdough bread or crackers or veg sticks etc.



GUACAMOLE

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 Avocados: *peeled, halved, pitted & cut into 1" pieces*
- ¼ C Mayonnaise
- 1 ½ T instant minced onion
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ to ½ tsp chilli powder
- ¼ tsp pepper

DIRECTIONS:

Mash up avocados and add all ingredients. Refrigerate till cold and ready to use. If you like your guacamole chunky don't mash too much.

CARAMEL CORN SNACK

(Note: Read this recipe over completely before you start)

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup popcorn seeds
- 1 cup butter
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup peanuts (optional)

DIRECTIONS:

- Pop 1 cup of popcorn seeds. If seeds left in popper make sure you replace those at end and pop.
- IN A POT MELT butter, brown sugar, Corn Syrup
- Melt and stir together then bring to a boil. Boil 5 mins. Do not stir during the 5 mins. Remove from heat.
- Add baking soda. Stir well. Add vanilla. Stir well.
- Put popcorn in large greased roaster and add peanuts if desired.
- Pour caramel over popcorn and mix well with wooden spoon. WORK FAST as it hardens quickly.
- Cook uncovered 1 hour and 15 mins. Stir every 15 mins without fail.
- When done spread on wax paper or parchment paper and let cool. Break up and store in container with loose fitting lids.

These tarts are best served warm. The cooked tarts can be cooled and frozen . When ready to use wrap some thawed tarts in tin foil and reheat in oven till warm. Serve and enjoy!

MUSHROOM TARTS

INGREDIENTS:

Raw tart shells
¾ Cup chopped onion
2 Tbsp butter
1 lb fresh mushrooms, chopped small
1 Tbsp lemon juice
1 Tbsp cornstarch & water
1 Cup cream (half and half or light)
½ Cup grated cheddar cheese or other

DIRECTIONS:

-Saute chopped onion and mushrooms in butter.
-Add all other ingredients and stir until it thickens.
-Fill unbaked tart shells and bake in oven at 375 F for about 12 mins or until they look done.

SHRIMP OR CRAB TARTS

INGREDIENTS:

Raw tart shells
¾ Cup chopped onion
2 Tbsp butter
½ lb fresh mushrooms, chopped small
1 Tbsp lemon juice
1 Tbsp cornstarch & water
1 Cup cream (half and half or light)
½ Cup grated cheddar cheese or other
1 or 2 cans crab or shrimp-drained

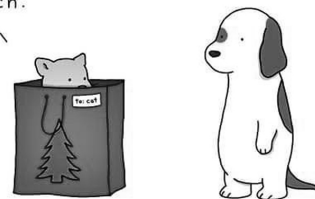
DIRECTIONS:

-Saute chopped onion and mushrooms in butter.
-Add all other ingredients and stir until it thickens.
-Fill unbaked tart shells and bake in oven at 375 F for about 12 mins or until they look done.

this bag is empty. did you just get me an empty bag?



I love it so much.



NUTS N BOLTS

SNACK MIX

6 C Cheerios 1 C Peanuts
6 C Rice Chex 1 C corn chips
3 C Stick Pretzels 1 to 2 cups bugles
4 C Mixed Nuts

DIRECTIONS:

-Preheat oven to 250 degrees.
-Combine all snack mix ingredients in large roaster.
-Combine all butter and seasoning ingredients until well combined.
-Pour over snack mix and keep stirring until all coated.

-Bake 1 ½ hours, stirring every 30 mins
-Cool completely and store in airtight container.

BUTTER SEASONING

1 Cup Melted Butter
4 – 5 Tbsp Worcestershire Sauce
2 heaped tsp seasoning salt
3 tsp garlic powder
(increase this according to your tastes)
1 tsp onion powder

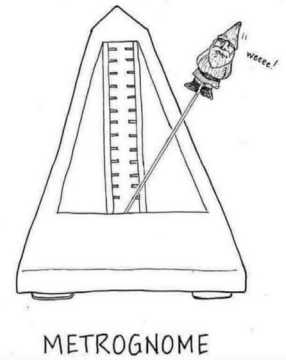
The Informer wishes to extend a huge thank you to Gayle Foyster for her delicious recipes all year long!



**Village of Innisfree
Tax Forfeiture Properties for Sale**

Civic Address	Legal Address			Lot sizes
	Lot	Block	Plan	
5102 – 51 Ave.	1	19	3340HW	5,760 SF
5015 – 51 St.	Lot West PT 38	1	4175R	3,600 SF
4123 - 51 St.	Lot East PT 38	1	4155R	1,800 SF
4815 – 55 St.	5	17	8776S	6,250 SF

NOTE: The Village has registered the above lands in the Municipality's name under Tax Forfeiture. Developer's interested in these properties must agree to the registration of a Caveat for the Redevelopment of the Property per the Terms of a Sales Agreement.



**VILLAGE OF INNISFREE
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY FOR SALE**

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

CIVIC ADDRESS	LEGAL ADDRESS			ROLL#	PROPERTY SIZE/ DIMENSIONS	ZONE	VILLAGE PRICE	GST (5%)	TOTAL LAND
	PLAN	BLOCK	LOT(S)						
5207 - 50 Avenue	4175R	6	3 & PT.4	1420	6,760ft ² Lot 3: 26'x150' Lot 4: 19.07'x150'	C1 - Downtown Commercial	10,140.00	507.00	10,647.00
5109 - 50 Avenue	4175R	7	5	1650	3,900ft ² 26'x150'	C1 - Downtown Commercial	5,850.00	292.50	6,142.50

**Village of Innisfree
Residential Land for Sale**

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

CIVIC ADDRESS	LEGAL ADDRESS			ROLL#	PROPERTY SIZE/ DIMENSIONS	ZONE	VILLAGE PRICE (EXCLUDES GST.)	GST (5%)	TOTAL LAND PRICE
	PLAN	BLOCK	LOT(S)						
5009 - 50 Street	4175R	3	1	600	3,600ft ² "Triangular"	R1 - Low Density Residential	1,800.00	90.00	1,890.00
5040 - 53 Street	8776S	12	16	2890	6,250ft ² 50'x125'	R1 - Low Density Residential	3,125.00	156.25	3,281.25

Village of Innisfree Library Report

Thank you to everyone who attended our Holiday in the Hallway fundraiser event for organizations in the Millennium Building. The night was a success with great food, company and items to win!

Once again, we have our Giving Tree set up for the Holiday Season. This year we will be accepting donations for the Mannville Food Bank & the Vegreville Christmas Bureau. Deadline to donate for these organizations is December 8th.

We are also accepting donations once again for the Interval Home in Lloydminster; a shelter for women and children fleeing domestic violence. We are accepting donations until December 16.

Our December Early Literacy Program will be held early this month, on December 14. Join us from 10am - 11:30am for a fun filled morning about Gingerbread Houses.

Don't forget that we are now open from 3-7pm on Tuesdays & 10am-2pm on Saturdays!

Give the gift of kindness this season...

Christmas Margarita

Tequila
Triple Sec
White Cranberry Juice
Lime Juice
Cranberries
Simple Syrup



Rudolph's Tippy Punch

Orange Juice
Cranberry Juice
Ginger Ale
Vodka
Maraschino Cherry Juice



Dirty Snowman Adult Hot Chocolate Cocktail

1 T chocolate syrup
1 T chocolate sprinkles
1 scoop vanilla ice cream
¼ cup Kahlua
1 T dark creme de cacao liqueur
1 cup hot chocolate



DRUNKEN Rudolph



whole milk
hot cocoa mix
vanilla ice cream
Baileys Irish Cream liqueur
Fireball Cinnamon Whiskey



And one for the kids! ↪

GRINCH Punch

PINEAPPLE JUICE
LEMON LIME SOFT DRINK
LIME FLAVORED SHERBET
HAWAIIAN PUNCH GREEN BERRY RUSH
RED SUGAR CRYSTALS



PRINT RECIPE >>> <https://princesspinkygirl.com/>

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Be an Eagle

I was waiting in line for a ride at the airport. When a cab pulled up, the first thing I noticed was that the taxi was polished to a bright shine. Smartly dressed in a white shirt, black tie, and freshly pressed black slacks, the cab driver jumped out and rounded the car to open the back passenger door for me. He handed me a



laminated card and said: 'I'm Wasu, your driver. While I'm loading your bags in the trunk I'd like you to read my mission statement.' Taken aback, I read the card. It said: Wasu's Mission Statement: To get my customers to their destination in the quickest, safest, and cheapest way possible in a friendly environment. This blew me away. Especially when I noticed that the inside of the cab matched the outside. Spotlessly clean!

As he slid behind the wheel, Wasu said, 'Would you like a cup of coffee? I have a thermos of regular and one of decaf.' I said jokingly, 'No, I'd prefer a soft drink.' Wasu smiled and said, 'No problem. I have a cooler up front with regular and Diet Coke, lassi, water, and orange juice.' Almost stuttering, I said, 'I'll take a lassi since I've never had one before.' Handing me my drink, Wasu said, 'If you'd like something to read, I have Good Housekeeping magazine, Reader's Digest, The Bible, and a Travel + Leisure magazine.' As they were pulling away, Wasu handed me another laminated card, 'These are the stations I get and the music they play, if you'd like to listen to the radio.' And as if that weren't enough, Wasu told me that he had the heater on and asked if the temperature was comfortable for me. Then he advised me of the best route to my destination for that time of day. He also let me know that he'd be happy to chat and tell me about some of the sights or, if I preferred, to leave me with my own thoughts.

'Tell me, Wasu,' I was amazed and asked him, 'have you always served customers like this?' Wasu smiled into the rear-view mirror. 'No, not always. In fact, it's only been in the last two years. My first five years driving, I spent most of my time complaining like all the rest of the cabbies do. Then I heard about power of choice one day.' 'Power of choice is that you can be a duck or an eagle.' 'If you get up in the morning expecting to have a bad day, you'll rarely disappoint yourself. Stop complaining!' 'Don't be a duck. Be an eagle. Ducks quack and complain. Eagles soar above the crowd.' 'That hit me right,' said Wasu. He continued and said, 'It is about me. I was always quacking and complaining, so I decided to change my attitude and become an eagle. I looked around at the other cabs and their drivers. The cabs were dirty, the drivers were unfriendly, and the customers were unhappy. So, I decided to make some changes. I put in a few at a time. When my customers responded well, I did more.'

'I take it that has paid off for you,' I said. 'It sure has,' Wasu replied. 'My first year as an eagle, I doubled my income from the previous year. This year I'll probably quadruple it. My customers call me for appointments on my cell phone or leave a message on it.' Wasu made a different choice. He decided to stop quacking like ducks and start soaring like eagles. Have an eagle life ahead....

What's Coming Up

DECEMBER WIB MEMBER GATHERING

Wednesday, December 13th, 2023 at 7pm

at the Innisfree Library

Topic: *Creating Graphics and Materials using the software Canva*

SATURDAY DROP-IN SESSION

We will have on drop-in session for this month, on **Saturday, December 16th, 10am-2pm**. Our Saturday sessions are an opportunity to work on projects, network and get support.

WELLNESS WEBINAR SERIES

Members have access to a three part wellness webinar series. Our October and November classes will be available by replay, and our final session is. **December 13th at 6pm via Zoom**. This final class is called Respect Your Limits and is about setting healthy boundaries.

INNISFREE TRADE SHOW

December 3rd, 10am-4pm

Innisfree Rec Centre - Some of our Members will be sharing their products and we will be there along with the Innisfree Library. We invite you to stop by, say hello, and learn more about our program.



This Month's Business Tip

Build a tool box of good habits to help you sustain your business. Including some of these:

- surround yourself with people who will support you and challenge you
- take time to consider your customers' point of view
- be grateful for your competitors
- build a team and delegate where possible
- stay connected - build and nurture your client email list



Every time you support a small business — an actual person does a little happy dance!

Thank you for supporting the small businesses in our community.

We wish you and your families a wonderful Holiday Season.

GET TO KNOW US

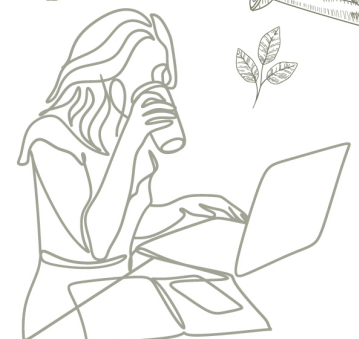
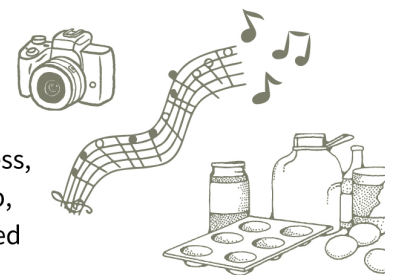
Our members are music teachers and musicians, bakers, photographers, B&B owners, landscape artists, thrift shop owners, artists, writers, business strategists, administrative support, and so much more.

If you are a Woman in Business who owns/operates a business, whether it is brick-and-mortar, online/virtual, a pop-up shop, an MLM (multi-level marketing), or you are just getting started with an idea — we invite you to join our program.

We offer networking, learning events, and resources to help you grow your business! For more information email us at wibprogram@gmail.com or connect with one of our Coordinator's by phone.

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Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Have yourself a merry little Christmas
Let your heart be light
From now on
our troubles will be out of sight

Have yourself a merry little Christmas
Make the Yule-tide gay
From now on your troubles will be miles away

Here were are as in olden days
happy golden days of yore
Faithful friends who are dear to us
to gather near to us once more

Through the years we all will be together
If the Fates allow
Hang a shining star upon the highest bough
And have yourself a merry little Christmas now.

I'll Be Home for Christmas

I'll be home for Christmas
You can plan on me
Please have snow and mistletoe
And presents on the tree

Christmas Eve will find me
Where the love light gleams
I'll be home for Christmas
If only in my dreams

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It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

It's the most wonderful time of the year
With the kids jingle belling
And everyone telling you "Be of good cheer"
It's the most wonderful time of the year
It's the hap-happiest season of all

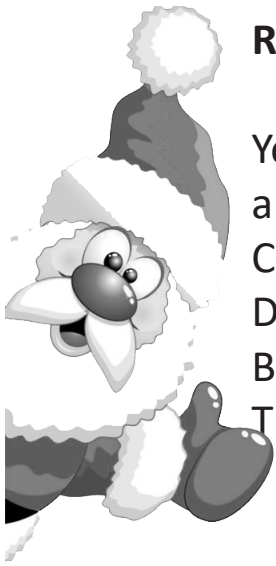
With those holiday greetings and gay happy
meetings
When friends come to call
It's the hap- happiest season of all

There'll be parties for hosting
Marshmallows for toasting
And caroling out in the snow
There'll be scary ghost stories
And tales of the glories of
Christmases long, long ago

It's the most wonderful time of the year
There'll be much mistletoeing
And hearts will be glowing
When love ones are near
It's the most wonderful time of the year

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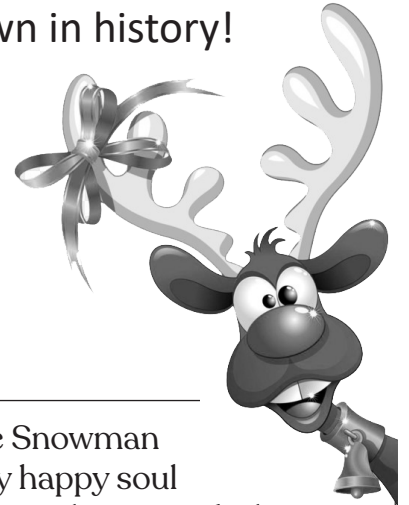
Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer

You know Dasher, and Dancer,
and Prancer, and Vixen,
Comet, and Cupid, and
Donder and Blitzen
But do you recall
The most famous reindeer of all

They never let poor Rudolph
play in any reindeer games.
Then one foggy Christmas eve
Santa came to say:
"Rudolph with your nose so
bright,
won't you guide my sleigh
tonight?"

Rudolph, the red-nosed
reindeer
had a very shiny nose
and if you ever saw it
you would even say it
glows.
All of the other rein-
deer
used to laugh and call
him names

Then all the reindeer loved him
as they shouted out with glee,
Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,
you'll go down in history!



Santa Claus is Coming to Town

You better watch out
You better not cry
Better not pout
I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is coming to
town

He's making a list
And checking it twice
Gonna find out Who's
naughty and nice
Santa Claus is coming to
town

He sees you when you're
sleeping
He knows when you're
awake
He knows if you've been
bad or good
So be good for goodness
sake!

O! You better watch out!
You better not cry
Better not pout
I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is coming to
town
Santa Claus is coming to
town

Frosty the Snowman

Frosty the Snowman
Was a jolly happy soul
With a corn cob pipe and a button
nose
And two eyes made out of coal

Frosty the Snowman
Is a fairytale they say
He was made of snow, but the chil-
dren know
How he came to life one day

There must have been some magic
In that old top hat they found
For when they placed it on his head
He began to dance around

Oh, Frosty the Snowman
Was alive as he could be
And the children say he could laugh
and play
Just the same as you and me

Frosty the Snowman
Was a jolly happy soul
With a corn cob pipe and a button
nose
And two eyes made out of coal

Frosty the Snowman
Is a fairytale they say
He was made of snow, but the chil-
dren know
How he came to life one day

Frosty the Snowman
Knew the sun was hot that day
So he said, "Let's run, and we'll have
some fun
Now before I melt away"

Frosty the Snowman
Had to hurry on his way
But he waved good-bye, saying,
"Don't you cry
I'll be back again some day!"

'Twas the night before Christmas

By Clement Clarke Moore

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all
through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by
name;

"Now, DASHER! now, DANCER! now, PRANCER
and VIXEN!
On, COMET! on CUPID! on, DONNER and BLITZEN!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my hand, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a
bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes -- how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook, when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly.

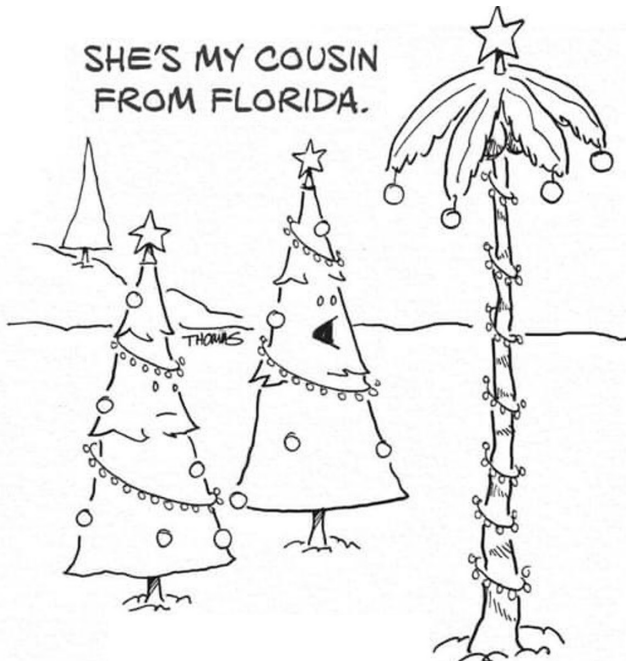
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOOD-
NIGHT!



SHE'S MY COUSIN
FROM FLORIDA.



Innisfree-Minburn 4-H Beef Club November Report

Submitted by Keely Chomik - Club Reporter

Welcome back, we have a very busy month ahead of us. We started off November with our monthly club meeting on November 1st, followed with weigh in on November 5th. We would like to thank the Harder Family Ranch for letting us use their facility. We have some great looking calves so are very excited to see the end results at our annual achievement day on May 29 2024. On November 10th we are excited to do our tire recycling fundraiser so if you have any old tires that you don't want just let us know so we can come, load them up and get rid of them for you.

We are doing another ice melt fundraiser this year. It is \$30 for a 16 kg pail if you are interested please contact one of our members or leaders. We have the Holiday in the Hall on November 22nd and our Club Christmas party in December. Our next club meeting will be on December 6. us and looking forward to our show and sale!



Innisfree Seed Cleaning Plant ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The Innisfree Municipal Seed Plant
Annual meeting will be on
JANUARY 10, 2023 at 7:30pm
Upstairs at the skating rink
Everyone welcome!

The Innisfree Senior Citizens Association

Invites you to our

Pot Luck Supper



at the Drop In Center on December 8, 2023

Bring a dish or by donation
The seniors will be supplying
Roast Turkey and
Smoked Beef Brisket.



Supper is at 6 pm Everyone welcome!



Innisfree and District Curling Club

Men's Spiel

Jan 26, 27 and 28

Entry Fee \$200/Team

League Curling starts

Jan 2

Please contact Chris
Nott 780-603-1024 to
enter

Women's Spiel

Feb 23, 24 and 25

Entry Fee \$200/Team

For Spiels or
SuperLeague please

contact: Deanna
Jackson 780-581-5871
or Allan Nott 780-581-
5154 to enter.

Mixed Spiel

Mar 22, 23 and 24

Entry Fee \$200

Entry Fee \$200/Team

SuperLeague

Starting Jan 4

Entry Fee \$400

**The Innisfree and District
Curling Club is looking for a
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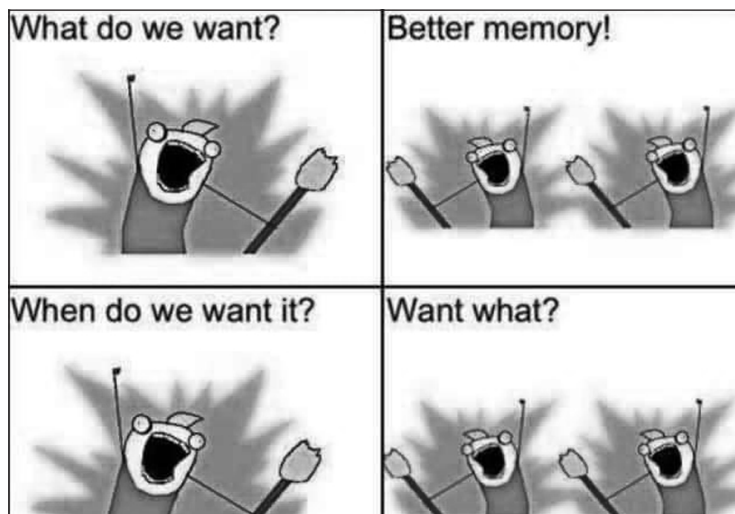
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Monday, January 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

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- empty garbages and bottles

CONTACT DEANNA
780-581-5871



Ho! Ho! Ho!

Baby Shower!

Please join us for a family baby shower celebrating the birth of Hayden & Emily's new baby boy:

BENNETT MARK ISLEY

Saturday, December 9, 2023 1pm

Myshaniuk Farm near Innisfree

Please RSVP by December 4

Marilyn 780-581-1040

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- christmas tree
- Hot chocolate
- marshmallows
- candy canes
- polar bears
- Mrs Claus
- crackers
- presents
- Penguin
- cookies
- Sleigh
- turkey
- Bells
- Santa
- Snow
- bows
- elf



- What reindeer game do reindeer play at sleepovers? Truth or deer.
- What does Rudolph want for Christmas? A Pony sleigh station.
- Where do Santa's reindeer stop for coffee? Star-bucks!
- What happens if you eat Christmas decorations? You get tinsel-it is.
- What do Santa's elves learn in school? The elf-abet.
- What do you call an obnoxious reindeer? Rude-olph.
- What do grapes sing at Christmas? 'Tis the season to be jelly.

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I just wanted a cup of tea but then I asked if anyone else wanted tea and now I work in catering

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 Friday 10:00am - 3:00pm

November Was... by Deb Barber



November certainly was spectacular and unexpected. Having an additional month to

be outside is certainly going to help shorten the winter! The dog and I went for a good walk everyday taking in the deep cobalt skies that Alberta is so famous for. We have four blue jays that have continued to feast on the black oil sunflower seeds strewn on the deck railing for them. Little chickadees flirting around picking up seeds as well. Then there was George the V or maybe VI (our resident squirrel) who lived up to his name by squirreling away an abundance of sunflower seeds in various hidden locations, hopefully he will recall where they are during the colder winter months.

Farmer Hubby has been working on removing some old tree stumps from trees he had cut down during the summer months. When that gets boring, he has been taking his little yard tractor out into the fields and has been picking rocks to pass the time! The fantastic weather has allowed him to continue with his projects here and there and I find him almost as happy as George (the squirrel)!!

I am finding it difficult to turn my mind towards thinking about hanging up Christmas lights and doing some festive decorating with no snow it is hard to get motivated to think of the jolly season soon to be upon us.

However, I was thinking about traditions and how they shape our ways of celebrating. When we were growing

up one of our Tantes (Aunts) from Holland would faithfully send us a Sinterklaas (Santa Claus) package every December. When I grew older I came to understand that she began this process in July in order for the parcel to arrive as close to December 5th as possible as that is the day traditionally that Dutch children received their gifts. The box would be filled with all sorts of Dutch goodies that were highly awaited for and enjoyed overseas by the children in the Netherlands. Some of the treats packed inside this much awaited box included: Bolletje Beschuit a round, crisp, toasted biscuit that we would cover with jam to consume for breakfast. De Ruijter Hagel which is like small logs of confetti also sprinkled on bread or toast we looked forward to both the chocolate and the multi coloured ones. It was tricky to eat the bread without them falling off but that was part of the attraction! There was always a bag of licorice, we usually got the ones that were cat shaped, the Dutch version of licorice is much harder and a bit saltier than what we are accustomed to but we would suck on them until our tongues turned black and then would stick them out at one another! Other delicacies included a very thin, crisp waffle like cookie referred to as Roomboter Stroofwafels. As well as Aviateur Gevelde Koken which is a thick, round almond cookie. Speculaas Koekjes are a hard, gingerbread cookie one of my personal favourites as well Ontbijtkek Gember (ginger cake). But what we all dug deep into the box for was the chocolate letters, they seldom were the letters from our names, but we didn't mind. Mom would allow us

to indulge in a sliver of them at a time, stretching out the goodness for as long as possible.

Tucked among the treats would often be a delft blue ceramic tile or a tea towel with the traditional colorful Dutch costumes embroidered along the edges. Maybe a Christmas tree ornament or a key ring. Every little item was cherished and sometimes fought over!

My beloved Tante Kenny has long since passed on, but I will always associate her with Christmas and the joy of the anticipation of that overseas box and the treasures that it brought to us in Canada.

Having the opportunity to now purchase many goods over the internet I have introduced some of my favorites, particularly the Dutch chocolate letters to my daughter and grandchildren so a small piece of our Dutch history continues to trickle down.

Whatever your family traditions maybe, whether they stem from your family's country of origin or are newer traditions you have incorporated into your own Christmas celebrations I hope you celebrate them with love and honour. From Farmer Hubby, myself and our critters we send you wonderful Merry Christmas wishes for this year and a blessed New Year offering all the best for 2024

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