

# The Innisfree Informer



May 2020

## Innisfree Mayor's Message in a Minute

We are winning! At least I think so. We have been social distancing and isolating. The week of April 12-18, Alberta had 2 days where no one died of Covid-19. Yet the end is not in



sight yet.

The Village office has placed a candle in its window to shed light and encourage people. A candle in the window shows its light in the darkness to help people find their way in these dark days.

We have been coping and managing as required by Alberta Health. Do not let the news reports consume your thoughts. Look for the good things in your life every day. Engage in Happiness.

The Village office and public works will remain closed for some time yet.

Essential services are still being looked after, so do not fear.

In case of emergencies, please contact Brooke at 780-581-3380. Updates are being posted on the Village web site, [www.innisfree.ca](http://www.innisfree.ca) and Facebook page, Village of Innisfree.

The Village of Innisfree would like to help anyone that may need supplies from the food bank or grocery store in Man-ville during these difficult times. Please email [admin@innisfree.ca](mailto:admin@innisfree.ca) or phone 780-592-3886. We can arrange doorstep delivery or curbside pick up for anyone in the surrounding area.

Waiting is hard, but please wait! We are in this together. You may feel lonely, but you are not alone.

Respectfully, Debbie McMann, Village of Innisfree Mayor

## Innisfree-Minburn 4-H Beef Club

### SALE DAY

Due to COVID-19 effects we are unable to hold in-person events, so we will be conducting a different sale this year. We will be doing a timed online auction through DLMS auction services.

**Wednesday, May 27, 2020**

**DLMS Auction website: [www.dlms.ca](http://www.dlms.ca)**

**2pm to 7pm**

***12 choice steers up for auction***

Video messages from our members showcasing their project steers will be on the DLMS site to view.

We have slots booked at three local slaughter houses for butcher in June.

### 2019-20 Members



Courtney Cannan  
Dylan Cannan  
Camille Kassian  
Carson Kassian  
Bradley McLaughlin  
Ainsley Bader

Rylan Jackson  
Alex Nott  
Madeline Nott  
Chase Forsyth  
Tyson Rudolf  
Morley Bader

Please contact Clint McLaughlin for details regarding the sale: 780-870-2435

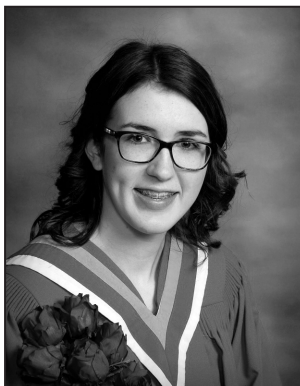
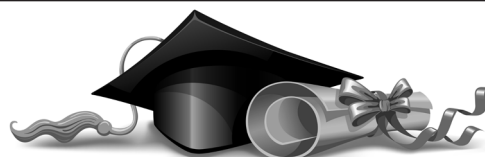
**Thank you for helping support our 4H Program!**

*Members of the Innisfree-Minburn 4H Beef Club*

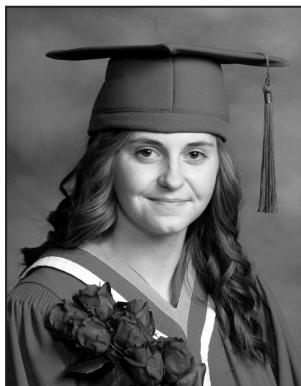
# Congratulations

## Delnorte School Graduating Class of 2020!

*The only impossible journey is one you never begin...*



Shaelynn Boere



Courtney Cannan



Brett Lindballe



C'iera Moyon



## Innisfree Preschool & Kindergarten Registration 2020/2021

**Registration deadline is May 15, 2020**

Kindergarten: Child must be 5 years old by  
December 30, 2020

Preschool: Child must be 4 years old  
by September 30, 2020

Due to COVID-19 please email:  
[innisfreeecs@gmail.com](mailto:innisfreeecs@gmail.com) to register your child.

*We have a wonderful privately run  
Kindergarten & Preschool.*

### Library News

The Village Of Innisfree Library remains closed to the public until further notice. Any items that our patrons currently have out are reset to a due date of May 31. No fines will be given during this period. There are also still no van run deliveries, so Patrons are unable to order any items in at this time.

We are thinking of new ways to deliver services, such as virtual story time and curb side pickup/drop off. Our manager is still in the library throughout the week and is available for any questions via email or phone. Please note that Marilyn is not necessarily there during our regular opening hours, but she will get back to you as soon as she is able. We hope you continue to stay safe and healthy!

Thank you, Marilyn Newton, *Library Manager*

### News from the Innisfree Seniors

The Innisfree Seniors Group and Village of Innisfree Library have with regret cancelled their planned bus trip for June 5, 2020 to the University of Alberta Botanical Gardens. We are hoping to re book something for later this year. We have all the monies collected ready to be returned to those of you that already paid.

### New feature coming in June Submissions welcome!

Looking for: Outdoor/Hunting/  
Fishing/Recreation related content.

If not, do you have a funny or interesting story about life in this area, current or past? (max 300 words)

Please email:  
[innisfreeinformer@gmail.com](mailto:innisfreeinformer@gmail.com)

**Kids helpline #**  
1-800-668-6868

**Mental Health Helpline #**  
1-877-303-2642

## Meet the Teacher!

Hi! My name is Ms. Kryz and I am going to be your preschool/kindergarten teacher! This will be my second year teaching at Innisfree. I am so thrilled to be your teacher! I love kindergarten and all the exploring, learning and fun we get to have.

I grew up and still currently live on a farm near St. Paul, Alberta. I really enjoy gardening so I can't wait until Spring finally decides to arrive!

I have been teaching for six years now. I have taught Kindergarten for two of those years.

I can't wait to spend the next year learning and growing with you!

### MY FAVOURITES:

Food: Tacos & Ukranian Food

Movie: Lion King & Frozen 1 & 2

Book: Anne of Green Gables

Color: Pink, Purple & Blue

Drink: Pina Coladas

Season: Spring & Summer

Sports Team: Edmonton Oilers

Animal: Siamese Cats

Hobby: Gardening



### Congratulations Innisfree Delnorte Class of 2020!

Graduation is an exciting time. It marks both an ending and a beginning; it's warm memories of the past and big dreams for the future.

*Congratulations from the Innisfree  
and District Agricultural Society*



### Congratulations & Best Wishes!

To the Innisfree Grad Class of 2020: You have reached a major milestone in your life. We are proud of everything you have accomplished. Congratulations and best wishes for the future!

*From the Minburn Agricultural Society*



### Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to the 2020 graduates of Innisfree School. Wishing you the best for your future!

*-Ranfurly & District Agricultural Society*

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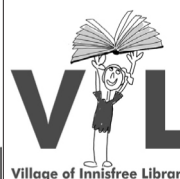
[peaceofmindhw@hotmail.com](mailto:peaceofmindhw@hotmail.com)  
Peace of Mind Health and Wellness

### Library Hours

Wednesday  
1:00pm - 7:00pm

Thursday  
12:00pm - 6:00pm

Friday  
10:00am - 3:00pm



Village of Innisfree Library

**780-592-2122**



## EVENTS CALENDAR!

**May 27: Innisfree-Minburn 4-H  
Beef Club Online Auction  
(www.dlms.ca)**

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

## Chudovyi Ukrainian Dancers of Innisfree

The Chudovyi Dancers have unfortunately had to cancel their annual Year End Concert due to social distancing requirements during this time. We are looking forward to a brand new season beginning in September 2020!

We would like to extend a special thank you for this season to:

- The Innisfree Hotel for their donation of water for the studio all year
- The Innisfree Ag Society for the use of the dance room for practices
- The Hall Board for the use of the Rec Centre for dress rehearsals and concerts
- The community members, friends & family that supported us this year with our Santa Tea, Malanka, and our various fundraisers.
- To Mr. T.J. Fenton for his instruction, inspiration and dedication to our dancers

*Thank you*



## Happy Birthday!

May 2: Reid Broadhead  
May 2: Hayden Isley  
May 9: Lemonee Kostynuk  
May 16: Eldon Kostynuk  
May 19: Genevieve Weder  
"91 years young!"  
May 26: Arnold Usenik

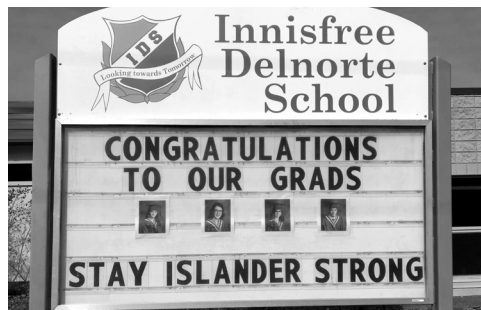


## Is someone special celebrating in June?

Send in your JUNE Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Please send birthday or anniversary names and dates by May 25 to wish your loved ones a special day!

Email to: [innisfreeinformer@gmail.com](mailto:innisfreeinformer@gmail.com)



## Best Wishes to the Grad Class of 2020

The Delnorte School Council wishes to congratulate the graduating class of 2020!

While it may be a different graduation than you were hoping to have, be proud of your accomplishments and look forward to where life will take you. Our council and the entire school are celebrating with you in spirit and we hope to be able to celebrate with you in person this fall.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Innisfree Class of 2020 on your accomplishments, hard work, and perseverance. We wish you all the best.  
-Council and Staff, County of Minburn No. 27

## Congratulations Class of 2020!

Let your journey begin! Remember where you began and head for the "stars" in your future.  
Best wishes from the Innisfree Village Council



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## Mannville - Minburn - Innisfree Family and Community Support Services

**Yellowhead Community Support Society**

**M-M-I Family Resource Network**

Please continue to watch our Facebook page for updates. Mannville-Minburn-Innisfree Family And Community Support Services  
[@FCSSmannvilleminburninnisfree](https://www.facebook.com/FCSSmannvilleminburninnisfree)

Website: <https://mmifcss.wixsite.com/mmifcss>

For more information about programs and services,

**780-763-3005** Email: [mmifcss@mannville.com](mailto:mmifcss@mannville.com)

**M-M-I F.C.S.S.** along with its connected programs Y.C.S.S. & FRN Program is following the direction of Alberta Health Services and Health Canada, which is the authority on COVID-19 [novel coronavirus]. [www.alberta.ca/covid19](http://www.alberta.ca/covid19)

**Although our door is locked, our office remains open. Please knock! We will do our best to assist you without compromising ourselves or you.**

**M-M-I F.C.S.S.** is pleased to announce that they have been awarded funds from a new grant program offered by the Gov't of Alberta, Ministry of Children's Services. **Family Resource Networks** deliver high quality prevention & early intervention services & supports for families with children 0-18 years old.  
For Program information Call or text Alicia @ 780-581-4149

## Friendly Phone Visiting Program

FCSS Staff members provide social connections through a weekly phone call.

What you can expect: a friendly voice, a listening ear, information sharing, referral to other services.

FCSS PORCH PACKAGES: delivered to homes in the Village of Mannville, Innisfree, Hamlet of Minburn & the County of Minburn # 27. We hope you found these Information packages helpful & fun. We would love to hear your response. Please call or email us.

**Temporary Social Support Services for Risk Due to COVID-19** Service: Food Access and Delivery  
Delivery by approved FCSS Volunteers.  
Grocery must be ordered through the Mannville Cornerstone Co-op.

- Individuals must make their grocery order by calling the Mannville Cornerstone Co-op: Delivery Tuesday afternoons between 1:00 - 5:00 pm.

- The Mannville Food Bank bags: Delivery on Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:30 pm.  
[Minburn and Innisfree Deliveries>Wednesdays Only]

## Innisfree Seed Cleaning Plant NOW CARRYING COMMON ALFALFA SEED

*Other grass seed also available.*

Call for more information

**780-592-3875**

Innisfree, Alberta



## Innisfree Bullets Minor Ball

The Bullets have unfortunately had to cancel ball for the season but we will see you in 2021!

# Farm Wife Diaries... Comfort VS Concern

by Deb Barber

In my tiny world of isolation I have discovered that things that once were taken for granted have started to become items of concern; first it was the toilet paper scare, then shelves were emptied of flour and brown sugar and now orange juice is the newest article we can no longer go without.

The toilet paper was never an issue with us as we purchase several months supply when it is on sale at Costco and that has been our practise for years not something caused by the news of a pandemic. At first I was worried when I was unable to locate flour as I was baking our own bread and goodies to sustain Farmer Hubby but, I researched how I could grind wheat to make our own flour and as soon as I had that figured out the odd bag started to appear on the shelves. I was looking for some brown sugar, but I've been able to manage with what I have on hand and the orange juice as much as I enjoy it, it's not a necessity.

And while most of the world shares my concerns listed above, Farmer Hubby has his own set of concerns and no, they have nothing to do with farming. On a regular basis he has me 'count' the remaining jars of homemade jam/jelly and relish in the cold storage room as his greatest fear is that it may run out before the next harvest of fruit and vegetables comes to fruition. I have caught him eating jelly by spoon right out of the jar and some nights I'm sure if I skipped the potatoes and just piled the relish on his plate, he wouldn't even miss them!! I have assured him there is sufficient fruit frozen in the deep freezer for a few more batches of jam; the relish however maybe something that he will have to restrict his con-

sumption of if supplies should diminish to that extent.

We had a lovely traditional Easter ham supper on Easter Sunday but last night saw us turning towards more traditional comfort fare. We found ourselves once again at "Deb's Diner", a place we have been frequenting daily. Sometimes the service is not exceptionally speedy at this establishment, in fact there are times I could even put a load of clothes into the washing machine while waiting for our meal. It has a 'one item' menu and for last nights meal it was hamburger served with french fries. I will give bonus points that the burgers were hand made including a homemade bun, relish and even the dill pickle garnish. And get this, they grow their own potatoes for their home cut fries, now I ask you where to do you find produce like that these days? The fries were even cooked in a healthy manner in an Actifry, addressing all our culinary needs with healthy choices.

Despite the fact we were the only patrons I did find the service slow, so I decided to deduct one star from the five-star rating leaving four stars. However, I discovered they have a 'wash your own dishes' policy so I deducted an additional two stars as who wants to eat out at an establishment that has you clean up and do your own dishes? If our options weren't so limited, I might choose to dine out at a different location!

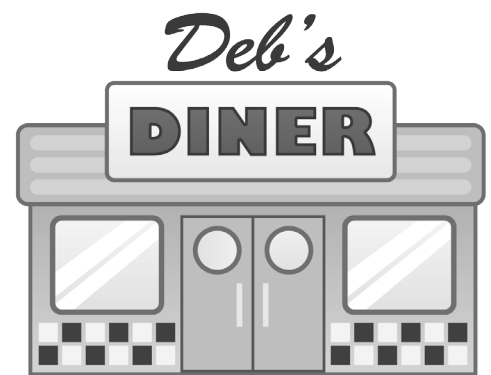
Temperatures today have climbed to a balmy 11 degrees C which had me pulling out my pail and window cloths, Farmer Hubby was inquisitive as to why I felt I needed to clean the windows so I pointed out the many fly specks and other blemishes on the glass. He claimed it looked fine

to him. However, after washing the patio doors I can now clearly see the birds eating at my many feeders and having those spots removed makes me feel so much better.

The cat, Rocky the Rock Star, also gave me a good laugh as he was on the inside of the window and while I was drying off the glass he spread his paws out and made the darndest cat clown face I've ever seen and chased the cloth like some crazed creature!

We probably have self isolation better than many folks as we can still tip toe our way down the icy driveway to the barn and snuggle the cats and work on shedding out the horse. Despite her 'tiny' stature Princess manages to grow enough fur for several horses and it loves to drift up my nose and into my mouth as I'm brushing her; but she always says thank you in the sweetest of manner so I really don't mind. The bigger issue is trying to remove the hair that clings to my face and clothing!

Hoping each of you is finding some silver lining in the daily clouds we are enduring. Until next time, keep well and stay safe.



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

Thank you to the Village of Innisfree and the Minburn Agricultural Society for thier help and support of the Innisfree Informer. Thank you to the community for their encouragement, kind words, submissions and offers to help with this project!

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