

The Innisfree Informer



Innisfree Mayor's Message in a Minute

It is wonderful to see people out and about. Some walking their dogs, others riding bikes or just walking. By this time, in some years the grass is losing its bright green color, but this year with the rain, the grass is bright and beautiful.

Plans for projects around town are coming together and we should see the work beginning soon.

The community garage sales are planned for August 8. We will have to encourage physical distancing of buyers and provide hand sanitizers and clean areas and items as necessary. Those hosting garage sales should wear a face mask. If you are interested in holding a garage sale, please contact me and you will be included on the map.

The board of the Prairie Bank of Commerce Historical Society met on July 23, 2020. With the present state of the "world", we decided to enter the virtual world via Facebook. Look for the soon to be setup Facebook page for the Prairie Bank of Commerce. Also, this year the museum can be visited by appointment. There are many items to see and memories to be revived, with a visit to the school room or the art gallery of our main street treasure.

Check updates as they are posted on the Village web site: www.innisfree.ca and Facebook page: [Village of Innisfree](#).

Waiting is hard, but please wait! It appears that the Covid cases are raising. But if we all are careful, we will be laughing at the time we isolated and joined coffee or tea with friends over the phone or facetimes with family.

You may feel lonely, but you are not alone. Engage in Happiness.

Respectfully, Debbie McMann, *Village of Innisfree Mayor*

Library News

We are officially open to the public again! At this time we do have limited services. Until further notice, Van run is only being delivered every second week. We will not be holding any programming in person for the time being. We will, however, continue to have take home craft kits for kids each month. There is no public computer use at this time either. We thank you for your understanding

Our hours of operation are:
Wednesday 1:00pm - 7:00pm
Thursday 12:00pm - 6:00pm
Friday 10:00 am - 3:00pm.

You can contact us at: 780-592-2122 or email: librarian@innisfreelibrary.ca

Thank you, Marilyn Newton, *Library Manager*

Visitors Welcome

The Innisfree Prairie Bank of Commerce welcomes visitors this year.

Instead of regular open times, we will offer visits by appointment. Please call Deb @ 780-592-2116, or Louise @ 780-592-2196, or the Village Office @ 780-592-3886.

We look forward to seeing you this year.



Happy Retirement Sheila!

On July 8th, 2020 at the annual company bbq for the Innisfree Seed Cleaning Plant, Sheila Nykolaychuk was presented with a stained glass elevator for her 35 years of service. All the grain inside the elevator was cleaned at the plant.

The staff, management & Board of Directors would like to send out a very special thank you for all your hard work & dedication over the past 35yrs. Enjoy your retirement!

The Innisfree Seed Plant would also like to welcome Bobbi-Jo Jackson as the new Secretary-Treasurer.



L-R: Chad Bown-V.P., Sheila Nykolaychuk-Secretary-Treasurer, Terry Dmytriw-President

Kid Stuff

Hey kids! Are you an artist, writer, inventor or all around creative kid?

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10:00am - 3:00pm

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Happy Birthday!

August 2: Emma Fundytus - 7 years old!
August 5: Dianne Saskiw
August 7: Judy Konieczny
August 7: Stan White
August 8: Victoria Mack
August 9: Owen Nott
August 10: Allan Kuzio - Happy 70th!
August 12: Benjimin Bouchier
August 17: Amanda Broadhead
August 23: Zander Bouchier

Happy Anniversary!

August 8: Dianne & Ronnie Saskiw - Happy 50th!

August 10: Angeline & Jeff Nott



**Is someone special
celebrating in September?**

Send in your

SEPTEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries!

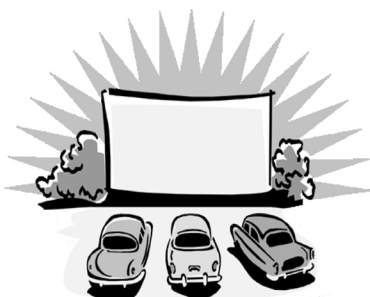
Please send birthday or anniversary names and dates
by August 25 to wish your loved ones a special day!

Email to: innisfreeinformer@gmail.com

Innisfree & District Agricultural Society's 40th Annual Fair Day

Drive In Movie Night & Fireworks!

Wednesday, August 12, 2020 At the Innisfree Ball Diamonds



FEATURING Disney's
Aladdin



Movie starts at 10:15 with fireworks to follow

**Please plan to arrive at 9:30 so
the movie can start at 10:15 sharp*

**Please bring your own snacks and drinks as
there will be no concession available*

C O U T D O O R N E R



Setting Up Camp

The loaded mini-van pulled into the only remaining campsite. Four children leaped from the vehicle and began feverishly unloading gear and setting up the tent. The boys rushed to gather firewood, while the girls and their mother set up the camp stove and cooking utensils.

A nearby camper marveled to the youngsters' father, "That sir, is some display of teamwork."

The father replied, "I have a system — no one goes to the bathroom until the camp is set up."

A Simple Answer: Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. After a good meal, they lay down for the night and went to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend. Holmes said: "Watson, look up and tell me what you see"

Watson said: "I see a fantastic panorama of countless stars"

Holmes: "And what does that tell you?"

Watson pondered for a moment: "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant.

Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow."

"Why? — What does it tell you, Holmes?"

Holmes was silent for a moment then spoke: "Someone has stolen our tent."

Q: What did the lake say to the campers?

A: *Nothing it just waved.*

Q: What type of footwear do frogs wear camping during the summer?

A: *Open toad shoes.*

Q: Have you heard the joke about the skunk and the camping trip?

A: *Nevermind - it really stinks.*

Q: What did the campers say about the campfire?

A: *They gave it GLOWING reviews.*

Q: When can kids jump higher than their camping tent?

A: *Always - because tents can't jump.*

Q: What do bears call campers in their sleeping bags?

A: *Burritos.*

OUTDOOR CORNER is sponsored by:
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Submissions for the Outdoor Corner are welcome.
Hunting, fishing and outdoor stories, facts or jokes!
Email: innisfreeinformer@gmail.com



Happy Birthday
Victoria from Mom,
Brayden and all
your friends!

The winner of the
Canada Day Coloring
Contest was:
MACEY HUNTER!
*Thanks to everyone
who entered, great job!*

Village of Innisfree Community Wide Garage Sales



Date: August 8, 2020
Time: 9:00 to 4:00

Several garage sales around
the village. Maps available.

Covid-19 Best practices in place
Collectibles, Kitchen Items, Toys, Clothing, Tools,
Jewelery, Camping Equipment, Puzzles, Records,
Movies, Books, Plants, Dishes, Tools, Furniture,
and many new items



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 & Community Support Services
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Website: <https://mmifcss.wixsite.com/mmifcss>

For more information about programs and services,

780-763-3005

Email: mmifcss@mannville.com

Family Resource Network

*prevention & early intervention services & supports for families
with children 0-18 years old.

For Program information Call or text **Alicia @ 780-581-4149** & check
our Facebook Page **MMI Family Resource Network**

Friendly Phone Visiting Program

FCSS Staff members provide social connections through phone calls.
What you can expect: a friendly voice, a listening ear, information
sharing, & referral to other services.

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1-306-240-8308. Online Bookings will be available in the future.
Book your session today!

BLOCK PARTY "Takes on a new look" Host your own block
party with our Block Party Game Kits! Since we all cant get
together for our annual Block Party, we have created a "Block
Party Game Kit" to guide you to plan your own Block Party with
family and friends. Kits are now available to take home from July
27th- August 17th.

Roots of Empathy- We are looking for a Roots of Empathy
Family to be part of our program! Our Roots Baby needs to
be between the age of 2-4 mons in October. If you are
interested, please contact us at the office

"SUMMER FUN IN A BOX" FOR ALL AGES
Call to register for this TAKE Home program!

Temporary Social Support Services for At Risk Due to COVID-19

Service: Food Access and Delivery by approved FCSS Volunteers.

- Individuals must make their grocery order by calling the Mannville

Cornerstone Co-op: Delivery Tues afternoons between 1:00 - 5:00 pm.

- The Mannville Food Bank bags: Delivery on Wed from 1:00 to 2:30 pm.

[Minburn and Innisfree Deliveries>Wed Only]

Innisfree Preschool & Kindergarten Still accepting 2020/2021 registrations!

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 to register your child.

July 2020 Village of Innisfree Council Meeting Highlights

Mayor and Council met on July 21, 2020 for their Regular Council meeting to discuss important items such as Tax Recovery Auction – 2020, Demolition of Old Public Works Facility, Installation of a Barrier Free Ramp, Culvert Installation as well as other important topics that will be mentioned below.

Mayor, Council and Administration set the date for the 2020 Tax Recovery Auction to November 25, 2020 at 5:00 PM. The location of the Tax Recovery Auction will take place in the Village Council Chambers located at the Village of Innisfree Administration Office (5116 – 50 Avenue). Please keep an eye out for advertisements in the Alberta Gazette, Village of Innisfree Social Media Pages as well as the Vegreville Advertiser.

Administration brought forward quotes for the demolition of the old public works building located at 5207 – 50 Avenue and the installation of a Barrier Free Ramp at the Administration Building. After much discussion, Council accepted Road Runner Water Hauling Ltd. Quote for the demolition of the Public Works Building. Start date for the demolition is to be determined. Regarding the Barrier Free Ramp, Council directed Administration to re-advertise the Barrier Free Ramp project in the local newspaper(s), Social media, and Innisfree Informer in hopes to receive additional quotes for this project.

Bar Engineering brought forward a few additional options for the Mayor, Council and Administration to discuss regarding the 50 Street Flood Mitigation. After reviewing the 3 proposed options, submitted by Bar Engineering, Council decided to proceed with the installation of two (2) 300 mm diameter culverts across 50th street and one (1) culvert crossing East Street. Start date for this project is to be determined.

Council members reviewed a letter, sent by the City of Cold Lake, regarding the recent Amendments to the Criminal code approved under the “Order in Council” on May 1, 2020. Council passed a motion to direct Administration to send a letter to the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness regarding the concerns related to these amendments. Council also felt that the letter should state that the Village of Innisfree supports the initiative to end violence, however feels very strongly that the Government of Canada is wasting valuable resources and taking the wrong approach to gun control that will have zero effect on gun crime.

Other equally important topics discussed were: the replacement of Fire Hydrant on the corner of 49 Avenue and 51 Street, culvert replacement along the south side of 49 Avenue, a letter dated July 20, 2020 regarding the Innisfree Campground, Overdue Accounts Receivable, Fire Department and Village Staff Wage Increases.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Thank you to Gayle Foyster for this recipe:

Guacamole

2 Avocados, peeled, halved,
pitted and cut into 1” pieces

¼ Cup Mayonnaise

1 ½ Tbsp Instant Minced Onion

½ Tsp Salt

¼ to ½ Tsp Chili Powder

¼ Tsp Pepper

1 Tbsp Lemon Juice

Mash up avocados and add all ingredients. Refrigerate until cold and ready to use.



Do you have a tried and true recipe you want to share? Send it our way to be featured in the Informer!

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WORD SEARCH! Summer Break

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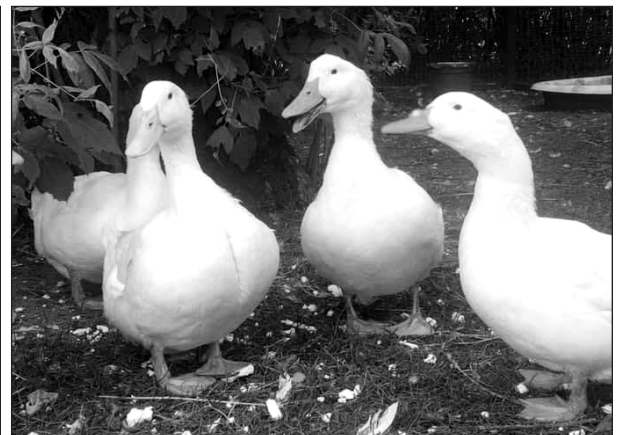
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10 things to always remember

1. The past cannot be changed.
2. Opinions don't define your reality.
3. Everyone's journey is different.
4. Things always get better with time.
5. Happiness is found within.
6. Positive thoughts create positive things.
7. Smiles are contagious
8. Kindness is free.
9. You only fail if you quit.
10. What goes around, comes around



The Petting Zoo at the Morris Farm

Submitted by Gracy Morris

This summer instead of getting the Guinea pig I wanted, I got the most amazing petting zoo filled with animals I didn't even know I liked.

First my Gampie showed up with 6 surprise Pekin ducks to fill our dog kennel that the dogs never use and the pool my sister and I never use. Next thing I knew daddy is pulling boxes from our old chicken coop for our new chickens, mmm eggs! Before we even had time to name our new animals, mommy was giving us a 7 am wake up call yelling Gampie is here with PIGS! Shortly after we were surprised with a pair of Kashlyns dream animal, rabbits! Cute but Not fair! We thought that was all until there was a box of 13 guinea hen chicks in our kitchen. Well you can't have baby chickens without baby ducks so we welcomed 8 ducklings to complete the Morris petting zoo.

I'm sure hoping after helping with the chores and collecting the eggs everyday I can still get the guinea pig I want... and maybe a kitten!

Farm Wife Diaries... 2-2-2 by Deb Barber

I Googled the number combination 222 and if you are a student of numerology you may already know that when the number 2 appears three times (like on your digital clock when it reads 2:22) this speaks to choices that could be occurring in your life! A situation arising that will require diplomacy and tuning into your intuition will give one guidance at this time in life.

However, in my world 2-2-2 has a completely different meaning; two days mowing, two days trimming with weed wacker and two days in the garden and then repeat!

Often by mid to end of July the grass has backed off and I can turn my attention towards keeping the garden in check, but this year the grass continues to grow and I am stuck in a circular pattern with no apparent way out! Now with the constant rain showers I am falling behind with the mowing which can sometimes lead to the additional chore of raking up the newly cut grass which still has to be fit into the 2-2-2-time frame sequence.

On the bright side some of the garden has started to flourish and the peas and beans in particular seem very happy this year with the humidity and cloudiness. My garden cucumber plants might eventually produce some product if we have a very open fall, like maybe to Christmas! Fortunately, I took being in lock down the opportunity to utilize my greenhouse and have I cucumber and tomato plants

in abundance and I am hoping they will produce sufficient produce to procure some relish for Farmer Hubby which he has a food addiction too.

We have also been enjoying both lettuce and spinach salads and eating handfuls of tiny tomatoes as we wander around the yard. There is nothing quite like off the vine, warmed by the sun cherry tomatoes to brighten one's day.

The abundance of grass has also been hard on the little Fjord horse; with her Cushing's disease I usually look her up mid-May and she is finally released back into her pasture the beginning of August. However, with the pasture grass as high as her belly and still lush she continues to spend her days looking over the corral planks longingly at all the grass while she subsists on hay and pellets. The silver lining in this cloud could be a long fall of foraging for her and if we do not get an early heavy snowfall she might be able to graze in her pasture for a few months rather than munching on hay for all twelve months of the year!

Farmer Hubby has continued working away on his summer project of siding the horse shed. Our granddaughter was recently here for a visit and her comment to me was "Nama, Papa sure talks to himself a lot" and that about sums up how things are going! I am figuring there is a reason that all the buildings are sided in his favorite color, blue, because there usually is a 'blue' cloud hovering over his head while he is working

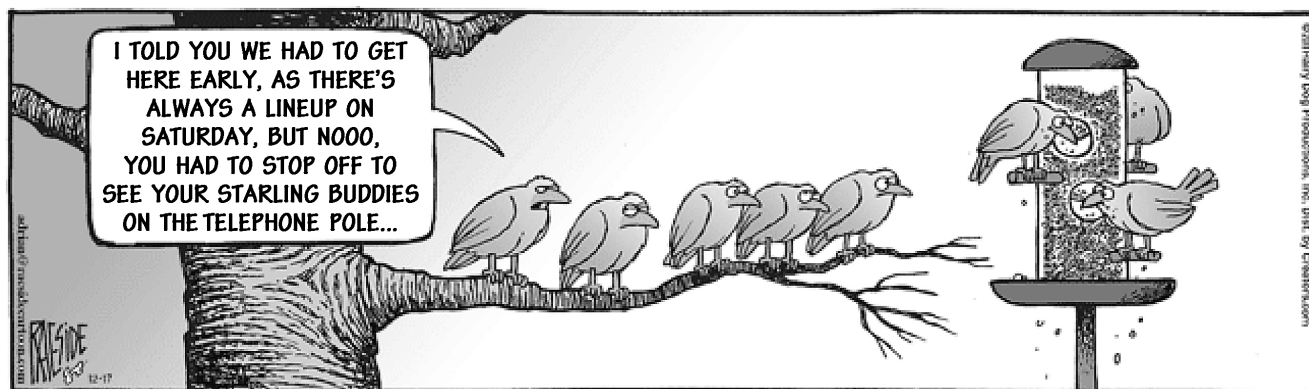
at these projects. I tend to stay a good distance away so that I am unable to decipher what colorful choice of language may or may not be coming out of his mouth!

The pine siskins continue to eat us out of sunflower and canola seeds! They do provide endless hours of entertainment as they come in flocks to sit on the deck and railing. There are often somewhere in the neighborhood of a hundred at a time jostling for a space in the feeder. Farmer Hubby finally put a pail lid out filled with canola and they sometimes do a fanciful dance in flight fighting with one another for the opportunity to eat some of the delicacy. It has also provided the cat with continuous hours of live bird TV to keep him entertained.

Just the slightest movement and they take to flight in a huge cloud of living movement. Then they circle as one and resume to continue eating. A number have collided with the patio window and are left dazed but most recover within about a 20-minute time span and once they have regained their senses, they rejoin the group to eat and fly in unison.

The raspberries and saskatoons appear to be starting to ripen so soon my current 2-2-2 situation may become 2-1-2-1-2 as I insert picking fruit into my already busy schedule!

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



Thank you to the Village of Innisfree and the Minburn Agricultural Society for their 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!

August 25, 2020 is the September Informer deadline for submissions.

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