Innisfree Informer



Innisfree Mayor's Message in a Minute

As spring begins to arrive and snow disappears, I see a little green grass and the tulips are peeking out of the ground. I see some geese are back. I love seeing spring arrive!

This month I would like to share 4 things that will make a difference as shared by Gruff.

- 1. Smile at everyone you pass.
- 2. Talk to strangers. You maybe surprized by who they are and even how they can change your day!
- 3. Give a compliment. Notice something good about the person you are talking to.
- 4. Commit a random act of kindness. Kindness given away can make a difference in someone's life and yours too.

It is good news that the library is open again with some limits on capacity. The Library Board has been planning their coming year. Ukulele lessons have begun. Maybe if you listen closely you will hear the sounds of music through out the Village! The library board would welcome new members. If you have thought you would like to become part of an active group, helping to keep an important part of the community going, join the library board or maybe the museum board. The museum is planning to open the May long weekend and Innisfree has a lot to showcase in the museum. There are several new items to see and enjoy in the displays.

Also, we are planning a community garage sale on May 8, with AHS restrictions in place. If you would like to join in, please call me @ 780-592-2116 and add your name to the map that will be available for the shoppers that day.

The Village is also planning and looking forward to the campground opening this year on the long weekend in May. Although the booking of a campsite is not available yet, you may want to start planning and book the best site for yourself later. Contact Brooke at the Village office for more information.

Waiting is hard, but please wait! Covid-19 is still around, and we must protect ourselves and others. Many are getting their Covid-19 Vaccines and it is comforting to think they will be protected and safer.

Check updates as they are posted on the Village web site, www. innisfree.ca and Facebook page, Village of Innisfree. There will be an Easter Egg hunt. Watch for more information.

Seek happiness and wait for the safe gatherings of family and friends again. Then we can truly celebrate our family and friend-ships.

Respectfully, Debbie McMann, Village of Innisfree Mayor

Delnorte School News

Spring has sprung! We always know that Spring is around the corner when green pancakes are served. Thank you to the staff for preparing pancakes for the students to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Activities at the school are very limited. We are happy to have our Gr. 1-3 teacher, Mrs. Julisse Ambrock back from maternity leave.

Students are looking forward to Easter Break.

This will begin on April 2 with Good Friday and continue to April 11. We return to school April 12. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very "Happy Easter". Celebrations will not be what we are normally used to, but be creative and find as much joy as you can.



Innisfree Kindergarten News

The Innisfree ECS have been busy enjoying this beautiful weather, learning sight words and building sentences. They just transplanted their tomatoes that they are growing. They recently celebrated 100 days of school where they counted to 100 with different cereals.

We are looking forward to the 2021/2022 school year! If you have a kindergarten age child (5 by Dec 31, 2021) or a preschool age child (4 by Dec 31, 2021) please contact:

Elise Nott: 780-603-1080



Knock, knock Who's there? Mora Mora who? Mora chocolate bunnies

Knock, knock Who's there? Howie Howie who? Howie gonna get all the Easter eggs?

Knock, knock! Who's there? Arthur. Arthur who? Arthur any more eggs to decorate? Knock, knock!

Who's there? Dewev. Dewey who? Dewey have to listen to any more easter bunny jokes?

So with spring comes clean-up. Once again I am doing a bottle drive for Little Warriors Be Brave Ranch. This year all proceeds will be put back into our local economy and the items purchased will go to the ranch.

THIS IS A WIN WIN - WHO'S IN ?

Please message or phone, I will be happy to pick the bottles up. Innisfree Bottle Depot will also ensure I receive the money if taken directly there. They have also been very generous and donated funds as well.

Thank you, Donna Saskiw 780-592-3760

Be Brave Ranch little. warriors

Innisfree-Minburn 4-H Beef Club Report

Submitted by Rylan Jackson, Club Reporter On March 9 we had our meeting in Innisfree. We were able to have an inperson meeting this time with our club members and leaders. It was nice to be able to do that finally.

Here are the results from our online 4H public speaking: Junior: Rylan Jackson

Intermediate: Camille Kassian

Senior: Tyson Rudolf

Thank you to our judges for this event, we appreciate your time and your comments to help us improve our skills: Amy BoeAllen, Karen Arndt, and Brady Roland. We have no club field trips planned due to COVID rules.

Achievement day at the end of May will look different again this year due to following COVID rules. We hope to be able to hold the day with a judge and our members only, and then depending on the rules at the time in place, do an online auction afterwards. As soon as the club has definite information we will share all the dates and times.

March 2021 Village of Innisfree **Regular Council Meeting Highlights**

Mayor and Council met on March 16, 2021 for their Regular Council meeting via in-person & Electronic attendance.

The Council Agenda package (with attachments - excluding closed session items) can be found at: www.innisfree.ca

Council discussed numerous items, which included:

Business Arising:

• Bylaw No. 662-20 - Regional Emergency Management: After reviewing "Draft" Bylaw 662-20 - Regional Emergency Management, Mayor and Council passed a motion to table this item to the April 20, 2021 Council Meeting for further discussion.

 Regional Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement: After reviewing "Draft" Regional Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement, Mayor and Council passed a motion to table this item to the April 20, 2021 Council Meeting for further discussion.

Administration is to contact consultant and inquire about potential changes to bylaw and mutual aid agreement.

• WI-FI/Internet - Birch Lake Campground: Administration brought forward additional information regarding WI-FI/Internet at the Birch Lake Campground. After much discussion, Mayor and Council passed a motion that directed Administration to purchase the Telus Smart HUB for a "one time cost" of \$270.00 (GST not included) plus a \$45.00 connection fee. Furthermore, that Council direct Administration to enter the "No Term" plan of \$85.00 per month for 500GB of data.

• 2021 Strategic Plan & Tactical Plan - 1st and 2nd Quarter Update: Administration brought forward an amended 2021 Strategic & Tactical Plan for Council to review. Changes included the 2nd quarter update. After reviewing the document(s), Mayor and Council passed a motion approving the 2021 Strategic Plan & Tactical Plan – 1st and 2nd Quarter Update as amended.

Bylaws & Policies:

• 663-21 - Master Rates Bylaw: Administration brought forward an amended Master Rates Bylaw that included changes to the Non-Powered and powered campsites down at the Birch Lake Campground. As well as changes to the cost of firewood. After reviewing the "Draft" bylaw, Mayor and Council passed first, second and third reading.

New Business:

• Appointment of Substitute Returning Officer (LAEA Section 13(2.1)): Council appointed Ms. Bobbi-Jo Jackson as the Substitute Returning Officer. • Memorandum of Understanding: Emergency Management - Region of Minburn & Studebaker Industries Ltd.: Mayor and Council approved the agreement as presented.

• Memorandum of Understanding: Emergency Management – Region of Minburn & Southland Transportation Ltd.: Mayor and Council approved the agreement as presented.

• Buffalo Trail Public School - Handicap Parking on HWY 870: Administration received a letter from Buffalo Trail Public School regarding Handicap Parking along HWY 870 (adjacent to Innisfree Delnorte School). After reviewing the letter, Mayor and Council passed a motion directing Administration to write a letter to Buffalo Trail Public School, in support of their proposed development of the Handicap Parking Zone along Highway 870 adjacent to Innisfree Delnorte School.

• Other items discussed: Tinning/Shingling - Birch Lake Campground Administration building, MSI Capital Project No. CAP-12594 – John Deere Zero Turn Lawn Mower - Z530M ZTRAK, 2021 Birch Lake Campground/Recreation Park Manager, Appointment of Board Members - Village of Innisfree Library Board, Councillor and Administration Reports and Correspondence.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Our next meeting is April 13, 2021 in Minburn.





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Do you have a tried and true recipe you want to share? Send it our way to be featured in the Informer! Email: innisfreeinformer@gmail.com Please note that masks are now mandatory when in the following places. *Thank you for your consideration.*



Village of Innisfree Town Office/ATB Innisfree Post Office Village of Innisfree Library

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

Mannville – Minburn – Innisfree Family & 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 @FCSSmannvilleminburninnisfree Website: https://mmifcss.wixsite.com/mmifcss For more information about programs and services, 780-763-3005 Email: mmifcss@mannville.com

M-M-I F.C.S.S. remains committed to "helping people help themselves". We will continue to offer information, referrals, guidance and assistance by PHONE, EMAIL, MAIL and ZOOM. In person inquiries welcomed and when possible, will be set by appointment. Covid-19 has changed the way we do programming; we have found innovative ways via Facebook, Website, Canada Post etc to keep connected



Join the challenge! Monthly themes and Prizes! Text: 780-581-4149 or 780-853-0112 Each month the stories & pictures will be compiled in a community scrapbook that can be viewed around town!

Family Resource Network

FRN delivers high quality prevention & early intervention services & supports for families with Children 0-18 years old. Variety of programs & service, modified program style due to COVID-19.

For Program information

Call or text AliCia @ 780-581-4149 & Check our Facebook Page MMI Family Resource Network

Friendly Phone Visiting Program



FCSS Staff provide social connections through phone calls. If you have not received a call and would like to join this program, please call us to be added to our call out list.

What can you expect? a friendly voice, a listening ear, information sharing & referral to other services. We look forward to connecting with you



Mannville Date: April 1, 8, 22, & 29

LET'S TALK COMMUNITY PRESENTATION via ZOOM -FOR ALL AGES: April 13th: FRAUD AWARENESS with R.C.M.P.

@10:30 a.m....contact us with your email address and phone number to join in.

Meals on Wheels Program A delicious hot noon meal is served right to your kitchen table Monday to Friday by friendly volunteers.



Rate \$10 per meal. Call & sign up to receive your first meal complimentary.

NEWCOMER WELCOME: Packages are available. Let us know if you are new to the area! Stop by and pick one up! We look forward to welcoming you!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK - April 18-24th Stop by from 11:30 - 1:00 To pick up a complimentary Bagged Hog Dog Lunch to Go: Innisfree - Mon April 19 Mannville - Wed April 21 PICKUP LOCATION YET TO BE DETERMINED

Also watch for the Video Presentation Showcasing: "The Impact of Volunteerism in our Communities". Thank you to Gov't of Alberta Culture and Tourism, and Volunteer Alberta funding along with all community organizations and volunteers and ThreeSixty Alberta!



CRISPY BAKED CHICKEN WINGS OMG these are delish! (Thanks to Gayle Foyster for this recipe) You'll need:

2 lbs chicken wings, thawed

Seasoning ingredients:

1/2 tsp salt

- 1/4 tsp ground pepper
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp ground paprika
- 1/2 tsp greek seasoning (or Italian seasoning) 1 tbsp baking powder
- You may want to adjust spices to your taste!

Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 425 F
- 2. Line a baking sheet with foil and add rack
- 3. Completely pat dry the chicken wings
- 4. In a bowl combine all seasoning ingredients
- 5. Toss chicken wings with the seasoning
- 6. Put chicken wings on rack

7. Bake at 425F for 30 mins. Flip and bake 20 more mins or until skin is crispy!

NOTE: Oil the rack before you place chicken wings on it!



ATTENTION RESIDENTS

The Village of Innisfree is interested in re-vamping our Logo/Crest and would like your opinion on which one to go with!

Please contact the Village office at: 780-592-3886, email: admin@innisfree.ca, or vote on our Facebook page: Village of Innisfree.

We thank you in advance for your participation

OPTION A



OPTION B



OPTION C AGE

Worrying does not take away tomorrow's trouble. It takes away today's peace.

Fun Fact: It is impossible for most people to lick their own elbow. (try it!)

An avid bird watcher heard an owl hoot So he thought he'd give a hoot back. To his surprise and delight the bird hooted again. The next OUTDOOR night the same scenario occurred. All Summer, the man and his feathered friend hooted back and forth. He even kept a log of the "conversations." Just as he thought he was on the verge of a breakthrough in inter species communication, his wife had a chat with her next door neighbor. "My husband spends his nights calling to owls," the wife commented. "That's odd," the neighbor replied.



VULTURES

As migration approached, two elderly vultures doubted they could make the trip south, so they decided to go by airplane. When they checked their baggage, the attendant noticed that they were carrying two dead raccoons.

"Do you wish to check the raccoons through as luggage?" she asked.

"No, thanks," replied the vultures. "They're carrion."

OUTDOOR CORNER is sponsored by: PARANYCH CONSULTING 403-506-4667

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



Q: How do rabbits travel? A: By hareplane Q: What is a bunny's motto? A: Don't be mad, be hoppy! Q: What is a rabbit's favorite dance style? A: Hip-Hop! Q: Where do rabbits go after their wedding? A: On their bunnymoon! Q: What do you get if you cross a rabbit with an insect? A: Bugs bunny Q: What do you call a rabbit who is angry over getting burnt? A: A hot cross bunny Q: How can you tell which rabbits are getting old? A: Look for the grey hares

Innisfree Seed Cleaning Plant NOW CARRYING COMMON ALFALFA SEED

Other grasses & lawn seed also available. Call for more information **780-592-3875**

Innisfree, Alberta

If a cow laughed really hard.... would milk come out of her nose?

EVENTS CALENDAR

Here's What's Happening!

Apr 7: Village of Innisfree Library Board Meeting

- Apr 20: Village Council Meeting See our web page and Facebook page for more information
- Apr 27: Innisfree Delnorte Parent Council Meeting

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



We would like to extend our appreciation to everyone who responded to our recent shed fire - Innisfree and Mannville Volunteer Fire Department, friends and neighbours.

Due to the loss of our equipment we cannot complete loads booked after March 29.

We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patronage.

Harvey Lindsay and Elizabeth Harrison

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

Fun Fact: Only a quarter of the Sahara Desert is sandy. Most of it is covered in gravel, though it also contains mountains and oases.

Happy Birthday! April 1: Conna Warrilow April 5: Garth Broadhead April 5: Tristan Neil April 11: Julie Warrilow April 12: Catalina Mercer April 12: Doug McEwen April 14: Kurt Hennig April 15: Ken Oesch April 16: Shaelynn Boere April 17: Katrina Hennig April 17: Bailey Hlus April 18: Lindsay Matters April 21: Lisa Anderson April 21: Donavan Belcourt April 22: Teagan Axten April 22: Dorathy Hennig April 22: Shirley Nott April 22: Leighton Phillips April 25: Doug Fowler April 25: Darlene Weremey April 26: Calvin Broadhead April 26: Jeannie MacColl

Happy Anniversary!

April 17: Howard & Glenis Ferguson April 26: Kurt & Shirley Hennig April 29: Gayle & Doug Foyster April 29: Mike & Shelly Nott



8 ft x 20 ft heavy duty trailer with 8 wheels, new decking Ideal for hauling bales and water tanks. \$2800



"What I don't get is how one minute we're a symbol of new life and the next minute we're a sandwich."

Persuasive Essay Topic assignment, Grade 6 Why Water is Better Than Pop By Matthew Melnyk

Imagine a cold glass of water on a hot summer day riding your scooter on your ramps or skateboard. I need water to pour over my head or drink.

In my opinion, water is better than pop. First, it is good for you. Second, pop is full of unhealthy things, and third, water keeps you hydrated, and being hydrated is really important. To start off with, water is good for you. it's got no sugar and no chemicals. H20 it is so good for you. You don't even know how much. It keeps you hydrated and you feel better when you're hydrated and energetic.

Next, pop is full of unhealthy things. Pop is bad for you but that's my opinion. To start off it has 41g of sugar and it's got 150 calories. It doesn't have protein. It's got artificial colour, sugar and chemicals and it's way too much sugar.

And lastly, water keeps you hydrated, and being hydrated is really important. Dehydration is dangerous. Dehydration can cause headaches. You feel awesome when you're hydrated. It's a nice cool refresher when it's really hot in the summertime.

In conclusion I think water is better than soda. Maybe your opinion is different but I hope I convinced you. Just imagine waking up in the middle of the night thirsty and having a nice crystal clear glass of water there to refresh you until morning.



Library News

We are so happy to be able to welcome patrons back into our library! Please note that we are only allowed a maximum of 9 people in our library at one time. If we are at this limit, we thank you in advance for understanding that you may have to wait a few minutes before you are allowed in. Please remember to social distance, use the provided hand sanitizer, and wear your mask.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Winter Reading Program! We had quite a few entries. There weren't any of our patrons who won prizes from Northern Lights; but we were happy to be able to give out gift cards to 4 winners! Those winners are: Sydnee Bouchier, Kim Feschuk, Emil Dmytriw and Phyllis Dmytriw. Congratulations!

Our Early Literacy Program kits for families are full of tools to help with gross and fine motor skills, numerical and literacy skills; as well as crafts, snack ideas, games and other fun activities. This month's theme is Dinosaurs and for April we have Unicorns! Don't forget to watch our Facebook page for board member Holly's story time! She reads books to go along with each month's theme, as well as some other great titles for kids and families to check out.

As always, membership to our library is free! Not only does that give you access to our library, but it connects you to 47 other member libraries. When you sign up for a ME Card, it also gives you access to academic and other system libraries. This connects you to virtually every library in Alberta! We also have a lot of great free online resources that are included in your membership. You can visit our website at www.innisfreelibrary.ca to see what there is. Magazines, books, movies, curriculum study guides and kids 'live' books are only a few of the great resources available.

Please contact me with any questions. 780-592-2122 or librarian@innisfreelibrary.ca Marilyn Newton, Library Manager

EASTER COLORING CONTEST!

Hey kids! Check out our facebook page for information!

Coloring pages will be available at the Village of Innisfree Library starting April 14th!

Gardening for beginners

- -Peas don't like too much water.
- -Potatoes do not like tomatoes.
- -Potatoes don't like cucumbers.
- -Potatoes and cabbage are not friends.
- -Do not plant beans with onions or beets.
- -Beans love carrots.
- -Beets love onion, cabbage, potatoes.
- -Tomatoes love carrots, peas.

SERVICES

-Cabbage does not like radishes.

-Beans and cucumbers do not like each other.

-Carrots and onions do well together.



WORD SEARCH: Egg Hunt!



Crunching Numbers... by Deb Barber

It all started innocently enough, around the end of February my cousin Ellen in Windsor, Ontario sent me a little message asking if I might be interested in joining her in a fund raiser for the Canadian Mental Health Association. It involved a commitment to walk, jog or run each day; you set your own pace and time frame which could vary from day to day. It included an option to do some fund raising. I thought this is something close to my heart, I can do this, what great motivation to get up and get moving, so I replied, "sure sounds like fun!"

Soon afterwards another cousin (who is much younger and 'removed' on the family tree a few generations-but what the heck a cousin is a cousin!) sent out a challenge wondering if any of us might be interested in joining her in a Virtual Spring Scavenger Hunt which also involved walking, jogging or running! I had seen pictures from the Winter Scavenger Hunt she had participated in and it looked fun with some very hilarious 'badges' that could be earned and I signed up for that one too! I figured if I was going to walk for one, I could just as easily walk for two!

Beginning of March there was still some snow and some mud lingering on the roads so I decided I would break myself in walking in my 'slip shod' boots, I find them actually quite comfortable. Day one I set out already to conquer the world, about 5,000 steps later I was pretty deflated! It has been a pretty sedate winter, not much snow to shovel and the most activity I had really participated in was walking down to the barn to feed/cuddle the cats and horses. I discovered that I qualified for the statement of being horribly out of shape!

I wasn't going to let that stop me though, each day I donned on whatever outdoor clothing was necessary and after giving myself a pep talk headed out. I discovered that the CMHA was using an app that would not accept manually updated statistics, so I quickly purchased a Fitbit as I was familiar with them and after about a half dozen attempts finally got it connected to the Kilter app and was off. Well, I thought I was until I discovered the 'leadership' board which happily shared with you (and everyone else) exactly where you were in the pack so to speak!! Shortly I discovered I was starting to become addicted to crunching my numbers! "Oh, look I've fallen from 28th place to 30th place, I better step up my program tomorrow". "Great I've moved up to 24th, oh no I've fallen back to 25th".

And stepping up my game I did, the goal increased fairly rapidly from a minimum of 5,000 daily to steps to 7,000 then to 10,000 and now upwards of 12,000.

It has become an all-consuming addiction.... for example, today I headed out for an hourly stroll and was concentrating on the 'other' event I am participating in which had me working on my "Jeopardy Jaunt/F-Cancer" badge (that might be an entirely different post) and I was absorbed on reflecting on those in my life that have

fought the cancer battle and those who I have lost to cancer. I was so deeply involved in my thoughts I didn't realize that there was no beeping coming from my Fitbit. At the 30-minute mark I stopped to check my 'stats' only to discover that some how the exercise mode on the watch had stopped so those 30 minutes were lost in cyber space. How frustrating...right.... all those numbers gone!! So, I did a reset and started home, frequently checking the 'numbers' only to eventually figure out that I was at 4.1 of a mile for a very long span. Looking closer I realized I had now triggered the pause button and so those numbers were lost, are you seeing a pattern here? I sure am! I turned off pause and walked the remainder of the way home.

Tonight, I was feeling so guilty I clocked another 1.6 miles because I sure don't want to be the one to let the team down!!! Thank goodness this nonsense comes to an end March 31st... or will it??



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> April 25, 2021 is the May Informer deadline for submissions. Email to: innisfreeinformer@gmail.com or text 780-632-1585