# Innisfree Informer



### Innisfree Mayor's Message in a Minute

"In the good ole summertime" I sing this song this time of the year. Summer is my favorite time of the year. Things slow down and people visit their friends and neighbors more and the fresh fruits and vegetables are coming into their season.

The museum is hoping to be able to open soon. Anyone interested in helping please contact Robert Dobler or myself. Innisfree has a lot to showcase in the museum. There is an art gallery upstairs in the museum showcasing several local artists. When it is open stop by and check it out.

The Village of Innisfree Library is open again, Wednesday from 2 to 7, Thursday from noon to 5 and Friday from 9 to 2.

The Village is opening a community garden on main street. To be included in the garden, please contact the Village office for details. You can enjoy fresh vegetable from your own little bit of work in the community garden.

The Birch Lake Recreation Park i.e., Campground is opened. Thanks to the Innisfree & District Fish and Game for providing the fireworks on July 1st. It looks like a good number of campers were there and hopefully all enjoyed the July 1st celebrations.

Good luck in your new pursuits, Bobbi Jo Jackson. Thanks for your time and care as a member of the staff on the Village. We will miss you. Our loss will be the next step in your futures gain.

Waiting is hard, but please wait! Cases of Covid-19 are dropping but it is still around, and we must protect ourselves and others. Many are getting their Covid-19 Vaccines and it is good to be able to get both your vaccines.

Check updates as they are posted on the Village web site, www.innisfree.ca and Facebook page, Village of Innisfree.

Respectfully, Debbie McMann, *Village of Innisfree Mayor* 

### WIKIPEDIA says: Summer is the

hottest of the four temperate seasons, falling after spring and before autumn. At or around the summer solstice (about 3 days before Midsummer Day), the earliest sunrise and latest sunset occurs, the days are longest and the nights are shortest, with day length decreasing as the season progresses after the solstice. The date of the beginning of summer varies according to climate, tradition, and culture. When it is summer in the Northern Hemisphere, it is winter in the Southern Hemisphere, and vice versa.



### Library News

We are happy that patrons are now allowed to visit us in person!

Coming in July: Family and Teen Picnic Packs! Checkout a picnic basket or backpack full of books, snacks and activities for a fun-filled afternoon!

> Coming in August: Innisfree Pre-Schoolers can cook! Watch for our resident story time member, Holly to read the Interactive I can Cook series. 'Cook' along with her and then check out the books at the library to continue the fun at home!

> > Early Literacy Bags: We still have a few bird and fairy themed bags ready for pickup at the library! Get yours today! Summer Reading Program:

watch for more information and take-home bags for preschooler and older kids! New this year to the SRP: Reading Logs! Keep track of how much you read

throughout the summer and enter to win a great prize in early September!

Marilyn Newton, Library Manager 780-592-2122 librarian@innisfreelibrary.ca

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



### Temporary Employment Opportunity 2021 Municipal Election

### Election Workers

The Village of Innisfree will be holding a Municipal Election on October 18, 2021 and is seeking individuals who may be interested in assisting the Returning Officer and Substitute Returning officer, during the 2021 Municipal Election.

Reporting to the Returning Officer and/or Substitute Returning Officer, the election workers will be responsible for assisting the R.O. and S.R.O in conducting the 2021 Village of Innisfree Municipal Election as well as ensuring all activities are conducted in compliance with the *Local Authorities Election Act.* Training is provided in modules through Alberta Municipal Affairs, and Elections Alberta. Training sessions will also be available to go over applicable forms, procedures, etc. in preparation for Election Day.

### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Assisting R.O. & S.R.O in establishing voting stations,
   Ensure election supplies, ballots, and ballot boxes are available at the voting stations,
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   Work polling station during Election Day/Advance Vote Day.
- 4. Assisting the Public with filling out applicable election forms.
- 5. Assist with all other duties deemed necessary for conducting an election as required.

### Qualifications:

- 1. Minimum 18 years of age is preferred.
- 2. Previous experience as an election worker is an asset.
- Knowledge of the L.A.E.A is an asset.
   Courteous and professional customer service skills
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   Ability to work in a fast paced environment with minimal supervision.

Compensation will be offered to those selected as Election Workers for Advance Vote & Election Day.

We appreciate the interest of all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

### The positions will be left open until suitable candidate(s) are found.

Applications clearly marked "Confidential - Election Workers" can be submitted to:

Brooke Magosse, Returning Officer PO Box 69 5116 – 50 Avenue Innisfree, AB T0B 2G0 (Mail or Drop-off)

-OR-

Email: cao@innisfree.ca

### June 15, 2021 Village of Innisfree Regular Council Meeting Highlights

Mayor and Council met on June 15, 2021 for their Regular Council meeting. The Council Agenda package (with attachments – excluding closed session items) can be found at: <u>www.innisfree.ca</u>

Council discussed numerous items, which included:

### **New Business:**

• **Transfer from Reserves to Operating:** Mayor and Council passed a resolution to transfer \$22,000.00 from Reserves to Operating, to assist the Village to implement more reasonable Taxation Mil Rates.

• 2021 Operating Budget and 2022-2025 Forecasts: Mayor and Council reviewed the 2021 Operating Budget and 2022-2025 Budget Forecast. Mayor and Council passed a resolution approving the 2021 Operating Budget and Budget Forecasts as presented.

• 2021 Tax Mil Rate Bylaw 664-21: Administration prepared the 2021 Tax Mil Rate Bylaw (as per the 2021 Operating Budget) for Council's review and approval. After reviewing the 2021 Tax Mil Rate Bylaw, Council passed all three readings to Tax Rate Bylaw 664-21.

• Quote Received June 2, 2021 – Repairs to 2013 Can-Am Side by Side: Mayor and Council reviewed the quote received on June 2, 2021 for the repairs to the 2013 Can-Am Side by Side, as presented.

• Other items discussed: Request for Decision – 2021 Utility Rates, Northeast Alberta Information HUB – 2021 Membership Renewal, CN Railway – Request for Letter of Support, Councillor and Administration Reports and Correspondence.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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**Thank you** to Wilde Advisory Group for purchasing my steer at the Innisfree-Minburn



4H Beef Club sale this year. Thank you for supporting 4H.

Camille Kassian



**Thank you** to **Birch Lake Farms of Innisfree** for purchasing my steer at the Innisfree-Minburn



Watermelon is one of summer's best summer treats. Fun Fact: Did you know that watermelons are not a fruit, but a vegetable instead? They belong to the cucumber family of vegetables.



Congratulations from the Village of Innisfree! Mayor, Council and Staff would like to congratulate the Innisfree Delnorte School Graduating Class of 2021!

The *Delnorte* School Council congratulates the graduating class of 2021! Be proud of your accomplishments and look forward to where life will take you. Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Innisfree Delnorte Graduating class of 2021. Best wishes in whatever the next chapter of your life brings! Village of Innisfree Library

Graduation is an exciting time. It marks both an ending and a beginning; it is wonderful memories of the past and big dreams for the future! Congratulations from the Innisfree and District Agricultural Society



Tristan



Veronica

The Innisfree

congratulates

Class of 2021!

the Delnorte

Graduating

**Best** wishes

for a bright

future!

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ates of the Class of 2021 at Innisfree Delnorte School! On behalf of the Minburn Ag Society we

would like to wish you all the best in your future plans, whatever they may be!

Congratulations on your graduation and all the best in the future -Graduates of Delnorte 2021 MLA Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk

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Congratulations to the Innisfree Delnorte Graduating Class of 2021 on your hard accomplishments, hard work and perseverance. Best wishes in all your future endeavors. County of Minburn No. 27 Council and Staff

Congratulations to the 2021 Innisfree Graduates! Best wishes for your future endeavors. *Edie and Patricia ATB Innisfree* 



Mannville – Minburn – Innisfree Family & Community Support Services Yellowhead Community Support Society **M-M-I Family Resource Network** Website: https://mmifcss.wixsite.com/mmifcss Phone: 780-763-3005

Email: mmifcss@mannville.com Location: 5004-49 Street Suite # 4

Did you know? FCSS can provide the information, referrals, and resources necessary to help you meet your needs! FCSS is committed to "helping people help themselves". Reach us by phone, email, mail, zoom, or in-person. We are here to help!

M-M-I F.C.S.S. is pleased to announce our digital newsletter that will be released on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month! We want to showcase our community partnerships and the programs we have available. Keep your eye out for the first edition on Facebook!

NEWCOMER WELCOME: Let us know if you are NEW to the area! We would like to welcome you with a Package of our area information. Stop by and pick one up! We look forward to meeting you!

**New Chapters Community Challenge** 

Join the challenge! Monthly themes and Prizes! Text: 780-581-4149 or 780-853-0112 July Theme: CANADA



"Some of the best memories are made in flip-flops." - Kellie Elmore

Advice from a Pickle - Life can be hard sometimes. Dill with it. -Relish every moment you share with those you fove. -The door to happiness is always ajar. -If you want life to be sweet, you have to know what sour tastes like, too. -Remember, life is never a dill moment. - Don't worry in the end, everything will be just brine.



I hate it when healthy me does the groceries, because now fat me needs a snack.

Innisfree walking club starts up again Monday July 5th at the Innisfree Rec Centre at 9am. Please join us for a walk.



We walk weekdays until 9:30 but may extend that to 10am sometime in the future! Cost is \$1.00 If You See Bigfoot... Once there was a group of hikers traveling through the deep woods in the Pacific Northwest. The group leader gave the hikers a very stern warning: "If he approximation of the pacific true. But whatever you do

warning: "If, by any chance, you see Bigfoot, run. But whatever you do, don't touch Bigfoot!"

That night, after the group had set up camp, one hiker was in his tent, when Bigfoot appeared. The huge creature stood in the doorway of the tent.

R The hiker was so scared, he ran screaming out of the tent, but on his way, he touched Bigfoot. Bigfoot ran after him. The guy ran as fast as he could through the dark forest, Bigfoot was in hot pursuit.

He made it back to the trailhead, jumped in his car and sped home. A few days later, Bigfoot showed up at his back door. Panicked, the guy starts running as fast as he can, Bigfoot right behind. Finally, exhausted, he trips and falls. Bigfoot catches up to him, plants his huge feet right next to him.

Whoa. Jeff. You snagged your sweater.

Shaking, the guy gets to his feet and shouts, "What do you want?!"

Bigfoot reaches out to him and says, "Tag, you're it."

> 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



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Is someone special celebrating this summer? Send in your AUGUST Birthdays & Anniversaries for the August issue!

Please send birthday or anniversary names and dates by July 25 to wish your loved ones a special day! Email to: innisfreeinformer@gmail.com

### Attention all past customers!

In honor of their 15th Anniversary, Ron & Holly will be offering a 15% discount on your next booking

(a 2 night minimum) Note: Reservations are required.



Call 780-592-3840 To reserve your room(s)

**ERSARY** Be sure to ask how you can extend that discount forever!

# Q: What did the beach say to the tide when it came in? A: Long time, no sea

### **EVENTS CALENDAR**

### Here's What's Happening!

July 1: Fireworks at the Birch Lake campground ball diamonds July 7: Village of Innisfree Library Board Meeting July 20: Village Council Meeting

See our web page and Facebook page for

more information Please send your event info (name, date, location) by

July 25 to be included in the August Calendar of Events

### SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD REQUEST FOR MEMBERS OF PUBLIC AT LARGE

The Village of Innisfree requires two (2) members of public at large for the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. This quasi-judicial body, appointed by Council, makes impartial and unbiased decisions on challenges of subdivision or development authority decisions and stop work orders. Deliberations are based on the municipal planning documents such as the Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Development Plans, provincial statute and information presented by hearing participants.

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board hearings are scheduled as required. Board members are appointed for a one (1) year term with an option to be reappointed for a second term.

Village residents with an interest or experience in planning or development activities are invited to submit a resume including a statement on your interest and abilities in serving in this capacity.

Mandatory training is required upon appointment. Cost of training will be covered by the Municipality (if applicable).

Compensation will be offered to the appointed members of public at large who attend the scheduled Subdivision and Development Appeal Board hearings as required.

<u>Position's will remain open until suitable candidates are found.</u> Please mail, fax, email or drop off resumes to:

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Attn: Brooke Magosse, Clerk Box 69, 5116 50 Avenue Innisfree, AB TOB 2G0 F: 780-592-3729 E: cao@innisfree.ca

# I need a smoke detector that shuts off when you yell "I'm just cooking!"



Middle aged happiness is discovering that the next load of laundry to fold is just 8 bath towels and not 46 pieces of small human clothes.

@dk\_munro

Fun Facts: Mosquitos are most prevalent during summer months. Mosquitos have been on earth for more than 30 million years.



Innisfree-Minburn 4-H Beef Club Report Submitted by Rylan Jackson, Club Reporter

On June 8, 2021 we held our 4H meeting virtually.

May 25th, 2021, we had our Achievement Day with our club. It was a nice day and we were happy that we could have it this year. Thank you to our judge Kelly Waltz for coming out for the day.

Here are the results of our club:

Grand Champion Steer- Chase Forsyth

Grand Reserve Champion Steer- Rylan Jackson

Grand Champion Female- Bradley McLaughlin

Grand Reserve Female Champion- Chase Forsyth

Sale day followed on May 26th online this year. Thank you to all the bidders and buyers for our 2021 sale. Thank you for supporting 4H youth in our community. We had a great sale, and the members were happy. We hope to be back to a live auction next year May 25 at the Minburn Ag grounds.

In June we will be doing our community service and cleaning up Minburn Ag grounds. We will finish off the year this month, and have a wind-up event as guidelines allow.

Our next meeting will be in the Fall, to start up our next year: October 12, 2021, 7 pm at the Innisfree Millennium Building. We welcome anyone wanting to join, or just find out more about our club to come on out!



Happy Birthday! July 1: Kevin Zorniak July 2: Rosemary Roland July 5: Brett Lindballe July 5: Tom Nott July 6: Quinn Hlus July 10: Cynthia Hlushak July 10: Brandon Porter July II: Terri Broadhead July 12: Logan Nott July 12: Ken Whitten July 13: Shelly Nott July 14: Rocco Blackburn July 15: Angeline Nott July 16: Austyn Fowler July 17: Sydnee Bouchier July 17: Anne Neil July 22: Sherry Fleck July 22: Jennifer Hodel July 23: Doug Crozier July 24: Elise Nott

Happy Anniversary!

July 5: Carmen & Kevin Kassian July 15: Terri & Garth Broadhead July 28: Amanda & Calvin Broadhead





# GO FURTHER **TO END THE WAIT!**

Sign the petition and tell your province to fund life-saving CF drugs. #CFcantwait

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Q: What is brown, hairy and wears sunglasses? *A coconut on vacation.* 

Q: What kind of tree fits in your hand? A palm tree! Q: What animal is always at a baseball game? A bat Q: How do we know that the ocean is friendly? It waves!

Q: Where do sheep go on vacation? *The Baaa-hamas*. Q: And where do sharks go on vacation? *Finland*!



WORD SEARCH: Heatwave!

Q: What did the reporter say to the ice cream? "What's the scoop?"

What do you call seagulls that live near the bay? *Bagels.* 

Why does ice cream always get invited to the party? *It's cool!* 

Q: What do ghosts like to eat in the summer? I Scream.





Maybe this extreme heat is good for something as it gives me an opportunity to stop

and come up for air! It seems that since the snow has melted Farmer Hubby and I have gone non-stop and yet not really have left the farm.

Between mowing the lawn, weeding the garden, cultivating, trimming, watering the flowerpots, keeping the hummingbird feeders filled, cleaning the bird bath, feeding the horses and keeping up to their manure gifts, making sure the cats have fresh, cool water and oh yes trying to keep the sprayer up and operating some days fitting in eating and sleeping is not easy!

For some reason the Raven, Enviso Pro II decided that 2021 would be the year of the sprayer computer nightmare. It came to a point where I was embarrassed to contact the technician from the machinery outfit we deal with. Every little issue occurred from the booms actually smashing themselves into the ground and trying to dig their way to China to no pressure causing the machine to be rendered useless! I have started creating my own 'instruction' manual as I have learned so many different aspects of the programing and machine itself that you can 'check' prior to sending out an SOS to the expert! In fact, sometimes Farmer Hubby just sits in the 'buddy' seat and watches as my fingers fly across the screen as I slowly rule out past issues and attempt to ascertain what possibly could be malfunctioning

## Coming Up for Air! by Deb Barber

this go around. I even had the tech's cell phone number on speed dial and I'm sure he was starting to cringe when he saw it come up. If you happened to drive by and saw us in the field with the wings of the booms going up and down at various speeds and angles and assumed, we had no idea what we were doing you possible were correct. One tends to take certain features such as 'auto boom' for granted until you navigate a field of rolling hills and you quickly learn that it's more of a necessity and less of an 'extra'. We finally arrived at the last day of spraying and still the sprayer had a mind of its own, however, we did want it repaired before cleaning it up and parking it for the year. Whatever the issue is it finally stumped the specialist and if he had hair, I'm sure he would have been pulling it out from the roots in frustration. As it stands, he 'thinks' he has found the root of the problem, but we truly won't know until next spring when we pull the machine out for spring work. At this point I'm looking at booking a vacation away from home during the spraying season of 2022!

If you have been following my story you will remember back in March/ April when I turned our kitchen into a 'growing' room and no not for any plants that help you take a trip and never leave the farm! I had decided in my COVID boredom to attempt to start some petunia plants. It might just be beginner's luck, but I have a deck full of vibrant pots of multicolored plants and it certainly brightens our day sitting here surrounded by them. Despite having to come up with many creative ways to plan an event, the graduating grade 12 class of Mannville School managed for host an outdoor affair and we proudly watched our first grandson walk across the 'grass' to celebrate his completion of 12 years of schooling. What a proud moment for all of us.

Then yesterday we were able to attend an "Un festival Dance" recital and sitting in 'pods' of family members we watched our youngest granddaughter dance and tap her way across the stage to a couple of lively numbers in glittering costumes matched with fantastic hair and make up.

These events that we maybe took for granted at one point in time have now become pivotal moments in our lives as we have learned that much that we use to take for granted were actually 'gifts' that we now so cherish.



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

Hey Kids! Are you an artist, writer, inventor, or all around creative kid? The Informer wants to hear from you! Email your submissions for a chance to be featured each month! innisfreeinformer@gmail.com



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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!

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