

The Innisfree Informer



Deb's Message in a Minute

Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring!

We are happy to see the Campground opening this month. You'll want to drop by for a stroll along the walking paths or bring your tent or trailer for an overnight stay.

The Innisfree Library continues to be a warm and welcoming place to visit and look for a good book. It has much to offer along with the books and magazines. Stop by on May 13 during the Community Garage Sales and see a great selection of books for sale and have a bite to eat at the concessions there.

The Community Garden is taking applications to get ready for planting in May. Drop into the Village office and reserve a plot. Last year the gardens produced quite well and I expect this year maybe better yet!

Innisfree Senior Citizens are serving coffee Monday mornings from 9 to 11. And Fun Bingo is Wednesday Evening at 7:00. Everyone is welcome to these events, not only senior citizens!

Have you checked out the Innisfree, Alberta Friends Facebook Page? I am wondering if anyone has suggestions for things they would like to see or do around Innisfree. This could be the place to make these suggestions. 'Tis the season to get out and meet friends and neighbors.

We are continuing to walk most weeks from Monday to Friday mornings at the Rec. Centre. We welcome new folks walking with us.

Check for updates as they are posted on the Village of Innisfree web site, www.innisfree.ca, and see the Mannville-Minburn-Innisfree FCSS Facebook page for up-to-date information available.

Respectfully submitted by Deb McMann

THE WAIT OF MOTHERHOOD.

We wait for them to arrive.
 We wait for them to sleep through the night.
 We wait for them to walk and to talk.
 We wait for them to be brave.
 We wait for them to make friends.
 We wait for them to stand up for their friends.
 We wait for them to stand up for themselves.
 We wait for them to finish.
 We wait for them to start.
 We wait while they find what they need.
 We wait.
 We wait at appointments.
 We wait at tables.
 We wait in cars.
 We wait in lines.
 We wait for the firsts.
 We wait for the seconds and the thirds.
 We wait for them to try.
 We wait for them to let go.
 We wait for them to pick out their clothes.
 We wait for them to get ready.
 We wait for them to go to school.
 We wait for them to get home from school.
 We wait for them to do homework.
 We wait for their grades.
 We wait for the bus.
 We wait for them to realize that completing homework is good.
 We wait for them to text us that they're ready to be picked up.
 We wait for them to call.
 We wait for them to realize that we're on their side.
 We wait as they decide what they want to do.
 We wait as they pack up.
 We wait as we wave good bye.
 We wait for them to grow up a bit.
 We wait.
 We wait for them.
 We wait for our hearts to loosen the grip.
 We wait.
 We wait for them to forgive.
 And then, despite the waiting feeling like forever, there comes a day when we wait for them to come home again.
 We wait, because our heart loves.
 We wait.
 That is motherhood.

SAVE THE DATE!

June 8: Seniors sing along w/ cake & coffee

INNISFREE-MINBURN 4H BEEF CLUB

Achievement Day Show & Sale

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

Show 2:00

Minburn Ag Grounds

Sale 6:30

Learn To Do By Doing

Carter Anderson
Katie Anderson - Cleaver
Parker Anderson
Cole Arnold
Laramie Arnold - Cleaver
Chloe Bielesh - Cleaver
Austin Garnier
Dylan Garnier
Chase Hess
Maycyn Hess
Peyton Hess
Brock Jackson - Cleaver

Rowan Jackson
Rylan Jackson
Camille Kassian
Carson Kassian
Brad McLaughlin
Katrina McLaughlin
Boe Myshaniuk
Trigg Myshaniuk
Ava Nott
Olivia Saruk
Brock Sen - Cleaver
Kasen Swanson

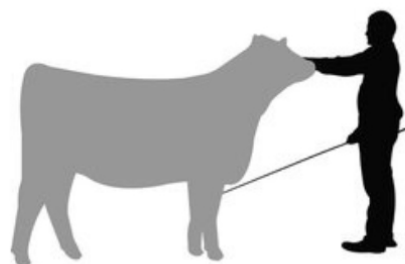
19 Top Quality Steers up for Auction

Contact Clint McLaughlin for more information
or for Sale Day phone 780-870-2435

Spots are booked at local butchers for the 1st week of June



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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!

- May 1: Kelly Fowler
- May 2: Reid Broadhead
- May 2: Hayden Isley
- May 4: Marilyn Kuzio
- May 6: Darrell Pasieka
- May 9: Lemonee Kostynuk
- May 10: Lorrie Hennig
- May 10: Ray Mercer
- May 12: Steve Nott
- May 14: Kendall Jackson
- May 15: Krystin Cannan



- May 16: Eldon Kostynuk
- May 19: Genevieve Weder
- May 20: Dwayne Fowler
- May 20: Danielle Middleton
- May 20: Koco Pasieka
- May 20: Donna Saskiw
- May 23: Karen Theroux
- May 24: Dalyce Morris
- May 26: Arnold Usenik
- May 27: Brandon Feschuk
- May 29: Madeline Nott
- May 31: Tanielle Sullivan

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.

I don't understand how my room gets so messy when all I do is sit on my bed on my phone



Innisfree Preschool & Kindergarten Registration 2022/23

Registration deadline is June 1, 2023

Kindergarten: *Child must be 5 years old by December 30, 2023*

Preschool: *Child must be 4 years old December 30, 2023*

To register please email: innisfreeecs@gmail.com or call Elise Nott: 780-603-1080

We have a wonderful privately run Kindergarten & Preschool now located in the Innisfree Delnorte School!

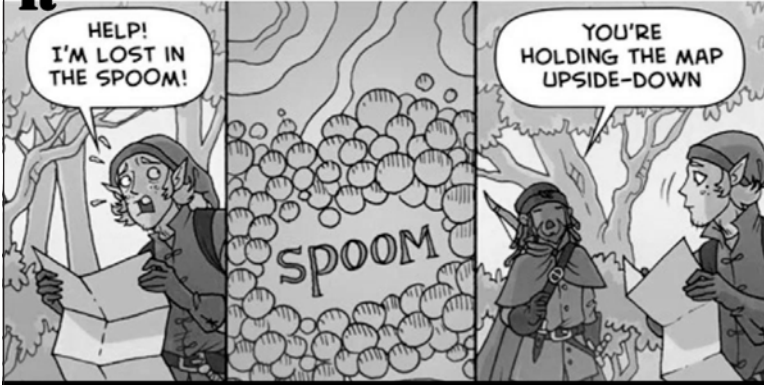
AGM JUNE 8, 2023, 7:30 pm at the Millenium Building

Innisfree Kindergarten News

Now that spring has fully sprung, the kindergarteners are having a blast playing outside without the snow, and we are excited about spending more of our learning time outdoors. Over the last month, we have stayed busy learning about big numbers, our larger community, how to talk about time, and practicing our letters. Our time in the classroom has been even more wonderful as we incorporated our weekly themes into our learning. Our themes included pirates, Easter, fairy tales, and rainy days this month. We had lots of fun decorating eggs, pretending to be pirates, creating our own paper crowns, and reading many entertaining stories.

Even though we are entering our second last month of the school year, we still have more events planned for our kindergarteners. We have already begun preparing for our participation in Innisfree Delnorte School's Mother's Day Tea, and are looking forward to our field trip at the end of this month, where we will visit the post office here in town. Best wishes from the Innisfree Kindergarten class!

C A husband and wife were driving through Louisiana. As they
OUTDOOR approached Natchitoches, they started
R arguing about the pronunciation of the
N town. They argued back and forth, then
E they stopped for lunch. At the counter, the husband asked the
R blonde waitress, "Before we order, could you please settle an
 argument for us? Would you please pronounce where we are
 very slowly?"
 She leaned over the counter and said, "Burr-gerrr Kiiiing."



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PARANYCH CONSULTING 403-506-4667

What do you call a mom who
 can't draw? Tracy!

EVENTS CALENDAR

Here's What's Happening!

- May 3: Village of Innisfree Library Board Meeting
- May 5: Innisfree Delnorte School Graduation 7 pm
- May 9: Innisfree Senior Citizens Meeting
- May 11: Innisfree 4-H Multi Club Meeting
- May 13: Community Garage Sales
- May 14: Happy Mother's Day!
- May 14: Mother's Day Breakfast at the hall 9:30-11:30
- May 16: Village of Innisfree Meeting
- May 25: Ranfurly Seniors Potluck Supper and Meeting
- May 27: Courage Canada Trail and Supper

May 27 (Saturday):

Welcome-Innisfree Catholic Church D.L. @
 11:00 am, followed by Grave Blessings Service
 (done in church). After lunch, as per individual
 requests, Grave Blessings will be done on site:
 at Innisfree Cemetery; St .Peters & Pauls (Stock-
 als); & Holy Cross (10 Range).

For more info Contact-S. Kulak: 780 592-3853

Save the date:

- June 8: Seniors sing along with cake and coffee
- June 8: Kindergarten AGM 7:30 pm



Is someone special celebrating next month?

Send in your JUNE

Birthdays & Anniversaries for the June issue!

Please send birthday or anniversary names and dates by
 May 25 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**

**INNISFREE REC CENTRE
 Booking Agent
 Sammy Raycraft 780-275-3047**




THANKS TO A TYPO IN THE CONTRACT, THE PROFESSOR
 GAINED COMPLETE MASTERY OF ALL THE KNOWLEDGE IN
 THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH, IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS SOUP.

OPEN YEAR ROUND
The
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 "On Wapasu Lake"



www.thebeachside.ca
 (780) 592-3840 info.beachside.bed.breakfast@gmail.com

 **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
CONNECTING COMMUNITY

- Coffee Connections: **April 5th** Mannville: 10am and Innisfree: 1pm
- Check out the Community Bulletin Boards for events calendar
- PEP Goes to Innisfree: A free, creative art program for youth that teaches self-expression, connection and problem solving. (pre-registration required) **April 19th 3:45-5pm at Innisfree School**

FACILITATION & SUPPORTS

- Friendly Phone Visiting program: Call us to have your name added to our calling list and we will stay connected with you
- Meals on Wheels
- TeleCare Emergency Response Connection

PUBLIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION

- Information & Referral: Newsletters, Form Completion, Connections to Resources and Supports- Call or stop by the office
- Let's Talk: 3rd Thursday of every month over lunch hour
April 20th- Volunteer Appreciation Lunch, Mannville town office mural
- Endeavour To Be Different: Kintsugi- The Japanese Art of Repairing. Discuss the beauty of imperfections and how we gain strength in rebuilding while restoring a work of art. **April 13th** at 7-8:30pm in the Mannville United Church basement.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SERVICE

Check out Volunteer Connector <https://www.volunteerconnector.org/> for local volunteer opportunities

KALYNA MMI FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK

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

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

**April 18, 2023 Village of Innisfree
 Council Meeting Highlights**

- Metrix Group presented the Audited 2022 Financial Statements which Council approved
- Animal Control Bylaw 680-23 received third and final reading; check out the Bylaw on the website at www.innisfree.ca
- The Birch Lake Recreation Park & Campground and Innisfree Prairie Bank of Commerce Museum will be registered on the Travel-ING On (formerly History Check) phone app
- The old utility laptop will be cleared and donated to the Innisfree Prairie Bank of Commerce Museum for their use.
- A Strategic Planning Workshop is scheduled for May 2nd and 4th with residents invited to participate.
- Council endorsed an MMI-FCSS application for funding under Volunteer Alberta
- Council declared April 16-22nd as Volunteer Week
- The Village of Innisfree supports FCM in their advocacy regarding future RCMP contract policing decisions to include municipalities, since they are the ones footing the costs.
- Council proclaimed May 21-27th as National Public Works Week
- The 2023 final Operating Budget will be completed after the Strategic Planning
- Council proclaimed April 21st as "Lights On After-school Alberta Day"
- Council is planning a "Coffee with Council" in support of Senior's Week on May 8th from 9 – 11 at the Seniors Centre.
- Village of Innisfree Council is planning a pancake breakfast for both Canada Day in July and the Innisfree Agricultural Fair Day in August.
- The Community Garden will be opening soon; check out the website for details on the application to participate.

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

I want to meet the Tom that got an entire genre of foolery named after him.

Fun Fact: Mother's Day is celebrated every year on the second Sunday of the month of May. This year it will be on May 14th.

2023 Tax Notice Explanation

In previous years working for various municipalities, I found that many people did not understand their Property Tax Notices, so I sent out an explanation with either the spring Utility billing or the Property Tax Notices themselves. However, since it may not be the same people that pay the Property Tax Notice as who pay the Utility bill, now I ensure everyone gets a copy of this explanation.

Many requests were related as to what each line item was. More information is also available in the Tax Levy Bylaw that is passed every year by Council. A copy is available either on the website or requesting one from the Village Office.

School Levy

This number is given to us by the Province of Alberta. They set the requisition amount required to be paid by each municipality to the Provincial Education dept. We take their requisition amount and divide it by the assessment of each applicable property. You may not know, but municipalities do not get a dime of this requisition amount. We are basically the tax collectors on behalf of the Province. If you have any questions about what you have to pay to the Province, please contact:

ASFF Education assessment: Alberta Education Property Tax Line
toll-free by dialing 310-0000 and then 780-422-7125 or dial direct

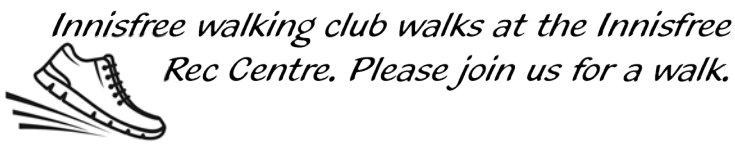
Housing Levy

This is the amount that we are requisitioned by the MD of Minburn Housing Association. The amount changes from year to year. We receive their request and divide the amount by the total assessment for the Village and that is what each individual property owner pays to support senior's housing in the Village.

Municipal Levy – This amount is generated by the Budget that is passed for that year. The total amount requisitioned is divided by the total Village's assessment to arrive at a "mill rate". That mill rate is applied to each property in proportion to their part of the total assessment to arrive at the amount each property will pay for that year's taxes. **This is the only amount on the total Tax Notice that the Village actually gets to use for ALL Village operations.**

Over or Under Levy – this applies to the Seniors Foundation, and Alberta Education. Under or over levies are calculated when the Village has budgeted a certain amount in a year and the actual amount collected is different by the end of the year. This could be for various reasons such as people getting their properties reassessed and the Village having to adjust their Property Tax Notice to reflect the new assessment. But since the Levy has to equal the specified amount every year, the Village must adjust the following year's levy to the property owners to compensate for either the shortfall or surplus from the previous year. So this amount will change from year to year.

Terri Wiebe, CLGM
Interim CAO



News from the Innisfree Walking Club

Hooray! Spring is here and the sun is shining! Can't wait to get out and dig in the garden!

This month's recipe is one my daughter raved about, and we can always use another way to serve chicken right?

Please send me any recipes you'd like to share in the In-former to gaylefoyster@gmail.com and include your name! I know this community is full of folks that cook beautiful food and we would so appreciate hearing from you.

HONEY GARLIC CHICKEN PITA w/ WHIPPED FETA

- INGREDIENTS:**
- 4 TBSP Olive Oil, divided
 - 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cubed in 1 inch cubes
 - 2 tsp seasoning salt
 - Pepper to taste
 - ½ cup Honey
 - 1 tbsp Sriracha
 - 4 garlic cloves, minced and divided
 - 1/2 cup chicken broth
 - 8 oz Feta cheese
 - 1/3 cup Milk
 - 2 tbsp lemon juice
 - 1 tbsp chopped fresh oregano *(or use the dried stuff like I did it's fine!)*
 - 1 Bell pepper finely cubed (or half yellow/half red it's prettier!)
 - ½ red onion, finely chopped
 - ½ cucumber, finely cubed
 - ½ cup chopped cherry tomatoes
 - 1 tsp red wine vinegar
 - Pita or naan bread, one for each person but everyone will want two!

DIRECTIONS:

Whipped Feta Directions:

In a food processor, add feta, milk, lemon juice, 1 minced garlic clove, and oregano. Pulse until combined and stream in half the olive oil, mix until smooth. Taste it – to die for!

Honey Garlic Sauce Directions:

In a small bowl, whisk together honey, broth, sriracha, and 3 minced garlic cloves.

Chicken Directions:

In a medium skillet over medium heat, add half the olive oil. Add chicken, seasoning salt and pepper and cook for about two minutes. Add your Honey Garlic sauce to the skillet and turn up the heat a bit, stirring and cooking until chicken is glazed with thickened sauce, about 5 minutes. Set aside.

Fresh veggie topper directions:

In a medium bowl, mix the bell pepper, cucumber, tomatoes, red onion and vinegar.

Pita Directions:

Brush a little olive oil on both sides of your pita and “char |” both sides in a frying pan. (I just fried both sides until the bread was nice and warm and soft.)

Assembly:

Spread a generous dollop of the whipped feta on your warm pita. Add a large scoop of warm chicken, and top with your fresh veggies. Fold the pita in half like a big taco, and YUM!

Village of Innisfree Community Wide Garage Sales



Date: May 13, 2023
Time: 9:00 to 4:00

Several garage sales around the village. Maps available.

Collectibles, Kitchen Items, Toys, Clothing, Tools, Jewelry, Camping Equipment, Puzzles, Records, Movies, Books, Plants, Dishes, Tools, Furniture and many new items.

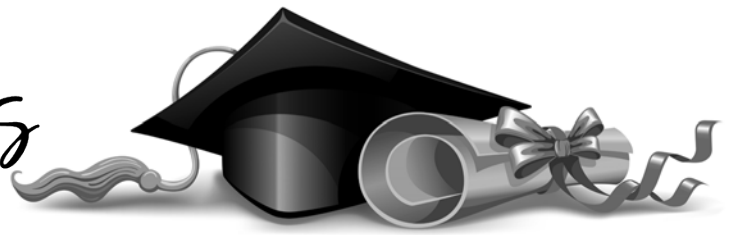
Saturday May 13/23 the Village of Innisfree is having the town garage sale and the Friends of the Innisfree Library Society - FILS will be having a Used Book Sale and operating a concession.



At this time we would like to offer Rural Innisfree families a chance to bring in your items for sale to the town. You can set up your tables etc in the parking lot of the Village of Innisfree library. Cost is only \$5.00 and the village will mention us on their map. You MUST call Gayle and register your intention and we will give you the guidelines etc. 587-280-0211. This will be on a first come first served basis. Sorry we cannot accommodate other than rural Innisfree families because of space available.

Fun Fact: *The first thing most babies can vocalize is the 'ma' sound, which is why in almost every language the word or mother begins with the letter 'M' or is some iteration of the 'ma' sound.*

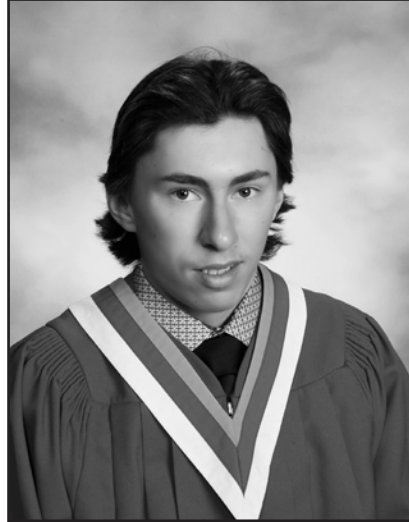
Congratulations



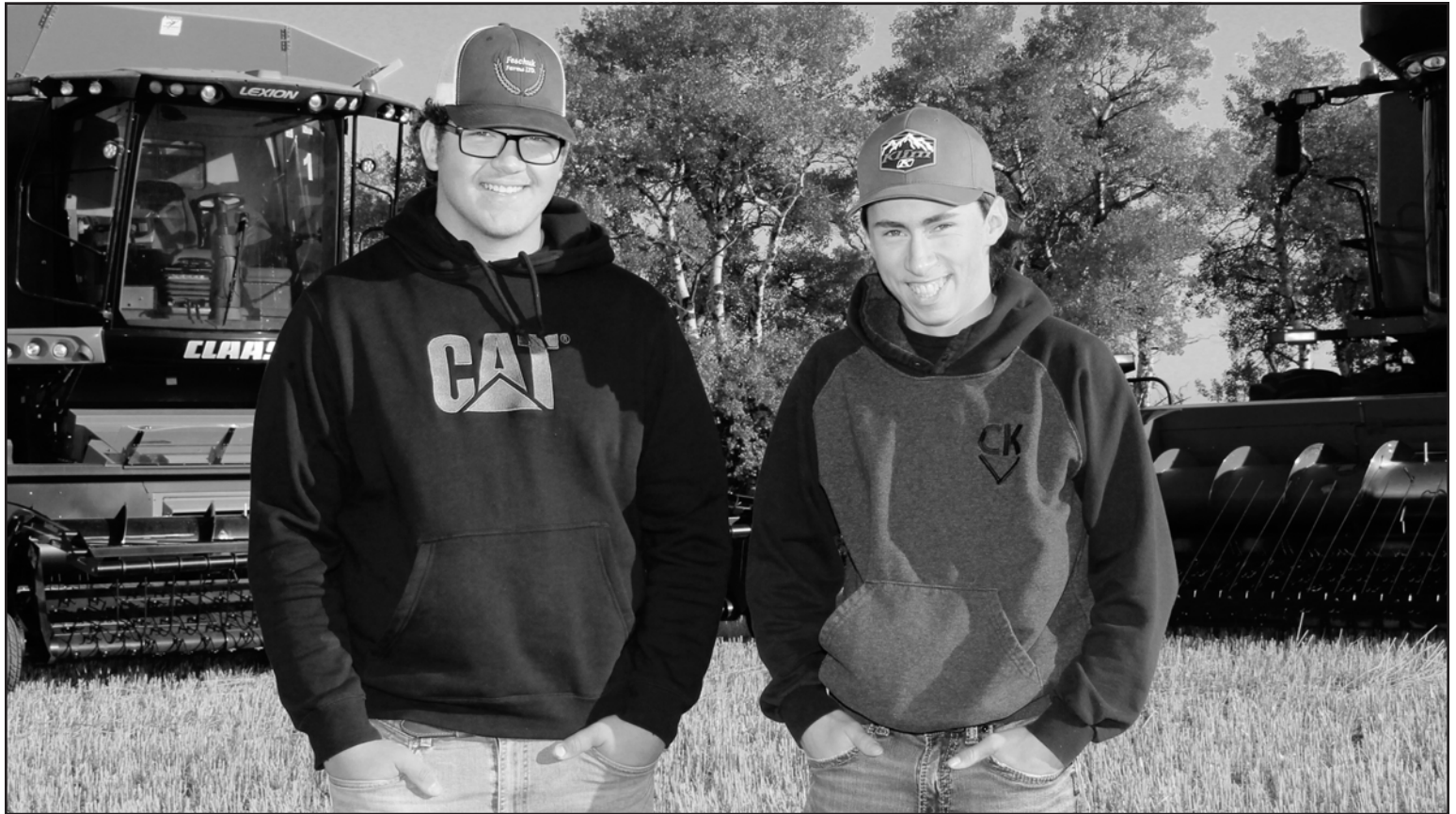
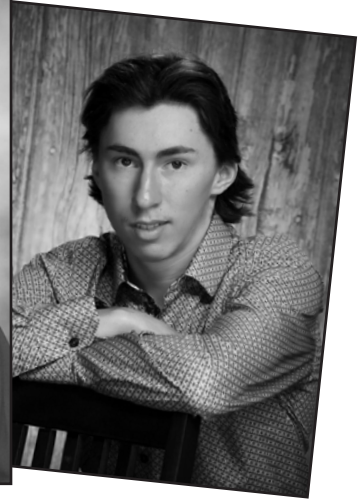
Delnorte School Graduating Class of 2023!



Ryan Feschuk



Carson Kassian



The community is invited to attend the Innisfree Denorte School Graduation Ceremony to celebrate the accomplishments of the grads.

May 5, 2023, 7:00 pm, Innisfree Rec Centre

**I Just realized why this
month is called May
It may rain
It may snow
It may be 30 degrees
It may be 2 degrees**

My Bucket List:



- 1. Fill a bucket with bacon.**
- 2. Eat bacon**

**WHEN THE STORM
CLOUDS ROLL IN
ARE YOU
PROTECTED?**



**Lisa Anderson
Rain & Hail Agent
(780)632-5526
Innisfree, AB**



INNISFREE RECREATIONAL & CULTURAL SOCIETY

IS HOSTING THEIR ANNUAL

**MOTHER'S DAY
BREAKFAST**

EVERYONE WELCOME!

SUNDAY, MAY 14

9:30 am - 11:30 am

INNISFREE REC. CENTER



12 +/ADULTS - \$15.00

AGES 6 TO 11 - \$6.00

5 & UNDER - FREE

Welcome to Campers Corner

We look forward to welcoming campers, travellers and day-use visitors when the Park opens for the season on the 1st of May 2023 says Cat Threadgould who looks after the park's administration and management. "We encourage campers to book their sites early, as we are expecting another busy camping season this summer. "I am excited to bring new and exciting experiences to the Campground for everyone to enjoy! So, keep up with the latest updates on Birch Lake Campground Facebook or Instagram and right here!

Spring in the Campground brings hundreds of birds from all over, swans, pelicans, snow geese, Ca-

nadian geese, great blue herons, ducks and shore birds and of course the song birds of many colors and sizes! If you're quietly having coffee our local resident deer and babies travel through as well as a large moose! The neighborhood beaver strolls through as well to dip in the lake! We have a spot just right for everyone!

Returning campers will notice enhancements being completed by the BLC such as new handicapped parking for washrooms area, leveled pads, a bigger parking lot for visitors, new picnic tables, more enhancements are in the works and strategically placed signs and markers throughout the park's system of nature trails and lake signs. New Flyers with Campground and area information, Facebook and Instagram to share your adventures and photos! Can't wait to see you all down here!

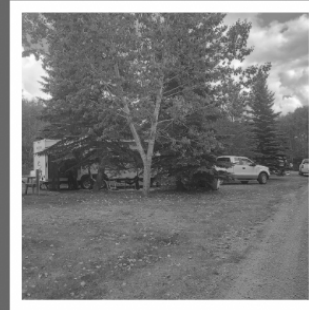
Cat Threadgould- Park Manger

Birch Lake CAMPGROUND

BIRCH LAKE CAMPGROUND & RECREATION PARK

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Innisfree, Alberta
1-780-592-2414



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Group Camp
Baseball Diamonds
Shower/Washrooms



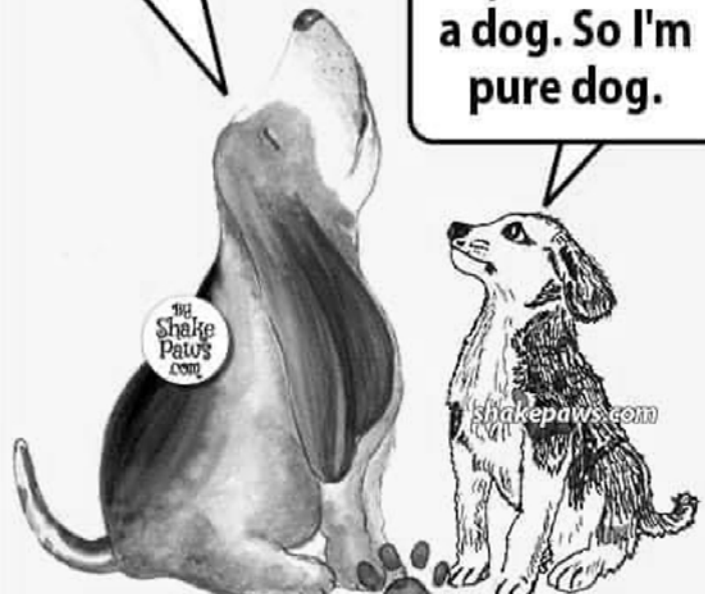
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campreservations.ca
www.innisfree.ca



Are you
a pure bred
dog like me?

Yes! My mum
was a dog &
my dad was
a dog. So I'm
pure dog.



Village of Innisfree Library News

Mother's Day Basket tickets are now on sale at the Library, Village Office and Monday Night Bingo in Innisfree. Tickets are \$2 each and the winner will be drawn at the Mother's Day Breakfast in Innisfree on May 14. Good Luck and thank you for your continued support!

We will be holding a book sale and concession on May 13 for the Community Wide Garage Sale! Stop in to see what treasures you can find and have a bite to eat - all while supporting our Library and it's programming! Rural Innisfree residents who would like to set up a table can contact Gayle at 587-280-0211 to reserve a spot in the library parking lot.

We were extremely happy to welcome both Tiffany Dowhan, country music recording star; and Kwesi Millington, former RCMP officer to speak at the school about Mental Health, Self Confidence and Resiliency. Separate workshops for the JR/SR high boys and girls were held, with Tiffany speaking to the girls and Kwesi to the boys. Kwesi then held a workshop for the entire elementary student body.

I had a lot of comments from students, staff and parents about how great both workshops were! I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the following organizations for their contributions to making these extremely important workshops happen!

*Village of Innisfree Library Board *Innisfree Delnorte Parent Council *Innisfree Delnorte School
*Mannville-Minburn-Innisfree Family Counselling & Support Services

Join us for our early literacy program on May 25 at 10 AM. The theme for the month is pond life. If you couldn't attend any of our last programs in person, we do still have take home kits that are available. Just let us know if you would like one!

Look for more information on a personal directives and will planning workshop coming up. We are hoping to hold it in June around Seniors Week, and it is open to anyone who would like to attend, not just Seniors! Pre-registration will be required as we would like to host an evening event with soup, sandwiches and refreshments.

We are hiring a summer student through Canada's summer jobs. Please check Facebook or our website for more information. Please have resumes to the library in person or by email to mnewton@innisfreelibrary.ca by May 12.



Tiffany Dowhan & Kwesi Millington spoke at the school about Mental Health, Self Confidence and Resiliency



INNISFREE & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY
PRESENTS

FARMER'S DAY

FRIDAY JUNE 9

COCKTAILS 5:30

SUPPER 6:30

INNISFREE REC CENTRE

13 & UP \$30

6-12 \$15

5 & UNDER FREE



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
BY THE PRAIRIE DOGS

ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY

DOOR PRIZES

Tickets available from any Innisfree Ag Society
member, Innisfree Village Office or Innisfree ATB until

June 2 or call Deanna at

780-581-5871



Innisfree-Minburn 4-H Beef Club

April Report

Peyton Hess- Club Reporter

Show day is right around the corner! Make sure to save the date for Wednesday, May 31, at the Minburn Ag Grounds where our club members will have their project animals available for the show and sale!

On April 5th, we held our regular monthly club meeting in Innisfree where we worked on plans for our busiest month - May! April 12 was our annual Showmanship and Grooming Clinic, where special guests Lexi and Kailey Wirsta showed us some tips and tricks on how to properly groom and show our projects. We really enjoyed the afternoon and learned so much! On April 22, we toured the Minburn Colony Dairy Barn. It was a great afternoon seeing how the milking machines worked and how the cows rotated through.

Looking ahead, we are wrapping up our 4-H year with our Mock Achievement Day on May 10 and our Community Service evening on May 17, both in Minburn. Members have been working hard on getting their projects ready for our sale, and we can't wait to see you there!

WEIRD THINGS THAT MAKE YOU HAPPY AS AN ADULT

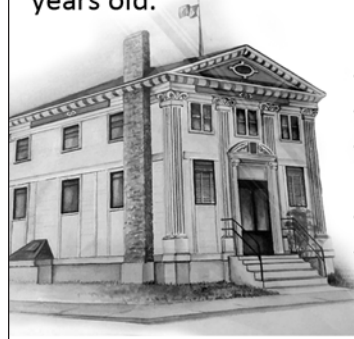
HEDGER HUMOR for *babble*.



It's funny how a farmer spends countless hours getting land ready, from disking all the way to planting. He spends \$1000's of dollars on fuel, equipment, and repair bills. He spends many nights laying in bed praying for rain or sunshine instead of sleeping. He sweats like no other job will make you. He works like most people wouldn't. He gets yelled at and cussed out by people that get caught behind the tractor traveling down the road, and he spends many minutes of the day wondering if it's worth it! And he does all of this for these tiny seeds! Ask yourself, "Why would he do that?" The answers are all around you.. The plate of food sitting in front of you, the clothes on your back, the shoes on your feet, and the last answer is the is the one that puzzles most people. It's the dust, love for agriculture, and the satisfaction knowing he done his part at the end of the day! I'd like to thank all the farmers out there that help make the world go round!

INNISFREE PRAIRIE BANK OF COMMERCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY Canada Summer Jobs: Seasonal Employment Opportunity

The Innisfree Prairie Bank of Commerce Museum and Art Gallery is looking for an Individual seeking temporary employment as the Tourism Development Director. This position is available to Individuals ages 15 to 30 years old.



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I wish I could fly.



I wish I could walk.



I wish I could swim.



WISE WORDS TO LIVE BY

"Barely the day started and it's already six in the evening. Barely arrived on Monday and it's already Friday. .. and the month is already over. .. and the year is almost over. .. and already 40, 50 or 60 years of our lives have passed. .. and we realize that we lost our parents, friends. .. and we realize it's too late to go back.



So.. Let's try, despite everything, to enjoy the remaining time. Let's keep looking for activities that we like. Let's put some color in our grey.

Let's smile at the little things in life that put balm in our hearts. And despite everything, we must continue to enjoy with serenity this time we have left.



Let's try to eliminate the afters.. I'm doing it after. I'll say after. I'll think about it after. We leave everything for later like " after " is ours.

Because what we don't understand is that: Afterwards, the coffee gets cold. afterwards, priorities change. Afterwards, the charm is broken. Afterwards, health passes. Afterwards, the kids grow up. Afterwards parents get old. Afterwards, promises are forgotten. Afterwards, the day becomes the night. Afterwards, life ends. And then it's often too late. So.. Let's leave nothing for later.



Because still waiting to see later, we can lose the best moments, the best experiences, best friends, the best family. The day is today. The moment is now. We are no longer at the age where we can afford to postpone what needs to be done right away." It Looks Like An Eternity, But It's A Short Trip, Enjoy Life And Always Be Kind.~~ ~unknown



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Weighted Down... by Deb Barber



If you are out and about today, especially working in the yard, you might want

to throw a few stones in your pocket to keep you from blowing into next year! Farmer Hubby and I were continuing with our spring yard work but had to shut down for lunch as the wind was whipping the grass and leaves away faster than we could get them raked into some semblance of a pile! He is a bit anxious to get things all in order, but I keep telling him we have lots of time yet. He has had his leaf 'vacuum' fired up and was cleaning up the yard like a mini tornado and then he was cussing the wind when it would deposit more leaves where he had already cleaned, I say it just keeps him out of trouble!



I was doing so good about refraining from starting too many seedlings until about March 20th when I figured I was safe, I mean worse case scenario I could have all those little plants out in the greenhouse by mid April, wrong! So about half of the kitchen table is out of commission covered in red solo cups with tomatoes plants that are starting to look a bit spindly. One day I decided it would be safe to carry a few pepper plants down to the greenhouse, muck around in the dirt down there to replant them and then haul them back up to the house. Apparently my definition of a nice

day was still darn chilly if you are a pepper seedling and several of them shrivelled up and their leaves turned black. Lesson learned!!

The few petunias that I started this year are certainly not happy campers, maybe about six of them might grow into viable plants and blossom sometime in September, if the frost stays away that long. I guess the first year when I had such great success must have been beginners' luck as these last two years I have struggled to get the plants to cooperate.

Recently I took an old horse water trough, drilled some holes in the bottom and following a recipe off Pinterest, remodified it into a raised garden bed! The article suggested you fill the tub 2/3 full of tree branches and we had an abundance of them, then add in some brown material like leaves and old grass and we had lots of that on hand as well, finally a thin layer of compost, yep had that and a top layer of black dirt which again we have in no short supply. I am hoping to grow an array of lettuces in it for salads, the idea being that I will be able to keep the chickweed from overwhelming the lettuce again stay tune to see how this experiment turns out!

There are a couple of residents that are not so happy with the addition of a dog to the family! Firstly the squirrels are not impressed, he has yet been able to catch one but he sure gives them a lively chase and at least it keeps them on their toes! The barn cats as well felt things were just fine without the add on of a canine! In

fact, they coordinated a front-line attack on him when he was least expecting one. I was in the pasture with the horses when I looked up to check on things; I saw one cat glaring at the dog from the corner of the barn, he gave the other cat a significant look over his shoulder and ran straight for Keeper, tail fuzzed out and back arched hissing and spitting. The second in command came hurtling after him throwing herself on the dog's back. Poor Keeper didn't know what to do and his confusion was compounded with me yelling "stop, stop that" thinking perhaps he was the one I was upset with! Climbing the fence and coming to Keeper's rescue I shoed the cats away. They only retreated after coming after me and receiving a swat that sent the one tumbling across the grass. I reassured Keeper that he was a good boy and threatened to rehome the cats if they pull a stunt like that again. Since then, we all kind of walk around each other on eggshells but I'm hoping they will all come to a peaceful resolution!



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The older I get the more I understand why roosters just scream to start their day



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