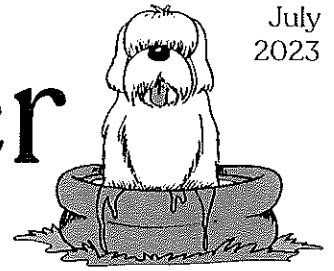


# The Innisfree Informer

July  
2023



## Deb's Message in a Minute

The hazy crazy days of summer are here and with the welcome rain, the grass and flowers are beautiful. We had a wonderful June. We are happy to see Birch Lake Campground open and planning some fun activities. Drop by for a stroll along the walking paths or bring your tent or trailer for an overnight stay.

In the Seniors Drop-In Centre, the Village served Pancakes from 8:30 to 10:30. Thank you to all those who attended to help us celebrate Canada Day.

The Innisfree Prairie Bank of Commerce Museum welcomes Norah Melnyk as our summer staff. The museum is open Thursday to Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come on in and see what new items are set up. The Museum hosted a tea party and fundraising bake sale on July 1st, thank you to our attendees.

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, magazines, and DVD's.

The school parking lot maybe empty, but the playgrounds are active with children as they get out and play or ride their bikes. Watch out for them as they enjoy their summer vacation.

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.

Check for updates as they are posted on the Village of Innisfree web site, [www.innisfree.ca](http://www.innisfree.ca). See the Mannville-Minburn-Innisfree FCSS Facebook page for up-to-date information available.

*Respectfully submitted by Deb McMann*

## 50 Amazing things Invented by Canadians

- |                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 5 Pin Bowling                 | Jolly Jumper             |
| Basketball                    | Kerosene                 |
| Bone Marrow                   | Lacrosse                 |
| Compatibility Test            | Lawn Sprinkler           |
| Canada Dry Ginger Ale         | McIntosh Apple           |
| Canola                        | Music Synthesizer        |
| Cardiac Pacemaker             | Newsprint                |
| Computerized Braille          | Odometer                 |
| CPR Mannequin                 | Pager                    |
| Creed Telegraph System        | Paint Roller             |
| Electric Cooking Range        | Peanut Butter            |
| Electric Lightbulb            | Plexiglas                |
| Electric Organ                | Prosthetic Hand          |
| Electric Streetcar            | Quartz Clock             |
| Electric Wheelchair           | Robertson Screw          |
| Electron Microscope           | Snowblower               |
| Garbage Bag<br>(polyethylene) | Snowmobile               |
| Goalie Mask                   | Standard Time            |
| Gramophone                    | Synthetic Sucrose        |
| Hawaiian pizza                | Telephone                |
| Ice Hockey                    | Television Camera        |
| Imax Movie System             | Trivial Pursuit          |
| Instant Mashed Potatoes       | Undersea Telegraph Cable |
| Insulin Process               | Walkie-Talkies           |
|                               | Wireless Radio           |
|                               | Yukon Gold Potato        |
|                               | Zipper                   |

Happy  
Birthday,  
eh!

### Innisfree Bullets Softball Season Report

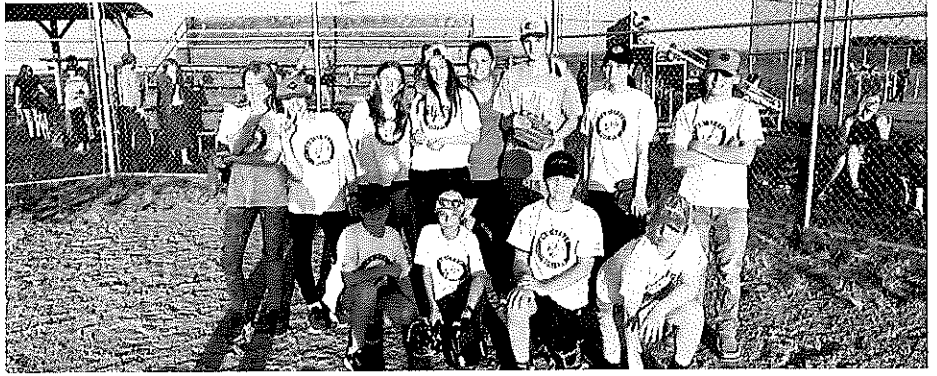
We had a great season of softball these past few months. We practiced at the Innisfree Ball Diamonds and we have three age groups this year: U6, U9 and U14.

We had approximately 30 kids for the season. We travelled to Two Hills for a game and they travelled to us for a return game. We held our wind up on June 21 with a parent vs kids game.

Special thanks to all our volunteers and helper coaches. It made the season a great success with so much extra help and guidance for the kids.

Big thanks to Pioneer and Land Seed and Agro for sponsoring our new shirts this year.

It was a great year and we are looking forward to next season!

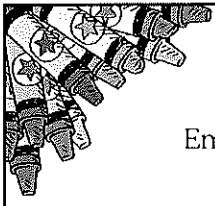


WHEN THE STORM  
CLOUDS ROLL IN  
ARE YOU  
PROTECTED?



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





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

**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.

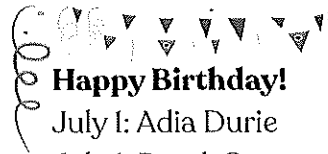
While school zone limits are in effect on school days only,



the entire stretch of road past the Delnorte School is also a playground zone.

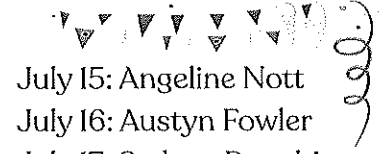


Playground speed restrictions are in effect **EVERY DAY** from 8:30 am to 1 hour after sunset.



**Happy Birthday!**

- July 1: Adia Durie
- July 1: Brock Sen
- 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 11: 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!**

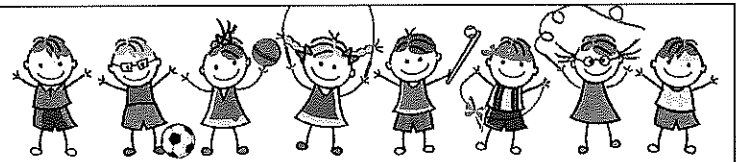
- July 5: Carmen & Kevin Kassian
- July 15: Terri & Garth Broadhead
- July 28: Amanda & Calvin Broadhead

**Innisfree Kindergarten News**

Happy summer everyone! It is at this point of the year that we say farewell to our kindergarten and pre-school classes of 2023 and wish them well as they begin their well-deserved break! June was a very exciting, and also busy month for our little ones! As a class, we made the end of the school year extra fun with a few more weekly themes, including dinosaurs, fun at the beach, and the classic teddy bear picnic. Our kindergarteners and preschoolers celebrated Father's Day with a Doughnuts with Dad fun day that included soccer, birdhouse decorating, a heart-felt song for entertainment, and of course doughnuts. They were also invited to the school carnival where they played many games, won prizes, and even helped drop various teachers into a dunk tank. We celebrated our preschoolers' completion of their school year with a picnic outside and some refreshing treats. I am so excited to see these wonderful preschoolers return in September to begin kindergarten!

Our kindergarteners definitely stayed busy right up until the end of their school days. In addition to all the fun they had with the preschoolers, they also attended swimming lessons with the other elementary students, participated in a school-wide slip and slide, enjoyed a teddy bear picnic, and of course graduated!

I am so unbelievably proud of our kindergarten and preschool students! They were such a wonderful group of children who made the school year exciting, fun, and memorable. I am sure they will all have lots of fun this summer and I wish them well in the next school year. I cannot wait to see what amazing futures these little ones will have!



**Innisfree Preschool & Kindergarten  
Registration 2022/23**

**Registration is open!**

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!*

**C** A man who had recently arrived at an RV campground noticed a dog resting beside an RV'er who was relaxing in a lawn chair. "Excuse me, sir, does your dog bite?" the newly arrived camper asked. The RVer looked up over his newspaper and replied, "Nope."  
**R** So the camper approached the dog, but it began snarling and growling viciously. He quickly backed away then yelled angrily, "You said your dog didn't bite!" The RVer muttered, "That ain't my dog."  
**N**  
**E**  
**R**



I went to an outdoor restaurant last night. Total disaster. Poured with rain. Took me 2 hours to finish my soup.

OUTDOOR CORNER is sponsored by:  
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What's a Canadian ghost's favourite food?? BOO-tine!

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### Here's What's Happening!

- July 1: Village Council is serving breakfast at the Seniors Drop-in Centre
- July 1: Tea and Bake Sale at the Museum
- July 1: Birch Lake Campground Canada Day activities, and fireworks at dusk
- July 5: Village of Innisfree Library Board Meeting
- July 15: Tour Bus to Drumheller for Badlands Passion Play
- July 18: Village of Innisfree Council Meeting

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



Is someone special celebrating next month?

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](mailto:innisfreeinformer@gmail.com)

*Tour Bus leaving Vegreville*

*going to Drumheller Badlands Passion Play*

**Saturday July 15/23.**

**Package Price - \$78.75 plus Bus Fee**

*For More Info: contact Vicki Paranych 780 632-2121*

## 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**

## OPEN YEAR ROUND

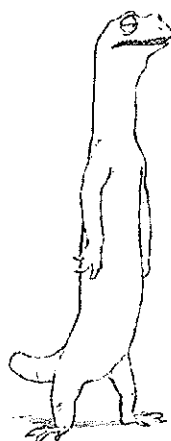
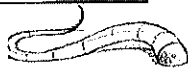
The **Beachside**  
 Bed and Breakfast  
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(780) 592-3840 [info.beachside.bed.breakfast@gmail.com](mailto:info.beachside.bed.breakfast@gmail.com)



Fun Fact: Crickets make different chirping noises depending on the temperature. They chirp faster when it's hotter.



"You know what doesn't grow back, Susan? Trust."

*N. of Paul*

**"Be Good, Be Kind, Be Gentle"**  
-Douglas Lawton Foyster



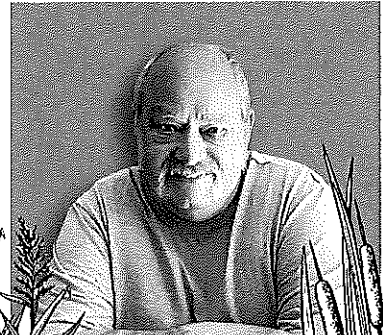
The world has lost one of the good ones, one of the very best souls we were lucky enough to call Husband, Son, Dad, Grampa, Brother, Uncle, and Friend.

Doug Foyster passed away peacefully the morning of July 5, 2023, at the age of 75 years, his loving wife Gayle by his side, never faltering in her wonderful care for Dad. If love alone could heal someone, he would have lived forever.

Doug was such an extraordinarily special person, leaving an impression behind with everyone he met. You only had to stand still in a store to find him, just had to listen for his great big laugh. Called everyone 'my love', and always made you feel so welcome and wanted. He loved deeply, and was a friend to all, especially to his lucky animals. Never were a dog and cats so loved as Cookie, Miss Kitty and Charlie.

Doug's legacy will live on especially in his grandchildren. Norah and Matthew have learned how to love from the very best, and we are so lucky that they will be able to carry his memory forward the rest of their lives.

Doug's talents in the kitchen were enjoyed by many. He taught many of you some of his tricks of the trade, sliced many a slab of beef in the hall, and he and mom shared their goodies especially at Christmastime. Today, in his honor go to your kitchen and cook whatever your heart desires, and enjoy the process! Cook with purpose and passion, and flavour,  
*for Doug.*

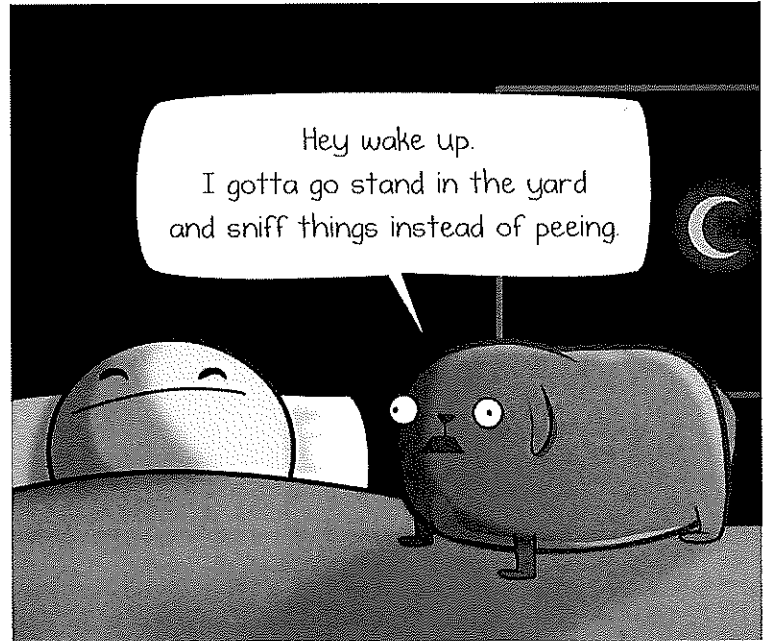
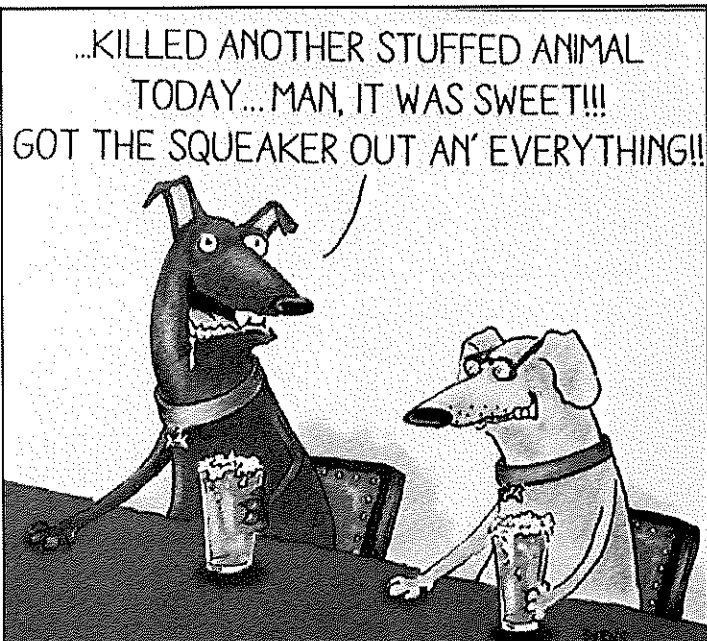


*Be Good, Be Kind, Be Gentle.* He would tell us this all the time.  
These words say it all. Doug was kind, gentle and good.  
We will miss him every day, forever.

Love forever and always...

Gayle, Naomi, Wayne, Norah and Matthew

(Private service to follow at a later date)



June 26, 2023

## **Greetings Residents of Innisfree and area,**

I would like to take some time to address some of the many issues being brought forward recently. Please do accept the apologies of myself and the other council members to those residents who have not felt heard or listened to recently. You have my commitment to listen and act whenever possible.

1. **Village Staffing** - As of June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Interim CAO Terri Wiebe is no longer employed by the Village of Innisfree. I ask for your patience while we transition and plan forward. By the time you're reading this article I am hoping to have worked with the other council members on a plan forward. CAO Brooke Magosse plans to return full time in October. We had three summer students hired for the summer and now only have two as the other decided to work elsewhere. We will be working to fill these vacancies and use grant funding provided by the Federal Government. Thanks to our remaining summer students for their commitment to the Village. Staffing is stable in other areas. I do have one request which is to remember when constructive and welcomed criticism turns to ranting and raving on Facebook and other forums, that our staff are human and do feel. In many ways they are doing their best to complete the day-to-day activities that had been assigned to them. Council will work with the new Interim CAO (when that person is appointed) to complete as many projects as possible and to notify residents of projects with notice. We all acknowledge that there is room for improvement.

2. **Vegetation Control** – you may have heard that the Village had contracted vegetation specialists to control weeds identified as invasive and required to be controlled by the provincial government. I am saddened to report that some of our residents made it impossible for these individuals to complete their work. This was then followed up with a letter from the Village that came across as threatening. That was not the intention of Council. This project has failed due to communication right from the beginning. The fact of the matter is we must control these weeds or face punishment from the province. This may come in many ways, one of which is financial. I ask when our contractors return that you all welcome them and let them complete their work. Also, to help, please control vegetation on your own properties. I know I have some work to do.


3. **Bylaw Enforcement** – Village Council has heard many complaints on bylaw enforcement. In order to combat this, we hired a part time bylaw enforcement office on a contract basis. This individual has the authority to enforce bylaws and will be issuing warning enforcing our local bylaws. Complaints heard include animals at large, unsightly property, trees and other vegetation overhanging sidewalks and more.

4. **Speed by the school** – it has been brought forward by some residents that speeding by the school is an issue again. Please obey the signage and ensure our kids are safe when playing at the playground. Please remember that even though school is now out children still play in the school yard, go to the library and play on the playground.

I hope many of you take part in the Pancake breakfast and festivities at the campground on CANADA DAY. I look forward to seeing you there and at the Fair on August 9th. Please continue to contact the Village office with questions and concerns.

**Evan Raycraft, Mayor – Village of Innisfree, 780-208-0975**

*Innisfree walking club walks at the Innisfree Rec Centre. Please join us for a walk.*



**News from the Innisfree Walking Club**

Summer yeah! To go along with the barbeques or visiting grandchildren you may want a big batch of cookies no one can resist and here's that recipe for you. This comes compliments of my friend Doreen Nott. For August it would be fun to get some recipes that you use and serve at summer barbeque/get togethers that everyone just loves. Please send me some ideas: gaylefoyster@gmail.com

**CRACKER JACK COOKIES**

**INGREDIENTS:**

- |                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1 cup butter      | 1 ½ cups flour       |
| 1 cup white sugar | 1 tsp baking soda    |
| 1 cup brown sugar | 1 tsp baking powder  |
| 2 eggs            | 2 cups oatmeal       |
| 2 tsp vanilla     | 2 cups Rice Krispies |
|                   | 1 cup coconut        |

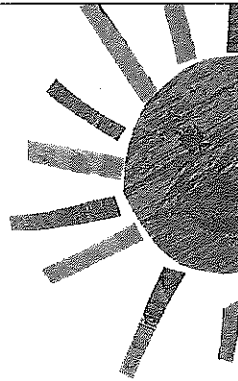
**DIRECTIONS:**

- Cream butter and sugar. Beat in eggs and vanilla.
- Sift flour, baking soda and baking powder into creamed mixture
- Stir in oatmeal and coconut. Mix in Rice Krispies last.
- Roll into balls the size of a walnut. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes.

On the fifth day of summer my children have eaten:

- 3 ice cream cones,
- 12 slices of pizza,
- 2 bananas,
- 26 juice boxes,
- 14 string cheeses,
- 6 cartons of strawberries,
- 8 bowls of cereal,
- 3 cake pops,
- and half a watermelon.

But they are **STILL** hungry.



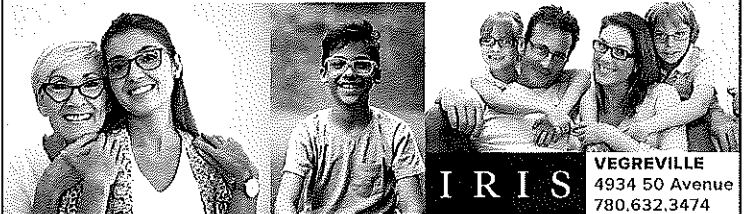
**WE ARE TEACHERS**

**Book to see Dr. Nagji  
Specializing in Dry Eye Care,  
Children and Senior Eye Health**

**Accepting new patients, walk-ins and emergencies.**

Reminder - Children to the age of 19 and Seniors 65+ are covered yearly for eye exams

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or online booking is available.**



**A Lesson on Love**

My dog and I do not speak the same language. Yet every day, she tells me:  
*I trust you to know when I need to go for a walk.  
 I will let you hold me when you need to and I will ask you for love when I need it.  
 On the days you are sick, I will lie beside you.  
 I will look for you in rooms when you are not here, and I will greet you with so much joy when you come home.  
 I will guard you when you sleep.  
 I will wag my tail and let you know that everything will be okay on your bad days, and I know that you will do the same on mine.*

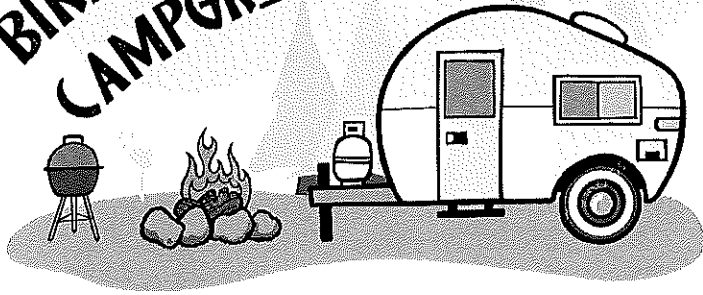
And from this I learn that my dog and I actually do speak the same language.

After all, the universe is a kindly ancient thing. It gave love as a mother tongue to every being.

*-Nikita Gill*

Fun Fact: Summer is the only time you can see lightning bugs glowing! The rest of the year, they hide underground. One special type of lightning bug glows blue-green! It's called a ghost firefly.

# BIRCH LAKE CAMPGROUND CORNER



Welcome everybody to the Campground corner I have some very exciting news to share with you. It seems that our area has some history that out dates everything!

75 million years ago, this area was once known as the BEAR PAW SEA also known as the birch lake foundation in geographical terms. This area was once all under the sea level now I am here to share with you some information

A little over 100 years ago years ago in 1913 an amateur palaeontologist was curious about the lake bed, and the cliffs that surrounded the Birch Lake.

This said the man found some fossils located on the north side of Birch Lake in Alberta geology the lake is categorized into two parts. there's the lower birch lake, and the upper birch lake. This area was once under all of what they called the BEAR PAW SEA now these fossils that they are looking for at this time are of crustaceans that would've been living in the bottom of the ocean. Also oyster fossils.

I would like to introduce, Steve Kary a palaeontologist from Red Deer and his team, who are here to see if they can find those fossils once again, on the edge or areas in which the hundred-year-old paper was written. This is giving us a great opportunity to have the Birch Lake in the Alberta Archives palaeontology records.

Steve reached out to me in regards to this paper to see if my knowledge of the lake would help them to pinpoint these areas as I myself have been collecting rocks all over the lake shore, and have found some unusual rocks and would like to see if we can classify them as gemstones and any fossils.

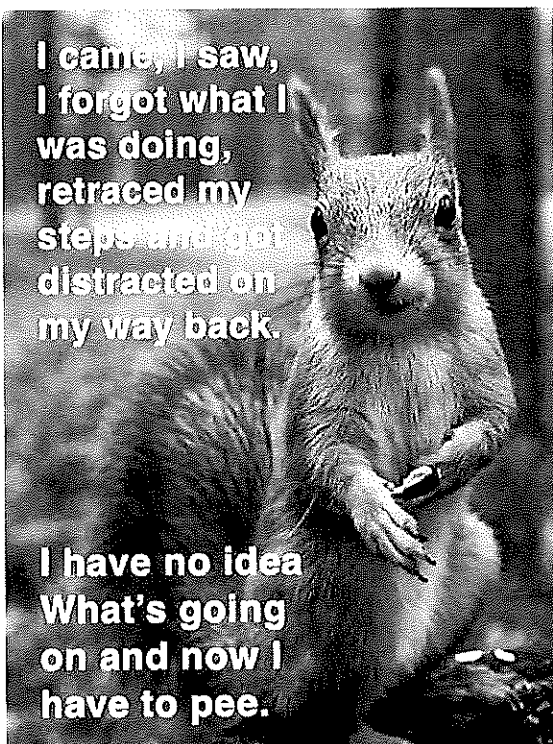
For the next three days in July Steve and his team and myself, with the help of some other locals, are going to do an exploration of the areas in which we believe we will be able to find some fossils if they are successful in finding said fossils, they will then request for a permit from the Alberta government to do some archaeological. digging this, in no manner will harm the waters or the areas or affect any locals in any manner. This is a government permit to allow them to search along the water edges.

Along with looking for these fossils, we have also contacted archeologists in regards to some native artifacts, and some native indigenous hunting grounds that were in the area before the village became in town And as I have recently learned that there seems to be some old Buffalo kill sites around Birch Lake, which makes sense since back

then the land was all fields, and the cliffs would've provided an excellent space for the natives to push the buffalo off of the cliffs in order to complete a kills. We are also asking if any locals have any information on any native artefacts or areas that may have been found or dug up over the years. The archeologists would like to date stamp and add these to the Canadian archives. All they are requesting is to see photos or even to be able to take photos of these artefacts just so that they can put it into the database for any further future references.

I myself am of indigenous background that's finding means a lot to me in a spiritual manner and culture, having the opportunity to find such sites and be able to locate them will also give the Birch Lake Campground the opportunity to have a spot where travellers would be drawn to just for those reasons just like the pico-graphs, these areas would be highly protected. There would be no ability to dig up any artefacts they would just be a Point of Interest in which that they would be able to visit and take a look around.

Submitted by: Park Manager Cat Threadgould



**I came, I saw,  
I forgot what I  
was doing,  
retraced my  
steps and got  
distracted on  
my way back.**

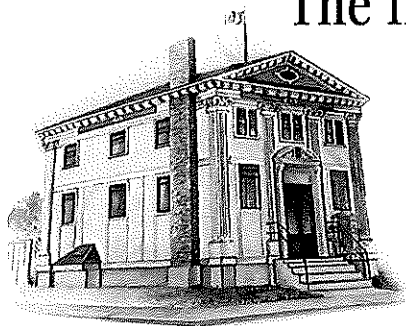
**I have no idea  
What's going  
on and now I  
have to pee.**



# The Innisfree Prairie Bank of Commerce Museum & Art Gallery

## About an Artifact

July 2023



Welcome to The Innisfree Prairie Bank of Commerce Museum's brand-new forum: About an Artifact, where you can find just a taste of addictive knowledge about some of the wondrous and beautiful items within the walls of our unique museum, echoing with days of old.



**Curling Iron**  
This curling iron was used to curl hair by myself, my mother (Mrs. Robert Weder Sr.), my brothers and whoever happened to be around. One had to be careful from burning the hair. This was before the first permanents were available.  
Donated by Erica Mansell

This month's first items include a gorgeous curling iron stand, as well as a very old curling iron itself, both donated by Erica Mansell in 1999. The curling iron, having been manufactured in France, as proven by the engraving along the rod, also has what looks either to be an "8" or an "S" engraved near the joint. The entire length of the utensil measures about 26.5cm, the charred barrel of the iron itself measuring 13cm.

Along with her donation, Erica Mansell wrote: "This curling iron was used to curl hair by myself, my mother (Mrs. Robert Weder Sr.), my brothers and whoever happened to be around. One had to be careful from burning the hair. This was before the first permanents were available."

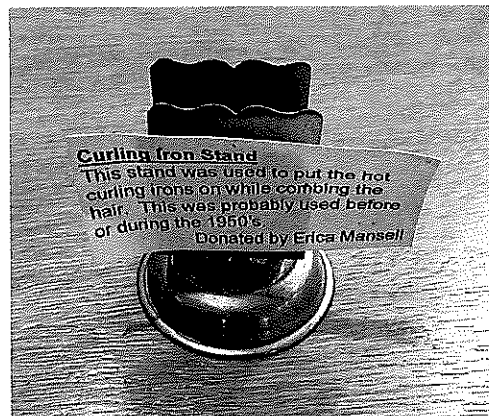
Jo and Meg in the 1994 cinematic adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women* are depicted using a similar old curling iron, Jo proceeds to accidentally burn Meg's hair off. Without electricity, these curling irons were often let heat up in the fireplace or wood-burning oven, then used on the hair much the same as we use curling irons today: clamping the rod shut on small locks of hair, then wrapping the length around the barrel for several seconds before releasing to reveal a ringlet. There were a multitude of techniques used to curl the hair, later there were many methods of creating waves. With having to reheat the curling rod between uses, you can imagine that this was a time-consuming process.

The iron would then have been placed down onto a stand: "This stand was used to put the hot curling irons on while combing the hair. This was probably used before or during the 1950's." It's difficult not to imagine a family gathering around a fireplace, a young woman, grinning in excitement along with her mother, standing behind her, scalding hot curling iron in hand, at the thought of her half-curled hair, her giddy brothers next in line.

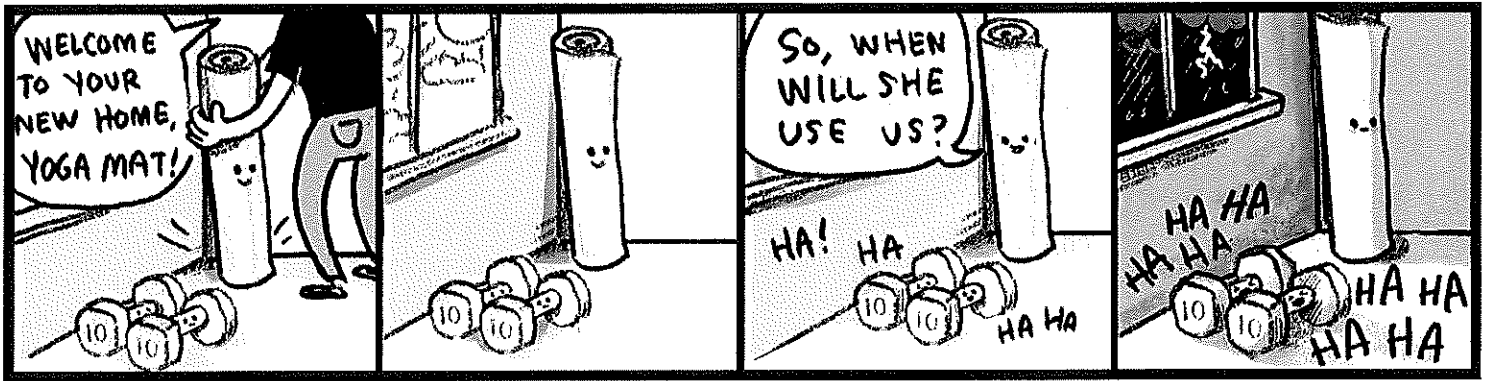
To be further enriched with the wonders and realities of history, please consider visiting our local Prairie Bank Museum for a guided tour.

Donations allow our museum to remain open, thank you for your much appreciated ongoing support.

*Submitted by Norah Melnyk*



**Curling Iron Stand**  
This stand was used to put the hot curling irons on while combing the hair. This was probably used before or during the 1950's.  
Donated by Erica Mansell



## Village of Innisfree Taxpayers Preparation of Combined Assessment/Tax Notices

Notice is hereby given that the 2023 combined Assessment/Tax Notices have been prepared and mailed to all taxpayers on **June 30, 2023** (Section 311 MGA)

### **What if you do not understand or disagree with your assessment:**

Sections 299 and 300 of the *Municipal Government Act* outlines that you, as an assessed person, have a right to obtain sufficient information to show how your property was prepared, as well as a summary of assessment information on other assessed properties for comparison purposes. To review your assessment details or compare to other properties, please contact the **Village of Innisfree** at 780-592-3886 or the **Village Assessor, Municipal Planning Services, Justin Goudreau** at 1-780-939-3310.

**If, after having discussed your assessment details with an assessor, you are still of the opinion that your assessment is incorrect,** you may file a written complaint to the Regional Assessment Review Board. Your complaint must set out in detail the reasons you feel the assessment is incorrect. The Clerk of the Regional Assessment Review Board will schedule a hearing at which you will have the opportunity to present evidence.

Steps on how to properly file a written complaint can be found on:

- The back of your 2022 Combined Assessment/Tax Notices
- Village of Innisfree Website: <https://www.innisfree.ca/residents/property-taxes>
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Thelma Rogers  
Interim Chief Administrative Officer  
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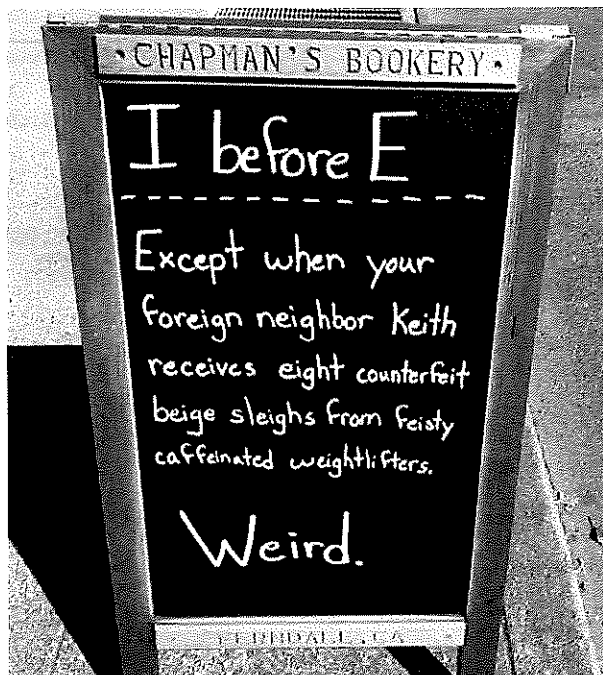
To kick off our Summer Reading Program, we are happy to welcome:

**MARY LAMBERT**

**July 12th, 10:30am here at the library!**

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**NO CHARGE EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY TO ENJOY!**



## Village of Innisfree Library News

We would like to welcome Cara Gizowski and Tracey Daley to our team! Cara has been hired for our Summer Student position, so you will see her in the library throughout July and August. Tracey has been hired to take over the Fill-In position that Sue Bergman previously occupied. Tracey will also be joining our Early Literacy Program staff and we are very excited to work with her!!

We will be holding our FREE Summer Reading Program for kids on July 12, 13, 14 from 10am – 12pm. Pre-Registration is required to help us in planning for craft supplies and snacks. Please call 780-592-2122 or email [mnewton@innisfreelibrary.ca](mailto:mnewton@innisfreelibrary.ca) to register.

Mary Lambert will be joining us on July 12 at 10:30 am for a performance in the library! We are inviting all families to attend, and we hope to see you there. This is also a free program to attend and no pre-registration is necessary.

Congratulations to Murray Armitage on winning the Father's Day Basket. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets, we are appreciative of your continued support.



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### CONNECTING COMMUNITY

- Please watch for our summer program: **The ABCs of Summer 2023**. It is a summer event schedule guided by the letters of the alphabet to introduce intentional programming that will connect, engage, and inclusively support all ages! Look for individual event posters for specific event details.
- Community events calendars posted online as well as in Mannville, Minburn and Innisfree.

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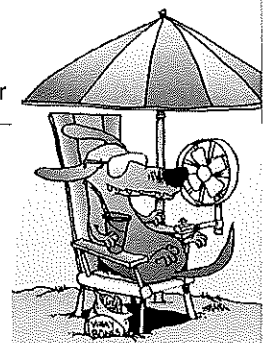
### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SERVICE

- Check out Volunteer Connector <https://www.volunteerconnector.org/> for local volunteer opportunities whether you need help finding volunteers or if you're looking for a new volunteer position.

### KALYNA MMI FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK

- Facebook: MMI Family Resource Network
- Call or text Alicia Rutt at 780-581-4149
- Regular programming will resume in September

Raising teens means accepting that all your best advice will only be heard by them if it comes out of someone else's mouth other than your own.

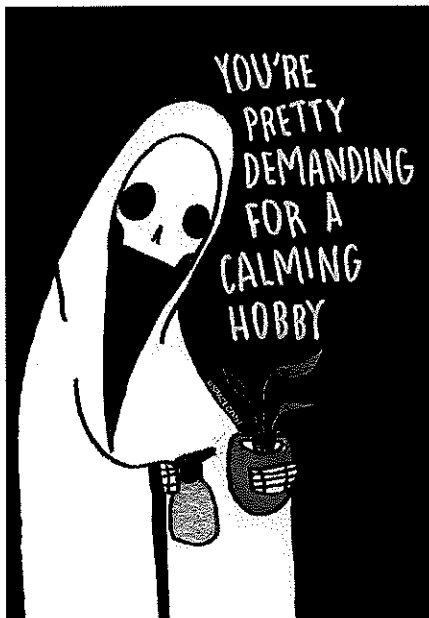


## Innisfree-Minburn 4-H Beef Club Report

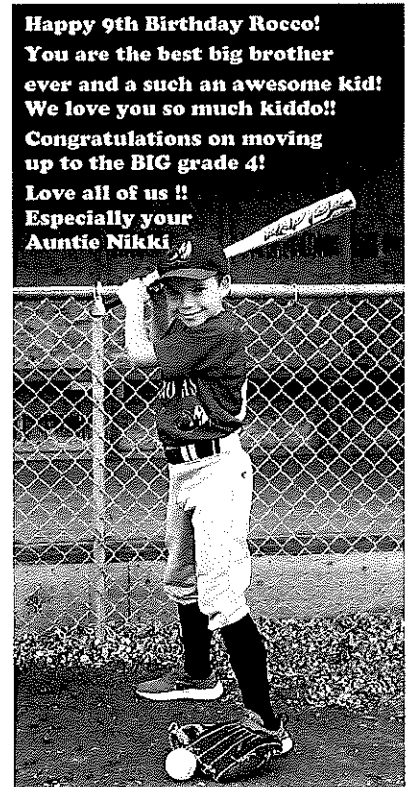
*Peyton Hess- Club Reporter*

What a great 4-H season it has been! We kicked off the year with our weigh-in day and ended with our show and sale day on May 31. This month, we held a club meeting, we participated in our Mock Achievement night, and we gave back to the community with Ag. Grounds cleanup in Minburn. We also helped with setup and takedown at the Courage Canada Trail Ride in Innisfree. Our annual show and sale went very well, even in the hot sun! Our club had several great looking steers that were up for auction, and all of them cooperated for our show too. Our next club meeting is June 14, and on June 28 we will be having our awards night and supper. Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to two of our 4-H members, Kason Swanson and Carson Kassian. We all congratulate them on their high school graduation and wish them all the best in their future!

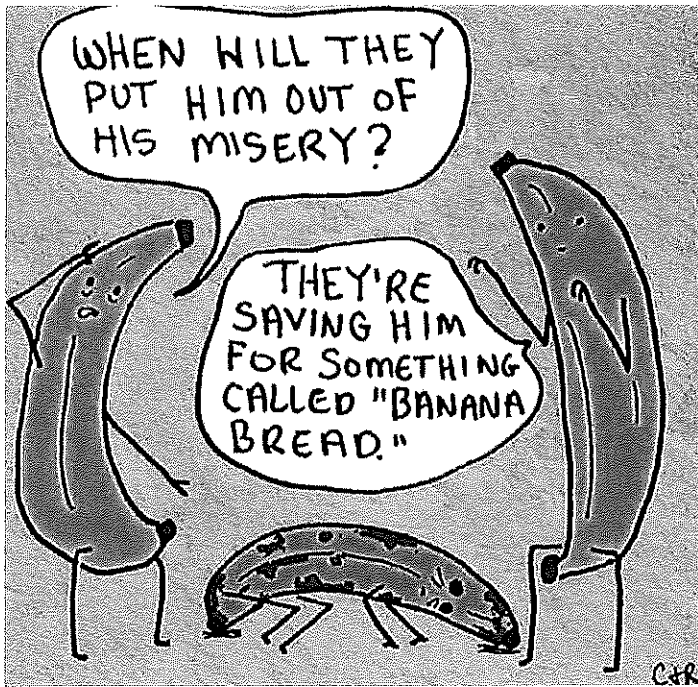
We hope to see everyone back for our 2024 year and hope to see some new members join our club as well! This was an amazing year, and I can't wait for next year!



**Summer.**  
Hair gets lighter.  
Skin gets darker.  
Water gets warmer.  
Drinks get colder.  
Music gets louder.  
Nights get longer.  
Life gets better.



HACKER: 'I have all your passwords'  
ME: 'OMG thank you! What are they?'



# Unscramble Summer!

1. EDAR OKBO \_\_\_\_\_
2. POOL \_\_\_\_\_
3. EHBAC \_\_\_\_\_
4. ANT \_\_\_\_\_
5. AGNIEXRL \_\_\_\_\_
6. EIC AMREC \_\_\_\_\_
7. UBBERCA \_\_\_\_\_
8. UNS \_\_\_\_\_
9. NUS AECRM \_\_\_\_\_
10. TUSANH \_\_\_\_\_
11. TORSUOO \_\_\_\_\_
12. NIIOGB THO \_\_\_\_\_
13. CKDE CHIAR \_\_\_\_\_
14. IINGLLCH \_\_\_\_\_
15. ICE OPP \_\_\_\_\_
16. CLDO NSIKRD \_\_\_\_\_



adjectives in English absolutely have to be in this order: opinion-size-age-shape-colour-origin-material-purpose Noun. So you can have a lovely little old rectangular green French silver whittling knife. But if you mess with that word order in the slightest you'll sound like a maniac. It's an odd thing that every English speaker uses that list, but almost none of us could write it out. And as size comes before colour, green great dragons can't exist.

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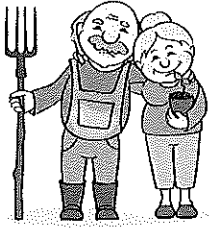
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# Project Gazebo... by Deb Barber



I know I have provided snippets about the gazebo project but since it is almost completed, I thought I would document the story for future references.

About three years ago, Farmer Hubby decided to replace a couple of wooden bin floors with hopper bottoms. The wood bottoms were starting to show signs of decay and he decided to address the situation sooner rather than later. Once the bins were set up in their new places, he got to looking at the old bases and decided he simply couldn't throw them away, no self-respecting farmer would throw anything away when it still contained an ounce of usefulness, right? He thought and he pondered and one day he went voila and told me he was going to use one to build a gazebo. I have a great imagination but even with that I simply couldn't see that left over hunk of round wood being turned into a gazebo. But who am I to stand in the way of someone's recycling dreams?

The two bases sat over winter and well into the next summer, I tried to be patient as let's face it they were an eye sore and I still couldn't quite picture one being transformed into a gazebo! After dropping a few delicate hints, Farmer Hubby decided to take the better of the two and start trimming off the rotten wood to see what remained. Well, he pared and he cut and he changed his mind, amended his plans and after a LOT of work presented me with a patchwork of wooden pieces that he proudly proclaimed would be the floor and base. It looked ginormous, I tried to think of ways to have it magically disappear in the night, but day after day it remained starting me in the face.

Over that winter Farmer Hubby spent a lot of time at his desk, paper, pencil, protractor in hand designing and re-designing his plan. With each revision it became more and more elaborate until I was certain he was taking on something

that we could never possibly build. But he was adamant that he was going to turn that bin bottom into a perfectly fine, 20 feet across, gazebo.

I finally had to step in and persuade him that I had a few ideas of my own. It certainly wasn't an easy sell and just like myself, he had a hard time envisioning my concept of what the finished project should look like. We made many visits to Home Depot, would come home, pull out the plans and revisit them over and over again.

That year the next step was to figure out the uprights to support the roof. How high, how many, how to secure them to the floor, how to support the spans between them. It was a lot of try this and figure out that. We finally settled on 4x4 brown treated posts, calculations indicated 14 would be the best spacing. Then 4x4 cross supports. Sounds pretty simple on paper but it was definitely one of many challenges we faced, but they all did get put up and then winter was upon us.

After lots of hard convincing he finally decided that perhaps my idea of white, metal railing would be a better answer than a wooden railing. Less upkeep and possibly easier to install. After purchasing the necessary items, discovering that Home Depot no longer carried the exact length we needed, metal saw blade in hand we began. I have to confess if the metal railing was the easier route, I would hate to see how the wooden route might have panned out. Straight rails on a fourteen sided semi round project provided many challenges and heavy discussions (heavy on the heavy!). But with a lot of perseverance and creativity they got put up. As long as no one looks too closely they look pretty good, one of those things from a distance they look better than super close up. But they serve the purpose and it actually was starting to look like it could possibly be a real gazebo.

So that brings us to year three! The roof was something Farmer Hubby had to do on his own, I am a prairie girl through

and through and my feet belong firmly planted on the ground and I don't do heights! Again, some interesting angles were created and cut out of the plywood to get it all pieced together but it did get done.

The structure was a bit wiggly so we added in some black metal brackets and I decided to chose a few that could also serve as plant hangers so the gazebo would have a garden like atmosphere. After those came a few more support pieces and some staining to preserve the wood against the elements. All and all it is finished as much as we can do, we are currently awaiting the contractor to come shingle the roof as that I feel is totally beyond my abilities (remember the height issues?)

We did find some outdoor furniture which is waiting to be assembled once the roofing is completed. All and all I am impressed, I feel like Farmer Hubby accomplished the almost impossible he turned a bin floor into a gazebo. Now just to figure out how to get him to actually sit inside it and enjoy it with me!



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

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