# Innisfree Informer

# Deb's Message in a Minute

November is a month to remember! Our freedoms were fought for by Canadians that stepped up and left their homes and families to fight for what they believed in.

I am happy to report that the Innisfree Bottle Depot is open with new hours. They are ready to accept your bottles and cans from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day of the week!

The Innisfree Prairie Bank of Commerce Museum will be holding a meeting Nov. 23 to discuss our summer and the future of our museum. Come out and support this historical treasure in Innisfree.

The Innisfree Library continues to be a warm and welcoming place to visit and look for a good book. And now the library will be open more days! The library will be open Tuesday to Saturday starting Oct.31 for a 6-month trail period.

The Village staff have been busy getting things back to normal. The Village office is open 5 days a week and are able to answer many of your questions.

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

Respectfully submitted by Deb McMann

On Nov 11 We Remember



# IN FLANDERS FIELDS By John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie, In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe: To you from failing hands we throw The torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders fields.



**Autumn** John Clare

I love the fitfull gusts that shakes The casement all the day

And from the mossy elm tree takes The faded leaf away

Twirling it by the window-pane With thousand others down the lane

I love to see the shaking twig Dance till the shut of eve The sparrow on the cottage rig Whose chirp would make believe

That spring was just now flirting by In summers lap with flowers to lie

I love to see the cottage smoke Curl upwards through the naked trees

The pigeons nestled round the coat On dull November days like these The cock upon the dung-hill crowing The mill sails on the heath a-going

The feather from the ravens breast Falls on the stubble lea

The acorns near the old crows nest Fall pattering down the tree

The grunting pigs that wait for all Scramble and hurry where they fall





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.

MAXIMUM km/h

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.

# Greetings from the Innisfree Kindergarten classroom!

Can you believe we're already in our second month of the school year? Time sure does fly when you're having fun.

Our kindergarteners and preschoolers have had

lots of fun this month and have stayed very busy. We have shaped our classroom activities around various themes including fire safety, Thanksgiving, pumpkins/Autumn, apples, and Halloween. We have begun exploring the letters of the alphabet, learning how to count up to 10, and practicing many different social skills. We have also enjoyed reading various autumn themed books and have learned all about how to play movement based games in the gymnasium. We are very lucky to have such an enthusiastic bunch of students in our classroom!

Our classroom fun definitely extends beyond the school though. At the start of the month, our kindergarteners had the wonderful opportunity to take a field trip to the Innisfree Fire Hall. While there, they tried on firefighter safety equipment, tried out the different types of tools the firefighters use, splashed down a pylon with the hose, and even rode in the trucks on their way back to the school. It was a spectacular experience! The students learned a great deal about firefighters, fire safety, and why fire departments like ours are so important. Needless to say, when we returned to the school our firefighter dress-up costume was the most sought-after toy in our whole room.

As the cool weather rolls in and the month comes to an end, our kindergarteners and preschoolers will celebrate Halloween with some fun classroom activities. We are excited about enjoying a classroom potluck, showing off our costumes, and reading various "spooky" books.

I can't wait to update you all on the exciting things we'll do next month! Farewell for now!

# **Happy Birthday!**

Nov 2: Morris Anderson Nov 4: Amanda Baker Nov 7: Brayden Drury Nov 8: Curtis Anderson Nov 9: Doris Christensen Nov 29: Cameron Mercer Nov II: Maxton Daley Nov II: Darlene McEwen Nov 13: Eliza Rurak Nov 13: Grant Swanson Nov 22: Kevin Kassian Nov 24: Vanessa Fundytus



Nov 25: Alex Nott Nov 26: Dylan Sydora Nov 27: April Poulin Nov 28: Ed Jackson Nov 30: Tisha Giese

# Happy Anniversary!

Nov 3: Chris & Elise Nott Nov 20: Ron & Judy



# The most dangerous type of canoes are volcanoes.



When the moon hits your eye Like it's 4:45 That's November

Happiest 18th Birthday Alex on November 25!! Love always, Mom, Dad, Maddy and Steph

Fun fact: People say "bless you" when you sneeze because this was often the first sign of plague in medieval times.

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



#### Mannville – Minburn – Innisfree Family & Community Support Services And Yellowhead Community Support Society

Email: <u>mmifcss@mannville.com</u> Location: 5004-49 Street Suite # 4 Mannville Phone: 780-763-3005

Website: <u>https://mmifcss.wixsite.com/mmifcss</u> **Instagram:** @mmifcss **Facebook:** Mannville-Minburn-Innisfree Family & Community Support Services

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES**

- Check out Volunteer Connector <u>https://www.volunteerconnector.org/</u> for local volunteer opportunities or contact us if you need assistance to recruit helpers for an upcoming event
- Please help us by taking a few minutes to fill out a Needs Assessment Survey that will help gain a deeper understanding of our service area and it's unique needs. You can access the survey by using this QR code or contact us about obtaining a paper copy



- Visit the Community Bulletin Boards for events calendar
- Lets Talk: Dates and Presentations to be announced as scheduled

#### KALYNA MMI FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK

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

# Humpty Dumpty had a great fall

Fun Fact: If there was a tunnel that would go straight through the Earth from one side to the other and you jumped in it, it would take you 42 minutes to emerge on the other side.

#### October 17, 2023 Council Meeting Highlights Organizational & Regular Council Meeting

Annual Organizational Meeting

- Elections for office were conducted:
  - o Mayor Evan Raycraft
  - o Deputy Mayor Deborah McMann
  - o Councillor Jennifer Johnson

• Council maintained their respective Committee Representations

• Council maintained the existing Councillor remunerations for the next year.

#### Regular Council Meeting:

**Bylaws:** 

- Following a Public Hearing, held before the reading of the Bylaw, Rescinding Bylaw (1911 2004) 688-23 was passed.
- Civic Addressing Bylaw 689-23 was endorsed by Council.

#### New Business:

• Council endorsed the Village as the Managing Partner for a 2023-2024 Alberta Community Partnership Grant for a Regional Water Services Reservoir Assessment Project in the amount of \$200,000, for the Alberta Central East Regional Water Corporation, in partnership with the County of Minburn.

• Council directed Administration to secure IT and Cyber Security Services for the Village and report progress back to Council.

• Council directed Administration to contract the Administration building rehabilitation to Premier Fire & Flood Restoration Inc. per the Alberta Municipal Corporation Services approved insurance quote of \$40,827.97. Further, Council directed Administration to provide the revised Scope of Work, developed by the Village to the Contractor and seek quotes for the work.

• Council approved the donation of one weekend of camping, with power, at the Innisfree Birch Lake Park & Campground to the Innisfree "Christmas in the Hallway" fundraiser.

• Council approved the sale of two Tax Forfeiture properties, contingent on a requirement to sign a Memorandum of Understanding for redevelopment of the properties.

Innisfree Trade Show



Raffle proceeds to Innisfree Delnorte School sports

# The Innisfree Senior Citizens Association

Invites you to our Pot Luck Supper

at the Drop In Center on December 8, 2023

Bring a dish or by donation The seniors will be supplying Roast Turkey and Smoked Beef Brisket.



# Supper is at 6 pm Everyone welcome!

# News from the Innisfree Dance Club

The Innisfree Dance Club would like to thank MCS Net for their donation towards our club.

We are continuing to sell Purdy's chocolates. We have books and order forms. If you are interested give Dalyce a call 639-471-0965.

The dancers are continuing working on their dances for competitions. They are going to Catch a Rosing Star dance festival in Camrose March 21-23, Heart and Soul in Lloydminster April 3-6 and Dance to the Future in Camrose April 11-14.

Once again thank you to our community for all their support.

# THE FOUR AGREEMENTS

**1. Be Impeccable With Your Word** – Speak with integrity. Say only what you mean. Avoid using the word to speak against yourself or to gossip about others. Use the power of your word in the direction of truth and love.

2. Don't Take Anything Personally – Nothing others do is because of you. What others say and do is a projection of their own reality, their own dream. When you are immune to the opinions and actions of others, you won't be the victim of needless suffering.

**3. Don't Make Assumptions** – Find the courage to ask questions and to express what you really want. Communicate with others as clearly as you can to avoid misunderstandings, sadness, and drama. With just this one agreement, you can completely transform your life.

**4. Always Do Your Best** – Your best is going to change from moment to moment; it will be different when you are healthy as opposed to sick. Under any circumstance, simply do your best, and you will avoid self-judgement, self-abuse, and regret.

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

#### News from the Innisfree Walking Club

Hello everyone! The walking club is up and running (walking) to a new schedule now.

We walk at the Innisfree Hall Monday to Friday. The hall will be open at 8:50 am and you are welcome to walk till 10 am. Best to try and make it by 9:30 am as door will be locked at that time and we may not hear you knock with the music playing.

Now for the food part of this submission! In October I asked if anyone had suggestions for side dishes to go along with your delicious Christmas Turkey! I have not had anyone contact me yet but I am keeping my fingers crossed! We can still put some ideas forward in the December edition of the Informer.

With the cold weather upon us I immediately thought of comfort food and that makes me think of potatoes so I'm including a recipe for my easy to make Scalloped Potatoes. Hope you will try them! By the way they are delicious as leftovers!

Send in those side dish suggestions and recipes to gaylefoyster@gmail.com.

# SCALLOPED POTATOES

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

4 or 5 large yellow potatoes (or a few more) 1 yellow onion sliced thinly ¼ cup butter ¼ cup flour

- 1 can Mushroom soup
- 1 can milk
- Water as needed

### **DIRECTIONS:**

-Peel potatoes and slice thin. In a bowl combine soup and milk and mix well.

-Grease (with marg) a medium casserole dish and put in a layer of potato slices and some onion slices.

-Sprinkle with a bit of the flour and dot with a bit of the butter. Sprinkle with salt and pepper but **lightly** on the salt as soup does contain salt.

-Continue to do layers till all potato used etc.

-Then pour soup mix over the whole casserole of potato, cover with foil or lid and bake till done, approx 1 to 1 ½ hours at 400° F

# Some of the best words literally ever:

Bamboozled Discombobulated Cattywampus Malarkey Brouhaha Skedaddle Doohickey Persnickety Whatnot Gobsmacked Flibbertigibbet Tenterhooks Poppycock Whippersnapper Flabbergasted Shenanigans Lollygag Kerfuffle Nincompoop Pumpernickel Thingamajig Whatsit Whatchamacallit Flummoxed Dingleberry Gobbledygook Canoodle Codswallop

MY KIDS ARE SO OPEN TO

EXPERIENCING CULTURE.

THEY'LL TRY ANYTHING, FROM

# CHICKEN TENDERS AT A

MEXICAN RESTAURANT TO

CHICKEN TENDERS AT A

# CHINESE RESTAURANT



# Guaranteed to get you into the holiday spirit!

\*Refreshments\*

"Silent Auction'

(you bid)

&

# 'White Elephant Auction'

(put your tickets on the items of your choosing)

Once Again . . .



Holiday in the Hallway

'An Old Fashioned Christmas'

# **Millennium Building**

Innisfree AB

# November 22, 2023

6:30-8 PM

Purchase your Christmas gifts while supporting local groups.

All proceeds stay in your community!

\*A donation box at the entrance for non-perishable goods\*

Participants: \*\* VILB\*\* FILS \*\* Quilting Queens \*\*

\*\* 4-H Clubs\*\*Chudovyi Ukrainian Dancers \*\*

\*\*Innisfree Dance Group\*\*

\*\*+ more \*\*

Merry Christmas

# Village of Innisfree Library News

We are very happy to announce that we have heard what you had to say in our needs assessment survey, and we will now be opening 2 more days a week! Starting October 31, in addition to our regular Wednesday to Friday Hours, we will also be open on Tuesdays and Saturdays! We will now offer 5 days a week for all your library needs!

Our new hours are as follows: Tuesday: 3pm-7pm Wednesday: 1pm-7pm Thursday: 12pm-6pm Friday: 10am-3pm Saturday: 10am-2pm

Thank you to Joan Anderson and Genevieve Weder for graciously purchasing and donating a commercial sized popcorn machine for us! We are happy to be able to offer the popular snack at our other events, and not just our fair day celebrations.

Join us for a Christmas Card Workshop with Deb Barber: On November 25 from 1-3pm we invite you to join us in making 5 beautiful Christmas Cards! All supplies and snacks provided. \$25 per person with limited spots available. Pre-Registration by November 18 is required. For more information or a preview of the cards please contact us at mnewton@ innisfreelibrary.ca

Join us for our Early Literacy Program on November 30 from 10am until 12pm for a day all about Fairy Tales. This free program is designed for parents and their pre-school aged children to get a head start on early literacy practices.

The library will have a Christmas Raffle basket to be drawn on December 15th. Tickets will be available at the library, the Village office and at Bingo on Mondays.

Don't forget to check out our Women in Business full page feature in this month's Informer for all the latest news!

# The antidote to negativity is not

**positivity - it's warmth.** Positivity tells a sad person that there is no reason to be sad. Warmth asks the sad person if they want to go get some ice cream.

# Employment Opportunity

# Part-time office administrator for the Innisfree Seed Plant

Applicant must be bondable, have bookkeeping/payroll experience, be responsible for association and financial business and attend and take minutes at all meetings.

# Deadline for submission: November 15, 2023

Drop off resume or email: innisfreeseedplant@gmail.com

# Churdovýc Lietura Dance of Immilie SAVE THE DATE JANUARY 20, 2024 MALANKA CELEBRATION Featuring: Millenia

# News from the Chudovyi Ukrainian Dancers of Innisfree

Our club has been very busy these past few months, with learning new dances & brushing up on old ones and technique. We welcomed 26 new & returning members on Sept 7 with the start of our dance season. Also returning was our instructor Nick Hynek, our members really enjoy his leadership & instruction.

We have started our first fundraiser in October with Growing Smiles, an Alberta company that offers Poinsettia, Indoor Planters, Wreaths & Outdoor arrangements. Our members have order forms & an online order is available also at chudovyiud.growingsmilesfundraising. com.

Santa Tea is scheduled for Dec 10, 2023 at 2:00pm, more details will follow at a later date, but mark your calendar. Our dancers are excited to perform & possibly see Santa!

Malanka is returning on January 20, 2024. Our evening will include an authentic Ukrainian supper, dancer performances by our club and a dance featuring the popular Millenia. Tickets will be going on sale shortly.

Why do people named Deborah always go by "Deb" and never "Bruh" Innisfree PreSchool & Kindergarten Annual Plant Fundraiser 2023 Contact Krystin Cannan to order 780-806-3490 Once again, our plants will be coming from Off The Beaten Path Greenhouse Orders are due January 1st, 2024



Subtotal: Total: GST:

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- 1. Compliment three people every day.
- 2. Watch a sunrise at least once a year.
- 3. Be the first to say, "Hello."
- 4. Live beneath your means.
- 5. Treat everyone like you want to be treated.
- 6. Never give up on anybody. Miracles happen.
- 7. Forget the Joneses.
- Never deprive someone of hope. It may be all he has.
- 9. Pray not for things, but for wisdom and courage.
- 10. Be tough-minded but tenderhearted.
- 11. Be kinder than necessary.
- Don't forget, a person's greatest emotional needis to feel appreciated.
- 13. Keep your promises.
- 14. Learn to show cheerfulness, even when you don't feel like it.
- Remember that overnight success usually takes about 15 years.
- 16. Leave everything better than you found it.
- Remember that winners do what losers don't want to do.
- When you arrive at your job in the morning, let the first thing you say brighten everyone's day.
- 19. Don't rain on other people's parades.
- Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them.







# WATER METER INSTALLATION PROJECT

The Village received approval to fund the *Water Meter Rehabilitation Project* under

A Canada Community Building Fund grant in 2022; the CCBF grant financed the entire project! The Village received the new meters, finally, in March 2023. Since then, the Village has promoted the installation of the new meters. However, the response to the promotion has been slow and there were some installation difficulties, that have been "ironed out."

The new meters are slimmer, have updated technology and enhanced battery life components that have been extensively tested and should serve their purpose for the next 20 - 25 years.

The Village Administration Staff will be formatting the locations of the properties, block by block, that require a new meter.

Starting the week of October 10<sup>th</sup>, right after the Thanksgiving long weekend, the Village will be scheduling meter installations for each location identified.

Meter installation is <u>free</u> to the resident; it should only take 20 - 30 minutes to replace a meter.

PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACCESS TO YOUR PROPERTY, UPON NOTICE FROM THE VILLAGE OF AN UPCOMING METER CHANGE.

(NOTE: THE VILLAGE REQUIRES AN INDIVIDUAL TO BE PRESENT DURING THE METER INSTALL.)



November doesn't have afternoons. It's just morning until 2 pm, then night.





# Shar Women in Business Program Ale

SUPPORTING THE COUNTY OF MINBURN

#### NOVEMBER WIB MEMBER GATHERING Tuesday, November 7th, 2023 at 7pm at the Innisfree Library

Topic: Building Your Entrepreneurial

Foundations

SATURDAY DROP-IN SESSIONS Saturday, November 18th, 10am-2pm and Saturday, November 25th, 10am-2pm

These Sessions are an opportunity to work on projects, network and get support.

#### WELLNESS WEBINAR SERIES

Members have access to a three part wellness webinar series. October class replay is available. November 15th at 6pm via Zoom. The third class will be held on December 13th at 6pm.

#### **INNISFREE TRADE SHOW** December 3rd, 10am-4pm

Innisfree Rec Centre - Stop by our table to learn more about our program.

# This Month's Business Tip

See Failure as Feedback. Each time something doesn't go as planned or seemingly fails. Learn from it. Do a review of what elements worked, what didn't and get feedback from your clients. Then adjust and move forward.

"Whenever you see a successful business, someone once made a courageous decision." ~ Peter F. Drucker

#### New Members Welcome!

Our program is for Women in Business who own /operate businesses of all natures: brick-and-mortar, online/virtual, pop-up shops, markets, and MLMs (multilevel marketing). The program offers networking, learning events, and resources to help grow your businesses.

# Connect with us...

🥑 @wibprogram

@womeninbusinessprogram

# Feature Members

This month we wanted to share with you a little more about two of our members who are also our Program Coordinators.



Virtual Support Services

# A little about Kristina

After working many years as an Administrative Professional, Kristina followed that little voice in her head, telling her to take the leap to entrepreneurship. She transitioned her expertise and experience to helping her clients build, manage and grow their businesses.

Kristina was surrounded by many strong women in her family and her career and is passionate about helping other women entrepreneurs actualize their business dreams, and embrace the messy, and spectacular middle!

# Natilyn Newton

LIBRARY MANAGER & ENTREPRENEUR Village of Innisfree Library & Aspiring Entrepreneur

# A little about Marilyn

Born and rasied in Minburn County, Marilyn has been the Village of Innisfree Library Manager since it opened its doors.

She loves to connect with people and support programs that bring more resources and opportunities into our community.

Marilyn has explored entrepreneurship through a variety of small business MLMs and is developing her ideas to curate wellness programs for women.

For more information about our program email us at wibprogram@gmail.com or connect with us by phone.

Kristina Brummer, Tel: 604-315-5770

Marilyn Newton, Tel: 780-592-2122

Chudovyi Ukrainian Dance 2023 Winter Fundraiser Growing Smiles ANC SUM \*ALL ITEMS MAY NOT BE EXACTLY AS SHOWN. WE HAVE A VARIETY OF PLANT/GREENERY MIXES, CONTAINERS AND HOLIDAY FEATURES.\* INDOOR TROPICAL PLANTER PREMIUM POINSET Add a festive look to your table with a A Holiday Favourite! Brighten up any Approximate Poinsettia Sizes: mixed tropical planter. There are four room this winter with a vibrant poinsettia. Available in red and white, different plant varieties planted in these 6.5" pot: rectangular holiday themed tins. Planter 14 to 16" tall and 13 to 16" wide the poinsettia is perfect for your home, container designs do vary and cannot hotels, restaurants and banks over the be requested. holidays. 38 50 HOLIDAY WREATH A Holiday Wreath is a classic door HANGING GREENERY BOUGH Greenery that is versatile! A fun, OUTDOOR GREENERY ARRANGEMENT Welcome your guests in from the cold upgrade. Fresh noble, cedar and juniper vintage burlap bag holds premium with this large, beautiful and fresh decorated with a large plaid bow, greens and red ilex berry branches. holiday greenery arrangement. frosted pinecones and red berries are Completing the look are holiday picks Pinecones, berries and a large red bow sure to give you and your guests a like a bow and a pinecone. Lean it up complete the festive look. Standing at 2 homey warm feeling from the outside. against stairs, benches, or your home feet tall this statement piece is sure to and hang from your door. inspire the joyful spirit! 17 2023 Student/Athlete: Nov Orders due: Student/Athlete Phone Number: Plant Pick-up Time: Innissee Millennium Building Cheques Payable to: Plant Pick-up Location: \$ # Red # White \$ Total \$ Total \$ Total \$ Total Total

To order please ontact Lisa Anderson at 780–6312–5526 - or conact any ukrainian dance parent

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# SHOP FURNACE FOR SALE



The Village of Innisfree has a 2007 Modine PD 125AE0130 Natural Gas Shop Furnace for sale. The Village is asking \$400 **OBO**.

Viewing may be arranged during regular business hours. Contact the office at 780-592-3886.

Offers can be submitted via email:  $\underline{cao@innisfree.ca}$ , by regular mail or at the office during regular business hours.

Please see website for more information: www.innisfree.ca

Two priests died and went to heaven. The pearly gates were locked and they couldn't get in. The angel apologized, stating the computers were down, and they would have to return to earth, but they could not go back as priests. The first priest said, "I would like to be an eagle and fly over the Rocky Mountains". The second priest said, "I have always wanted to be a stud". Both priests left. Two weeks later the first priest was notified the computer was fixed and he could return to heaven. The priest asked where the other priest was, and the angel replied, "I don't really know for sure, but I think he is in a snow tire somewhere in N. Dakota.



Innisfree-Minburn 4-H Beef Club



# Annual Tire Recycling Roundup

# Do you have OLD TIRES, BATTERIES, or ELECTRONICS you want removed? Our 4-H members can pick up these items

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2023

Please contact any 4-H member or leaders below: Clint: 780-870-2435 Blair: 780-853-0069 Chris: 780-603-1024 Brandy: 780-853-0441 Christine: 780-259-0061 Shawn: 780-853-3700 Lisa: 780-632-5226

# SQUIRREL WEEK

The week where farmers and ranchers scurry around in varying degrees of panic when **\*** is in the 7-day forecast

# Innisfree-Minburn 4-H Beef Club October Report

### Submitted by Keely Chomik - Club Reporter

Welcome back to another year of 4-H. This year we had our reorganizational meeting on October 11,2023. We welcomed tons of new 4-H members and cleavers this year with a total of 32 members. Our club has many new members this year.

We held elections for our Executive and our club leaders. This year, our President is Camille Kassian and our Vice president is Chase Hess. Peyton Hess is our new Secretary and Rylan Jackson is our new treasurer. Keely Chomik is our reporter and Brad McLaughlin is our historian. Trigg Myshaniuk is our parliamentarian, and our two district representatives are Rowan Jackson and Cole Arnold. Our general leader is Clint McLaughlin and our new Cleaver leaders are Jordana and Derrick Saskiw, and finally our leaders are Blair and Kara Jackson, Brandy Hess, Lisa Anderson, Christine Garnier, and Shawn McLaughlin. Our next club meeting will be held next November 1,2023

Our annual weigh in day is on November 5,2023 we are planning to have our tire recycling around mid-November at the Mannville dump. If you have any extra or old tires that you're trying to get rid of let our club know and we could help. We are hoping to have our annual club show and sale in late May.

We are excited to have an amazing year ahead of us and looking forward to our show and sale!

# I BEFORE E (EXCEPT AFTER SEA)

For relief from the heat, I swam in the sea.

Dreid myself breifly. Had freinds for tea.

Brian Bilston







It seems regardless of how well we plan putting our yard to bed for the winter we find

ourselves just a minute shy of getting it done in time!

This year we were focused on getting the hydrant surrounded by a well insulated wooden enclosure after last years fiasco having it freeze up solid leaving us eventually hauling water from the bathtub to the horse waterer. Let me tell you that's an experience we wish to avoid at all costs again if at all possible. Like most of our projects it was done 'on the fly' without a concrete plan and we ended up diverting several times from the original strategy we had verbally discussed. It seems to always pan out that while turning an idea into something real there are always a few details that you discover along the way that were not thought completely through. However, it only took two trips to two different hardware stores to finally come up with something that we hope will keep the water flowing all winter.

However, while we were working on that project a few other things fell by the wayside catching us when the snow decided to fall the other day and with temperatures taking a decided fall in the mercury. Which resulted in us emptying out the rain barrels while wearing togues and mittens! I know you are probably

# Just A Minute Shy... by Deb Barber

wondering how we had any containers with water in them after the year we had. We had containers set up at every possible roof corner with the hope we would have sufficient rainwater for the plants for the summer. What happened though was the rain that fell after harvest that was no longer required ended up having to be disposed of. All is well as it was put on trees and bushes with the hopes it would help water them in a bit more before the ground freezes. Nonetheless it was a bit of a shock on the hands to be dealing with water in temperatures on the negative side of zero!

I had just been thinking to myself that it was time for winter to come so that we could slow down a bit. That daydream lasted only a few minutes until I remembered that winter brings with it snow to shovel and animals that require feed and water no matter what the outdoor temperatures are at or what is falling from the sky. But maybe a change is as good as a rest? Mower put away and snow shovel brought out!

We have had four blue jays hanging around since harvest. I saw some special feed for them at the UFA and bought a bag. Let's just say they happily devoured it and have been peeking in the window requesting more! They are such a beautiful bird; I have discovered that they do seem to be camera shy as they quickly disappear whenever I attempt to photograph them. The little chickadees are back and I simply love how they sing their thanks for the black oil sunflower seeds we place out.

It seems to always take a few days to acclimatize to winter. I gave myself a pep talk yesterday reminding myself that in January we will consider minus 5 to be balmy and will be happy to head outdoors to do chores! But these first few days of less than zero degrees makes me want to huddle under my quilt with a good book. As I type this the radio announcer is saying by the end of October the daytime temperatures of minus 1 will feel warm after we get through the next few days with lows that feel in the range of minus 20...only time will tell! I'm shivering just looking at the weather network!

Here is hoping you have all your fall chores completed and that you have a warm fireplace or nook to cuddle up in as we adjust to our new norm until spring rolls around sometime in the distant future.



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

I don't have a train of thought. I have seven trains on four tracks that narrowly avoid each other when their paths cross and all the conductors are screaming.



ADVERTISING SPACE AVAILABLE Starting @ \$5.00 Please email for rates. Discounted rates for in-area non profit groups. innisfreeinformer@gmail.com

Thank you to the Village of Innisfree and the Minburn Agricultural Society for their help and support of the Innisfree Informer. Nov 25, 2023 is the December Informer deadline for submissions. Email to: innisfreeinformer@gmail.com or text 780-632-1585