All Ages Hit The Trail For A Cure
Vegreville Area Shows Support Of The Terry Fox Annual Walk/Run

A hardy group of Terry Fox Run supporters gathered at the Vegreville Aquatic and Fitness Centre last Sunday, September 16, to mark the annual walk/run for a cure for cancer and considering the cool, damp weather, many supporters hit the route. Terry Fox Runs took place throughout the Hiway 16 News area and more are set to take place in the coming weeks. – Allan Sharp Photos

Don’t forget to get your Hiway 16 News Community Events in for October!

In the last publication of each month we feature a list of community events from throughout our reading area and it is absolutely free to have your event included in it!

Simply email your event name, date, time and place to info@hiway16news.ca or call our office at 780-581-0871 and we’ll get it in our paper, thanks to our Community Events sponsor - Roadrunner Water Hauling in Innisfree.

This month’s deadline for submissions is September 22.

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Innisfree School News

A fter completing the second week of school, students are settling back into their regular routines. Volleyball tournaments and games will be happening throughout the next two months all over Alberta for the Senior High teams. There will be no Junior High teams this year, due to lack of players. Senior Girls competed in their first tournament, MEGA Volleyball, in Vermilion and played really well. Coaching the volleyball teams this year are Mrs. Tomlinson and Mrs. Roland. We are wishing our volleyball teams and coaches a great season!

The Students’ Union had their first meeting last week and Anne Neil was elected President, Tyson Rudolf is Vice President along with Secretary, and Kim Feschuk and Tristan Neil are Treasurers. Thursday, September 20 is School Colours Day, so be sure to wear blue and/or yellow or any Innisfree Islanders apparel. This is a fun Dress Up day to get Students and Teachers at Innisfree Delnorte School back into the school spirit. Hat Day will be returning this year which occurs every Friday and allows students to wear their hats indoors in exchange for a dollar.

The Junior High foods class cooked their first hot lunch of the year last Thursday. Hot lunches are served every week and are free for all students. This week, the delicious lunch was Spaghetti with meat sauce. Keep up the great cooking, Junior High!

Another up coming event for the month of September is the annual cancer walk/run happening on September 28. Pledges will be going home with students this week, and they are encouraged to ask for donations which will then be given to charity.

Local Elks And Royal Purple Help Feed Little Kaiel

A cheque presentation was made by the Royal Purple Elks in conjunction with the Elks Lodge #395 Mannville to the Brian and Kim Morritt family of Mannville, in support of their son Kaiel. From the August 18 Roast Beef Supper, funds were raised to support Kaiel’s family expenses for trips to Edmonton and Calgary to see specialists in hope of finding what ails Kaiel.

The Royal Purple Elks presented a cheque for $3,944.00 to Brian and Kim. The funds raised are a combination of private and business support. All the door proceeds and donations were given with the meal preparation expenses paid for by the Royal Purple Elks.

We would like to thank the following donors Mannville Hutterite Colony, Brandon, Wessel’s, Fosters Bulldozing, News, Mannville Registries, K Ken Industries, Confectionary 881 Ltd., Hiway 16 Restaurant, Cornerstone Co-op Mannville, Confectionary 881 Ltd., Hiway 16 News, Mannville Registries, K Ken Industries, Wessel’s, Fosters Bulldozing, Bauer Auto, Vermilion Credit Union Mannville Branch, as well as the many folks that gave donations at the door.

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Pictured here making the presentation of funds raised during the Mannville Fair evening supper are, back row from the left, Mike Myhovich, Muriel Ludwig, Louise Storey, Rebecca Hochhausen, and Jim Myhovich. In front are Connie Ewing, Kim and Brian Morritt, and Edna Myhovich. ~ Photo Submitted

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Innisfree Islanders apparel. In front are Connie Ewing, Kim and Brian Morritt, and Edna Myhovich. ~ Photo Submitted

Kaiel Morritt

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Former Vegreville resident Troy Ruptash says he is hoping to win the Hometown Heroes film competition and bring attention to Vegreville’s Ukrainian heritage and give his, and other people’s, ancestors their voice. Ruptash was in Vegreville on September 16 at the Vegreville United Church, the night before the live launch of his competition entry into the Hometown Heroes film competition.

He said he also drove to the property where his mother’s family rooted themselves near Ranfurly to see where her story began. “They came here and built their lives so their family’s future generations could have lives here as well.”

He showed images of his ancestors and said he wanted to create a project that would once again give those ancestors a voice and in return, give Ruptash his voice.

He said he started envisioning his project that would be based around a farming family, and the farmer’s deep sense of faith that somehow has possibly been lost somewhere along the way, through the many difficult times in life.

Allowing this story to emerge has given him a deep sense of purpose in life and he feels grateful for that.

“I want to bring attention to the Vegreville area,” says Ruptash. “I want everyone who sees this film and joins me in the journey of getting it made, I want them to experience what I have experienced which is a deeper sense of who I am and where I come from.”

He showed a short film he created for the contest which has made it through the first round of the competition and it launched live the morning following the Vegreville presentation. If he makes the final round he will then be able to pitch the Vegreville feature film in hopes of winning and begin filming next summer. He feels that filming in his hometown will bring a boost to the economy, and he will be using local actors and production help with the film. Ruptash will be holding a free acting class in the future for those hoping to participate in the film.

“I want to highlight and showcase the Alberta landscape and hopefully other film makers will want to do the same thing in the future.”

Ruptash’s short film needs to reach 1,000 followers by October 17, one month after the film’s launch in order to make it through to the next round of the competition. Visit www.seedandspark.com/fund/they-who-surround-us for more information on Troy Ruptash’s story or to support his hopes of shining a spotlight on the Vegreville area, in the global film industry.

“Last year my father took me to Hairy Hill to the house he grew up in which was very moving and bonding experience for us,” said Ruptash. “My ancestors came to this country with very little other than faith, perseverance and conviction [to making their new lives in Alberta].”

Looking to start up exercise classes
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Cost $12 per session paid in advance or $15 for drop-ins.
Please contact Amberlyn Myshaniuk at 780-592-3936.

RANFURLY PLAYGROUP

will be starting up on October 11 and will run every Thursday from 10:30am to 12:30pm at the old Ranfurly School.

Anyone interested can contact Amberlyn Myshaniuk at 780-592-3936.
This Week At New Myrnam School

On Monday, September 10 we welcomed the newest members of our school community, our ECS students. They had a great start to the week and they are already fitting in very nicely into our learning community. Their enthusiasm for school really showed through and has been contagious! We can’t wait to watch them learn and grow throughout the school year.

Monday was also an exciting day for students in Grades 4 to 12 as they started work on their year-long renewable energy project. The project, titled Designing Renewable Energy Systems, saw students divided into three groups; Team Solar, Team Wind and Team Biofuel. Each team’s goal is to provide power to our outdoor eco-classroom using renewable energy. The eco-classroom will be a place where students can learn and conduct science experiments in an outdoor setting, and it will be located on the north end of our school yard, near the forested area north of our school.

Senior high students are currently in the process of designing and constructing the eco-classroom, and it will be used to fuel a generator that provides power to the eco-lab. Students were excited to learn about their challenges for this project and are already making plans and sharing ideas for their renewable energy systems.

Team Solar is made up of students in Grades 5, 6 and 9, as well as some project leaders from Grades 11 and 12. They will have to use our school’s solar panels to build a solar array that provides power to the eco-lab.

Team Wind is made up of students in Grades 7 and 8, as well as some project leaders from Grades 11 and 12. They will work together to design and construct a wind turbine that provides electricity to the eco-lab.

Team Biofuel is made up of students from Grade 4, Grade 10 and Grades 11 and 12. Their job is a challenging one, as they will need to create a system that uses compostable waste from the school to create biogas, which will then provide power to our outdoor science lab.

Designing Renewable Energy Systems, our school’s solar array to build a solar array that provides power to the eco-lab.

This year Mr. Tyomofichuk’s Grade 8 science class began studying simple machines. One of the simple machines is a lever. Students were challenged to build an accurate scale using common materials. After constructing their scales in groups of two and three, students were given an object to weigh. Two students, Maria Reimer and Trudy Reimer, constructed a scale that uses a simple lever. With their design, the object to be weighed is placed in a pan on one end of the lever. On the other end of the lever, a 100 gram weight is moved back and forth until the lever balances.

After calculating, Maria and Trudy determined that their object weighed 135.96 grams. They then placed the object on a highly precise digital scale and it weighed 133.67 grams. That is a difference of 0.29 grams. Wow! The class calculated the experimental error, which came to 0.22 per cent error. This is far better than most commercially made scales. Although all students had a high degree of accuracy with their scales, Maria and Trudy’s design proved to be the most accurate. Well done!

Ethan Rayner, member of Team Solar, is pictured with Mr. Tyomofichuk demonstrating how our school’s current solar array works in the school greenhouse. Grade 5, 6 and 9 students will have to design a solar array to provide power to our outdoor science lab.

Vermilion RCMP Investigate Theft Over $5,000

In the early morning hours of August 30, 2018, a lone male entered the secure compound of the local John Deere dealership on 47 Avenue in Vermilion. The suspect stole a 2008 John Deere Gator model 620 XUV and used it to steal a 2013 John Deere model Z445 54 inch zero turn mower.

This break and enter and theft was captured on video and the investigation continues. If you have information about this incident, please call the Vermilion RCMP at 780-855-4441. If you want to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), by internet at www.tipsubmit.com, or by SMS (check your local Crime Stoppers www.crimestoppers.ab.ca for instructions).
Gartersnakes Are Important To A Healthy Environment

A local biologist and Lakeland College instructor is raising awareness about one of the main sources of snake mortality: road-kill. As 65 per cent of the reptiles in Canada are now species at risk, reducing the number of unnecessary deaths is very important for their conservation.

“Gartersnakes are an important member of our wildlife biodiversity,” says Darcey Shyry, an instructor of Environmental Sciences. “But unfortunately in the spring and fall they have a habit of warming their bodies on roads and will cross roads near hibernacula (the underground chambers where snakes communally overwinter) and at travel corridors that cross roads, which leads to excessive numbers getting run over.”

Shyry is raising awareness after encountering a single intersection with a dozen snakes dead on the road last weekend. “Such a substantial number of breeding adults and young-of-the-year snakes being killed and removed from the local population could threaten the persistence of snakes in that area,” says Shyry. “I think our children deserve the opportunity to have a similar natural inheritance that we were given by our parents and grandparents.”

Gartersnakes are predators on land and in the water and like to eat small animals such as amphibians, worms, leeches, slugs, minnows, small mice and grasshoppers. So they help maintain the balance of nature by controlling the numbers of their prey. Adult female snakes are much larger than the males. Gartersnakes don’t lay eggs; rather they give birth to litters of baby snakes. They’re not aggressive and don’t bite unless you grab them. They don’t have venom that affects people so they are harmless to us if you leave them alone.

Alberta has three species of garter-snake but only the plains gartersnake (with the bright orange stripe down the back) is present in east-central Alberta. Unfortunately there isn’t much information about their populations. If you notice a group of dead snakes on the road or know of a hibernaculum, please report it to the Alberta Volunteer Amphibian Monitoring Program [http://www.ab-conservation.com/avamp/overview/]. Excellent information about reptiles like snakes can found at the Canadian Herpetological Society [https://canadianherpetology.ca]. Please remember that both snakes and snake hibernacula are protected from intentional persecution and destruction in Alberta under the Wildlife Act.

For more information, contact Darcey.Shyry@lakelandcollege.ca

From The Myrnam Dove

It certainly not the best of weeks to play the town crier, seeing as everything is quiet around here. Being September, lots of clubs are starting up again, and of course, the kids are still in the “New year, new grade” zone. I wonder how long the back to school excitement will last?

Speaking of “going back,” Jim Crow said he and his murdering cohorts are thinking about points South. I was sadly surprised. I had forgotten that lots of birds go South for the winter. Not all of my feathered cousins have my king of stamina. I personally don’t know if they could be considered real Canadians. They spend months living in other countries. Jim said this doesn’t bother him at all. He says weather is more important to him than nationality. How self-serving and unpatriotic! Despite our differences I’ve grown very fond of Jim and will really miss him. I already reminded him of the positive side of this snow, like how often do we get to see flowers blooming in snow?

The moisture level has been high enough that many plants haven’t been frozen and that’s a cool thing. He just looked at me and shook his head. I know it’s been a very drab and quiet week (painted doors would certainly brighten things up) but the sun is just resting. Let’s hope the sun comes out totally rested and helps the crops to dry out. Jim Crow said things are too cold and dead around here. He said he wanted to find some action and that I wasn’t saying anything much... just rambling. He’s right, so I’m going to fly off too.

Keep the peace and do a Sundance. ~ The Dove

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Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.
Two people have died following a collision on Highway 16 on September 15. Initial investigation found that shortly before 2 a.m., two passenger vehicles were involved in a collision in the eastbound lanes of Highway 16 near Innisfree, Alberta. The two vehicles involved in the initial collision were then struck by an eastbound semi tractor trailer. Traffic in the area remained disrupted while efforts to clear the highway were made. The highway was re-opened to through traffic a short time later.
Farm Wife Diaries - Merry September Christmas

By Deb Barber

The last few days it has been hard to believe we are approaching the middle of September and not the middle of December. The large fluffy snowflakes softly falling to the ground looked so exquisite and fragile I took a minute to admire their beauty pushing from my mind that as gorgeous as they are it is simply 'wrong' to see snow falling when the first day of fall has yet to be announced on the calendar.

Fortunately, with the 'future' forecasting system provided to us on our iPhones and thanks to the diligence of Farmer Hubby who checks that forecast abundantly I was well alerted to the possibility of the wet white stuff coming and I had picked the remaining cucumbers, tomatoes and brought in the pumpkins prior to the first flakes falling.

Unlike the blizzard of January 12, 1888 that hit the unsuspecting North-west States at least we had some forewarning. I've been reading "The Children's Blizzard", by David Laskin and warning. I've been reading "The Chil-

My tomato plant production was disappointing this year, the plants grew tall (not as tall as last year thankful-

Fortunately, it looked worse than it was! He was somewhat embarrassed to confess he had been attempting to straighten out a bent set of knives and his hand slipped on the bar, when his flying hand struck his glasses they 'bit' into the tender flesh on either side of his nose which cut the skin and caused bleeding across his face. Once he was cleaned up the damage looked mini-

Prior to the shift to snow and colder temperatures I was walking in the pas-

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Mannville School Welcomes Trickster Theatre

Trickster Theatre is coming to Mannville School! Trickster Theatre is a performing arts company from Calgary that will be working with all Mannville School students from kindergarten to Grade 12 from September 24 to 28. The artists will be working with the students to develop a unique performance based on the theme of “choosing a famous Canadian and look at the way in which he/she demonstrated a leadership skill or habit in a way that benefited our country.” We have had many community organizations donate to our school to help offset the cost of the Theatre. Some of these include Mannville Royal Purple, Foster Bulldozing, Big Louie’s Contracting, Mannville Credit Union and Wilde and Company. The week will wrap up with a performance for the community on the evening of September 28 at 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendars!

The Kindergarten’s were busy being scientists and dissecting Sunflowers. They used ‘I See, I Think, I Wonder’ to make their learning visible.

The Staff and Students will be participating in the Terry Fox Run/Walk on Friday, September 21 at 2:30 p.m. We encourage all family and community members to join us for the walk.

The Students Union is busy again this year planning Spirit Days for the entire school. Every month a spirit day will be planned and all kids are encouraged to participate. The day of the event a Student Union leader will be recording each grades’ participation points. At the end of the school year the class with the most points will be named. Our first school Spirit Day is September 21 and it is PJ DAY!

Saturday, September 22 the WELCOME to Fall Run/Walk will be held at the Mannville Golf Course starting at 10 a.m. All ages are welcome to attend and the two or five kilometer route is stroller friendly! Proceeds will be going to our school wellness and community involved events. Let’s get our families out together to enjoy the views of the golf course and promote wellness.

Important dates to remember: Parent Teacher Interviews October 17/18, instructions on how to book your interviews will be out shortly; Awards Day will be Friday November 2 at 2 p.m. this year. Following the awards afternoon, the annual Leadership Supper at the Rec Centre will take place at 5 p.m.

A number of businesses and individuals have donated funds to make special projects like the Trickster Theatre possible for the Mannville students. Pictured here are a few members of the Mannville Royal Purple making their donation.

Serving Up Hot Dogs For VegMin Learning

The VegMin Learning Society held a hot dog sale on Friday, September 14 at the Vegreville and District Co-op. All supplies were donated by the Co-op with the proceeds going towards the learning facility. Pictured here are, from the left, VegMin staff and volunteers Holly Cependa, Bob Carter and Geri Wayslow as they served the hot dogs on the cool autumn day.

Congratulations to Kayla Ross, winner of the Mannville Centennial Public Library Summer Reading Program “Feed Your Need to Read”. Kayla logged in a total of 465 minutes. Now that the Summer Reading Program is over, plans are underway for “Get Your Mitts on a Good Book”, the theme for the Winter Reading Program which will commence January 1 to February 28, 2019.

Kayla is pictured here with Mannville Library Manager Brenda Walker who presented the young reader with her prize.

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Kinsella Bingo Winner

Jean Hinecker, pictured here on the right, presented Linda Pomeroy with $225 for her win playing Dog Days Dash balls game at last week’s Kinsella Bingo. The Community Centre plays host to the Tuesday evening bingo which gets underway at 7 p.m. sharp each week.

~ Photo Submitted
Rural Crime Work Is Paying Off

By Jessica Littlewood, MLA for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville

Six months ago, the Government of Alberta developed, in partnership with the RCMP, a $10-million seven-point Rural Crime Strategy to address concerns heard from every corner of the province.

Earlier this month, Alberta’s RCMP reported that the plan is working. Rural property crime is down 11 per cent from January to July 2018 when compared with the same period last year, and rural property crime was down a full 25 per cent in July 2018 when compared to the same month last year.

The community of Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville has been deeply affected by rural crime. I’ve heard firsthand accounts of farm equipment being stolen, and I’ve continued to hear concerns of RCMP response rates in the region.

Quite simply put, many are not feeling safe in their own homes. As your MLA, I shared these concerns with government and helped advocate for our Minister of Justice to work with RCMP to develop and implement the rural crime strategy.

We developed a seven-point plan that: puts boots on the ground in our local communities; builds data centres, allowing police agencies to more easily share information across jurisdictions; introduced a special task force to target prolific offenders; increased funding for rural crime watch groups; increased funding to add more rural Crown prosecutors; and provide bait vehicles and tracking technology for police.

The RCMP are now reporting that there have been 648 fewer motor vehicle thefts in Alberta this year compared to last. There have been 366 fewer break and enter incidents, and there have been 2,358 fewer thefts.

District-level Crime Reduction Units, which focus on repeat offenders, have also made an impact. Since launching in February, these crime reduction units have made more than 500 arrests and laid more than 1,600 charges – they’re targeting the prolific offenders who cause the most problems.

I was proud to vote yes on behalf of my constituents, to support a 2018 budget that included funding for a rural crime strategy. This is in direct contrast to those who would prefer to cut funding for the RCMP, along with everything else.

Every Albertan deserves to feel safe and secure in their own home. That’s exactly why our government is taking action, but we know there’s still more work to do. That’s why I’ll keep standing up for rural Albertans and the investments that make for a strong police force in our province.

News From Chudovyi Ukrainian Dancers Of Innisfree

Submitted by Marilyn Newton

The Chudovyi Ukrainian Dancers started off the new season with a meet and greet night on September 4. This gave dancers and parents a chance to meet our new instructor, TJ Fenton.

A short question and answer period was held where parents could find out about the plans for the upcoming season. We then had a mini Kolyomeika where the dancers showed off their skills before spending an hour with the instructor.

We held our first day of regular classes this past Tuesday and are very excited to start dancing again. We would love for you to join us. There is minimal fundraising, our fees are affordable, and we guarantee you’ll have a ton of fun!

We are a family friendly atmosphere with classes for ages 3 years to Adult. For class times or more information, please call or email our club President, Marilyn Newton at 780-581-1040 or marilynmom3@hotmail.com.
Local Councillor Taneen Rudyk was joined by municipal leaders from across the country in the County of Annapolis, Nova Scotia, to discuss the goals and objectives of Canada’s municipalities for the year ahead. The topics of infrastructure, cannabis legalization and rural broadband dominated the conversation.

The discussion of municipal autonomy at this fall’s Board Meeting took place against the backdrop of an important national discussion about the role of municipalities and their relationship with the provincial and federal orders of government. Above all, members agreed that now is the time to focus on local decision-making, greater empowerment for cities and communities, and the fiscal tools necessary to make that happen.

The FCM Board sent a unanimous message that municipalities will oppose any use of Section 33 (the notwithstanding clause) of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms that would have the effect of overruling local decision-making and democratic rights at the local level. The FCM Board also reaffirmed its support for the ability of municipalities to govern their own affairs and represent the interests of their residents.

“As federal political parties prepare for next year’s election, it is time for a mature and modern conversation about how to empower municipal autonomy,” said FCM President Vicki-May Hamm. “We need political will from every order of government to have a conversation about how we work together within the Constitution. With engaged federal partners, we know it can be done.”

With legalization fast approaching, cannabis was key on the agenda during this year’s meeting. Municipalities have been working hard to get ready for October 17th, but success requires ongoing collaboration and cooperation across all orders of government, most critically at the municipal level.

“Local governments are on the front lines of legalizing cannabis across Canada. Our priority is to keep our citizens safe and well-served,” said Taneen Rudyk. “As October 17 draws near, municipalities need more details on implementation, including assurances that municipal costs will be covered through financial tools like excise revenue sharing.”

Reliable broadband is an essential service for Canadians, yet remains elusive for two million living in rural, remote and northern communities. FCM board members discussed the urgent need for an ambitious, long-term national broadband strategy lead by the federal government to ensure rural communities maintain their vital part role in Canada’s economy. “We have a situation where Canadian households are struggling to connect and businesses are unable to unlock their full potential. This is unacceptable,” said Rudyk. “We need the federal government to lead this strategy through long-term, predictable solutions and major investments.”

Board members were also updated on developments in the federal infrastructure plan. This plan was designed to empower municipalities to deliver transformational transit, green and rural infrastructure projects across Canada and in Vegreville.

“The federal infrastructure plan we helped shape is unprecedented—in its $180 billion scale, its 12 year commitment, its prioritization of municipal projects, and its tailored tools for rural and northern communities,” said Rudyk. “These investments can move projects forward to build stronger economic growth, lower greenhouse gas emissions and improve quality of life for all.”

Across Canada, in communities large and small, urban and rural, municipalities are the order of government closest to people’s lives. Their local solutions are helping tackle national challenges—from growth and productivity to climate change—and are building a more livable, competitive Canada.

FCM is the national voice of municipal government in Canada. Its Board of Directors represents communities of all sizes from coast to coast to coast.

Taneen Rudyk has served on Vegreville Town Council since 2010. In 2017 and 2018, Rudyk was elected to represent urban municipalities from across Alberta on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities an excellent table to represent the interests of Albertans who live outside large urban centres. Following the advocacy of Vegreville lobbying the Federal Government to have the Immigration Case Processing Centre remain in community, the idea that #ruralcanadamatters has been of key importance to Rudyk as Canada becomes more and more centralized and there is an increasing danger for smaller voices in rural and remote communities to be overlooked. Taneen Rudyk was recently appointed to the Governance Representative on the FCM initiative Towards Parity in Municipal Politics an opportunity to continue her work building community and encouraging diverse participation in the political process.

Municipal Empowerment Tops FCM Board Of Directors Agenda Attended By Vegreville Councillor Taneen Rudyk

Submitted by Rachel Farr, Communications Coordinator, Town of Vegreville

It was a happy bunch who stepped off the bus in Innisfree September 13 after a wintery trip from Edmonton. This group from an Edmonton church, was led by Jans Balan and all the passengers enjoyed a step back in time at the Prairie Bank of Commerce Historical Society Museum. Their good cheer filled the room as a brief history of the area and the museum was explained by Debbie McMan and Mayor Aaron Cannan who welcomed the visitors. The museum is open to groups all year round by appointment. Thanks to the Edmonton folks for visiting our village. – Photo Submitted

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This year we held our Village of Innisfree Library Summer Reading Program in the last two weeks of August and had a total of 77 kids over the six days. Our program had different themes each day with games, crafts, activities and, of course, snacks to go along with the daily theme. This year our themes were all about “Feeding Your Passions”; and we explored these by having days about Gardening, Cooking, Drama (Dance, Acting, Art etc), Travelling, Building and Animals! We finished off the program with a bang, hosting a hot-dog supper and the Reptile Zoo. We had a record number of 81 people attend the Reptile Zoo where we learned about different reptiles and the responsibilities it would take to have them as pets.

A huge thank you to Kathleen Fleck for all her hard work on planning this amazing free program for the community; and also to the board members who came in to help supervise!

We are very happy to announce that we will be holding another round of iPad Workshops. Please note that participants need to bring an iPad to these workshops are for iPad or iPad Mini users.

Sept. 19 - Introduction to iPad, includes maintenance of the device; set-tings for security, privacy, and personal use; battery and power charging tips; troubleshooting; using pre-installed applications, review of some accessories. Setting up email account(s) and a question and answer session.

Sept. 20 - Using your iPad for Library Resources: includes how to use TRAC online to order books; accessing TRAC for e-books using Libby, using Hoopla to access movies, music and other media; other e-book resources: using RB Digital to access free magazines and a question and answer session.

October 3 - Online iPad Use: includes an overview of the iCloud and how to access it for storage of photos, documents, and music. Using Dropbox for similar purposes; safety and security online; how to evaluate websites for accuracy and bias; privacy and security online Q & A.

October 10 - Music and Photography with the iPad: includes how to take, store, edit, and organize photos and video; using iTunes, making your own music files and a question and answer session.

October 17 - Apps for iPad: includes demonstrations of recommended apps for productivity, communication, journaling, music, games, and hobbies and a question and answer session.

Join us on Thursday, November 29 at the Library as our instructor guides you through the steps to build and complete a WHOVILLE TREE! It will be made with fresh foliage; decorations and materials will all be provided. Feel free to bring any decorations from home that you would like to use as well. We will also have snacks and refreshments. A great ladies or parent/child night, this library fundraiser will fill you with the spirit of Christmas. Pre-Registration is required as there are limited spots available. Please call 780-592-2122 or email librarian@innisfree.library.ca to register.

We have some great events planned for the upcoming months, so keep an eye out for information on programs such as makeup classes, paint nights for both youth and adults, clock and welcome mat workshops and our Holiday in the Hallway Celebration.