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Or www.seevirtual360.com/10870

Alliance 92nd Annual Sports Day Tuesday, July 1



Activities and Attractions

Pancake Breakfast— 8 am—10 am at the grounds

Gigantic Parade—11:00 am

Mixed Slowpitch

Ladies Fastball



Gymkhana - barrel racing, pole bending, & fun games for kids & adults

Register at 11:30 am—Gymkhana from 12 noon to 4 pm

Beer Gardens— 1 pm—10 pm

Featuring entertainment by Quality Sound

Special Kid's Area— Astro jump, cash sandpile, BMX bike races

Amazing Race contest for 10—14 year olds

Museum—Open Noon to 4, excellent displays, log cabin, pioneer village, music in bandstand 1:30 PM

Wall of Fame— 2008 Inductions of Alliance and District Community Builders—2 PM at the Bandstand

Dedication of Wall of Fame Park— 3:30 PM Downtown
Barbecue Beef Supper—5—7 PM

Ongoing events— Beer Gardens, bingo, Lion's food booth

**All this for only \$ 5 / person
11 & Under free**

Come celebrate Canada Day in Alliance!!



*Thanks to Peacock Energy for
sponsoring this month's newsletter.*

Mayor's Corner

Office Hours
Wednesday
10 AM -Noon.

Next Council meeting
July 21 at 6 PM.

The public is welcome to attend all Council meetings.

If you have an issue to discuss with Council, you must request a time on the agenda by Thurs, July 17

Dissolution Vote

While a dissolution study is destructive, costly and time consuming, it is a necessary part of our Democratic process. Council is pleased with the high voter turn out, and thank all those who took the time to become informed, who wrote letters, and who voted. As we wait for the Honorable Ray Danyluk to make his final decision, Council will continue to work on your behalf. Soon we will be asking you to join us in our next major project— Sustainability Planning.

Question: "Are you in favour of dissolving the Village of Alliance to become part of Flagstaff County?"

YES - 27 - 23 %

NO - 90 - 77 %

We now await the final decision of the Minister of Municipal Affairs which should come by the end of July.

Library

Tues. 1—5 PM
Thurs. 9—1 AM

Museum

**Open Every
Wednesday & Saturday
1—4 PM**

Or Call for apptmt.

Norman - 879-3762

Marie - 879-2144

Karin - 879-2333

Meetings

4th Monday, 7:30 PM

Village Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 3 PM

Friday 9 to Noon

CLOSED—July 4

Landfill Hours

Effective April 1

Wednesdays

9am -12 Noon

Saturdays

1 pm - 6:30 pm

Rural Landfill

On Township Road 410

(Coal Trail) &

Range Rd 110

Wednesdays

9 am - 6:30 pm

**Newsletter
Deadline
Mon., July 26**

Forestburg Doctor's Schedule



Phone **582-5185**

When the office is closed, the phone is forwarded to Daysland Medical Center, so appointments can be made Monday to Saturday. Please specify that you want your appointment in Forestburg.

July 4 - Dr. vanVuuren

July 8 - Dr. vanVuuren

July 11 - Dr. Niemann

At the time of printing, this was All that is scheduled. If we receive any further information it will be posted in the Post Office and the Village Office window.

FARMER'S MARKET DAY

Wed., July 16

10 am to 2 pm

Alliance Community Hall
Lots of vendors with a variety of items.

Great place to meet with
Friends and neighbors and

Enjoy a terrific lunch!

To book tables,

Or for more information

Call Tina @ 879-3917 or

Sharon @ 879-3804

Thank You

to Joe Wallace &

CE Franklin

For your moving assistance!!

Well Baby Clinic

**Schedule Change
Effective Sept 2006**

**First Tuesday morning
Of the month**

At Alliance Community Hall

Call 384-3652 for apptmt.

Sedgewick Health Unit

2nd Tuesday: 10am - 3 pm

4th Tuesday: 1:30pm - 8 pm

Killam Medical Center

385-7890

Monday to Friday

9 am to 12 Noon

1:30 to 4:30 PM

Thanks to all

Who attended the
strawberry tea, and
those who placed take-
out orders.

A special thank you to
the Alliance School who
provided us with
wonderful entertainment.

- Alliance Library Board

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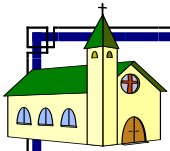
**No watering lawns
In daytime.**

Sewer Rates effective May 31.

Will be \$1 for every cube of
water that is used.

Therefore watering of lawns will cost you
more.

We have set up a pump at the dam for
anyone who wishes to haul water to their
yards. Just make sure you put gas in the
pump and close the gate when you leave.



Alliance United Church

Minister: Rev. Jope Langejans

Phone—582-3796, or

Alliance Church 879-3883

WEBSITE— <http://allianceuc.anwc.net/>

June 29—Potluck picnic & barbecue after
11:30 service

July & August—No services

Services resume on **August 31 at 9:30 am**

Please join us at Bethel United Church in
Forestburg for 9:30 AM services throughout
the summer.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 11-15—afternoons

Watch next month for more details.

Sidewalk Tenders

The Village plans to do another sidewalk replacement
and repair project this summer.

The tender package is currently being prepared and
Will be released on Thursday July 3rd.

A Contractor will be determined at the July 21
Council meeting

Questions—Please call 879-3911 (Village Office)

Council Notes

- ▶ Ratepayers are reminded that you have until July 3rd to file an assessment appeal. This must be accompanied by a \$25 deposit which will be refunded if your appeal is in your favor.
- ▶ We welcome Amanda Thomas as our STEP student this year.
- ▶ The School Parent's Council has prepared a time capsule to mark the closing of the BRRD # 31 school here in Alliance. This time capsule will be buried in the Wall of Fame park with a plaque to mark it. It will be opened in 2020 when the current Kindergarten children graduate from high school.
- ▶ Flagstaff Waste has informed us that as of July 1, all loose garbage must be in bags so it does not blow around the transfer and landfill sites. If you do not have it bagged it will not be picked up. The transfer sites will be selling bags for \$1.00 if you need them.

Library News

Summer Reading Program

Theme-LOL

July 10th - I Have To Go - R. Munsch

July 24th - Silly Science

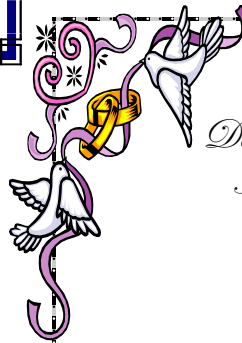
July 31st - Alligator Baby - R. Munsch

August 7th - Paperbag Princess - R. Munsch

This program is geared to the younger aged children. There will be a story time, craft, and a snack.

This program will start at 11am on Thursdays-

THE TUESDAY NIGHT
CRAFT GROUP WILL NOT BE
MEETING DURING THE SUMMER
AND WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER



50th Wedding Anniversary

Don & Lila Davidson & family

Invite you to share in a celebration of
Their 50th anniversary.

Sat., July 26, 2008

Open House: 2 pm to 3:30 pm

Program 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Supper: 5 pm

Alliance Community Hall

Everyone Welcome

No Gifts please!



A.C.D.C.

- ▶ .Thanks to Ralph Davidson for helping us mount the Alberta symbols at the Wall of Fame Park
- ▶ Thanks to all who came out and voted on the dissolution question.
- ▶ We welcome to our community Daryl and Rose Marie (Randy) Wickstrom. May they enjoy our beautiful village.
- ▶ Please join us at the Bandstand for the Alliance & District Community Builders Wall of Fame Induction at 2 PM on July 1st
- ▶ Following the induction ceremony, we will be dedicating the new Wall of Fame Park. Join us about 3:30 PM at the Park - 108 Main Street (next door to Main Street Medley)

Library News

A Big Thanks to The Alliance ECS and Parent Council for the donations to the library. They have donated a laminator, an overhead projector, a T.V& DVD player. Not to mention various craft supplies and books. Thanks to the community for the support shown at our Strawberry Tea, we had a great success with it.

Storyteller, Pearl-Anne Gooding was absolutely fabulous. She kept the children completely engaged for about 2 hours. It was great to see so many kids and have such a talent here.

The summer reading info is on page 3, and in Aug I plan on doing a Captain Underpants Day and a Geronimo Stilton Day. So look for more info in the next weeks. There will be a pre-registration for these days.

- Tracy



55 Years of Service

Congratulations Don "Red" McDermott on 55 years of driving school bus.

Red was honored at a Provincial Convention in April. His family has a long history in school busses. Father, Raymond McDermott started driving students to the Alliance school when the Leopoldville country school closed in 1945. He used a 1928 Chev car, a 1941 Chev car, then later a 42 passenger bus and a Dodge panel van.

Red started driving bus in 1953. He drove the morning route, taking grade 12 during the day, then taking his fellow students home in the afternoon. He drove all the different Alliance routes. In those years, school buses could also be used as personal vehicles, so Red's bus became the "week-end party wagon." It took longer to clean the bus out on Sundays than all week from the students!

In 1997, Red and Shirley (fellow bus driver) sold their buses to Battle River School Division #31 and both continued driving for the Board. Red still drives to the Hardisty, Loughheed and Sedgewick schools.]

It's anyone's guess how many miles he has driven in the past 55 years, plus his weekend hobby as "going for a long drive somewhere"!!

Alliance School

The Alliance Parent's Council hosted the final awards night for Alliance School on June 19th. This was a celebration of it's many successes since it opened in 1921.

Memories were collected for a time capsule which will be buried in the Wall of Fame Park until 2020, to be opened when this year's Kindergarten students graduate.

The Parent's Council announced the establishment of a scholarship

Looking to the future -

- ▶ The East Central Catholic School division will be working with local parents towards the possibility of establishing a Catholic School in our community. They have indicated their willingness to bring a bus into the area to take students to Theresetta next year until the situation can be looked at in depth.
- ▶ Battle River School Division has offered to return the school to the Village. This has many implications, and will require some discussion and thought. If the Village takes the building over, we will be responsible for utilities and insurance until another use can be found for it. The Village has already declared their intention to make the 1925 and 1953 sections a Municipal Historic Resource, but the bylaw will not be passed until we can research the situation further.
- ▶ For sometime now, Council has been researching the possibility of renovating these two sections of the school for apartments, and perhaps creating an art studio.

Come to Castor's Paintearth Lodge!

Senior Citizens wanted !

Are you missing out on all of the FUN??

For the first time since 1991 Paintearth Lodge is actively seeking applications for Lodge living.

- ❖ Make an appointment for a tour.
 - ❖ Come see what you're missing!
 - ❖ 25 beautiful new units.
 - ❖ 12 renovated units.
 - ❖ A beautifully enclosed courtyard.
 - ❖ A friendly helpful Staff that will quickly become your friends.
 - Phone (403) 882-3244 for an appointment or tour.
- Learn how we can enhance your quality of life. Ask for Sylvia.

▶ There is also the possibility that it could be developed for a business. Council is looking for input from anyone with ideas as to how to make use of this local resource. Please give it some serious thought and bring your ideas in.