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Alliance Community Development Committee

- ▶ Our thanks to Lynn and Denny Nielsen for building and transporting our float on July 1st. It was a second prize winner.
- ▶ We are pleased to have officially opened the Wall of Fame Park which was dedicated in memory of Betty & Gordon Rombough, through the Battle River Community Foundation. We are still in need of a nice sized piece of petrified wood. If anyone has a piece to donate, we would love to give it a home. Thanks to all who worked on the project.
- ▶ We welcome newcomers to our Village—Greg & Annette Anderson in the former Woodman, Susanne Anderson house), Cody Thomas and Sherri Fleury (trailer on 1st st. west) and John Burak and Nora Walker (Pinkerton house).

It 's time—the recycling round-up is on!

Flagstaff Waste Management

Household Hazardous Waste, Paint and Electronic Waste

Roundup

Sat., Aug. 9— 9—11 am—Hardisty Town Shop
Noon—2 PM—Sedgewick Town Shop
3 pm—5 pm—Killam Town Shop

Sun., Aug. 10 - 9—11 am - Alliance Town Shop
Noon—2 pm—Forestburg Town Shop
3—5 PM - Daysland Town Shop



One Simple Act

Did you know that nine plastic shopping bags contain enough petroleum energy to drive a car one kilometre? Albertans are encouraged to use cloth or reuseable bags when shopping to reduce their environmental footprint.

Thanks to Doug & Judi Solonick for sponsoring this month's newsletter.

Mayor's Corner

Office Hours
Wednesday
10 AM -Noon.

Next Council meeting
August 18 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, August 14

Village Status

The Minister of Municipal Affairs , the Honorable Ray Danyluk, has made his decision based upon our vote, letters, and the Dissolution Study.

We will retain our current status as a Village.

Thank you
To Gordie Lewis for volunteering to Paint the ball diamond fence at the Sports Grounds.
It looks great!

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., Aug 25**

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.

Aug. 5 - Dr. Welman

Aug. 8 - Dr. Hart

Aug 12 - Dr. Welman

Aug 15 - Dr. Niemann

Aug 19 - Dr. Hart

Aug 22 - Dr. Niemann

Aug. 26 - Dr. Welman

Aug 29 - Dr. vanVuuren

Sept. 2 - Dr. Niemann

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

Thank You...

The Castor New Hall Committee wishes to thank Alliance for allowing us to run the beer gardens on July 1. With the money raised from this event, it will bring us one step closer to our goal of a new Castor Community Hall. Thank you, Terry Howe

FARMER'S MARKET DAY

Wed., August 20

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

Thanks to everyone who Does their part to keep our town Neat and tidy. Every piece of garbage that is picked up is a positive thing for our community !!

PLEASE

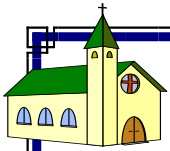
**No watering lawns
In daytime.**

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/>

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

1:30 pm to 4 pm

CONFIDENTIAL REGISTRATION FORM

Please bring this with your child

Child's Name _____
Address _____
Home Phone _____ Work phone _____
Cell phone _____
Child's date of birth _____ Grade in Sept. _____
What church (if any) child usually attends: _____

I give my permission to have my child photographed or video-taped for in-church historical & publicity purposes. Yes No

Child's Health # _____

Food Allergies: _____
Physical or health conditions that could limit participation: _____

The following person(s) have my permission to check out and pick up my child following the program sessions: _____

Please list siblings that will also be participating, or any other information that may be helpful to program staff. _____

Print Parent or Guardian Name Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Further information—call 780-879-2135—Marilyn Thomas

Program is free, but donations appreciated.

Library News

Summer Reading Program

Theme -Laughing Out Loud

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 Thursday mornings

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



Council Notes

- ▶ We received tenders for sidewalk work and Olson Contracting was chosen to do the work. This is expected to happen this fall.
- ▶ We will be receiving tenders in August for water and sewer in the west-end subdivision for 8 lots, as well as for new sewer line on 3rd Avenue. This is also expected to be done this fall.
- ▶ The Assessment Appeal Board Hearing was held on July 21, with 3 appellants being heard. The Assessor, Gary Barber of Wainwright Assessment was in attendance, and all 3 appeals were accepted.
- ▶ The single (50ft x 125 ft) residential lot at 112—3rd Ave East now belongs to the Village. It is serviced with water, sewer, and gas. The selling price was set at \$7,500. Buyer must comply with Village purchase policy, and any mobile home must receive approval of Village Council prior to a Development permit being issued.
- ▶ We have contacted Battle River Regional Division, asking for further negotiations regarding the school property. Our engineers are checking the building to see if it is feasible to enter into a renovation project for housing or other use. We have also learned that BRRD can get a grant to demolish the building, then return the land to the Village.
- ▶ Bylaw 2008-06 was passed declaring the Alliance Cemetery, AG Hardware, Bob's Corner Service, the Commercial Hotel, and the Peacock Energy Building as Municipal Historic Resources.
- ▶ Word has been received from Viterra that the elevator will be put up for tender soon.
- ▶ On August 27th, we will be hearing a presentation from the Village of Chauvin about how they accomplished their Municipal Sustainability Plan.

Thank you,,,

*Our sincere thank to all who came to help
celebrate our 50th anniversary.*

*Also a very special thank you to our chil-
dren and grand-children for the special
program and delicious meal.*

It was a truly memorable day.

Don & Lila Davidson

Trail of the Buffalo Church Tour

Some of our local citizens enjoyed the Trail of the Buffalo 2008 Church Tour which took place on July 26 & 27.

The first stop was Big Valley at the blue Anglican Church. The capable guide was Florence (Brockel) Johnston, who is a niece of Hildegard Anita Brockel who grew up on the family farm in the Argyle district northeast of Alliance and taught at Flagstaff & Alliance Schools. A notable feature was the very narrow doors which will be scrapped and refinished to their original state. Also, a working, in tune pedal organ. The church is built in the shape of a cross.

While the Big Valley United Church has not been designated an historic site, it is well worth a visit. It's ample size attests to it's popularity during the days of the railroaders. The delightful host was Valerie (Kercher) Ericksen who grew up here at Alliance. Those lucky enough to visit on Sunday were treated to a service, a special sermon, and a three piece musical group.

Sunday's first stop was at Pleasington Zion Church near Forestburg, which was built by the Norwegian settlers who homesteaded this area north and east of Forestburg. The history of the church is kept alive through the Pleasington Historical Society members who have spent many hours and dollars restoring the church to it's original glory.

St. Peter's Historical church was next. The original building with one spire dates back to 1910. In 1927, a much enlarged church with a basement and a second spire was opened. When the church closed in 1977, the community made application to become a Provincial Historical Site. The beauty of this church is its Gothic style architecture with a cathedral-like front and twin towers of octagonal spires which can be seen from miles away. Many artifacts are also on display.

St. Boniface Roman Catholic Church can be visited at Spring Lake. This is the oldest church we visited. The church was built by mainly German settlers, starting in 1905. Like many churches it was added onto and changed until it became a cruciform shaped building with a tower in the middle of the front façade. The tower contains a bell, and is topped with a cross. High above the entry stands a statue of St. Boniface. But to really appreciate this church, one must enter and take in its continental European style with it's colorful and elegant liturgical furnishings.

St. John's Roman Catholic Polska-Kopernich Church that one sees today has replaced the original 1905 chapel that was built by Polish Immigrants. Today's 1917 church is a gem indeed. Of particular interest is the domed, blue ceiling with a central painting. An elegant altar is the centerpiece. As with all the other churches visited, a sample of tasty food, and a warm welcome was shared.

It is hoped that Trail of Buffalo deems these 2 days a success, so that those who missed it will have the opportunity to enjoy this experience next year.

FOUND...

May be claimed at the Village Office by describing the items.

- ▶ Set of keys in the playground in June
- ▶ July 26 near Community Hall—a surge protector bar.

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.**