

# VILLAGE OF ALLIANCE

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## Rail Line Future

Ken Eshpeter and John Oberg of the Battle River Producer Car Group attended the March council meeting to update Council on their activities.

They are actively pursuing the purchase of the CN line 43.03 from Camrose to Alliance. They will give their formal application to purchase by April 22nd.

To quote from their presentation:

"The BRPCG are networking on 6 fronts:

1. Producers—attempting to raise \$3,000,000 from farmer users/supporters.
2. Counties—Flagstaff & Camrose—hoping to get \$1.5 million
3. 6 municipalities along the line are being encouraged to visualize the development potential that keeping the railroad brings.
4. Provincial Govt—encouraging them to adopt a similar program to Saskatchewan, which loans 1/3 the capital cost at 0% interest.
5. Federal govt through MP's.
6. Funding agencies like Western Economic Diversification Fund.

BRPCG is extremely excited about this project with good reason:

1. There are 8 viable operating short lines and 3 new applications in Saskatchewan
2. Over 500 viable short lines in the US.
3. We will have 50 miles of 132 lb. Steel that runs through some of the best grain growing landscape in Alberta. With grain as the main revenue generator, the presence of a short line has potential to re-invigorate this part of East Central Alberta in ways we can only at this time imagine. Six years ago, no train traffic on 43.03. Today there are 600 cars. The plan is for 1000 grain cars, the development of a gravel program, as well as a vigorous tourism component.
4. The creation of 43.03 as a producer owned and run short line is the perfect rural development project."

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## Mayor's Corner

Office Hours  
Wednesday  
10 AM -Noon.  
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Next Council  
meeting  
Monday, April 20  
6 PM

Anyone having an issue to  
put before Council, please  
notify the Administrator by  
Thurs. April 16, 2009

## Recreation Board

**Funding requests must be  
in by Wed. April 1.**

For info call 780-808-9113, or 780-  
879-3911

## Help Wanted

Caretaker required for the  
upcoming season at the  
Alliance Campsite.

Alliance Rec Board will be accepting  
applications to tender until April 1st,  
2009.

Forward to Box 42, Alliance, AB  
T0B 0A0.

For more information call  
780-808-9113

## Council Notes

- ▶ Animal Control—The Bylaw Officer attended the March meeting to discuss a Dangerous dog bylaw, as well as cat control. In April, a Dangerous dog bylaw will be brought before Council, as well as a proposed cat bylaw. We have many complaints about cats at large, and the strays are becoming a serious problem. You would be advised to be sure your pet has some type of collar so it can be identified as someone's pet. Watch next month for more developments.
- ▶ We have applied to the new **Building Canada Fund** for a grant to assist with upgrading the waterplant. We are also awaiting further word from Alberta Transportation & Infrastructure on grant money for this project.
- ▶ A Municipal Sustainability Committee meeting is planned for April 29th. We need volunteers from the various organizations and the public at large to work with us on this. Please contact a Councillor, or the Village office if you are willing.
- ▶ Upgrade Fire Rescue Van— Our 30 year-old cube van is in need of major repairs, and the Fire Department is looking at a newer one. They will be undertaking some fund-raising projects in the next couple of years to help pay for one. The first planned project is a June 30 Dine & Dance.

## Library

Tues. 1—5 PM  
7—9 PM  
Thurs. 9—1 AM

## Museum

**Open Every  
Wednesday & Saturday  
1—4 PM**  
Or Call for apptmt.

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

## 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., Apr. 27**

## 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.

Fri, March 27 - Dr. Niemann  
Tues, March 31 - Dr. vanVuuren  
Fri, April 3 - Dr. Niemann  
Tues, April 7 - Dr. Hart  
Fri, April 10 - Closed—Good Friday  
Tues, April 14 - Dr. hart  
Fri, April 17 - Dr. vanVuuren  
Tues, April 21 - Dr. Fouche  
Fri, April 24 - Dr. Hart  
Tues, April 28 - Dr. vanVuuren

## FARMER'S MARKET

Wed., April 15  
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,  
Call Tina @ 879-3917 or  
Sharon @ 879-3804



## March Cake Draws

Raised \$180 for Flagstaff Food Bank.  
Tickets drawn by Tierra Ulrich  
Winners: Anne Clough &  
Sue Thomas

Raised 2009 to date—\$ 540.00 !!  
Your support is appreciated. PLEASE note—  
**Every dollar** you contribute goes to the Food  
Bank. Cost of cakes and table rent are  
NOT deducted.

## 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 ...

A number of folks have expressed their thanks to Wayne for the good job of keeping the snow off the streets.

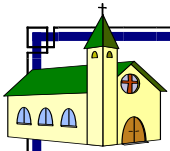


Also, several have asked who is the Good Samaritan that comes by and plows their sidewalks. As we do not know, this is a thank you to that kind person From all you have helped out!

## Thank you

Debbie, Rob and Olivia would like to thank everyone who came to Olivia's baby shower, And especially Tracy and the Library Board who arranged the afternoon.  
Thank You!





## Alliance United Church

**Minister:** Rev. Jope Langejans

Phone—582-3796, or

Alliance Church 879-3883

WEBSITE—

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

**Sunday Worship@ 9:30 AM**

Sunday School at 11:00 AM

All are welcome to join in worship  
and

fellowship following the service.

### Special Services

Good Friday, April 10— 8 PM

Easter Celebration— April 12

### Concerts of Interest

Palm Sunday Mass Choir—

7 PM at Merna Seventh Day  
Adventist Church

Alliance/Castor Choir Easter  
Celebration

April 19, 2:30 PM - Alliance UC  
7:30 PM—Castor Missionary Church

May 2, Bethel United Church —  
Neeraj Prem

A musician with the capacity to mesmerize and mirror the intricacies of your soul, Neeraj Prem is a rare musical entity. He is a virtuoso sitarist and leader in the modern movement of Indian music as a sought after performer and teacher

**The United Church Board extends a  
big thank you to :**

- ▶ all the generous donors to our  
Silent Auction,
- ▶ All who purchased items and  
pieces of Noah's Ark
- ▶ all those who attended and  
added to the fun of the evening

# Garage Sale

**At United Church**

**Friday, Apr 17, 6—9 PM**

**Saturday, April 18**

**Donations now being accepted at the  
church.**

## Library

Please note that the Library is open on Tuesday evenings from 7—9 PM while the Crafters meet. If you can't get in in the daytime, this could be your opportunity to access some of our wonderful selection of books and videos.

*Anyone interested in doing  
Ukrainian Easter Eggs  
on a Tuesday night, please call*

*Judi @ 879-3634 or*

*Wilma at 879-2382*

## Alberta Community & Co-operatives Association

**Information Meeting — Tuesday, March 31, 7 PM**  
**Alliance Rec Center**

***Those who attended the Municipal Sustainability workshop showed quite a lot of interest in the possibility of co-ops. This presentation will take us one more step along the way.***

***EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!***

With funding from the Rural Albert Development Fund, the Alberta Community and Co-operative Association (ACCA) is offering rural Alberta communities the opportunity to participate in a project focused on developing cooperatives to serve the needs of their community.

What is the purpose of this project?

The project is intended to enhance rural economic development through community members' increased knowledge of and technical capacity for application of the co-operative model.

How is the project structured?

The project will operate with three main components:

1. An exploratory aspect to determine the interest in and need for co-op development
2. An outreach aspect to introduce basic concepts of co-op development
3. A capacity building aspect to train key community members in co-op development. This aspect would be "hands-on" and would include technical assistance for project development within each community. Two communities will receive funding toward the costs of developing a new co-operative in their community.

What outcomes can our community expect if we participate?

1. Awareness/understanding regarding the co-operative structure for enterprise and non-profit applications including:
  - a. What makes co-operatives distinct from other models
  - b. The range of diverse applications of the co-operative model
  - c. Benefits of using the co-operative structure
2. Assessment of where and how co-operatives might fit for your community's needs
3. Connection to resources for further co-operative development:
  - a. Expertise available to facilitate a group's development of a co-operative
  - b. For two communities, completion of a co-operative development initiative

## ACDC

- ▶ We welcome Jeff Capps & Nicole Holzer and their young son, to our village. They live in the trailer across from Terry & Vivian.
- ▶ A welcome also to Josh Desjarlais who lives two doors down from Jeff & Nicole.
- ▶ Our thanks to the United church for hosting the potluck supper and silent auction, and making it a “meet your neighbor” night. A great way to get to know our new residents, and to learn about our organizations.
- ▶ We were pleased to host the first meeting of the businesses. It was an opportunity to discuss problems that are common to all. The group will meet again at noon on Monday, April 13, at the village Office. If you missed the first one, please join the group and bring your lunch with you.



## Galahad Presbyterian Spring Tea

April 4, 2009

Galahad Senior Center

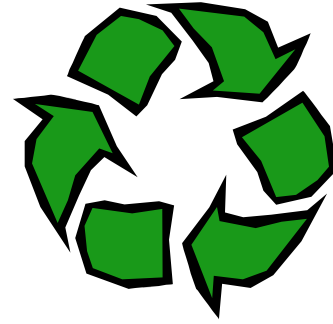
2:00 to 4:00 pm

Bake table

Regal

Door prizes giveaway at 3:30 PM

Everyone welcome.



## RECYCLING

In response to a couple of questions about Recycling, our site takes :

- ▶ **Newspapers and fliers**—pack them in as well as you can
  - ▶ **Glass**—clear ONLY—no lids, no labels
- ▶ **Cans**—please clean and flatten them. These are transported by generous people en route to Camrose, so space is an issue.
- ▶ **#2 plastic and milk cartons** (plastic and wax)

Wine bottles go to the Bottle Depot

Which is open

Thursday 9—3

Friday 9:30—12:30

Saturday 9:30—4:30

As of June 1, 2009, all dairy and dairy-based ready-to-serve beverage containers sold in Alberta will require a deposit of 10 cents ( 1 liter or less), of 25 cents (over 1 liter)

Deposits will be refunded at any Alberta Bottle depot, but only on containers purchased after June 1, 2009.

Until then, please continue to recycle your milk containers through our voluntary recycling program.

We understand that the old beverage containers will be accepted in our bins for a few weeks after June 1st.

The new containers will be marked to show that a deposit has been paid on them.

Drop into the bottle Depot to pick up a complete guide to beverage container recycling.