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Mother's Day Breakfast

Sunday, May 10

9:30 am to 11:30 am

Alliance Community Hall

Bring the whole family and treat Mom on her special day.

Sponsored by Alliance Legion # 94



Council Notes

- ▶ On April 13th, the Restricted, Vicious & Guard dog Bylaw was passed and came into effect immediately. See Page 4 of this newsletter for more detail.
- ▶ A Cat Bylaw was given first reading. Anyone having concerns may see the bylaw at the village office. Your feedback is required before Council meeting on May 11th.—More details on Page 4—also the webpage.
- ▶ Since the ECS has closed, they offered the playground from the school-grounds to the Village. This was gratefully accepted, and will be reinstalled at the Sports Grounds . Volunteers to assist would be appreciated.
- ▶ Peace Officer time—we accepted the offer of 12 free hours of County Peace Officer time per year. They will be enforcing speed limits, parking violations, Non highway vehicle violations, and many more.
- ▶ There have been several complaints received about fireworks being set off in Village limits. Residents are reminded that conditions are extremely dry and this is a considerable fire hazard. If you are setting off fireworks and a fire results, there could be serious consequences.
- ▶ Council approved the purchase of a newer Fire Rescue Van at a cost \$38,000 plus trade-in of the 1967 Dodge Fire Truck. The “new” van arrived on April 23. Thanks to Carl and Cory for their work on this project. The Fire Department will be doing some fundraising to supplement the cost of this van, so watch for upcoming events—June 30 dine & Dance is the first one.
- ▶ **Municipal Sustainability Meeting—Wed, Apr 29—7 Pm— Rec Centre.** Town & rural residents are invited to participate.

If you would like to Sponsor a newsletter, we need sponsors now.

 * Thanks to *
 * Buchanan Bigway *
 * For Sponsoring *
 * this newsletter *

Catch these offers at Buchanan Bigway

Farmer's market Day is Senior's Day—

Seniors get 10 % off purchases

Family day—Last Friday of Month -

With \$100 cash or cheque purchase get a coupon for a free pizza from the Alliance Valley Inn

(total purchase excludes tobacco and lottery tickets)

Mayor's Corner

Office Hours

Wednesday

10 AM -Noon.

Next Council meeting

Monday, May 11
6 PM

(Changed due to May long weekend)

Anyone having an issue to put before Council, please notify the Administrator by Thurs. May 7, 2009

The 2008 audited Financial Statements are now available at the Village Office.

The first draft of our Municipal Sustainability Plan (MSP) is complete. Our next step is to determine who will carry out the identified actions. We need YOU to help make your community's plan work.

Please join us at the Recreation Center on April 29, at 7 PM, to further this task. On goal identified is to get more youth involved. **WE NEED YOUTH** & parents to help achieve this goal. So kids, come out and make your wishes for activities known.

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., May 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.

Tues, April 28	- Dr. vanVuuren
Fri, May 1	- Dr. Niemann
Tues, May 5	- Dr. Fouche
Fri, May 8	- Dr. Hart
Tues, May 12	- Dr. vanVuuren
Fri, May 15	- Dr. Niemann
Tues, May 19	- Dr. Fouche
Fri, May 22	- Dr. Niemann
Tues, May 26	- Dr. Hart
Fri, May 29	- Dr. vanVuuren

FARMER'S MARKET

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



Niconna's Greenhouse

Opens May 1st - 10 AM to 8 PM
13^{1/4} miles east of Alliance on Secondary 602
Phone 780-879-2240

Bedding plants, perennials, herbs, vegetables,
hanging baskets & urns
Will plant your planters for you if you bring them
to the greenhouse.

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

Crib Tournament

In memory of
George Dammann &
Henry kuefler
Tuesday, April 28
7:30 PM

In the Rec Centre
\$ 5.00 entry fee
Sponsored by Fun For All





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.

Neeraj Prem in Concert

May 2, 7 PM

Forestburg United
Church —

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

Alliance Playschool

Around 1978, a group of local moms got together and decided to organize a playgroup for their children. The trend to small families in the 70's meant that toddlers often did not have kids of their own age to socialize with at home, and this would be a good way for them to learn the skills of getting along with one another. It was also a great way for the moms to have a couple of free hours for themselves. Two or three moms would be in charge each day, and everyone took their turn doing this. It was a great way for the moms to learn and to share their concerns and frustrations with their peers.

The Alliance Playschool has served our community and our young families well for over 30 years, but now have reached a point where a major decision must be made. This September, all of the playschool children are going to kindergarten. This means that the moms who have operated Playschool are also ready to move on with their children. We all know that it keeps us busy supporting the school and activities that our children are involved in.

We have a conundrum— A meeting was held in April to see who was interested in carrying on, and no new parents came out. If there are no parents to organize it, the Playschool will cease to exist. Should this happen, then there are supplies and equipment that need to be disposed of.

Playschool holds its regular board meetings on Tuesday Mornings at 9:30 am, in the Rec Center. They are inviting the public to attend the May 19 and or June 9th meetings. If no-one steps forward to carry on this group, some tough decisions will have to be made.

Library

Do you have your membership for "09?
It costs only \$10 for a single, or \$25 for a family.

Did you know that membership includes a membership in Parkland Regional library which includes:

- ✍ Use of several databases
- ✍ Interlibrary loans
- ✍ Audio books
- ✍ Large print books
- ✍ Books in different languages
- ✍ Children's programming ideas

Did you know your library has :

- ✍ Free internet services
- ✍ Photocopies 10 cents with membership or 25 cents without (per page)
- ✍ An overhead projector
- ✍ A laminator
- ✍ Over 8000 books in-house
- ✍ Disney videos in-house
- ✍ Daisy Reader
- ✍ County book kits—early readers

Your library provides programming for all ages. In the past year we held:

- ✍ Strawberry tea for Seniors day

- ✍ A Storyteller in house for ages 2—10
- ✍ 4 week Summer reading program for ages 3—7
- ✍ Drug awareness seminar for teens and adults
- ✍ Valentine craft night for kids
- ✍ Book club for adults
- ✍ Mother goose for moms & kids 0—5

Feel free to come in and browse our selections and ask questions. The Village pays a per capita fee on behalf of each resident, so we encourage you to use the Library—surprise the Librarian—go in, buy a membership—take out a book or CD!!

Coming Events at your Library ...

- ♥ Mother's Day Craft Session for kids—May 8—time to be announced depending upon registration—by April 30

♥ Come & Go Tea for Mary Wold -

Tues, May 12, 1:30 PM

In appreciation for many years of service on the Library Board.

- ♥ Strawberry Tea—June 10 at the Community Hall, in recognition of Senior's Week

Economic Development

Your MSP set a goal to “encourage economic development”. One action plan was to establish a business association to promote itself to local and non-local customers.

We are pleased to have held two meetings to begin the process of reaching our goal, and encouraged by the interest and ideas that were exchanged.

If you are involved in any business in the Alliance Community, and would like to help grow our businesses, please join us.

We meet on the second Monday of the month, in the Village Office from 12—1 PM. Bring your own lunch.

Minor Ball Association

Still has some money. Since there are no minor ball teams in the community, they are seeking your ideas of where to put this money.

If no one has any better ideas, **on June 1**, it will be put into the Alliance School Scholarship Fund, which was established last spring when the school closed.

Please Call Raelene Bateman 780-879-2275, with your comments or ideas.



Restricted, Vicious & Guard Dog Bylaw—excerpts

Sec 2:12.2.1 “Vicious dog” means a dog of any age, including a restricted dog or guard dog which when on or off the property of its Owner:

- (a) shows a propensity, disposition or potential to attack or injure, without provocation, other animals or humans;
- or
- (b) without provocation, chases persons who approach it; or
- (c) is a continuing threat of serious harm to other animals or humans; or,
- (d) without provocation, has attacked a person or other animal.

- 4.1 An owner of a restricted or vicious dog shall maintain in force a policy of liability insurance in a form satisfactory to the Village Administrator providing third party liability coverage in a minimum amount of \$500,000.00 for injuries caused by the owner's dog.
- 4.2 The liability policy shall contain a provision requiring the insurer to immediately notify the Village Administrator, in writing, should the policy expire or be cancelled or terminated.
- 4.3 Upon cancellation, expiry or termination of the liability policy, the dog license is null and void.
- 4.4 At all times while a restricted or vicious dog is on the premises of its owner, the owner shall either keep such dog confined indoors under the effective control of a person over the age of sixteen (16) years, or confined in a securely enclosed and locked pen, or other structure, constructed as described in Section 4.5 to prevent the escape of the dog, and capable of preventing the entry of young children.
- 4.5 Such pen shall have secure sides and a secure top, and if it has no bottom secured to the sides, the sides must be embedded in the ground to a minimum depth of thirty (30) centimetres

Cat Control Bylaw (excerpts from proposed bylaw)

4.LICENSING

- A) The owner of a cat which is three(3) months or older in the Village shall register each such cat at the office of the Village and for each such registration, shall pay an annual license fee of \$10.00.
- b) Upon receipt of payment of the license fee for each cat, a tag indicating a number corresponding to the number in the master register book, shall be issued to the owner: to be renewed annually.
- c) Every owner shall provide the cat with a collar to which the owner shall affix the tag for such cat and the owner shall ensure that the collar and tag are worn during those occasions when the cat is not on the owner's premises.
- d) In case a tag is lost or stolen a replacement tag can be purchased for \$2.00. Tags are not transferable from one cat to another. The license is Valid from January 1st to December 31st of any year

7. RELEASE OF IMPOUNDED CATS

- a) The Village shall keep all impounded cats for a period of at least 72 hours, including the day of impounding. Sundays and Statutory Holidays shall not be included in the computation of the 72 hour period. During this period, any cat may be redeemed, by its owner, upon payment to the Village of: Continued pg 5

Trail of the Buffalo



Six Neo Gothic churches located within the Trail of the Buffalo are opening their doors July 25 & 26, 2009 offering visitors a chance to view prairie architectural wonders. All the churches are located on highways 13 & 14 in the Wainwright/Provost area. Several local merchants from Alliance will give away a promotional package to some lucky winner who does the tour. For more information, call Muriel.

Our tourism destination received good exposure at both the Saskatoon Sport and Leisure Show and the Calgary Outdoor Adventure Show.

Thanks to Chauvin, we will hold another Ambassador Tour on May 27th. Alliance hosted the last Spring Tour. This is designed for those people who have the most exposure to tourists that visit our area. The goal is to have service industry knowledgeable about activities that would be of interest to people new to the area, so they can be directed to interesting sites in our destination area.

Reminder to Quad-ers

Please use respect for other folks property when enjoying your sport. DO not cut fences or run over barricades on private property. They were put there to protect something of value to someone else.

You require a Village permit to operate your quad within the Village limits. These are available at the Village Office. By-law Officers will be looking to enforce our bylaw. If anyone wishes to file a complaint, the forms are also available here.

July 1st Sports Day Plans

Plans are underway for the Alliance July 1st Sportsday. This year we will again be hosting a slowpitch tournament, which will be held on our new ball diamonds.. Be sure to get together a team of friends and family for a fun-filled day. For information on registration please contact Dale Wold @ 879-3823, or Dave Towers @ 879-3861.

Paintearth Multi-Club 4-H will be hosting the gymkhana. They will be featuring such events as pole bending, barrel racing, rescue race, and much more. Registration will take place on July 1st. For more information contact Velma Schofield @ 879-3760, or Helen Madge @ 403-882-4104.

The Lion's club will be organizing the food booths, and if you wish to work a shift, please phone Anne Clough @879-2243. We also need volunteers for the gate—contact Raelene Bateman @ 879-2275 or Velma Schofield @ 879-3760 if you can work a shift.

The alliance July 1st Sportsday is a real community effort, and we have always had a wonderful response from the community and surrounding area.

There will be **another meeting on May 21** at Dale Wold's. If you have any ideas, we welcome all ideas and support from the community. Please come to the meeting with your ideas.

Cat Bylaw, continued ...

- i) the appropriate fine, where applicable; and
- ii) kennel fees for every 24 hour period or fraction thereof that the +Cat has been impounded.

b) At the expiry of the 72 hour period, any cat not redeemed may be destroyed or sold and the money kept by the Village

8. TRAPPING OF CATS

- a) Any person who has a complaint about a cat running at large or causing damage to his or her property, may obtain a cat trap from the Village office.
- b) Complainants, upon receiving a cat trap, shall comply with the Procedure and Guidelines for the Trapping of Stray Cats, annexed as Schedule "A" to this Bylaw, and such other terms and conditions as the Village may require.
- C) The provision of a cat trap to a Complainant shall be at the sole discretion of the Village of Alliance.

9. PENALTIES Every Owner of a cat:

- A) whose cat runs at large, and or damages public or private property Is guilty of an offence and liable, upon conviction, to a fine of \$50.00.
- b) who contravenes any provision of Section 6 of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and , upon conviction shall be liable to a fine of \$75.00

Mayor Fankhanel recently attended the Growing Rural Tourism Conference, and was impressed by a session called **20 Clues to Rural Community Survival**, presented by Milan Wall from Heartland Center for Leadership Development. The list includes key characteristics commonly found in thriving small towns. What we do to help ourselves will determine whether we can compete successfully with larger communities.

The fourth point is what we have been doing with our MSP (Municipal sustainability Plan). We can all do something about number 1. This is simply how our community looks to visitors. We need to look good to be impressive.

20 Clues to Rural Community Survival

1. Evidence of community pride.
2. Emphasis on quality in business and community life.
3. Willingness to invest in the future.
4. Participatory approach to community decision making.
5. Cooperative community spirit.
6. Realistic appraisal of ;future opportunities.
7. Awareness of competitive positioning.
8. Knowledge of physical environment.
9. Active economic development program.
10. Deliberate transition of power to a younger generation of leaders.
11. Celebration of diversity in leadership.
12. Strong belief in and support of education.
13. Problem solving approach to providing healthcare.
14. Strong multi-generational family orientation.
15. Strong presence of traditional institutions that are integral to community life.
16. Attention to sound and well-maintained infrastructure.
17. Careful use of fiscal resources.
18. Sophisticated use of technology resources.
19. Willingness to seek help from the outside.
20. Conviction that, in the long run, you have to do it yourself.

Heartland Center for Leadership Development

www.heartlandcenter.info

National Nursing Week

May 11-17, 2009

Whereas...The Village of Alliance is committed to the health of its community:

And Whereas ... Citizens are demanding access to quality health services;

And Whereas ... Citizens also need competent health-care providers;

And Whereas...Nurses provide care wherever and whenever needed;

And Whereas...The first priority of nurses is to care for and about people;

And Whereas...Registered nurses, registered psychiatric nurses and licensed practical nurses help Albertans by providing continuous care throughout the health system;

Therefore, I Muriel Fankhanel, Mayor of Alliance, Alberta hereby proclaim the week of May 11—17 , 2009 as "Nursing Week" in the Village of Alliance.