

Village of Alliance

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First Tourism Train comes to town June 19/10

Thanks to Mary Wold—sponsor of this newsletter

Mayor's Reflections on December

What an exciting, active month our involved community has had.

Thanks ...

- ★ To everyone who worked so hard and to those who supported our Santa Daze. The added afternoon activities were enjoyed by many, as was the new technology used to set off the fireworks.
- ★ To all residents who made their properties so festive, and to those who entered the lighting contest
- ★ To our young citizens who did the judging of the homes and the Parade of lights
- ★ To some of the Library board members who scrambled to get the cookbook ready for Christmas stocking stuffing.
- ★ To the United Church members for organizing and hosting the second annual Community Christmas concert, and to all those who contributed to the entertainment. Great to see our children out there, and everyone appeared to be enjoying themselves.
- ★ To the gals who hosted the regular farmers market
- ★ To the Alliance-Castor Joint Choir whom once again, brought us a festive concert.

Wasn't it exciting to have two producer trains this month?

In December, your Alliance & district Recreation Board attended a Flagstaff County meeting to share our ideas and input into what the new Recreation Agreement with the County and its towns and villages will be. Your Mayor also participated in an economic development meeting about ways we can work with our neighboring communities to bring about more economic development. Both these meetings were called and hosted by Flagstaff County.

The Museum received a cheque for \$1,000 from the Battle River Community Foundation, to assist with the development of the new "dollhouse" area. This money is the interest earned from the endowment funds of Gordon & Betty Rombough, the Peter Spady Family Fund, and the Norman Johnston Fund.

A brand new business opened its doors on Main Street. Onsite Supply Ltd will be working very hard to meet the needs of not only the oilfield customers, but the farmers and various individuals needing hardware items. If you need something, let them know—they are pretty good at meeting many needs. Good Luck Leslie and Duane.

There were two glitches that need to be considered for next year—

- × Shortage of floats for the parade of lights
- × Shortage of carollers

Mayor's Corner

Office Hours
Wednesday
10 AM -Noon.

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Council meeting

Mon, Jan. 17

@ 6 PM

Village Office

Office Closed

Monday Jan. 3

Cautionary

Note

To Residents

Unfortunately in December we had one negative occurrence. Sadly, even in our seemingly safe and secure little village, bad things can happen.

On Wednesday evening, the 22nd, between 9 and 10 PM, a young lady walking home was accosted by an unidentified male who grabbed her and knocked her to ground, causing some minor physical injuries. Fortunately she was able to fight him off and he fled in a black truck. RCMP were called and investigated.

We have been advised by RCMP that anyone walking at night should be alert to their surroundings at all times. It would also be wise to walk with a companion.

Another tip if you have keys with a car alarm, is to have your keys beside your bed at night. If you suspect there is a prowler, press the alarm and you will not only have the neighbors awake, the prowler will likely run.

Library

Tues. 1—5
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 Oct 1
Wednesdays
9am -12 Noon
Saturdays
1 pm - 5 pm

Rural Landfill

On Township Road 410
(Coal Trail) &
Range Rd 110
Wednesdays
9 am - 5 pm

**Newsletter
Deadline
Mon., Jan. 24**

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. Dec. 31	- Dr. Eleanor
Tues, Jan 4	- Dr. du Plessis
Fri, Jan 7	- Dr. Niemann
Tues, Jan 11	- Dr. du Plessis
Fri. Jan 14	- Dr. van Vuuren
Tues, Jan 18	- Dr. duPlessis
Fri, Jan 21	- Dr. van Vuuren
Tues. Jan 25	- Dr. Niemann
Fri. Jan 28	- Dr. duPlessis

FARMER'S MARKET

Wed., Jan. 19
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

Thanks to ...
*all the woodcutters—Philip, Les,
Robert, Denny, Dave, Ryan,
Brandon and Wayne. Also thanks
to Paul Schofield for letting us
take a few green trees.*
**Thanks also to our
Faithful fire builder—Roger.**
*It all helped to make a great
bonfire on Santa Daze.*

Well Baby Clinic

**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

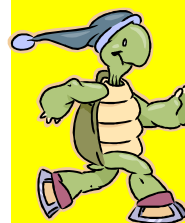
Killam Medical Center

385-7890
Monday to Friday
9 am to 12 Noon
1:30 to 4:30 PM



*I would like to thank ACDC for
choosing my yard for the Best
Decorated this Christmas.*

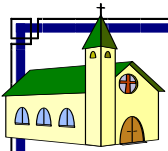
*When I Look around Alliance
there are many beautiful deco-
rated yards. Vicky Howard*



SKATING FEES

**If you use our
arena, please
pay your skating
fees at Buchanan Agencies.**
Single—\$ 60/year
Family— \$ 75 / year

*Utilities, maintenance, and insurance
are quite expensive and your fees help
to keep the arena open.*



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
Join us for snacks & fellowship after
the service

Alliance & District Agricultural Society

The Ag Society owns and operates the Community Hall. To book the Hall, call Buchanan Agencies. Rent can also be paid there. ***We send a special thank you to Lynn and Sue for the time they volunteer to attend to these tasks for the Ag Society.***



For a number of years the Ag society has managed and paid the expenses of operating the ice arena, organized the July 1 parade and sponsored the astrojump for the kids, been a sponsor of the Fun-for-all club Farmer's market, and brought Santa to visit with the kids on Santa Daze. In 2010, we sponsored the Turkey Toss and Floor Curl for Treats.

In 2010, we expanded our activities to include our first annual Horse Show and Bench Fair in July. This was well received and we are now in the process of planning the second annual fair.

A major project in the new year is to install a new heating, air conditioning and air exchange system in the Hall to the tune of about \$40,000.

Also in the planning stages is a Farm Safety Day.

Our newly elected President is Robert Wold, 1st ViceP is Velma Schofield. We are currently selling memberships for a mere Loonie. Since The majority of our funding comes through Provincial Grants which are determined based upon our membership and our activities, we invite anyone who would like to help support these activities to buy a membership from Denny Towers or any Ag Board member.

The Flagstaff Food Bank

Is in need of volunteers to work 3 to 4 hours once every 3 or 4 weeks for preparing food hampers.

If you could lend a hand, please
call Wilma at 780-879-2382, or
the Food Bank at 780-385-0810

Destination Marketing Fund (DMF)

Last Summer, Alliance joined with 12 other communities to form a campground Destination Marketing Fund. We raised the camping fee by one dollar per night. 50 cents of each dollar was kept by us to be used to maintain and improve our sites. The other half went to the DMF for joint advertising campaign. While the amount we collected was not huge, we have the advantage of being part of a \$4,000 advertising promotion. Perhaps you will hear about the 13 DMF campgrounds on the radio.



Council Notes

The December Council agenda was a busy one.

- ▶ The new ATCO Franchise Fee bylaw was passed
- ▶ A Public Hearing regarding the amendment of Land-Use Bylaw 2010-03 was held. There were a few responses to the changing of 3 lots from residential to commercial zoning. None of the responses were negative. Councilors discussed the matter thoroughly with the owner of the lots and the amendment was passed unanimously.
- ▶ School—we have word from Battle River SD that Alberta Transportation has approved funding for the demolition of the two oldest parts of the school building. They are in the process of having a legal agreement prepared which would provide for this demolition and the transfer of the remaining part of the building and land to the Village. This should happen early in the New Year. We will then be working with interested investors to move forward with developing something new.
- ▶ A new Museum Lease was agreed upon to add the new building and lands to the previous agreement.
- ▶ A development permit was approved which will allow one of our businesses to fill propane bottles.
- ▶ A proposal was brought forth to investigate making Alliance the "Village of the Dolls" and work in conjunction with Tourism Alberta, the Museum Society and local businesses to develop this as a theme.

REMINDERS...

- ◆ Dog licenses are renewable in January—\$ 15.
- ◆ Cat licenses are renewable in January—\$ 10
- ◆ Businesses licenses must be renewed annually—\$ 25
- ◆ Anyone wishing to pay their property taxes on the instalment plan should arrange this with the office in January. Renew notices will be sent to all who are currently on the plan.
- ◆ It would be economically feasible to send out some notices and information by email. If you are willing to receive info from the Village this way, please let us know at: ltowers@villageofalliance.com.



NEW YEARS EVE BASH

Featuring

Pure Country

50/50 Draw
Proceed to Local Kids Club

**MIDNIGHT
LUNCH**

DECEMBER 31, 2010

9pm - 1am

NO COVER CHARGE

