

# Village of Alliance

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New sidewalks underway June 25

## ALLIANCE 97TH ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

Monday July 1, 2013 \* Admission \$5.00 per person \* 11 and under FREE

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

8 am - 10 am @ Sports Grounds

### HAMBURGER BOOTH

All Day

### PARADE

11 am line up by 10:30 @ the Old School Grounds

### GYMKHANA FOR ALL AGES

Pole Bending; Barrel Racing; Ride & Run Races

Many more exciting events for all ages.

Registration @ 11:30 am at the riding arena.

Activities from 12 noon to 4 pm.

Call Helen @ 403-882-4104 for more information

### SLOW PITCH

Limit 6 Teams

Contact Joe @ 780-390-2478

### 2nd ANNUAL CAR SHOW & SHINE

Line up immediately following the parade

Contact Roy @ 780-390-0329 or Laurie @ 780-385-5267

Pre-register by June 21, 2012

### MARKET PLACE

Located in the Arena Lobby

All Vendors Welcome Contact Elaine @ 780-390-2478

### ALLIANCE MUSEUM

Open from Noon to 4:00 pm

Wall of Fame Presentation 2 pm at Museum Bandstand

### BEER GARDENS

Opening at 12 noon

Music by Quality Sounds, Terry Howe

### KIDS AREA (new location by Beer Gardens)

Activities to start at 1 pm

\* Sand Pit \* Fish Pond

BMX Races approx. start time 2 pm

Contact Dean Rombough @ 780-879-3793

Face Painting by the Golden Prairie 4-H Club

### BUNNOCK GAMES and CROQUET

Located in the Arena @ 3 pm

Contact Diane Dammann @ 780-879-3970

### DONALDA LADIES DRILL TEAM

Performances @ 2:30 & 3:30

in the gymkhana area

### AG SOCIETY BBQ BEEF SUPPER

5 pm - 7 pm



Celebrate July 1st in *Alliance*

## Mayor's Corner

**Council meeting  
Wed. July 17 at 9 AM**

Within this newsletter you will find an account of a new challenge that has presented itself. The challenge is for us to analyze it carefully in order to find the opportunity that may be there.

## Volunteers needed

Wayne and Jay have been working very hard to keep the sports ground in shape for July 1, but we would appreciate any volunteers who could help with the final mowing on Saturday, June 29 at 10 AM.

## Floats

If you wish to build your parade entry indoors, the Multiplex ice area will be open all weekend until 10:00 AM, July 1. We just ask that you keep the area tidy and clean up when you leave.

## Congratulations

To Flagstaff County on celebrating  
Their 100th anniversary, and  
Also

## Thank you

For providing \$3,000 sponsorship as  
well as souvenir T-shirts and  
keychains for  
our July 1 celebrations.

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★ *Thanks to Terry & Dodd Ulrich for sponsoring this newsletter* ★  
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## Library

Tues. 1—5  
Thurs. 9—1 AM

## Museum

**Wed, 1—4 Pm**  
**Sat, 1—4 PM**

Or Call for apptmt.

Judi 780-879-3634

Dell 780-879-2241

Beth 780-879-2486

### Meetings

**3rd Monday, 7:30 PM**

## Village Office

Monday - Thursday

9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 3 PM

Friday 9 to Noon

## Landfill Hours

*Effective Jan 1, 2013*

**OPEN**  
**SATURDAY**  
**1 TO 4:30 pm**

## Newsletter Deadline

**Mon., July 29**

Items can be emailed to:  
ltowers@villageofalliance.ca

OR

Put in door slot at office.

## Forestburg Doctor's Schedule



Phone 780- 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, June 28	- Dr. Eleanor
Tues, July 2	- Dr. Huang
Fri, July 5	- Dr. Niemann
Tues, July 9	- Dr. Eleanor
Fri, July 12	- Dr. VanVuuren
Tues, July 16	- Dr. Huang
Fri, July 19	- Dr. VanVuuren
Tues, July 23	Dr. Huang
Fri, July 26	- Dr. VanDyk
Tues, July 30	- Dr. vanVuuren

Dr. Huang is our new doctor that started in June.

*Argyle Women's Institute  
would like to thank all the  
community for their help to get us  
ready for our 100th anniversary,  
as well as our Memorial gardens.*

*Special thank you to the:*

*Rec Board*

*Alliance Legion*

*Fun for all Club*

*Ag Society*

*Nora Walker & Margo Kun*

*And every one else for their  
donations in kind.*

*Muriel, thanks so much for your  
hard work to beautify our town  
at the gardens.*

♥ Submitted by Randy Wickstrom,  
Vice President

## Well Baby Clinic

Change of location—  
No longer coming to Alliance  
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

**Alliance Community Multiplex  
Is available to rent  
for your event.**

**\$50/ hour or \$200/ day**

Call Village Office to book.

780-879-3911

## Correction...

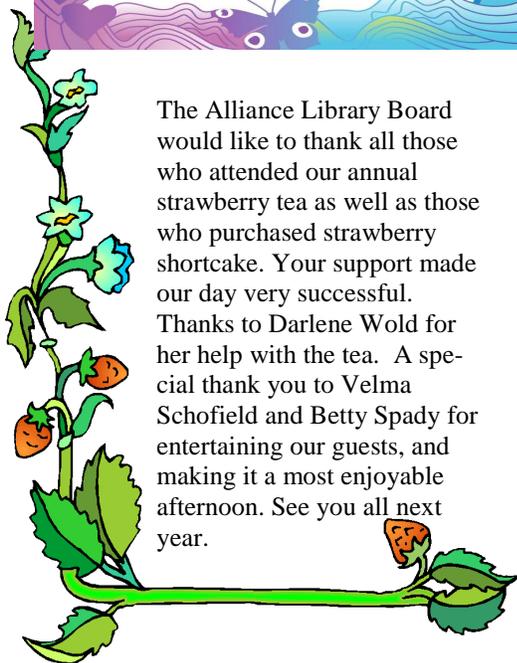
The proceeds from the Alliance  
monthly market Food Bank Cake  
Draw on June 19 were \$275,  
NOT \$ 256 as announced.

Winners of 2 decorated cakes  
were Diane Dammann and Brian  
"at the bank".

Thank you all,

*Wilma*

The Alliance Library Board  
would like to thank all those  
who attended our annual  
strawberry tea as well as those  
who purchased strawberry  
shortcake. Your support made  
our day very successful.  
Thanks to Darlene Wold for  
her help with the tea. A spe-  
cial thank you to Velma  
Schofield and Betty Spady for  
entertaining our guests, and  
making it a most enjoyable  
afternoon. See you all next  
year.





# Alliance United Church

## Minister:

Rev. Jope Langejans  
Phone—582-3796, or  
Alliance Church  
879-3883  
WEBSITE—  
<http://allianceuc.anwc.net/>

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Sunday Services at  
9:30AM

Sunday School at 10 am

Followed by coffee & fellowship



July 21—Family picnic  
after church

Everyone Welcome!

Vacation Bible School

July 22—26

## Statement from Village Council about Riding Arena Rumors

We have been receiving queries about the rumors that the ice arena is going to be changed to a riding arena. The following is a statement of facts from Village Council:

At the moment it is an idea that is being researched.

Council was doing strategic planning in the winter. We held a public meeting for input on January 10th, and did some brainstorming here. We then invited Garry Stevenson the Flagstaff Economic Development Officer to meet with Council to discuss the ideas that had come up.

Garry brought forward the idea of turning the arena into a year-round riding facility that would serve the entire region. First reaction was NO NO NO NO!!! We pointed out that we are running an economical ice-arena that is drawing some traffic from other areas. However, he has some very good ideas in regards to the riding facility.

As anyone who applies for County Recreation grants knows, the County has declared that they will not be giving any recreation grants for arenas as they believe that we already have too many in the County, and their policy is to encourage the development of regional facilities for various activities. The County is really pushing this idea.

The next thing that happened was that **WE** approached Ashley Bishop about her thoughts on a riding arena. Her first reaction was to be very excited, however she appreciates the seriousness of doing away with the ice arena. but at the same time there could be HUGE potential for development for our community. As many folks know, Ashley is a certified Equine Canada Riding instructor and already has a lot of students. She has been taking them to competitions at Edmonton and Spruce Meadows and they are winning top prizes in classes of over 300 competitors. She believes there is definitely potential for a major riding

competitive and training) facility outside of Edmonton and Calgary, and that it could then create a need for stables, possibly a tack store, and other secondary economic spin-offs.

As you also know, Alliance is hanging on by a thread financially. We have lost our elevators, our hardware store, and our hotel. We no longer have fuel pumps unless you are a Co-op cardholder. The Valley Inn has been for sale for years and no buyer. We do have the train which is thriving and there is potential for tourism spinoff. A project like this has potential to put us on the map and would add to the viability of our existing businesses.

On June 10<sup>th</sup>, Council met with the EDO, Jim Fedyk (County Rec), and Ashley to explore the idea further. We are going to have a feasibility study done. Ashley has recently received her Business Degree with a major in Economic Development, so has agreed to do the study for a small fee. Garry says that he has discussed this idea with many people around the region and he is certain that there would be money available out there. Jim Fedyk has almost guaranteed that the County would give a LOT of financial support to a regional riding and competitive facility, as they are trying to make the region a tourism destination.

We understand that there are going to be some people who will not be able to support such an idea and we completely understand why they feel this way. We understand that they have poured massive amounts of time, energy and money into the arena and have done a fabulous job. I (Laura) myself have tremendously mixed feelings about the idea. My strongest feeling is that we should not do away with the ice arena, but instead expand it to include an attached riding arena that would make use of the kitchen, lobby and dressing rooms. We are not sure what this would cost or the technical implications involved.

However, that being said, we do need to look at the future of our community and find ways to move forward. We need to think outside the box if we are going to succeed. This idea will not happen until we have some very definite proposals to offer, along with dollar figures. This would be presented to the community at large for their consideration.

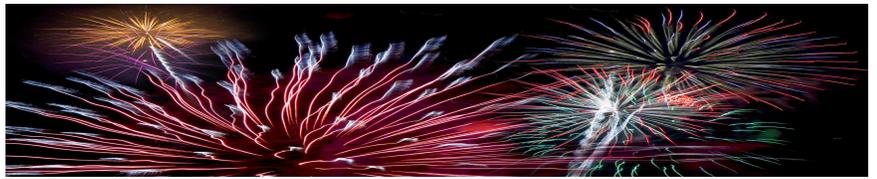
As we told folks who have asked, PLEASE DO NOT condemn Ashley - it was NOT her idea - we approached her because of her experience and education in the field of horses and competition. We are convinced that Ashley and Rocky Bishop have a great deal to contribute to our area and hope that others will understand this.

We really appreciate people asking questions directly of the Village and ask that you pass along all of this information to anyone who asks and PLEASE do not allow false stories to circulate.

Muriel, Dell, Sue

# Alliance Ag Society Horse Show Wednesday, July 17 Starts at 9 am

Alliance Community Multiplex  
Concession available  
**Contact Velma Schofield  
for information  
780-879-3760**



## Argyle Women's Institute 100th Anniversary

**June 30, 2013**

Lunch at 12 Noon - \$15/person at Alliance Community Hall  
Please call to prebook for lunch.

Program 1—3 PM

After the program, Ride the Battle River Railway  
Cost of return trip—\$ 50 Limited tickets available  
Train tickets and/or lunch can be booked by calling  
Diane at 780-879-3970

***Everyone is welcome to come and join the WI as they celebrate this remarkable milestone of service to our community!***

### Library Summer Program

Children's summer reading program on  
Tuesday afternoons  
Beginning on July 16.

Watch for an announcement for an  
Ipad course coming later this summer

### ACDC

We continue to work on projects designed to  
develop our community. We are supporting the build-  
ing of the WI 100th anniversary garden, the Trail of the  
Buffalo passport program, the building of the school bell  
tower, and will have a float on July 1st with the theme  
"Celebrating the Heritage of the War of 1812"

Muriel attended the Alberta Grain Elevators  
Society conference in Forestburg and acted as tour  
guide on the train ride to Heisler for dessert.

Our thanks to Genny, Philip, Peter, Vernon and  
Brad for designing, building and installing the school  
bell tower. The landscaping will be  
completed shortly.

### Trail of the Buffalo

Back due to popular demand, the Trail will be  
holding its passport program. This year the Alliance  
Museum will be one of the major prize sponsors and  
we thank them for their involvement. Be sure to pick  
up a passport and enjoy the "Trail" area while travel-  
ing about to get it stamped!

### BRAED

Alliance is an active member of Battle  
River Assoc'n for Economic Development. This  
organization received the 2012 Minister's Award  
for Municipal Excellence. Drop by the office if you  
are interested in seeing our plaque.

One long-term project we have been working  
on is to co-operate with the other Highway 36 mem-  
bers in improving the highway safety—eg. pull outs to  
let large and wide loads get by.

We are also working with the Battle River  
Water Shed Alliance in their efforts to  
protect the water shed.

## HELP!!

Last winter this generous and caring community  
came together to help a family after a bad car accident.

Once again one of our residents has a very serious  
health issue and we are appealing for your support. She  
needs financial assistance in order to get the proper test done  
in California. If you would like to help, please bring your cash  
donation to the Village Office and a tax deductible receipt will  
be issued, and the money passed on to her so she can finally  
get proper treatment. If you wish, you can give your donation  
directly to her—Sue Thomas.

### Lyme Disease

Despite having many many symptoms  
of Lyme disease, and her Doctor having done  
dozens of tests for everything else, Sue Thom-  
as is practically incapacitated with a condition  
that has yet to be properly diagnosed. Her family Dr. is quite  
sure it is Lyme Disease, which is a tick borne infection that can  
eventually be fatal. However, he must know exactly which  
bacterium caused it in order to give proper treatment. Sue was  
bitten by something two years ago, was dreadfully for weeks  
then, and has never been well since. Her condition has deteri-  
orated drastically in the past 8 or more months.

Despite her Dr. ordering tests for Lyme Disease sever-  
al times, the labs refuse to perform the test because they say  
"there is no Lyme disease in Canada". Sue has spent hours  
researching it and has found many documented cases in Can-  
ada, but they all had to go to the United States to be tested.

A Prince Edward Island Newspaper recently published  
a major story about several cases, and the struggle these peo-  
ple have had to get diagnosis and treatment.

Elizabeth May, MP, has **a petition on the go, and we  
have a page at the Village Office that we encourage people  
to sign.**

Research on the internet shows that there are many  
people suffering here in Canada and our Government needs to  
get serious about providing care. Current actions are only  
costing us—not only taxpayer dollars for the ineffective care  
being provided, but also in terms of useful productive people  
whose lives are being destroyed needlessly. **There IS treat-  
ment available, so let's get on it!**

