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Installing arena boards Dec. 14

Parade of Lights

The beautiful weather contributed to a good turnout of floats and parade watchers once again this year. With the RCMP in the lead, an assortment of decorated cars, trucks, atv's, flatdecks and "things" lit up our streets with a marvelous display of music and light.

A big vote of thanks to all who made the big effort to enter the parade. Participants were the Alliance Fire Department, Guardian Drugs from Killam, Battle River Credit Union, Clean Threads (Dodd Ulrich), Michelle Beres and friends, ACDC, Alliance Trading Post, Valley Inn, United Church, Battle River Steam, Onsite Supply, AWO, and the Village. Thank you as well to the young people who offered their services to award the prizes as follows:

- 1st—Fire Dept
- 2nd—Hardware
- 3rd— BRCU

If you happened to make a light tour around some other communities, you likely noticed that our residents put on a light display equal or better than many. Way to go Alliance!

- Houses
- 1st—Vicky Howard
- 2nd—Wayne & Jacqui Cameron
- 3 —Cindy and Ken Rust

Thank you To Les Smith

who helped cut wood for the gigantic bonfire.
Sorry we missed you in the thank yous last month.

The Alliance Library

would like to thank everyone who bought tickets on our Christmas Basket and Stocking. Also thank you to Buchanan Agencies and Buchanan Bigway for display space and selling tickets. Your support is greatly appreciated

If you would like to sponsor the newsletter, we ask for a \$50 donation to do so.

We need sponsors for the 2012 newsletters now.

Mayor's Corner

Office Hours
Wednesday
10 AM -Noon.
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**Council meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 10
@ 9 AM**

Village Office

*****Note change of day
for this month*****

My thanks to the members of the United Church for hosting the 3rd annual Christmas concert. A special thanks to Velma Schofield for the wonderful job you did at the microphone and for your efforts toward finding and bringing out all that local talent. Thanks to all who entertained, and to those who came out to be so royally entertained. What a rewarding display of Community Spirit. Happy New Year to all.

A.E.D.

Now located in the
Post Office Lobby

AWOF has donated a defibrillator to the community, and Grant Buchanan has kindly built a box and mounted it in the Post Office just above the red letter box.

If you suspect someone is having a heart attack, please use this life-saving device.

1. First call 9-1-1
2. Then use the defibrillator.
3. It will talk to you and tell you what to do.
4. If the patient does not need to be treated it will not shock him, so you can do no harm, but you could save a life.

Library

Tues. 1—5
Thurs. 9—1 AM

Museum

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

Beth - 879-2486
Meetings
4th Monday, 7:30 PM

Village Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9 AM - Noon
1 PM - 3 PM
Friday 9 to Noon

Landfill Hours

Nov 1—March 31
Wed 8:30 am to Noon
Sat. 1:00 – 4:30 pm.

Rural Landfill

On Township Road 410
(Coal Trail) &
Range Rd 110
Wednesdays
8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Newsletter Deadline Mon., Jan. 23

Items can be emailed to:
ltowers@villageofalliance.ca
OR
Put in door slot at office.

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

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| Tues. Jan. 3 | Dr. Eleanor |
| Fri. Jan. 6 | Dr. Niemann |
| Tues. Jan 10 | Dr. Eleanor |
| Fri. Jan. 13 | Dr. Niemann |
| Tues. Jan. 17 | Dr. Eleanor |
| Fri. Jan 20 | Dr. duPlessis |
| Tues. Jan 24 | Dr. Niemann |
| Fri. Jan 27 | Dr. Eleanor |
| Tues. Jan. 31 | Dr. Rengan |

FARMER'S MARKET

Wed, Jan. 18

10 am to 2 pm

Alliance Community Hall
Lots of vendors with a variety of items.

Great place to meet with Friends & neighbors & enjoy a terrific lunch!

To book tables,
Call Tina @ 879-3917 or
Sharon @ 879-3804

ERROR!!

Unfortunately we were wrong when we printed last month that newspaper recycling is available at our dump site. The Board of Flagstaff Waste voted to put paper bins at only 5 transfer sites in the County, and Alliance is NOT one of them. Residents may take their paper to one of the sites that has a bin

**Flagstaff Waste Recycling Guide
Now available on
the Village Website**

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

Friendly Reminders...

With the onset of winter, please remember that all businesses and residences are responsible to clear the snow and ice from sidewalks that border their property, If you do not, the Village can hire someone to do it and charge you.



BOTTLE DRIVE

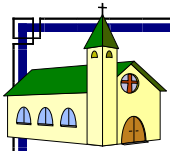
Sat., Jan 7

For Galahad Playschool

1/2 of the children in the group are from Alliance.



If you want to be sure your bottles are picked up, please call 780-879-2401 For pickup



Alliance United Church

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

Sunday Services at 11:30 M
 Followed by snacks and fellowship
 All are welcome

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No service Jan. 1

Time change—Feb. 7
Service at 9:30

CRIB NIGHTS

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday
 Beginning January 11, 2012
 7:30 PM in the Rec Centre



Sponsored by Alliance Fun for All

COUNCIL NOTES

- ☞ The interim 2012 budget was set at the December meeting. We will not have assessment values until the end of January, and still need to know what some requisitions will be, so the final budget will come in May.
- ☞ For the past several years we have been moving towards a more user pay utility rate schedule. We still have not achieved this, but continue to move in that direction. Consequently, effective January 1, utility rates for 2012 were set as follows:

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| Distribution fee | \$21.00 per month |
| Water | \$ 2.30/cu Meter |
| Sewer | \$ 1.15/cu m of water used |
| Garbage | \$ 17/month |

Properties with only Sewer Service (no water) will be charged \$10.00/month

- ☞ Eastlink has discontinued their cable service to the community. Council moved that Eastlink be required to remove all their equipment including all lines within the Village that are associated with their services. After they are removed we will reconsider ending the lease
- ☞ Council fees were set at \$400/month, \$0.50/km for mileage and other expenses be reimbursed as per receipts submitted. In addition, that if a Councillor has to take time off work to attend a full day meeting, that reimbursement be \$125/day, upon submittal of expense. This decision was based upon a survey of other municipalities and is still less than most receive.
- ☞ Councillor Thomas moved that the Village of Alliance approve to extend, as is, the current Fire Agreement with Flagstaff County, until December 31, 2012 (one year) with any amendments to be retroactive to January 1, 2012. We feel we are close to finalizing an agreement with all 11 municipalities.

Arena Update

So much progress since last report—the zamboni room is up and fire doors installed, cement was poured around the ice surface, the arena boards are complete, netting installed all around, and the sand surface is being levelled—all we need is cold weather now to make ice!! The Rink Board supervisor was very impressed with our volunteers—they took less than half the time expected to get the boards up!!

The week before Christmas saw several volunteers hard at work painting, and installing windows in the lobby wall.

Contractors took a break through the holidays, but furnaces are installed and working and we have lots of light!!

What a fantastic Building Committee we have working for our community, and they have recruited some great helpers. **Thank you, thank you, thank you! One and all—you know who you are.**

Get your skates dusted off and sharpened—we'll be skating soon!

BALANCE SHEET OF LIFE

Our Birth is our Opening Balance!
Our Death is our Closing Balance!
Our Prejudiced Views are our Liabilities
Our Creative Ideas are our Assets

Heart is our Current Asset
Soul is our Fixed Asset
Brain is our Fixed Deposit
Thinking is our Current Account

Achievements are our Capital
Character & Morals, our Stock-in-Trade
Friends are our General Reserves
Values & Behaviour are our Goodwill

Patience is our Interest Earned
Love is our Dividend
Children are our Bonus Issues
Education is Brands / Patents

Knowledge is our Investment
Experience is our Premium Account
The Aim is to Tally the Balance Sheet Accurately.
The Goal is to get the Best Presented Accounts
Award.

Life ends; when you stop Dreaming,
Hope ends; when you stop Believing,
Love ends; when you stop Caring,
And Friendship ends; when you stop Sharing...!!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Parents for Fun in Flagstaff

This organization is an excellent resource for parents and is open to all in Flagstaff. In January their membership fees will be \$50/family, and drop in fees are \$5/family. They offer a variety of programs for the children as well as for parents, one of which is listed below. If you are interested in receiving their newsletter, you can email our office <ltowers@villageofalliance.ca> and we will forward it, or email <funinflagstaff@telus.net> and request it.

FREE TRIPLE P SEMINAR SERIES

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| THE POWER OF POSITIVE PARENTING | TUESDAY January 24, 2012 - 6:15PM TO 7:45PM | 5 Key principals of Triple P and strategies to deal with behaviours |
| RAISING CONFIDENT, COMPETENT CHILDREN | TUESDAY January 31, 2012 - 6:15PM TO 7:45PM | Strategies on how to help children develop 6 key building blocks to do well at home and at school |
| RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN | TUESDAY February 7, 2012 - 6:15PM TO 7:45PM | Strategies to help children cope with feelings and emotions |

- **PARENTS/ CAREGIVERS CAN TAKE 1 OR ALL 3 SEMINARS**
- **ALL SESSIONS HELD AT THE KILLAM AGRIPLEX**

parentLINKcentre

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
BY CALLING 780.385.2346**