

Village of Alliance

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Wayne Cameron—30 yrs Fire Service

Alliance Seed Plant Spring Production Meeting



Monday, March 14 at Alliance Community Hall
Trade Show Opens at 5 PM
Supper at 6 PM



Come see what's new for the upcoming spring at the seed plant

Farm Safety Feature

sponsored by Alliance Agricultural Society.

Paintearth 4-H Multi-club will have safety displays and a brief Safety presentation.



Lots of door prizes.
All seed plant customers welcome.



Arena Update

The Arena building committee has been very busy developing plans for a new arena to be built at the Recreation Grounds. Demolition tenders have been reviewed and it is expected that clean up of the old arena should be happening within a week or two. Insurance will provide a total of \$530,960 to cover demolition and put toward rebuilding.

They are looking at ways to make the building useful for more than just skating. They are planning to apply for grants where possible, a fundraiser is planned and donations are being received.

The Best is Yet to Come

Sat, April 23

Cocktails 5:30 Dinner 6:30

Followed by entertainment, auction and dancing featuring

"ELVIS - His Concert Years"

dynamically presented by Rob Rushton, a multi contest winner in Canada and USA competitions.

and

"SINATRA" a nostalgic tribute by Wayne Knight.

\$ 100/ person- Only 200 tickets to be sold.

All proceeds to Arena fund

Already some great auction items donated

**Thanks to Janet & Doug Heffel
for sponsoring this newsletter**

Mayor's Corner

Office Hours
Wednesday
10 AM -Noon.

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Council meeting

**Mon, Mar. 21
@ 4 PM**

*****Note time
Change*****

Village Office

The decision has been made, We will rebuild the arena, but this time at the Recreation Grounds. Thanks to everyone who came out to share ideas and show your support. A special thanks to those members of the community who make up the building committee, and to those who will organize the fundraiser on April 23rd. A special thanks to the staff who have spent hours looking after the administration details, and to Wayne and his helpers for securing the old arena site and sharing ideas.

So What's your story?

Our local historian, *Phyllis Alcorn*, has offered to collect the anecdotes and stories about the "Torgie Dome" and compile them.

In the interest of accuracy, they **should be written.**

Email to:
palcorn@ccewireless.ca

Or mail them to :
Box 35, Alliance, T0B 0A0

A.W.O.F

Get your raffle tickets for a Handcrafted octagon picnic table with attached benches.

\$ 5 each or 3 for \$10

Draw on Mother's Day

Available from Main St Medley,
Lynn Neilsen or any AWOFF member

After all our fundraising we will be purchasing a

defibrillator for public use.

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., Mar. 28**

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 4	- Dr. Niemann
Tues, Mar. 8	- Dr. Eleanor
Fri. Mar. 11	- Dr. Niemann
Tues, Mar. 15	- Dr. Eleanor
Fri, Mar. 18	- Dr. duPlessis
Tues. Mar. 22	- Dr. Niemann
Fri. Mar. 25	- Dr. Eleanor
Tues, Mar 30	- Dr. duPlessis

FARMER'S MARKET

Wed., March 16

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

Thank you

To those kind people who shovelled
A pathway to water meters
So that Joe could get
Accurate readings.
The extreme cold and
Build-up of snow makes meter reading
A very difficult job.
Also to those who have been helping
With sidewalk clearing we send a big
thanks!

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

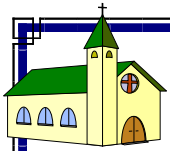
Thank You

The family of David Guhl would like to thank family and friends for your sympathy, support and visits during the time of David's illness and our bereavement. A special thanks to Dr. Niemann, Dr duPlessis, Dr. Eleanor, and the nurses of Daysland Hospital. You took wonderful care of him.

A Iso thanks to Fee & Sons Funeral Home for your guidance and support, Sylvia Wold who gave me time off to spend with my husband, to all the staff at Paintearth Lodge who so willingly covered my shifts, Brenda Grant for being here for us day and night, Laura Towers for your support and guidance, Reverend Jope for officiating, Betty Spady for providing music, WI ladies for supplying the delicious lunch.

*To our many family and friends who sent flowers, food, hugs, prayers, visits and phone calls, to all who sent donations to the Cancer Society and Cemetery fund—Thank you
To all who contributed in any way.*

*Carolyn Guhl,
Nancy, Terry & Blair Coleman
Terry Guhl & family
Myrna, Brent Harris and family
Paul & Tasha Guhl & Family*



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



Annual Meet Your Neighbor Potluck Supper and Silent Auction

Saturday, March 19,
 5:30 doors open
 6:00 supper
 Auction runs til 8

Mark the date on your calendar for an
 evening of family fun

**Donations for auction can be left with
 Marie Rands or Laura Towers**



Town Wide Garage Sale
 May 6 & 7

Alliance & District Agricultural Society

Wednesday, July 20

The Second Annual Horse Show and Bench Fair.

Time to get your arts and crafts entries ready
 and plan your flowers and gardens so you can
 participate.

Farm Safety Week

Join us at the Seed Plant Spring Production
 meeting
 For some pointers to help keep you and
 your family safe

A.C.D.C.

- ▶ CONGRATULATIONS TO Mary Lockwood owner and operator of Splendid Cats whose cats have won many prizes at various cat shows. Of special note is her registered Scottish Fold "Foogee". Someone else in our community with a different type of "artistic touch"
- ▶ Plans are near completion for the Trail of the Buffalo's Historical Site Tour which will take place on July 16 and 17 of this year. Of the 12 sites on the tour, Alliance and district have three—the museum, the cemetery and Battle Bend School. The sites will be open on Saturday from 10 am to 7 pm and Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. \$ 10 map packages for the Self-directed driving tour should you wish to go beyond Alliance, are available from Muriel. Local historians will be on site with interesting stories about why the site is of historical importance.
- ▶ Our committee is looking into developing a map for a walking tour around Alliance. We are also looking at placing historical plaques on worthy buildings. Comments would be appreciated.

COUNCIL NOTES

February meeting

- ▶ Admin reported that January snow removal costs were \$4200 plus fuel costs that were not yet in. The snow removal policy is to be reviewed and brought back in March.
- ▶ Waterplant will require a complete shutdown for about 6 hours to finish piping – planned for March 20 or 27. Watch for notices.
- ▶ Recycling –people are dumping garbage behind the Village Office. Please place your cardboard and plastics in the bins provided and take all other garbage to the dump. Eight bins of paper at the shop need to be gotten rid of.
- ▶ The Bylaw Officer's contract was renewed.
- ▶ CE Franklin proposed to purchase the two lots that they have been leasing for many years. Council accepted their offer of \$20,000.
- ▶ Flagstaff Food bank has requested assistance in paying utility costs so that donations can all go towards providing food for hampers. All councils were asked to consider a small annual requisition of about \$0.69/capita to assist with this. Council passed a motion in favor.
- ▶ ATCO reps presented information about the planned transmission line
- ▶ Council is negotiating to purchase 28 acres for lagoon upgrades.
- ▶ Doug Solonick was appointed as Director of Emergency Management, replacing Denny Nielsen who is now Fire Chief. We are looking for a Deputy DEM as well.
- ▶ Councilors who have to take time off work to attend to municipal business will receive \$125/diem for those occasions.
- ▶ Note changes in times for next two council meetings:
 March 21st meeting to be at 4 PM
 April 13 Council meeting at 9 AM

**Open House on March 23rd at 7 PM –
 Rec Center -**

All residents are invited to attend. We will be looking at the 2011 budget and invite your input as well as your input on any other Village business.

Dumpsters at Businesses

These dumpsters are paid for privately by the business that is using them. They are charged each time it is dumped. We are receiving complaints that other people are putting their garbage in business dumpsters.

This is a NO NO.

Please do not hurt our businesses by using them
In this way.

"Good Enough Never Is"

Ingredients for successful small businesses and communities

Flagstaff Intermunicipal Partnership presents

Peter Kenyon, Community Enthusiast
From Australia, who is an authority on success in small communities

"....communities cannot develop from the top down or from the outside in—they must build from the inside out."

There is NO CHARGE to participants
Killam Community Hall
Wed, April 6 2011, 9 to 4 PM
Lunch provided

Please pre-register with lheck@flagstaff.ab.ca
Or 780-384-4105

"Good Enough never is" delivers the stories of ordinary rural people who dared to be different & have become out of the ordinary rural entrepreneurs. Rather than being endowed with unique and mysterious qualities, these people have discovered and developed attitudes, behaviours and skills that set them apart from most business operators.

Peter's book tells the inspirational stories of success, their lessons and the actions we could be taking. He is recognized in Australia and around the world as a leading authority on Business, Town & regional development. He is a keynote speaker and facilitator at events and programs around the world, including at key global events with the United Nations.

Peter Kenyon is a social entrepreneur and community enthusiast. He has worked with over 600 communities in Australia, North America, Asia, Africa and Middle East seeking to facilitate fresh and creative ways that stimulate community and economic renewal. See



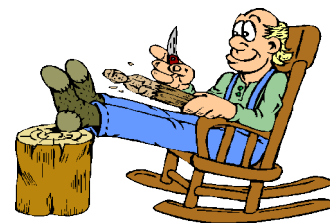
**Don't be left out in the cold this winter!
Get your application in today.**



SENIOR CITIZENS WANTED!

- ✓ Have you considered Seniors Supportive Housing in Castor??
- ✓ The Castor Manors and Paintearth Lodge have a lot to offer.

- ✓ Now accepting applications for Paintearth Lodge & Castor Manors

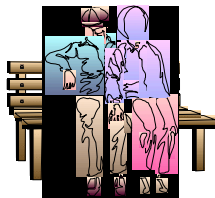


- ✓ Why not phone for an appointment, learn how we can enhance your life?

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- ✓ We offer affordable housing providing you with security and simplified living.
- ✓ Let us take the stress out of caring for your own home maintenance and yard work.

**CALL TODAY (403) 882-3244
& ASK FOR SYLVIA**



HAND SIGNALS ON THE FARM—The 'Universal Language'

Perhaps you have experienced the shouting and hand-waving that seems to accompany many chores on the farm. Noise from working around farm machinery and/or distance between workers often leads to a **communication breakdown**. This can lead to hazardous situations on the farm. Whether backing up to a farm implement, navigating an oversized load or working with livestock, hand signals are an ideal **communication tool**.

Using hand signals provides a way to **communicate the needed information effectively** and safely. The signals should be used by all the farm family, employees and farm visitors such as feed truck drivers, chemical salespeople and farm store delivery drivers.

Post the hand signals in an area where they will be seen on a daily basis. This will allow everyone to become familiar with the standard signals. The **American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE)** has adopted the following uniform hand signals for agricultural safety. These hand signals help everyone to communicate in the same 'language' which decreases the risk of injury.



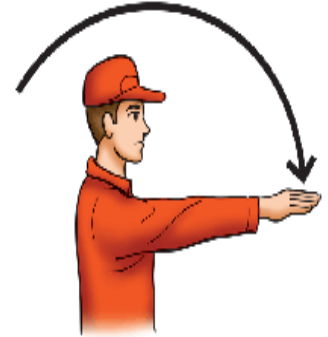
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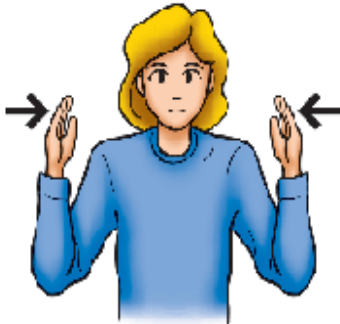
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Come to Me



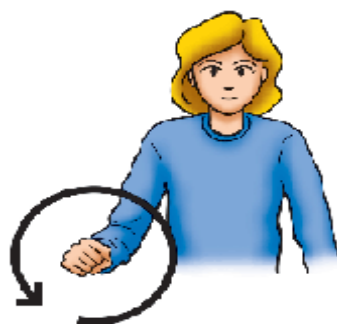
Move out



This Far to Go



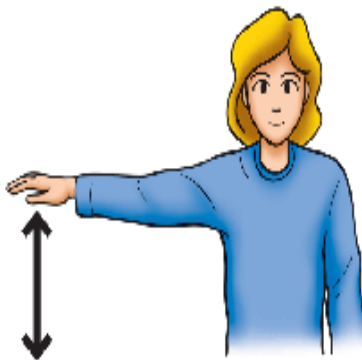
Raise Equipment



Start the Engine



Speed it up



Slow it down



Move toward me/Follow me



Right turn



Stop

FIRST: FLAGSTAFF'S INITIATIVE TO RELATIONSHIP AND SPOUSAL TRAUMA 2011 THANK YOU ALLIANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Flagstaff's Initiative to Relationship and Spousal Trauma (F.J.R.S.T.) is the domestic violence prevention team in Flagstaff. The program provides outreach responses, services, and community education aimed at making life better for the families and children of Flagstaff.

The program is run by a local board under the umbrella of the FFCS Program; and partners with the RCMP, assisting those in crisis as a result of spousal trauma. It is initiated through the local Killam and Forestburg detachments. FIRST also is a major player in the School/Community Resource Officer Program, the DARE school Program, victim's Services and numerous Educational Programs. The program has received excellent responses from our clients and many accolades from government; several other communities are in the process of using our FIRST template to set up the successful program in their communities.

The most exciting contributions however come from you the members of the community through donations, and sponsorships to the program through the annual live and silent auction. Originally the auctions were held in each town and village within the County however, as our success grew, it could only be held in the halls that held at least 200 supper guests as well as tables displaying all of the donated items.

The Annual FIRST auction is a major fund-raiser We are fortunate that Alliance will once again host the FIRST Auction on Saturday February 4th, 2012. The last time we hosted it was 2004.

I would like to thank the Alliance businesses that donated to the 2011 FIRST Auction in Forestburg. These businesses give generously (most of them every year for 13 years) to help raise the funds that make a positive difference in the lives of families in Flagstaff.

They are:

- BOB'S CORNER SERVICE ALLIANCE - Marty and Bob Rombough
- ALLIANCE BOTTLE DEPOT - Viki Golby and Doug Larson
- ALLIANCE VALLEY INN RESTAURANT - Hazel Horkoff & Jacqui Cameron
- ALLIANCE COMMERCIAL HOTEL CAFE - Jeff
- ALLIANCE RENDER TRENDS - Tammy Borson
- ALLIANCE BUCHANAN'S BIG WAY FOODS -: Barb Buchanan/Hogg
- ALLIANCE BUCHANAN AGENCIES - Lynn Miller
- ALLIANCE - DALE AND SYLVIA WOLD
- BATTLE RIVER CREDIT UNION
- C E FRANKLIN, ALLIANCE
- CSIBII'S UNISEX HAIR BY ELIZABETH
- MAIN STREET MEDLEY - ALLIANCE - Laurie Fuller
- PEACOCK ENERGY - Cec Peacock
- ONSITE SUPPLY - Leslie Ganshirt
- WATKINS PRODUCTS - Diane Dammann

Thanks to all of those who bought supper tickets for the event and a special thanks to Judy Solonik who did all of the successful canvassing this year.

The 2011 in Forestburg raised \$25,800.00 dollars. We'll look forward to increasing that amount at next year's Alliance event

**Mark your calendar:
FEBRUARY 4TH, 2012-
for the F.I.R.S. T.
AUCTION IN ALLIANCE!**

Sylvia Wold,
Board Member of FIRST & FFCS

FIRST AUCTION SUMMARY 1999 TO 2011 FLAGSTAFF'S INITIATIVE TO RELATIONSHIP AND SPOUSAL TRAUMA

TOWN	YEAR	PEOPLE	TICKET SALES	AUCTION SALES	DONATIONS	CASH TOTAL
Killam	1999	150	\$1,900	\$7,117	\$310	\$9,326
Daysland	2000	140	\$2,300	\$10,452	\$600	\$13,352
Hardisty	2001	120	\$1,810	\$7,148	\$160	\$9,118
Galahad	2002	169	\$2,730	\$10,858	\$160	\$13,748
Forestburg	2003	145	\$2,335	\$10,553	\$1,460	\$14,348
Alliance	2004	150	\$2,250	\$10,344	\$1,510	\$14,104
Sedgewick	2005	205	\$3,000	\$10,681	\$1,210	\$14,891
Heisler	2006	172	\$2,760	\$11,594	\$2,328	\$16,682
Killam	2007	200	\$3,000	\$14,623	\$2,820	\$20,443
Daysland	2008	167	\$2,505	\$12,343	\$2,508	\$17,356
Hardisty	2009	173	\$4,325	\$11,467	\$3,130	\$18,922
Galahad	2010	162	\$4,055	\$12,530	\$8,075	\$24,660
Forestburg	2011	156	\$3,975	\$12,225	\$9,600	25,800