

VILLAGE OF ALLIANCE

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ALLIANCE SANTA DAZE

DECEMBER 12, 2009

Christmas Market

Sponsored by Alliance Travel Club

10 am-4 pm

Alliance Community Hall

\$ 15/ table \$25/ 2 tables

(2 table maximum per vendor)

Call Raylene at 879-2275 to book a table

Lunch Available

Lots of vendors

Santa Pictures



Sleigh Ride with Santa—1:30 - meet at the Hall

Treats at the Hall after the ride.

Treats Sponsored by Alliance Lion's club



Parade of Lights

Sponsored by Alliance Museum
Entries meet at School at 5:30
Parade goes at 6 PM
Followed by Gigantic Bonfire,
Hot chocolate & smokies
At the Sports Grounds

Fireworks Display

Sponsored by July 1st committee

For a great finale,
Enjoy the
Valley Inn
Christmas
Buffet

5—8 PM

Reserve a seat
To be sure you
don't miss it !!

Mayor's Corner

Office Hours
Wednesday
10 AM -Noon.

Next Council meeting
Mon, Dec. 21,
6 PM

Anyone having an
issue to put before
Council, please notify
the Administrator by
Thurs. Dec. 17,

Thanks to the Staff,
council and the
community for keeping
things running
smoothly while I was
attending to some
health issues. Thanks
also to all who ex-
pressed their concerns.



Turkey Bingo

Sponsored by
Alliance Lion's Club
Proceeds for Santa Daze kids treats

Monday,
December 7, @ 8 PM

20 games for \$5
Door prize

Tickets at
Buchanan Bigway,
AG Hardware, or
any Lions member



Thanks to 2 sponsors this month

AG Hardware
Bill & Barbara Steadman

Library

Tues. 1—5 PM
Thurs. 9—1 AM

MUSEUM

Open Every
Wednesday &
Saturday

1—4 PM

Meetings
4th Monday, 7:30 PM

Village Office Hours

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

Friday 9 to Noon
Christmas— Closed
December 24—28
Jan. 1—3

Landfill Hours

Effective November 1
Wednesdays
8:30am -12 Noon
Saturdays
1 pm - 4:30 pm

Rural Landfill

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

**Newsletter
Deadline
Mon, Dec. 21**

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, Nov.27 - Dr. vanVuuren
Tues, Dec. 1 - Dr. vanVuuren
Fri, Dec 4 - Dr. Niemann
Tues, Dec. 8 - Dr. Hart
Fri, Dec 11 - Dr. Niemann
Tues, Dec. 15 - Dr. Fouche
Fri, Dec. 18 - Dr. vanvuuren
Tues, Dec. 22 - Dr. Hart
Tues, Dec 29 - Dr. Hart

FARMER'S MARKET Wed, Dec. 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

Public Works Weekend Schedule

**If you have sewer or water problems on
a weekend these are the people to call**

Nov. 28-29- Kevin Boisvert
Dec. 5-6 - Jay Stuckey
Dec. 12-13 - Wayne Cameron
Dec. 19-20 - Kevin Boisvert
Dec. 26-27 - Jay Stuckey
Jay—780-385-8523
Kevin—780-385-1388
Wayne—78-385-8030

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

Nana's 90!!

*The family of
Marg Bateman
Invite you to help celebrate her
90th birthday at
the Alliance Community Hall
Sat, Dec 5
2—4 PM*

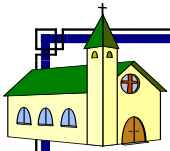
Cribbage

Come play with us
every
2nd & 4th
Wednesday
At 7:30 PM at
Rec Center



Tuesday Craft Nites

Come join us at 7 PM at
the Rec Center
Bring along your own projects to
work on, or suggest something
you would like to do as a group.
**\$2 per night to help with
rent.**



Alliance United Church

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

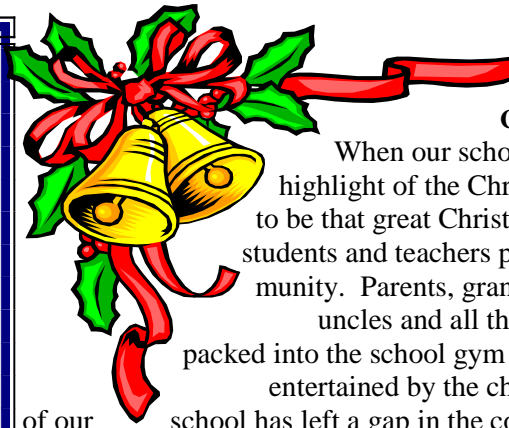
Sunday services at 11:30 AM

Join us for food & fellowship after the service.

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Alliance/Castor Choir Christmas Cantata

Sunday, Dec. 20 at 2:30 PM here
Or 7:30 PM @ Castor Missionary Church



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

When our school was open, the highlight of the Christmas season used to be that great Christmas concert that the students and teachers put on for the community. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles and all the friends neighbors packed into the school gym to be wonderfully entertained by the children. The closing of our school has left a gap in the community, and some folks came up with the idea of having a new tradition—a Christmas Concert put on by everyone in the community. This year the United Church Board has taken the lead and are planning this event.

You are all invited to come on out on Tuesday evening, December 22nd at 7:30 pm.

Let's gather at the United Church for an hour or so Of singing, skits, readings, and carol singing—or whatever you might wish to offer for entertainment. If you would like to participate in the program, please let Diane Dammann or Laura Towers know.



A.C.D.C.

- * Our thanks to all those who came out and supported our Day at the Gallery. The quality of the art works was superb. A special thanks to the ACDC committee and all the extra people who came to help get the job done. Thanks to Mary Lockwood for putting together the theme display. We continue to hear how beautiful and inspiring it was.
- * Thanks to the Legion for once again hosting a meaningful Nov. 11 ceremony. A comment overheard—"Just look at this display, Every part of it is artistically perfect."
- * Thanks to the Library Board, and Tracy & her crew for a tremendous job hosting the Cow Bus in September. That great job means that it has chosen to return to Alliance next year. The kids enjoyed it as did the adults—one was heard to say "I had a ball!"
- * Time to start planning your float for Parade of Lights on Dec. 12.



Thanks to AWOFF and the Fire Department for celebrating Fire prevention Week by holding a Fire extinguisher demonstration . We learned how to put out a small fire and how to get our fire extinguishers checked.

AWOFF served hot dogs and refreshments and offered Fire Department t-shirts and souvenir items which raised over \$200 for the Fire Department.

For those who found time to attend, it was a great 3-hour event..

County Small Business Awards

*Congratulations to our Alliance businesses that received recognition this year—
Outstanding Contribution to Community— Peacock Energy (Cecil Peacock)
Rising Star - Battle River Steam Service (Jerry Mandel)
Small business of the Year — Buchanan Bigway (Barb Keller)*

2009 FLAGSTAFF CHRISTMAS SHARING PROGRAM and ADOPT A FAMILY PROGRAM

Once again, Flagstaff Food Bank will be co-ordinating the annual Christmas Sharing Program in Flagstaff County. This tradition involves the collection & distribution of gifts & food hampers for those less fortunate county residents. As in the past years, the success of this program is due to the generosity of County residents through volunteering and donations (cash, gifts, food, etc.) This year we start Dec. 7th, at the County Grader Shop on the east side of Killam south of the Esso Station. Anyone wishing to drop off food donations or to volunteer can call the Christmas Sharing cell phone #780-390-0085. We would appreciate donation of goods between December 8th and December 16th. Individuals and/or groups planning to donate turkeys, please advise us by December 4th to assist in planning for our projected needs.

As the "Adopt a Family Program" was such a great success in past years, we will be running this program once again. Anyone interested in adopting a family, please call 780-390-0085 before December 11 th. We ask that you limit your gift purchases to a total cost of \$25-\$50 per adopted person. Please leave all gifts unwrapped with some gift wrap included in your family's gift bundle. *We reserve the right to redistribute any excess purchases to other persons in need.* If you decide to give clothing, be sure you include the "Gift Receipt" in case an exchange is necessary by the recipient. Due to allergies, we ask that you do not include stuffed toys! Gifts must be delivered to the County Grader Shop no later than December 16th (for bulk deliveries from schools, we ask for December 11 th delivery date).

With their permission, if you are aware of families in need, please feel free to submit the name, telephone number and the particular need(s). All information provided will be handled with the strictest confidence. Please submit all requests by December 18, 2009. Application forms can be picked up in Killam, at the Flagstaff Food Bank Tues & Friday mornings from 9:00-11 :00, at the FFCS office during their office hours, or by phoning 780-390-0085.

Hampers will be available for pickup Monday, December 21 st (ONLY), from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (ONLY) at the County Grader Shop on the east side of Killam south of the Esso Station.

Council News

- ★ In November, we had a delegation from the Battle River Rail New Generation Co-op (BRNCG), formerly known as the Producer Car group. The New Gen co-op is now a legal entity, and has shares available for sale. They are approaching all municipalities along the line to purchase shares in the interest of economic stability. They made the point that if the rail disappears, the Village would lose about \$5,000 of tax revenue annually, but if it is successful in the plans it has, we could end up generating even more tax revenue, as well as revenue for businesses in the community. A resolution of support was passed to assist them in their application to the Rural Alberta Development Fund, and Council will be exploring the possibility of share purchase.
- ★ The Legion has decided that they can no longer do the gravesite maintenance at the cemetery. They will continue to take care of mowing the grass and planting flowers, however, graves that are sinking and monuments that are breaking up are too much for them to care for. The Village will be looking at ways that this can be done, since many of the graves have no family left here that can do the maintenance. Any ideas would be welcomed. We certainly appreciate the work that has been financed and taken care of by the Legion. Bill Alcorn has volunteered a lot of time to repair work, and this is greatly appreciated. Phyllis also volunteers her expertise in the record-keeping for the cemetery. Thank you Phyllis.
- ★ Municipal Planning Services of Edmonton has been contracted to review the Land-use Bylaw over the next few months. There will be public hearings to discuss this in the New Year. This is being financed through the Joint Municipal Sponsorship Grant with FIP (Flagstaff Intermunicipal Partnership.)
- ★ Since our Volunteer Insurance has dropped in price, it was decided to double the amount of insurance for our Fire Fighters, at approximately the same cost as previous years.
- ★ Approval was given to the Flagstaff Waste budget which will require a slight increase in our requisition. Also the Parkland Library budget, and the FFCS budget which will each increase our cost about \$20 in 2010.

Municipal Sustainability Grant Funding

In 2007, the Provincial Government introduced Municipal Sustainability Initiative grants (MSI). The goal of this funding was to assist municipalities in funding programs that would help us to become more sustainable over the long-run. We must apply for the Province for these grants, and the applications are carefully screened to ensure they meet all the criteria. There is a heavy emphasis on joint undertakings with other municipalities.

The Village of Alliance has used their funding as follows:

2007 MSI Capital Grant—	\$ 16,760	carried over
2007 MSI Operating	- \$ 727	carried over
2008 MSI Capital	- \$ 36,154	
2008 MSI Operating	- \$ 32,707	

In 2008, we applied the Capital grants and interest earned on them to install waterlines to the west-end subdivision. The Operating grants (+ interest earned) were used for

the Bylaw Officer (\$ 4,077, which qualified as a joint project, since we partnered with several other communities to save costs)
and operating costs for the water system (\$28,863)

In 2009, we were much more limited in how we could use our funds, but they are being applied as follows:

Capital grant—	\$ 30,736	was applied to replacing the old clay sewer lines on 3rd Avenue.
Operating grant—	Emergency Communications system	- \$ 10,000
Bylaw and RCMP Resource officer		- \$ 4,900
Training & contracting services of 2 relief Water Treatment Plant Operators		- \$ 5,000
Joint Environmental Services (I.e. Flagstaff Waste Management fees		- \$ 15,449

Galahad Homecoming 2010

It's been 10 years! That means it is time for another Galahad Homecoming ! Mark July 2—4, 2010 on your calendar and watch for further information!

To sign up for further information for yourself or for others that you feel may be interested, simply leave us the contact information, by email, or regular mail to : Galahad Homecoming 2010,
Box 8, Galahad, AB, T0B 1R0
Email : info@galahad2010.com.

RECYCLING

We are pleased that more folks are using our recycling facilities. **HOWEVER** if we put things into the wrong bins, it **defeats** the purpose, since Flagstaff Waste does not sort the waste. If there is something in the bin that does not fit the classification, the entire bin is dumped in the landfill.

PLEASE ONLY leaves, grass, small twigs and other plant material in the **compost** bins; ONLY cardboard in the **cardboard** bin, ONLY #2 plastic in the **milk carton** bins.

Tin cans need to be washed and crushed, no colored glass, and ONLY newspaper in the wire paper bins.

AG Hardware

YES HE IS

Santa's coming

Dec 12 3 - 5:30

Pictures with Santa at the hard ware

Cost is a donation to the food bank

Richard, Joe, Roseanne & Cody wish one & all a safe and happy holiday season. We would also like to invite you in to check out the changes and see the xmas crafts for sale.

