

Village of Alliance

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Turkey Toss 2010 in the Arena

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Farewell Memorial Arena

Sadly, the big news of January 2011 has been the weather and the complete havoc it has wreaked upon everyone's lives, and especially on our historical Memorial Arena.

We begin by expressing thanks to the men of the Rec Hockey team who first noticed that there was a problem and had the wisdom and foresight to evacuate and close the building before anyone was hurt.

Secondly, there were many folks who spent a lot of time searching for a safe way to remove the snow from the roof. A huge thanks to Joe Wallace, Glen Bullee, Ken Clough, Mike McCallum, who spent a very cold afternoon pulling snow off the roof. However, the continuous heavy snowfall made it a losing battle. Thanks to ATCO Electric for their advice and support.

Thanks to Wayne and Denny for acting quickly to ensure that the utilities were shut off and for standing watch until ATCO and Phoenix Gas arrived to disconnect.

By the next morning the emails and phone calls were coming in to the Village Office with ideas for rebuilding and offers to help where possible. So many people feeling a deep sense of loss.

The media soon picked up the story and we gained our moment of fame. As word spread, messages came in from far and wide—Florida, Phoenix, Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Stettler, and all our neighboring communities as well.

We even received a call from the Co-ordinator of Media and Community Relations for the Calgary Stampeders, saying that they would like to help in some way. When the news came on in their office a lady broke down crying. When they asked why she said "You wouldn't understand, you are not from a small town!"

At the moment we are waiting for clearance from AMSC Insurance so that we can commence clean-up. The highest possible amount that we might receive is just over \$530,000.

Council will be meeting on February 2nd and will likely set a date then to hold a community meeting at which we will try to determine what is the best thing for our community to do with regards to replacing the arena. It is important that everyone—both town and country residents have their say on this as the folks who used it come from all around, and if fund-raising is going to happen, we will be looking for help from the entire area.

This is an important decision for our future.

Please be a part of it.

Watch the bulletin boards and the website for the date and time.

Mayor's Corner

Office Hours
Wednesday
10 AM - Noon.

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**Council meeting
Mon, Feb. 21
@ 6 PM
Village Office**

It has certainly been gratifying to receive so many messages of support since the demise of the Memorial Arena. Emails and phone calls have been received from all over North America with memories of times spent there, and offers of support.

My favorite arena story took place in the early seventies while I was Principal of Alliance Public School. Supervision of students in the winter months was always a challenge. Fortunately we had the arena. We would take them for a skate during the noon hour. Everyone had a great time. Older students and parents helped out with skate tying. Mostly, we got back in time for the 1:00 o'clock bell.

One day "Fin" asked about students who didn't have skates. When we told him that there were a few, his response was "Bring them to me!" Over the years, many a grateful child was fitted skates. One of the many reasons why we feel that Alliance is a special place.

- Muriel Fankhanel

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@cciwireless.ca

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

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., Feb. 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

Tues, Feb. 1	- Dr. Niemann
Fri, Feb. 4	- Dr. van Vuuren
Tues, Feb. 8	- Dr. Eleanor
Fri, Feb. 11	- Dr. van Niemann
Tues, Feb. 15	- Dr. duPlessis
Fri, Feb. 18	- Dr. Eleanor
Tues, Feb. 22	- Dr. Horn
Fri, Feb. 25	- Dr. Eleanor

FARMER'S MARKET

Wed., Feb. 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

**The older you get the
tougher it is to lose weight,
because by then your body
and your fat have
gotten to be really good
friends!!**

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



CHSPS Grad

Central High School Public
School Grad
Parent's

Society will hold an
organizational meeting on
Tuesday, Feb. 15, at 7 PM
in the Sedgewick Recrea-
tion Center. Parents of all
2011 graduates are
strongly encouraged to
attend.

For further information,
please call Raylene
@ 780-879-2275



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
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**Change of time**  
**January 30 Only**  
**Worship at 11:30 am**  
Followed by Potluck lunch  
And the Annual meeting



Annual Meet Your Neighbor Potluck  
Supper and Silent Auction

Saturday, March 19,

Mark the date on your calendar for an  
evening of family fun  
Donations for auction can be left with  
Marie Rands or Laura Towers

## REMINDERS...

- ◆ Dog licenses are renewable in January—\$ 15.
- ◆ Cat licenses are renewable in January—\$ 10
- ◆ Businesses licenses must be renewed annually—\$ 25

All residents and businesses are reminded that it is your responsibility to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks that border your property. If it is not done, the Village will arrange for it to be done and you will be billed accordingly.

## COUNCIL NOTES

A big thank you to Wayne for his dedication and great job keeping the streets clear. Also thanks to those fellows who have so kindly run their snow blowers on our sidewalks. Be sure to let them know you appreciate it if you know who they are!

- ◆ There was considerable discussion regarding cost of snow removal. A 3 ton truck and driver were hired to assist with hauling away piles, as this is more efficient and cost effective than the Foreman working alone with the smaller truck and bucket. However, in an attempt to hold costs down, Council did pass a policy that limits the amount of weekend plowing. Also, alleys will not be done until there is a 6 " accumulation. Residents will have to clear their own rear yards to the alley.
- ◆ If you need our tractor to move snow for you, please let us know and we will do it as time allows, and there will be a minimum charge of \$ 35, or \$ 70/hour.
- ◆ Personnel contracts were reviewed and renewed.
- ◆ Much discussion regarding the arena roof

## Alliance & District Agricultural Society

Wednesday, July 20

The Second Annual  
**Horse Show and Bench Fair.**

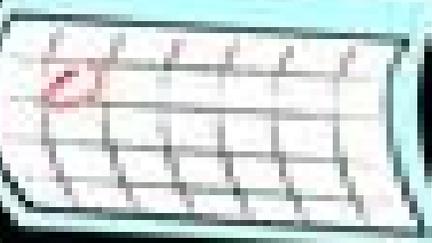
Time to get your arts and crafts entries ready and plan your flowers and gardens so you can participate.

### Farm Safety Day

March 13—19 is Farm Safety Week  
We are planning a safety workshop for the whole family.  
Date to be announced,

## Community Calendar

Sign up for yours  
The Fun For All Club will  
Be at the Farmer's market  
You can sign up there.



At Christmastime, some less than compassionate person dumped off four cute kittens, two black and two grey, and I'm sure this person knows who you are.

Village residents do not appreciate you adding to their taxes with the cost of feeding, litter, and eventually the cost of having a vet give a lethal injection.

As for Tom and Marg, Laurie and Dennis, Sherri and Glen who rescued these little darlings and gave them new homes, we REALLY appreciate YOU.

- Elaine

## Census jobs

- ◆ Period of Employment- early March to end of July
- ◆ Hours - flexible, must commit to 20 hrs per wk
- ◆ Rate of pay—\$ 14,72 to \$ 18.04/hr, plus authorized expenses
- ◆ Requirement—Must be 18 years of age or over

Call 1-877-773-2011  
TTY 1-800-363-7629  
www.census2011.gc.ca

## 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.

## Thank you

For your support and concern over the last few months. Thanks for cards, food, visits and prayers. All is much appreciated.

Doug & Janet Heffel

## 13th Annual F.I.R.S.T.

(Flagstaff Initiative to Relationship & Spousal Trauma)

### SUPPER & AUCTION

Forestburg Community Centre  
Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011  
Doors open 5 PM  
Supper 5:30  
Auction at 6:30

Cost: \$25 per person  
Tickets—call Judi at 879-3634

If you can't come for supper,  
Come for a fun time at the auction!!

Help us make a difference in the lives of  
families in Flagstaff.

## Finding the Humor in a bad Situation

### LOCAL MAN TO BE CHARGED IN ARENA COLLAPSE

BY Staff writer I.M. Smart

In the Village of Alliance in rural Alberta, the local skating arena roof collapsed supposedly under the weight of heavy snow. The collapse of the roof has had an emotional effect on local residents as the hockey arena was a focal point of their small town. Global interviewed the Mayor, as well as local resident Bill Alcorn for their news piece on Global TV on Wednesday night. After extensive research it has now been learned that local "resident" Bill Alcorn will be charged with faulty construction of a public building. In the Global news clip, Mr. Alcorn admitted to helping build the arena in 1948. In the same news clip he also admitted to using "straight boards" instead of the federally regulated and required 3/4" plywood sheets mandated by the Alberta Building Code. As well, Mr. Alcorn is alleged to have not used the minimum number of nails per board required because he couldn't count past three. There are also allegations that Mr. Alcorn is mentally slow and was forced to wear a hockey helmet on his head at all times as a child and young adult to prevent injury to himself and others. The same Global news piece also included a photo of Mr. Alcorn wearing such said helmet. Local police have said charges are pending and Mr. Alcorn faces up to 5 years of jail time. When told of the potential sentence, Mr. Alcorn said "I have been married for almost 50 years. Jail will be a piece of cake."