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Fire Ban

Effective October 1

Due to extremely dry conditions a FIRE BAN has been imposed restricting all open fires within Flagstaff County effective October 1, 2009. This ban includes all open fires, burning barrels and fire pits, but excludes propane and natural gas barbeques. This ban SUSPENDS any fire permits previously issued under the Forest and Prairie Protection Act.

A person who sets a fire under this ban may be charged and will be responsible for the costs of extinguishing the fire, pursuant to Flagstaff County Fire Bylaw 03/08.

For further information, please contact Flagstaff County at (780) 384-4100.

Thank you,

Kim Cannady

Regional Emergency Services Coordinator

Phone (780) 384-4127

* This ban is also in effect in the Village of Alliance, as ordered by the Village of Alliance Fire Chief, Carl Cameron.

Mayor's Corner

Office Hours
Wednesday
10 AM -Noon.

Next Council meeting
Mon, Oct. 19, 6 PM

Anyone having an issue to put before Council, please notify the Administrator by Thurs. Oct 15,

Fire Insurance

It has been brought to our attention that most rural (farm) insurance policies have only \$3,000 Fire coverage. Some recent fire claims have FAR exceeded that amount.

Farmers would be wise to discuss this with their insurers,



Alliance Fire Dept Service Awards



The Alliance Women on Fire (aka AWOFF) hosted an appreciation barbecue and social evening for our volunteer Firefighters.

The ladies prepared a wonderful supper for everyone, then in partnership with the Village Council, service awards were presented. Thank you AWOFF for a great evening.

Appreciation awards for all active members— Carl Cameron, Denny Nielsen, Jeff McNaught, Cory Nielsen, Philip Marcil, Wayne Cameron, Chris Ramsey, Laura Curtiss, Cody Beres, Robert Hofer, Jay Stuckey, and Kevin Boisvert

Voted Awards— determined by a vote of the Volunteer Firefighters

Fire Fighter Choice (Congeniality) - Denny Nielsen

Most Aggressive (Gung-Ho) - Cory Nielsen

Pants Down Award (Bloop—funny move) - Laura Curtiss

Attendance— For the member with best attendance at call outs and regular meetings—Denny Nielsen

Years of Service— **3 years**—Philip Marcil; **5 Years**—Jeff McNaught, Cory Nielsen, Denny Nielsen
10 Years—Carl Cameron;

Special Award— **28 Years**— Wayne Cameron

The Mayor, Administrator and fellow firefighters attempted to ROAST Wayne, but he's a difficult guy to roast so it turned into an expression of our deep appreciation for his many years of exceptional service to the Fire Department and the Village.

* Thanks to VP Enterprises for sponsoring this newsletter *

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

Landfill Hours

Effective October 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, Oct. 26**

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. We have only two weeks schedule for September at this time.

Tues, Oct. 6 -	Dr. Fouche
Fri, Oct. 9 -	No clinic
Tues, Oct. 13	Dr. vanVuuren
Fri, Oct. 16	Dr. Hart
Tues, Oct. 20	Dr. Fouche
Fri, Oct. 23	Dr. vanVuuren
Tues, Oct. 27	Dr. Hart
Fri, Oct 30	Dr. Van Vuuren

FARMER'S MARKET Wed, Oct. 14

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

Recycling Notes

- * **If you are going to Camrose, could you help our recycle project by taking a garbage bag full of tin cans or glass to Centra Cam?**
- * **WI is looking for a small shelter for the paper recycle bags. If you could help, please call Diane 879-3970**

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

Craft Nites

Tuesday night craft and fun nights have resumed at the Rec Center.

Come join us at 7 PM.
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.

Community Hall

For bookings
Call 780-879-3653

Full Hall with Kitchen & bar is \$200 (local)
\$300—non-local
Meetings—\$30 (local)
\$100.00—(non local)

No charge for set-up night prior to event



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.



RUMMAGE SALE

Fri, Oct. 16 6—9 PM

Sat, Oct. 17 10 AM to 2 PM

ALLIANCE UNITED CHURCH

**DONATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED
AT THE CHURCH**

Thank you ..

To Stu Daniels for cutting down the tree at the Village office this month.



We certainly appreciate the help our Volunteers provide.



**ALSO TOWN WIDE
GARAGE
SALE**



Council Notes

- ★ The Utility Bylaw has been revised and the new bylaw is now in effect. It is posted on the website. There is no change in rates except for the security deposit and connection fees. All new accounts are now required to pay a Security deposit of \$175 prior to hook-up. After one year of keeping the utility account current, this will be applied to the account. If the resident moves out before one year, and the account has been current at all times, this is refundable. There is now a \$25 connection fee for turning on the water. The other minor change, is that if renters are receiving the billing, they must sign a release which allows the Village to send a copy of the utility bill to the Owner. The purpose of this is to protect the owner if the bill is not being paid.
- ★ The 3rd avenue project is nearing completion, so residents there will soon see a return to normal. Since the water supply on 3rd avenue has not been going through the meters the past month, the September water billing will be an estimate for **all** accounts in the Village. This seems to be the fairest way to do it. On October 2, metering was resumed, so the October bills will be actual readings.
- ★ The 3rd Avenue project has been in the plans for several years, and we did luck in to a good time due to the economic slowdown. As the project neared completion, Council in consultation with the engineer and the contractor decided to extend it some 80 meters farther than the original tender included. This added \$25,000 to the project, but is about 1/3 of what it might cost to come back and to it in the future. The final cost will be approximately \$350,000. In view of this, a couple of minor projects including the restroom/showerhouse at the Campground, and the structural repairs to the Village Office are on hold
- ★ Waterplant upgrades will continue on schedule, with more work starting next week.
- ★ We will be holding a public meeting to deal with the issue of the school in the next couple of months. We continue to seek your ideas about this.
- ★ Our Emergency management Committee will also be having their annual meeting in November—date to be announced later.

Alliance Play Group

This is a newly formed play group for parents and grandparents of preschool kids. Play group is hosted by Parent Link out of Camrose. They come out the first and third Wednesday of each month. Shelley Zoorb, the coordinator is teaching us how we can run our own play group.

The group meets at 10 AM where we spend about 20 to 40 minutes on songs and rhymes. Then the kids have snack time. Following this, they are given a couple of choices for crafts to do, and while the kids are occupied with crafts, their caregivers have time for discussion. Topics may range from parenting techniques to new recipes for dinner. On some occasions there may be a guest speaker. Currently we have a speech therapist, Kevin Morris on the list of speakers to come.

Being part of a play group lets you have access to the "toy lending library" which Parent Link brings out. You are allowed to take out toys for a 2 week period. This allows the children to experience new toys without the cost to the parents. If anyone has questions, please call Tracy at 879-3793

Alliance Library News

Thank you to the estate of Norman Johnston for the donation of several of his books. We received quite a few of his treasures. They are currently being bar-coded for the library. There are several large illustrated books that will not be put into circulation because of their size. We realize that Norm would have wanted them to be looked at, so we will be making a seating area in the Library so that these books can be viewed here in house. These books will be showcase in a special bookcase. We will revisit this issue to see if they are being used and cared for. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to discuss it with me.

On Oct. 6th, we will be hosting a **community lunch.** This is for everyone in the community and it is our hope that you all attend. Parkland Regional Library systems is celebrating their 50th year, and are encouraging libraries to host a celebration. The BBQ will run from 11 Am to 1:30 PM. Please accept this as your invitation to come and lunch on us. There will be door prizes as well as birthday cake.

ACDC

Thanks to everyone who supported the joint celebration of Alberta Arts days and the Women's Institute Indoor garden party. 2009 is the year we have our Day at the Gallery. It is on November 7th, and promises to be a rewarding day. There will be several new exhibitors as well as the old favorites.

We are still looking for our Beaver which was removed from the area behind the Village office. If you have it, or see it, please let us know.



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Terry Fox Run

This took place on September 13 in Alliance. There were only 6 participants from Alliance and one from Hardisty.

KUDOS to those runners for raising \$1,395.00!!

Those who participated were Jacqui Cameron, Brandon Cameron, Victoria Howard, Diane Dammann, Marguerite Mc Pherson, Jennifer Broughton, and Roger Spady.

Thank you to all of the supporters from Alliance and area, and to the Legion members—Anne & Ken Clough and Doris Spady who do the organizing.

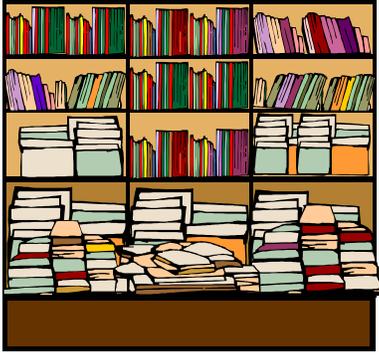
The COW Bus is coming....

This event is geared for parents of children ages 0—10. The COW Bus is a classroom on wheels that travels around Alberta showing families fun ways to learn with your children. As well as the COW bus there will be crafts, critters, a maze, and the bus. For moms and dads there will be several displays from different organizations from all over the County—Parent Link, Flagstaff Literacy, East Central Health, TIPS....

This is a great opportunity for our community to have this come right to Alliance, so please bring your kids or just yourself to this event.

The bus will be **at the Community Hall at 10 AM, Wed, Oct. 14, and leaves at 1 PM.** For more information call Tracy at 879-3793.

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..... Library Notes, Cont'd

The Alliance Public Library does have a policy on donated books. Fiction books of all ages are accepted unless the books are soiled, broken spine, or pages are coming loose. If we do have a copy in house, it will not be catalogued as we do not have the shelf space. If we do not catalogue the book it will be used in a book sale that we do occasionally have at the farmers markets.

As for non-fiction the policy is nothing older than a year, or at the library manager's discretion. This is because while we may receive non-fiction that does not appear to look dated, the material may be dated. 5 years in medicine, computer technology, science, space, etc... can mean huge changes. You need to remember that we do exchange our books with other libraries and most of these books are used for reference, so we want the information to be as current as possible.

Again, if for any reason you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 879-3733.

Tracy Rombough, librarian

A Day at the Gallery *November 7th, 2009*

Alliance Community Hall
Alliance, Alberta
10:00 a.m. til 4:00 p.m.

Showcasing the Artistic Talents of
Our Village, County and Region
Marketplace will also be Available

Toonie Admission
Lunch Available

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