February 2025



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What's happening near you

February 1: Join the Flagstaff Scottish Club on February 1st, 2025 at the Killam Community Hall to celebrate their 17th Annual Robbie Burns Dinner & Dance! Form 4:30pm to 11:30pm. Scotch tasting, prime rib, alcohol bar, Flagstaff Scottish Club market, silent auction, fun games with prizes, Bonnie Knees competition, live music, and more!

March 17: Forestburg Concert Series – Over the Moon @ 7:30 pm – 10:00 pm Forestburg Community Hall. 5402 50 Ave. W. Forestburg

April 4: The AG Society is planning to hold a Ham Bingo on Friday, April 4 at 7 pm. Watch for further details and tickets when they become available.

April 5: Tartans and Tunes, An evening of Celtic entertainment in celebration of Tartan Day!

April 12: Forestburg Concert Series – The Long Run Eagles Tribute Band @ 7:30 pm – 10:00 pm Forestburg Community Hall.

August 23: Gathering of the Clans Highland Festival We welcome you to join our Gathering of the Clans Highland Festival; a fun filled day of highland festivities such as piping, drumming, highland dancing, food, music, artisan vendors, and more. Come for the fun stay for the Dance! At the Sedgewick Rec. Center

Alliance Arena skating hours

Every day from **10am to 10pm**



Except if there is a Rocket's game or a private event booked.

On February 4th, Join Odette for a Basic Sewing for Men Alteration course! (buttons, seams, hem, ...)



From 7pm - 9pm. Class size is limited, save your spot today. \$20 per person, Accessories will be provided.

For more Info text Odette 587-991-7461

THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING SPONSORS The Alliance and District

Agricultural Society



Hours of operation Thursday 10am-4pm Thursday 6pm-9pm Friday 10am-4pm and 6pm-10pm Saturday and Sunday 10am-4pm *if there is a booking -- please call ahead to confirm* In the event of extreme weather conditions, Valley Ski Hill may not be open for operations. We are closed at temperatures reaching -25 or below. Our Website and Social Media pages are updated on a daily basis. Please phone 780-879-2106 for any other information.

Next Council Meeting: February 20 2025 at 4:00pm

www.villageofalliance.ca

Newsletter Deadline February 23rd Items can be emailed to cao@villageofalliance.ca Or Put in door slot at office. *Please note any submissions after the deadline date will no longer be accepted*

Next Town Hall Meeting will be March 20th, 2025

At the Rec Center, the room across the Library at 6pm.

All are welcome!

We will be presenting this years budget as well as all capital projects planned for 2025 and those finished in 2024.

If you have questions or concerns that you would like us to talk about, please submit them to the Village Office, prior to the meeting. This allows us to research ahead of time and offer you the best answer possible.

Vision Credit Union in Alliance is looking to hire a **caretaker**.

Duties to start as soon as a candidate is selected.

Please deliver resumes to the Alliance branch.

DOG License Application or Renewal Fill and return form to the Village office with payment BEFORE MARCH 31st, 2024

Owner's Name & Address:

Owner's Phone Number:

(1)Pet Name: ____

(2)Pet Name: _____(3)Pet Name:

e:		Breed:
	Spayed or Neutered:	YES \$15.00 / NO \$20.00
e:		Breed:
	Spayed or Neutered:	YES \$15.00 / NO \$20.00
e:		Breed:
	Spayed or Neutered:	YES \$15.00 / NO \$20.00

Bylaw #2024-04, Keeping and controlling of animal

Schedule A: Owners who fail to obtain annual license before March 31st will be charged a fine of \$100.00 for a first warning and \$200.00 for a second warning.

Section 8, Subsection K: No more than three (3) Dogs shall be kept or harbored at one time on the land or premises occupied by their Owners.

You can pay at the Village Office of by e-transfers to: bills@villageofalliance.ca Make the password Alliance

FEBRUARY 2025

Alliance Farmer's Market Coming Soon

Good news - the new Farmers Market will be ready to launch on March 13 this year with a new format. It will be on the second Thursday afternoon from 4pm - 8pm.

This was the choice of the vendors who were attending the previous market. The various organizations of the community will be serving supper for a fee during the market and we will be offering about ½ hour of entertainment to liven up the action.

If you want to taste some good home cooking this will be the place to be.

The Alliance Agricultural Society is pleased to be the sponsor of the market, but it will operate as a separate entity.

Market Manager - Kimberley Befus, Secretary Debbie Applegate, and Treasurer Odette Dionne.

Any group or organization that wishes to have an opportunity to raise some money by operating the kitchen, can apply to Kimberley by emailing **Kimberley.befus@gmail.com**

She is also the person to contact if you would like to be a vendor at the market.

A Facebook page is coming in the near future and we will post updates there. Hope you will come out and experience the new market.

Alliance Directory

Village of Alliance Office: (780) 879-3911 Open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays - 9am to 3pm www.villageofalliance.ca or follow us on Facebook

SENIOR'S FIRST Donna Coombs: Seniors Programs Information & Help 780-679-4191

FOOT CARE WITH GWEN (call for appointment) Gwen will come to your house if you have your equipment at home: 403-882-3739 or 403-740-5418

FFCS/FIRST: (leave a message if no answer they will always return your call) Handivan/Care-A-Van for out-of-town medical appointments - 780-385-3976

FOOD BANK in Killam/serving everyone in Flagstaff (Tuesdays & Thursdays) 780-385-0810

SENIOR DROP IN COFFEE GROUP: For more information and sign ups call: Donna Chalifoux (780) 385-1236, Dale Lambden (780) 781-0053 or Phyllis Lambden (780) 281 -0851

ALLIANCE UNITED CHURCH: Services every Sunday at 10:00am Sunday school provided during the service - For more info call Beth Davidson: 780-879-2173 You can also find us on Facebook "Alliance United Church"

THE ALLIANCE LIBRARY: Open on Tuesday 12h-6h & Thursdays 10h-4h - 780-879-3733 - www.alliance.prl.ab.ca

ALLIANCE MUSEUM: Closed for the season 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Museum contacts are: Steve (780) 906-6581 or Dale (780) 781-0053

FORESTBURG MEDICAL CLINIC: Phone 780-582-5185 Open Tuesdays and Thursday: 8am to 12pm - 1pm to 4:30pm

CASTOR MEDICAL CLINIC : (403) 882-2665

KILLAM MEDICAL CENTER: (780) 385-7890 Mon, Wed & Thurs / 8:30-4:00

BOTTLE DEPOT: Open Wed, Thurs & Sat 10-5 - 780-385-4413

LANDFILL HOURS: OPEN Wednesday and Saturday 1:00pm TO 4:30pm

ALLIANCE CEMETERY: Village Office (780) 879-3911, Bob Rombough (780) 879-3632/(780) 717-1480, Dale Lambden (780) 781-0053

THE ALLIANCE UPDATE

<u>Syl's Info Column - February 2025</u> Alliance and Area Senior Information

Senior Drop in Coffee Group: Open to those 55 years of age and older. Membership is \$20 a year.

Gatherings are on Tuesdays & Thursdays 1-4pm

For more information or sign ups call: Chair person, Donna Chalifoux: 780-385-1236 Secretary/treasurer, Dale Lambden: 780-781-0053 Communications, Phyllis Lambden: 780-281-0851 **SENIORS FIRST** Donna Coombs: Senior programs and information 780-679-4191 seniorsfirst@outlook.com **Donna will be in Alliance on February 5th & 19th At the Rec. Center 12:00 - 1:30**

Alliance and District Agricultural Society 2024 activity report

As we enter a new year, the Ag Society will be trying to increase our visibility within the community. In 2024 we contributed in various ways such as owning and operating the Community Hall, sponsoring and running the horse activities at July 1st Sports Day, donating to Regional 4-H activities such as their annual fun day and winter camp, assisting the Valley Ski Hill in their fundraising for a new groomer, helping the Library to hold bingos for fundraising, dispensing the Flagstaff County recreation grants, providing \$10,000 to assist the

Village with arena operations, providing an honorarium to the Ice maker- Glen Bullee, inviting and hosting Santa and his helpers on Santa Daze, providing the hayride for Santa and the kids and for the Battle River train guests to transport them around the community.

We also provided the treat bags for the children. At the Arena we held the annual Turkey Toss and Turkey Bowl which is always a highlight especially for the train guests. 11 turkeys were won by the contestants and one leftover was donated to the Food Bank.

Thanks to Dale Lambden who organized repairs to the Community Hall roof.

We give a big vote of thanks to our past president Keegan Miller who found himself taking on duties of the Treasurer for a couple of months due to the illness and passing of longtime member Dennis Towers. Keegan did a great job of making sure things kept running smoothly while our Treasurer was taking care of family.

Our annual meeting in December elected Rob Applegate as President for this year.

This year we invite you to watch for our new Facebook page which will launch very soon.

We are planning to hold a Ham Bingo on Friday, April 4 at 7 pm. Watch for further details and tickets when they become available.

There will also be another Meat raffle coming very soon.

Anyone who wants to rent the Community Hall should call Vicky Howard to make a booking.

Payment of \$200 per booking should be submitted by cash or cheque to Treasurer, Laura Towers, or by mail to Box 92, Alliance. Fee for a morning, afternoon, or evening meeting is \$30. If you wish to rent for the entire weekend the fee is \$400 for Friday evening through Sunday, but we do not offer cleaning in that period.

Alliance United Church

2025 CALENDARS!!! *Don't miss any more dates!!* Remember to buy your community calendar <u>TODAY</u>! Available at the Alliance Trading Post and Hardware or from any church board member for just \$10.

February Worship Leaders.

February 2 – Pastor Stew Carson February 9 – Deacon Ken Noster February 16 – Dale Jones & Dell Wickstrom

February 23 – Rev. Steve Haughland, Communion March 2 – Beth Davidson March 9 – TBA March 16 – Dale Jones & Dell Wickstrom March 23 – Rev. Steve Haughland, Communion March 30 – TBA

Write to us: allianceunitedchurch@gmail.com / 780-879-2173 / 780-390-0266 FB/Messenger - "Alliance United Church"