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To become a sponsor of the Alliance update, let us know at the Village office.



What's happening near you

- April 2: Stop by the Flagstaff County Administration Building anytime between 2 and 4 p.m. for "Coffee with your Councillor" on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. Tours of the County shop will also be available at this time.
- **April 3:** ATCO is planning an outage to complete some brushing in the village of Alliance on April 3, from 10-11 am. It will affect the whole village, not including the Alliance Seed Plant.
- April 12: Paint Nite, Brought to you by the Alliance Library. April 12 at 7 pm at the Alliance Valley Inn in the Lounge. There are limited spots. Please pre-pay. \$35.00 per ticket. Contact Lisa at the Alliance Library at 780-879-3733 (do not leave a message), alliancelibrary@prl.ab.ca or 403-598-9373.
- **April 13:** Buckin' in the BURG, at the Forestburg Arena, 4101 49 Street Forestburg, AB
- April 18: The annual General Meeting of Phoenix Gas Co-op will be held in Wainwright Communiplex. Starting at 7pm doors will open at 6pm. Voting members are encouraged to preregister for the AGM by contacting the Phoenix Gas office at 780-842-4653
- April 19: Bingo night In Alliance, Doors open at 6 pm, bingo starts at 7 pm at the Alliance Multiplex. Refreshments are available for purchase.
- April 20: Flagstaff Firefighter award ceremony & Pig Roast. At the Forestburg Community Hall.
- May 4 & 5: Town Wide Garage Sale, Table are available to rent Contact Dale Lambden at 780-781-0053.
- August 24: The Gathering of the Clans Highland hosted in Sedgewick, Alberta. It's a day full of highland activities, The day concludes with a dance performed by the River Jack's.

Town Hall Meeting April 18 At the Rec. Center 6pm

What to expect at the meeting?

Special Guest speaker from the Battle River Watershed Alliance will be there to talk about what we can do during this drought.

We will also be doing brief re-cap of last Town Hall meeting about the Village Budget.

Steve Wyse will be addressing the Community Garden project

If you have any questions or concerns please let us know at the Village Office or by email

Thank you Cpl. Jeremy Houle for spending time with us in Alliance. Here are a few notes that were taken,

Coffee with a cop was on March 26 in the Library building.

How to keep our community safe.

- Lights
- Cameras
- Motion sensors
- Lights on timers when not home for an extended period of time.
- Lock everything up. Don't make it easy for thieves
- Look out for each other

Even if you're not sure something is wrong, still call the RCMP. This will contribute to the crime statistics and for Alliance that could result in a change in the RCMP patrol route.

If it's not an emergency, you can report online at https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/detach/en/d/463, Crime

Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or the Killam RCMP at 780-385-2442.

The more eyes out there, the better.

If you don't like what the judges are doing, contact your MP. Damien Kurek at Damien.Kurek@parl.gc.ca or Phone: 1.800.665.4358.

Water conservation: What you can do

- Water your lawn no more than necessary.
- Collect and reuse water for outdoor plant use.
- If allowed, water sparingly in the morning or evening to reduce evaporation.
- Clean outside with a broom instead of a hose.
- Check for leaks in pipes, faucets, and hoses.

Alliance Farmer's Market

At the Alliance Community Hall - Every 3rd Wednesday of each month Next Market April 17th 10:00 to 2:00

Next Council Meeting: April 18, 2024 at 4:00pm

Next Town Hall meeting will be April 18th, 2024 www.villageofalliance.ca

Newsletter Deadline April 24th

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

Join the Alliance Update team

There are many things we could do with our Newsletter, but if you have an idea on how to make it better, submit your ideas at adminassistant@villageofalliance.ca

We will review your ideas and if approved by council, you could be the change we needed.

If you want to help out, we are always looking for amazing sponsors. Simply let us know at the Village office and donate \$50.00.

We can also post free ads for your business or event. All we need is the information you want us to print and we will take care of the marketing design.

Get Informed & Stay Informed

511 Alberta

Traveller information, know before you go

Alberta Wildfire

Stay current on Alberta's wildfire situation

WeatherCan

Weather alert notices for your area, and other locations you choose

Alberta Rivers: Date & Advisories

Latest information about
Alberta's rivers, including flood
advisories

THE ALLIANCE UPDATE

Canadian Dental Care Plan

Letters inviting seniors to apply for the Canadian Dental Care Plan are being sent out in phases, with all eligible seniors 70 years of age or older expected to be invited to apply by end of March 2024.

You may apply by phone or in person at a Service Canada Centre or at a clinic in the community. Once you make the application, you will be informed if you qualify for the CDCP (system-generated message or Service Canada Rep will inform you).

If you have dental coverage through a provincial or federal government social program, you can still qualify for the CDCP. If you meet all the eligibility criteria, your coverage will be coordinated between the 2 plans to ensure there are no duplication or gaps in coverage.

If you qualify for CDCP, you will receive a welcome package from Sun Life (in approximately 3 months). The welcome package will include a member card, a list of dental services covered and the start date of coverage.

Appointments with a dental care provider should be scheduled on or after the start date of coverage. The CDCP will not reimburse for services received before the start date of coverage. The earliest coverage could begin is May 2024 (but is unique to each person). Service Canada is offering information sessions and application intake clinics to increase awareness of the program and help seniors apply.

**Scam Notice: Please be aware that scam attempts have been reported, such as welcome packages that ask for SIN, date of birth, banking information or email or text message asking person to click on a link or provide personal information.

Farmer's Market

Every 3rd Wednesday of each month Next Market April 17 20th 10:00 to 2:00

At the Alliance Community Hall For a table or more information call Linda Jans (780) 879-0008 or Donna Chalifoux (780) 385-1236

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 10h-4h & Thursdays 10h-4h - 780-879-3733 - www.alliance.prl.ab.ca

ALLIANCE MUSEUM: Closed until May 2024: 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

Syl's Info Column - March 2024

Alliance and Area Senior Information

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

Regular gatherings are on Tuesdays & Thursdays 1-4pm in the Library Basement.

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

TOP SENIOR NEWS

Anyone interested in a garage sale this Spring? Please call Dale for more info. 780-781-0053

SENIORS FIRST

Donna Coombs: Senior programs and information 780-679-4191 (Leave a message) seniorsfirst@outlook.com

SENIOR'S CHOICES

Flagstaff and Camrose Family & Community Support want to tell you about a new program called Senior's CHOICES/Nav-CARE. It's about helping lower income seniors in our rural communities. We want them to keep living in their own home

We will be offering volunteer home support services such as in-home visitations, meal and pharmaceutical delivery, lawn care, yard work, snow removal, and minor home maintenance. Anyone can refer.

We're also looking for men and women from each community in the county who can give 1 to 1.5 hours of their time (can be seasonal) every couple of week. You provide the muscle and we'll provide the equipment.

If you're up for it and want to lend a hand to your neighbours, please call Holly Bovencamp at (780) 673-1492 or Maria Lobreau at (780) 672-0141

Let's all come together as a community and make sure our seniors can stay where they want to be, right at home. Your help can brighten their day!

Alliance United Church

Spring has sprung. Will your faith blossom?

Join us on Sunday mornings at 10am to help your spirits bloom!

April Worship Leaders

April 7: Betty Stoner
April 14: Dell Wickstrom & Dale Jones
April 21: Jayne Odegard
April 28: Roger Spady

ALL ARE WELCOME.

Services starts at 10 am on Sunday, followed by fellowship and food downstairs!! Sunday School starts half way through the service. allianceunitedchurch@gmail.com / 780-879-2173
FB/Messenger - "Alliance United Church"

May 4 & 5 Town Wide Garage Sale, Table are available to rent Contact

Dale Lambden at 780-781-0053.

