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ALIX TELEGRAPH

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BIG CITY CRIME IN A SMALL TOWN

Armed robberies, home invasions, assaults, children being arrested in school, fatal shootings outside of town.

These are not the kind of things we expect to hear going on in our small little slice of paradise, but the truth is that between 2012 and 2016, the Village of Alix has seen a 400% increase in crime, according to a report from the Bashaw RCMP.

The RCMP have seen this exponential rise in crime across all of Alberta.

Bashaw RCMP responded to 160 calls for police services in 2012. By 2016, that number had increased to 1600.

However, Bashaw RCMP Sergeant Bruce Holiday says,

“It’s not all doom and gloom because we have a plan. We have a number of initiatives.”

Those initiatives include making officers more visible in their communities, mapping all of the surveillance cameras in the area, and by educating the public on what they can do to help themselves.

The RCMP tells residents of small communities NOT to leave their keys in their vehicles. Too often people leave their doors unlocked, and their keys in their vehicles, in an effort to encourage robbers to stay out of their homes. RCMP say this will not deter someone who has their mind set on entering your home, but instead entices criminals to come to a town they see as ripe for the picking. Most vehicle robbers will try a vehicle, and

when they find that it is locked, will leave it for an easier option. A bad guy who wants to enter your home will probably not even try your vehicle.

The best thing you can do, if you are able, is to get a security system. Criminals who see a security camera, or a security box by the door, will often leave for easier targets.

Some websites you can visit for more information and to become a part of the solution are:

www.albertacrimeprevention.com

www.solgps.alberta.ca

www.ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca

If you see anything, report it! If you don’t report it to the RCMP, they can’t report it to the Federal government. For non-emergencies, call: 780-372-3793.

FAMILY DAY ACTIVITIES

Family Day is February 19th!

Activities will take place on Main Street, by the Alix Lake entrance.

12 - 1:30 Hot Dogs & Hot Chocolate (Sponsored By Servus Credit Union)

12 - 3 Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides (Sponsored by the Alix

Lions Club)

12-3:30 Stay warm and Roast Marshmallows!

2 pm Family Sliding Derby Make your own sled! In order to win, your sled must make it down the hill first carrying one (1) or more persons. Good luck!

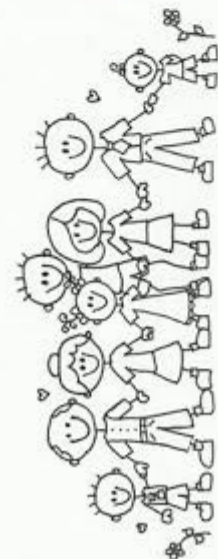
SITTING IS THE NEW SMOKING

Winter Walk Day is a province wide initiative to get Albertans up and moving during the winter months.

Winter Walk Day celebrates our Alberta winters, while promoting the year round health benefits of walking.

Wednesday February 7th

Happy Family Day



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Feb 1 - Wilbur Blomgren,
Maureen O'Connor, Loretta
Tensen, Jim Barclay, Cory
Brayford

Feb 2 - Barry Gillert, Rose
Richardson, Devon Mehle

Feb. 3 - John Blackport

Feb 4 - Bill Russell, Amber
Russell, Ashley Russell

Feb 5 - Terry Fehr

Feb 7 - Hans Butz, Rachel
Duffin, Emily Tensen

Feb 12 - Sheila Smith

Feb 14 - Pam Spearing, Rob
Waddy

Feb 16 - Neil Gilliat

Feb 17 - Earl Slack

Feb 19 - Carmen Cattelier

Feb 20 - Doug Humphrey

Feb 24 - Tom Maynard, Holly
Buelow,

Feb 25 - Violet Leitch-
Andrews

Feb 26 - Alyssa Waddy

Feb 27 - Dan Dumont, Betty
Priegnitz



What is the oldest book in the world?

The earliest writings of humankind were on clay tablets, and were probably only administrative lists.

The first written story that has come down to us is The Epic of Gilgamesh.

It is a mythologized account of an historical figure named Gilgamesh, a ruler of the Sumerian city-state of Uruk, and it is believed to have been written around 2100 BC.

The oldest book ever printed in English is The Recuyell of the Histories of Troye, a 540-year-old book that has sold at auction for more than 1 million euros.

The oldest surviving printed book in the world is at the British Library. The Diamond Sutra, which bears the date 868 AD, was found in a walled-up cave in Dunhuang, north-west China, in 1907.

ALIX ARENA

Come on down to the Alix Arena for the best winter activities!

Public Skate:

Fridays - 3:30 - 4:45 PM

Sunday 12 - 1 PM

Shinny:

Fridays - 7 - 8:30 PM

WE WANT YOUR JUNK AGAIN!

The Friends of the Alix Public Library Society are preparing for their 3rd annual Canada Day Yard Sale, and we want your gently used yard sale type items.

In 2016, you helped us raise over **\$320**, and last year, we raised over **\$480!!!**

All of this is possible because

of your donations. So while you're doing your spring cleaning, remember how much one little item can help your community.

We will pick up for free! Call or text Amie @ 403.505.8771.

Please no large, heavy furniture or appliances, and no old TV's.

All proceeds go to the Friends. To join: fotapls@outlook.com

BAND NEWS...

Congratulations to the Recorder, Beginner, Junior, and Senior Concert Bands for their outstanding performances at the Alix MAC Christmas Concerts on December 20, 2017!! Well done, students!

A huge THANK YOU to Lorrie Mattie for your generous donation to the band program.

This month each band is working on playing tests and theory sheets demonstrating their musical knowledge and skill learned so far. Elementary music classes are focusing on singing songs and more rhythm instrument

playing for beat and rhythm.

Second semester is just around the corner and Junior Band will see a new group of students starting on their instruments.

Thank you to our staff, students, parents and community members for all your continued support! Much appreciated!

Mrs. JoAnne Henry Band Director



LIBRARY NEWS

Feb. 9 - PD Day Movie, 12 pm @ Community Hall - showing "Aladdin"

Feb. 13 - Valentines Day Crafts

Feb. 15 - Coffee & Computers w/Laura

Feb. 20 - Board Meeting 6:30 pm @ Library

Feb. 23 - PD Day Movie, 12 pm @ Community Hall - showing "A Goofy Movie"

NEW & NOTABLE

Come in and get your FREE library card and start enjoying the benefits.

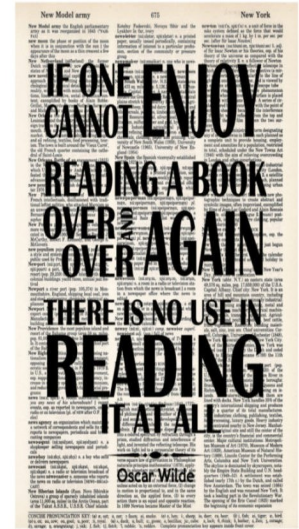
Books, movies, music, free computers, printing, audio-books, and e-services. Come in and get all your questions answered, and your free card.

ARRIVING THIS MONTH: FICTION:

- Dark in Death, J.D. Robb
Heart Sight, Robin D. Owens
Immortally Yours, Lynsay Sands
The Color of Love, Sharon Sala
Devil in Tartan, Julia London

FOR KIDS:

- Arlo Finch in the Valley of Fire, John August



P.O.P.S PLAY GROUP

Join us Monday mornings in Mirror @ Living Truth Christian School, and Wednesdays in Clive @ Clive Baptist Church. Both 9:30 AM - 11:30AM.

We are open the same days as the local schools. If the schools are closed, we are closed.

For more info, contact Chantal @ 587.679.4521.

BINGO

Join us for BINGO at the Alix Drop In Centre.

Coffee, Tea & Cookies: \$1 Small prizes for winners!

Tuesday, February 13th



VALENTINES DAY DINNER & DANCE

Live entertainment, food, and drinks!

Date: February 10th

Time: Cocktails - 6 pm Dinner - 7 pm Entertainment: 8:30

Place: Alix Community Hall

Cost: \$40/person, table of 8 \$300

Tickets available at the Village Office.

Last day to purchase - Feb 1st

TOPS WEIGHT LOSS GROUP

Looking to shed those pesky pounds in the new year? The Alix TOPS group is a healthy, peer-based group that will help you succeed!

For more information contact Della Mae Thull @ 403.747.3354.

TOPS meets every Thursday morning @ 8:45 AM.

THE LIONS OF LUCERNE BY BRAD THOR

On the snowy Utah slopes, thirty Secret Service agents are viciously executed and the vacationing president of the United States kidnapped, seemingly by the Fatah, a lethal terrorist organization in the Middle East.

But Scot Harvath, surviving agent and ex-Navy SEAL, doesn't believe the Fatah is responsible.

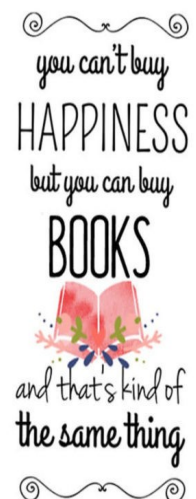
A shadowy coalition comprises some of the highest-ranking officials in government and business - men who operate above the law, realize the threat Scot poses to their hidden agenda, and will do anything to stop him.

Framed for murder and on the run, Scot takes to the towering mountains of Switzerland with beautiful Claudia Mueller of

the Swiss Federal Attorney's Office.

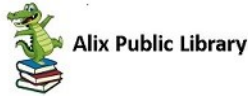
They brave subzero temperatures and sheer heights of treacherous Mount Pilatus, and the den of notorious professional killers.

Visit the Alix Public Library to pick up your copy today.



ALIX & DISTRICT COMMUNITY

Alix Agricultural Society			403-747-2240
Alix & District Chamber of Commerce	Curt Peterson		403-357--9933
Alix Bottle Depot		Mon., Tues., Wed., Sat. 11-5 pm	403-747-2794
Alix Community Hall	To Book:		Contact Staff at Home Hardware
	Any other concerns:	Dave Dewald	403-350-5189
		Gord Christensen	403-747-3228
Alix Curling Club		Krystal Sorum	403-747-2285
Alix Drop In Centre		Everyone Welcome!	Mon. - Sat. 1:00-3:00 pm
Alix Evangelical Free Church		4619 Lake Street	Sunday School 10 am Sunday Service 11 am
Alix Family, Community & Support Society (FCSS)	Glenna Carlson		403-747-2031
	Deb		403-350-8548
Alix Figure Skating Club		Marcy Henry	403-391-3111
Alix Fire Department		Darren Hiron	403-505-3215
Alix Food Bank		Glenna Carlson	403-350-4079
		Jill Hillman	403-588-5199
Alix Girl Guide Groups		Gale Richardson	403-788-3835
Alix Lions Club		Curt Peterson	403-747-2584
Alix MAC School			403-747-2778
Alix Minor Hockey		Blane Friesen	403-597-3068
Alix Playground Society		Darlene Tucker	403-747-3129
Alix Preschool		Jill Hillman	403-747-2099
Alix Public Library		Terry Holdstock	403-747-3233
Alix Recreation		Chelsie Currier	403-747-2221 403-318-4520
Alix Trophy Club		Tim Docherty	403-741-6899
Alix United Church	Sunday Service 9:30 am, Minister: Amy		403-598-0746
		Mueller DLM	pastoramy@zoho.com
Alix United Church Women		Jean McDermand	403-747-2347
Alix Village Shoppe		Deidra Bagshaw	403-506-5662
Alix Wagon Wheel Museum		Donna Peterson	403-747-2584
Alix Youth Centre		Janene Anderson	403-747-2221
ANTS (Alix Nature Trail Society)		Arlene Nelson	403-318-4520
Bibs to Bookbags Childcare			403-754-5248
Community Services Board		Glenna Carlson	403-747-2031
Haunted Lakes Golf Club			403-747-2330
Haunted Lakes Pony Club		Peter Van Elmpt	vanelmptpeter@icloud.com 403-348-4563
	New Members Aged 6-21 Welcome!		info@canadianponyclub.org
Ripley Community Hall		Brenda Barritt	403-742-9827
Stanton Community Hall		Mel McBride	403-747-2220
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)		Della Mae Thull	Alix Community Hall Thurs. 9:30 am 403-747-3354
Waste Transfer Station (Dump) Hours			Thurs., Fri., & Sat. 10-6 pm



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LEARNING,
ENTERTAINING,
CREATING,
DO IT ALL AT THE LIBRARY.

The Alix Public Library would like to thank the Village of Alix Office and Staff for graciously printing this Newsletter. It is very much appreciated.

The Alix Public Library has served the community for 100+ years. We are constantly looking for ways to improve our ability to help our patrons. If you have any ideas, programs or courses you would like to see here at the library please let us know.

You can follow us on Facebook as well at www.facebook.com/alixtelegraph.

Hours: Tuesday 10:00 - 4:00
Thursday 2:00 - 8:00
Saturday 10:00 - 4:00

Newsletters are available at:

The Alix Public Library, Village Shoppe, Village Office, Potluck Cafe, The Drop In Centre, The Pantry, Post Office, Alix Hotel, Alix Foods, Lori's Little Luxuries and Alix Home Hardware.

Online Copies available @ alixpublic.prl.ab.ca/about-us/newsletters

To have an event, birthday, anniversary, meeting, etc. added to the newsletter please contact the Library or Amie Saunders with your information.

WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!

The Friends of the Alix Public Library would like to thank everyone who volunteered for the library and library events last year. The Friends Society alone had 107 volunteers clocking 917 hours!!

The volunteers in this community have been absolutely outstanding, and you deserve as much credit as anyone for your efforts. You are the only reason we are able to be successful at events like the Beer Tasting, and the George Canyon concert.

If you would like to join the Friends of the Alix Public Library Society, and have more of a say in what events we do, and where the money goes, please request an application at fotapls@outlook.com or leave your information at the library.

VALENTINES CRAFT

Join us at the Alix Public Library for a free Valentine's Day craft for all ages.

This craft is a part of our new program called RECYCLE REDUCE REBOOK, where we are attempting to make good use of all the old books that no one wants, by turning them into decorations and useful items.

We will be making Book Page Paper Flowers. Make a bouquet to give to your book loving sweetie.



Thursday
February 8th
3 PM - 6 PM

2018 ALIX CUTTER POKER RALLY

February 11th

Registration - 10:30 AM - NOON

@ Alix Ag Grounds

Bonfire with Hot Chocolate & Hot Dogs
(sponsored by Alix Fire Department)

Saddle Horses Welcome

For more information call Floyd:

@ 403.350.3427

