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SPRINGTIME DANGERS THAT CAN AFFECT YOUR PETS

As the snow begins to melt, and we find ourselves doing more and more outdoor activities, there are some things pet owners may want to be aware of.

Weekend Warrior Syndrome

We're not the only one's out of shape after hibernating all winter. Don't expect your pets to be at their peak performance right away. To avoid sprains, and other injuries, re-introduce them slowly to their favourite activities with shorter runs, hikes, and swims.

Bugging Out

Warmer weather and longer days means lots of bugs. While it's important to keep your pets on heartworm, flea and tick preventatives year

round, doctors say it's essential during the warmer months when bugs are most prevalent. Don't forget to check your pet for ticks regularly.

Easter Basket Danger

Easter can be such a fun time for the kids and grandkids, but leaving those yummy chocolate eggs around can be deadly to animals. And that stringy colourful hay in the bottom of the baskets? Cats love to chew on it, and will eat it given the chance. This can result in horrible, and expensive, conditions like Twisted Stomach.

Fatal Temperatures

Make sure your pet doesn't overheat when playing outside by giving him plenty of access to fresh water, as well as a shady spot where he can take a break

from the sun. And never leave your pet unattended, even for a few minutes, in the car. Not only is it illegal, cars can also heat up rapidly in warm weather.

Leashes Save Lives

As much as we would like to think we know exactly what our dogs are thinking, we don't, and the unexpected can happen in an instant. Inspect your dogs leashes, harnesses, and collars. A small tear, or a loose fit, can mean the difference between life and death.

Breeding Ground For Trouble

Spring is mating season, and unfortunately, over 2.7 million cats and dogs will be euthanized this year because their owners didn't get them spayed or neutered. Be a responsible owner. Spay or neuter your pets!

Stay safe with your fur babies this spring!

LIBRARY EASTER EGG HUNT & BAKE SALE

Join us at the library for a fantastic afternoon of Easter crafts, pick up some delicious baked treats, and bring your kids out to hunt around the library for some sweet chocolate eggs!

All proceeds go to the Friends of the Alix Public Library Society.

When: Saturday March 31

Where: Alix Public Library

EGG HUNT **Noon - 1 PM**

BAKE SALE **10AM - 2PM**

CRAFTS **10AM - Noon**

& 1PM - 3PM



These events are brought to you from the volunteers of the Friends of the Alix Public Library Society.

If you would like to become a Friend of the Library, please email

fotapls@outlook.com or visit the Alix Public Library.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



- Mar. 2 - Margaret Reynolds
- Mar. 6 - Kay Peterson
- Mar. 7 - Gillian Gramlich
- Mar. 10 - Keyanna Blackport
- Mar. 14 - Jean McDermand, Jack Cumberland, Mitchell Clermont
- Mar. 16 - Anita Sutley
- Mar. 17 - Ramona Gartner, Jen Brown
- Mar. 18 - Michelle Guevremont
- Mar. 21 - Leigh Peirens
- Mar. 23 - Murray Menage
- Mar. 24 - Travis Peirens
- Mar. 26 - Tony Wilson
- Mar. 29 - Deanna & Lyle Patko

If we have missed anyone you think should have their birthday announced - Please let us know.



COFFEE & CONVERSATION AT THE

ALIX WAGON WHEEL MUSEUM

MARCH 15

7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

We invite you to the museum on Thursday March 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. to share your own musical talent, or just join in the fun.

Bring your own instrument, try playing the museum's violin, or pump organ, and enjoy listening to old 78 records on the phonograph.

Refreshments will be served.

FREE

ALL ARE WELCOME

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU!

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

BINGO!!!

Join us for BINGO at the Alix Drop In Centre.

Coffee, Tea & Cookies: \$1

Small prizes for winners!

Tuesday, March 13, 2018



NATURE TRAIL EGG HUNT

Walk the Alix Lake Nature Trail between March 29th and April 2nd and keep your eyes out for hidden painted eggs!

Crack them open for a special Easter surprise!

(All eggs are hollowed out chicken eggs, painted with non-toxic watercolour paint, and organic materials inside.)

LOSE WEIGHT THE HEALTHY WAY

Looking to shed some pounds before summer, but lacking motivation from friends and family?

Join T.O.P.S. right here in Alix and become a part of a group dedicated to helping each other through the Battle of the Bulge!

To Join, Call Della Mae @ 403.747.3354

INDOOR WALKING CLUB

Winter weather cutting into your exercise routine?

Come on down to the Alix Community Hall and walk where the weather won't get you down.

Thursdays

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Drop in anytime.

ORIGAMI CLASSES

Join us at the Alix Public Library every 2nd and 4th Thursday for FREE step-by-step Origami Classes!

This is a part of our Recycle Reduce ReBOOK program, where we try to repurpose unwanted books instead of just sending them to the recycle bin.

**Next Classes: March 8 & 22
Time: 3 - 6 PM**

LIBRARY NEWS

Mar. 9 - PD Day Movie, 12 pm @ Community Hall - showing "Dumbo"

Mar. 13 - Easter Crafts

Mar. 15 - Coffee & Computers w/Laura

Mar. 23 - PD Day Movie, 12 pm @ Community Hall - showing "The Lion King"

Mar. 27 - Board Meeting 6:30 pm @ Library

Mar. 31 - **Library Closed** for Easter Long Weekend

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:

Burn Bright, Patricia Briggs
Devil in Tartan, Julia London
Disappeared, C.J. Box

Hot and Badgered, Shelly Laurenston

If I Live, Terri Blackstock

The Rising Sea, Clive Cussler

The River House, Carla Neggers

Twice Bitten, Lynsay Sands

Woman Left Behind, Linda Howard

FOR KIDS:

Arlo Finch in the Valley of Fire, John August

With Your Paw in Mine, Jane Chapman

To keep informed, and share your experiences about the rising levels of crime in *Alix* and surrounding areas, join the Facebook page: *Alix And Area Crime Watch And Community Awareness.*

10 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE UNIVERSE

The universe is a pretty big place; so big, in fact, that our human minds cannot really even comprehend it's true size. Here are a few facts to help you wrap your head around it.

1. The universe is so big that it cannot be measured in mere kilometres, or leagues. It must be measured in LIGHT YEARS. A light year is about 9.5 trillion kilometres, or 5.9 trillion miles.

2. Around 275 million stars are born every day!

3. You think you're old? Initial estimates put the age of The Universe between 13, and 14, BILLION years old! But recent missions to space have fine tuned that estimate with incredible accuracy, and we now know that The Universe is 13.8242 billion years old, plus or minus a few million years.

4. The Earth is 93 million miles from the Sun. To put it in perspective, if you were to 'drive' there non-stop at 60 mph, it would take you 177 years. Though, you would burn up long before then.

5. The universe is actually getting bigger as you read this. In 1998, the Hubble Space Telescope studied very distant supernovas, and found that, a long time ago, the universe was expanding more slowly than it is today. This puzzling discovery suggested that an inexplicable force, called dark energy, is driving the accelerating expansion of the universe. Crazy!

6. The universe is full of invisible stuff. The stars, planets, and galaxies, that can be detected make up only 4 % of the universe. The other 96 % is made up of substances that cannot be seen, or easily comprehended.

7. There may be more than just one Universe! The idea that we live in a multi-verse, in which our universe is but one of many, comes from a theory called eternal inflation, which suggests that, shortly after the Big Bang, space expanded at different rates in different places. According to the theory, this gave rise to 'bubble universes' that could function with their own separate laws of physics!

8. If you could taste it, the center of our Universe would probably taste like raspberries, and would probably smell like rum, based on studies of the dust found there, and the amino acids present.

9. There is a gas cloud in the Constellation of Aquila that holds enough alcohol to make over 400 trillion pints of beer. Discovered in 1995, this constellation is 1000 times bigger than our solar system.

10. An exoplanet called Gliese

436b is known as The Planet Of Burning Ice! Now, everyone knows there's no way that ice can exist at more than four times its boiling temperature. But Gliese 436b has the remarkable ability to defy everything you know about the predictability of matter. The gravity on the planet is so powerful that it compresses all of the water vapor in the atmosphere, and pushes it together into a solid, forming a thick layer over the entire planet of what scientists call "ice ten." The result is kind of like the ice we have here on Earth, except it would do absolutely nothing for a warm soda, and holding a hunk of it in your hand would require you to get a new hand!

Come on out and discover more incredible things like these at the library!

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.

WE WANT YOUR JUNK!

The Friends of the Alix Public Library are planning their 3rd Annual Canada Day Yard Sale, and they need your help to make it a success!

If you have any unwanted household items, any clothes, kitchen items, decorations, toys, tools, movies, books, yard items, anything at all that can be sold at a yard sale, and you would like to donate it to our sale, we will come and pick it all up! The only items we cannot accept are large TV's, large furniture (sectionals, beds), and large appliances (refrigerators, stoves).

In 2016, you helped us raise over \$320, and in 2017, we raised over \$480!!!

PLEASE call or text to donate, and we will pick up!

AMY @ 403.505.8771

ALIX RECREATION ACTIVITES

Calling All Seniors

Date: March 7th

Time: 1 pm - 2 pm

Place: Alix Youth Centre

Learn about your smart phone.

PD Day Movie

Date: March 9th

Time: 12 pm

Place: Alix Community Hall

We will be showing Dumbo

Heathy Cooking Class

Date: March 21st

Time: 1 pm - 3 pm

Place: Alix Youth Centre

Call: 403.318.4520 only 10 spots avail.

PD Day Movie

Date: March 23rd

Time: 12 pm

Place: Alix Community Hall

We will be showing The Lion King

MOVING MATTERS

Including Physical Activity In Your Day

A Free Educational Workshop

This class is for people who are looking to learn more about physical activity and how to add more to your day.

In this workshop, you will learn:

- benefits and barriers to getting active
- tips on how to increase your physical activity
- how to set personal activity goals

Where: Alix Youth Centre

When: Wednesday March 14 2018

Time: 9:30 AM - Noon

You must register through AB Healthy Living Program @ 1.877.314.6997