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# ALIX TELEGRAPH

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## HAPPY THANKSGIVING ALIX!

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: "I am blind, please help."

There were only a few coins in the hat.

A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were.

The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?"

The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way." I wrote: "Today is a beautiful day but I cannot see it."

Both signs told people that the boy was blind. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind. The second sign told people that they were so lucky that they were not blind. Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective?

Moral of the Story: Be thankful for what you have. Be creative. Be innovative.

Think differently and positively. When life gives you a 100 reasons to cry, show life that you have 1000 reasons to smile. Face your past without regret. Handle your present with confidence. Prepare for the future without fear. Keep the faith and drop the fear.

The most beautiful thing is to see a person smiling. And even more beautiful, is knowing that you are the reason behind it!

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

- Author Unknown

## VILLAGE OF ALIX & RAHR MALTING PRESENT OKTOBERFEST

October 7th @ Alix Community Hall

Put on your lederhosen and come out to the 1st Alix Oktoberfest. Enjoy an authentic German Buffet, excellent beer and live entertainment.

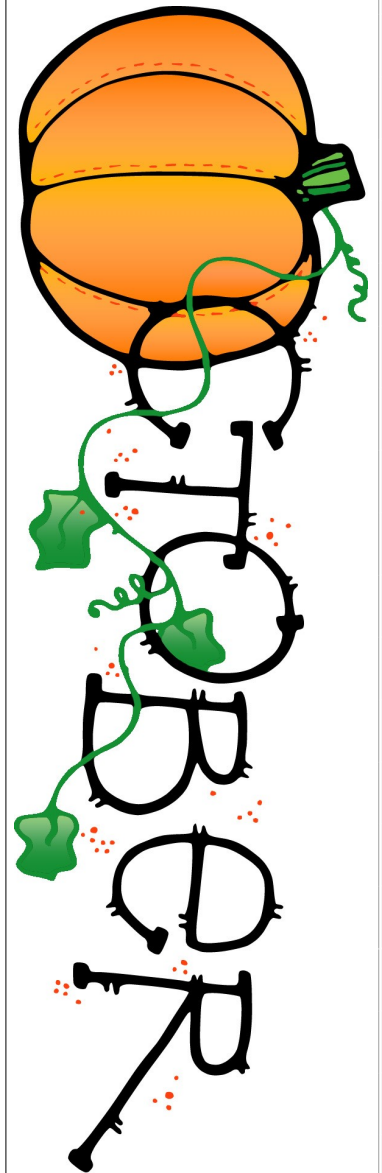
Tickets are \$30/person,

\$60/couple or \$240 for a table of 8.

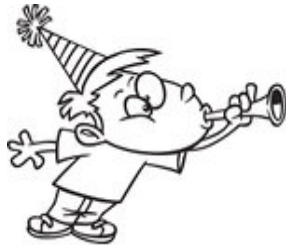
Your ticket includes: German Buffet, Samples of several beers PLUS 2 Beer tickets for the beer flavour of your choice., as well as the Bavarian Schuhplatters to entertain you.

Doors open @ 5:00, German Feast @ 6:00 and entertainment @ 7:30.

Tickets can be purchased at Alix Village Office, Alix Home Hardware, Alix Shoppes, Moonwalkers & Potluck Café - CASH Only.



## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



October 1	Trish Verveda, Ross Slattery, Claude Cote	Aldric Catellier, Miranda Bagshaw, Finley Wipf	October 20	Pierre Catellier, Wade Zurflul, Norma Clark	
October 2	Whitney Knight, Carol Sorum, James Sargent	October 10	Neil & Megan Simon	October 22	Mike Guynup
October 3	Jeanna Brayford, Barb Gilliat	October 11	Dallas Whitford, Brent & Amie Priegnitz (10 Years)	October 23	Mitch Menage
October 5	Makinley Fehr, Martin Brunner, Easton Sauer	October 12	Shelby Santee	October 26	Nico Dekoning, Parker Asuchak
October 6	Melissa Fletcher, Jim Middlemiss, Scott McPherson, Marlene Ryan	October 13	Alister Allan, Alister & Linda Allan,	October 27	Jessica Mulder, Cruze Wipf
October 7	Riley Phillips	October 14	Nancy Waddy	October 28	Deb McNeal
October 8	Dennis Wilton,	October 18	Angie Wipf	October 30	Shelley Peters
				October 31	Bernd Priegnitz

### BOOK CLUBS

The Classic Book Club meets October 6th at 7 PM at the Library.

Alix Book Club meets October 27th at 7 PM at the Library.

Both clubs are free and everyone is welcome.

We encourage first timers to come and see if they like it.

### VILLAGE NEWS

A reminder to manufactured home residents to ensure your heat tapes are working and adequate insulation is placed to your water meter.

The Campground and Day Use Area will remain open until the end of September.

### DANCE CLUB

Are you looking for a healthy, fun after-school program for your kids?

Alix Dance Club offers an array of classes for many ages and levels!

Check them out on Facebook or at their website [www.alixdanceclub.com](http://www.alixdanceclub.com)

Get your kids moving today!

### WINTER IS COMING

Coats for Kids begins in October. Please drop off gently used coats at the FCSS office.

During this month of family dinners and getting together, lets not forget that some are less fortunate. Alix FCSS is always accepting non-perishable food donations for the needy.

Open: Tues & Thurs 9 AM - 3 PM

*F.E.A.R has two meanings.*

*Forget Everything  
And Run*

*Or*

*Face Everything  
And Rise*

### TRADE & CRAFT SHOW

Western Financial Group is hosting their 6th Annual Trade & Craft Show!

Proceeds from food sales and table fees will be donated to local charities. This year they are asking the community for their thoughts. Please share any local charities (Clive/Alix area) that could benefit from a little donation!

Also they are looking for a group with a lottery license to come run a 50/50 draw!

There are still a few tables available if any vendors are interested.

November 3rd 4-8 PM @ Clive Hall. For more information or to book a table, call Stacey MacDougall @ 587-877-2937.

### TEEN DANCE

Friday October 28th  
Halloween Dance

@ Alix Community Hall

### YOUTH CENTRE

The Alix Youth Centre is open for kids every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 PM - 6 PM. Come on down for some fun activities and more!

## LIBRARY NEWS

Oct. 4 & 6: Thanksgiving craft for the kids. FREE

Oct. 6: Classic Book Club Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. Downstairs at the library FREE

Oct. 8 The Library will be CLOSED for the holiday

Oct. 18 Alix Library Board Meeting @ 6:30

Oct. 20 @ 10 - 12, Coffee & Computers with Laura FREE

Oct. 27. @ 7:00 p.m. Book Club Meeting - downstairs. FREE

Oct. 25, 27, & 29: Halloween craft for kids. FREE

You can now check out the Alix Telegraph on Facebook @ [www.facebook.com/alixtelegraph/](http://www.facebook.com/alixtelegraph/)

October is Library Month, to celebrate it pay your library fines with an equivalent food donation.

## NEW AND NOTABLE SHELF FOR THE KIDS

Dork Diaries: Tales From a Not-So-Friendly Frenemy, Rachel Renee Russell

The Hammer of Thor, Rick Riordan

## ADULTS

Closer to the Heart, Mercedes Lackey

Cometh the Hour, Jeffery Archer

Crimson Death, Laurell K. Hamilton

Family Sins, Sharon Sala

Saving Jake, Sharon Sala

Small Great Things, Jodi Picoult

*“Even if you’re on the right track, you’ll get run over if you just sit there.”*

*-Will Rogers*

## BOOK REVIEW - MIDNIGHT RIOT BY BEN AARONOVITCH

This is the first book in a series starring Constable Peter Grant, a young officer of mixed race living and working in London, England. Peter hopes to become a detective in the MET but when it is discovered that he can detect and even speak with ghosts he is assigned to work with DCI Thomas Nightingale. Nightingale is the head of a one man unit (with Grant making it a 2 man unit) investi-

gating crimes involving magic and unexplainable manifestations.

In this debut novel, the unit is called upon to find out why previously law abiding persons begin to murder strangers, and even their family members. Who or what is behind these bizarre actions, which leave the perpetrator dead and without a face?

Grant is apprenticed to Nightingale to work alongside him and learn magic. He meets a host of other worldly characters including the ghost of a past magistrate, and Mother and Father Thames (who are involved with their own territorial war) all whilst trying to stop this rise in magic and evil.

Written with British wit and references made to London's

past, this book is a different take on the usual murder-mystery books out there. A lighter choice for Halloween.

There are so far 6 books in this, 'The Rivers of London' series.

Check out one today from our wonderful library system.

Written By: Tracey Billson

## PIONEERS &amp; PROGRESS

Johnny McCutcheon, my father, homesteaded in Pleasant Valley in 1899. He had nothing but the clothes he stood in when he left home. I believe he worked for a Scotch couple, the McFarlanes, who lived along Haynes Creek.

Proving up was done the hard way, batching in a single board shack, clearing land

with an axe and elbow grease, and breaking with a walking plow. But in August of 1902, the quarter became his. Two years later he married Agnes Hall. She had come as a girl with her family from Nottingham, England where they worked in the lace mills, to Winnipeg where Granddad Hall and eldest son Dick worked in the C.P.R.

shops.... Then they came west and homesteaded.

I've often wondered how they and other city-reared people coped with the loneliness, and the backbreaking work necessary to exist; not to mention the hordes of mosquitos in the wet years (they were so bad, grown men were known to sit down

and weep when hunting for stock in the dense bush).

From Pioneers & Progress, Alix-Clive Historical Club, 1974

For more anecdotes and information on the Alix Wagon Wheel Museum, visit [alixwagonwheelmuseum.wordpress.com](http://alixwagonwheelmuseum.wordpress.com)

## BAND NEWS—ALIX MAC SCHOOL

The Alix MAC Band Program is up and running again this year with strong numbers in all 4 bands: Recorder, Beginner, Junior and Senior. We are looking forward to a great year of learning new music and sharing it in our concert performances. We are very fortunate to continue offering music study as we are the only remaining full band program in the Wolf Creek jurisdiction. Thank you students, parents, community and administration!

We began the school year with our Rental Night with 53rd Street Music coming out and renting instruments to our Junior and Senior band students. Instruments owned by the Band Society were then presented to the Beginner Band who will be renting them for the entire school year. Thank you, parents and Band Society, for making it possible for students to learn a musical instrument!

The Band Society also has wonderful news to report: Karen Grose, on behalf of the band parents, applied for the Dow Chemical Canada DowGives grant for the band program and we were awarded \$4945.00 to purchase new instruments for our band students!! Many of our instruments were purchased as early as 1984 and need to be retired. A HUGE THANK YOU to Karen for all the time and effort she put in to submit the information needed to receive this grant. Please see the school website for a full write up.

Our 'Mom's Pantry' fundraiser will be starting October 6, 2016 and continuing until mid November. Items may be ordered through a band student or school. The funds received from this fundraiser purchases music, technique books, reeds, valve oil, accessories and transportation costs for performances. Please consider supporting the band program through this fundraiser and THANK YOU.

Mrs. JoAnne Henry - Band Director

## OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

The Alix MAC grade 12 class of the 2015-2016 year is having their Graduation on October 1, 2016 at the Lacombe Memorial Centre. If you see any of our wonderful grad in their graduation finery please congratulate them on a job well done.

On October 20th the Alix MAC School is hosting there awards ceremonies. If you know any of the students receiving awards, remember to congratulate them for all their hard work.



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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/alixlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/alixlibrary).

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 Pantry, Post Office, Alix Hotel, Moonwalkers, Alix Foods, Lori's Little Luxuries and Alix Home Hardware.

Online Copies available @ [alixpublic.prl.ab.ca/about-us/newsletters](http://alixpublic.prl.ab.ca/about-us/newsletters)

**You can now stay up to date during the month by visiting our Facebook page @ [www.facebook.com/alixtelegraph/](http://www.facebook.com/alixtelegraph/)**

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

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## INTERESTED IN FIBRE OPTIC RESIDENTIAL INTERNET IN ALIX?

Did you know that Xplornet has bought out Platinum Communications, limiting our internet choice to only them?! It doesn't have to be that way.

More than a decade ago, Axia and the Government of Alberta partnered to create Alberta's SuperNet – a reliable, fibre network that connects urban centres and rural Albertans with each other and the world.

Today, Axia continues to operate the SuperNet and is committed to delivering world-class quality, connectivity, and choice to communities in rural Alberta.

AxiaFibreNet is an Alberta company that is looking for 40 new Alberta communities to make the switch to Fibre Optic residential internet.

Incredible speeds, unlimited data, no outages or delays due to weather guaranteed!

In order for Axia to put the effort and money into building the network and laying the cable, they want to see interest from 30% of the community.

This plan would cost Axia and it's taxpayers nothing! All we would pay is our monthly fees (\$59/25mbps, \$79/50mbps, \$99/100mbps)

We shouldn't have to suffer the slow, unreliable speeds and uninterested customer service of Xplornet and now we don't have to!

To add your name and address to their list, go to **[www.axia.com/alberta](http://www.axia.com/alberta)**

This will not sign you up for their service. It is only to give them an idea of how many people in Alix want affordable, reliable, fast internet service.

Fast internet speeds are important. In order to keep up with schools in bigger cities like Red Deer and Edmonton, we need to be able to offer our children the same

online capabilities so they can connect with the world and reach their goals.

This is the same internet service that the Alix Public Library runs on. Come on down to sample our lightning fast speed. You will never want to go back to regular "high" speed internet.

Let's bring our beautiful, growing community into the 21st century. Vulcan, AB already made the switch. Let's be next!

