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SNOW MOULD & HOW IT MIGHT MAKE YOU SICK

Been feeling under the weather lately? Always seem to have a cold? You're not alone, and it could be from a fungus caused by melting snow, called Snow Mould.

The fungus is completely dormant in the warm, summer months, and it won't grow in winter either, because the frozen, dry winter air prevents it from being able to replicate.

The mold starts to affect grass, and other plants during the gradual spring warming. Brief warm weather spells that cause snow to melt, give the fungus the moisture it needs to survive and flourish.

You can see the damage it causes after the snow has melted, in small patches of dead grass. Even farmer's

fields are subject to this mold. The fungus varies in colour, from pink to grey and appears as webs or small black spots that look like ash.

The damage to your lawn is mostly superficial. A bottle of fertilizer will usually give your grass the boost it needs to overcome the fungus.

However, the fungal spores can trigger asthma attacks and allergies in humans, and in animals.

Most cases can be solved with an over the counter antihistamine, but it's best to check with a medical professional before taking any medication.

The fungal spores move through the air, making it difficult to avoid a snow mould induced allergy attack, but avoiding large piles of

snow can help, as that is where the mold will be the strongest.

You can also make sure to remove all lawn debris and garbage, and keep your grass short prior to a snowfall.

Allergy sufferers can install an air filter on their bedroom window, or just keep their window closed.

If you must do yardwork during the spring, an allergen mask should be used to avoid inhaling mould particles.

Breaking down snowbanks to reduce the moisture mould needs to survive is also proactive.

Luckily, it won't stick around forever. The warm spring air is coming in, and it will dry up the fungus, and we can enjoy the summer!

hello april

ALIX MAC BOOK FAIR

Alix MAC School will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair!

Where: Alix MAC School

When: April 20 - 27

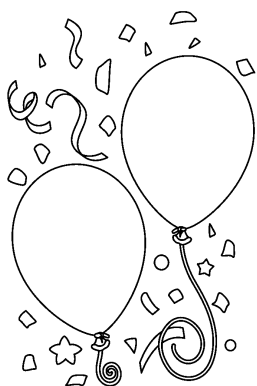
Open: 12:15 - 1:00 pm & 3 - 3:30 pm each day & 3:30 - 7:30 pm on April 26.

Proceeds of the sales will go towards the School Library.

Our goal is to put a new book in the hands of every student. There will also be an opportunity to donate a book to a classroom. Hope to see you there!



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



- Apr. 2 - Raye Meyn
- Apr. 3 - Kevin Doran
- Apr. 4 - George Switner
- Apr. 7 - Clarence Verveda
- Apr. 10 - Marie Koch
- Apr. 15 - Chris Schultz
- Apr. 16 - Jonathan Verveda
- Apr. 17 - Chelsey Stanyer
- Apr. 22 - Shona Holman, Sid Morris
- Apr. 23 - Michael Verveda
- Apr. 24 - Scott Sutley, Martin

- Brayford
- Apr. 25 - Brent Priegnitz
- Apr. 28 - Curtis Stauffer

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



MUSICAL AFTERNOON

Foothills Brass is coming to Alix MAC School to present

"The Building Blocks of Music"

When: April 11

Time: 11:15 AM

Parents and community are welcome!

NEW BUSINESS!

YE OLD NOOK
 (the old Harron's Nest building, on Main St)

Antiques
 Collectables
 Leather & Bead Work
 Sewing Machine Repairs
 & More

POST OFFICE

Just a reminder that the Post Office will be closed on Good Friday & Easter.

Come in and grab some of our new Flower stamps, as well as our Canada 150 coin collection.

Please make sure you only put mail in the drop box, and not flyers, junk mail, or garbage. Tampering with mail is a Federal crime.

COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFASTS

Join us for a community pancake breakfast!

April 9th @ Alix Drop In Centre 9 AM - Noon

April 23rd @ Alix Community Hall 9 AM - Noon

NEW BUSINESS!

Tattoo Shop

FREE MOVIE!

The Village of Alix, and the Alix Public Library present:
 Disney's Lady & the Tramp
 When: April 7
 Time: 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM
 Where: Alix Community Hall
FREE POPCORN!
 All ages welcome!

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB

Here, there be dragons.....
 Join us for an epic adventure!
 Play as a sneaky Rogue, a powerful Warrior, or a spellcasting Wizard!
 When: April 22
 11 AM—3 PM
 Where: Alix Public Library
 All ages, new players welcome.

BINGO!

Join us for an afternoon of Bingo at the Alix Drop In Centre.
 When: (FIRST MONDAY) April 3rd
 Time: 1 PM (about 2 hrs)
 Cost: Free
 2 Cards / 6 Games
 Fun & New prizes to be won!
 Free Coffee, Tea & Cookies

LIBRARY NEWS

Come out and enjoy doing a Easter craft, free - April 13th

The Library will be closed April 15th in celebration of Easter.

April 20 - Coffee & Computers with Laura at a new time: 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

NEW & NOTABLE

ARRIVING THIS MONTH:

FICTION:

Any Day Now, Robyn Carr

Garden of Lamentations, Deborah Crombie

One Perfect Lie, Lisa Scottoline

War Cry, Wilbur Smith

FOR KIDS:

Dragonwatch: a Fablehaven Novel - Brandon Mull

Lego Batman Movie - Choose your own adventure.

Recess Warriors: Hero is a Four Letter Word, Marcus Emerson

DVD's

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them

Harry and Snowman

Queen of Katwe

If you have an idea for what the library should order, please let me know.

~ Terry



"JUST THINK OF IT AS IF YOU'RE READING A LONG TEXT-MESSAGE."

THE LAST OF THE CURLEWS BY FRED BOSWORTH

I finished this short little book last night. What a little gem.

So many thoughts came to mind reading it and I learnt a lot concerning flight, and the arduous life of migrating birds.

The book has story chapters interspersed with updates from bird protection, and scientific societies recording how this once abundant bird

had been slaughtered to possible extinction in the later half of the 19th century.

The art work was good, but I would have liked a map showing the journey of the Eskimo Curlew, and the areas of trade winds, and ocean currents.

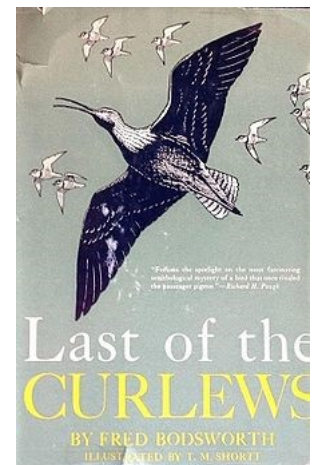
Otherwise, a real little gem which is getting a 5 out of 5 from me, based on others of its genre.

Good writing, informative and engaging.

A powerful, if simple, story of man's use of nature, and what happens when we lack respect for it.

Written By: Tracey Billson

Book Reviews are the opinion of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Alix Public Library, and it's Board.



ALIX BOOK CLUB

Join us for light discussion, a new book choice, yummy treats, wine and coffee/tea.

When: April 20th @ 7PM

Where: Alix Public Library

Book Club is free, and everyone is welcome. Come one, come all. (Minors must bring a parent or guardian as alcohol is present.)

Bring a book to elect as our next choice!

CLASSIC BOOK CLUB

Classic Book Club is currently reading Lorna Doone by R.D. Blackmore.

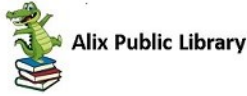
As a compliment to the book, the Classic Book Club will be viewing the DVD Lorna Doone. Come out and see a classic movie and join in the discussion to follow.

Next Meeting: March 2nd @ 6:30 PM @ Alix Public Library.

Join us for this free showing, free drinks and snacks.

BAND NEWS—ALIX MAC SCHOOL

A huge THANK YOU to the Alix MAC Band Society for sponsoring 103 band students to attend "Thursday Live" RDC performance on the main stage of the performing arts centre!! We enjoyed a variety of music style: soprano jazz singer, flute solo, tenor sax solo, french horn solo, RDC Jazz Combo, RDC wind ensemble, trombone duet and RDC Marimba Trio. It was a great musical hour of listening to high quality performances. Thank you to Mrs. Stoupe-Trigg, Mr. Boss, Miss Fowler and Miss Karis for your help with supervision - much appreciated!



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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

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

FINE ARTS GALA

The Alix MAC School is hosting their Annual Fine Arts Gala, showcasing the Recorder, Beginner, Junior and Senior Concert Bands, as well as student artwork.

When: Wednesday, May 3rd

Time: 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$5 (band students free)

Our guest performers will be Flat Iron Jazz! There will be light refreshments served at the end of all performances, and a 50/50 draw as well.

Everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy a spectacular evening celebrating Fine Arts at Alix MAC School!

BOOK CLUB MOVIE SHOWING

The Alix Book Club will be showing the movie version of the book LION, and we're inviting the entire community to come out and join us!

When: April 14th

Where: Alix Community Hall

Time: 7 PM

LION tells the story of Saroo, a five year old boy living in India, who gets lost on a train which takes him thousands of miles across India, away from home and family. Saroo must learn to survive alone in Kolkata, before ultimately being adopted by an Australian couple. Twenty-five years later, armed with only a handful of memories, his unwavering determination, and a revolutionary

technology known as Google Earth, he sets out to find his lost family and finally return to his first home.

LION is rated PG-13, and runs 2 hours.

