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WHAT MOTHER'S DAY IS LIKE WORLD WIDE

Mother's Day is an opportunity to express gratitude to our amazing mothers. Children traditionally show love to their moms by gifting flowers and cards to them.

While Mother's Day is a tradition recognized almost worldwide, it has deep origins in the United Kingdom.

Known then as Mothering Sunday, the history of celebrating Mothers Day can be traced back to medieval times when children from poor families were sent to work as domestic servants and apprentices to the richer noblemen and women. Once a year, these children were given a day off to visit their 'Mother Church' and worship the Virgin Mary. After visiting the Mother Church or Cathedral of their home town, these children were allowed to visit their mothers and would often present them with flowers they had picked along the way.

While some things have changed, the tradition of giving flowers and hand made cards has not.

In modern Ireland, Mothers

Day is not celebrated on same day as in Canada. Mothers Day celebrations in Ireland take place on the fourth Sunday in the Christian fasting month of Lent. This corresponds to the day on which Mothering Sunday is celebrated in UK. On Mothers Day, people in Ireland present flowers and cards to their mothers to express their love and gratitude. People often also take their mothers out for dinner or lunch and sometimes pamper them with breakfast in bed.

In Mexico, Mothers Day celebrations take place on May 10, as the day is very special for the people of Mexico. The day is celebrated with gusto as churches in Mexico organize a special mass. The highpoint of the event is the orchestra which plays "Las mañanitas" and the distribution of 'tamales' and 'atole', the traditional early morning meal, to all local mothers. Children in Mexico traditionally gift flowers and cards to their mothers, as well as other, larger gifts. While the older children buy gifts from stores, the younger ones prepare handmade gifts to honor their beloved mothers.

In India, the concept of celebrating Mothers Day is somewhat new but has become quite popular in the past decade. Just as in the West, Indians take Mothers Day as a time to reflect on the importance of mothers in their lives. In India, in addition to sending cards and flowers, children traditionally cook meals for their Mothers so that she can have a days rest from the kitchen.

As you can see the overwhelming theme for Mother's Day is spoiling your mother, cards, gifts, and of course - feed her well.

Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful mothers out there who spend their year caring for us! We hope this one day dedicated to you shows you just how much we all appreciate everything you do for us.



ALIX CAMPGROUND OPENS MAY 13TH

Reserve your spot!
403-318-0174
Phone opens May 1st @ 9 am.

The Alix Campground & Concession provides wonderful lakeside camping services inside the beautiful Village of Alix.

Rates:
(Powered RV Site)
Mon - Thurs: \$25/night
Fri, Sat & Sun: \$35/night
Monthly: \$750
(Tent Site)
Mon - Sun: \$25/night

The Concession, also open May 13th, will have a medley of great treats such as Soft Serve Ice Cream Cones, Milkshakes, Sundaes, ORIGINAL Brownie Delight, and many more delicious frozen treats to keep you cool all summer!

Happy Mother's Day
with Love

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy
Birthday



May 1 - Beth Richardson, Hank Schroeder, Wade & Carolyn Bryant

May 2 - Dawson Beier, Larry Love, Violet Rhine, Norm Cattelier

May 3 - Gloria Coates

May 7 - Billy & Nicole Duffin

May 11 - Greg Waddy, Jayden Stauffer

May 13 - Chris Ullman

May 14 - Allen Asuchak, Vivian Wipf, Richard Hill

May 15 - Dwight Nagel, Amanda Russell

May 16 - Wayne Buelow, Gerhardt Strohschein

May 19 - Mike Periard

May 22 - Dale Guynup

May 23 - Ken Robertson

May 24 - John Klicki

May 25 - Willow Bazylo

May 26 - Grant Mac Dougall

May 27 - Bob Boesch

May 30 - Tyra Bouten



Happy
Anniversary



“A DOG IS THE ONLY ONE WHO LOVES YOU MORE THAN HE LOVES HIMSELF.”



“DON'T WORRY ABOUT PEOPLE WHO TALK ABOUT YOU BEHIND YOU BACK.

THEY'RE BEHIND YOU FOR A REASON.”

PURINA WALK FOR DOG GUIDES

The Lion's Foundation of Canada Purina Walk for Dog Guides is back!

Come out with your K-9 companion(s) and support the Lions Club and raise money for dog guides in Canada. The Lions Club raises funds for the purpose of training Service Dogs for people in need. These can include all types of service dogs from guide dogs for the blind, deaf and even Diabetic Alert dog guides! Because of their sponsor, Purina PetCare, they are able to donate 100% of funds raised

directly to providing dog guides to Canadians!

If you would like to collect donations, pick up your donation collection forms from select stores in town or at the Library, or call the Alix Lion's Club @ 403-747-3167 for more information. Prizes will be given out for funds raised @ \$150, \$500, \$1000, and \$1500.

The walk takes place at 10 AM on Saturday May 28th 2016 @ The Alix Lion's Den.

LIBRARY YARD SALE

The Friends of the Alix Public Library Society are accepting donations of gently used, good condition yard sale items for their upcoming yard sale fundraiser. If you have any items you would like to donate please call or text Amie @ 403-505-8771. We will pick up in town. No appliances or large furniture.

All un sold items will be donated to the Village Shoppe after the yard sale.

SCHOOL NEWS

May 6 - Staff Collaboration Day, No School

May 9 - Grade 9 English PAT Part A

May 20 - Staff Collaboration Day, No School

May 23 - Victoria Day, No School

May 24 - Day In Lieu

YOUTH CENTRE

Cooking Classes @ Alix Youth Centre Mondays May 2, May 9, May 16 and May 30 from 3:30—5:30

MOONWALKERS

FREE DAY

May 12th

Brought to you by Three Lil' Pigs Greenhouse

ALIX FARMERS MARKET

The Alix Farmers Market will be starting up again on May. 25th and will run every Wednesday from 3-7 PM at the Alix AG Grounds, 2 minutes West of Alix.

Come on out and support the great vendors with an array of interesting items!

Think. Shop. Eat. Local.

LIBRARY NEWS

- May 3, 5 & 7 Mother's Day Crafts (Free) All Day

- May 5 - Alix Book Club @ 8 p.m.

- May 7 - The Library will have a table at the Spring Market.

- May 17 - Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

- May 23 - Library is closed for Victoria Day Weekend

NEW & NOTABLE

- Berenstain Bears: Take Off
- Daddies Are Awesome -
Meredith Costain

- Song of the Poison Dragon -
Tracey West

- Trials of Apollo Bk 1: The
Hidden Oracle - Rick Riordan

- Crossing - Michael Connelly
- Emperor's Revenge - Clive
Cussler

- Troublemaker - Linda
Howard

Thank you to all of the Alix Library's wonderful patrons!

If there is an author or book that you feel the library should think about purchasing please let me know.

I appreciate any feedback regarding the library. It helps make the library a better place.

"He didn't realize that love as powerful as your mother's for you leaves its own mark."

— J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's

BOOK REVIEW - ROOM BY EMMA DONOGHUE

Room was...interesting.

The author, Emma Donoghue, took a big risk in writing it from the perspective of five year old Jack.

In some ways, it paid off. Through Jack's eyes, she was able to establish a world that to others would be a prison, but to Jack was home, as normal as yours or mine. She showed us that children are truly and

wholly innocent, even when surrounded by the most immoral and wicked environments and people.

There was a down side to reading over 300 pages of a five year olds thoughts and feelings. The run on sentences and general lack of structure, which would be expected from a child, became slightly tedious. While I applaud Donoghue for her ability as a writer to be able

to take us into the psyche and so clearly interpret the emotions and personality of a child, I felt that doing so robbed the reader of some crucial background information.

On the whole, it was disappointingly predictable, having guessed the ending from her too obvious chapter titles.

I would give Room two out of five stars.

ALIX BOOK CLUB

The Alix Book Club will be meeting on Thursday May 5th at the Library @ 8 PM.

A new book will be chosen from selections brought in by members. Please feel free to bring in one or two selections of your own.

Book Club is free. Everyone is welcome.

Snacks & Drinks provided. Join us on Facebook!



ALIX SPRING MARKET



Join us for the annual Alix Spring Market at the Alix Community Hall.

Saturday May 7th
10 AM- 3 PM

There will be dozens of vendors attending such as:

Magnolia Vine, Horse Shoe Art, Scentsy, Brenda's Butter, Baking & More, Bibs to Book-

bags - Flowers, Origami Owl, Usborn Books, Bags and More, Youngevity, Mialisia Jewelry, DoTerra Essential Oils, Clothes 2 You, The French Raw Chef, Your Yoga Studio, Watkins and much more!

The Alix Public Library will have a table set up with

Mother's Day crafts. As well, you will be able to sign up for a FREE library card!

Bashaw & District Victims Services will be honouring victims and survivors of crime throughout the summer at various community events in their detachment area. Stop in and visit their table during their first stop, in Alix, at the Spring

Market May 7 at the Alix Community Hall. They will also be serving cake to celebrate their 20th Anniversary! Bring the kiddos for some fun swag! They will also be accepting applications for volunteers. Interested parties are encouraged to stop by for more information.



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

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.

Hours: Tuesday 10:00 - 4:00

Thursday 2:00 - 8:00

Saturday 10:00 - 4:00

CONGRATS ALIX!

Congratulations to the entire community for your efforts in turning off your lights during Earth Hour!

The Village of Alix won 3rd place in the contest, earning a \$2500 grant from Fortis Alberta!

This year, the money will be put towards upgrading the lights in the fire hall to LED lights for more energy efficiency!

Last year, the Village won 1st place and the money went towards upgrading the lights in The Village of Alix Public Works Yard to LED lights.

HALL FOR RENT

Having a wedding, birthday or other large event coming up?

The Alix Community Hall is available for rent for special occasions. This wonderful, local venue also has a large, fully inspected, newly remodeled kitchen which can be rented with the hall rental, for an additional fee.

For more information or to book a date, contact: Jody @ 403-747-0002 or 780-721-4438.

MIRROR DAY MAY 21ST

Come & Play @ Mirror Day!

Start out your day with the Fireman's Pancake Breakfast!

11 am - Parade

Show & Shine

The Alliance Church is selling Hot Dogs (after parade)

Lots of Children's Activities: Face painting, bouncy house, carnival games (small fee), Mirror Scavenger Hunt

Legion will be open for Meat Draw @ 4 pm

BBQ at Hall (for fee) 5-7 pm

Family Dance feat. Hattrick 7-10

Fireworks to end the day!

U.C.W. NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Alix United Church Women are chairing the road clean-up (Mirror to Tees) on May 7th.

Anyone wishing to lend a hand should meet up at the United Church @ 9:30 am on Saturday May 7th. Come out and help these wonderful ladies who do so much for our community!

