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# ALIX TELEGRAPH

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## A PERSONAL MEMORY FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

In Flanders Field

In Flanders fields the poppies  
blow  
Between the crosses, row on  
row,  
That mark our place: and in  
the sky  
The larks still bravely singing  
fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns  
below.

We are the dead: Short days  
ago,  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sun-  
set glow,  
Loved and were loved: and  
now we lie  
In Flanders fields!

Take up our quarrel with the  
foe  
To you, from failing hands,  
we throw  
The torch: be yours to hold it  
high  
If ye break faith with us who  
die,  
We shall not sleep, though  
poppies grow  
In Flanders fields

Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae's poem "In Flanders Field" is the most famous war memorial poem in the world. It was composed at the battlefield on May 3, 1915 during the second battle of Ypres, Belgium during the First World War.

This poem is the one of the first poems that I remember learning and is, in truth the only one I can recite from memory. To this day, on Remembrance Day I recite it as close to 11 a.m. as I can. I have done this since I first heard of Trooper Stephan Holdstock, (Fort Garry Horse, R.C.A.C. 10th Armd. Regt.). Who died June 6, 1944 on Juno Beach near St. Aubin-sur-Mer. He was my Great Uncle, and he made a huge impression on my father who was 4 years

old when D-Day happened.

Most of us have someone in our family who was or is a part of military action, either past or present. We as Canadians must remember our military and the sacrifices they make.

~ Terry Holdstock



## WFG 6TH ANNUAL TRADE & CRAFT SHOW

Come on out for Western Financial Group's 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!

Don't miss the 50/50 draw!

Every table has been sold. It will be a full house. Come out and find some interesting, unique Christmas gifts!

November 3rd

4-8 PM

@ Clive Hall

For more information, call Stacey MacDougall @ 587-877-2937.

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

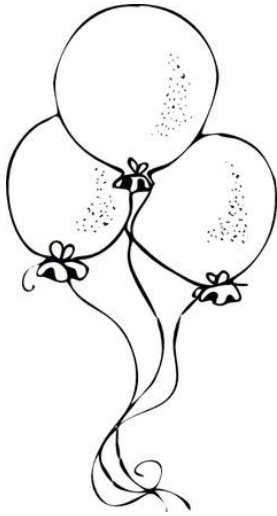
Nov. 1 - Sammi Asuchak  
 Nov. 2 - Pat Raabis, Billy Duffin  
 Nov. 5 - Tanya Felker, Jodi Marshall  
 Nov. 6 - Kris Guynup, John Visnei  
 Nov. 7 - Norman Flett  
 Nov. 8 - Tye Wilton, Raine Hopwood  
 Nov. 9 - Kelvin Honish  
 Nov. 11 - Max Salterman  
 Nov. 13 - Bailey Anderson, Neil Humphrey, Gordon

Humphrey, Terry Allan  
 Nov. 16 - Randy Brayford  
 Nov. 17 - Chris Kidman, Candice Wilton  
 Nov. 19 - Raine Bazyllo  
 Nov. 20 - Terry Baines  
 Nov. 23 - Paul Mehle  
 Nov. 30 - Brandon Sheppard

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

## OTHER EVENTS

Nov. 8 - Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:30 @ Alix MAC School  
 Nov. 19 - PetValu Lacombe has Photos with Santa Paws 11-3. Bring your pets and kids and get a photo for \$10.00  
 Nov. 22-26 - Stettler's Festival of Lights @ the Stettler Community Hall  
 Nov. 26 - Annual Christmas Market, 10 am @ the Mirror Community Hall



*I WEAR A  
 LITTLE POPPY,  
 AS RED  
 AS CAN BE,*

*TO SHOW THAT I  
 REMEMBER,  
 THOSE WHO FOUGHT  
 FOR ME.*

## FLU CLINIC

Alix Drugs is holding three flu clinic's in November. If you are in need of a flu shot, for the cold season, come down and let their experienced professionals help you.

November 1st, 2nd, & 18th  
 9 AM - 4 PM  
 Alix Drugs  
 403.747.2405

## WALKING CLUB

Alix offers a FREE walking club. Come in from the cold weather, and still get your exercise in.

Every Thursday 9:30 - 10:30  
 @ Alix Community Hall

Everyone is welcome. Don't forget your water bottle!

## TUPPERWARE BINGO

November 3rd Clive, AB  
 Doors open @ 6:30 PM  
 Bingo starts @ 7 PM  
 4927 51st Ave  
 @ the meeting room

For more details, call, or text, Chay @ 403.598.7840

\$10/card (4 games)

## DID YOU KNOW?

In the spring of 1915, shortly after losing a friend in Ypres, a Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, was inspired by the sight of poppies growing in battle-scarred fields, to write a now famous poem called, 'In Flanders Fields'. After the First World War, the poppy was adopted as a symbol of Remembrance.

## LACOMBE X-MAS FARMER'S MARKET

MOONLIGHT MADNESS!  
 November 24th  
 5 PM - 10 PM

@ Lacombe Memorial Centre  
 Homemade arts & crafts, unique items, baking, and much, much more.  
 Come on down and get a head start on your Christmas gifts, while supporting local people.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Where else can you get eggs, pancakes and ham/bacon for only 6 bucks?!

No where!

Come on out to the Pancake Breakfasts and support two good services in Alix: The Community Hall, and the Drop In Centre.

Drop In - Nov 6th 9 - Noon  
 Hall - Nov 20th 9 - Noon

## MEAT DRAW

Did you know that the Alix Hotel puts on a meat draw every Friday? Get your tickets from 6 - 8 PM., then cross your fingers!

All proceeds will go to the Alix Figure Skating Club! Support a great cause, and you could go home with an armful of groceries!

## LIBRARY NEWS

Nov. 8 & 10: Remembrance Day craft for the kids. FREE

Nov. 10: Library Board Meeting @ 6:30 PM

Nov. 17 @ 10 - 12, Coffee & Computers with Laura FREE

Some of the services offered at the library include:

- Books - fiction, non-fiction, adult through to the little ones.
- Audiobooks

- Music CD's
- DVD's - movies and non-fiction titles
- Computers - Free
- Free WIFI
- Magazines
- E-Materials - e-books, e-audiobooks, movies, TV shows, e-magazines, newspapers, etc.

## NEW & NOTABLE

### ARRIVING THIS MONTH:

- Cross the Line - James Paterson
- Double Down - Jeff Kinney
- Night School - Lee Child
- No Man's Land - David Baldacci
- Odessa Sea - Clive Cussler
- The Princess In Black Takes a Vacation - Shannon Hale
- This Was a Man - Jeffery Archer
- Twenty Three - Linwood Barclay

*They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old;  
age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of  
the sun and in the morning,  
we will remember them.*  
Laurence Binyon  
"Ode To

## SOME DESPERATE GLORY: THE FIRST WORLD WAR THE POETS KNEW BY MAX EGREMONT

November is the time when most people's thoughts turn to those who served their country, and the principle of liberty. Many died in this cause, and just as many were/are wounded.

I have long been impressed by the words of the WWI poets. These men saw war up close, and it is through their poems that we can get a glimpse of

their experiences and feelings. The period was one of 'unparalleled literariness' through all the ranks, both during the war, and the aftermath.

I chose this book to read as it has been organized, by year of writing, 1914-1918, and afterwards. Along with moving poetry, a short bio of each poet is given. Altogether, it makes a good place to start, if you have

never read the poetical outpourings of a lost and traumatized generation, and the great cost they paid.

There are many other titles I could recommend, but for me, it is with the poets that my heart is moved, in grief, and my mind recoils from ever forgetting the price they paid for me.

Written By: Tracey Billson

Want to enjoy good reads like this with other's who share your love of the written word? Join us at the Alix Library for Book Club Night!

Alix Book Club meets  
Nov 24th @ 7 PM

Classic Book Club meets  
Nov 3rd @ 7 PM

Book Clubs are free. Everyone is welcome. Join both on Facebook.

## MAGPIE BOUNTY GOES WRONG

This anecdote, from "Ralph Greene - By Wm. McDermid," is sure to get anyone chuckling.

"One of Ralph's duties, as Secretary of the Municipality, was to count the Magpies' feet brought in, and to pay the 10 cent bounty. The feet, he disposed of by burying them in his garden, until he noticed some enterprising youngsters digging

them up for resale. After that all feet were burned." (Alix-Clive Historical Club, 1974).

I know I'm not alone in wishing that there was still a bounty on Magpie feet.

This is such an endearing story, and there are so many more like it. Visit the Wagon Wheel Museum for more interesting tales !

## REMEMBERANCE DAY @ THE MUSEUM

Alix Wagon Wheel Museum will be opening for Remembrance Day on November 5th from 11 AM - 3 PM.

Come on down and walk through the War Memorial Room.

There will also be a bake sale on, so bring a few bucks to support a great cause in Alix.

## NEW BUSINESS!

We are happy to announce that Nanny's Café & Bakery is open in Mirror, AB. If you are in the area, and looking to try a new place to eat, try Nanny's Café. Congratulations on your new business!

While the Alix Telegraph does not advertise for personal-profit businesses, we do support our local business owners, and want to give our readers

## 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 centers 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 Alber-

ta.

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 Alix 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.



### ALIX MAC GRADE 6 NEWS ONGOING BOTTLE DRIVE...

Once again, the Grade 6 Class at Alix MAC is working to raise enough money for all Alix MAC Grade 6 Students to attend Grade 6 Camp Outdoor Education Camp in Sundre, Alberta. We are looking for donations of bottles throughout the year. If you have bottles that you are willing to donate please contact Mrs. Stoupe-Trigg, at 403-747-2778, or any Grade 6 student to arrange pick up or delivery. We appreciate any donations that we receive, as it embodies the notion of many hands making light work.

Mrs. Stoupe-Trigg and the Alix MAC Grade 6 Class

### ALIX MAC BAND NOTES

It is with great pleasure to announce that 7 instruments have been purchased with the Dow Canada DowGives Grant that we received in September: 2 flutes, 1 clarinet, 1 alto saxophone, 1 cornet, 1 trombone and 1 bass clarinet. The students receiving these instruments are very excited as many of our instruments are 30 years old. Thank you, Dow Canada!!

Mom's Pantry orders and money are due into the band room or office on Thursday November 3. Product usually arrives the last week in November for pick up. The funds raised go to instrument repair, reeds, valve oil, music, technique books, transportation costs and concert tickets. We value your support of Fine Arts at Alix MAC!

JoAnne Henry - Band Director

### STETTLER'S 19TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

The Festival of Lights is @ Stettler Community Hall, Nov 22 -26 (Tues - Thurs Noon - 5 PM, Friday 10 Am - 1 PM) Christmas Market, Food, Drinks, Activities, Raffle, Prizes, Draws.

### NEXT MONTH:

Bashaw Meadows Annual Come & Go Christmas Tea & Silent Auction Saturday Dec 3 2016 130 - 330@ Bashaw Meadows.

### ALIX SENIOR CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Senior Dinner will be held December 8th @ NOON. Stay tuned for more details as they are announced.



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

Hours: Tuesday 10:00 - 4:00

Thursday 2:00 - 8:00

Saturday 10:00 - 4:00

Newsletters are available at:

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

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## TIME TO SKATE

Love to skate? The Alix Arena may have something for you! Call us to find out about a wide array of programs. There is something for every age, and every skill level.

For more info, call Marcy Henry @ 403.391.3111

## ALIX MINOR HOCKEY

Come see our future NHL/WHL players take on some great teams from Red Deer, Ponoka and Bashaw just to name a few. This year Clive novice hockey tournament is November 25, 26 & 27. We are having an amazing raffle table, mega 50-50 draw, delicious bake table and of course great hockey!!!! Everyone is welcome there is no fee!!! Concession will be open with daily specials and new cooks this year!

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## CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FROM LACOMBE COUNTY'S SENIOR COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER

Lacombe County's new Protective Services Lead admits that with theft on the rise, especially in rural areas, county rate-payers have growing concerns.

After 8 years as a Peace Officer, Mark Sproule is stepping into the role of Senior Community Peace Officer, and although Peace Officers don't enforce anything that falls under the criminal code, Sproule says they do have one Peace Officer dedicated to Crime Prevention Initiatives.

Sproule says Officer Brett Miller will actually come visit your farm or acreage to help you better protect it.

He says there is one key way they connect with County landowners.

"We actively support our local crime

watch groups, and provide education and awareness through them. If County residents aren't part of one of those groups, we certainly encourage them to become part of their membership."

Sproule says making sure you have adequate lighting, locking your doors, removing keys from vehicles and using a good quality lock on your mailbox are some of the ways you can deter criminals.

"The County offers a free inspection of properties, and it's crime prevention through environmental design. And that's just one way Lacombe County is engaging their rural residents to help with the deterrence of crime."

Excerpt from Sunny 94 FM Radio