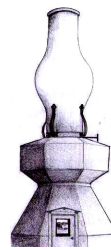


# Donalda Lite



Sketch by Susan Dahl

## DECEMBER 2018



**VILLAGE OF DONALDA**

**FROM THE MAYORS DESK**

### **VILLAGE COMPLEX HOURS**

#### **Village Office Hours:**

Monday - Tuesday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Telephone: 403-883-2345

#### **Museum Winter Hours**

Closed until 2019 Telephone: 403-883-2100

#### **Gallery of the Arts:**

Closed until 2019 Telephone: 403-883-2100

#### **Library Hours:**

Mondays: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Tuesdays: 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Wednesdays: 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Thursdays: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Telephone: 403-883-BOOK (2665)**

#### **Transfer Site Winter Hours: (effective Oct 13)**

Saturdays 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**\*\*We DO NOT accept used oil. If the burn pit is full, all material must be taken to the Regional Landfill on highway 56. Please fill one bin at a time.\*\***

**Paper Recycling:** Please help protect our environment  
Newspaper bins are located by the Curling rink.

**Bottles, cans, and milk jugs**—the trailer is located behind the Drop In Centre. All money raised from the collection of the bottles and cans stays in the community.

**Batteries:** the Ag Society collects as an on going fundraiser Contact Ron Borchuk for pick up 403-883-2212

The bad news is that winter is pretty much here. Along with that comes icy streets and walkways. This means we all must adjust our driving and walking habits with much more caution. Hopefully everyone stays safe. The good news is that Christmas is almost here. In Donalda the Christmas Season really begins with the Village Christmas which will be held on Sunday **December 2** throughout downtown Donalda. One of the major highlights of this event is the Christmas Shopping for the Children which is held at the Drop-Inn Centre. Here the Children are able to shop for gifts for their family members. Each gift costs \$ 1.00.

Volunteers are present to help them shop and gift wrap their gifts. They then take the wrapped gifts home and anxiously await Christmas. This event has now been held for a number of years. It has been interesting to watch young children learn about, and experience, giving rather than just receiving at Christmas time. After all this is the real meaning of our Christian Tradition that we call Christmas.

There has recently been concern expressed about mis-treatment of cats in our community. Cats do have the ability to multiply very quickly and if no one takes responsibility the community can very quickly become over-run. We in Donalda are very fortunate to have a volunteer group, The Donalda Animal Rescue Society, who work diligently with this problem. In recent years they have raised thousands of dollars through their own efforts. This money has been used almost entirely to offer spay and neutering procedures to both owned cats and to feral cats, as well as funding a re-homing program for many of these animals. Donalda is almost surrounded by agricultural crop land. These fields are home to many rodents. At this time of year with winter setting in these rodents tend to come into the Village for better protection. Our only practical defense against this invasion is to have a reasonable population of cats. In recent times mice have not been much of a problem in our Village and hopefully it remains that way. Going forward please continue to give support and appreciation to our Animal Rescue Group for the work they are accomplishing. Furthermore let's realize that our furry felines are an asset to our community and protect them by giving them their space. **As we approach the Christmas Season the Village Council, Administration, and Staff wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.**

Respectfully Submitted, Dan Knudtson, Mayor



*The Donalda Cemetery Club would like to sincerely thank everyone for their donations to our club this year. The upkeep of the Cemetery depends solely on donations from the public. We are very proud of the compliments we receive of the nice appearance of our Cemetery. Please remember with every donation received a tax deductible receipt is issued. We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

If you would like to submit anything in the **JANUARY**

Donalda Lite the deadline is

**TUESDAY, Dec 18th, 2018 at noon**

You can email your submissions to  
lite@village.donaldalite.ab.ca

or drop it off at the village office c/o Carol Montgomery.

For personal ads, the rates are:

**Full page \$40.00 +GST**

**1/2 page \$25.00 +GST**

**1/4 page \$15.00 +GST**

**Business card \$5.00 + GST**

Please remember that the Lite is printed in black ink only  
when submitting your ads

## DONALDA & DISTRICT MUSEUM

The Museum will be closed until 2019.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

## DONALDA ARTS SOCIETY

The Gallery had the November meeting and are excited to share that our "HAUNTED HALLOWS OF THE GALLERY" was well attended, planning next year to be better. We are happy to bring this event to the community. The GALLERY will participate in the VILLAGE CHRISTMAS, we will decorate the gallery with decorated trees and have some of our permanent art exhibited. We encourage you to mosey down Main Street to stroll through the Lamp Park with a stop at the Gallery for hot chocolate and a cookie. If you are interested in Drop In Art please forward your email address or phone number to Darlene at ctp1867@icloud.com or call 403-883-2253, and she will let you know when they will be open. We are really trying to get this started. If you are a member of the Art Society, you would have an input in the art and culture of our community. Next meeting will be in January



## DONALDA SCHOOL

### **Important Dates:**

**December 7 :** No School

**December 20:** Hot Lunch & Christmas Concert at 7:00 pm

**December 22 to January 6th :** Christmas Break



## DONALDA LIBRARY

**Sunday Dec. 2nd** please join us downstairs in the hall for refreshments, treats, hot dogs, chili & bun from 11-3.

**Sat. Dec 15** from 1-4pm everyone's invited to join us in the Drop in Center for our **4th Annual Gingerbread Village**. We provide the gingerbread, icing and toppings you bring the creativity! You are welcome to bring your own gingerbread house too. All ages welcome- children 7 & under must have a guardian. Entry is by donation. Please register with Naomi @ the library to ensure a gingerbread house is saved for you. Thank You to the Vert Family for their generous donation of a new laminator in Gary Vert's memory.

The library now is able to laminate items of all sizes for the public. Prices vary depending on the size getting laminated.

The library will be **closed** from **Dec. 24/18 through to Jan. 2/19** for Christmas holidays.

**Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a safe Happy New Year.**

## DONALDA PROMOTIONS SOCIETY

A final reminder that A Village Christmas is this Saturday, **December 2** starting at Noon. Lunch at the Community Hall with the Library and kids Santa shopping at the Drop In from Noon until 4 PM ( everything is \$1). The **Santa Parada** starts at **2:30 PM** on Main St ( there will be a few surprises in the parade this year) then Santa is supposed to arrive at the Drop In for pictures and maybe gift bags for kids. Also from Noon until 4 PM is the Christmas Market at the Hall. Be sure to vote for your favourite picture of the lamp at the market. The winner receives \$100 and their picture will be used for the front cover of the 2019 Donalda Tourism and Business Guide.

**For everyone have a safe and Merry Christmas and wonderful holidays.**

## **SHUTTERBUG CONTEST**

**CAST YOUR BALLOT** on Dec. 2nd and help us in selecting the cover photo for next years Donalda Directory 2019-20. The winning entry will be determined by the results of a "people's choice" vote. In additions to the \$100.00 paid out for first place, an additional \$50.00 will be paid to the runner -up entrant. I look forward to receiving your vote at the Christmas Market on Sunday. Robbie

## **BOTTLE RECYCLING TRAILER SCHEDULE**

**2018**

**December:** Donalda Ag Society

**2019**

**Jan to Mar:** Museum

**April:** School Parent Council

**May to June:** Drop In Centre

**July to Aug:** Promotions

**Sept:** School Parent Council

**Oct to Nov:** Cemetery Club

**Dec:** Library

## DONALDA CURLING CLUB

It's that time of year again to think about curling. If you have a team please call Teresa's shop at 403 883-2780 or the Mueller's at 403 883-2469. If you would like to try curling or be put on a team, please contact at the above numbers. The club always needs volunteers on the executive or to just come to meetings as well. Any involvement would be appreciated. Ice will be ready for the first week of January if not before. Happy Curling!

## DONALDA COULEE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Drop In is open every **Saturday Dec 1 & 8**  
1:30 to 4:00 pm for coffee and fellowship.

Everyone Welcome!!

Floor Curling is Tuesday **Dec 4, 11, & 18** at 1:00 pm at the Hall

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**



*Hair on the Hill would like to wish her clients a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Your support in 2018 was much appreciated. Hair on the Hill offers a full range of hair and waxing services at reasonable rates. For an appointment in 2019 call 403 883-2469 or text 403 740-2843.*

## SHARON LUTHERAN CHURCH

The congregation at Sharon would like to welcome visitors to our services which are Sundays at 10:00 am.

Dec 2 Pastor Rob Lewis  
Dec 9 Pastor Riley Sexton  
Dec 16 Sunday School Christmas Concert  
Dec 23 Pastor Rob Lewis  
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service 7:30 pm  
Pastor Harold Rust and family  
Dec 30 Pastor Riley Sexton

*Last Kids' Club - Monday Dec 3rd  
3:15-4:30 @ School Gym*

*for all students in grades 1 - 6.  
Come and learn about Jesus' love through singing,  
stories and games.*

*Sharon Lutheran Sunday School  
presents*

*A Not So Silent Night  
Sunday, Dec 16 10:00 am  
Potluck lunch to follow*



A great big shout out to the Donalda School and the Sharon Lutheran Church for packing 133 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We would like to thank all who donated items, money, and volunteered in any way.

We had Tammy Grouse from Camrose give a presentation on her involvement last year in distributing the shoe boxes in Costa Rica and it was wonderful to hear how these boxes bless the children who receive them. We thank her very much for the presentation and taking the boxes to Camrose with her. A great big thank you to John Matheson and Melinda & Danny Bernard who donated 100 stuffies for the boxes as well. The kids did a fantastic job as usual. Thank you to Parent Council and the Church council for the shipping cost of these boxes as well because that bill alone is \$1330. It is such a blessing to give this Christmas Season.

Thank you and Merry Christmas  
from Mary Mueller and Julie Siemens

THANK  
YOU

*We would like to thank our family  
for the wonderful job of the open  
house they put on for our  
50th Anniversary. Also thanks to  
everyone that attended. It was wonderful to  
see everyone and especially the ones that  
came so far just for us. Thanks for all the  
cards, phone calls and gifts.  
Thank you Thank you  
Richie & Yvonne*



*Donalda and District  
Agricultural Society*

## DONALDA AG SOCIETY

Season Greetings to one and all. The Donalda Ag Society wishes everyone a joyous season full of good tidings and cheer. Please be safe. On **Wednesday, December 5** the Donalda Ag Society will be going in front of a hearing panel in the final stage of our tax assessment appeal. This is an open public hearing, and everyone is invited to come watch. Our Annual General Meeting date has been changed to **Monday, December 17 @ 5pm** at the hall. This is open to the general public. We invite the area youth and families to toboggan on the hills at Willow Canyon (formerly the Ski Hill). Once more snow arrives, gates will be open on the weekends and throughout any school breaks. Please check the calendar on the website ([donaldaagsociety.com](http://donaldaagsociety.com)) to see if there is a rental before heading out. Please respect the property and keep your OHVs at home. Work has begun on building a temporary seasonal outdoor skating rink at the Equestrian Centre Property. All users will have access to the heated lobby and washrooms. The proposed area is well lit and close to the school. Floor Curling in the hall has started: Tuesdays at 1pm. For bookings of any of our facilities, please contact Beth at 403-741-8196.

**Did you know?? Other than our caretaker, Jen Wells, the ag society operates strictly on the basis of its volunteers.**

## **Donalda Ag Society's Tax Assessment Appeal Public Hearing**

December 5, 2018 @ Village Office  
10:00 am

## **Donalda Ag Society's Annual General Meeting**

December 17, 2018

Supper @ 5pm -- Meeting to follow  
For More information contact

**Ron Borchuk @ 403-883-2212**

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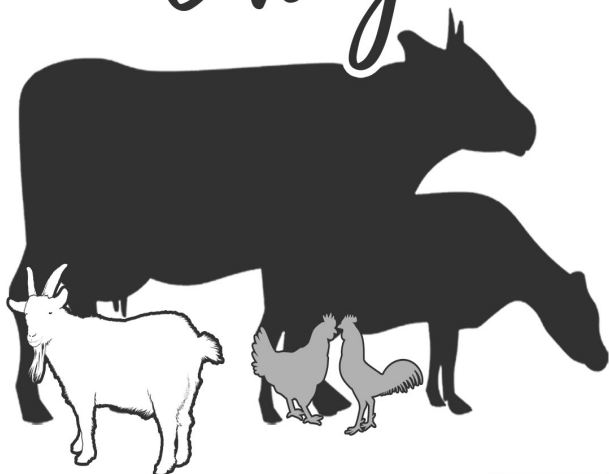
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