

DONALDA LITE

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February 2022



VILLAGE COMPLEX

Village Office

Mondays - Tuesdays: 9 am - 4 pm
Wednesdays: By appointment
403-883-2345
village.donalda.ab.ca
facebook.com/villageofdonalda

Water-related Emergencies:
403-741-6468 (Please leave a message.)

Museum

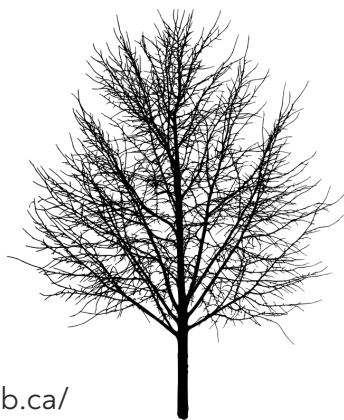
Hours: Mon, Thurs. Fri. 10am - 5pm
403-883-2100
info@donaldamuseum.com

Gallery for the Arts

By appointment
403-883-2100

Donalda Public Library

Mon-Thurs: 2 - 6 pm
403-430-BOOK (2665)
<https://donaldalibrary.prl.ab.ca/>



DONALDA TRANSFER SITE

Saturdays 10 am - 2 pm

Operated by the County of Stettler

For Questions & Concerns Call: 403-742-4900

We do not accept used oil.

If the burn pit is full, all material must be taken to the Stettler Regional Landfill on Highway 56. Please fill one bin at a time.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

The Regular Meeting of Council will occur on:

Tuesday, February 28 at 10 a.m.
in Council Chambers

Everyone is welcome to attend!

DO YOU WANT TO SUBMIT TO THE DONALDA LITE?

The deadline for submissions is
The fourth Monday of the month by 5 pm.

Email your submissions to lite@village.donalda.ab.ca or drop them off at the Village Office by **February 27, 2023**

**Remember the Lite is printed in black & white only when submitting.*

The Lite is intended for businesses and non-profit community organizations. Personal ads will be accepted on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of village administration.

Full Page Ad \$40 + GST
1/2 Page Ad \$25 + GST

1/4 Page Ad \$15 + GST
1/8 Page Ad \$10 + GST

VILLAGE SURVEY - DUST CONTROL

The Village of Donalda Council is exploring options to provide dust control and reduce speeding within municipal limits. The two options the Council is exploring are an annual application of Calcium to assist with dust suppression, or the seasonal installation of speed bumps to slow down traffic within the municipality, thereby reducing dust. The Council would like you to have your say. Please complete the attached survey. If you have any questions, please get in touch with any Council member or office staff during regular office hours.

Category	Product	Frequency of \$	Cost	Tax Dollars Used	Operating Budget	Capital Budget
Dust Suppression	Calcium	Ongoing, Annual Expense	\$25,500	Yes	✓	
Dust Suppression/Speed Control	Removeable, Seasonal Speed Bumps	One-Time Expense	\$27,000	No		✓

Please mark your selection with an "X" on the line.

Dust Suppression _____

Speed Control/Dust Suppression _____

Neither _____

Completed surveys can be dropped off in person, dropped in the mail drop box, returned via letter mail or email to assistantcao@village.donalda.ab.ca.

A DIFFICULT FAREWELL ; A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR BOOKER

RCMP Sgt. Bruce Holliday was not just our local detachment commander; he cared deeply for our community and its residents and helped make our Village a safer and more peaceful place to live. As a strong advocate for preventative programming, he believed that proper care for those struggling with mental health and poverty would reduce criminal activity and create a supportive and thriving community. Because of this conviction, Sgt. Holliday was instrumental in the creation of a model of service that proved to strengthen and sustain vulnerable, at-risk community members throughout the region. Although we must say goodbye to this pillar of wisdom and strength, we remember all he stood for and know that his legacy will continue to inspire us as we move forward.



DONALDA WELLNESS SERVICES

By Appointment at the Village Complex

Are you uncertain of who to talk to when challenges become too much? Do you need help applying to or finding financial, health or other support?

We have designated staff who will help create a plan, so that your concerns are addressed and needs/ goals are met. Let us know if you would like to access services, available by appointment in Donalda at an office in the Village Complex. Community wellness services comprise of information & referral, resource navigation, one-on-one support and help to support individuals and families in our region by providing wrap-around services.

If you could benefit from this, email bashawnavigator@gmail.com or call 780-372-4074.

DONALDA HOME SUPPORT

Home Support offers light housekeeping, light meal preparation, laundry, and local errands. If you are a senior or have health concerns and would like some extra help in your home, **please call 780-372-4074.**

Cost is \$20/hour plus mileage.

THE DONALDA FOOD BANK

WE ARE OPEN:

**Every Tuesday from 9am-4pm
@ Donalda Village Complex**

Each household can receive one hamper per month and are required to fill out an application.



During Food Bank hours, you can call **403-883-2345** with any questions.

If you have a question outside of Food Bank hours, please call Bashaw & Area Community Resource Centre @ 780-372-4074.

Questions about any of these services? Call Bashaw & Area Community Resource Centre @ 780-372-4074 or email frontdesk.bdss@gmail.com for more info.

DONALDA AND DISTRICT MUSEUM SOCIETY

Winter Hours: Monday, Thursday, Friday, 9 am-4 pm

Stay Connected!

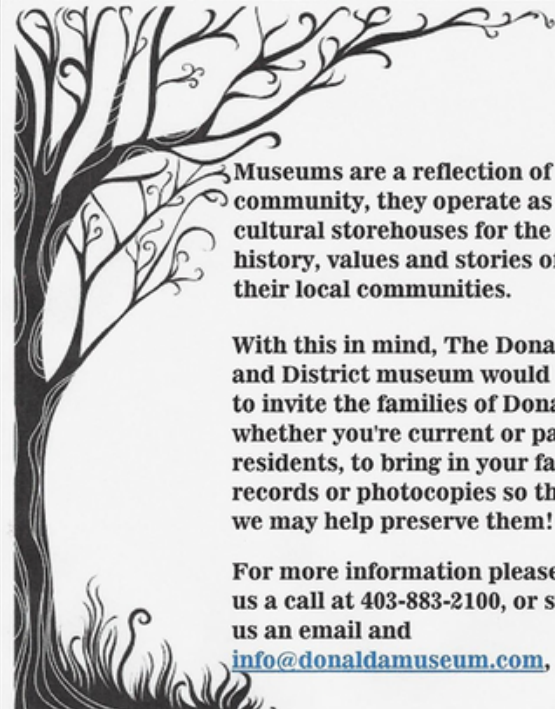
Facebook: @Donalda&DistrictMuseum

Website: www.donaldamuseum.com

Call: 403-883-2100

Email: info@donaldamuseum.com

Local History Book Reprint: We are half way to our goal to fund a reprint of Donalda's Roots and Branches, the District's local history and memoir book. Thank you to all our supporters so far including Johns Vending LTD and Echo Ridge Farms as well as a few wonderful locals! If you are interested in contributing the reprint, please reach out to the museum office. (Tax receipts available for donations over \$20 and reserved copies available for donations over \$100.)



Museums are a reflection of their community, they operate as cultural storehouses for the history, values and stories of their local communities.

With this in mind, The Donalda and District museum would like to invite the families of Donalda, whether you're current or past residents, to bring in your family records or photocopies so that we may help preserve them!

For more information please give us a call at 403-883-2100, or send us an email and info@donaldamuseum.com,

DONALDA RECYCLING

Paper Recycling: newspaper bins are located at the Donalda Transfer Site, managed by the Stettler County.

Batteries: the Donalda Ag Society collects these as a fundraiser; please contact Roy Fulton for more info (403-741-8569).

Bottles, cans, and milk jugs: trailer located behind the Drop-In Centre; all money raised from these recyclables stays in the community.

Bottle Recycling Trailer Schedule

Feb/Mar - Cemetery Club

April - Parent Council



Leave your mark on the Village;
Purchase a donor plaque and contribute to the
Lamp Park Project!

(We are currently raising funds to redo the fiberglass globe and repaint the base of the World's Largest Lamp.)

Name Plates:

1" x 3" ~ \$100

3" x 4" ~ \$250

Engraved Plaque:

5" x 7" ~ \$500

Please contact the Museum for more information.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

- Two new families moved here in December. Their welcome packages were delivered.
- There is a one new renter in town that we know of; stop in at Heather's Yarn Haven for your welcome package.
- We are pleased to report that available properties in town have been selling quite quickly.

One person came in to Heather's Yarn Haven looking for a place to rent if you know of one let me know. A few people over the last couple of months looking at Donalda as their new home; one looking for a lot only.

If anyone has been missed please give me a call or stop by Heather's Yarn Haven & Coulee Market. 780-781-0075

DONALDA COULEE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

February Events

Thursday Feb. 9th. AGM and monthly supper meeting 6pm at the Drop In.

Sunday Feb. 12. Special Valentines Pancake Breakfast at the Drop In 10 to noon.

Monday Feb. 20. Court whist 7pm at the Drop In.
Coffee Social **every Saturday** @ Drop In 1:30 - 3:30

Mondays Floor Curling @ Hall 2pm

DONALDA AG SOCIETY

Patsy Cline

Frances Szelewicki will be performing a tribute to Patsy Cline on February 18 at the hall. Tickets are \$20 and include dessert. For tickets contact Brenda at 403-741-4325. See poster for more information.

Skating Rink

Thank you to Byron Norman & his crew for the countless hours he has spent dragging hoses and fighting weather to get the outdoor rink up and running. It is located between the school and the Equestrian Centre.

Calendars

Thank you to all who have ordered this years calenders. Calendars have been printed and delivered and/or in process of being delivered. If you would like one or have ordered but not yet received please contact Mary or Beth.

Willow Canyon

With the snow we've gotten the toboggan hills have been busy. The gates are open for you to toboggan and have hot dog roasts at no charge. If the gates are closed, it means the hill and chalet have been rented for the day. Please respect the rental, and make alternate plans for the day. We do try and post when the hill is rented for the day on Facebook. The heated chalet is available to rent at \$100.00 per day, perfect for birthday tobogganing parties.

Pickle Ball

Pickle Ball is happening at the hall every Tuesday evening at 7pm at the hall. Call or text Beth at 403-741-8196 for more information.

Director Positions

Our Annual General Meeting was held on January 11 @ 7:00pm at the hall. We thank Mary Mueller, Ray Kneeland and Byron Norman, who are stepping off the board, for their years of dedicated service and we know that while you're stepping off, it's not goodbye as you're just a phone call away. We welcome Gail Charles, Teresa Kneeland, Dwayne Adams and Ron Borchuk to the board. The 2023 board of directors are Gail Charles, Teresa Kneeland, Dwayne Adams, Ron Borchuk, Beth Fulton, Roy Fulton, Brenda Gebhardt, Becky Clement, and Jack Gibbs.

Our next meeting is February 15 at 7pm at the hall.



An Evening with Patsy Cline
February 18, 2023 ~ 7pm
Donalda Community Hall
featuring **Frances Szelewicki**
As Patsy Cline
Tickets \$20 each
Includes Dessert Table
Cash Bar (Beer & Wine) Available
For Tickets:
Contact Brenda @ 403-741-4325
Proudly Presented by:
Donalda and District
Agricultural Society

Attend the Donalda Coulee Friendship Club

SPECIAL VALENTINES

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday FEBRUARY 12th

10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Eggs, Ham, Bacon, Quiche

Hash Browns, Perogies, Pancakes,

Fresh Orange Juice,

Strawberries & whipped cream

Homemade Syrups and Coffee

Adults: \$15.00 Kids 10 and Under: \$6.00



DONALDA FUN SPIEL

Feb 5 - 12, 2023

Entries \$200 call Mike 403-741-9050

Burgers at the rink every evening

Banquet and Dance Friday Feb 10th @ 6 pm @ Hall
tickets \$25.00 (unless you are in the bonspiel)

Hope to see you at the Rink!

DONALDA LIBRARY

What's New at the Library

Our hours have changed! Or rather refined:

Mondays to Thursdays, 2:00 – 6:00 pm.

The Library is closed Monday, February 20 for Family Day.
Freedom to Read Week is Feb 19-25. Come check out books that were challenged at one time.

Near the end of February through until the end of April, the library is hosting a Tax Clinic Program. Book a time to come in to get help to complete your tax return (for simple returns). Call the library for more information!

Winter Programs: February

Adult Info Night (register)

Ages: Teen-Adult

Time: Thursday, Feb 2, 10:00 am

February – Donalda History! In partnership with the Donalda Museum, come listen to, or even tell us, stories about when our town came to be.

Youth Programs (register)

Teddy Bear-PJ Party! (min 3)

Time: Friday, February 17

SFRN is coming out again to hang out with a movie and snacks!

Come and pick up a book to read each month!

This month: Any mystery novel.

Next month: Born a Crime by Trevor Noah

Take Home Kits (register)

Ages: Family

Time: Pick up at beginning of each month during regular library hours

With the snow and roads wanting us to sleep more, the library has take-home kits which contains everything you would have done in the library but at home!

403-430-2665 (BOOK) text or phone /

donaldalibrary@prl.ab.ca /

Follow us on Facebook for updates!



TOBOGGANING EVENT

Donalda Ski Hill.

Family Day - Monday, February 20
Noon to 4 pm.

- Free food
- Crafts
- Bonfire

If the forecasted temperature is expected to be -15 degrees or colder, with the wind chill, the event will be moved inside the Donalda Community Hall with games added.

PRESENTED BY THE DONALDA COMMUNITY PROMOTION SOCIETY



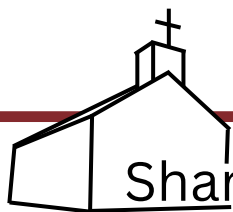
DONALDA COMMUNITY PROMOTION SOCIETY

Family Day is coming up on Monday, February 20. Tobogganing is planned for Willow Canyon at the Donalda Ski Hill with the chalet being the location for free food, crafts and a bonfire. This will take place from Noon to 4 pm.

If the forecasted temperature is expected to be -15 degrees or colder, with the wind chill, the event will be moved inside the Donalda Community Hall with games added. Please like and follow Donalda Community Promotion Society on Facebook to be kept up-to-date.

Two Drive In movies are planned this year on May 27 and August 19 and we are in need of ideas of what movies people would like to see. If you are on Facebook please submit your ideas there or email to brugart@telus.net.

Although the bottle recycling trailer is booked for most of this year we have openings for groups/societies who are interested. Please email brugart@telus.net if you would like to take part in the recycling program.



Sharon Evangelical Church
In Donalda
Church Services and
Sunday School - 10 am



Feral Cat Network Foundation of Alberta

Want to get involved? We are looking for some awesome people who care about the feral cat population. We need new ideas and input, and we need volunteers to help fundraise. Give us a call.

Tracy @ 403-741-7752

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

A thank you to the school for a stupendous Christmas Concert in December! The students did a fantastic job and everyone you attended enjoyed themselves very much!

Residents in the Village and surrounding area should be on the look out for thieves. There have been a few reports of vehicles being checked by thieves. Please ensure you are locking your vehicles and homes to protect your property and families.

The budget is underway and the Council and Administration are working diligently to create a budget that uses the Village funds responsibly and effectively. Please take a moment to fill out the survey on the first page of the Lite and return it to the Village Office to give your input on how you think the Village should tackle the issue of dust control.

Mayor Doug Booker.



DONALDA MUSEUM DINNER

Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023
5:00 - 7:00 PM

MENU

- PORK SCHNITZEL & APPLES
- DREAMY MASHED POTATOES
- GREEN BEANS & MUSHROOMS
- TWO SALADS
- BUNS
- DESSERT
- BEVERAGES

DONALDA DROP IN CENTRE

Adults	\$20
Children (7-10)	\$ 10
Children 6 & Under	FREE!

Come Out and Support the Donalda Museum
Proceeds to the Creamery Restoration
TAKEOUT AVAILABLE

DONALDA PARENT SOCIETY

With a new year come new milestones and new goals. Our Donalda Eagles have sure made a great start to 2023 with some awesome basketball. We are looking forward to watching their season and cheering them on!

These beautiful winter days are still here for a while, but we wanted to plant the seed for our upcoming spring fundraiser. The Donalda Parent Society along with local Echoglen Gardens have put together a SEED & PLANT FUNDRAISER. You will be able to purchase your flower & garden seeds for this 2023 growing season. New this year you can also purchase live plants. The list prices will be the greenhouse shelf prices and the Parent Society will be earning 20 – 30% of the sales. You will be able to get your order forms from any Donalda student or call the school at 403-883-2195 to get one. Please watch for this coming out in the next month or so!

Thank you to those that supported Donalda Parent Society Bingo night and the Raffle. Your support means so much and has allowed us to Donate over \$6,000 to the school to cover rising bussing costs. Allowing the kids to experience so much without extra fees for sports, field trips, etc.

With weekly hot lunches wrapping up last month we want to say another big thank you to all the parents for supporting this initiative and the volunteers who have helped make it possible. Our Morning Nutrition program will be increasing to once a week, providing the kids with a free healthy snack every Tuesday morning.

Please watch for updates, reminders, and upcoming events in the Donalda Lite, and on the Donalda Parents Facebook page.

Important February Dates

- Wednesday Feb 1st – Basketball home game, Christ King @ Donalda
- Wednesday Feb 8th – Basketball game @ WEH
- Thursday Feb 16th & Friday Feb 17th – Teachers Convention, no students
- Monday Feb 20th – Family Day



Would like to thank all the businesses that generously Donated to this years events & fundraisers. Your support means so much.

Sehlstrom Farms

Stettler Storage

Pederson Construction



Get your flower and garden seeds for the 2023 growing season! New this year will be live plants. Ask any Donalda student for an order form or call the school.

Listed prices will be greenhouse shelf price & the Parent Society will receive 20 - 30% of the sales!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Groundhog Day Adult Info Program 10 am @ Library	3	4 Coffee Social 1:30-3:30pm at Drop In
5 Donalda Fun Spiel @ Curling Rink	6 Floor Curling @ 2pm at Community Hall	7 Pickleball 7 pm @ Community Hall	8	9 Donalda Coulee Friendship Club AGM and Regular Meeting 6 pm @ Drop In	10 Curling Fun Spiel Banquet & Dance 6 pm @ Community Hall	11 Coffee Social 1:30-3:30pm at Drop In
12 Valentine's Pancake Breakfast 10am - 12 pm @ Drop In	13 Floor Curling @ 2pm at Community Hall	14 Pickleball 7 pm @ Community Hall	15 Ag Society Meeting 7pm @ Community Hall	16 Donalda Museum Dinner 5 -7 pm @ Drop In	17 Teddy Bear PJ Party 10 am @ Library	18 Coffee Social 1:30-3:30pm at Drop In An Evening With Patsy Cline 7 pm @ Hall
19	20 Family Day Village Office Closed Tobogganing Event at Donalda Ski Hill Floor Curling @ 2pm at Community Hall Court Whist 7 pm @ Drop In	21 Pickleball 7 pm @ Community Hall	22	23	24	25 January Utility Bills Due Coffee Social 1:30-3:30pm at Drop In
26	27 Deadline for the Lite Floor Curling @ 2pm at Community Hall	28 Regular Meeting of Council @ 10 am at the Village Complex Pickleball 7 pm @ Community Hall February Utility Bill Distribution Day				