

# Donalda Lite



Sketch by Susan Dahl

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2012

## VILLAGE COMPLEX HOURS

### Village Office Hours:

Monday - Wednesdays

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Telephone: 403-883-2345

### Museum Hours:

Monday - Friday 10:00 - 5:00

Weekends & Holidays 11:00 - 5:00

Telephone: 403-883-2100

### Library Hours:

Mondays: 3pm to 6pm

Tuesdays: 3pm to 6pm

Wednesdays: 3:pm to 6pm

Thursdays: 6:00 pm to 9:00pm

Telephone: 403-883-2345

### Transfer Site Hours:

Saturday 10 am - 2pm

## FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE

**CONGRATULATIONS to the VILLAGE OF DONALDA on a SUPER CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION!! AND THANK YOU!! YOU DID A GREAT JOB!!**

*The past week we had numerous face book and emails messages forwarded to us from the guests, expressing thank –you for all the hard work that the volunteers did in preparation for the Centennial Celebration. As well many said what a wonderful time they had.*

*I would like to concur with these messages, while I was in the Village there was a lot of enthusiastic individuals everywhere. Certainly all of those who contributed endless volunteer hours of not only planning for the past year, but also of the final preparation,( the final week was certainly a flurry of activity). Each contribution was significant in the overall plan.*

*In the time I have worked in this office, I have been very impressed by all of the groups and individuals who are dedicated to going the extra mile to make interesting and exciting events happen in the Village.*

Again **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

**“SAVOR THE SUCCESS!”**

Joan Kapiniak  
CAO Village of Donalda

Dutch Elm Disease Awareness Week is recognized annually throughout the province of Alberta from June 22- 28. The intent is to raise awareness on how dangerous Dutch elm disease (DED) is, the importance of elm trees to our communities, and that DED can be prevented. At present, Alberta has the largest DED-free American elm stand in the world, and it is important to protect this valuable resource. The Society to Prevent Dutch Elm Disease (STOPDED) is asking for your assistance to save our beautiful elm trees from this deadly disease. DED is caused by a fungus that clogs the elm tree's water conducting system, causing the tree to die. The fungus is primarily spread from one elm tree to another by three species of beetles, the smaller European, the native and the banded elm bark beetle. The beetles are attracted to weak and dying trees, which serve as breeding sites for the beetles. Once the beetles have pupated and turned into adults they leave the brood gallery and fly to healthy elms to feed, thus transporting the fungus on their bodies from one tree to the next. Monitoring for the beetles is done annually throughout the province by STOPDED. The smaller elm bark beetles have been found throughout the province in low numbers and now the banded elm bark beetle is found in larger numbers throughout the City of Medicine Hat. For this reason we must be even more vigilant. Leaves on a DED-infected elm will wilt or droop, curl and become brown. This appears in mid June to mid-July. Leaves on trees infected later in the season usually turn yellow and drop prematurely. Leaf symptoms are accompanied by brown staining under the bark. All suspicious elms must be tested in a lab, a service STOPDED funds. During DED Awareness Week, please take a moment and find out how you can help save our elms.

What can you do?

- Be aware of the Alberta elm pruning ban between April 1 and September 30. The beetles are most active at this time and can be attracted to the scent of fresh tree cuts, possibly infecting a healthy elm.
- Keep your elm trees healthy, and vigorous.
- Water elms well from April to mid August. To allow the tree to harden off for the winter, watering should be stopped mid August followed by a good soaking or two before freeze-up.
- Only between October 1 to March 31, remove dead branches and trees as they can provide beetle habitat.
- Dispose of all elm wood immediately by burning, burying or chipping.
- Report all suspect trees to the DED Hotline at 1-877-837-ELMS. A confirmed DED tree must be removed immediately to prevent further spread.

What you shouldn't do!

- Do not transport or store elm firewood at any time! DED and the beetles are declared pests under the AB Agricultural Pests Act making it illegal to do so.
  - Do not transport elm firewood into Alberta! Firewood is confiscated at all the Alberta-Montana border crossings.
  - Do not prune elms between April 1 to September 30
- To or report a DED suspect elm tree or for more information, call the STOPDED hotline at 1-877-837-ELMS or check out the web site at [www.stopded.org](http://www.stopded.org). Our elms are a treasure that we cannot afford to lose.

Thanks for your help.

Janet Feddes-Calpas  
STOPDED Executive Director  
403-782-8613



Donalda And District Agricultural Society's 31 Annual Bench Fair Entries will be accepted on August 11 at the Hall between 2:00pm and 5:00pm. Exhibits will be open on Saturday from 8:00am to 4:00pm. The pancake breakfast will be Saturday from 8:00am to noon. For more information contact Terry Nordahl at (403) 883 2259 or Sheila Sutton at (403) 883 2188.

Check your Fair ooklets for the list of entries.

#### **The Donalda Coulee Friendship Club**

Club activities have wrapped up for the summer. Our next meeting will be on Sept. 13 at 12 noon. New members are always welcome. Pancake breakfasts and Jam sessions will resume on September 9. Bingo will be held monthly beginning with October 17 at 7:30pm. Saturday afternoon social will be discontinued for the summer also.

#### Donalda Gallery of the Arts

The Exhibit Opening August 4<sup>th</sup>  
featuring the  
"Bashaw Art Society"

If you have not seen the exhibit of our local artist, most who have past away, please do so before the 29<sup>th</sup> of July.

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#### News from the Donalda Library

Our new hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are 3:00pm -6:00pm and Thursdays are 6:00pm—9:00 pm

Our Wi-Fi Connection is now available 24hours/day and 7 days/week! For more information contact the library.

**Coming soon, Donalda Public Library Internet Café!**

We are now accepting registrations for our Summer Youth Program! The program begins on July 9. The mornings will be for ages 5-7 and starts at 10:00 am and the afternoon is for ages 8+ and will start at 1:00pm. This program is FREE!

We are also looking for DVD donations. We ask that these are gently used. So if you are cleaning out your collection, please think of us!

#### Donalda's Centennial Celebration

Our Celebration was a huge success. Estimates were 1000 people on Saturday and about 500 on Sunday.

Thanks and appreciation, from those who attended, were heard many times by the organizers, throughout the weekend and continue this week on Donalda's Centennial facebook page and in emails. There are hundreds of pictures on our facebook page already. The thanks and appreciation make it all worthwhile for the organizers.

We had 77 vehicles at the Show & Shine, thanks to Jeff and Wanda Stensrud who organized it all. It is now planned to be held annually on Railway Avenue near the lamp.

Rhonda Mead, from Meeting Creek, organized the Donalda's Got Talent contest and it was great. The winners were:

Carly Armstrong \$200

Pam Sherman \$150

Briyan Blumhagen and Chantel Ambler \$100

Emily Spelman \$50

Morgan Baken \$50

The organizers wish to thank all of the groups and committees ( Sharon Lutheran Church, Donalda Ag Society, Donalda Animal Rescue, Donalda School Parent Council, Donalda Fire Dept.) and Teresa's Catering who handled the meals and through this made funds for their respective groups. These groups, then use these funds, to benefit the village. Thanks to and all of the volunteers who supervised the bounce houses and drove the people mover and helped people on and off and kept the kids entertained.

So many business and individuals donated and sponsored this celebration that we are leaving the sponsor board up at the hall for the summer. We could not have done this without your support and enabled the events to be free for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you to Amy Cockerill and her family for the First Aid tent and overnight security.

Our thanks to Ken Walker for his idea of the trailer and then converting it, with Jim Conibear and Lane Damberger's help. Thanks to those in the village who fixed up their homes, properties and businesses to put on our best. Many visitors said the village looked beautiful.

Thanks to Joan, Janet and Frank from the office and public works. Also thanks to the student staff from the village, museum and Ag Society staff.

Thanks to Ben Van Haga for his invaluable help.

*Happy Centennial!*



### SHARON LUTHERAN CHURCH

The congregation at Sharon would like to welcome visitors to our services which are Sundays at 10:00 am. starting on April 15. Below is a list of Supply Pastors/Lay People who will bring the message.

July 8 - Pastor Pat Gill  
July 15 - Pastor Greg Kjos  
July 22 - Pastor Harold Rust  
July 29 - Pastor Harold Rust

Living Hope FAMILY Bible Camp - July 16 to July 22/12 at Deer Valley Meadows, Alix, AB . Overnight canoe trip for youth - Sunday July 15. Johnson Family Ministries for children, VBS, Youth classes, Morning teacher Pastor Norm Miller, Evening Speaker Pastor Karl Faltin, worship and praise - afternoon activities - fun for the whole family. Early bird registration before July 1st - \$ 150.00/person, \$400.00/family after July 1st \$175.00/person and \$450.00/family. For more information call Wade Montgomery 403-883-2566 or visit us on Facebook at Living Hope Bible Camp to learn more and for registration form.

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### Donalda & District Museum Society

Darlene Tantrum, Manager

Due to a busy month of June our meeting was cancelled, not that we were not working, thank you to the volunteers who showed up to complete the parking lot, it is awesome and I do see people using it and glad to see the handicap parking there.

The "Crystal Chandelier" is now hung and looks awesome. I have also done some painting in the office, the back wall so it matches the foyer, the rest will be done in the fall.

You will see the summer students are back they are Shelby and Brittany, we also have Navada at the Art Gallery, welcome aboard girls.

Thank you to all our volunteers who helped at the Centennial, I have heard nothing but positive feedback.

If you are looking for or missed getting souvenirs for the Donalda Centennial they are available at the museum.

We have great hot / cold cup with a picture of the valley on it. Playing cards with pictures of past buildings on the face, both are great gifts.

A matted Donalda Maid Butter Wrapper or a block wrapped in the Donalda Maid Butter Wrapper.

All of the above are very affordable .

### DONALDA CENTENNIAL PARADE

June 30, 2012 11:00 A.M.

We were honoured to be asked to judge this very special parade. We figured it was something to take seriously when we learned that there were 100+ entries and only four prizes to be given out.

We gave the Spruce Coulee Community Club Float First Prize. Its historical theme, complete with old school desks, a coal pail, young and old folks was just what we were looking for in this Centennial Parade. It was decorated appropriately and even had a hand painted sign. Congrats to all those people from that community.

We were pleased to give second prize to one of the animal entries that belonged to the Norman Family (1905). It was a beautifully varnished wagon pulled by four exquisite horses. We think all the people in the wagon were Normans, but we know all the Normans were not in the wagon!!

John's Vending Ltd. received third prize. It represented one of the industries in Donalda for over 50 years. The centre of the float was a jukebox from 1955, and historical information naming people in that business as well local singers, whose music they were playing.

A parade is not a parade without a marching band, so giving the Legion Pipe Band fourth prize was perfect. They came all the way from Innisfail, and their music could be heard throughout the whole village. It was the finishing touch to make this parade particularly entertaining.

Everyone in this parade deserved a prize, so many floats with many hours dedicated to decorating and getting there on time. The parade lined up without a hitch under the careful direction of Ray Kneeland, Parade Marshall. Thanks, Ray.

The comment we heard over and over was "This is a better parade than big towns have", and you only had to see the kids candy bags and smiling faces to know how true that comment was!

Thanks to everyone who participated in Donalda's Centennial Parade, it was a great kick-off to the day and will be remembered for a long time.

Diane Conibear

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