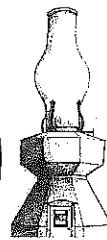


# Donalda Lite



Sketch by Susan Dahl

## DECEMBER 2017

### VILLAGE COMPLEX HOURS

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

Monday - Tuesday  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Wednesday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Telephone: 403-883-2345

#### **Museum Winter Hours:**

View by Appointment  
Telephone: 403-883-2253 or 403-883-2381

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

View by Appointment  
Telephone: 403-883-2253 or 403-883-2381

#### **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:**

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.



### DONALDA LIBRARY

Be sure to join us on **Dec.3** Village Christmas- in the basement of the community Hall. We are selling homemade Chili with a bun, hot dogs, homemade squares and refreshments.

Please join us on Saturday **Dec.16<sup>th</sup>** for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual gingerbread village event held in the Donalda Coulee Friendship Drop In from 1pm to 3 pm. All ages welcome. Admission by donation to the Donalda Library. All baked goods and supplies provided. Donalda Library's board has 3 openings- remaining term lengths vary. We meet 4 times a year, the next meeting is

February 26, 2018. If interested please contact the library manager @ [donaldalibrary@prl.ab.ca](mailto:donaldalibrary@prl.ab.ca) or call during library hours 403-883-BOOK (2665). We will hold our first Friends of the Library Steering Committee meeting on Thursday **Dec.14<sup>th</sup>** from 7-8:30pm in the Donalda Library. This meeting will outline the needs of the library, roles and responsibilities that a friends board performs. There is no obligation, we'd love to have everyone come out and offer ideas. Snacks provided. We would again like to thank Pam & Doug from Bookerville, John from John's Vending, Dean from Wooden Nickel Cafe, Teresa from Teresa's Catering, Beth from Echo Glen Gardens, Kash from the Art Gallery, Val Stolee, Donalda Elementary, Wells Furniture and all the local organizations and citizens that have generously donated to our many library programs throughout 2017. Without your support we wouldn't be able to offer our wide range of programs. We look forward to many great programs in 2018. Donalda Library will be **closed Dec. 25,26,27,28 and Jan 1<sup>st</sup>** for New Year's Day. We will reopen January 2 with regular hours.  
**Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.**

### VILLAGE OF DONALDA



The Village Office will be closed **December 21, 2017 to January 3, 2018** for the Holiday Season.  
"Council and Staff of Village of Donalda wishing everyone **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**"

### DONALDA PROMOTIONS

A Village Christmas is this Sunday in Donalda. Don't forget the Santa Shopping at the Drop In from noon to 4 pm for all children 14 and under where everything is \$1. The Christmas Market is taking place on both levels of the community hall. Lunch is available from the Donalda Library in the basement of the hall. Santa arrives at 4 pm at the Drop In with treat bags for everyone. Parade entries are organizing at the Curling Rink parking lot at 4:30 pm with the Parade of Lights commencing at about 5 pm. Immediately after the Parade of Lights at approximately 5:30 pm, there will be a short fireworks display that will be visible in front of the lamp. This is the final wrap up of Donalda's Village Christmas. Since this is our last newsletter before the holidays, have a **safe and Merry Christmas to everyone.**

### DONALDA ART GALLERY

As the VILLAGE CHRISTMAS will be upon us December 3rd, the Gallery is ready to open the blinds to present the Christmas Trees, we have been busy taking down Halloween and setting up trees, decorating the Lamp Park, AND I think we are **READY!!**

If anyone is interested in painting in the new year send me an email with your contact information and we will try and set a paint night up. Contact Darlene at [ctp1867@icloud.com](mailto:ctp1867@icloud.com)  
On behalf of the Executive, Directors and Members we would like to wish each and everyone a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS and the very BEST for 2018.**

*Hair on the Hill would like to thank her clients for their continued support in 2017 and hope see you all in 2018. I need to clarify that I have 3 jobs so please be patient with my schedule and message returns. I am here for your hair care needs and always have product for sale. Gift certificates for this Christmas Season are also available. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

*Mary Mueller*

*403-883-2469 or cell 403-740-2843*

**Donalda Community Calendars \$ 12 each**  
Available through the school  
403-883-2280

## DONALDA & DISTRICT MUSEUM

The Donalda & District Museum is closed for the winter months. If you have family members or visitors that would like to tour the Museum please make an appointment with

Darlene Tantrum at 403-883-2253  
or Marlene Conibear at 403-883-2381.

Kasheen Clouson has married and moved to Manitoba with her husband Paul, who started a new job a few months ago.

We thank Kasheen for all her hard work over the past 3 years. She was able to complete a lot of projects that have been on the back burner for some time. The Museum Board wishes Kash & Paul all the best. We will truly miss her.

We have hired Rebecca Hatch as Museum Manager but due to a very tight budget, she will not be starting till February 1, 2018. The Donalda Museum will be holding their first annual Toy Show & Sale on Saturday February 17th from 10am - 5pm at the Donalda Hall. Tables are \$15, and are to be booked in advance with the Museum. Admission will be \$5.00 per person, and children 10 and under will be free. There will also be a concession featuring homemade soup, buns, and pie, as well as other goodies. For more information call Darlene at 403-883-2253 or Marlene at 403-883-2381



## DONALDA SCHOOL

### **Important Dates**

**December 1** - No School, PD Day  
**December 5** - Parent Council Meeting 3:00pm  
**December 9** - Art Gala & Auction 3:00 pm  
with guest auctioneer Kevin Sorenson  
**December 20** - Christmas Concert 7:00pm  
**December 23 - January 7th**, Christmas Holidays

### **School "Crushes" Christmas Child Goal**

Once again, students at Donalda School have had an amazing month. First, Operation Christmas Child was a huge success again this time around. As in previous years, the school and the Donalda Lutheran Church worked together to hit a goal of bettering last year's result of 120 boxes. This we did and then some, putting together an impressive 180 boxes. Everyone was extremely happy to have hit such a high mark, but the real joy came as we imagined children in far away places opening a box on Christmas Day. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who donated items, money, and helped pack boxes.



**Donalda Student body, staff and volunteers show off their accomplishment—180-plus boxes prepared for delivery to less-fortunate children around the world. Well done, Donalda Team.**



We also did very well in our literacy challenge. The goal was to collectively read 5,000 minutes in three days. To quote Mr. Siemens: "We crushed that goal." In fact, we actually reached over 6,000 minutes. As a reward, we were given tickets to a Camrose Kodiaks game courtesy of the club. We travelled by bus on November 11, and the game was great, with the Kodiaks winning a close contest (3-2).

Students in Mr. Brown's Science class did a "super cool" experiment in their unit on Biology, according to Brooke Wilke, Grade 7. We dissected moose and deer hearts he had brought in from a recent hunting trip. Almost everyone—a few had to turn their heads away—thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and got to see all the parts of a heart.

Finally, in school sports, the boys won the B-Side of C. A. R. A., which is definitely an impressive result considering their oldest player is only in Grade 7. The girls' team, having won the A-Side of C. A. R. A., qualified for C. W. A. J. H. A. A., which involves the best teams from Alberta Central. Unfortunately, they lost in the final match against Clive, but it was close (25-12, 22-25, 16-18). Just the same, it was a most impressive outing. Getting that far and doing so well is something that was totally unexpected at the start of the season. Well done, both teams.

Donalda School extends a thank you to Bookersville General Store and Coffee Shop for donating cups to use at our school

**SHARON LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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

December 5	Pastor Rob Lewis
December 10	Pastor Rob Lewis
December 17	Pastor Paul Reich
December 24	Pastor Harold Rust
	Christmas Eve Service @ 7:30 pm
December 31	Pastor Charles Jackson
January 7	Pastor Paul Reich

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 ☆ **Youth Nite** ☆  
 ☆ **Sunday, December 10 at 7:00 pm** ☆  
 ☆ **At Sharon Lutheran Church** ☆  
 ☆ **Wooden craft, snacks and more.** ☆  
 ☆ **Invite your friends!!** ☆  
 ☆ **Please RRRSP to Susan at 403-742-9459 by** ☆  
 ☆ **Thursday Dec 7 in order to have enough** ☆  
 ☆ **craft supplies.** ☆  
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**SHUTTERBUG UPDATE/TIME CAPSULE**

Wow what a great response to the first annual shutterbug contest, 18 photographs will be on display at the Christmas Village. A people's choice vote will determine which photo will be on the cover of the 2018 Donalda Tourism & Business Directory. The photographer will receive \$100. Be sure to stop by and vote. Lynn Boyd has generously volunteered her time and talent to capture in pictures, our Village Christmas. She will be visiting all the venues throughout the day taking pictures that will be included in the time capsule. Please introduce yourself to Lynn and thank her for donating her time for this event. She will be wearing a name tag.

**TIME CAPSULE LAST CALL**

There's still time for submissions to the time capsule as Canada's 150 comes to a close. A list of the contents and where it's to be stored will be noted in the January 2108 Lite

**DONALDA COULEE FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

Everyone welcome to Coffee and Fellowship at the Drop In Centre on Saturday, **December 2, & 9**. On the **16th** the Library will be doing their annual Gingerbread Village at the Drop In. There will be no Coffee and Fellowship on Dec 23 and 30.

**Thursday, January 11/18** at noon regular lunch and meeting. New members welcome

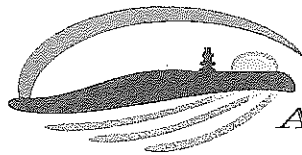
**Sunday, January 14/18:** Pancake Breakfast 10 am to 1 pm. Everyone Welcome

The Club would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support during the last year.

**Merry Christmas, Happy New Year to one and all!!**



**Willow Canyon  
 Free Tobogganing  
 Open Weekends & During  
 Christmas Break  
 NO ATVS Allowed**



*Donalda and District  
 Agricultural Society*

**DONALDA AG SOCIETY**

Merry Christmas and Season's Greetings from the Donalda Ag Society. We hope everyone has a safe and joyous holiday season. It's official, we have a new website. Unveiled at the fall supper, [www.donaldaagsociety.com](http://www.donaldaagsociety.com), is the place to be. Check out all our facilities and the live calendar of events for each facility. Many thanks to BJ Normand, our resident computer geek, who designed this and spent countless hours getting it up and running. Thank you to all those who came out to our fall supper. We served 160+ plates. A big shout out to our sponsors, Vikse Family Farms (Dave & Tracee) and Balanced Agronomy Inc. (Danie Rairdan) who helped make this evening a roaring success. Each year the Donalda Ag Society recognizes one outstanding volunteer in the community with the Donalda & District Agricultural Society Volunteer Award. As well, the County of Stettler recognizes two individuals throughout the entire county with the Stettler Dodge Recreation Award and the Atco Culture & Heritage Award. If you have an individual in mind or would like more information, please contact John at 403-883-2501.

**Deadline is December 15.**

For the second year in a row, the Ag Society will be unlocking the gates to allow tobogganers and their families access to the hills on weekends and during Christmas break. The heated chalet will remain locked, unless booked privately. All ATVs are prohibited on the property due to the delicate nature of the native plant species and the erosion of the hills. Please respect this pristine land and the terms and conditions of using it, so future generations can enjoy it as well. Willow Canyon is a great place to host birthday parties, family get togethers, etc. with its toboggan hills. At a low rate of \$50 a day you get access to the heated chalet complete with kitchen and all the tobogganing and/or exploring you could possibly want. Contact Beth at 403-741-8196 to book. We will be sponsoring a Home Alone Course geared towards the 8-12 year old children. Date to be announced. Will be in December or January. If you have a preference for date or would like to enroll your child(ren) please contact Beth. Cost per child will be \$10. (Ag Society is sponsoring \$55.00 of the total \$65.00 per kid). This is not a babysitters course.

The Ag Society is looking at recreational activities that can held in the hall. Currently there is floor curling. Is there any interest in yoga, pickleball, other. Please call Beth if you're interested in attending such an activity.

Friday Fun Nights are up and running at the Equestrian Centre. They alternate between Non-competitive working horse and cowboy challenge. Bring your friends, enjoy the warmth of the arena and saddle up for some great fun and companionship. The new cattle door is now installed. Thanks to Dixon Farms (Cody & Becky) for the use of the skid steer for building the ramp to the door and to the volunteers for making this possible.

**Mark Your Calendars:**

Annual General Meeting, **December 18, 2017**. Supper at 5:30, meeting to follow. Find out what we've been up to and what the future holds in these uncertain economic times.

**Spruce Coulee Ladies Aid Christmas  
 Raffle Winners**  
**1st Prize quilt - Kyle Roberts**  
**2nd Prize quilt - Rylan Jaksitz**  
**3rd Prize Grocery hamper - Rodney Norman**  
 Thank you for supporting our raffle and  
 congratulations to the above winners



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

Donalda Lite the deadline is

**TUESDAY, January 2, 2018 at noon**

You can email your submissions to

lite@village.donalda.ab.ca

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

For personal ads, the rates are:

<b>Full page</b>	<b>\$40.00 +GST</b>
<b>1/2 page</b>	<b>\$25.00 +GST</b>
<b>1/4 page</b>	<b>\$15.00 +GST</b>
<b>Business card</b>	<b>\$5.00 + GST</b>

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**BOTTLE RECYCLING TRAILER SCHEDULE**

**2018**

January, February, March: Donalda Cemetery Club

April : Donalda School Parent Council

May & June: Donalda Promotions

July & August: Donalda Library

September: Donalda School Parent Council

**BOOKERSVILLE**  
Donalda  
General Store/Cafe

MON TO SAT 10 AM TO 8 PM

SUN/HOL NOON TO 5PM

403-883-2700



*Donalda Ag Society's Inaugural  
Ladies Night*

*Theme: Lipstick & Cowboy  
Boots*

*Food by Teresa's Catering  
March 16, 2017 @ 7 pm*

*Tickets: \$40 each or table of 6 for \$225*

*Call Beth at 403-741-8196 or  
Amanda at 403-883-2686*

**Normand Tech Services**

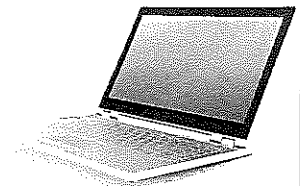
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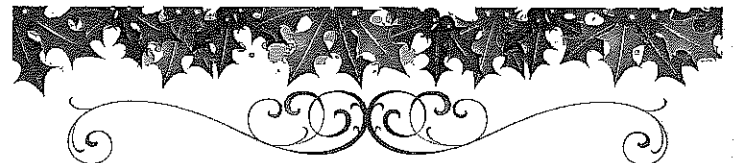


*Battle River Rural Crime Watch is up and running  
for the Village of Donalda under new members.*

*If interested in becoming a member contact*

*Paul McKay (403) 883-2438*

*Monthly Meeting will be second Tuesday of the  
month at 7:00 pm at the hall*



*Merry Christmas*

Hosted by the Donaldda Community Promotions Society

# A Donaldda

## Village Christmas

Sunday, December 3rd, 2017

Hot Lunch 11 - 4pm (Hall)

Provided by the Donaldda Library

Country Market 12 - 5pm

At the Community Hall

Tables are available for rent

Beth: 403-741-8196

Tree of Lights Exhibit

At the Donaldda Art Gallery

Santa's Shopping Centre 12 - 4pm

At the Drop In Centre

Everything is \$1.00

Shopping centre is intended for 14 & under

Santa at 4pm at the Drop In Centre

Parents are welcome to take pictures!

Parade of Lights at 5pm

All parade entries welcome

Line up at the curling rink parking lot at 4:30pm

For more information call Bruce at 403-883-2943

### PROJECT BASED LEARNING AT

### DONALDA SCHOOL

PRESENTS

*Art & Writing Gala*

DECEMBER 9TH AT 3PM

Artwork produced by students in Grade 1 and 2

with special submissions by students in Grade 7 and 8



CATALOG OF ALL PIECES FOR SALE  
AVAILABLE AT THE END OF NOVEMBER

Admission is free!  
Coffee and snacks to follow

All profits donated to the Stettler Food Bank

CONTACT TERESA ANDERSSON FOR MORE INFORMATION  
(403) 883-2280 OR (403) 883-2195

# December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 No School	2 Coffee & Fellowship 1:30 pm - 4 pm @ Drop-In
3 Church Services 10 am Pastor Rob Lewis Village Christmas 12 to 5 pm	4	5 Floor Curling 1pm @ Hall Parent Council Meeting 3 pm @ Donalda School	6 Rhymes that Bind 10:30 am to noon @ Donalda School Library	7	8	9 Coffee & Fellowship 1:30 pm - 4 pm @ Drop-In Art Gala Auction 3pm @ Donalda School
10 Church Services 10 am Pastor Rob Lewis	11	12 Floor Curling 1pm @ Hall Rural Crime Watch 7pm @ Hall	13 Rhymes that Bind 10:30 am to noon @ Donalda School Library	14 Friends of Library Steering Committee Meeting 7 pm @ Library	15	16 Gingerbread Village Event 1-3 pm @ Drop In Centre
17 Church Services 10 am Pastor Paul Reich	18 Ag Society AGM 5:30 pm Supper & meeting @ the Hall	19 Floor Curling 1pm @ Hall Village Council Meeting 7 pm @ Village Complex	20 Christmas concert 7pm @ School	21 Village Office closed Dec 21 to Jan 3/18	22 Library Closed Dec 22 to Jan 1/18	23
24 Christmas Eve Service @ 7:30 pm Pastor Harold Rust	25	26  Klooppy Boxing Day	27	28	29	30
31 Church Services 10 am Pastor Charles Jackson	January 1, 2018 	January 2, 2018 Library open 2 - 5pm Noon deadline for Submissions to Life				