

Donalda Lite



Sketch by Susan Dahl

December 2013

VILLAGE COMPLEX HOURS

Village Office Hours:

Monday - Wednesdays
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Holiday Hours:

Closed Dec, 24-29 and Jan, 1

Open Dec, 30 and 31

Telephone: 403-883-2345

Museum Winter Hours:

Monday, Thursday and Friday 10:00 - 4:00

Telephone: 403-883-2100

Gallery of the Arts:

View By Appointment

Telephone: 403-883-2100

Library Hours:

Mondays: 2pm to 6pm

Tuesdays: 2pm to 6pm

Wednesdays: 2:pm to 6pm

Thursdays: 6:00 pm to 9:00pm

Telephone: 403-883-2345

Transfer Site Hours:

*Saturday 10 am - 2pm

Community Recycling: Please help protect our environment

Newspaper and cardboard bins are located by the Curling rink.

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

If you would like to submit anything into the January Donalda Lite, the deadline is Monday, December 30. You can email your submissions to lite@village.donalda.ab.ca or drop it off at the village office. Please inquire with the village office if there are any fees.

PARENTS, PLEASE INSTRUCT YOUR CHILDREN TO NOT RIDE THEIR BIKES DOWN THE STEPS OF AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE AND ALSO TO NOT RIDE THEIR BIKES ON THE LAMP DECK. THIS IS DANGEROUS.

Sidewalk Snow Removal

For snow removal in the Village of Donalda please call:

Gary Sutton at 403-883-2118

Ezra and Judah Auton at 403-883-2526

If you are willing to shovel sidewalks and would like to have your name added to our list please contact the Village Office at 403-883-2345.

FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE

Another year has almost come to pass.

I have been asked, to review this year's accomplishments. This is not an easy task, in order to review accomplishments you have to look at the work that had been done prior to ensure it was successful. The

first thing I checked, was to see if the culverts that were flowing poorly or partially plugged from last year were now draining properly and if there was any large amounts of water pooling. I noticed a large improvement. Now that this spring runoff was gone. It was time to jump into the weed control regulation act. I attended a course in Lacombe, with the information learned and the amount of effort and training required to fulfill the act, it was in the best financial interest at this time to hire a weed consultant and commercial pesticide applicator to look after the weeds for the village of Donalda.

The weather was ideal for grass growing and continuously mowing grass. A large amount of time was also spent on trimming, cleaning brush from around the village. It is hard to believe almost 40 one ton loads of brush were removed.

Also, there was the time spent with the Shirley McCullen waterline. Plus meeting with engineer in regards to upgrading and replacing our existing waterlines, flushing of our sewer lines.

Finishing off the repairs on the storage cells of the lagoon to ensure they met code of practice for wastewater lagoon. Fall draining of the lagoon ensuring that both Federal code and provincial code were followed.

Now that the snow has fallen and removal of the brush, we are able to push back further.

When I'm not doing snow removal all village equipment will be serviced, and ready for service next spring. The winter months, Also allow for reviewing provincial codes, renewing or creating new policies.

It's hard to remember what has been done. It's easy to see what needs to be done and almost impossible to find time to do.

I wish you all seasons greetings and a happy new year.

Frank Sutton, Village Foreman.

Donalda Community Promotions

Submitted by Beth Fulton

Mark your calendars and be sure to visit this years' A Village Christmas on Saturday, December 7. Start getting your floats together for the crowd pleaser Parade of Lights. For more information call Bruce at 403-883-2943. Other attractions include Santa's Shopping Centre, Festival of Trees complete with Tree Auction, a visit from Santa, and the Country Market. To book your table call Beth at 403-883-2891.

Outdoor Skating Rink

We are in the process of creating an outdoor skating rink. It is located on the north side of the Outdoor Riding Arena, between the arena and the soccer net. Please use this with care as it is unsupervised. We are looking for volunteers to help keep the rink clear of snow. Thanks to the AG society and the village for the use of the land; Shane Fox for flooding the rink, Les Webb and Roy Fulton for prepping the area; and the Wilkies for rounding up straw bales.

Donalda & District Museum Society

Darlene Tantrum manager

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! Hope your holiday season is a safe, healthy and happy, from the Executive and Board of Directors.

The museum will be recruiting new directors for the next term soon, if you have an interest in local history and would like to sit on the board contact Darlene at the museum. Even if you only want to be a member you are more than welcome. The Society meets once a month on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

The museum will be open during December until the 20th, 10 am until 4 pm; we will be closed until January 6th.

Donalda Community Art Society

Hoping everyone takes the time to come out and view the "Festival of Trees" on display until December 7th, at which time they will be auctioned off, this will be a live auction with reserved bidding at approximately 5:30 pm following the Parade of Lights and before the fireworks.

A time to come in warm up with hot chocolate and cookies.

Here is a list of donors and trees:

1. The Donalda Coulee Friendship Club, a 6 foot Pre-lit Red and White bird tree, this is decorated with all kinds of birds, red and white bows.
2. The Donalda & District Museum, a 7 foot Pre-lit Burgundy and Gold Tapestry, topped with an angel.
3. The Donalda Community Arts, a 7 foot Pre-lit Silver and Blue shiny and bright, topped with an angel.
4. Donalda Community Promotions, a 9 foot Pre-lit Mardi Gras, turquoise, hot pink and lime green, topped with a big bow.
5. Donalda Public Library, a 6 foot Pre-lit red, white and silver, very festive and traditional.
6. Sharron Scott and Darlene Tantrum, 7 foot Pre-lit pencil tree this tree is narrow and made to fit in a narrow space, decorated in a butterfly theme of gold tones.
7. Donalda AG Society, an outside 3 foot Pre-lit Porch Tree, ideal for your front step or patio decorated in red and silver.
8. Donalda Parent Council a Patio Urn Pre-lit, approx. 18 inches in diameter, accented with red berries and ice coated twigs, great for your front door.
9. A Wreath with purple ribbon accented with silver baubles, 18 - 20 inches. Donated by Marlene Conibear.
10. The Sharon Lutheran Church an 18 - 20 inch wreath, white and silver with an Angel bell supported from the top. Very elegant and tastefully done.
11. The Village of Donalda a large wreath Burgundy and gold tapestry.
12. For display only is a tree co-sponsored by "The Hair Salon", Amanda Holden and "Hair on the Hill", Mary Mueller.

We thank everyone who participated in this fundraiser for the Art Gallery. We look forward to having art classes in the New Year, look for dates in the January issue.

The Executive, Board of Directors and Membership wish everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Donalda Coulee Friendship Club

On Thursday, December 12, there will be no lunch meeting. Instead at 6:00 pm, is the Annual Christmas Supper Pot-Luck. The meat will be provided. Please bring a food bank donation. New members are always welcome!

Sunday, December 8, the Pancake Breakfast and Jam Session is cancelled. Next Breakfast and Jam Session will be on Sunday, January 12, 2014 at 11:00 am.

On Saturday, December 7, the Drop-In will be having a Bake Table at the Christmas Market. Santa Shopping Centre will be help at the Drop-In. Open to all children and all gifts will be \$1.00 each.

The Drop-In is open Saturday afternoons at 1:30-4:00 pm for fellowship and coffee. Everyone welcome!

Thank you to SunBrite Greenhouse for donating the flowers around the sign in Meeting Creek. From the Meeting Creek Recreation Association

Donalda School News

Home of the Donalda Eagles

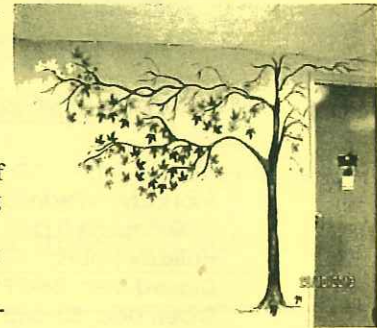
Submitted by Beth Fulton



Well I believe the snow is here to stay. As per usual the school is a hive of activity. Thank you to everyone who stuffed a shoebox for the Operation Christmas Child. Mark your calendars, December 19 is the annual Christmas Concert. Come out and support the kids' efforts.

If you haven't already received your school calendar, we do have extras. Contact Kim Klatt at 403-883-2407.

Our Roots and Branches Alumni Tree is leafing out. If you haven't already purchased your leaf for the Alumni tree of past and present students and teacher, be sure to do so. All money raised from the sale of these leaves goes towards rebuilding our school playground. When completed the lower part of this tree will have plaques resembling bricks that recognize all our sponsors. Contact Shauna Wilkie at 403-883-2122.



Donalda Ladies Night was on November 16 and despite blizzard like weather, over 100 ladies attended. Thank you to all the generous sponsors and support of the families. Together we raised about \$9500.00 from this event. All monies go to the playground rebuilding project.

What newsletter would be complete without an Eagles update? The Donalda Eagles are soaring to a dramatic finish to the volleyball season and have seen tremendous success on the courts. Congratulations to the girls on your 4th place finish out of 39 teams at CAWJAJA, and to the boys on your 3rd place finish at CAWJAJA. Congratulations to all players on a season well played.

The next parent council meeting is set for December 10 at 3:45pm (right after school). We hope to see you there. Please note this is open to parents and community members.

Christmas break is from December 21 to January 6, with back to school on the 7th.

Spruce Coulee Ladies Aid would like to thank everyone who supported our sale and raffle. Also, thanks to the people who made donations to our sale.
The winners of the raffle were: Quilt - Brenda Lyle, Groceries - Joanne Halseth, and Grab Box - Rkaelyn Helmig.

News from the Donalda Library

Congratulations to our Summer Reading Prize winners, Keelie Gartside and Eam Fox! Way to read!










We will be having a Stuffed Animal Sleepover on January 2 as well as a Lego fun day on January 3. Registration is required for the sleepover and is online at www.donaldalibrary@prl.ab.ca under the kids tab. Donations are always welcome!

To better serve you we have acquired an outdoor drop box for your convenience. It is located just outside the front doors of the Village complex building. Thank you to Candice Kunstman at METALEX Metal Buildings Inc. for the wonderful job!

We will be closed the week of Christmas but will be open again on December 30, 31, and January 2, regular hours as well as January 3 from 9am to 1 pm. Our next Ladies Night out will be January 7 at 7:00pm. We are reading The Unit. Come get your copy at the library. There is no charge for this program come out and enjoy an evening with other ladies from the community. Starting in January we will also be starting TV Time for girls on the first early out of the month from 2:30 - 4:00pm and for the boys on the second early dismissal of the month from 2:30 - 4:00pm. Any donations to our programs is very much appreciated!

Please check us out on Facebook or Twitter.
~Kelley Andres

December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>1</i></p> <p><i>Church Services begin 10:00 am</i></p>	<p><i>2</i></p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p><i>AG Society AGM Potluck Supper 6:00 pm @ community hall</i></p>	<p><i>4</i></p>	<p><i>5</i></p>	<p><i>6</i></p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p><i>A Village Christmas 11:00 am - 5:00pm</i></p>
<p><i>8</i></p> <p><i>Church Services begin 10:00 am</i></p>	<p><i>9</i></p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p><i>Parent Council Meeting 3:45 pm @ School</i></p> <p><i>Promotions Meeting 7:00 pm</i></p> <p><i>Art Society Meeting 8:30 pm both @ Drop-In</i></p>	<p><i>11</i></p>	<p><i>12</i></p> <p><i>Annual Christmas Pot-luck Supper 6:00 pm @ Drop-In</i></p>	<p><i>13</i></p>	<p><i>14</i></p>
<p><i>15</i></p> <p><i>Church Services begin 10:00 am</i></p>	<p><i>16</i></p>	<p><i>17</i></p>	<p><i>18</i></p>	<p><i>19</i></p>	<p><i>20</i></p>	<p><i>21</i></p>
<p><i>22</i></p> <p><i>Church Services begin 10:00 am</i></p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p><i>Christmas Break No School</i></p> 	<p><i>24</i></p> <p><i>Christmas Eve</i></p> <p><i>Church Service begins 7:30 pm</i></p> 	<p><i>25</i></p> <p><i>Christmas Day</i></p> 	<p><i>26</i></p> 	<p><i>27</i></p> 	<p><i>28</i></p>
<p><i>29</i></p> <p><i>Church Services begin 10:00 am</i></p>	<p><i>30</i></p> 	<p><i>31</i></p> <p><i>New Years Eve</i></p> 				

SHARON LUTHERAN CHURCH

The congregation at Sharon would like to welcome visitors to our services which are Sundays at 10:00 am. *Please note: December 24 service starts at 7:30 pm*

December 1	Pastor Rob Lewis
December 8	Pastor Pat Gill
December 15	Mark Siemens
December 22	Harvey Benke
December 24 (7:30pm)	Pastor Pat Gill
December 29	Albern Bergstorm

KIDZ KLUB

Kids Klub is Dec 10, Jan 14 & 28, Feb 11, March 4 & 18 and April 15th. 24 children have come to this afterschool program which promotes positive relationships with others within a Christian based program that teaches the love of Jesus Christ.



GLORY BOUND CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 22 10:00 a.m.
Sharon Church Donalda
Morning message
Harvey Benke
Coffee Fellowship to follow

Donalda Curling Club

The Donalda Curling Club is starting up after Christmas. We are still looking for teams so if you are interested in trying to curl, let Mike Mueller know at 403-883-2469. We are going to try and have some drop in curling over the holidays. First time curlers will curl for FREE! We have shortened the season to six weeks so not a big commitment and \$10/game and \$10 locker rental. Combined Bonspiel - Feb 2 - 9th, 2014. Banquet and Dance Friday Feb 7th. dance to DOMINO! Steak supper and fun times. Kids curling during gym glass...volunteers needed.

Hey Everyone

If you have any news you want announced on Q14 or Q93.3 FM radio, call Minnie Jude at 403-883-2555. I do the Talk of the Town every Tuesday morning at 8:20. It's a great opportunity to share your news! Call me.
~Judy Dinsmore

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Donalda Ag Society

Thank you to all who attended the Annual Fall Supper and to all the volunteers who made it happen.

AGM is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec 3 at 6 pm. Potluck supper followed by the AGM. NEW BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!! Willow Canyon rental available. If you want the gate unlocked and the use of the chalet, there is a rental of \$30 for non profit. No night lights available. You can toboggan there anytime free of charge if the above is not necessary. Arena membership renewals are due. Arena rentals available. Contact Jodi Blouin at 403-883-2330.

Food Safety Course offered by the county on Dec 10. Contact the County of Stettler office if you are interested.

The Ag Society would like to wish the community a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We would like to thank all of our volunteers in 2013 and hope to see you all lending a helping hand in 2014.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We did an amazing job stuffing shoe boxes for children around the world again this year. 87 from the church and 25 from the school. I will accept donations all year round, so whenever you see an amazing sale on socks, t-shirts, underwear, school supplies, face cloths, bar soap, toothbrushes and toys, please buy them and bring them to the church. Thanks to all the volunteers and to all of your donations that helped make it a success.

Mary Mueller

I would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year! I would also like to thank my clientele for their patronage in 2013 and hope I can serve you in 2014. Don't forget I have many stocking stuffers available as well as an assortment of CHI flat irons and gift certificates.

Merry Christmas, Mary Mueller.

FOR SALE

2 Sets of Donalda Plates

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Each plate has a different picture including: Lamp, Art Gallery, Hall, Church, Railway Station and Village Office.

Paid \$220.00 for the set. Asking \$150.00

Call 883-2463

WANTED

People interested in getting together and brainstorming activity ideas for our children here in Donalda.

The community must work together!
We need all involved (Seniors, Parents, Children)

If interested, please contact Andrew or Maria at
403-883-2873

The future relies on our children!

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Saturday, December 7
11am to 5 pm



a *village* **christmas**



Hot Lunch

Provided by Donalda School Parent Council

Festival of Trees

Donalda Arts Gallery

Santa's Shopping Centre

Donalda Drop In Centre
Everything is a \$1.00

Country Market 10 to 4

Community Hall
Tables are available to rent

Parade of Lights 5pm

All parade entries welcome

Fireworks after parade

PICTURES WITH SANTA 3pm

All proceeds to School playground
Cost \$5.00 per picture

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FOR KIDS AGE 4 – 10

Bring your favorite stuffed animal and show up in your comfiest jammies for our Stuffed Animal Sleepover! We will be providing refreshments and a movie for the kids before they tuck their stuffies in for a sleepover at the library. The next morning please join us for a cereal bar and day of Lego fun! Pre-registration is required and a small donation is appreciated!

Please see Kelley at the library for more details.

Bob Halseth, *25 yrs experience*



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