

Donalda Lite



Sketch by Susan Dahl

January, 2014

VILLAGE COMPLEX HOURS

Village Office Hours:

Monday - Wednesdays

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Telephone: 403-883-2345

Museum Winter Hours:

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

Telephone: 403-883-2100

Gallery of the Arts:

View By Appointment

Telephone: 403-883-2100

Library Hours:

Mondays: 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Tuesdays: 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Wednesdays: 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Thursdays: 6:00 pm to 9:00pm

Telephone: 403-883-2345

Transfer Site Hours:

*Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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 from the collection of the bottles and cans stays in the community.

FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE

Due to conflict in schedules for the Council, the Regular Council Meeting Date has been changed from the third Thursday in the month to the third Tuesday in the Month.

The Village Council is beginning the process of forming an Emergency Preparedness Committee for the Village in 2014. If you have an interest in being part of this committee please call the Village Office in January 2014. 403-883-2345.

If you would like to submit anything into the February Donalda Lite, the deadline is Wednesday, January 29. You can email your submissions to lite@village.donaldalite.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.

Donalda Public Works

I have been asked by village council and residents of the village of the Donalda, to put an up-date in the Donalda Lite about what

I have been up to.

For the past few months I've been working on an Alberta environment report; this report is very in depth. It is the same report that any major city or town will have to fill out, starting with the basic day-to-day operations, (GOP's) to a full infrastructure report, (how many meters of water line, size, material constructed of, year installed, water pressure, water purification). For customer or consumer information, it is this section that I will have to send out a questionnaire, with the information gathered, we can do a better consumer report.

The document that Alberta environment has sent out is a working document, with approximately 75 questions. As each question is answered, a risk assessment number is given. It is with these numbers, how we conclude whether it is a high risk or a low risk, starting with the highest risk, that we must build a action plan or an emergency response plan or our replacement plan, and it does not end until every question that is applicable to the village of the Donalda has been answered, plan for and documented.

Now that all the information that has been gathered, it must be filed in one master binder and laid out in such a manner, that the information is easily accessible.

Should a situation arise, a chain of command must be put in place, starting with a command post. A command post must have certain provisions in place, with roles and responsibilities assigned to certain individuals. A complete up to date verified phone list, verified yearly.

Now is not the time to start looking for numbers in a phone book. Where are all gate valves and curb stops located, are they in working order, are they accessible, should a situation arise can the said block be isolated or do we have to shut down the water works system?

Once all the information is put together, we have to run mock situations, example power loss, due to ice storm, power outage lasting more than four days. As you can see it's not an easy task.

Other larger towns and cities have personnel dedicated to this task and have been developing their plan over years. I'm starting at the basic roots. Which is another question: is there possibility of organic growth in water system?

Now Council can start planning and budgeting for upgrades, replacement and training.

Just because we are small village does not mean we do not have to follow laws acts and regulations that larger locations do.

Frank Sutton, Village Foreman.

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

Donalda & District Community Promotion Society

Submitted by Beth Fulton

Here's hoping everyone had a safe and happy holiday with best wishes for the New Year. Upcoming events for promotions include the annual Family Day Winterfest being held on February 17 at Willow Canyon. Watch next month's Lite for more information. The Village Christmas was well attended despite the fact that we had -30C something wind chills. Hats off to everyone who had parade entries and braved the weather.

Our next major endeavor is the publication of the Donalda & District Tourism Directory. Soon, we will be contacting existing advertisers for re-newel, organizations for their annual events and dates, and seeking new advertisers. If you would like to be included in this years' publication please contact Beth at 403-883-2891.

Your Community Promotions meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7pm. Our mandate is to promote our community to both ourselves and others through the use of events that draw people to Donalda; through the publication of the Donalda Directory; and other means as they become available. We also make every attempt at providing channels of open communication for each community organization through the use of representatives that attend meetings and pass on information. Until next month, take care....

Outdoor Skating Rink

We are still in the process of creating an outdoor skating rink (if it would ever quit snowing). It will be located on the north side of the Outdoor Riding Arena, between the arena and the soccer net. Please use this with care as it will be unsupervised. We are looking for volunteers to help keep the rink clear of snow.

Community Survey Results & Strategic Directions

Community Promotions is hosting an evening of friendship and community building on January 15 at 7pm. The goal is to review the survey results from last spring, identify needs and wants for the community and discuss ways of reaching and implementing these. We hope to see you there. For more information please contact Beth @ 403-883-2891 or Bruce @ 403-883-2943.

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.

THE DONALDA & DISTRICT MUSEUM IS SEEKING A MUSEUM MANAGER.

This permanent part-time position requires a person with knowledge of local history and an interest in Museum subject matter. Computer skills are required. The successful applicant should have management skills with the ability to work with volunteers, diverse groups and situations. This position is open until a suitable candidate is selected.

To apply send resume to: The Board of Directors, Donalda & District Museum Society, Box 179, Donalda, AB T0B 1H0; or email info@donaldamuseum.com

Donalda School News

Home of the Donalda Eagles

Submitted by Beth Fulton



Hat's off to the start of 2014. Hopefully everyone has had a chance to relax and enjoy the season. Students are back at school on January 6. The annual Donalda School Christmas Concert was held on December 19 with a full house in attendance. Thank you to all those individuals and businesses that contributed to the Student's Union Silent Auction. The Welcome Back Breakfast is scheduled for January 14 at 8:45 am. It is a celebration of school spirit and a kick off to 2nd half of the year. The next parent council meeting is set for January 14 at 3:45pm (right after school). We hope to see you there. Please note this is open to parents and community members.

Donalda School Playground Update

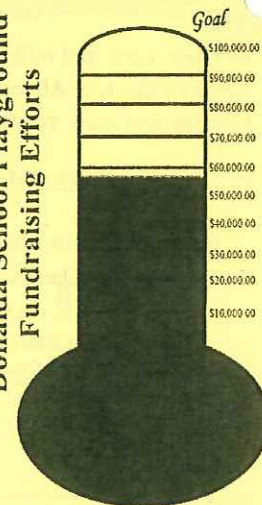
Our Roots and Branches Alumni Tree is leafing out. If you haven't



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. To date, we have raised almost \$3000 towards the playground from this fundraiser. 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. The playground fund is now at \$59,680. We have received \$21,000 from the County of

Stettler Recreation Grant (this is included in the \$59,680 figure) and have applied for \$57,000 from the government grant CFEP. The budget is \$97,000 however, we felt it would be better to apply for as much money as possible as the \$97,000 did not leave a cushion for unexpected expenses. There is no guarantee that we will receive any or all of the CFEP money and we won't know the decision until March at the earliest. For right now, we are full steam ahead with planning fundraisers and identifying grants which can be applied for. Large donations have come from the Village of Donalda for \$2000, Donalda Promotions Centennial funds \$2000, Junior Forest Wardens (closing of their account) \$2100, Donalda Ag Society \$1000. These have just come in. There are several others as well. Anyone wishing to make a donation can contact Shauna at 403-883-2122. Charitable tax receipts can be issued.

Donalda School Playground
Fundraising Efforts



Donalda & District Museum Society

Darlene Tantrum manager

Wishing everyone health, happiness, and peace for 2014. The Museum has winter hours and suggests calling before coming in. We are in the process of cataloging new artifacts and will be making some changes to the exhibits.

As we approach our year end we are looking for new members and directors to sit on the board. The next meeting is January, 28th 7:00 pm at the Library.

January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day	2 Stuffed Animal Sleepover @ Library	3 Lego Day @ Library	4 Coffee and Fellowship 1:30 pm @ Drop-In
5 Church Services begin 10:00 am	6 Tween Night for Girls 2:30 pm @ Library	7 Ag Society Meeting (executive elections) 7:30 pm Ladies Night Book Club 7:00 pm @ Library	8	9 Drop-In Meeting Noon	10	11 Coffee and Fellowship 1:30 pm @ Drop-In
12 Church Services begin 10:00 am Pancake Breakfast and Jam 11:00 am @ Drop-In	13	14 Donalda School Parent Council 3:45 pm Promotions Meet- ing 7:00 pm Arts Society Meet- ing 8:30 pm @ Drop-In	15 Community Survey & Strategic Plan- ning 7:00 pm Food Safety Work- shop hosted by Ag Society 10:00-2:00 pm	16	17	18 Coffee and Fellowship 1:30 pm @ Drop-In
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SHARON LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

January 5	Don Wudel
January 12	Pastor Pat Gill
January 19	Pastor Jim Culham
January 26	Pastor Rob Lewis

KIDZ KLUB

Kids Klub is 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.

News from the Donalda Library

We had a very fun and interesting year in 2013! We started to offer our library memberships free to Donalda and community members! We also received a wonderful donation of an outdoor drop box from Metalex in Stettler! This is located just outside the front door of the Village complex building and is available at all hours. We had a wonderfully successful Summer Program with at least 20 kids registered and I hope to have a larger success this coming year. I have been trying out some different programs some with great success such as our Ladies Night Out book club. And I hope that I will be able to add on to the list of programs that will become available to you at the library! Please keep your eyes open and watch for anything new! All of this is possible because the people in this community see us a value to the community and I am very grateful!! 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!

Our next Ladies Night out will be January 7 at 7:00 pm. We are reading The Unit. Come get your copy at the library. There is no charge for this program so come out and enjoy an evening with other ladies from the community. Starting in January we will also be having Tween Time for girls on the first early dismissal of the month from 2:30 - 4:00 pm and for the boys on the second early dismissal of the month from 2:30 - 4:00 pm.

Any donations to our programs is very much appreciated!
~Kelley Andres

Donalda Community Arts Society

The best to everyone in 2014!

The art society would like to thank everyone who participated in "The Festival of Trees". We had many trees donated but the turn out for the auction was low, we will defiantly do it again next year. This was considered our part to the "Village Christmas".

The next few months we will be installing new lighting on the main floor and a dehumidifier in the vault in the basement, where paper artifacts will be stored.

We are trying to encourage new membership and directors to our board; our next meeting will be on January 14, 8:30 pm at the Drop-In Centre.

Are you interested in Art Classes? If so, send an email to ctp1867@icloud.com, no dates have been set yet.

Donalda Friendship Centre

January 9 is the Regular meeting and Lunch starting at Noon. New embers always welcome! On January 12, at 11:00 am is the Pancake Breakfast and Jam Session. The Drop-In is open every Saturday at 1:30 pm for Coffee and Fellowship. Everyone welcome!

Living Hope Camp Fundraiser Entertainment Evening
Roast Beef Supper, Music by Doug Rawling, Live and Silent Auction
Sat, Mar 22/14 at 5:30 pm Donalda Hall. Tickets \$ 25.00/person
Contact Wade Montgomery 403-883-2566 for tickets

FOOD SAFETY COURSE Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Donalda Community Hall
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Cost: Free
Soup available for lunch

Everyone Welcome

Registration - please call John (403)883-2501
By Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Anyone involved with food preparation or serving food for the public
would find the information beneficial.
Sponsored by the Donalda & District Agriculture Society

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.

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